

## Scholarships

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Paige Grove

We are awarding 3 high school scholarships for 2021-2022 to students respectively from Bishop McCort, Conemaugh Valley, and Westmont Hilltop.

Paige Grove is the recipient from Bishop McCort. She is 8th in her class, President of National Honor Society, and a member of several school organizations. She is a soccer player. Her community activities include raising money for such charities as UPMC Children's Hospital, Four Diamonds, and Child Life Services. She will be attending West Virginia University. She and her parents will be attending our Awards Luncheon.

Anna Gunby is the recipient from Conemaugh Valley. She is 4th in her class. She's active in many school sports, including volleyball, softball, basketball, and track/ field. She is also a member of National Honor Society. She has participated in roadway cleanup with the LivRed Foundation and assisted with the elementary basketball program. She has been accepted at Westminster College to study Pre-Physician Assistant. She and her parents will be attending our Awards Luncheon.



Anna Gunby



Elizabeth Kovalchik

Elizabeth Kovalchik is the recipient from Westmont Hilltop. She's President of National Honor Society, Chief of Staff of Student Council, and Treasurer of World Language Club. She's a three year letterman in golf. Her community activities include: Out of His Mind Competitive Dance Team, Outdoor Odyssey, and Younglife. She will be attending St. Francis University in the Physician Assistant Program. Unfortunately, she cannot attend our luncheon, but has sent remarks for us.

## Dining Group

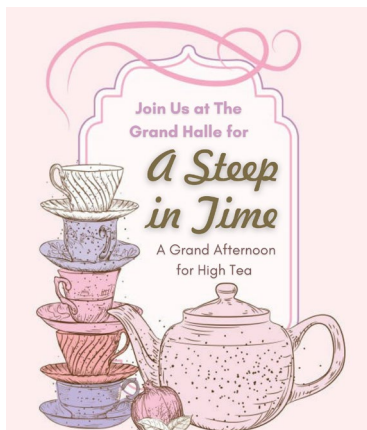
by Ann Furlong ([akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net))



The dining group plans to go to **Big Dogz on Wednesday May 11 at 5:45**. This will be a casual outing and a nice relaxing evening. Many of you are enjoying these meals with your AAUW friends and it is hoped that even more will decide to

participate in the fun. Remember that friends and family are more than welcome to come also. Let Ann Furlong ([akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net) or 814 255 2935) know if you plan to come so that the restaurant can be properly prepared.

**The June event will be a bit different. On Wednesday June 15 the Johnstown Branch will have a Dining to Donate day at Applebee's on Galleria Drive.** Applebee's will donate 15% of your check to our branch. This offer is good from 11:00am to closing. A Dining to Donate flyer will be made available at all of our meetings prior to the day. **You must present this flyer to your server at the time of ordering.** The offer is also good on take out from this Applebee's location. So pick up a flyer for yourself and several for friends and support AAUW while not having to cook that day. (It is not permitted to hand out the flyers randomly at Applebee's. Doing so would nullify the offer.) If you need a flyer and did not get one at a meeting call Ann at 814 255 2935 or email [akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net)..



**Saturday, May 7 at 4 PM | Tickets: \$25/person**

Delicious sweets & savories will be served alongside a splendid selection of teas to warm the heart. Inspiring musical selections by Brass Works will fill the Halle with merriment.

Table seating for the event is assigned. Guests will be able to view and choose their seats upon reserving their tickets. Go to <https://grandhalle.com/cultural-events> or call Mardy Huss @ 814-254-1957. Deadline for ordering tickets is May 4<sup>th</sup>!



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

Book collection and sorting and packing will continue through mid-May. Many thanks to those who have collected books from the drop off sites and to those who spend hours going through the donations to sort and pack them.

This is a labor intensive effort but is so necessary for the success of our scholarship program. The book sale could not happen without all of you pitching in to help.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the week of **August 8-13**. It will be a busy week of set up and sales at the Galleria.

Even though it is a lot of work it is also so rewarding and a great way to get to know each other. (Also one can find some really good books at an unbeatable price.) We are looking forward to another great sale!



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## It is Time to FIX Harrisburg

PA-AAUW has supported Fair Districts PA for the past five years in the effort to stop gerrymandering of PA electoral maps. This past year a much more favorable map was developed. Former Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, an appointed member of the Legislative Reapportionment Committee said, "Even if imperfect, these are good maps that are fair, that are responsive to the requirements of the law, and that will serve the interests of the people of Pennsylvania for the next decade."

FDPA was often stymied by the Restrictive Rules of the PA Congress and so are now taking action to FIX the RULES!

Presently on the first day of every session, both chambers vote on procedural rules. These rules shape how the legislature "works" for the next two years. New members often don't know the rules, but are urged to vote yes to rules that can schedule bills, choose committee chairs, hire staff and more. By voting "yes", our representatives surrender control to a few party members...which limits the ability of our legislators to represent us!

Because of these rules many important bills with clear bipartisan support never get a vote. The PA General Assembly passes less than 7% of bills introduced each session. Less than 20% are considered in committee,

Interestingly, PA has no rules against lobbyists' gifts and minimal regulations surrounding campaign contributions. It has become clear in our fight against gerrymandering that

**Gerrymandering + Unfair Procedural Rules = Dead End for badly needed Reforms in PA Congress.** The result is a full-time legislature that [enacts far fewer bills than most part-time legislatures and that is consistently unresponsive to bills with strong bipartisan support.](#)

For more information or to volunteer to help FDPA go to: [Solution | Fair Districts PA](#) or contact Janice Eastbourn-Bloom at [janicee@aol.com](mailto:janicee@aol.com)

## Notable Women

By Deanna Haddle ([jdhadd1@gmail.co](mailto:jdhadd1@gmail.co))

I hope members have been reading our Facebook page, especially the historic narrative of some very notable women.

Thank you Marianne Spampinato! Paulette Solomon suggested and I concurred that naming other unnoticed, but notable women should also be part of our newsletter.

In the 1930s, **Pearl Louella Kendrick** was an American bacteriologist known for co-developing the first successful whooping cough vaccine .



Pearl Louella Kendrick

**CHALLENGE**

by Georgia Yeager  
 ([gayeager@gmail.com](mailto:gayeager@gmail.com))  
 Since February, we have raised \$470 toward our goal of \$1000!

If you can donate \$5 or \$50 or anything in between, you will help us grow our scholarship fund at the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (CFA). No donation is too small.

If our local branch ever dissolves, our scholarship will continue on. What a legacy to leave the young women of our area! If you want to know more about the AAUW scholarship through CFA, contact Ann Furlong.

Donations can be sent to Treasurer Claire Montoya at 510 Village Street, 15902. All donations are confidential.



**Program Committee**  
 by Doris Leidy  
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**Meeting: Open To The PUBLIC!**

**May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., the Johnstown Heritage Center, Broad Street, Johnstown, PA**

Katie Gaudreau of the Heritage and Genealogical Society of Indiana County will present a program about Clara Barton. I'm sure all will enjoy her program as she transforms herself into Clara, even dressing in period clothing.

At the end of Katie's presentation, Richard Burkert, President of the Johnstown Heritage Assoc. will give a brief update on the renovation project of the building in Johnstown that Clara Barton used while in Johnstown during the 1889 flood. AAUW is coupling with the Heritage Center for this presentation so bring a friend as this presentation is Free & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 1

**May 23, 6 p.m. at Hoss's** : the annual business meeting for the fiscal year 2021 - 2022 and election of officers for the next fiscal year. Ladies attending usually order dinner, others only a beverage. It is not necessary to place an order at all. Whatever your preference. But please plan to attend as this is an important business meeting

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

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!  
 IT'S TIME TO THINK GOLF!**

Our 2021 golf tournament was an outstanding success! The same committee is hard at work but could use a little extra help.

Local businesses were very supportive last year, donating sponsorships and prizes, especially if they were approached by someone whom they know personally. So please, if you know a small business owner or are a frequent customer of a particular establishment, give them the information that you were sent, and see if they might be interested. Pat Grzybicki is chairing the committee and keeping track of which businesses have been approached, so please check with Pat before recruiting or if you need information.

Finally, if you know any golfers, please give them the tournament information. Windber is a beautiful, private course and this is a great opportunity for golfers who may otherwise not have the chance to play there.



The Pa Primary is May 17<sup>th</sup>

Please Vote...a right that was earned by women on August 18, 1920.

## President's Update



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

Although I am watching the snowfall, I am thinking about a June event and want to use my space here to talk about the AAUW PA State Convention. Everyone should have received an email from AAUW PA announcing that registration for the June 3-5 event at the Central Hotel and Convention Center in Harrisburg, is open. There is also a link to the convention agenda and hotel information. Although recent conventions have been virtual, it has been my experience over the years, that the in-person conventions were well organized, informative and beneficial.

Saturday and Sunday both offer opportunities to hear what other branches are doing via panels and District meetings, and to get together with those in other branches who hold similar positions: Presidents meet with presidents, Program Chairs with their counterparts, etc. I always find these exchanges the most beneficial and they get the AAUW juices flowing!

The Branch will pay for convention registration for five members. Hotel fees are the responsibility of the member, and many members have shared rooms to hold down that cost. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know by Monday, May 9 as registration closes on May 13.

I am really looking forward to the eventual return of warm weather and seeing everyone at our May events and, of course, the August book sale! And please, smack me if I am complaining about the heat in August!

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## Upcoming Events

**May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., the Johnstown Heritage Center, Broad Street, Johnstown, PA.** A presentation about Clara Barton. Open to the Public. Please bring friends.

**May 23, 6 p.m. at Hoss's.** The annual business meeting for the fiscal year 2021 - 2022 and election of officers.

**June 2, 2022 at Nykos.** Thirsty Thursday. 5:00 -7:00

**June 3-5 PA AAUW Conference** at the Central Hotel and Convention Center in Harrisburg, Go to [AAUW 2022 State Convention | Pennsylvania](#) for information about the conference schedule and registration.

**On Wednesday June 15 the Johnstown Branch will have a Dining to Donate day at Applebee's on Galleria Drive.** The needed flyer to attend is on the last page of this newsletter.

**June 27, 2022 at Windber Country Club.** Registration at 12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer for this event, contact Pat Grzybicki at [dsap@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dsap@atlanticbb.net)





## Thirsty Thursday

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

Thirsty Thursday is back there is chance to socialize with fellow members and friends! You can just stop in for a drink or order a meal. You can stay 15 minutes or two hour. This is an informal meeting to “catch up”, meet new people. Bring friends! Hope to see you there.

**June 2, 2022 from 5:00 -7:00 PM at Nykos, 935 Scalp Ave.**

**July7, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Homestead Inn, 1939 Forest Hills Drive, Elton, PA**



## The Gender Gap and Retirement

Women who work full time earn **77 cents** on average for every dollar men earn. This gap is found throughout the economy, even when controlling for

factors known to affect earnings such as education and training, parenthood, and hours worked. College-educated women still earn 7 percent less than men one year out of college, even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts. Continuing pay inequity results in women having fewer savings, lower Social Security benefits, and lower (if any) pension benefits, leaving them on an unequal retirement footing. For more information, go to [Quick Facts on Retirement Security: AAUW](#)

**2022 AAUW PA Convention June 3-5,  
Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg  
Disruption as Opportunity It's a Woman's  
World**



This broad theme gives us the opportunity to explore all the opportunities for women—business, health, economic, political, education—as we emerge from the pandemic. We don't want to “get back to normal” because normal wasn't the best for women and girls.

Many have written that the pandemic needs to have an impact on society like the industrial age, world wars, or the digital age—all disruptors. We hope to explore what good will come from the COVID disruption and how can we leverage change to improve issues impacting women and girls. Featuring (but there will be SO much more!

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