

FYI October 2016

CHANGE: July Summer Retreat 2017 New Venue and New Date

There has been a venue and date change in the next July Summer Retreat that was published in the last Keystoner and elsewhere. We were not able to secure the date we wanted in Lewisburg so we are using a new venue this year, Genetti Hotel in downtown Williamsport. This venue is close to our usual venue and easily accessible from major highways. Save the *new date of July 22, 2017*.

AAUW National Convention 2017 Registration Open

Registration for the national AAUW convention being held June 14-17 in Washington DC is now open and can be accessed online at <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>. Registration includes all meeting sessions plus the following meals: Wednesday June 14 opening dinner and Friday June 16 lunch. The registration fee pricing for members and students is listed below. For nonmembers and guest registration pricing please visit the national website <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>.

Best Value Pricing October 1, 2016 to January 14, 2017	\$549 for members, \$319 for students*
Early Bird Pricing January 15 to March 31, 2017	\$575 for members, \$335 for students*
Regular Pricing April 1 through June 14, 2017	\$625 for members, \$350 for students*
Daily Pricing October 1, 2016 to June 14, 2017	\$300 for members, \$125 for students*

*Rate listed is for both member and non-member students. If a non-member student registers, they will be able to become a member through the registration process. One full year of student affiliation with the 2017 convention discount costs only \$8.50.

Convention Banquet on Friday June 16 is a separate fee of \$125 if paid between October 1 through June 14.

AAUW National Election Page <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Here you'll find all the information you need to comment on or propose bylaws amendments, Public Policy Program changes, and resolutions. **Comment period ends December 5, 2016**. Candidate information will be posted in January.

AAUW New CEO Search Underway

AAUW is currently engaged in a search for a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Recently there have been some staff changes in the national organization. In August AAUW's CEO Linda Hallman retired, and in September, AAUW's Chief Operating Officer Jill Birdwhistell resigned. Currently Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategic Officer at AAUW, is serving as interim CEO.

A search committee to engage a new CEO has been appointed by the national Board of Directors which includes Co-Chairs Peggy Williams and Krys Wulff (both former national board members), current national board members Dot McLane, Joanna Amberger, Glenda Price, and Pamella Thiel, former board member Betsy McDowell, and board chair Patricia Fae Ho (ex-officio). The search committee has identified and hired an experienced search firm, DRi Consulting, to aid in the process. The goal is to hire a new CEO by Spring 2017.

AAUW Funds Contribution Deadline December 31

The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the deadline for the 2016 recognition year for your contributions to AAUW funds. The deadline for contributions is December 31, 2016.

AAUW branches are very generous in their support of AAUW Funds. Many of our branches select big name restricted funds to support funds such as American Fellowships, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, etc. and these funds are well endowed.

But what about some of our newer, exciting programming such as Elect Her, Member Leader Programs, Two-Minute Activist, Start Smart/Work Smart, Tech Trek/Tech Savvy, and more? These programs do not have designated funds and rely on contributions to the General Fund #9110 for support. If your branch feels these programs are important and deserve your support, then please consider sending your year-end contribution to General Fund #9110. Please consider giving to unrestricted funds to support current exciting AAUW programming and for future new ideas. Gifts may also be made to unrestricted funds as an individual via the General Fund #9110 or the Charting the Course (CtC) major donor campaign.

For every \$500 donated to AAUW Funds, your branch is entitled to name one Named Gift Honoree, which should be submitted to me by February 1, 2017.

AAUW-PA Call for Nominations

AAUW-PA is seeking nominations for the following offices to fill 2017-2019 terms on the State Board.
Finance Officer: Responsible for planning, directing, and documenting the financial matters of the state and preparing a proposed annual budget for approval at the summer board meeting.

Membership Vice President: Responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing, and reporting membership activities and supporting branches and their efforts to maintain and grow membership.

Secretary: Responsible for keeping the official records of the state, including all meetings of the state, the board of directors, and the executive committee.

The state board currently meets four times annually: in July, October, January and at the State Convention or Annual Meeting. Board expenses for attendance at meetings are paid by AAUW-PA. If you are interested in serving on the state board in either of these capacities, please complete the Candidate Application which will be posted on the AAUW-PA website shortly and return it, along with a photo to Brigid Heydt at (email preferred) aauwpaaauweast@gmail.com or 450 Maple Street, Jenkintown, PA 19046. To recommend a candidate, get a copy of the form or obtain more information contact Brigid by e-mail.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Branch Donation Option

For several years AAUW-PA has been awarding grants to Pennsylvania college students to attend the AAUW NCCWSL conference held each year in June. The state has set up an application/selection process to select these recipients. Many branches also give their own grants to local college students to attend NCCWSL using their own system of application/selection, but other branches, although interested in supporting a student, do not have the resources to create their own application/selection process.

These latter branches often will send funds to national to support NCCWSL but in this case they are not able to stipulate that the funds be used to support a Pennsylvania student.

So if you are a branch that wants to support a Pennsylvania student's attendance to NCCWSL but don't want to create your own application/selection process, you can send your funds to AAUW-PA in increments of \$500 and the state will use these funds to support a Pennsylvania student through our process. Donations can be from a single branch or combined branches but must be in increments of \$500. If you choose this option, your branch will not get credit as a branch from national for a donation to NCCWSL as the funds will go from the state to the student directly and not through national AAUW. The successful applicant will be informed that her support is coming from the branch(es) that supplied the funds. The state will be able to guarantee the recipient will be a Pennsylvania college student, but we cannot guarantee she will be from a specific school or geographically a school local to the branch(es) who made the donation.

Any branch(es) interested in this option please contact the state C/U Liaison Holle Canatella aauwpacu@gmail.com to make arrangements for donation of the funds. Funds need to be received by the state no later than March 10, 2017.

AAUW-PA Public Policy Impact Grants 2016-2017

We are pleased to announce that AAUW-PA has awarded mini impact grants to the Beaver Valley, Indiana, and Lock Haven branches. Beaver Valley used their grant to distribute the AAUW 2016 Voter Guides for candidates for U.S. President, Vice President and PA U.S. Senate Election, and PA Online Voter Registration information and at their 15th Annual AAUW Kitchen Tour. Indiana hosted Susan Spicka of Education Voters PA to talk about education funding in Pennsylvania. Lock Haven is sponsoring a reading of The Vagina Monologues. Congratulations to these three branches on their unique public policy efforts.

AAUW-PA Endorses Fair Districts PA

AAUW-PA has become an endorsing member organization of Fair Districts PA. This coalition of organizations including the League of Women Voters and Common Cause PA supports legislation to amend the PA constitution to provide for an impartial citizens' commission to redistrict the state. This legislation is coupled with pending legislation to reduce the number of representative districts from 203 to 151 (the senate districts would remain at 50).

Countdown to November 8

Did you see the state public policy co-chairs' daily Facebook posts in the series Countdown to November 8? They cover one voter education issue each day. Like AAUW-PA on Facebook so you don't miss updates on state happenings.

SAVE the DATE for AAUW-PA Convention April 21-23, 2017

The theme of the convention is Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength and is being held at the York Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York. Complete details will be in the February *Keystoner* and on the state website <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meetings/conventions/> by late January.

Branch Award Recipient Submissions due February 15, 2017

Individuals and groups will be recognized at the AAUW-PA Convention (April 21-23, 2017), 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 awardees), please send a photo of their activity and/or an organization logo.

NOMINATIONS go to the individual(s) reviewing the submissions in the categories below;

PHOTOS go to Pat Byerly, aauwpaad@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 information is available at <http://aauw-pa.net/awards/state/gateway-to-equity/>. Send nomination to Ann Pehle, aauwppapp1@gmail.com or Barbara PRice, aauwppapp2@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 Linda Tozier, aauwpawest@gmail.com.

MEMBER MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD (former 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 Cathy Wieland, aauwmembership@gmail.com.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Branches are asked to submit a paragraph of their top one or two (no more) highlights of the past year to Cathy Wieland, aauwmembership@gmail.com.

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

Branch Basket Raffle to Raise Funds for LAF

We hope to have a basket raffle at the April convention, to raise funds for AAUW National's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Branch participation is entirely optional. Baskets may be filled with items unique to the area of the state where the branch is located, or may be created around a theme, such as a kitchen basket. We ask that the value be in the \$30-50 range. The baskets will be sold through a silent auction. If your branch is interested in contributing a basket, please notify Sandy Homel, AAUW-PA PVP, aauwpapvp@gmail.com or Barbara Zaborowski, AAUW-PA Conference Coordinator, aauwpaconfcoord@gmail.com by March 1.

Call for AAUW-PA Bylaw Change Proposals

The Board is asking the membership to review the current state bylaws on the AAUW-PA web site <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2012/02/AAUW-PA-Bylaws-6-3-14.pdf> and submit any suggestions for change to Susan Nensteil, Bylaws Chair by **December 15, 2016**. All proposed changes will be reviewed by the AAUW Governance Committee for approval before being voted on by the membership at the PA State Convention in April.

Call for Resolutions at State Convention

Any branch or member who wishes to propose a resolution for the state membership to consider at the April 22, 2017 Business Meeting of the State (during the State Convention April 21-21, 2017) should send the written resolution to [Dot McLane](#), President AAUW-PA, by **December 15, 2016** for consideration by the Governance Committee. A call for resolutions during the business meeting will also be considered.