



The Keystoner

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

From Our President

This is the State Convention issue! We hold biennial state convention in even years. 2020 is the year! Since the venue is (fairly centrally) located in Harrisburg and you missed seeing friends from other branches, we are hoping to break all attendance records. Through February, you received regular information about the April 24-26, 2020 convention. Complete information is in this Keystoner. After March 15, 2020 full convention registration increases from \$145 to \$175.

Our pilot with Pennsylvania Commission for Women, holding eight Work Smart workshops, concluded in December. We trained 152 women and sent the link to [Work Smart Online](#) to the 102 who registered, but didn't attend. The pilot is declared a success! I am working with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women to determine next steps. Want to bring Work Smart to your community? Contact me to discuss the options and get hints on how to proceed.

You can always reach me at aauwpa.president@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you at state convention in April!

Ann Pehle (Carlisle)
AAUW Pennsylvania
President

Purple Sashes & Persistent Women

We are in the throes of preparing for the 2020 AAUW-PA Convention. The Convention Committee has been busy preparing for this extraordinary convention to be held on April 24-26, 2020 at the Central Hotel & Conference Center in Harrisburg, PA. The Convention theme is "Purple Sashes & Persistent Women" in honor of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The previous as well as upcoming elections show the importance of making your vote count and the votes of women have been especially influential. More women than ever are not only running but winning

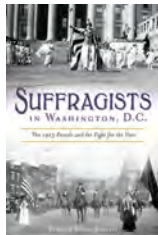


elect office.

Women are shaping the future.

The upcoming convention will showcase the history of women's voting rights and the importance in maintaining those rights for all people.

Our Keynote speaker is Rebecca Boggs Roberts, daughter of the late Cokie Roberts and author of "Suffragists in Washington DC," which provides an interesting historical snapshot into the lives of the women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment. There will be book signing opportunities.



In addition, the meeting will offer a variety of activities that include meeting with branch counterparts, plenary as well as workshop sessions, annual business meeting, interacting with our college student affiliates, District meetings, the Gateway to Equity award, a gift basket silent auction and an AAUW update from National.

Come to Convention and be inspired by the speakers and workshops that will be presented.

For complete meeting information, including the agenda, registration form and meeting details, see pages 2-3. We greatly appreciate the support of the Harrisburg, Lebanon Valley, York, and Carlisle branches at the registration table as they welcome the rest of the state branches to Harrisburg.

See you in Harrisburg for a weekend of "Purple Sashes and Persistent Women."
Lee Wolfe (Lansdale)
AAUW-PA Program Vice-President

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

**2020 AAUW-PA
Convention
Central Hotel
&
Conference
Center,
Harrisburg**
April 24-26, 2020

**Purple
Sashes &
Persistent
Women**



Friday, April 24

2:00 – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration; Hotel check-in at 4
6:00 pm	Dinner Keynote: <i>The 1913 Suffrage Parade and the Fight for the Vote</i> Rebecca Boggs Roberts, author of <i>Suffragists in Washington, DC</i> Book Signing Event

Saturday, April 25

7:30–10:00 am	Conference Registration
7:45–8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00–9:45 am	Concurrent Sessions (attend one) <i>Suffrage Movement in PA</i> Barb Zaborowski, Dean of Learning Resources, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College <i>Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment Ratification</i> AAUW branch panel discussion: Carlisle, Doylestown, Erie, Lower Bucks, & Reading <i>Economic Security for Women in Pennsylvania</i> Mark Price, Assistant Director of Research at Pennsylvania State Education Association
10:00 am	AAUW Pennsylvania Annual Business Meeting
11:30 am	Luncheon <i>Initiatives Regarding Pay Equity in PA</i> Frances Wolf, First Lady of Pennsylvania
2:00–2:45 pm	Concurrent Sessions (attend one) <i>Dolores Umbrage Goes to Washington: Fighting for Your Rights in the Age of Betsy DeVos</i> Tracey E. Vitchers, Executive Director, It's On Us <i>Connecting & Working Across Generational Divides</i> Jordan Glover, Visitation Coordinator & Admissions Counselor, Penn State University Undergraduate Admissions Office (Diversity & Inclusion Chair, AAUW Pennsylvania) <i>The Sash and the Cuffs: New Hope for Women in Pennsylvania Criminal Justice</i> Stephanie Jirard, Professor of Criminal Justice, Shippensburg University
3:00–3:45 pm	<i>Counterstrike: Fighting Back Against Violence Towards Women</i> AAUW Pennsylvania Student Advisory Council (SAC)
4:00–5:00 pm	Student Only Session <i>Online, IRL, and Beyond: The Changing Landscape of Campus Sexual Violence Prevention</i> Tracey E. Vitchers, Executive Director, It's On Us
4:00–5:00 pm	Optional Informal Book Group meeting— <i>The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote</i> by Elaine Weiss
5:00 pm	Reception - Cocktails (cash bar) Dinner Gateway to Equity Award recipient Susan Spicka, Executive Director Education Voters PA Member Awards presentation Dessert Reception and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 26

8:00–9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 am	District Meetings
9:45–10:30 am	<i>Voting in Pennsylvania: 2020 and Beyond</i> Suzanne Almeida, Redistricting and Representation Counsel, Common Cause
10:45-11:15 am	"Table Talk" – Meeting with Counterparts
11:15 –12:15 pm	<i>AAUW 2020 Vision</i> Kendra L. Davis, AAUW Senior Vice President, Advancement and Partnership
12:15–12:30 pm	Installation of Officers & Closing
12:30 pm	Adjourn and Room Check-out

AAUW-PA 90th Annual Convention Registration Form* – April 24-26, 2020

Central Hotel and Conference Center, 800 E. Park Dr., Harrisburg (717) 561-2800,
<https://thecentralhotelharrisburg.com/>

**To register online, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWConvention2020>*

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

STUDENT REGISTRATION DISCOUNT: The first 25 (e) Student Affiliate or Student Organization members in PA are eligible for a discounted convention registration of \$70 for the full convention, \$55 for Saturday and Sunday, and \$50 for Saturday only. Students are responsible for their travel and hotel costs. Registration at the link above.

Convention Status (this will determine badge ribbons for nametags): Please check all the apply

I am: Branch President Branch Member National Member Guest Board Member Presenter First-time Attendee 2020 Outstanding Woman 2020 Member Making a Difference Award 2020 Named Gift Awardee Legacy Circle

Yes, our branch will have a display or bring a basket. Please e-mail Barb Zaborowski at bzabor@pennhighlands.edu with space requirements.

- Full Convention (includes all meals and programs)** \$ 145 Late Fee - \$175
- Saturday and Sunday (includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and programs)** \$ 120 Late Fee - \$150
- Saturday Only (includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and programs)** \$ 110 Late Fee - \$140

I wish to sit with the following counterpart group for the Table Talks: President Membership Programs Public Policy

I have _____ special dietary needs. I have _____ other special needs.

Please describe: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: To make a room reservation, contact The Central Hotel and Conference Center, 800 E. Park Rd. Harrisburg, PA. 717-561-2800 <https://thecentralhotelharrisburg.com/>

Room charge/night = \$119.95 + tax . Rooms are guaranteed for AAUW-PA through April 1. Please mention AAUW when making reservations to get convention room rate.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Registrations with full payment must be paid by credit card using Paypal or by check and received by March 15. Registrations received after March 15th will incur a \$30.00 late fee.

Cancellations received on or before April 10 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds after April 17. If you are unable to attend, please find a substitute. Approved refunds will be issued after the convention. Contact Convention Registrar, Susan Nenstiel at aauwpaconfregistrar@gmail.com, if someone is taking your place.

Please send registration form and check payable to AAUW-PA

to:

Mary Jo Buckwalter, 14 Sandy Knoll Drive,
Doylestown, PA 18901-2425

Candidate information on page 5

Options for voting



OPTION 1: ONLINE VOTING

Instructions: Click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020AAUWElection> or paste into your browser. Online voting is available now through midnight, March 31, 2020. 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 a current paid AAUW-PA member and that you are not voting multiple times.

Clicking the "next" box on screen one will bring up the actual ballot—candidate names for President, Program Vice President, and an option for a write-in.

Branches may facilitate online voting at a branch meeting.

OPTION 2: PAPER BALLOT VOTING

INSTRUCTIONS: Clip out and return the official ballot (on page 5). Return your completed ballot to your branch president or to the Nominations Chair by mail. To be valid and counted, mailed ballots must be received no later than March 31, 2020, by Linda Tozier at the address below. Voting instructions must be completed exactly as required in order for your ballot to be valid. If you have any questions or concerns about the appropriate way to file your ballot, please ask for clarification from your branch officers or from AAUW-PA officers before voting.

1. Mark an "X" in the blank provided on the ballot for each candidate. You may write in a candidate (on line after "Other") and vote for that person (by marking an "X" in the blank before "Other".)
2. In the box on the end of the ballot, PRINT legibly your name as it appears in AAUW membership records and branch affiliation (if you are not a member of any particular branch, PRINT "National Member" or other appropriate affiliation).
3. SIGN the ballot where indicated in the box.
4. FOLD your ballot on the dotted line so that the box with your information is folded away from your casted votes. Once your membership has been validated, the information in the box will be cut off from your casted votes and your votes will then be counted.
5. 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:
Linda Tozier, AAUW-PA Nominations
31 Oxford Court
Pittsburgh, PA 15237.
It must be received by March 31, 2020.

OPTION 3: VOTING THROUGH YOUR BRANCH

This year an additional option is available—if your branch decides to implement. Branches may hold a vote at the branch. Your branch President/Administrator(s) has been sent the instructions to conduct this vote if she chooses this option. Please check with your branch leadership to see if they are planning to use this option. If not, please vote using Option 1 or Option 2 above.

Basket Fundraiser at Convention

Because the basket raffle has been so successful the past few years, we are repeating it this year. Proceeds will go to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. We invite your branch to contribute a basket, but participation is entirely optional. Branches have been creative in filling their baskets with items unique to the area where the branch is located or around a theme, such as kitchen, readers, relaxation, votes for women, women's art, etc. We request the value of the basket be in the \$35-50 range. Baskets will be sold through a silent auction during convention. Top bidders will be announced during the dessert reception on Saturday evening.

If your branch is interested in contributing a basket, the president can state that during her convention registration process. Otherwise, please notify Barb Zaborowski, AAUW-PA Convention Registrar, aauwpaconfcoord@gmail.com by April 1, 2020. Thank you in advance for your participation.

2020–2022 AAUW Pennsylvania Officer Candidates

PRESIDENT: ANN PEHLE

Completing first term as AAUW Pennsylvania President. Agreed to serve another term.

Ann Pehle has been a member of the Carlisle branch since 2015 where she has served as branch President and Public Policy Chair. In 2016 she became a paid life AAUW member. For AAUW Pennsylvania, Ann served as Public Policy Co-Chair 2016-2018 and President 2018-2020. She was appointed to the AAUW Advancement Committee for 2019-2021. Ann earned a BA in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. Prior to her retirement in 2011, Ann spent over 30 years as a Human Resources executive, from Fortune 125 companies to family-owned businesses. After retirement Ann became a Certified Career Coach. Ann wants to continue to reach out to Pennsylvania’s national members to involve them in the work of AAUW-PA. She sees two focus areas for AAUW-PA. First is to represent, support and implement the AAUW strategic plan in Pennsylvania by understanding the goals and finding ways to embody them through state wide coalitions, Public Policy efforts and promoting AAUW on college campuses. The second focus of AAUW-PA is to assist branches to fulfill the AAUW strategic plan through state meetings, facilitating sharing and learning between branches and providing guidance to branches. As President she will work with the AAUW Pennsylvania Board to implement the AAUW strategic plan across Pennsylvania while strengthening and growing branches.



PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT: LEE WOLFE

Completing first term as AAUW Pennsylvania Program Vice President. Agreed to serve another term.



Lee Wolfe has been a member of the Lansdale branch since 2002. She has served in numerous roles in the branch including Co-President, Program Vice President for four years and Co-Chair of the STEM program Discover Your Future for eight years. She has been AAUW Pennsylvania’s Program Vice President from 2018-2020. Lee earned a BS in Architecture and a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University and an MS in Civil Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. She is a licensed professional engineer in PA and NJ and currently works at TranSystems in Philadelphia as a Project Manager responsible for administering bridge design projects. Lee sees her primary focus as Program Vice President to expand and broaden the reach of AAUW’s Brand through our programs, Branch and State, by ensuring they are intriguing, timely and engaging to our current and prospective members. As Program Vice President she will work to make AAUW-PA even better recognized as a provider of networking and knowledge-sharing programs. Lee will work with the AAUW Pennsylvania Board to provide the kinds of programs that encourage members to attend both the state convention and the summer membership meeting. She will engage members through programming.

AAUW-PA Nominations Committee:
Lyn Carroll (Lansdale) Eastern District
Cathy Wieland (Lebanon Valley) Central District
Susan Wheatley (Indiana County) Western District
Linda Tozier (North Hills Pittsburgh) Nominations Committee Chair

AAUW-PA ELECTION PAPER BALLOT-2020-2022
(Please mark choices with an "X".)

President Nominee:
 Ann Pehle Other _____

Program Vice President Nominee:
 Lee Wolfe Other _____

Mail entire ballot, using Election Voting Instructions provided, to Linda Tozier, Nominations Chair. Your mailed ballot must be received no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2020, in order for it to be valid and counted. Thank you.

Name of Member (printed): _____

Branch/Affiliation (printed): _____

Signature: _____

**At the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25, members will vote
for the 2020–2022 Public Policy Priorities and on a proposed Bylaw change.**

AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy Priorities 2020–2022

AAUW-PA's public policy goals are to educate citizens about the impact of public policies on women and girls and to advocate for policies that will advance equity for women and girls. In Pennsylvania, AAUW actively endorses the national [AAUW Public Policy Program](#). AAUW-Pennsylvania supports good governance, an informed citizenry, and community dialogue on critical issues. Biennial priorities are intended to complement national priorities and to be a focus for active educational and advocacy efforts by members in the state.

To enable members and all citizens to participate fully in a representative democracy and self-governance, AAUW-PA advocates

- Awareness of issues so that members may be fully informed and empowered voters
- Opposition to measures likely to suppress voting rights
- Support for efforts to increase civil discourse and compromise between those with opposing views
- Efforts to Get Out the Vote, including voter registration and use of social media to promote voting.

To support a quality system of public education, AAUW-PA advocates

- Opposition to the diversion of public funds to non-public elementary and secondary education, charter and cyber charter schools
- Support for a fair and adequately funded system of public education
- Strengthening secondary and post-secondary programs that provide women with education, vocational training, and support for success in the workforce, including non-traditional occupations
- Policies promoting inclusion, diversity, equity and justice in our schools

To improve the economic self-sufficiency of all women, AAUW-PA advocates

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits
- Raising the minimum wage and tipped minimum wage to an amount that would provide a meaningful boost to family incomes in Pennsylvania and help grow the state's economy
- Vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Creating family-friendly workplace environments, including flexible workplace policies, paid leave for personal and family illness, and quality child-care facilities available to all parents regardless of their circumstances
- Improving retirement security
- Reducing the unprecedented level of student debt and the record high cost of college

To improve the operation and transparency of government, AAUW-PA advocates

- Measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government that can improve the well-being of women
- Efforts to end the practice of partisan redistricting, gerrymandering in Pennsylvania

AAUW-PA Proposed By-Laws Change 2020

CURRENT

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations.

a. There shall be a Nominating and Elections Committee composed of a Chair from the Affiliate board appointed by the president plus a representative from each district in the Affiliate, identified by the District Coordinator of each district and submitted to the board of directors.

Rationale: Previous wording assumes that there are district coordinators in every district. The amended language gives the opportunity for district representatives to be selected at the district caucuses with or without the presence of a district coordinator (whether in person or online).

PROPOSED

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To see complete Article X, go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2018/04/AAUW-PA-Bylaws-4-14-18.pdf>

THE AAUW PROGRAM

Five Star Recognition Program

The [Five Star Recognition Program](#) celebrates the efforts of AAUW states, branches and other affiliated AAUW organizations as they continue to advance gender equity on the community, state and national levels. Affiliates can earn national recognition through five major focus areas:

- ★ Advancement by supporting the greatest needs fund or one of the strategic plan's focus areas;
- ★ Communications & External Relations by using web and social media that feature Work Smart Online;
- ★ Programs that align with the strategic plan;
- ★ Public Policy & Research by moving AAUW's Public Policy agenda forward; and
- ★ Governance & Sustainability by ensuring effective leadership succession and strategic plan alignment.

AAUW Pennsylvania is participating. Is your branch?



Pennsylvania Stars

Ann Pehle (Carlisle)
President

Congratulations for Achieving

Communications and External Relations

AAUW Easton
AAUW Indiana County
AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh



News from AAUW National

Hope you are taking advantage of the Kim Churches' webinars for updates on what is happening at the national organization. As you know, [AAUW discontinued national conventions](#). Instead, there will be a series of online conference calls -- 2020 Convening. Click on the date to watch the recording.

- The inaugural webinar in the 2020 Convening series was January 28th. [2020 Vision: The Gender Agenda](#). Learn about AAUW's equity priorities for this year at the federal, state and local levels.
- Together in 2019, Together in 2020: The State of the Association, [December 5, 2019 webinar](#).
- Our Path Forward, [October 22, 2019 webinar](#).
- Full review of FY19 financials, [May 21, 2019 webinar](#).

Mark Your Calendar – next 2020 Convening event is April 14th. Watch AAUW Mission & Action email for registration information.

Research

Updated [The Simple Truth](#) includes new analysis of how the pay gap impacts retired women. Because women earned less and therefore paid less in the Social Security system, they receive less in Social Security benefits. They also lag behind men in pension benefits and all other sources of retirement income.

New research, released November 2019, [Limiting Our Livelihoods: The Cumulative Impact of Sexual Harassment on Women's Careers](#) documents how women of all ages experience workplace sexual harassment. The report finds that workplace sexual harassment can take a toll on women's physical and mental health, limit their job choices, reduce prospects for career development and even force them out of the workforce. These negative effects compound over time, reducing women's lifetime earnings and contributing to both the gender and retirement wage gaps, the report concludes.

Education Committee

HB 1897: A new day for cyber charter education in Pennsylvania

Charter schools are primarily funded by local tax dollars paid by school districts as tuition; charter school tuition is not based the cost of educating its students, but on the per student expenditure of the district from which the students come. Thus, tuition for a non-special education student to a charter school ranges from \$7,800 per student to more than \$18,500. For special education students, the cost is higher. In cyber charter schools the costs are less than \$5,000 per student, which annually wastes over \$290 million in tax money statewide. Despite the excess money cyber charters receive, they are among the lowest performing schools in the state.

As demand for cyber education grows, our state is undertaking a restructuring of the infrastructure for its implementation as part of the governor's agenda to revise the state's charter school law. Legislation drafted by the House Education Committee, HB 1897, attempts to remedy flaws inherent in the current (cyber) charter school law. School districts will be required to establish their own cyber education programs, thus eliminating the cyber charter schools that are the biggest source of budgetary pressure on districts. HB 1897 provides school choice, reduces costs associated with present cyber charters with improved accountability and transparency.

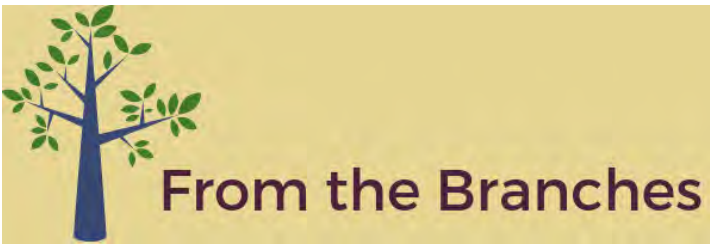
At a public hearing in Harrisburg on January 21, the state's major educational organizations and entities presented testimony addressing HB 1897. Representatives of PA Association of Intermediate Units noted differences between IU-operated online cyber education programs and cyber charter schools; in an IU

program, students remain enrolled in their own school district and are supported by existing resources at a lower cost. IUs negotiate preferred pricing from educational providers which keeps tuition low, as much as 75% less than a cyber charter. Nearly 24,000 students are taking at least one online course through an IU operated cyber education program, nearly 9,000 of those students are taking all their coursework online, and IU operated cyber education programs offer nearly 10,000 unique courses.



Under HB 1897, the state's 14 cyber charter schools will be able to transform into nonprofit corporations and become third party vendors. These new nonprofits may contract with districts as cyber education providers. This will have an impact on local bargaining units and that performance evaluation measures and other facets of the contract must be determined.

Carol Hodes (State College)



Murrysville Area Branch: On Thursday, January 9, 2020, former State Representative Ron Cowell spoke to our group about the "Current System of Education in Pennsylvania." He is currently the Executive Director of the Education, Policy and Leadership center in Harrisburg. Cowell served for 24 years in the House, serving as the majority or minority chair of the House Committee on Education for 12 years. He served on the PA State Board of Education for 12 years; board member on PHEAA for 20 years; chair of the State Inter-agency Coordinating Council for Early Intervention for several years; and is a life member of the PA PTA. He has also held leadership positions on the national level.



AAUW State College Book Sale Continues to Grow

AAUW State College invites you to join us at our 59th Annual Used Book Sale, May 9-12, 9 am - 9 pm at the Penn State Snider Ag Arena in State College. Book sales as a Branch fundraiser are still relevant. In spite of changing reading habits (traditional books being supplanted by e-books), our sale is still going strong. Book donations throughout the year have kept pace with previous years, and with the introduction of credit cards last year we raised more than ever, grossing \$156,000. Our marketing efforts emphasize our large children's book section (25,000 volumes) and the reuse/recycling aspects of the event. This year we plan to highlight AAUW Membership at the sale, especially to mothers shopping for books in the Children's section. Learn more about us at <http://www.aauwstatecollege.org/booksale.html>



Books donated by and for our community.
 Proceeds fund local programs and scholarships that advance gender equity for women and girls.
www.aauwstatecollege.org

Connie Schroeder (State College)
 Used Book Sale publicity

Promote the FREE online AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation course



Everything you need is in one place on the AAUW Pennsylvania website at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-work-smart/>. There you will find ideas for individuals and branches.

Haven't taken the course? Go to [Work Smart Online \(http://aauw.us/PA\)](http://aauw.us/PA) to see for yourself how life-changing it is.



On February 13, 2020, investigative journalist Bill Moushey spoke to our group about his work with the "Innocence Institute" from 2001 to 2012, a program he developed while he was a professor of journalism at Point Park University. As part of his program, more than 100 students participated; 250 stories

appeared in the Post-Gazette under his byline, resulting in 17 convictions being overturned. As a reporter for the P-G he was a finalist for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for his exposé on the federal witness protection program. In 1997, he was the winner of the coveted National Press Club's Freedom of Information Award. He is the author of several books, including the 1998 book, *Win At All Costs*, documenting overzealous prosecutions rising to the level of misconduct; and *Game Over: Jerry Sandusky, Penn State and the Culture of Silence*. His activities can be followed on his podcast at <http://winatallcosts.libsyn.com>.

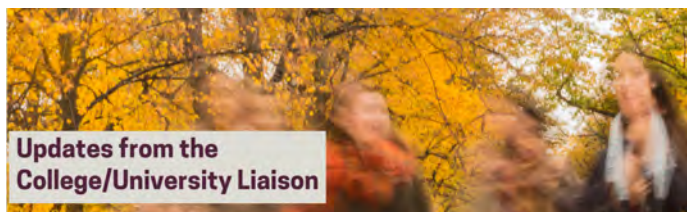
The photo depicts Moushey with Drew Whitley, a man he was able to free from 20 years in prison after a wrongful conviction.

Susan Greenberg (Murrysville)
 Public Information Chair

In Memoriam:

Betty J. Nelson of Lock Haven passed away at age 87 in Lock Haven. Betty was an active Lock Haven Branch member, and served as Secretary on the AAUW-PA State Board.

Martha Zeller of Lewisburg passed away January 24 at age 89. A member of the Susquehanna Valley Branch (now disbanded), she was a past President of AAUW-PA and had served as the chair of the national organization's task force on Public support for Public Education.



NCCWSL PA Grant Applications Closed February 28, 2020

Applications for PA grants to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) are now closed. Branches may also choose to sponsor students to attend NCCWSL. The deadline for students to register for the conference is April 30, so branches should consider this when sponsoring attendees. If a branch is providing a local grant, please let Peggy Schmiedecke know for record-keeping purposes on state participation aauwpacu@gmail.com.

NCCWSL will be held May 27-May 30, 2020, at the University of Maryland, College Park. NCCWSL is a two-and-a-half day conference designed to enhance the leadership skills of college women students and to promote effectiveness in their work on campus and in the community. For more information about NCCWSL, go to www.nccwsl.org.

AAUW-PA Student Advisory Council (SAC)

This year's SAC has five members from three colleges or universities; Penn Highlands Community College, West Chester University and Penn State World Campus. We have been consistently researching and discussing data and resources via conference calls, individual calls and many emails on the topic that the SAC members each identified as a pressing issue on campus – sexual harassment and sexual assault.

This year's convention will include additional student-focused programming, so I encourage C/U reps and student organization advisors to encourage and support student attendance. We will have a student-focused workshop titled "Online, IRL, and Beyond: The Changing Landscape of Campus Sexual Violence Prevention" facilitated by Tracy Vitchers, Executive Director of "It's On Us," a national movement to end sexual assault. The convention will also feature a Student Advisory Council panel discussion titled Counterstrike: Fighting Back against Violence towards Women."

Special student convention registration is available <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/student-convention-registration/>. Also encourage the students to check with their C/U or student organization for funding to attend leadership conferences. Many campuses have this available sometimes just for the asking.

Peggy Schmiedecke (North Hills Pittsburgh)
AAUW-PA C/U Liaison

FUNDRAISER SHOWCASE: READING BRANCH'S LUNAFEST

Reading Branch will present their third LUNAFEST, a screening of award-winning short films by, for, and about women, on March 8, 2020, in the Student Center at Albright College. Supporting both women filmmakers through Chicken and Egg Pictures and educational projects and activities for Reading Branch, this fundraising festival is dedicated to promoting awareness about AAUW and women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in community spirit.

Because last year's event sold out, we chose an afternoon event in a larger campus theatre for 2020. Albright's Women and Gender Studies Department and their student chapter of the National Organization for Women have consistently provided great support and cooperation. Before the community event, a special screening for college students takes place with several Albright professors leading their discussion. Tickets, sold by our members and through Eventbrite.com, cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

See www.lunafest.org/ for film and event-hosting details. For further information, call Carol Toomey, President, 610-777-0900.
Carol Toomey (Reading)
President

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