



AAUW Harrisburg's Community Woman of the Year 2017 Senator Pat Vance

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Each year the Branch honors a local woman for her commitment to the principles of AAUW. She exemplifies the advocacy and empowerment that our organization represents.

The 2017 Community Woman of the Year is **Pat Vance**, retired Pennsylvania State Senator. When Pat retired in 2016, the *Patriot News* described her as a "pioneering community volunteer who became a strong and effective advocate...for groups like domestic violence victims, the elderly and those suffering from disabilities." Also in the *Patriot*: "Her legislative highlights include a landmark bill that prevented insurance companies from discriminating against victims of domestic violence, expansion of PA's prescription drug program for senior citizens and development of a 'bill of rights' for HMO health care customers."

In her own words, "'I've tried to be forthright and honest, and I sincerely hope that I've conveyed that in my votes and interactions with constituents. Looking back...I hope I am remembered for treating others fairly, representing the best interest of my district and for making well-reasoned votes."

She will be honored at AAUW Harrisburg's May 6 meeting.