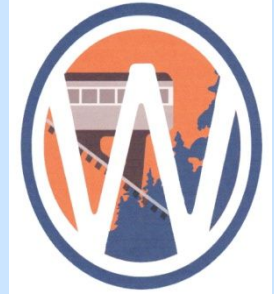




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AAUW Johnstown Branch Celebrates 100th Year

March is Women's History Month, and AAUW Johnstown Branch is making history! This month kicks off our celebration of 100 years of AAUW in Johnstown. Many plans are underway for acknowledging and celebrating this year's anniversary.

As you may have noticed, 100th acknowledgements have already begun on our FaceBook site as Centennial Citation which highlight significant dates in our Branch history and timeline. There will also be a FaceBook blitz of Women Business Enterprises during March like was done last year.

We will start the celebration in-person with a **Thirsty Thursday at Asiago's on March 9th** beginning at **5:30 pm** to witness the lighting of the **Stone Bridge in AAUW's colors**. The actually lighting will take place at dusk (probably closer to 6:30), but the earlier start will give us time to mingle and partake in drinks and appetizers as desired. I hope you all plan to be there to raise a glass when the bridge lights!

Other 100th anniversary events planned include the opening of our **"AAUW Empowering Women for a Century" Exhibit at the Discovery Center beginning on March 30**. The Exhibit will be open to the public and will on display through the end of May. The 100th Committee members have been working diligently to organize, feature, and design what will surely be an impressive display featuring historical artifacts, photos, newspaper clippings, a timeline, posters, and the like for this exhibit in the front room of the 2 nd Floor at the Center.

There will be a **free reception for the membership on April 13 from 6 to 8 pm at the Discovery Center. An invitation and RSVP will soon be coming your way!** We hope you can attend to view the Exhibit and spend time reminiscing, while also enjoying some hors d'oeuvre and drinks.

Looking ahead to **October 18**, the actual 100th Anniversary date of the first Branch meeting in Johnstown, we will have a **covered dish dinner (just like they did in 1923) at the United Methodist Church on Franklin St**. Details are still being finalized for other ways which we'll acknowledge the important 100th Anniversary throughout this year - so keep a watch for such in your email notices and in the next issue of the newsletter.



Looking for Something Good to Read... by Kathy Howanek (khowanek@hotmail.com)

Look no further than the AAUW Johnstown branch website! There you will find access to available branch newsletters from 1934 through 2019.

You may be surprised or chagrined at the familiarity of issues but will certainly be proud of the activity and dedication of branch members. Check out the early 2000 for community outreach activities which many members have expressed interest in reviving.

Just click on the link below, then click on the red words "Cambria Memory Project" for access and have fun!

<https://aauwjohnstown.org/branch-history/>



By Ann Furlong (akfurlong@verizon.net)

The dining group continues to grow and enjoy a variety of eateries in our area. On Wednesday, March 15 we will go to CJ's Surf and Turf in the Galleria. Time is 5:45PM.

April 19th will find us dining at Anthony's at 725 Scalp Avenue. Come with a friend, associate, relative, or neighbor. Or just come!

By Paula Tomko (aauwpaulatomko@gmail.com)



AAUW PA has been monitoring this case and has been advocating for school Districts such as Greater Johnstown who would benefit from more equitable funding allocations.

https://www.inquirer.com/news/school-funding-lawsuit-pennsylvania-result-20230207.html?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=edit_social_share_email_traffic&utm_medium=email&utm_content=&utm_term=&int_promo=

Five More Women on US Quarters in 2023

by Paulette Solomon (pmsolomon12@atlantaicbb.net)

In 2022, the US Mint started to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of trailblazing American Women. The 2023 coins will recognize the achievements of:

- Bessie Coleman
- Jovita Idar
- Edith Kanaka'ole
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Maria Tallchief





The President's Corner

By Georgia Yeager (gayeager@gmail.com)

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Other anniversary events are planned including the opening of our 100 Years of AAUW exhibit at the Discovery Center on March 30. There will be a reception for the membership on April 13 from 6 to 8 pm. An invitation to Discovery Center will soon be coming your way!

We had a well-attended general membership meeting on February 11. The following Branch awards were announced: The Outstanding Woman Award goes to ALL Branch members in our 100 th year; the Member Making a Difference Award goes posthumously to Joseph Carney for his tireless work in support of the booksale; the Gateway to Equity Award goes to Dr. Barbara Zaborowski; and the Named Gift Award goes to Kathy Howanek. These awardees and the 2023 Leora Rager Scholarship winners will be honored at the annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on Sunday, April 2 at 1 pm at Sunnehanna Country Club. Mark your calendars!

Finally, let me put in a plug for AAUW's zoom presentations. The one I saw most recently concerning Artificial Intelligence (AI) being used to screen resumes was excellent. Most of us are retired, but for a young woman entering the workforce, the use of AI can mean loss of prospective employment. Keep abreast of news affecting women by registering for and joining in on these presentations.

Keep a lookout for robins and other harbingers of spring! We've had an easy winter, and I'll take an early spring regardless of what the Groundhog says.

Welcome to New Member, Carol Keppel!



Hi. I'm Carol Keppel and happy to be a new member of AAUW. I'm also new to the area, moving here with my husband in November of 2020 from northern New Jersey. We're enjoying the more relaxed life style and making new connections.

After a childhood in Elmira, New York, my parents moved the family back to their native NJ. There I finished high school and earned degrees in education in state colleges and Seton Hall University. After 30 years in the elementary classroom, I finished my career teaching teachers! A love of local history brought me to membership in the Jefferson Township NJ Historical Society and eventually became director of its Victorian home museum.

That respect for history also led to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and I continue here as an active member of our local NSDAR Joseph Schantz Chapter. Through these meetings and those of the Johnstown Symphony Auxiliary, I've come to really appreciate the spirit of the Johnstown area and hope to support it further through AAUW activities.



Membership Corner

by Shellby Custer (shellbyc@aol.com)

This is the time of year we start to thaw out and prepare for an active spring and summer, with many events in the calendar. AAUW events! And we have A LOT of great f great events coming up! Please check your email and voicemail for updates.

However, it is also the time of the year we start collecting our annual dues. Annual DUES are \$78 (\$67 for national, \$10 for state, and \$1 locally). Dues will be accepted starting March 15 thru June 30, 2023. If you are unable to pay your dues or need help arranging payments, please contact me. You may also pay your dues online at AAUW.org. If choose to do this, please email me so that I know you did this... Thank you. Checks should be made payable to: AAUW JOHNSTOWN BRANCH for \$78

Shellby Custer
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Johnstown, PA 15905

Please start thinking about membership recruitment ideas as we approach our 100 th year as a Branch. Send names of individuals you believe would be active members and are interested in our organization. Anyone interested in the Membership committee or Calling committee, please contact me as well.

ATTN CALLING COMMITTEE: Please use your 2022-23 Membership Directory to reach out to your assigned members. This is the pale orange booklet. Members, please let your assigned member know if you prefer phone calls or TEXT messages for your reminder

By Ann Furlong
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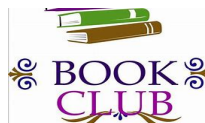
The next collection dates for the Book Sale will be May 6 through June 3. A special shout out to the crew who gave their time on February 2 to sort all the material that had come in since our October collection. It was a large amount of books.

Do mark your calendars as Book Sale Week for the week of August 7 -12. Set up will take place on Monday and Tuesday with the Sale starting on Wednesday. And be ready to say "Yes" when you are asked to pick up books from collection sites, or asked to help sort and pack books, and then finally to work at the sale. It is a big undertaking but rewarding and a great way to get to know one another.

Centennial Citations!

A big "Thank You" to Marianne Spaminato for bringing awareness to the public of our 100th Anniversary by publishing important dates in the Johnstown Branch AAUW's history on FaceBook.

Please "Like and Share" these Centennial Citations!!



By Ann Furlong
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The Second Tuesday Group will meet on March 14 at noon at Eat n' Park, Westwood The book will be *Beartown* by Frederik Backman. April's meeting will be on April 11, hosted by Margaret Barron.. The book is *The Woman in the Photo* by Mary Hogan.



By Georgia Yeager (gaveager@gmail.com)

be sure to save the date for the AAUW-PA Summer Retreat at the Gettysburg Wyndham, July 29, 2023. The Branch will cover the \$50 registration. A block of rooms, at your own cost, will be available at the Wyndham for \$149 per night. I have been to many retreats and have always come away with valuable information. This is a great opportunity to couple the retreat with a mini-vacation at this historic venue

.Gettysburg College Campus • 300 N. Washington St., Gettysburg
LODGING: Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg

School Funding

By Georgia Yeager (gaveager@gmail.com)

In recent news, a PA Commonwealth Court judge has ruled in the school funding case. The case brought to light the disparity among school districts with high incomes and property values and those with low incomes and low property values.

The court declared, "As a result of these disparities, Petitioners and students attending low wealth districts are being deprived of equal protection of law." It is now up to the State to take legislative action to establish greater equity as guaranteed by the Pennsylvania constitution.

In 2021, our Branch sent a petition to several key people in Harrisburg in support of this case. Now each of us needs to contact our state lawmakers to let them know that we expect them to support this school funding ruling with the necessary legislation.

Rep Jim Rigby: (717 772-9924

Rep Frank Burns: (717) 772-9965

Senator Wayne Langerholc: (717) 772-0573

GOLF TOURNAMENT NEWS



by Pat Grzybicki
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The third annual AAUW Johnstown Branch Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2023 at Windber Country Club. We hope to make this event even more successful than the first two, and we are asking for everyone's help. Unlike the Book Sale, the tournament requires more work prior to the event. If you are not on the Committee or scheduled to work that day, we are asking that you consider doing any of the following:

-Procuring golfers (we would like to exceed last year's 14 teams)

-Obtaining hole or other sponsors
Securing or donating raffle prizes (gifts cards, gift baskets, etc.)

-Donating liquor or wine for raffle prizes

-Obtaining golfer's gift bag goodies and/or helping to assemble them

-Publicizing the event by distributing or putting up flyers and/or trifold

Flyers, registration forms and sponsor letters will be available at Thirsty Thursday on March 9 at Asiago's, at the Scholarship Banquet at Sunnehanna Country Club on April 2, or by contacting Deanna Haddle.

Questions may be directed to any Committee member* listed below.

Please help us to make this a wonderful fundraising event!

*Pat Grzybicki, Madeline Gyure, Deanna Haddle, Kathy Howanek, Kenna Raymond, Eloise Romano, Eileen Tweed, Georgia Yeager



Books at the Boulevard

by Shelby Custer (shellbyc@aol.com)

CHANGES PLEASE NOTE: Due to so many wonderful, upcoming AAUW events in MARCH and APRIL, we have decided to meet on Wednesday, March 8 and Wednesday April 12th .

Books at the Boulevard continues to meet in person at the Boulevard Grill. After April, 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) know so that we can add you to our reservation.

Here are the upcoming books (Please note that the March and April books have been changed to accommodate our discussion leaders):Again, anyone wishing to attend, please let us know so that we can make the proper reservations and arrangements.

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	LEADER
March 8	<i>An Invisible Thread</i>	Laura Schroff	Alex Tresniowski
April 12	<i>American Dirt</i>	Jeanine Cummins	Madeline Gyure
May 11	<i>Before We Were Yours</i>	Lisa Wingate	Karen Rizzo

Scholarship Banquet

by Nancy Miller (carlnanmiller@verizon.net)



Our AAUW Awards Luncheon will be held at **1:00PM Sunday, April 2, at Sunnehanna Country Club**. Our Leora G. Rager Scholarship awardees this year will be from Richland, Forest Hills, and GJ Career and Technology Center. We will also be presenting our member and Community Awards. We want a good turnout for our students and other awardees, so please plan to attend.

The menu will be a full sit-down luncheon meal. The cost is the same as last year at \$25.00. Send your reservation check made out to **Johnstown Branch, AAUW, to Claire Montoya, 510 Village St., Johnstown, PA 15902.**

Hope to see you all there!

FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

By Paulette Solomon (pmsolomon12@atlanticbb.net)

Anyone in the state of PA can obtain a Free Library card without charge. The card gives access to: borrow items, an online account to search items, download eBooks, Audiobooks and Magazines, and streaming videos and music.

- (1)Apply online Policy: [Policy \(freelibrary.org\)](http://freelibrary.org)
- (2)Visit any free library location and apply in person
- (3)Paper Application [Apply via Mail \(freelibrary.org\)](http://freelibrary.org) – download the paper application and return to any neighborhood library.



Johnstown Branch AAUW and Community Service

By Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

In the last newsletter, I proposed that AAUW members can identify community service projects in which our members can volunteer to engage. So, I sent an email for volunteers for the BackPack Project on April 17 from 4-5:30 PM. The service is simple: grab a backpack and fill it with items as you walk around the room of filled boxes. I had the needed 15 volunteers in 2 days!

So, it works! If your church, workplace, other non-profit organizations need volunteers for a project, email me or call me at 814-659-1682. I will email our members, give them your email to which they can respond and volunteer.

This is a great way to “put ourselves in the community” and promote the great women in AAUW !



By Deanna Haddle
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In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Johnstown Branch AAUW is again highlighting Women Business Enterprises (WBE). To be a designated “WBE, a woman must be at least a 51% owner of the business.

We have 19 WBEs that responded and will be spotlighted on our Facebook page during weekdays in March. Please “like and share” these posts to allow maximum publicity for these women entrepreneurs.

Adorned
Baddies Bodied, LLC.
Camille’s House of Style & Botique’s
Classic Elements, Inc.
Cruise Planners
Darbouze Law Group
Epic Journeys, LLC
Jessica Lehman Designs
Para-Technologies, Inc.
Vibe Fitness Studio

AT Merchant
Bougie Hair Care Essentials & More
Celestial Brides & Prom
Crawdac Computer
Custom Cookies & Cakes
Donna Christopher State Farm Insurance
Ginger Jakubowski Appraisals & Realty
Just Breathe Mindful Movement Studi0
Upstreet Architects, Inc.



MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 Books @ Boulevard 6:00	9 5:30 Thirsty Thursday @Asiagos Bridge Lighting	10	11
12	13	14 2 nd Tues Bk Club Noon	15 Dining Club CJs Surf & Turf 5:45	16	17	18
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APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 JAHA Exhibit through May
2 Scholarship Banquet 1:00	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 2 nd Tues Bk Club 1:00	12 Books @ Boulevard 6:00	13 Reception @ Discovery Center 6:00-8:00	14	15
16	17 Volunteer BackPack Project 4-5:30	18	19 Dining Club Anthony 's 5:45	20	21	22
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