

January 2017 AAUW-PA FYI

AAUW-PA State Convention News:

Join us at the Annual State Meeting April 21-23, 2017

Join us for our 2017 AAUW-PA State Convention and 88th Annual Meeting this April in York. Our theme, Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength, promises to bring out your best ideas to share.

The Convention will offer a variety of activities and opportunities that include: Plenary sessions, annual business meeting, workshops, interaction with our college student affiliates, District meetings, Awards, and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) speaker with basket raffle fundraiser.

Our theme will be examined and explored through many different topics including: "Implicit Bias, Prejudice, Stereotypes", a presentation about the PA Commission for Women, Women in STEM: A Look Through the Gender Studies Lens", Civil Rights, gender issues, policy implications, how to influence legislation, diversity, a Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) speaker, and an update on AAUW National. There will also be opportunity for Branch networking.

Our plenary speakers include, Dr, Susan Boland, Professor of Psychology at Lock Haven University with "Implicit Bias: Prejudice and Stereotypes,"; Dr. Mary A. Armstrong, Professor, Women's & Gender Studies and English; Women's & Gender Studies Program Chair, Lafayette College and Easton Branch member with "Women in STEM: A Look through the Gender Studies Lens"; and Jennifer Parker, PhD. Associate Professor of Sociology, Penn State Lehigh Valley with "Approaches to Addressing Diversity"; Randi Blackman Teplitz, Chair of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women and Professor in the Legal Studies Division at Central Penn College and adjunct at Widener University; LAF speaker Kristen Galles, a Civil Rights attorney, Marianne Bellesorte, Vice President of Advocacy at PathWays PA, an organization that provides residential and community-based services for women, children and families in the greater Philadelphia area; and Elizabeth Holden, AAUW National Grassroots Advocacy Manager.

As always, we will have our Business Meeting, awards, networking, food, and fun. Meeting information, Registration and Hotel Reservation Information will be available shortly on the state website and in the February *Keystoner*.

LAF Basket Fundraiser Again This Year

We had a great time and raised a lot of funds for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) last year so we are repeating the basket raffle this year. 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 Barbara Zaborowski, AAUW-PA Conference Coordinator, aauwpaconfcoord@gmail.com by **March 31**.

Branch Tables at Convention

If your branch would like to have table space at the Convention for displaying branch accomplishments or similar, please contact Barbara Zaborowski at aauwpaconfcoord@gmail.com by **April 18**. Branch sales of items is not being offered.

Candidates for State Elections

Candidates for State elections this year are Mary Jo Buckwalter for Finance Officer and Linkey Green for Membership Vice President. We currently are seeking a candidate for Secretary, if you or anyone you know is interested please contact Dot McLane (see below). Even though the candidates are running unopposed, it is important to receive the endorsement of our members.

Finance Officer—MARY JO BUCKWALTER

Mary Jo has been an active member of the Doylestown Branch since 2012, and has also attended AAUW regional, state, and national meetings or conventions. She has been the Finance Officer of the Doylestown Branch since 2013.

Membership Vice President—LINKEY GREEN

A member of the Carlisle Branch since 2011, Linkey has served as Program Co-Vice President and President. She works on the Public Policy Committee and helped create a Student Organization at Dickinson College. Linkey holds a B. S. in Chemistry from the University of Mary Washington and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin. Most of her working life has been spent in elementary education either in the classroom or as a librarian. She feels strongly that every AAUW member is on the Membership Committee. In addition to AAUW, Linkey enjoys volunteering with her dog as a Pet Therapy team for Celtic Hospice.

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.

State Officer Elections Voting Procedures

For members NOT attending the Annual State Meeting at Convention, online voting is now open for state Finance Officer and MVP. **Online voting** is available by visiting the election page <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWelection2017> or from information provided in the February Keystoner. **Online votes must be cast by midnight on April 14.**

While electronic voting is encouraged, there may be some branch members who require a paper ballot. **If you need paper ballots** for your branch, email Pat Byerly at aauwpaad@gmail.com and let her know if you can print them for that member or if you need the paper ballots mailed to you. The **deadline for requesting paper ballots is February 21**. Paper ballots **must be received by the Elections and Nominations Chair Brigid Heydt no later than April 14** OR if one of your branch members is coming to the Annual State Meeting, they can **bring paper ballot votes with them** if they first notify Brigid Heydt aauwpaeast@gmail.com doing so prior to April 14.

For members who plan to attend the Annual State Meeting, they should **NOT vote online or via paper ballot**, they will **vote via voice vote** during the Business Meeting.

State Awards – Last Call

The deadline for sending in Branch Outstanding Woman Awards, Member Making a Difference Award, Gateway to Equity Award Nomination, and Branch Highlights is **February 15**. The forms for Outstanding Woman and Member Making a Difference awards are attached to this FYI or can be downloaded from

the state website <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/awards/>. Information on the Gateway to Equity Award nomination and Branch Highlights submissions are on the state website.

AAUW Funds Named Gift Honorees

Please be sure to forward the names of branch members to state AAUW Funds Chair Rosemary Baker aauwpaAAUWfunds@gmail.com who have been honored as Named Gift Honorees from your branch for contributions of \$500 or more to the national AAUW Funds. **The names of these individuals will be published in the Annual Meeting Yearbook and if attending the Annual Meeting will be recognized with a nametag ribbon indicating they are a Named Gift Honoree and announced during the AAUW Funds awards.** This year again the state **will not** be providing certificates for the Named Gift Honorees. If you would like to request a certificate be prepared by the state for presenting to your branch Named Gift Honorees at one of your branch meetings, please contact the state Administrative Director Pat Byerly aauwpaad@gmail.com and she will be happy to prepare and mail your certificate to you.

Special Honorees at Convention

If your branch wishes to nominate a member for Special Honoree recognition in the Convention Yearbook, contact Dot McLane, President aauwpapresident@gmail.com, with the member's name and description of the reason for the Special Honor.

Other State News:

Grants to Attend NCCWSL

If you know college students who would like to hone their leadership skills and meet like-minded women and men, please tell them that AAUW-PA has FIVE grants for women and men studying in PA colleges and universities or from PA studying out of state to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

NCCWSL will be held May 31-June 3, 2017, at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Applications can be downloaded from the website (<http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/colleges-universities/>) and are **due February 14** to Dot McLane whose contact info is on the application.

State grants cover the early registration fee, which includes tuition, lodging for two nights, and most meals. Attendees pay for their own transportation to and from College Park and may choose to pay to attend pre-conference activities. If you have questions, please contact Holle Canatella at aauwpacu@gmail.com. Help us get the word out!

AAUW-PA Equal Pay Day Lobby Day and BPW Rally in Harrisburg – Save the Date of April 4, 2017

Join AAUW members from across the state and our friends from BPW-PA (Business and Professional Women Pennsylvania) in the capitol rotunda on Equal Pay Day, April 4 for a rally from 10:30 to 11:30. Then move to the Irvis Office Building for lunch (our treat) to begin the AAUW Lobby Day activities. We begin with a briefing over lunch for visits to your legislators. We will review material in the packets for you to give to your legislators and discuss talking points on pay equity and how to respond if they have questions or objections. Then it is off to visit with your representatives and senators to thank them for

co-sponsoring the pay equity legislation or to encourage them to do so. After your visits, please stop back to the Irvis meeting room to report on your visits before heading home.

Detailed information will be sent to branch presidents and public policy chairs in March. Need support to get to Harrisburg? Consider applying for a mini public policy grant. Application is available at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/policy/impact-grant>. In the meantime keep up to date by following AAUW-PA on Facebook as we do our Countdown to Equal Pay Day– 80 Days of Inequality: Examples of how Women are STILL treated unequally. Make your voice heard! Join us in Harrisburg to help move this important legislation forward.

July Summer Retreat 2017 (Remember: New Venue and New Date) Saturday July 22, 2017 at Genetti Hotel, Williamsport

The July Summer Retreat 2017 date and venue had to be changed after being published in the 2016 Convention Yearbook. The new date is July 22, 2017 and the new venue is, [Genetti Hotel in downtown Williamsport](#). In 2018 we will go back to the usual venue in Lewisburg.

Call for Branch Input for July Summer Retreat 2017

The Summer Retreat topic this year will be on sharing programming and membership recruitment ideas. Many branches have wonderful programs and methods for getting new members so we want to pick your brains and share your ideas with everyone else in the state. A fillable input form is attached to this FYI and will also be available on the state website soon. Please be thinking about what you have found to be successful in your branch. We are particularly interested in programming ideas to share with small branches or more rural branches that may have a more difficult time planning and implementing a program. Thank you in advance.

Branch Websites and Facebook Pages

If your branch has a website and/or a Facebook page, can you please send the link for them to Pat Byerly aauwpaad@gmail.com so we can share them on the AAUW-PA state website?

Help Wanted – State Website Manager and Social Media Manager

We recognize that visibility is an important part of a branch getting their name out in the community. We currently do not have anyone in the state that serves as a state-wide manager/advisor for branches that may need help with their websites, their Facebook accounts, Twitter accounts, or other social media. We are looking for someone to serve in an off-board position that would potentially be able to actually administer websites and social meeting for branches who do not have a branch member to do so as well as serve as an advisor for those branches needing help setting up their websites and/or social media but not continuous administration. These can be roles performed by two different people or the same person. If you are interested in one of these positions or know of someone who we can pursue for these roles, please let Dot McLane know aauwpapresident@gmail.com. At this time we are looking for a volunteer, but we may be able to designate some funds for this work depending on the expertise of the individual and the need in the state.

2017 OUTSTANDING WOMAN SUBMISSION FORM

Outstanding Woman is awarded to a member of a branch for meritorious service to the branch and to the community.

The Outstanding Women will be honored at the 2017 Convention in York. All honorees will be acknowledged. Include a **one sentence summary** of why your branch's honoree was chosen. (We reserve the right to edit.) All Outstanding Women's names, pictures, and summaries will be published in the state's yearbook and distributed at the State Convention.

If you do not have a digital photo, hard copy photos should be sent with this application. Digital pictures are preferred and can be emailed to Pat Byerly, Administrative Director (aauwpaad@gmail.com).

For quality reproduction, use at least 300 dpi in a jpeg format.

Submissions must be emailed by February 15, 2017 to:

Linda Tozier, Outstanding Woman Chair at aauwpawest@gmail.com or mailed to:
31 Oxford Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-4501

(Please type or print)

The _____ Branch has selected:
_____ as its 2017 Outstanding Woman.

She was chosen because (no more than 50 words)

- We have enclosed a photograph of our candidate with this form for publication in the booklet.
- We will email a digital photograph of our candidate to Pat Byerly, aauwpaad@gmail.com
- We will not submit a photograph of our candidate.

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Submitted by: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

2017 MEMBER MAKING A DIFFERENCE SUBMISSION FORM

The Member Making a Difference Award is given to a branch member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. The branch selects this recipient because she (or he) exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. She may be new to the branch or may be an unsung hero. She need not be a branch officer or committee chair.

Please describe below in **one sentence** how this person made a big difference to your branch.

If you do not have a digital photo, hard copy photos should be sent with this application. Digital photos should be emailed directly to Pat Byerly, Administrative Director (aauwpaad@gmail.com).

For best reproduction use at least 300 dpi in a jpeg format.

Submissions must be emailed by February 15, 2017 to:

Cathy Wieland, at aauwpamembership@gmail.com or mailed to:
161 Juniper Street, Palmyra, PA 17078-1816

Member Making a Difference Award 2017

Branch _____

Person submitting award _____, (branch office)

_____,

(contact information) _____

Recipient _____

How recipient made a difference to branch:

2017 July Summer Retreat Branch/Individual Input Form

For the 2017 July Summer Retreat being held on July 22, 2017 at the Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, we are focusing on programming and membership strategies to help build our branches in their communities. As part of that process, we are soliciting your experience, thoughts, ideas, and so forth on successful ideas, strategies, etc. that you and/or your branch have utilized to build your branch. All input is welcome. We are particularly interested in any ideas for programming to share with small branches or more rural branches that may have a more difficult time planning and implementing a program due to less available resources, smaller committees, etc.

Directions: Download this document from the state website, fill in the information requested, then email or USPS mail to Dot McLane, President AAUW-PA, dotmclane@comcast.net, 103 Green Spring Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446 **by June 1, 2017**. Thank you.

Member Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Branch Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Area of Input: Programming Membership

Other Click or tap here to enter text.

Idea/Strategy/Thought: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact information for further discussion:

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

and/or

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.