



## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!!*

by Kathy Howanek ([khowanek@gmail.com](mailto:khowanek@gmail.com))

As we discussed last May, our branch celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2023. A planning committee has held an initial meeting and have decided to hold several events during the time period beginning March (Women's History Month), 2023 and going through October 2023. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will showcase the past and the future of AAUW.

THE Past: AAUW history, milestones, accomplishments. In this regard, Georgia Yeager is setting up a meeting of our 50+ year members for their input. Barb Zaborowski has graciously volunteered to assist the branch as we digitize our records and photos for the anniversary. The future: hopefully establish UPJ affiliate, and work with other advocacy groups and the County Commissioners to establish a Women's Commission.

Some events being considered are an exhibit at the Heritage Center coupled with a Shape the Future opportunity, a celebratory dinner with a celebrity speaker, light the Stone Bridge and possibly a reprint of The Women of Cambria County book. As these and other projects are developed, we will be looking for assistance, so stay tuned for updates.



By Ann Furlong ([akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net))

## **August is AAUW Book Sale Month**

The books are packed and ready to go. (Late arrivals will be dealt with in July. The books just keep coming) So mark your calendars now. Set up days are Monday and Tuesday, August 8 and 9. The Sale begins on Wednesday August 10 and runs through Saturday August 13.

Please say "yes" when you are asked to sign up to work. Some of you have already committed and that is wonderful. This sale is still our primary source of revenue for the scholarships so everyone is needed to make it a success. Yes, it is hard work but it is also satisfying work. The fun part is getting to know your AAUW sisters as you work and celebrate a job well done with them. Looking forward to seeing everyone the week of August 8-13.



## AAUW Golf Event...Another Success!!

On June 27, 2022 our branch held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing. It was a great success due to Windber Country Club pro, Colby Custer and a motivated group of AAUW members on the golf event committee. More information will follow in the September/October Newsletter

**Thanks to all our sponsors!!**

**Remember to support these businesses and organizations**, as they have provided the means to provide our scholarships to local high school seniors!!

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**MEMBERS.. Please support the following golf courses, companies and businesses that provided foursomes, gift card, gift baskets and monetary donations.**

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Allstate Amy Hughes Agency  
Brant's Driving School  
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A Special "Thank You" to our host, The Windber Country Club  
And Golf Pro, Colby Custer

## *Kudos!!*

Congratulations to the AAUW Golf Outing Committee and to AAUW members who volunteered for the event. And a big Thank You to AAUW members who made gift or basket donations!

## Gifts/Gift Cards/Baskets

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## Membership

by Shellby Custer ([shellbyc@aol.com](mailto:shellbyc@aol.com))

### Welcome Summer!!

This is the time of year we pay our dues. Actually! And start enjoying more AAUW events! Dues are due by June 30. However, due to my busy schedule and learning the new computer system, I will extend the due date until July 15th . If you need more time, please contact me ASAP! National AAUW announced an increase in our annual dues, from \$73 to \$78 annually. (\$67 for national, \$10 for state, and \$1 locally). If you are unable to pay your dues or need help arranging payments, please contact me.

Send your dues to me directly: Shellby Custer  
115 Melvin Street  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
814-242-1125

Congratulations to Deanna Haddle and Eileen Tweed for winning free memberships! We are granted several free memberships annually based on our numbers (new and retained members). At each event, activity, meeting you attend you sign an attendance sheet. Once a year we have a drawing to pick winners. This year we had 2!! The more you do the more chances you earn to win!

We welcomed 4 new members recently. Please welcome Karen Rizzo (Welcome back!), Vanessa Bush, Diana Price, and Marian Shannon. We are hoping to have more in person events so that we can meet our newest members. If you have not met them, please reach out to them. A new member event is being scheduled. Please keep an eye or ear out for this later in the summer.

Please consider joining the Membership Committee as we look for ways to retain members and add new faces to our organization. Additionally, the next Membership Directory is being revised. Please update any changes in your information as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to get text messages instead of phone calls for reminders of upcoming events, also, please let me know as soon as possible.

Here are the email addresses for our newest members

Vanessa Bush: [vbush90@gmail.com](mailto:vbush90@gmail.com)  
Karen Rizzo: [kageri658@gmail.com](mailto:kageri658@gmail.com)  
Diana Price: [dianaprice57@gmail.com](mailto:dianaprice57@gmail.com)  
Marian Shannon: [marianshannon@hotmail.com](mailto:marianshannon@hotmail.com)

Hope all are well, and hope to see you soon at an upcoming event!

## Dining Club



by Ann Furlong ( [akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net) )

A big Thank You to all who supported Dining to Donate at Applebee's on June 15. What a yummy way to help the scholarship fund!

The dining group is hoping to eat at outdoor settings for the remainder of the summer. July 20th at 5:45 will see us at TNC'S Lounge located at 640 Bedford Street. The menu includes salads, pizza, wings sandwiches, wraps hoagies and daily specials. In August we will meet at Woodside Grill at 430 Highland Park Road. The date is August 17 at 5:45. Woodside has burgers and pizza and strombolis ,daily specials, salads, Reubens and BBQ, wings and sandwiches. Never go home hungry. Do plan to join for the food, friendship and fun. It is most helpful to let us know if you are planning on attending so that the restaurant can be prepared for a group. Contact Ann Furlong at [akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net), or text to 814 418 2312



by Kathy Howanek ( [khowanek@gmail.com](mailto:khowanek@gmail.com) )

With 34 members voting via email, eight via postal service and one phone call, the slate of officers as presented was unanimously approved.

For 2022-2024, Kathy Howanek and Georgia Yeager will continue as Co-presidents and Valeria Grash will take over as Program VP. Thank you to all who took the time to vote.



**New Officer**  
**Valerie Grash**  
**Program Vice-President**



## Thirsty Thursday

by Kenna Raymond ( [kennaraymond@gmail.com](mailto:kennaraymond@gmail.com) )

The July Thirsty Thursday will be held at 5:00 PM on the deck at Homestead Inn, 1939 Forest Hills Dr., Elton, PA.

The patio at Trixie's Pub at North Fork Country Club, 424 Country Club Road, will be our venue on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Come and enjoy a casual get together with your fellow AAUW members. You can have a drink, a cup of coffee, a meal, etc....or NOT! Bring a friend!! Hope to see you there.



Don't forget to "friend" and share articles from the AAUW-PA Johnstown Branch FaceBook page. A big THANK YOU to Marianne Spaminato, who is an administrator of the page and has done a fabulous job of creating posts of famous women, important dates and holidays.

## Education/Scholarship Report

by Nancy Miller ( [carlnanmiller@verizon.net](mailto:carlnanmiller@verizon.net) )



We received a thank-you from Elizabeth Kovalchik (Westmont) for receiving our scholarship. Madeline Gyure presented her award at Westmont's Awards Assembly.

We're now ready to start preparing for next year's scholarships. The schools in rotation for 2022-2023 are Greater Johnstown CTC, Forest Hills, and Richland. GJCTC was added to our rotation in 2020.

I will schedule a Committee meeting in July to plan and consider changes to our selection process. Current members of the Education/Scholarship committee are as follows: Bernice Adams, Claire Montoya, Mardy Huss, Carolyn Orr, Eileen Tweed, Heidi Staib (literacy chair), Pat Grzybicki, Eloise Romano, Joyce Radovanic, Nina Girard, Marsha Pauley, Georgia Yeager. I will be in touch in the next few weeks to schedule our meeting.



## Books at the Boulevard 2022

by Shellby Custer ( [shellbyc@aol.com](mailto:shellbyc@aol.com) )

Welcome SUMMER!!!

We continue enjoying good books, good food, and great company! Each book has offered interesting discussion and insights. The months of May and June we read *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue and *Heard it in a Love Song: A Novel* by Tracey Garvis Graves. We enjoyed conversation and questions about the difficult and relevant topics of each book.

We will continue to meet at the Boulevard Grill the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Anyone wishing to attend/join us please let me or Pat Grzybicki ([dsap@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dsap@atlanticbb.net)) know so that we can add you to our reservation. PLEASE NOTE: We decided to meet on Wednesday, August 18 due to the AAUW Book sale the prior week.

We will be discussing our upcoming book selections for 2023 at our July meeting. Here are the upcoming books:

Date	Leader	Book	Date	Leader	Book
July 14	Kristie Murray	<i>All Adults Here</i> by Emma Straub	Oct 13	GeorgiaYeager Beth Thomas	<i>The Book of Magic</i> by Alice Hoffman
Aug. 18	Madeline Gyure	<i>The Island at the Center of the World</i> by Russell Shorto	Nov. 10	Joyce Radovanic	<i>11/22/63</i> by Stephen King
Sept 8	Anna Antemann	<i>The Glass Castle</i> By Jeanette Walls	Dec. 8	Beth Thomas	<i>The Immortal Nicholas</i> by Glenn Beck



## *Thoughts from the AAUW PA State Convention*

by Kathy Howanek ([khowanek@gmail.com](mailto:khowanek@gmail.com))

Although I was unable to attend the two full days of convention, as I had planned, I still left energized, with some great ideas and new contacts. Meeting members from around the state and hearing what other branches are doing is always the best part of these meetings. It is my hope that the next convention sees more members from our branch take advantage of the opportunity to attend.

One of the keynote speakers was Julie Vogtman, Director of Job Quality and Senior Counsel at the National Women's Law Center. She presented a research report entitled "Resilient But Not Recovered: After Two Years of the COVID-19 Crisis, Women Are Still Struggling." The report undertook new research to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of the pandemic on women and their families. The results are sobering, but unfortunately, not surprising. The entire report can be accessed via the link below:

<https://nwlc.org/resource/resilient-but-not-recovered-after-two-years-of-the-covid-19-crisis-women-are-still-struggling/>

This brings up the AAUW PA Public Policy chairs' very interesting handout: Economic Equity Issues and Relevant Pennsylvania Legislation. It lists the AAUW PA policy issues and the corresponding PA proposed legislation. I will get a copy of this handout to everyone in the near future.

The Landsdale Branch gave a presentation on a recent initiative of theirs: "Helping Non-Traditional Students Cross the Finish Line." This is a scholarship and mentoring program done in conjunction with Philadelphia Community College. I am excited to present some of their ideas to our Board explore the possibility of enhancing our own endowed scholarship program with Penn Highlands. Especially in light of the report by the National Women's Law Center, perhaps we should take another look at non-traditional students.

Thanks to Paula Tomko, who attended the convention in her State Board capacity.

I had lunch with some women from the West Chester-Chester County Branch who have an interesting program, combining the Gateway to Equity Award with Community Outreach Service projects. The Community Outreach Chair, Eva Kaufmann is willing to do a brief Zoom meeting with our Board to explain their approach.

Again, it was a brief but energizing experience, and one I look forward to discussing further with all of you.



Kathy Howanek & Paula Tomko

**AAUW Johnstown**  
Financial Statement

	May 2022		Year to Date	
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT JULY 1, 2021				47,082.51
<b>INCOME</b>				
Book Sale	86.00		9,375.00	
Fundraising	3,100.00		10,752.00	
Programming	0.00		1,928.00	
Education	0.00		0.00	
Dues	780.50		2,140.50	
Local Dues	11.00		37.00	
Grants	0.00		0.00	
Donations	0.00		200.00	
Interest - Checking	.66		6.98	
Interest - Savings	0.00		20.08	
Amazon Smile	11.34		63.49	
Miscellaneous	50.00		1,218.50	
<b>TOTA; INCOME</b>		4,039.50		25,741.55
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Book Sale	0.00		1,575.61	
Fundraising	137.50		5,116.24	
Membership	0.00		781.15	
Programming	90.00		2,174.87	
Education	25.00		4,683.00	
Dues	672.50		1,566.50	
President	0.00		820.96	
Communications	90.00		805.28	
Treasurer	0.00		300.00	
Special Projects	0.00		0.00	
Community Foundation	0.00		30,000.00	
Other	0.00		0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		1,015.00		47,823.61
<b>BALANCE ON DEPOSIT</b>				
Checking			17,745.82	
Savings			7,254.63	
<b>TOTAL ON DEPOSIT TO DATE</b>				25,000.45



