



The annual Yearbook is usually printed for distribution at State Convention. In 2018, AAUW Pennsylvania transitioned to an every-other-year calendar, so did not hold a convention in April 2019. Still wanting to publish a Yearbook, we created this electronic version. The 2019 AAUW Pennsylvania Yearbook focuses on recognizing the achievements of members, branches, and community organizations.

Here you will find recipients of AAUW Pennsylvania member awards—Member Making a Difference and Outstanding Woman—and this year’s Special Honoree. As I read each entry, I was delighted by the dedication of time and talents of each recipient to their Branch. Congratulations to all recipients and a sincere, heart-felt thank you for all you do to make AAUW successful.

AAUW Funds Awards—Top 10 Total Branch Giving and Top 10 Total Per Capita Giving—illustrate the generosity of treasure to AAUW made by individuals and branches. Thank you for supporting AAUW so they, in turn, provide the programs and materials we rely on for statewide and local initiatives. Those honored as a Named Gift Honoree are deserving of this recognition for contributing to the success of your Branch.

Congratulations to the nine Branches that increased membership and four that maintained. Creating an organization that is valued by members and attractive to new requires consistent attention and intention.

Finally, the Gateway to Equity Award recipients are amazing individuals or organizations that share the same focus: to improve the lives of women and girls in your community. Thank you for recognizing their work with this award.

The 2019 Yearbook is a celebration of AAUW in Pennsylvania. Thank you for contributing to our success!

Ann Pehle
President AAUW Pennsylvania

2018 Membership Accomplishments

Increased Membership

Washington	21.05%
West Chester/ Chester County	19.4%
Lebanon Valley	12.5%
N. Hills Pittsburgh	11.43%
Carlisle	7.32%
Lock Haven	6.67%
California	4.35%
Johnstown	3.85%
Beaver Valley	2.08%

Maintained Membership

Bethlehem
Indiana County
Makefield Area
Pocono Area



Carol Heintzelman AAUW-PA Special Honoree

York Branch is pleased to nominate Carol Heintzelman as a 2019 AAUW-PA Special Honoree.

Carol Heintzelman joined AAUW 49 years ago when she was living and working for the Department of Public Welfare in Winchester, Virginia. She moved to Martinsburg, West Virginia in 1971 and continued her membership in AAUW while she was a professor at Shepherd College.

Carol relocated to Lancaster County in 1976 to take a position at Millersville State College which later became Millersville University. She immediately joined the Lancaster Branch. During this time, Carol was active at the State and National levels. She served from 1984–1988 as the College and University Relations Chair at the State level and then went on to serve at the National level as a member of the College and University Relations Board, a subcommittee of AAUW's national Membership Committee (1988-1992). Carol returned to the State Board in the 1990s as the Central Division Chair.

Carol led the Lancaster Branch as President in the 1980's and was a mentor and leader until the Lancaster Branch disbanded in 2010. She returned to the State Board in 2011 and served as Central District Coordinator until 2014.

Carol joined the York Branch in 2012. She was the Public Policy Chair from 2014-2016 and in 2016 became York Branch Co-President. Carol is now on her third year as York Branch President.

Some people feel that it is time to take a break after 49 years of service, but not Carol. As her term as York President ends, she has agreed to remain on the Board as Public Policy Chair. Carol's long years of service to AAUW are an inspiration to us all.

AAUW-PA Members Making a Difference

Allentown

Jeanne Ring

Jeanne has served as Program Vice President for three years. During her term, she has planned mission-based programs and worked with the Bethlehem Branch on several programs including the post-election program entitled "What Now."

Beaver Valley

Jeanne Cook

Jeanne was named by all nominators for her work as editor of the Branch Monthly Mailing and her contribution as assistant Kitchen Trail Chair in 2018 and leadership as 2019 Kitchen Trail Chair.

Bethlehem

Catherine Kotanchik

Catherine steered the Branch for three years as President during the reorganization of the Branch, serves on the current executive team, and has attended all State and National conventions during her tenure to guide the Branch into alignment with AAUW's goals and mission.

Carlisle

Vicki Carl

As the Community Activities Chair, Vicki has organized a variety of well-attended Branch activities. These outings have included visits to museums and restaurants, participation in a trivia night event and a cooking class as well as day trips to points of interest. Branch members appreciate her responsiveness to suggestions and have greatly enjoyed these opportunities to socialize while visiting new venues.

AAUW-PA Members Making a Difference

Doylestown

Betsy Smith

Since her move from St. Louis, Betsy has been a member of the Doylestown Branch for fifteen years, serving for many years as a board member and newsletter editor. In addition, Betsy has been instrumental in developing the Branch website. As Communications Officer, Betsy has done an outstanding job keeping members well informed.

Easton

Nancy Kinzli

In her second year as a member of AAUW, Nancy stepped forward to assume the duties and responsibilities of Co-President for the Branch. Until this time, she was new to the policies and procedures of AAUW. She accepted this role because she believed in the mission of AAUW and wanted Easton Branch to continue. She has worked very hard to learn and fulfill the expectations of a Co-President.

Erie

Yahmoorah Shakoor-Hooker

Yahmoorah is an emerging young leader in Erie. She has developed educational programs and events to address the joys and challenges of the African American community as well as being a “bridge” to facilitate relationships with AAUW and various community groups.

Fox Chapel Area

Janis Davidson

For well over a decade, Janis’ efforts as head of the Arts and Entertainment interest group have provided members with ongoing education and enjoyment via local programs promoting art and culture, as well as an atmosphere conducive to deepening fellowship and friendships—a priceless benefit to members.

Harrisburg

Christine Zuzack

While Christine served as a Harrisburg Branch Co-President and Co-Secretary, she stepped up to resolve issues within the Scholarship Committee and provided the leadership to ensure that outstanding candidates were

selected and awarded the scholarships within the Branch for the 2018 Year.

Huntingdon

Trisha Staab

Trisha took Huntingdon Branch's dream of having an updated and updatable website and made it a reality.

Johnstown

Eloise Romano

Eloise is a dedicated and hard-working member of the Fundraising Committee, generating ideas and seeking donations from businesses and individuals. She also tirelessly helps with every aspect of the Book Sale by spending countless hours collecting and sorting books and working at the set-up and sale.

Lansdale

Evelyn Kelly

There is no more involved member than Evelyn who currently serves as Co-Secretary and does hands-on work for the Branch STEM program, Read-Write-Read Auction, Trivia Night and more. This year she was influential in organizing a new Stitchery Interest Group, a fun group that also contributes hand crafted items to local charitable organizations.

Lock Haven

Kate Fiegel

Kate’s diligent work as Recording Secretary is exemplified as she volunteered to step into the position when no one else would. Kate previously served as Co-Vice President of Programming, designing programs that support AAUW’s mission, like a panel of Women in STEM.



AAUW-PA Members Making a Difference

Makefield Area

Kathy Shaginaw

Kathy shows tireless dedication to AAUW. In addition to PAGES (Philadelphia Area Girls Enjoying Science), a program that Kathy developed and runs, in which sixth grade girls participate in mini conferences twice a year, Kathy is on the board of Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Initiative, serves on the BCCC Scholarship Committee and on the Makefield Area Branch Board.

North Hills Pittsburgh Betty Kroniser

After serving as Program Vice President and then Co-President, Betty has volunteered to stay on the Branch Board for a two-year term as Finance Officer.

Northeastern Montgomery County (NEMCO) Carol Saunders

A life member since 1976, Carol has served as Co-President twice and organized many fundraisers for scholarships for young women. Over the years she has participated in Great Decisions, Women's Gourmet, Let's Read Math, and Lunch Bunch. Carol will be moving to Texas to be near her daughter and needs to know that her service to NEMCO has made a difference.

Reading

Mary Jane Garbo

Mary Jane accepted serving as Treasurer willingly and efficiently after the passing of our previous Treasurer. And as a new member to AAUW and the community, she is helping promote LUNAFEST this year with taking on multiple avenues to distribute publicity.

State College

V. Star Campbell

Star's sunny disposition is a real plus at the Branch book workshop, where she greets donors and culls and prices books. She also has recruited teens enrolled in Centre County Youth Service Bureau programs to help out at the workshop, and helps lead book sale publicity efforts.



Valley Forge

Deborah T. Snyder

Deborah keeps branch members informed. She updates all on the latest issues at our Branch meetings and in our newsletter.

West Chester-Chester County

Sandy Alexander

Sandy has been an outstanding Handbook Editor and Webmaster. Recently, she assumed the leadership of the Bridge Group and also has encouraged new members to join her in arranging trips for the Travel Interest Group. Sandy participates in many Branch activities in addition to her work as an adjunct professor of German and a clarinetist in a local orchestra.

York

Marion Bowman

Marion is someone the Branch can count on to help when and where she is needed. In 2017, the Branch needed a Co-President, and Marion agreed to serve a one-year term. Marion helped organize a dessert for newer members in October and served on the 2019 Nominating Committee. Furthermore, Marion has been working tirelessly to find chefs for the Spring Market Faire.

AAUW Funds Awards

Fiscal Year 2018

Top 10 Branches Total Giving

York	\$11,919.88
State College	\$9,626.31
Allentown	\$9,607
Lansdale	\$6,447
Bethlehem	\$5,661
Carlisle	\$4,645
Lock Haven	\$2,362
Fox Chapel Area	\$1,980
Lower Bucks	\$1,170
Beaver Valley	\$1,086

Top 10 Branches Per Capita Giving

Allentown	\$135.31
York	\$124.17
Lock Haven	\$73.81
State College	\$64.61
Pittsburgh	\$60.19
Lansdale	\$58.08
Bethlehem	\$56.05
Lower Bucks	\$55.71
Carlisle	\$52.78
Eastern Delaware County	\$26.15

(Branch total divided by number of Feb. 1 members)



Top Giving by Fund

FUND	BRANCH	AMOUNT
AAUW Funds/Greatest Needs Fund #9110	York	\$10,235
Educational Opportunities #4336	Lock Haven	\$500
Leadership Programs #4339	York	\$55
Eleanor Roosevelt #9170	State College	\$4,035
Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Support #3999	State College	\$4,020
Public Policy #4337	Fox Chapel Area	\$540

[Note: NEW FUNDS: 4450 (Education/Training), 4449 (Economic Security), 4452 (Leadership)—Not recorded this year]

Allentown Kathy Osmond

Kathy is a new member of our branch who stepped up to the plate to be Branch newsletter editor. Her design and editorial skills have produced an attractive piece filled with information about AAUW and the issues Allentown Branch is addressing.

Beaver Valley Lea Kretchmar

Lea was nominated six times for her innovative ideas: the new KT logo and ticket design, photographing Branch events (including many interest group activities) over recent years and posting them on Facebook and the Branch website. She is currently photographing each member for a photo membership directory. "She always goes above and beyond."

Bethlehem Mary Dawson

Mary served as Program VP during discussions of a possible merger, interacting with other branches for unity in our mission; she accepted the office of Co-Membership VP for 2019-2021; is active with the Bach Choir as a vocalist for 38 years and 5 years as the archivist; and volunteers at Southern Lehigh Public Library.

Bradford Dr. Anita Herbert

Anita is a loyal member of the Bradford Branch, attending most meetings. She has been on the Board and kept track of Legislative news, letting members know of AAUW priorities. More than that, she has been a dedicated physician taking good care of our population as County Medical Officer.

Carlisle Kate Elkins

As Public Policy Co-Chair, Kate was the project lead on many Branch initiatives: Black Women's Equal Pay Day event, candidate forums (one of which was televised), local government representative visitations, a local television appearance, and a Women's Rally in downtown Carlisle. During the course of these events Kate has developed new community partners for the Branch and been an outstanding promoter of AAUW's mission.

Doylestown Betsy Smith

Betsy has been a member of the Doylestown Branch for 15 years, serving for many years as board member and newsletter publisher since her move from St. Louis. In addition, Betsy has been instrumental in developing the Doylestown Branch website. As Communications Officer, Betsy has done an outstanding job in keeping Branch members well informed!

Erie Barbara Hutzelman

Barbara has provided a foundation of expertise about and for the AAUW Erie Branch for many years. Her attention to detail is unsurpassed and she has utilized that skill in planning numerous fundraisers and in serving as Branch Treasurer.



Fox Chapel Area Joan Barnhart

Joan was chosen because of her unending generosity to so many. She has been Chair/Co-Chair of community services for many years. Whether collecting clothes for women returning to the work place, acquiring articles for teenagers in transition or fulfilling wish lists for children who are in shelters, Joan has been outstanding in her resolve to help others.

Harrisburg Pat Shepherd

Pat has served as Branch Dues Treasurer and Yearbook Editor, and as a member of our Board of Directors since 2016. In that capacity, she has made many excellent suggestions to improve our processes and policies.

Johnstown Josephine (“Jo”) Romani

Jo has been an active member since 1994, at various times serving as President, Historian, Book Sale Co-Chair, Hospitality Chair and Second Tuesday Book Sale Chair. She has twice received the Educational Foundation Named Gift Award and has proved to be a friend and asset to all Johnstown members.

Lansdale Lee Wolfe

Lee has been a vital member of the Lansdale Branch since 2002 having served as Co-President, Program VP, Co-VP and Co-Chair of our STEM program, Discover Your Future, for 8 years. She is currently serving as Branch Program VP and on the AAUW-PA State Board. We sincerely admire and appreciate her continuing contributions.

Lock Haven Kim Emery

As Book Sale Chair Kim has worked very hard to increase links between the Branch, community, and Lock Haven University. Under Kim’s guidance, the Branch recently took part in LHU’s MLK Day of Service by holding a special price and sort. Over 20 volunteers participated, including Branch members, LHU faculty and staff, LHU students, and community members.

Makefield Area Shyla Jagannatha

Shyla is presented this award for her great handling of GRR (Girls Recognition Reception) last year. GRR recognizes and honors seventh grade girls in four surrounding districts who excel in math and science. Shyla is also celebrated for the energy and thought she has put into making GRR 2019 fresh and interactive for the girls.

Murrysville Area Sara T. Haleen

As a dedicated member for over 40 years, Sally has been an active member serving as chair or member of numerous committees. She has recently served as Secretary, Membership Chair and President as well as being Co-Chair for the Branch’s 2018 Book Sale.

North Hills Pittsburgh Deborah Rosenfelder

Debbie, Branch President, demonstrated vision and leadership while creating and executing a successful Branch fundraiser showcasing local women authors.

2019 AAUW-PA OUTSTANDING WOMEN

Northeastern Montgomery County

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gensamer

Not only is Betsy a welcoming and inclusive person, but under her competent presidential leadership during the past seven years NEMCO has flourished as evidenced by consistently strong membership numbers, greater organization, enriched programming and renewed enthusiasm/participation among members to further the goals of AAUW-PA.

Reading

Virginia Shulze-Johnson

Virginia has served as past Branch Secretary, current Program Vice President, and is currently very active in pursuing increasing duties for the Reading Branch Book Bonanza in the future.

State College

Susan W. (Sue) Johnston

Soon after moving to State College Sue offered to act as Branch *Fair Districts PA* contact and subsequently planned an excellent Branch program on Gerrymandering. She is a member of the Education Committee and serves on the AAUW-PA Board as the Central District Coordinator.

Valley Forge

Erlis Wickersham

Erlis, as Program Vice President, has provided the Valley Forge Branch with outstanding programs and refreshments every month.

West Chester-Chester County

Peggy Staarman

Peggy has served as President for the last two years, having previously served as 1st and 2nd VP. She has presided over a growing membership and has continued to foster partnerships with community organizations such as the Laundromat Library League, West Chester Food Pantry, WCU's Resource Pantry, Start Smart Forum and the Girl Scouts. Well-informed, incredibly organized, and always thoughtful, Peggy helps in all Branch activities. By supporting local women in their quests for political office and actively promoting sensible gun legislation, Peggy has inspired members to emulate her activism in community affairs.

York

Carol Anderson

Carol served as Public Policy Chair from 2007 until 2016, Co-Secretary from 2011-2013, as Graduate Scholarship Chair from 2016-2018 and is presently the Finance Officer. She helped establish a co-mentoring project with Penn State-York, create a Branch directory and recently revised Branch financial reports to increase members' understanding of the reports.



2018 Named Gift Honorees

Beaver Valley

Debi Breit-Adams

Rose Homish

Carlisle

Pat Markowski

Lillian Wong

Harrisburg

Wilma Kennedy

Johnstown

Nancy Miller

Lansdale

Nancy Adelman

Pamela Daveler

Barbara Grula

Evelyn Kelly

Sue Masty

Dorothy McLane

Pamela Schleif

Laura Slugg

Reading

Delite Hawk

State College

STEM COMMITTEE:

Judy Barrile

Candace C. Davison

Kristin Ann Dreyer

Mary Dupuis

Matthew A. Fares

Latisha Franklin

Judi Kur

Laura Little Miller

Olivia Perdew-Kenny

Vasu Varadan

Wendy Watts

Melissa Whitsel

Jessica Kim-Schmid

Michele Crowl

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Carol Hoades

Dianne Gregg

Jayne Cawthern

Ann Echols

Sue Johnston

West Chester-Chester County

Anne Anderko

Gateway to Equity Awards

Bethlehem Branch presents the Gateway to Equity Award to **Jenny Pacanowski**. Jenny is a combat veteran from the Iraqi war, who has written poetry to help veterans and others deal with issues related to PTSD. She advocates for women veterans thru writing/performance workshops and collaborates with organizations striving for awareness, advocacy, and support programs for veterans and their families. Jenny been featured in the Washington Post and New York Times and travels extensively to promote advocacy.



Bradford Branch honors **Kristin Asinger** with the Gateway to Equity Award. Kristin was selected because she conceived the idea of producing a talent show incorporating many clients of area nonprofit organizations, regardless of abilities/disabilities. The inclusive show, “From the Heart,” touched cast members and audience members alike, raising awareness of and appreciation for what our whole community can do when it joins together.

Fox Chapel Area Branch AAUW Gateway to Equity Award goes to **Pittsburgh** for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), a United Nations treaty for the equality of all women. Pittsburgh’s CEDAW Ordinance (2016-0905) is a project of the

Thomas Merton Center, and Natalia Rudiak, former Pittsburgh City Council member, who together made the project a reality. The project, endorsed by Fox Chapel Area and North Hills Pittsburgh, worked with the City of Pittsburgh to ensure its successful implementation, which seeks to reduce and eliminate violence against women and girls, improve access to economic development opportunities, and access to quality education opportunities in Pittsburgh.

Johnstown Branch honors Johnstown City Councilwoman **Marie Mock**. Marie is a dedicated community activist who serves as a role model for young women and girls. In addition to her service on City Council, and her job in the banking industry, she acts as secretary/treasurer of the West End Improvement Group. She believes in focusing on the positives and encouraging people to work together.



Lansdale Branch presents the Gateway to Equity Award to **Judge Andrea Duffy**. Her efforts as founder of the Drug Addiction Resource Alliance and her work in placing people in in-patient treatment demonstrate her dedication to promoting the best health and welfare for her community.

Judge Andrea Duffy has been a Magisterial District Judge for Montgomery County, PA since 2012 and an attorney since 1990. She has served as Deputy District Attorney and a Victims Advocate for over 10 years. In 2016, Judge Duffy formed D.A.R.A. (Drug Addiction Resource Alliance) to educate the public about substance abuse. She was the Keynote Speaker at the AAUW East District Meeting at Delaware Valley University on November 3, 2018. She is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and Temple University School of Law.

Lock Haven Branch has chosen **Sharon Taylor** and **Linda Koch** for the Gateway to Equity award this year. Sharon and Linda were the driving force behind the Branch's establishment of a new study abroad scholarship. This scholarship will support women students at Lock Haven University who would otherwise not be able to afford a study abroad experience.

North Hills Pittsburgh Branch honors **Crisis Center North** with the Gateway to Equity Award. Over the past 40 years, this non-profit agency has served 80,000 victims/survivors of domestic violence through a hotline, legal and medical advocacy, counseling, economic empowerment, community and professional prevention education, and publication of related research.

State College Branch honors **Interfaith Human Services** with the Gateway to Equity Award. Interfaith Human Services (IHS) is a collaboration of 30 congregations in Centre County which provide many programs and services such as emergency financial assistance, budgeting classes, home heating assistance, and rental assistance, among others, to low-income families. The Branch book workshop shared quarters with IHS for many years when they graciously shared their wifi password and their truck to use for hauling boxes of books to the Used Book Sale.

West Chester Branch selected **Decade to Doorways**, an organization that seeks to prevent and eliminate homelessness in Chester County within ten years for the Gateway to Equity Award.

