

## May 2016 AAUW-PA FYI

### July Summer Retreat – Saturday July 16, 2016

The annual Summer Retreat at Country Cupboard Lewisburg will be Saturday July 16, 2016 from 10 AM to 3 PM. This year's program will focus on Membership – recruitment, retention, diversity, and inclusion. Our presenters will include Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager at the AAUW national office, and Randi Blauth, Bethlehem branch and member of the AAUW Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. Claudia will bring her many years of experience in AAUW membership with information and resources for building our branch membership. Randi will provide information and activities to help us assess what draws members to an AAUW branch so we can examine our branches to determine if we offer what prospective members of diverse backgrounds want.

As usual AAUW-PA pays the meeting cost and lunch for two members from each branch, additional members from a branch are welcome for the cost of the lunch which is \$20. All AAUW-PA electronic student affiliate members, student affiliate members, and members of AAUW student organizations are welcome at no cost. The registration form will be in the summer *Keystoner* or you can register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016julyregistration>.

### AAUW-PA 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – Tannersville 2016

The AAUW-PA annual meeting, held in Tannersville April 15-17th, had 85 attendees including branch members from 27 branches, students, and speakers.

AAUW-PA State Bylaw proposals and 2016-2018 Public Policy Priorities as outline in the February 2016 *Keystoner* were approved without revision.

Activities on Friday evening included a presentation by Cheyney University about their Campus Action Project and a Town Hall Meeting with Cordy Galligan, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development at National. Saturday and Sunday presentations– Archives presentation by Linda Robbins, "Marketing Your Branch from A to Z" by Cordy Galligan, Dr. Catherine Hill, Vice President for Research at AAUW, shared her findings from her latest report, "Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership", Workshops AAUW Student Organizations, Title IX, or GOTV Tool Kit, an outstanding presentation by Heather Mason, an AAUW Legal Advocacy plaintiff, shared her journey as she sought legal justice for discrimination in the workplace, AAUW-PA Public Policy Impact Grant work, and AAUW National Update. We also held the Annual Business Meeting, District Meetings, and had a special theater experience during lunch as several Board members presented The Talbot Story, a play about the founding of AAUW. Additional information can be found in the May *Keystoner*. The Yearbook will be available on the state website shortly.

Special thanks to the Program Committee including Sandy M. Homel (Program VP), Rosemary Baker, Patricia Byerly, Susan Donahue, Dot McLane, Linda Robbins (Conference Coordinator), Deb Roney, Connie Schroder, Linda Tozier, Cathy Wieland and Susan Nenstriel (Conference Coordinator).

### New Officers Elected

Election of new officers for the state board took place during the business portion of the annual meeting. They are Dot McLane (Lansdale), President and Sandy Homel (Doylestown), Program Vice President for the 2016-2018 term of the board.

The Nominating and Elections Committee reported that 50 votes were cast online, 22 votes by paper ballot, and 70 voting members at the meeting. We thank the members for participating in our elections.

## **Nominating and Election Committee Members 2016-2017**

Districts elected members and alternates for the Nominating and Elections Committee:

East District – Morgan Pickands (Doylestown), Brigid Heydt (NEMCO), Joan Comer (Lansdale); Central District – Ann Pehle (Carlisle), Pat Kephart (State College), Betty Hooker (York); and West District – Jean Macaluso (Beaver Valley), Cheryl Towers (Fox Chapel Area), Deanna Haddle (Johnstown). We thank these members for agreeing to serve.

## **NCCWSL Scholarship Winners Announced**

This year, AAUW-PA offered five scholarships to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), which will take place June 2 to 4 at the University of Maryland in College Park. Members of the AAUW-PA Scholarship Selection Committee are pleased to announce the following 2016 winners: Niematulai Jalloh, Lock Haven University, senior in Communication with a minor in Spanish; Chi-E Low, Ursinus College, senior in Applied Economics; Laura Palumbo, Penn State-Harrisburg, graduate student in Communications and also earning a certificate in Non-Profit Management; Charity Patterson, Edinboro University, graduate student in Counseling: Clinical Mental Health; and Alison Smolinski, Penn State-Harrisburg, graduate student in Communications.

Many thanks to the selection committee, which was comprised of Susan McNamara, Chair; Michele Buford; Cathy Wieland; and Deb Roney. If your branch or an individual member is sponsoring students to attend NCCWSL this year or would like to know more about NCCWSL opportunities, please contact Deb Roney, College/University Liaison, at [aauwpacu@gmail.com](mailto:aauwpacu@gmail.com).

## **AAUW-PA Branch Handbook Resource**

During officer transitions, branches often lose information about a branch's responsibilities in order to function as a branch of the national AAUW organization. In an effort to aid branches, we at the state board compiled a Branch Handbook, a concise manual containing some of the basic information branches may find helpful. Included are topics such as Financial Matters for Nonprofit Organizations, AAUW Affiliate Agreements, Branch Bylaws, AAUW Member Services Database, Member Payment Program, Communications and Publicity Tools, Branch Archives, Meeting Minutes, AAUW National Resources, and AAUW Member Benefits/Discounts.

The handbook is not meant to be an all-inclusive manual about AAUW, but instead to provide the rudimentary information about the routine required and optional tasks an AAUW branch performs with links to explore further information if needed. If your branch did not receive a printed copy at the State Convention, you will find it posted on the state website <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-pa-branch-handbook/> for your use.