

# KEYSTONER

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*Saturday, April 19: The Ambridge Area High School Steel Drum Corps performs during the Stars Awards Reception. Outstanding Women, EF, LAF, Newsletter and Membership Honors were awarded during the reception.*



*Sunday, April 20: Installation of Officers. Linda Haigh Tozier, left, and Dianne Taylor Gregg, right, are installed after being elected AAUW-PA President and Program Vice President, respectively.*

*By Marjie Mowery, AAUW-PA Administrative Director*

The Susan K. Nensiel Humanitarian Award honors the AAUW member who best promotes the ideals of AAUW through his or her branch and community service. **Suzanne Elizabeth Kerlin** is the 2002 recipient of this award.

A three-term president of the State College Branch, Suzanne directed the branch's Used Book Sale and provided leadership for the first branch Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. She served AAUW-PA as conference coordinator. At every point she has worked to groom qualified women to serve on the branch board and has been an effective mentor for new members.

Her community service includes work on the Public Affairs Forum of Centre County, where current and sometimes controversial issues are brought to the community for discussion. Suzanne promotes educational equity by serving on a committee to bring gender equity to the schools. She is a member of the school district's Community Education Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. The efforts of these committees have yielded a positive influence on all members in her community.

Suzanne's sense of responsibility to the world beyond State College extends to her work with the United Nations Association/USA Rights of the Child Advocacy Team. She is a judge on the Academic Decathlon competition for PA and is involved with the Community Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL).

Suzanne has promoted AAUW's mission with every task she has undertaken and every cause she has supported. She has truly internalized the concept of a committed AAUW life.



*Marjie Mowery, left, presents Kerlin, right, with the Susan K. Nensiel Humanitarian Award.*

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*By Linda Haigh Tozier, AAUW-PA Incoming President*

I look forward to serving as your president.

My primary goal is to promote communication between our fifty-six branches and the state board. The members of the AAUW-PA board have been elected or appointed to represent you, the 3,631 state branch members. AAUW is a branch-based organization. Our energy moves from the base upward, not from the top down. We will listen to your questions and try to help solve your problems. We will set up programs to address your needs.



The board needs to find out what kinds of leadership support you need and will use in your branches. Our state Leader-on-Loan system will be revamped to become more attuned to your needs. For years we have talked about setting up a core group of AAUW women who have the knowledge and the willingness to share their experience with branches. Well, this is going to happen in the next two years. I will work with the board to establish core groups with expertise in membership, program, public policy and any other needed and requested areas.

The District Coordinators will be an active part of the membership team. They will work directly with both the membership vice president and the treasurer to identify strengths and weaknesses. The District Coordinator positions were developed in 1992 to be the direct link between the branches and the state board. This link will be strengthened in the next two years.

I will make sure that, at the appropriate times, your branch will receive counterpart mailings from the president, program vice president, membership vice president, treasurer, EF, LAF, public policy and newsletter chairs. It is important that each branch keep the state board informed of changes in branch board make-up to ensure that these mailings are mailed to the correct persons.

I would like the AAUW-PA board to apply to Association for a student intern to work with the board on membership issues. Interns are given a free Student Affiliate Membership for one year to work on a specific project.

I would like to see our college and university memberships increase. We will connect with every two and four year college and university that had been institutional members of AAUW in past years. I would like to promote these C/U members as locations for branch meetings and for regional meetings.

The AAUW energy moves upward. As your

*By Karen Allen, AAUW-PA President*

When I first wrote to you in the Fall of 2000, I began my article with the words, "What exciting times these are for AAUW-PA!" Two years later I believe those words are still true.

We have elected new leaders who will continue to help us shape the future of AAUW in Pennsylvania. We have a group of branch leaders who were able to get some training and new ideas from our recent state convention. Contributions to the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund remain strong. The state board accomplished many of the goals it set in its 2000-2002 strategic plan. Branches continue to report success of local projects in their Conversations with state board members.



I applaud each member who has dedicated time and talent to the success of AAUW-PA, and I give special thanks to the 2000-2002 state board members. You were willing to take a chance with the new kid. You shared your wisdom as I learned how things are done in Pennsylvania. You accepted changes in the way we spent our time at board meetings. You worked many more hours than any volunteers should to achieve the goals we set for ourselves.

And while I know that you were not working for reward, I am proud to announce that AAUW-PA earned Platinum status in the first year of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Recognition Program. Our state received this award because you, our state board, took the time to develop a strategic plan, remained focused on the plan, and supported the work of AAUW both at the state and local level. You are a team I will never forget, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve with you.

next state president, I will expand on the relationships which I have established with Association in my four years as state membership vice president and my three years on the Association membership committee

For over one hundred years, Pennsylvanian AAUW members have been doing wonderful things. AAUW-PA will continue to share our good works with all current AAUW members and those who will become members. We have so very much to offer all women. The next two years will be a time to share as we shape the future.

## Impact Award Winners

By Deb Roney,  
AAUW-PA Public Policy Chair

It is my pleasure to be able to announce this year's impact award winners. AAUW is alive and well across Pennsylvania, and branches are making worthwhile contributions across the state.

I challenge all the rest of us to meet or exceed this year's applicants' commitment to our mission statement: Equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

In the small branch category, this branch invited middle school girls from local school districts and their parents to participate in a one-day symposium with sessions on Girls' Health Issues, Emotional Wellness and Self Esteem, Technology, Career Opportunities, Communication Styles, and How Others See Us. The Impact Award for small branches goes to the California Branch's project "Girls! Ready or Not, Here We Come."

In the medium-sized branch category, this branch teamed up with the Women's Center of Beaver County. Because the winter holiday season is very difficult for abused, homeless women, the Women's Center asked the branch to bring some joy to these women by buying pampering, not practical gifts for them. The Impact Award for medium branches goes to The Beaver Valley Branch's Women's Center project.

In the large branch category, this branch hosted a one-day workshop for adult women who were contemplating going to college or who had attempted one or two classes but had "stopped out" for some reason. Participants heard from other adult women who had gone to college, personnel from two community colleges who talked about the mechanics of applying for and financing college, and had an opportunity to have their resumes reviewed. The Impact Award for large branches goes to The Philadelphia Branch: "Be the Designer of Your Life, Not the Victim of Circumstance."

## Public Policy Priorities Approved

*At the business meeting of the AAUW-PA convention on Saturday, April 20, 2002, the following public policy priorities for the next biennium were passed. Please use them and the Association public policy priorities to guide your work on public policy issues over the next two years. As you know, we have an election in November that can make differences in the lives of women and girls across our state. Plan to be involved in Voter Education and the Get-Out-the-Vote drive.*

### AAUW-Pennsylvania Public Policy Priorities 2002-2004

The Public Policy Program underscores the American Association of University Women's mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. In Pennsylvania, AAUW actively endorses the Association Public Policy Program. In addition, we support the value of celebrating community efforts that recognize our interdependence and individuality and that encourage community dialogue on critical issues. Biennial priorities in Pennsylvania are intended to complement Association priorities and to be a focus for the active efforts of individuals and branches.

#### **To affirm the individual rights of all persons, to promote a strong system of quality public education, and to achieve women's economic self-sufficiency, AAUW-Pennsylvania advocates:**

- ◆ Supporting initiatives for education reform that encourage gender fairness and diversity.
- ◆ Opposing the use of tuition vouchers or any other public funds for non-public elementary or secondary education, excluding the present mandated school code.
- ◆ Identifying and countering violence and extremist ideologies that restrict academic or individual freedom.
- ◆ Adequately funding programs and services that educate women and girls for employability.
- ◆ Developing and implementing programs and services that meet the health needs of women and girls, promote family planning, and allow choice in determination of one's reproductive life.
- ◆ Adequately funding programs that address the needs of all women, with an emphasis on financial security and quality health care.
- ◆ Adequately funding and/or providing tax incentives for quality child care facilities available to all parents regardless of income, education, race, religion, ethnic background, or marital status.
- ◆ Promoting and encouraging women to seek appointed and elected public office.\*
- ◆ Promoting equitable treatment in the judicial system in regard to gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, and economic status.

\*Members and branches are reminded that AAUW is a non-partisan organization and cannot advocate for the selection or defeat of candidates in partisan elections. This means that supporting women for public office must be done in a general and non-partisan fashion. Individual AAUW members acting as private citizens may support or endorse candidates for public office but may not do so on behalf of AAUW or in a way that gives the appearance of AAUW endorsement of the candidate. Members can and must speak out on the issues we support. AAUW's Voter Education Campaign is focused on providing women with factual, straightforward information on how issues considered by elected officials affect their lives and families.

# SAVE THE DATE

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

### OCTOBER 11-13, 2002

#### WOMAN-TO-WOMAN SUMMIT,

#### A DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

SPONSORED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AAUW MARYLAND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

By Jacqueline Ann D'Alessio, MAR Director

This year the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference will be in Salisbury, Maryland, in conjunction with AAUW Maryland Diversity Committee's Woman-to-Woman Summit. Friday evening, October 11<sup>th</sup> is the Opening Reception of an award-winning photographic exhibit "Children of Children" from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Fulton Hall, Salisbury University Art Gallery. The Woman-to-Woman Summit on Saturday, October 12, at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00 AM. The day will include a keynote speaker at 9:15 am, workshops focusing on the theme of social justice include "Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence," "Intergenerational Care-Giving," "Slavery Reparations," "Health Issues" and workshops focusing on AAUW concerns—membership, leadership, and EF/LAF/Virginia Gildersleeve.

In the evening, members will return to the Howard Johnson Inn, the convention hotel, for dinner and a celebration of the branches and states in the Mid-Atlantic Region where branches and states will share success stories. The conference will conclude on Sunday morning with breakfast, a speaker, and a wrap-up session.

The fees for the conference have not been finalized. Branch and state presidents will receive a mailing in late June listing the conference registration and meal fees. The conference registration and meal fees will not include the accommodations at the Howard Johnson Inn.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION INDIVIDUALLY. The Howard Johnson in Salisbury, Maryland has reserved a group of rooms for AAUW members. These reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The phone number is 410-742-7194. Because of another event in Salisbury that weekend, there is a firm deadline of August 15 for reservations. If you think you wish to attend, you should make a reservation as soon as possible. You can always cancel. The rate for a single is \$99.00 plus tax; the rate for a double is \$107.00 plus tax.

Come to the MAR and bring your family. Salisbury is within 30 minutes of wide sandy beaches, world-class birding, more than two dozen golf courses, and countless historic sites. While you are meeting with your AAUW friends, your family can explore the area.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on October 11-13 in Salisbury. For those with questions or those who would like more information, please contact me at 908-722-5079 or [jqline@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jqline@worldnet.att.net)

## PSA: TITLE IX IN 2002

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund hopes to increase the public's awareness of Title IX in 2002, the law's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, by educating parents about the protections this crucial law offers to their children. LAF's public service announcement (PSA) focuses on key findings from the LAF report, *A License for Bias: Sex Discrimination, Schools, and Title IX* which emphasizes that the protections of Title IX extend beyond sex discrimination in sports to the classroom and beyond. The message is clear: "Title IX, fair play on and off the field." Title IX is as relevant today as it was when it was passed in 1972. This public service announcement has been sent to a variety of daily and weekly newspapers, women's and education magazines, and other media. Look for it in the publications you regularly read.

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**FAIR PLAY ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

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 Speaking Out for Justice in Higher Education

## PA gives generously to EF

By Diane Meixell, AAUW-PA EF Chair

Convention 2002 celebrated the success of the 2001 Educational Foundation (EF) campaign. Nancy Eynon Lark, the AAUW Educational Foundation Director, attended the convention, participated in the Counterparts meeting on Friday night and was the guest speaker at the EF dinner on Saturday evening. Together we celebrated the generosity and hard work of Pennsylvania's branches and individual members who contributed a total of \$105,735.08 to the Educational Foundation.

The top ten branches in total contributions for 2001 were: State College, \$20,770; Pittsburgh, \$10,642.45; Allentown, \$8,415; York, \$7,714; Lansdale, \$6,270; Bethlehem, \$6,225; Philadelphia, \$4,765; Harrisburg, \$4,599.75; Reading, \$3,640; and Valley Forge, \$3,220.

The top ten branches in per capita giving for 2001 were: Pittsburgh, \$425.70; State College, \$105.97; York, \$61.71; Oil City-Franklin, \$55.56; Bethlehem, \$51.45; Lansdale, \$45.77; Hazleton, \$45.45; Lock Haven, \$38.57; Allentown, \$37.91; Harrisburg, \$36.80. The following branches also gave more than \$25 per capita: Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Eastern Delaware County, Doylestown, Butler, and Murrysville.

The Named Gift Honorees were: Beaver Valley: Dorothy Mills; Bethlehem: In Memory of Past Members; Butler: Beverly Lynn Rothert; Carlisle: In Memory of Lila Phipps; Coraopolis-Sewickley: In Memory of Patricia Bashoum; Eastern Delaware County: Carol Ellis, Joanne Puffer, and Dorothy Sulzer; Erie: Kathryn Knoblauch Felion; Fox Chapel Area: Nancy Blanford, Ellen Romsaas, Louise Cannon, and Beth Hollis; Harrisburg: Carol Buskirk, Betty Fortner, Marcia Hajduk, Denise Hussar, Alice Lichty, Pat Riker, Betty Sullivan, and Sharen Worley; Johnstown: Nancy Tondora; Levittown-Lower Bucks: In Honor of the Heroes and Heroines of 9/11; Lock Haven: Elizabeth Brobst; Makefield Area: In Memory of Shirley Weese; Murrysville Area: Ruth K. Fowler; Oil City-Franklin: Eleanor Hrinia and Beverly Hartzell; Philadelphia: Carolyn Ancker; Pittsburgh: Elizabeth Knable; Reading: Courtney McKay Stevens, Ann V. Myers, Mara B. Winn, Jean R. Weiser, Judith Geiser, and Susan C. Rimmel; State College: Marian Bigelow Davison, Marjorie Weick Dunaway, Jean Brown Forster, Harriet M. Harry Henning, Ethel Noll Koch, Elsa C. Lisle, Helen Buchanan Meahl, Ruby Skinner Miller, Mary Gruber Swarts, and Louise A. Young Tukey; Susquehanna Valley: Suzanne Hornberger; Valley Forge: Contance Louise Kirker, and Margaret Linder Morris; West Chester: Rosemary Brown.

Thank you AAUW-PA for your support of the work of the Educational Foundation.

### EF/LAF Walk Successful Again

Approximately twenty individuals participated in the walk on Sunday morning at convention. A total of \$1390 was raised with \$783 for LAF and \$607 for EF. Thank you to the walkers and the financial contributors for making the walk successful.

## Celebrating LAF in Pennsylvania

By Beryl Gutenkunst, AAUW-PA LAF Chair

Recognized nationally as a Top Contribution State for the fourth year in a row, Pennsylvania moved from 5<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place with total contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) of \$22,661. Key to growth efforts was increased fundraising by branches and increased giving by individual members. Twenty-six Pennsylvania AAUW members individually gave gifts to LAF of between \$100 and \$1,010 during 2001. Branch and individual donations are calculated on a calendar basis beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Ranked third nationally for total giving among all branches in the United States, State College Branch was first in Pennsylvania with total giving of \$8585 and per capita giving of \$43.06. The State College Branch will receive a national award certificate at the AAUW Washington Leadership Conference.

Other top branches given state recognition for total 2001 giving amounts at the April Pittsburgh Convention were Allentown, Philadelphia, Inc., York, Harrisburg, Erie, and Eastern Delaware County Branches. Harrisburg Branch received top recognition for the largest percent fundraising increase from 2000 to 2001. Other branches with significant increases were Pittsburgh, Valley Forge, Butler, Allentown, Elk County, State College, Carlisle, Erie, and Murrysville. All donations contributed from either walkers or sponsors of walkers for the EF-LAF walk at Convention will be added to the branch donations for 2002.

Twenty branches gave \$5 or more per capita to LAF during 2001. They are the Allentown, Butler, Carlisle, Doylestown, Eastern Delaware County, Easton, Elk County, Erie, Fayette County, Harrisburg, Huntingdon, Levittown-Lower Bucks, Lock Haven, Makefield Area, North Hills McKnight, Philadelphia, Inc., Pittsburgh, State College, West Chester, and York Branches.

Any one contributing \$100 or more to LAF in 2002 will receive the new 2002 LAF lapel pin as a symbol of their commitment to gender equity in higher education. Thank you all for your show of support for the brave LAF plaintiffs who speak out for justice to make colleges and universities more equitable for women. To read *LAF Update* online or to print it from your computer, send an e-mail message with your name, city, state, e-mail address, and AAUW branch (if you are a member) to [lafupdate@aauw.org](mailto:lafupdate@aauw.org) Learn how LAF is developing an empowerment training program for women faculty to help them navigate the higher education system and learn how LAF is recognizing colleges and universities with Progress in Equity Awards.

# AAUW-PA Membership Grant Winners

## **District 1: State College Branch**

Promoting the Legal Advocacy Fund is the priority of State College. This year they split their EF/LAF position – formerly one board position – into two separate board positions in an effort to give new and stronger focus to LAF.

They are sponsoring a Saturday LAF Brunch, featuring Association LAF board member Mary Beth O'Quinn, and a LAF recipient. The provision of funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination is a shared goal of various organizations, including the Centre County Bar Association and Women in Law Section of the local and state bar; the Women's Studies and Administration of Justice department, Pre-Law Society and other student groups at Penn State; the State College Women's Club, Business & Professional Women's Club, Commission for Women, and the Centre County Domestic & Sexual Violence Task Force. Members of these, and other clubs and groups in and around the area, as well as members of AAUW-PA branches will be invited to attend the brunch.

State College believes their support of LAF will attract potential members who were not aware of AAUW's role in legal redress and that the brunch will serve as an opportunity to re-energize current branch members.

## **District 2: Allentown Branch**

In their dedication to the community, Allentown seeks to broaden AAUW's influence and recognition with The Compass Points Approach – Reach Out in All Directions! Allentown has steered its 2001-2002-membership drive through dynamic programs and community alignment. By coordinating with other vital organizations, AAUW is gaining membership and becoming better known in the Lehigh Valley. They hope to recruit women who are younger and of different ethnic groups through this linking with other existing organizations, and through the promoting of newsworthy programs of topical interest to the general community.

### Examples:

1.Their November 13, 2001 branch meeting program, Hate Crimes - Why Here? Why Now? What's Next? featured Ann Van Dyke of the PA Human Relations Commission and Lt. Barry Staub of the PA State Police. The event took place at the Jewish Community Center with extensive publicity by both the branch's and the JCC's public relations people. The topic was timely and the lecture location linked them with a local organization extremely interested in this discussion.

2.They have an ongoing program of volunteerism at The Perfect Fit for Working Women. Collaborating with the Allentown YMCA/YWCA, Jewish Community Center, Junior League of the Lehigh Valley Inc., and Lehigh County, The Perfect Fit was a logical expansion of their own Clothes Closet. The goal is to empower women ready to enter or re-enter the work force and those looking to move up from entry-level jobs. Clients are referred; visits are by appointment in a boutique-type atmosphere. The facility offers professional attire as well as interview skills, resume writing, and life-skills training.

4.The Allentown Branch sponsored a Public Forum, "What Should Public Schools Be Teaching Our Children?" at the Lehigh County Government Building on April 16, 2002. The forum addressed whether schools are producing responsible graduates, able to obtain and keep jobs and productive citizens who contribute positively to the community. Citizens and members of many different ethnic and community groups were invited including Casa Guadalupe Center, Latin Alliance, and Allentown Human Relations Commission.

## **District 3: Fox Chapel Area**

Recruitment efforts of Fox Chapel Area are focused on newcomers to the area, women active in other community organizations, moms of preschoolers, and friends and neighbors of current members. Tools include: publicity, networking, and quickly making the prospective member feel welcome.

Publicity – All branch meetings are announced in the local paper; 3-month blocks of meetings are printed in each township's quarterly newsletter; announcements are placed in PTA/PTO newsletters. Their monthly newsletter is available at the local library and community center. The branch has added an e-mail address ([FCAAAUW@aol.com](mailto:FCAAAUW@aol.com)) for use in publicity.

Networking – Branch members meet with other community groups, such as Newcomer's Club, to speak about AAUW and pass out AAUW literature. Brochures and membership applications are also included with other community materials.

Visibility - The new (November 2001) AAUW-Fox Chapel Area Branch brochure is included in the information packets of several local realtors. They plan to attach their brochure to the parent permission forms for their spring preschool vision-screening program. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year they have screened youngsters at nine area preschools for Pittsburgh Vision Services.

All new members and prospective members were invited to join the board for lunch at a local restaurant after their October branch meeting. All have subsequently joined. This provides new members with a greater sense of belonging and feeling welcomed, and allows prospective members to get a better feel for the organization. Due to the success of the event, invitations have already been sent out for the spring lunch.

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Membership grants, continued from page 6

Retention efforts are focused on emphasizing "the benefits of membership" and making members feel valued. Fees for the December Holiday Luncheon and the May Membership Luncheon are discounted for members. Some local businesses have provided promotions to AAUW members (such as free fitness classes for a month to members). Association offers (life insurance, magazine subscriptions) are provided at branch meetings.

This year, new members are assigned a buddy who invites them to attend branch meetings and special interest groups with them. Also new this year, Member Recognition: 25+ years in the Dec/Jan newsletter, 20+ and 15+ year in the Feb newsletter, 10+ in the March newsletter, and 5+ in the April newsletter. They have begun to send birthday cards to each member, as well as get well, congratulations, etc.

District 4: Lebanon Valley

Lebanon's goals are to increase their membership by 10%, while retaining their current membership. The branch is implementing the following new activities: 1. Branch members who work at Harrisburg Area Community College and Lebanon Valley College will promote AAUW and recruit other staff members and student affiliates. 2. Offer lower dues at their March, April, and May meetings, perhaps have two people join at the same time at a reduced rate. 3. Develop a program of scholarships or grants for those who cannot afford to pay full dues. 4. Publicize meetings in ways a more diverse group of women and men might see; for example, younger people and those new to the area might view the free cable channel announcements.

District 5: Lansdale

Lansdale is a small town surrounded by numerous smaller communities and townships that thrive in diversity. The Lansdale Branch is instituting a new committee called "Community Booths" to create a transportable booth to take to community events to spread the word that AAUW exists in the community. They want to be present at every festival celebrating individual community days, ethnic festivals, holiday festivals, as well as have the opportunity to be represented within the numerous corporations in their area.

Their first step is to create booth and presentation materials about the Lansdale Branch in time for the International Festival in the spring. Their presence will provide a venue to reach out to women of various nationalities. This festival is attended by hundreds of families, representing numerous nationalities. The IF exhibits tables from around the world, provides food from around the world, music and dance exhibitions from numerous countries, and craft rooms for children to create crafts representing different cultures.

While this is only a first step in their process of growth, it will be a large and significant outreach.

Membership Report

for Feb.1, 2001 to Feb.1, 2002

by Cathy A. OeiMilette, Membership Vice President

9 Branches Increased in Membership

Small Branches - up to 50 members

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name and Percentage Increase. Rows include Bedford County (4.8%), Clearfield Area (11.1%), Pittsburgh (28.0%), and Punxsutawney (27.8%).

Medium Branches - 51-150 members

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name and Percentage Increase. Rows include Easton (9.6%), Lock Haven (14.3%), Makefield Area (15.2%), and Philadelphia (2.9%).

Large Branches - over 150 members

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name and Percentage Increase. Row includes Lansdale (10.2%).

2 Branches Maintained Their Membership

- Crafton-Southwest Hills Area
Oil City-Franklin

Membership Awards - April 20, 2002

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name and Award Amount. Rows include Punxsutawney Branch (\$25), Pittsburgh Branch (\$25), Makefield Area Branch (\$25), and Lansdale Branch (\$25).

Traveling Award - for greatest % growth

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name and Percentage Increase. Row includes Pittsburgh Branch (28.0%).



AAUW-PA Honorary Life Members

(7/1/2001 to present)

- Bethlehem: Catherine D. Barrett
Butler: Margaret Dumbaugh
Erie: Alice Bilinski
Erie: Janet Briggs
Makefield Area: Lillian Windham
NEMCO: Ruth A. Carter
Reading: Dr. Eleanor Kress
State College: Alice A. McFeatters
State College: Louise Y. Tukey
Valley Forge: Elaine Coate
Washington: Mary Lee G. Evans
West Chester: Hilda W. Fell

# Outstanding Women 2002

ALLENTOWN  
ANTHRACITE  
BEAVER VALLEY  
BUTLER  
CALIFORNIA  
CARLISLE  
CLARION  
CLEARFIELD AREA  
DOYLESTOWN  
EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY  
ERIE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
GREENSBURG AREA  
HARRISBURG  
HUNTINGDON  
JOHNSTOWN  
LEBANON VALLEY  
LEVITTOWN-LOWER BUCKS  
LOCK HAVEN  
MAKEFIELD AREA  
MURRYSVILLE AREA  
NEMCO  
NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT  
PHILADELPHIA  
  
PITTSBURGH  
POCONO AREA  
READING  
SOUTHAMPTON  
STATE COLLEGE  
WEST CHESTER  
VALLEY FORGE  
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LEE JOHNSON  
SUSAN RUMBAUGH  
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STEPHANIE DOBROSKI  
KATHY LEWIS HORWATT  
MICHELE LONG  
CAROL KURLAND  
CHRIS DUBOIS  
CAROLYN R. ANCKER  
JOAN KILLINGE  
LUCILLE LARKIN &  
JERALYN SUANDA  
GWENDOLYN ORMES  
JACKIE FLYNN  
SUSAN C. REMMEL  
SALLY WALKER  
ALEXANDRA BROVEY  
MARY A. SMITH  
LUNETTA HEADLEY  
DORIS COHEN &  
JUDITH A. MORREELS

# Planning Convention 2003

*By Dianne Taylor Gregg,  
AAUW-PA Incoming Program Vice-President*

The State Board starts the planning process for programs for the 2003 convention at its summer meeting in July.

I want the next convention to be one you'd hate to miss. But I am not a mind reader. I welcome your input.

People active in Branch programming often have good ideas that they cannot use, either because the subject would require more time than a Branch meeting allows, or because it would cost too much, or because they lack a qualified speaker in their area. Perhaps at the State level, we can overcome these barriers.

Are there particular subjects or subject areas of interest to you? Are there particular problems you'd like us to address? I am open to the entire range of topics, from national issues to mechanics of Branch operations.

If you have suggestions, please send them to me at 148 Rock Hill RD, Centre Hall, PA 16828, or email dtg4@psu.edu. Please have suggestions to me by July 5th. Please also include the name of your Branch so I can share your suggestions with the District Coordinators, who might use them to help plan Fall Focus.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

### DIVERSITY STATEMENT

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