

January 2014 AAUW-PA FYI

Wyndham Gettysburg is accepting reservations at the AAUW-PA rate for April 11-13 (and extensions as requested). Please encourage members and friends to lock in their great rate and enjoy the Annual Meeting, the camaraderie, and the attractions.

http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2013/MDTGE_AAUWPA/main.wnt

We have a dynamite meeting planned, the highlights include:

- **Friday** afternoon a walking tour of Gettysburg sites important to women
- **Friday** at 7pm a forum for Democratic candidates for governor (There is just one Republican candidate in the primary)
- **Saturday** we'll hear *Personal Perspectives on Afghanistan* from NATO's Senior Gender Integration Advisor to the Afghan Ministry of Defense, as well as an international panel of Humphrey Fellows from Penn State.
- **Sunday**, Julia Brown, AAUW Vice President will give us a national AAUW update

Look for more information soon in the e-*Keystoner*, and start making plans!

AAUW-PA Elections: This year's All Member Voting will enable members to vote in person in Gettysburg, online, or by paper ballot. Those branches who would like a package of ballots, information on the candidates, instructions on voting, and two envelopes, **please tell Pat Byerly (aauwpaad@gmail.com) how many you'd like no later than February 11.** We encourage all members to become informed about candidates, to vote for whomever they like, and to leave our new officers in no doubt that they are serving at the will of members throughout the state. The paper ballot and instructions are attached, and will be in the *Keystoner*.

Award information is due February 15. Please honor your hardworking members as well as others who merit attention with the Outstanding Woman award, the branch Spotlight award, named gift honorees, the Gateway to Equity, or an impact award. Also please submit branch highlights for inclusion in the yearbook and to document important actions by the branch this year. **Updated forms are available on our website: Suzanne Kerlin's email changed, and Pat Byerly is now receiving the photos.** <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/connect/celebrate/> *Please also consider issuing a press release about your internal honorees, and another about your Gateway to Equity recipient.* Please keep Gateway to Equity nominations to about 50 words. Sandy Rhodes, our Visibility chair, can help.

If you know college students who want to be leaders, be sure they know that AAUW-PA has FIVE grants for PA college students to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD, June 5-7, 2014. The application deadline is Friday, March 14. Applications should be sent to Cathy Wieland. Her contact information is on the application form.

Get the word out to as many PA college women as you can! Send them to <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/connect/collegesuniversities/> for information and the application form.

AAUW-PA had a wonderful Lobby Day on December 11, with the weather cooperating, and the Senate having just passed the Human Trafficking bill we were championing. We also had a great Salsa, or virtual Lobby Day, with members contacting their legislators on human trafficking. There will be another Salsa Lobby Day on March 8, contacting PA Representatives to expedite passage of House Bill 1417.

Bylaws Compliance: National issued two sets of mandatory conformance changes to bylaws in 2013. If your branch board did not approve bylaws in October 2013 or later, you aren't in compliance. The good news is that no member vote is needed at the branches, because these are mandatory. Please contact Fran Pierce at auwpabylaws@gmail.com if you have questions.

Finally, **February Conversations** between branches and the state board should be in the second half of the month. Hopefully this dialogue is useful to all.