

Leader Log

Dot McLane, AAUW-PA President

Why should you attend the upcoming Annual State Meeting? There are many reasons but one you might focus on is networking with other AAUW members. It can't be overstated how engaging and rewarding it is to share your thoughts and listen to other AAUW members. Even though we are all different women, sharing the commitment to our mission gives us common ground on which we connect. You take away from an AAUW meeting several things – pride, validation, purpose, reinvigoration, new ideas, old ideas, respect, accomplishment, and a good time spent with dedicated, passionate women. Of course, you get many of these things from attending your local branch activities, but there is something different about interacting with members from other branches across the state. It deepens your experience. Whether you are a veteran or new member of AAUW, I guarantee you will learn something you did not know before.

State meetings also give you a chance to better connect with our national organization, which is very important. We should never lose sight of the fact that we are part of a nation-wide organization all working towards the same goal, that is an awesome concept. At the state meeting you will hear from our national AAUW representative Eileen Hartmann about the most recent activities of the outstanding staff that is AAUW just as we as members are AAUW; in addition you get a recap of the phenomenal work that we and national have accomplished together in moving our mission forward.

This is my personal invitation to you to join us in State College and celebrate who we are. I hope to see many of you there.

AAUW-PA Annual Meeting April 10-11, 2015 Ramada Hotel, State College



Join us for our 2015 AAUW-PA annual meeting this April, to be held in State College. It promises to be both informative and inspiring. See pp. 9-11 for complete meeting information. Our “rights” theme reflects on the civil rights movement, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

The keynote speaker, 2014-2015 Penn State laureate Susan Russell (below), will prompt us to think about human dignity in new ways. We are also very pleased to have sessions on human trafficking with Dr. Shoba Wadhia, a session on voter's rights, and an update on AAUW National from Eileen Hartmann, all outlined on page 10. We'll meet Pennsylvania college students affiliated with AAUW—the next generation of AAUW leaders, and have included time for branch networking.



Keynote Speaker—Susan Russell What's Your Story?

If you had the opportunity to tell one story about yourself, what story would you choose? If you were guaranteed one minute of undivided attention from everyone around you, what would you do with that time? If you were afforded the opportunity to make one change about your working environment, your home environment, or your cultural environment, what would that change be? If change begins with telling a story, why not start telling a tale and see what happens.....only thing is, you have to be willing to listen to everyone else's tale as well. The process of choosing a story, telling a story, and listening to someone else's story is the beginning of community building, and in the search for Dignity, the process of building a community of listeners is where everything begins. So tell me a story.....I'm all ears.

Susan Russell is an Associate Professor in the School of Theatre at Penn State. Following a 25-year career as a professional actor, she earned her PhD in Theatre from Florida State in 2007, and is a published playwright and author. Susan was honored in 2012 with the Penn State Commission For Women's Faculty Award for her work on women's issues. As the 2014-15 Penn State Laureate, she has taken her "Dignity Tour" (dignity.psu.edu) to Penn State campuses, high schools and other locations to explore how language can bridge communication gaps between diverse cultures and disciplines.

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Nominations and Elections Committee Report 2015 Candidates for Election at Annual Business Meeting

Barbara Price, AAUW-PA Nominations Chair

Program Vice-President—**SANDY HOMEL**

Sandy has been an AAUW member since the mid 1970s in three different branches. She was Chair of an Educational Issues Conference and received an AAUW Educational Named Gift Award. She has served on fundraising, policy and issues committees and chaired the Bucks County Women's History Award committee. She is currently Doylestown Branch Program Vice President. Sandy has certification in math, English and secondary education and a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. She has been an Assistant Superintendent and Director of Secondary Education. She is currently an Adjunct Professor at Temple University.



Membership Vice-President—**CATHY WIELAND**

A member of the Lebanon Valley Branch since 1971, Cathy has served her branch as Treasurer and President, and has served AAUW-PA as Administrative Director and Secretary. She feels AAUW plays a crucial role in advancing equity in education, economics, and other areas in the lives of women and girls, and is excited to help branches with Membership. Cathy received a BS from Shippensburg University and an MS from Temple University. She taught high school mathematics and is now an office manager in a chiropractic practice.

Finance Officer—**SUSAN DONAHUE**

Susan is currently serving as AAUW-PA Finance Officer. At AAUW Lansdale, she is the Co-Chair of Excellence in Writing and previously served two terms as the branch's Finance Officer. Susan represented her branch at the 2009 National Convention and has been a regular attendee at state meetings/conventions. The Lansdale branch honored Susan with their 2008 Emerging Star award and 2009 Outstanding Woman. Susan works as an adoption consultant and volunteers through the United Way VITA program preparing taxes for low income individuals. She holds a BS in Accounting from Millersville University and a MBA in Health Care Administration from Temple University.



Secretary—**VACANT**

The secretary is responsible for keeping the official records of the state, including meeting minutes and official state correspondence. If interested in being considered for this position, contact Dot McLane, AAUW-PA President, aauwpapresident@gmail.com.

Thank You

Outgoing AAUW-PA Board Officers
for your terms of service:

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Program Vice-President

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AAUW-PA 2015 Election Voting Instructions

Barbara Price, AAUW-PA Nominations Chair

If you are coming to the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting in State College, you will vote there. Otherwise, vote via either of the options below.

OPTION 1: ONLINE VOTING

Instructions: Click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAUWelection2015> or paste into your browser. **Online voting is available now through midnight, April 3, 2015.** Clicking this link will bring up an initial screen that will include instructions and three boxes asking for voting confirmation information: 1) first name; 2) last name; and 3) branch. **This information will not be connected to your vote.** Voter names and branch affiliation are required only to verify that you are 1) a current paid AAUW-PA member and 2) that you are not voting multiple times.

Clicking the “next” box on screen one will bring up the actual ballot. It looks exactly like the paper ballot that includes the titles of each office—President and Program VP, the two candidates’ names; and an option for a write-in.

Branches may facilitate online voting at a branch meeting. It requires only a computer, a site with internet access, and a degree of voting privacy.

OPTION 2: PAPER BALLOT VOTING

INSTRUCTIONS: Clip out the official ballot (on page 4) and return to your branch president or to the Nominations Chair by mail. To be valid and counted, mailed ballots must be **received** no later than **Friday, April 3, 2015**, by Barbara Price at the address below. Voting instructions must be completed exactly as required in order for your ballot to be valid. Please ask for clarification from your branch officers or from AAUW-PA officers before voting if you have any questions or concerns about the appropriate way to file your ballot.

- **Read** the information about the nominees on page 2 and make your choice for each office. Mark an “X” in the blank provided on the ballot. Fold and insert the completed ballot into a small (4” x 6” or similar) envelope. **Do not place any writing or marks on this envelope.**
- **Insert** the **blank envelope**, containing the ballot, into a larger (#10 or similar) envelope. Do not write on or put a mark of any kind on this envelope; it must be blank. Seal the envelope and, on the reverse or flap side of this envelope, do the following:
- **PRINT legibly** your name as it appears in AAUW membership records so that the Nominations and Elections Committee can locate it in our membership files.
- **SIGN your name** as you normally would, below your printed name.
- **PRINT the name of your branch –or–** if you are not a member of any particular branch, **PRINT** the letters “MAL” below your signature.
- **FILE** your ballot either by returning it to your branch president to bulk mail, or by mailing it yourself.

If mailing your ballot yourself, please send it to: **Barbara Price, AAUW-PA Nominations, 133 Liberty Drive, Langhorne, PA 19047.**

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AAUW-PA Vision

AAUW-PA will be a welcoming and inclusive organization that serves as a significant resource and powerful advocate for Pennsylvania branches and members in their work toward achieving AAUW's mission and vision.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
—Margaret Mead





**AAUW National Convention
San Diego—June 18-21, 2015**

Sheraton Hotel and Marina
Find new ways to empower women and girls!
<http://convention.aauw.org/>

Save the Date
AAUW-PA Summer Retreat
Saturday July 11
10:00am—3:00pm
Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA

All interested members are welcome. AAUW-PA will pay all meeting costs for the first two members of every PA branch; additional branch members and other AAUW-PA members will be charged \$20 to cover expenses. Details forthcoming at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>.

State Archives Updated

AAUW-PA Archives Chair Linda Robbins reports that she has continued the process of sorting older AAUW-PA records in Harrisburg, and has deposited new records there. With volunteer help, she has reviewed current records, reorganized them, and placed them in acid-free folders and boxes. Thanks to those who have lent a hand! Be sure to check out some of our archives, which will be on display at April’s AAUW-PA Annual meeting.



AAUW-PA ELECTION PAPER BALLOT— 2015-2017
(Please mark choices with an “X.”)

Program Vice-President Nominees:

Sandy Homel Other _____

Membership Vice-President Nominees:

Cathy Wieland Other _____

Finance Officer Nominees:

Susan Donahue Other _____

Mail ballot, using instructions provided on page 3, to Barbara Price, Nominations Chair. Your mailed ballot must be received no later than **Friday, April 3, 2015**, in order for it to be valid and counted. Thank you!



**Dot McLane –
PA State President
Runs for National Office**

*AAUW Board Candidate
for Director-at-Large*

I joined AAUW because of the mission. I am committed to advancing equity for women and girls, with particular interest in ending the gender wage gap, getting more women into leadership roles both in corporations and government, and promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers to women and girls. My experience spans all levels of AAUW leadership. At the branch level, I have been President and Finance Officer. I have also been chair/member of several community outreach programs.

Nationally, I have served on the national board as an elected Director (2011-2013), have chaired the Branch Program Resource Committee and STEM Task Force, and was a member of the Public Policy Committee. At the state level, I served as PVP and President previously, and am honored to be the current state President of Pennsylvania again. I have no intention of vacating the state presidency post if elected to the national board. My goals are to move forward AAUW’s mission as the preeminent organization for women’s equity, and to ensure that AAUW serves all of its members.

To learn more about me, visit my website: <http://mclaneforaauw.weebly.com>, Facebook page, and/or visit the national website Candidate page to view my video.

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

NCCWSL Grant Winners Describe Experiences at 2014 Conference



Darragh Friedman, eSAF Senior, 2014 graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia *I loved learning how to become a Foreign Service Officer from real government officials. I spoke with graduate school representatives and spent a night running around Dupont Circle with hundreds of other NCCWSL women.*

We learned how to fight street harassment and how to raise money for our own political campaigns. NCCWSL is an unbelievable experience for students ready for new leadership challenges, including developing their national network. Without my advisor's encouragement and AAUW-PA's grant, I would not have gone. Thank you!



Kayla Hardner, Grad student, Gannon University, Erie

It was truly inspiring to be seated at the opening session with so many other women who share the desire to make a difference. I loved the workshop that discussed leaders in education. Hearing from Deanna Zandt, Chelsea Clinton, the Women of Distinction, and others was inspiring and encouraging. I found it easy to relate to these women and wondered how I could impact those around me.



Heidi Kurter, Senior, DeSales University, Center Valley

I gained knowledge of new issues, empowerment to make a change, and left with a new passion for life. I have become an ambassador at my university, speaking out and helping create campus groups to bring awareness to women's rights. Studying abroad, I developed an international group through which we can gain momentum for attacking women's inequality on an international level. NCCWSL helped me find my voice, my inner strength, and most importantly, my confidence. Thank you!

Note: Sara Abdollahi (Graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh) - Sara was unfortunately unable to attend.

Student Advisory Council

As you may have seen in the December 2014 issue of *The Keystone*, AAUW-PA has instituted a new state-level Student Advisory Council (SAC), composed of full-time undergraduate students from each district across the state. The student SAC members will be presenting at the April meeting. Come meet them. We are pleased to introduce the three charter members: **Selena Bennett**, a senior Spanish major at Moravian College, from the Eastern District; **Heather Fallon**, a junior majoring in accounting, Spanish, and international business at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, from the Central District; **Hali Santiago**, a junior psychology major at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, from the Western District.



NCCWSL Grants Available

AAUW-PA is happy again to offer FIVE grants for college students from or attending school in Pennsylvania to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) on May 28-30, 2015, at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. The grant covers early-bird registration, room, and most meals. Grant application materials can be found at: <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/colleges-universities/>. The submission deadline is **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**.



Branches can help students take part in this leadership development opportunity by offering their own grants to local students or helping students with transportation costs, which are not covered by the state grant. Learn more about NCCWSL at: <http://www.nccwsl.org/about/>

Delaware Valley Forms AAUW Student Group

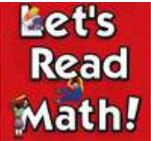
Delaware Valley College (soon to be Delaware Valley University) in Doylestown is the fifth College/University partner in Pennsylvania to have a registered AAUW Student Organization (SO) on campus. They are led by senior Donna Carlson and advised by Dr. Jessica McCall.

A group of 16 eStudent Affiliates plus some additional interested students are working with AAUW-Doylestown Branch, the League of Women Voters, the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition, Bucks County Fundraisers Group, and campus faculty to provide a range of programs and projects. Their primary issues have been voter registration and education, support of the local women's shelter, pay equity, human trafficking, and campus sexual assault.

Their "Week of Women" seminars are held once in the fall and once in the spring, with four lectures on related topics each week. They also are working to spread the word about AAUW.

Kudos, Northampton Community College on winning an AAUW Campus Action Project Grant <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/colleges-universities/>

Celebrating *Let's Read Math* 2004-2014



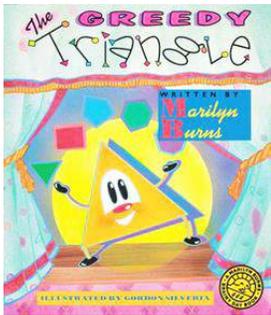
Hats off to Dr. Claire Passantino and volunteers from the AAUW Makefield Area Branch, whose efforts ten years ago in forming *Let's Read Math* spawned several AAUW-led math programs around the state; a few are featured here.

LANSDALE BRANCH

We introduced *Let's Read Math* in 2010, working with the North Penn Boys and Girls Club. Sessions consist of 4 literature-based math lessons to the 3rd grade group of about 22 kids. Lessons include an introduction of the math topic for investigation, reading the book together, and a hands-on investigation of the math concept. AAUW members work with pairs or trios of students to explore the concept. Kids take home the materials afterwards. In 2011, we moved the project to the After School Program of the Lansdale North Penn YMCA.



NORTH HILLS-McKNIGHT BRANCH



Branch member Peggy Garbooshian has been doing a *Let's Read Math* program at Avonworth Elementary School with all six of their kindergarten classes for the past five years. It is really well received by administration, teachers, and students. Her rendition of *The Greedy Triangle* lesson includes mini-marshmallows, and has earned her the title of *The Marshmallow Lady*. Peggy also enjoys presenting *Grandfather Tang*, a lesson in tangrams.

STATE COLLEGE BRANCH

Our M.A.T.H.H. program (**M**agical **A**dventures for **T**alented **H**eroines and **H**eroes) is co-sponsored with the local library and our local children's museum. Targeting elementary-aged children, it runs three weeks in the summer. Participants read a book together that is based on a math concept, and a math-related activity follows. A great time is had by all! The program is advertised in the library's summer reading catalog (sent to all elementary schools), and posted on library and museum calendars.



Makefield Area Branch will celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Let's Read Math* with an anniversary tea on **May 16th**. All AAUW-PA branches are welcome to attend. For details, contact Claire Passantino, clairepass@letsreadmath.com. Learn more about *Let's Read Math* at www.letsreadmath.com.

Make a Lifetime Gift to AAUW

Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your



gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW continues long into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, you can become part of the distinguished AAUW Legacy Circle.

One Legacy Circle Team Member, Marla Kim Benziger of the Deerfield Area (IL) Branch and her husband, Bob Benziger, have become Legacy Circle members in part because they found this to be one of the best ways to provide for AAUW for years to come. She says, "We appreciate the tax benefits available to us as a result of giving to AAUW, enabling us to continue our commitment to our favorite mission-based programs like the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and scholarships for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders." Marla Kim would like to speak with you about how to make your gift a reality. You may contact her at (847) 945-9081 or marlakim2@aol.com.

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. Bequests often can allow donors to make a sizable gift to a charity that may not have been possible during their lifetime. In a simple bequest, the donor gives a stated amount to a non-profit group without attaching any conditions. Bequest language usually reads as follows:

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PUBLIC POLICY IMPACT GRANTS



- This fall, six branches held Voter Registration drives at a variety of sites: on the campuses of The Art Institute of York, Delaware Valley College, Juniata, Harrisburg Area Community College, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Moravian College Northampton Community College, York

County School of Technology and YTI Career Institute; Redner’s Supermarkets, Boscov’s, The Easton Neighborhood Center, and Bethlehem’s Freedom High school. The registrations totaled 305 plus voters with approximately 290 of these being millennials.

- The **Huntingdon** branch and **Juniata College Student Affiliate Group** hosted a Candidate debate while Carlisle co-hosted another with the League of Women Voters (LWV) and Dickinson College.
- The **Levittown-Lower Bucks/Doylestown** branches with the LWV and The Bucks Country Women’s Advocacy Coalition prepared and distributed 65 Voter Tool Kits to non-profits assisting economically challenged individuals.
- **Huntingdon** held a Cocoa and Convos event. **Easton** and **Bethlehem** branches both meetings on Common Core. This spring, Pottstown with students and faculty at Ursinus College will hold a Pay equity event. **North Hills-McKnight** is planning with for a negotiation skills workshop at La Roche College. **Bradford** with the University of Pittsburgh-**Bradford** is preparing for a March 3rd \$tart \$mart followed by a March 19th presentation by Lily Ledbetter.

March Advocacy Training Offered

This March, there will be three advocacy trainings for AAUW around the state—one within each district. They will be conducted by a trainer from Education Voter Pennsylvania. Participants will leave the workshop with information, skills, and strategies to enhance their ability to advocate for any number of important issues like paycheck fairness or fair and equitable funding for education. This is a great opportunity.

The training is available to the state at no cost through the generosity of Education Voters PA. Whether you are going to be traveling to Harrisburg, visiting with your local legislators in their home offices, writing letters to the editor or op-ed pieces, this opportunity is not one to be missed. Stay tuned for details at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/policy/>.

Join the Public Policy Challenge

Branches, have we a challenge for you! Please help us achieve our goal to have **all PA branches reporting on a 2014-2015 public policy project done, or plans for one, by April 2nd**. Join the fifteen branches already reporting projects. Submissions should be sent to aauwpp1@gmail.com and aauwpp2@gmail.com.

For example, how about planning something around April 14th, which is Equal Pay Day? If only one branch member reports a public policy action, the branch qualifies. Meet the challenge and we’ll celebrate at the annual meeting.

Use social media to expand our reach:

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/aauwpa>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/AAUW-PA/274042237200>

For more ideas: <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/policy/>

Lobby Week: Week of April 20

Eastern, Central, and Western Districts will each spend a day during Lobby Week (week of April 20th) at Senate and Representatives’ offices in Harrisburg. Members will also have an opportunity for Virtual Lobbying during this week. Details forthcoming at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/policy/>.

Education Committee Formed

A resolution passed at last year’s State Meeting involved how best to create an AAUW-PA white paper on the quality and funding of public education in PA. Through meetings and preparation for the State District Meetings, the study group realized the value of AAUW members was not in writing a white paper, but in collaborating with established organizations.



The study group will become the Education Committee chaired by Cheryl Towers (aauwpaewest1@gmail.com) and Martha Czop (aauwpaeast@gmail.com). Their charge is to form a

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Branch Bits and Pieces

CENTRAL DISTRICT

YORK

These days, we're busy preparing for our annual *Spring Market Faire* in April, featuring kitchen tours of five homes. Each home includes a local chef offering wonderful tastings, and unique gifts for sale from a local woman-owned boutique. Last year, the event raised \$14,000 for our scholarship fund recipients (pictured here).



We have also been having lunch gatherings with Penn State York students, and we spring for the pizza. The AAUW/student ratio at the lunches is 1:1. We are involved with a co-mentoring project with Penn State York, with an eye toward starting an AAUW student affiliate group.

We are very active in public policy. Last fall, working with the Young Women's Conference, we ran voter registration tables at six locations and were able to register 140 people. Our Education Committee is working against a charter school take-over in the York school district, and we speak out on the issue of publicly-funded charter schools.

—Betty Hooker

EASTERN DISTRICT

NEMCO

This year, we celebrate our 70th year as a branch. We have always been closely tied to AAUW national issues, study topics, and public policy concerns. In the 1970s, we founded the Women's Center of Montgomery County with branch seed money and many hours contributed by branch members. In 1980, Laurel House—a shelter for abused women and children—was founded as an outgrowth of this center. We continue to work with Laurel House by participating in their fundraisers.

The 2013 Eastern District meeting addressed human trafficking and sent us into action. Last April, seven of us spent a day at the capitol in Harrisburg with our State Representative, Thomas Murt (below). We discussed human trafficking, equal pay, and education.



Recently, Tom's wife Maria became a member of our branch. This spring, we will host a speaker on human trafficking, who will discuss some of the follow-up services available for human trafficking victims one year after the passing of the bill.

—Betsy Gensamer

WESTERN DISTRICT

GREENSBURG AREA



In spite of being a very small branch, we get things done, and keep a very busy activity schedule. Last fall, we staffed a table (pictured above) at the 18th Annual Westmoreland County Unity Rally, which focused on the diversity in our community.

We also enjoyed *Coffee and Chocolate Tea* at Historic Hanastown, and had a holiday lunch where we donated gift cards to the Blackburn Center Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.



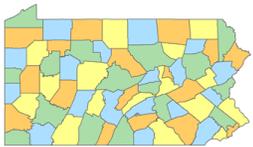
This spring, we are excited to co-sponsor with Blackburn for their *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* event, featuring football players walking a mile in red spike heels!



—Pat Ward

It's Your Turn

Branches interested in bringing a table top display and/or some branch materials to share at the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting in State College are encouraged to do so! We have much to learn from one another. If you have a branch newsletter, be sure to bring a stack of those, as well. **We need to have a table count prior to the meeting.** If you're planning on having a branch table at the meeting, be sure to contact AAUW-PA Conference Coordinator Linda Robbins, aaupaconfcoord@gmail.com, **by April 1st.**



Photos Needed for Yearbook Cover

Branches, we need your help in filling in our diverse state with photos of your branch members and activities. We hope to display them on the cover our 2015 AAUW-PA yearbook. We need *well-focused digital images that are close-ups*—2-4 people are best. The yearbook will be distributed at the annual meeting, and available to branches on request.

Please send branch photos to Connie Schroeder, aaupakeystoner@gmail.com **by February 15th.**

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After fulfilling all other provisions, I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to AAUW (Federal Tax ID #52-6037388), a charitable organization duly existing under the laws of the District of Columbia and located at 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, _____ percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate [or \$_____ if a specific amount] to be used in the areas of greatest need as the board of directors may determine.

You can also name AAUW as the beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime. For more info, call Catherine Heffernan Gibson at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at (877) 357-5587 or email her at gibsonc@aauw.org.

BRANCH FOCUS

Branch Award Information Sought for Annual Meeting

Submissions are due February 15th.

Individuals and groups will be recognized at the AAUW-PA annual meeting, and included in the AAUW-PA annual yearbook. For individual awards, please provide a well-focused head and shoulders digital photo of the awardee. For group recipients (Gateway to Equity) please send a photo of their activity and/or an organization logo.



NOMINATIONS go to the individual(s) reviewing submissions in the categories below;
PHOTOS go to Pat Byerly, aaupaad@gmail.com

GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD

Honors individuals, or organizations that have shown by action and philosophy that they advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research. More info is available at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/awards/state/gateway-to-equity/>. Send nomination to Toni Hoffman, aaupapp1@gmail.com and Susan McNamara, aaupapp2@gmail.com.

OUTSTANDING WOMAN AWARD

Awarded to a member of the branch for meritorious service to the branch and to the community. A one sentence summary describing their contribution is requested. Send submission to Suzanne Kerlin, suziekerlin@gmail.com.

BRANCH SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Awarded to a member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. This person needn't be an officer or committee chair. Nominations may be sent to Jackie Heaney, aaupamembership2@gmail.com.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Branches are asked to submit a paragraph of their top 1-2 (no more) highlights of the past year to Jackie Heaney, aaupamembership2@gmail.com.

For additional info: <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/awards/state/>

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Human Trafficking—Shoba Wadhia

Dr. Shoba Wadhia is founder/director and Clinical Professor of Law at the Center for Immigrant Rights, Penn State Law. She is nationally recognized for her expertise and scholarship of immigration law with a focus on prosecutorial discretion.

The Center for Immigrants’ Rights Clinic, started in 2008, provides a unique opportunity to law students who wish to work on real-life cases and immigration issues under the direction of Dr. Wadhia. Her book, *Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases*, is the first book on the topic of immigration prosecutorial discretion. Dr. Wadhia and her students will share their knowledge and expertise on the topic of *T-visas for victims of human trafficking*.

Voter Rights—Jeffrey Helfrich

Jeffrey Helfrich is an attorney at the State College location of the law firm Babst, Calland, Clements, and Zomnir P.C. and has served as an election protection lawyer for the Democratic Committee. He has participated in numerous voter registration drives and has been involved with multiple political campaigns on the local, state, and federal level since 2000.



Topics including voter suppression, ID laws, and pending legislation in Pennsylvania affecting voting rights will be covered.

AAUW National Update—Eileen Hartmann



Eileen Hartmann is currently serving her first term on the AAUW National Board of Directors. Most recently, she served as the Field Experience Coordinator in the Education Department at Nazareth College of Rochester, NY. She has held many volunteer leadership posts in AAUW in both New York State and California.

Friday Night Ice Cream at the Creamery

Our AAUW State College Branch hosts will ferry us to Penn State on Friday night for ice cream at the world-renowned Creamery (<http://creamery.psu.edu/>), and a drive-by tour of campus landmarks. **Sign-up for the Creamery & Campus tour upon arrival!**



AAUW-PA 86th Annual Meeting April 10-11th, State College, PA *Civil Rights—Voter Rights—Women’s Rights*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 3:00-7:00pm** Conference Registration
- 4:00pm on** Hotel Registration
- 5:30-6:00pm** Dinner
- 6:00-6:45pm** AAUW National Update with Eileen Hartman
- 6:45-7:45pm** Student Panel Presentation
- 7:45pm** Campus Tour & Ice Cream at Penn State Berkey Creamery

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 7:30-8:45am** Breakfast
Scrolling PowerPoint with Awards, Branch Highlights
- 8:00-12noon** Conference Registration
- 8:30-8:45am** Northampton Com. College Student Presentation
- 9:00-10:00am** CONCURRENT SESSIONS:
(1) Human Trafficking with Shoba Wadhia
(2) Voter rights with Jeffrey Helfrich
- 10:15-11:45am** Business meeting
AAUW Funds Awards
Gateway to Equity Awards
- 12:00-1:30pm** Lunch, Keynote: Susan Russell
AAUW Funds Collection
- 1:45-2:45pm** Humphrey Fellows: Human Rights and Women’s Rights
- 3:00-3:30pm** District meetings, Elections
- 3:30-4:15pm** Wrap-up, Coffee and Desert
Installation of Officers
Branch Highlights, Spotlight Award, Outstanding Woman

Directions to Ramada

<http://ramadasc.com/mapdirections/>
When facing building, enter through the **left-hand entrance**, closest to the adjoining P.J. Harrigans Bar & Grill. The AAUW meeting is off the lobby and in the lower level.

AAUW-PA 86th Annual Meeting Registration Form*—April 10-11, 2015

Ramada Conference and Golf Hotel, 1450 South Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801
(814) 238-3001, www.ramadasc.com

**To register for the meeting online, visit:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWAnnualMeeting2015>

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Status: ___ Outstanding Woman ___ Spotlight Award Winner ___ First-time Attendee ___ Branch Member
___ Branch Officer ___ State Board Member ___ College/University Rep ___ Student Affiliate ___ Speaker

___ Check here if you don't want your name/email included on the List of Attendees (for future networking).

For planning purposes, please indicate which sessions you plan to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- ___ 5:30pm—Dinner (soup, sandwiches, fresh fruit)
___ 6:00pm—National AAUW Update
___ 6:45pm—College Student Panel
___ 7:45pm—Penn State Creamery ice cream and campus drive-by tour (transportation provided)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- ___ Continental Breakfast 7:30—8:45am
___ Concurrent Session 1 (9:00—10:00am) — Human Trafficking
___ Concurrent Session 2 (9:00-10:00am) — Voter Rights

Lunch (*Select one*): ___ Chicken Breast/stuffing ___ Crabcakes/red potatoes
___ Vegetarian (Chef's Choice) ___ Gluten Free (Chef's Choice)

MEETING COST: —\$55 postmarked by April 3rd (includes all meals)
—\$65 after April 3rd and up through the meeting day

Attendees need to make hotel reservations on their own—see information below.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—To make a room reservation, call (814) 238-3001. To receive the AAUW-PA rate, registration must be done over the phone. **Room Charge/night = \$79 + tax for a double occupancy. Rooms will only be guaranteed for AAUW-PA through March 23rd.** After this date, guests who have not reserved may call in and reserve their room and receive the group rate, if there are still rooms available.

CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS & DEADLINES

Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by **April 3rd**. Onsite registration will be available with a \$10 late fee added (\$65.00 instead of \$55.00). Registration is cancellable with full refund if AAUW is notified by **April 3rd**. Include a stamped, self-addressed postcard or your email address for registration confirmation. Questions? Contact Sherry Crassweller at (814) 237-3861 or (814) 574-2400, aps@psu.edu. Use "Annual Meeting 2015" in the e-mail subject line.

Send registration form and check made payable to AAUW-PA to:
AAUW-PA c/o Sherry Crassweller, 2264 Charleston Drive, State College, PA 16801

Let's Read Math Takes Show on the Road

Ten years ago, AAUW funding was used to launch the first LRM activities in the AAUW Makefield Branch. Next, Graham Boose from the West Chester-Chester County Branch secured an AAUW Community Action grant, which helped spread LRM to the entire Mid-Atlantic Region (PA, NY, MD and NJ). From there, it's history!



The AAUW Northville-Novu (Michigan), Branch utilized National Honor Society high school students to help.



Engineering students from the University of Michigan assisted with Let's Read Math for the AAUW Ann Arbor Branch.



In Los Alamos, NM, LRM was part of a Science and Engineering Day. Students enjoyed making tangrams.

International Women's Day March 8, 2015



The AAUW-PA Gateway to Equity Award presented at the April annual meeting is awarded in recognition of International Women's Day. This day celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. The first International Women's Day occurred in 1911.

In many countries, International Women's Day is a national holiday, recognizing women's successes, and reminding us of inequities still to be redressed. Learn more:

www.internationalwomensday.com/

The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights. —Gloria Steinem

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coalition that includes organizations such as the Education Policy & Leadership Center to 1) educate/advocate for adequate and equitable school funding, 2) promote student success, and 3) increase civic engagement with public school education. For more info, contact Cheryl or Martha and visit the state website.

<http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/education/>

District Meetings at Annual Meeting

District Meetings at the Annual Meeting offer a chance to interact with members from your region of the state.

DISTRICT REPS NEEDED: We will nominate and elect a representative and two alternates from the district to serve on the Nominating Committee whose charge is to find candidates for open state elected positions. This role is critical to ensuring that new leaders and leaders from around PA are represented on the state board. Please consider stepping up to take on this role and do it justice by actively nominating AAUW members from your district to run for open elected state board positions.



FALL DISTRICT MEETING: We'll also discuss the Fall District Meeting location, date and topic. Think about this prior to the annual meeting, and bring your ideas.

Website Submissions

Please send news for the AAUW-PA website to Patricia Byerly:
aauwpaad@gmail.com

Address Changes

E-News Subscribers:
E-mail address changes and additions should be sent to the person in your branch who manages the e-mail list.

Paper Subscribers:
Address changes for paper newsletter subscribers should be sent to Patricia Byerly:
aauwpaad@gmail.com

Branches: Share Your Piece!

Your branch news is vital to the success and impact of this quarterly newsletter. Please send your AAUW news to Connie Schroeder, aauwpakeystoner@gmail.com.



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