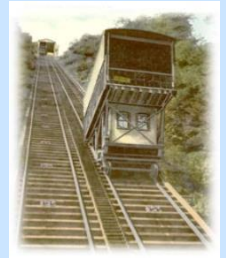




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### *AAUW Christmas Luncheon*

*Come and celebrate Christmas with AAUW members and guests at The Boulevard Grill's Warehouse Room on Sunday, December 4, 2022, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Festive surprises are guaranteed! The cost is \$25 per person, payable to: "Johnstown Branch AAUW." Send payment by November 21 to: Claire Montoya, 510 Village St., Johnstown, PA 15902.*

#### *Menu*

*(includes coffee, tea, and soft drinks)*

*House Salad and Rolls*

*Boulevard Baked Chicken*

*Cheese Stuffed Shells*

*Green Beans*

*Herbed Parsley Potatoes*

*Holiday Desserts*

*Cash Bar*





## ***2022 November President's Message***

By Georgia Yeager ([gaveager@gmail.com](mailto:gaveager@gmail.com))

The leaves are falling, the autumn colors are golden, the nights are longer, and there is more than a slight chill in the air. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hannukah. It is a magical time of year, and it reminds us to be thankful. I came across this anonymous quote that spoke to me: "It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy." At AAUW we have a lot to be thankful for this year! Our fundraisers have been successful, we have awarded scholarships, we are 65 strong in membership, and we are looking forward to celebrating 100 years of AAUW in Johnstown. We are indeed thankful people - and happy, too!

We had a great meeting in September at the library when Dr. Valerie Grash talked to us about stolen art treasures in Ukraine. Her presentation was followed by the business meeting. The October Zoom with speaker Karen Calhoun was very informative on how unfair legislative rules are a barrier to bipartisan solutions. If you missed the Zoom, please check out the presenter's slides that Valerie sent to all of us.

While we don't have a meeting in November, our holiday luncheon is December 4, only a little more than a month away. So don't forget to make your reservation! Our holiday luncheon is always a good time. This year our luncheon is at a new venue – the Boulevard Grill Warehouse. Come and celebrate the holiday season.

Since our used jewelry sale was a success last year, we hope to repeat that success again this year. If you have gently used jewelry that you no longer want, you can drop it off at Claire Montoya's house at 510 Village Street in Moxham or at Georgia Yeager's house at 1022 Haverford Street in Westmont throughout October and November. The proceeds help to build our scholarship fund at the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, a scholarship that will continue to be awarded long after we are gone!

The jewelry sale needs a chairperson! It is a quick and easy fundraiser. If you are willing to chair this project, call Georgia at 814-255-3322 or email her. Also, we need people to work at the tables in the mall. If you can volunteer, please call Georgia. With the changes in our mall, the dates for this event are not yet set, but it is likely to be held in November and no later than the first weekend in December.

At this busy time of year, don't forget to often take a few minutes for yourself to relax and refresh. And join your friends at AAUW for important holiday events!



Please check out our FaceBook Page:

<https:// AAUW-Pa Johnstown Branch | Facebook>



# Treasurer's Report

by Claire Montya (rmont1931@aol.com)

## AAUW Johnstown Financial Statement

	September 2022	Year to Date	
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT JULY 1, 2022			32,671.20
<b>INCOME</b>			
Book Sale	0.00	10,470.00	
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	
Dues	154.00	1,835.00	
Local Dues	4.00	43.00	
Interest - Checking	.37	2.26	
Interest - Savings	1.91	1.91	
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Donations	0.00	0.00	
Amazon Smile	14.56	14.56	
Other	0.00	180.35	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>174.84</b>	<b>12,547.08</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Book Sale	177.00	955.82	
Fundraising	0.00	4,850.51	
Dues	77.00	2,620.00	
President	0.00	0.00	
Membership	127.63	127.63	
Programming	30.00	430.00	
Communications	0.00	17.40	
Education	0.00	0.00	
Treasurer	60.00	60.00	
Special Projects	0.00	0.00	
Community Foundation	0.00	5,000.00	
Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>471.63</b>	<b>14,061.36</b>	
<b>BALANCE ON DEPOSIT</b>			
Checking		8,899.29	
Savings		22,257.63	
<b>TOTAL ON DEPOSIT TO DATE</b>			<b>31,156.92</b>



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

### AAUW Dining Group

The dining group has planned the outings for November and December. On November 16 we will meet at 5:45 at The Crow's Nest at 510 Tire Hill Road. In December we will go to Asiago;s Tuscan Italian at 709 Edgehill Road on December 14.

If you have yet to join the group do consider having a relaxing meal with your AAUW friends. And remember, guests are more than welcome,  
Bon Appetit!

## Membership

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

You should have received your 2022-23 Membership Directory. Please let me know if you have not.

Please use this booklet to reach out to other members and to find dates and times for upcoming meetings and events.

The upcoming member meetings and events are listed in there, as well as a directory of all our members.

(Please contact me directly if there are any errors so that I may correct them.)

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

### We Need Your Bling!! For the Used Jewelry Sale



By Georgia Yeager ([gaveager@gmail.com](mailto:gaveager@gmail.com))

AAUW is again collecting gently used jewelry for the \$5 jewelry sale at the mall. Check your jewelry boxes – if you haven't worn a piece of jewelry in a year or two, chances are you aren't going to wear it in the future. We can turn that unused jewelry into scholarship money.

You can give your jewelry donation to Claire Montoya at 510 Village Street or to Georgia Yeager at 1022 Haverford Street. If you can't drop it off, call Georgia to arrange a pick-up (814-255-3322).

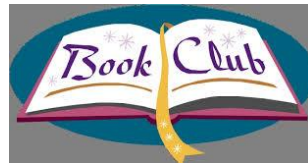
The dates of the sale have not yet been set, but when you are called to work for a couple hours, please say yes. It is fun and festive to be at the mall for the Holiday Market, spending time with other AAUW members and raising money for scholarships.



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

We have completed another successful fall book collection period. It can not be said often enough how much this endeavor relies on all of us to make it a success. So a big "Thanks" to all the people who picked up books from the various drop off locations, and those who helped to sort and pack books through the month of October.

Now take a well deserved time off. Enjoy the Holiday Season. And be ready to do it all over again in the spring .



## Books at the Boulevard

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

Sometimes a good book is all you need! And we have been reading some good ones with more to look forward to as we enter the colder months. BRRR!

Books at the Boulevard continue to grow and become an enjoyable space to discuss books, among many other subjects and topics. We continue enjoying good books, good food, and great company! Each book provides great entertainment and lively discussion.

We will continue to meet at the Boulevard Grill the second Thursday 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.

Our booklist for the upcoming year (2023) is listed in the Membership Directory, and will appear in upcoming newsletters. Here are the upcoming books:

Date	Book	Author	Discussion Leader
November 10	<i>11/22/63</i>	Stephen King	Joyce Radovanic
December 8	<i>The Immortal Nicholas</i>	Glenn Beck	Beth Thomas

## Education Report



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

The Education/Scholarship committee met in August to review procedures and criteria for selecting scholarship recipients. In light of declining local student enrollments which reduces the number of eligible candidates plus changing economic conditions, the committee voted to present to the Board for approval the following recommendations.

1. That the scholarship award be increased from \$1500 to \$2000 to be evaluated annually.
2. That the criteria for selection be increased from top 10% to top 15% of the graduating class.
3. That, although we have no means to ascertain financial need, we stress to the counselors that they take need into consideration when choosing the female recipient from the top 15%.

The three schools in rotation this year are Richland, Forest Hills, and GJCTC. They will be contacted in January.

The Scholarship/ Awards Banquet will be held at 1:00 PM Sunday, April 2 2023 at Sunnehanna Country Club.

## Welcome to our New Members!!



Diana Walko Price

I'm happy to be associated with an organization that "advances equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research". I found this organization by luck, or possibly AAUW found me!

I answered the phone at my part time job and enjoyed a conversation about the mission of the AAUW and the upcoming community event being sponsored by the AAUW. After attending the Clara Barton presentation, I was convinced I'd like to be a part of this organization.

I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BSN and have spent all of my nursing career at Conemaugh Memorial Hospital. I retired in January 2021 after 34 years with the intention to travel more. Covid did put a kink in that plan, but I now find myself working part time at Epic Journeys as a travel associate. I love every minute of it and am working on checking off destinations on my Bucket List.

I'm a mother of three and a grandmother of nine. I enjoy spending as much time as I can with my family. The trunk of my car is packed for any event, rain or shine, that the grandkids participate in.

I love reading, mysteries mainly. But I also am interested in history and genealogy. I am a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Ligonier Chapter. I look forward to the AAUW meetings and participating in the various events like the AAUW Book Club, Thirsty Thursdays and the Annual Book Sale.

Dear Members:

My name is Karen Rizzo. I am a retiree from the Education Dept., Commonwealth Technical Institute at the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown, where I enjoyed working with our students to attain their diplomas/degrees and learn new skills.



Karen Rizzo

I also enjoyed working several of my early years as a financial assistant in the Treasury Dept. at Pennsylvania Electric Co.

I joined the AAUW because of my desire to encourage young women to become the very best version of themselves and support gender equity issues for those women today. I also enjoy participating in the AAUW annual book sale.

Some of my interests and hobbies include reading, gardening, dining out, art, painting, museums, music, live theatre, Penn State/Steeler football and Penguin hockey.



## Public Policy

By Paula Tomko  
(paula.tomko@gmail.com)

On October 19th, the October issue of Highlights was emailed to everyone. This issue contains a lot of information about AAUW Pennsylvania's Public Policy Priorities as well as resources for the upcoming election.

If you would like to read the newsletter, here is a link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IsyvAGzIEKv1PAOTYiluacezJShJPkQAuuFNpLZkimY/edit>

As many of you know, 2022 is a crucial election year and there are several candidates on the ballot that deny the outcome of the 2020 election and who will not support the issues supported by AAUW. The Public Policy Committee, while small is mighty, and we welcome everyone to join. We will be holding a meeting soon. Look for an email announcement or contact Public Policy Chair, Paula Tomko at [aauwpaulatomko@gmail.com](mailto:aauwpaulatomko@gmail.com).



Please "Join Us" as Johnstown Branch moves forward in 2019-2020. If you are not on a committee or want to be on more committees, please contact the Committee Chairs below.

Working together toward common goals increase friendships and unity!

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**Public Policy:** Paula Tomko  
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### NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <b>VOTE!</b> Tuesday Book Club 1:00 PM	9	10 Books at the Boulevard 6:00 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16 Dining Club 5:45 PM Crow's Nest			19
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
Christmas Luncheon Noon Boulevard Grill 4	5	6	7	8 Books at the Boulevard 6:00 PM	9	10
11	12	13 Tuesday Book Club 1:00 PM	14 Dining Club 5:45 PM Asiago's	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	20	31



