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THE CONNECTION MAY 2022



Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs

Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs is also the Founder of Fempower LLC. Fempower LLC is dedicated to empowering others to take charge of their mental, physical, and spiritual health. Fempower LLC offers workshops on professional networking and engagement, promoting healthy self-esteem, goal setting for success, and much more. For more details see:

<https://www.fempoweredllc.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/FitnessbyKristal/>

Our AAUW Harrisburg 2022 Community Woman of the Year is focused on purpose driven motivation to help others realize their best selves and work towards sustainable change.

"I am a passionate leader. I am a community advocate. I fight to bring light to people and issues that are overlooked. I seek to inspire, to educate and to create pathways for success for those who have been marginalized."

**On Saturday, May 21, 2022,*
Harrisburg Branch AAUW Recognizes
Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs
with Our 2022 Community Woman of the
Year Award**

A brilliant, bold, and brave leader, Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs, was appointed by Governor Tom Wolf in October, 2021, and is currently serving as the first African American female Deputy Commissioner of Staff of the Pennsylvania State Police. She has previously distinguished herself in her 24 years of law enforcement experience as the first African American female to command a troop -Troop L, Reading, February, 2016 through October, 2018; and the second African American female to obtain the rank of Major in the 117-year history of the Pennsylvania State Police when, in 2018, she was promoted to Major and named as director of the 300-person Bureau of Forensic Services, one of the largest departments in the Pennsylvania State Police.

LTC Turner-Childs became the first person in her family to earn a college degree when she earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Elizabethtown College, and then continued her studies to obtain a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Central Penn College. She augmented these degrees by also graduating from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy.

Her recognition by both academic and community organizations include numerous awards, among them an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Central Penn College; the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC (Capital Region Economic Development Corporation) Athena Award; NCBW (National Coalition of 100 Black Women) Trailblazer Award; and the Greater Harrisburg YWCA Woman of Excellence Award.

* see page 3 , for luncheon details and reservation slip.



May 2022 Message from President Christine Zuzack

I write to you for the last time as President of the AAUW Harrisburg Branch. I think that we could all agree that it has been quite a year! We began to see the emergence from the burden of COVID restrictions with two steps forward and one step back. As new variants emerged, we readjusted our lives once again. But staying safe is the most important focus for all of us and we all worked towards that end with our programs and activities.

We closed out our 100th anniversary year with much fanfare. The 100th Anniversary Committee did an outstanding job with assembling a wonderful array of programs to celebrate us! This review of our past gives us a firm footing for our future. Based on information recently received from AAUW-PA, the Harrisburg Branch is the fourth largest branch in Pennsylvania. With such a great number of members, there is much that we should be able to accomplish.

Congratulations are due to our new officers who were recently elected for 2022-2023. Thanks to these women for being willing to guide our Branch for the next year. Marcia Hajduk and Erica Voss-Meloy have both served as presidents before and thus bring a deep knowledge and wealth of experience to their roles. MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl will continue as Co-Membership Chairs for the second year of their two-year terms. Carol Nechemias will, once again, lead the Program Committee as Program Vice-President. We have all benefited from the enlightening speakers and informative programs that Carol and her team have developed. Marcia Nye will continue to keep our finances in perfect order and Eileen Carson and Lee Johnson will do the same with our meeting records. Joining me on the Nominating Committee will be Barb Warfel, Carol Stark, Kathy Silks and Claire Powers. So, what is missing?? A Dues Treasurer!! Please! We need your help in filling this important role. Step up and take on a new experience.

In closing, I have so many people to thank for all of their support and assistance over the past year. The Board members, Committee Chairs, committee members, and Special Interest Group leaders have all contributed to the success of our Branch. Thanks also go to the general membership who attended our events, luncheons, and other activities. No one person can manage all of our affairs and it takes a village to accomplish our goals. Please join me in supporting our new officers and keeping our Branch strong and vibrant.

Chris has served as our AAUW Harrisburg Branch chief administrator wisely and well. Her first term was with the 2018-2019 Co-Presidential team of Kathy Silks, Lee Johnson and Tammy Carter; then in 2019-2020 she was President; and now she ends our 2021-2022 year as President again. Through all the challenges these years have brought her and all of us, we have been able to rely on her sense of commitment to the task at hand to lead us forward as individuals and as a Branch. Christine Zuzack, we are forever grateful for your service. Thank you.



Installation, Spring 2018 with Carol Nechemias.



Christmas Social 2019

Enjoying open air music with Erica, Kathy and Carol in 2021.





May 21, 2022 - Our Branch Luncheon

Please join us for a healthy lunch of light fare - salads, pitas and wraps, and fresh fruit, with a bit of decadent dessert, all in the lovely Susquehanna Banquet Room on the lower level of the

Central Penn College Conference Center.
600 Valley Rd, Summerdale, PA 17093

Social 11:30 am
Lunch served buffet style at Noon
Speaker 12:45 pm
Business Meeting 1:30 pm

Our Member Making a Difference, Outstanding Branch Member, Gateway to Equity Award Recipient, and Named Gift Honorees will be recognized and our 2022-2023 Executive Officers will be installed.

catering by ...



Please park in the Valley Road lot to the left of the Conference Center and enter by the lower level door. Handicapped Accessible.



Please submit this form with your check for \$27.00 per reservation payable to **AAUW HBG Branch**

mail to:

Carol Stark
1707 Wyndham Road
Camp Hill PA 17011-6027

Reservation deadline is May 12, 2022. Please bring a friend!

_____ # of Luncheon Reservations

_____ Please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entree.

Name _____

Phone number _____



Harrisburg (PA) Branch

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Harrisburg Branch

The American Association of University Women, Harrisburg Branch, announces four college scholarships available to women from Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties who are pursuing degrees in an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania during the 2022-2023 academic year.

The **Beverly J. Smith Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Dauphin, Cumberland, or Perry County who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania *in pursuit of a bachelor's degree*. Requirements include *completion of 60 credits*, a minimum 3.40 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment as a full-time student for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The **Member Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Dauphin, Cumberland, or Perry County who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania *in pursuit of an associate or bachelor's degree*. Requirements include *completion of 15 credits*, minimum 3.00 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment on at least a half-time basis (6 credits per term) for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The **Ronald D. and Kathleen A. Krausse STEM Scholarship** (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Dauphin, Cumberland, or Perry County who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania *in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in a STEM major*. Requirements include *completion of 30 credits*, minimum 3.00 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment as a full-time student in the 2022-2023 academic year.

The **Sally C. Chamberlain Scholarship** (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Dauphin, Cumberland, or Perry County who is seeking to *resume or renew academic work*. Requirements include *completion of 15 credits toward an associate or bachelor's degree*, a minimum 2.9 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment on at least a half-time basis (6 credits per term) at a college or university in Pennsylvania for the 2022-2023 academic year.

All applications must be postmarked or time-stamped (if submitted electronically) by
July 15, 2022

Details and application forms are available online at

<https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/scholarships/>

Contact Information: email questions to the AAUW Scholarship Committee at

HbgAAUWScholarship@gmail.com

2022 - 2023 Harrisburg Branch Scholarship Announcement

Please help us spread the word and promote our 2022-2023 AAUW Harrisburg Branch scholarships.

How?

- Word of mouth: Be sure to mention our scholarships to friends or family in the tri-county area with daughters, granddaughters, nieces, cousins, or friends in college
- Social Media: Go to <https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/scholarships/> and then post a link to this page on Facebook or other social media accounts
- Hard Copy: Email leighachow@gmail.com if you would like a PDF of the announcement to print out and post in a location you think might attract our target audience, or print the previous page (page 4) of this newsletter.

Details of each scholarship are above on page 4. All applications must be postmarked, or time-stamped (if submitted electronically), **by July 15, 2022.**

Please contact Scholarship Chair Leigh Ann Chow at leighachow@gmail.com with questions.
Thank you for helping to promote this opportunity to college and university women.

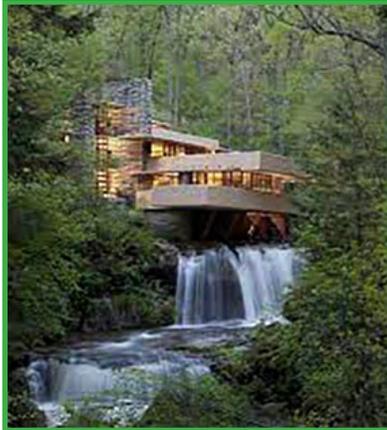
AAUW - HARRISBURG Events Requiring PRE-REGISTRATION:

Many upcoming AAUW significant events - from local to national, require pre-registration. The following chart is provided to help you plan. Please see pages of this newsletter listed with the event for more specific details.

EVENT	DATE	PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	May 17, 2022(Tuesday)	May 2, 2022: Last day to REGISTER TO VOTE May 10, 2022: Last day to apply for mail-in or civilian absentee ballot
Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob Tour pages 6 - 7	June 9, 2022 (Thursday)	May 5, 2022
Branch Spring Luncheon page 4	May 21, 2022 (Saturday)	May 12, 2022
AAUW PA 2022 Convention Central Hotel & Conference Center Harrisburg page 8	June 3-5, 2022	May 13, 2022

AAUW Harrisburg Culture Vultures Celebrate Spring

Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's *Fallingwater* and *Kentuck Knob* with Us Thursday June 9, 2022



Itinerary:

Pick up: West Shore 6:45AM
East Shore 7:00 AM
Arrive: Fallingwater 10:00 AM
Lunch: 12:30 PM
- box lunch provided at
Fallingwater
Arrive Kentuck Knob 1:30 PM
Depart Kentuck Knob 4:00PM
Arrive East Shore 7:00 PM
West Shore 7:20 PM

Fallingwater was designed by the architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1939 in the Laurel Highlands of south-west Pennsylvania for the Kaufmann family, owners of Pittsburgh's largest department store.

The house stands as one of Wright's greatest masterpieces both for its dynamism and for its integration with its striking natural surroundings.

Wright evolved the idea of a "Usonian" house - a simple, stylish small house of moderate cost designed especially for the American middle class. "It is not so much a style as a type of residential architecture". Although neither small nor moderate in cost to build, *Fallingwater* exemplifies Wright's philosophy of organic architecture: the harmonious union of art and nature. It was created to rise above the waterfall over which it is built. Wright used local craftsmen to quarry native sandstone and other materials from the property as key elements for construction.

The house was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966. In 1991, members of the American Institute of Architects named *Fallingwater* the "best all-time work of American architecture" The property is owned and operated by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Kentuck Knob, dramatic and serene, is situated just below the crest of a hill in the breathtaking Laurel Highlands, appearing almost part of the mountain itself and standing 2,050 feet above sea level. Cantilevered overhangs and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the inside with the outside. Wright designed the house on a hexagonal module, as a 2200 sq. ft., one-level Usonian home.

In 1953, Bernardine and I.N. Hagan had purchased eighty acres in the mountains above Uniontown in Western Pennsylvania where their families had lived for generations. After their many visits to the Kaufman's vacation home, *Fallingwater*, the Hagans fell in love with Wright's architecture. The Hagans contacted Frank Lloyd Wright and traveled to Taliesin in Wisconsin, where he interviewed them and agreed to build them a home.

Wright was 86 years old when taking on *Kentuck Knob*. During the design of the Hagan House, he was also working on the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Elkins Park, PA, and the *Guggenheim Museum* in NYC and twelve other residential homes. Wright said he could "shake the (usonian) designs right out of his sleeve," at that point in his career. *Kentuck Knob* was one of the last homes Wright ever designed.

Reservation Deadline May 5, 2022

Total Cost \$175.00

Call or email Barb Warfel with any questions.

Barbara Warfel warfelb@yahoo.com 717-774-5559

AAUW-Harrisburg www.aauwharrisburg.org

Use reservation form on next page:

AAUW Harrisburg Culture Vultures Celebrate Spring
Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's *Fallingwater* and *Kentuck Knob* with Us
Thursday June 9, 2022

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ Cell _____

e-mail _____

Check one for Bus Pick Up East Shore _____

West Shore _____

Your check, paid in full, is your reservation.

Please make checks payable to:

Barbara Warfel

Send to:

Barbara Warfel

619 Haldeman Blvd.

New Cumberland, PA 17070

Cancellation policy: A refund will be made if the trip is canceled. If you cancel, you will receive a full refund, only subject to operator's ability to resell your seat.

Your canceled check is your receipt.

Waiver: I waive all claims for myself, my heirs, and assigns against the sponsors of this trip and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries or illness which may result from my participation.

Signature _____

date _____

AAUW-PA Opportunities and Updates:

2022 AAUW PA Convention

June 3-5, 2022

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Disruption as Opportunity : It's a Woman's World

This broad theme gives us the opportunity to explore all the opportunities for women—business, health, economic, political, education—as we emerge from the pandemic. We don't want to "get back to normal" because normal wasn't the best for women and girls. Many have written that the pandemic needs to have an impact on society like the industrial age, world wars, or the digital age — all disruptors. We hope to explore what good will come from the COVID disruption and how we can leverage change to improve issues impacting women and girls.



Featuring

Friday evening, June 3 -

Alicia Petross, Vice President - Talent Acquisition, Diversity and Inclusion, Hershey Corporation

Friday Night Meet and Greet with a Hershey Theme

Saturday, June 4: Speakers - Panel Discussion

Ivonne Miranda, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Teacher Education at Cedar Crest College. " Supporting Girls in STEM, the HOLA Gems"

Kate Geiger, Director, Indiana Free Library, Indiana, Pa. " Kids and Coding, It's a Wonderful Thing! The 'Code Brave' program story"

Luncheon with Keynote Speaker : 11:30 am – 1:45 pm

Julie Vogtman, Director of Job Quality and Senior Counsel National Women's Law Center



Alicia Petross



Julie Vogtman

Sunday, June 5 : 11:15 am – 12:15 pm , AAUW National Update

Gloria L. Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer—AAUW



Gloria L. Blackwell

(and there will be SO much more!) to include:

Presentations from Community Action Grant Winners

System Shakers & Barrier Breakers: Women in STEM- Performance by the Reading Branch

Fund raising Silent Auction. Bid on great baskets and gifts donated by branches from around the state. Winners will be announced after dinner on Saturday.

Celebrate with us the Outstanding Women awardees, Members Making a Difference, and this year's AAUW PA Gateway to Equity Award to the Pennsylvania Coalition

Against Domestic Violence

ACTUAL real-life, face-to-face (with appropriate social distancing) interaction with friends, old and new! For a detailed schedule see: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/2022-state-convention/>

Important Details

Registration

Full Conference: \$145

Saturday & Sunday: \$120

Saturday only: \$110

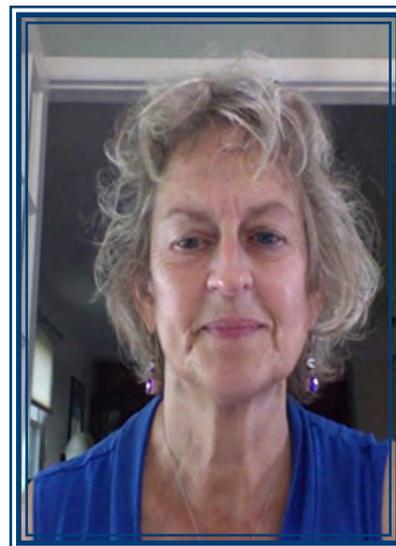
Accommodations at the Central Hotel & Conference Center

\$133.14/night; double occupancy ** **deadline to register** and get the AAUW hotel rate is **MAY 13, 2022**

Take Note - Branch Updates:

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Margaret Gingrich



I am originally from Erie, PA. I graduated from Penn State University initially with a BSN in nursing, then went on to obtain a master's in nursing at Thomas Jefferson University and a Nurse Practitioner certification at PSU. I have worked in many areas of nursing but predominantly in acute care and home health.

I spent 30 years as a professor of nursing at HACC. One of my highlights was the development of a Study Abroad course with emphasis on a nursing cultural immersion, taking students to Haiti and Guatemala for several years. I have co-authored 2 nursing texts and continue to do reviews and edits for nursing related professional resources.

I really am trying to retire but have a hard time letting go! I currently work "very part time" for a hospice organization and volunteering at the Community Check Up Center clinic in Harrisburg, PA .

My spouse and I have 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren, the love of our lives. When the children were younger, we were very involved in raising 13 puppies for the Seeing Eye Inc.

My interests and hobbies include travel, gardening, hiking, reading, pets, and I always have 2-3 knitting projects in progress.

I am looking forward to becoming more involved with the many special interest groups in AAUW Harrisburg.

Special Interest Groups Scheduled to Meet in May-June

Afternoon Book Group Contact: Lorraine Slattery slatteryp@pa.net 717-766-7940

Tuesday, May 3, 1pm – 3pm, Details TBD. Refer to Branch Calendar for updates. +

Tuesday, June 7, 12pm – 3pm - The annual planning picnic at Lorraine's. Bring a dish and your book recommendations to share in the next year. Please notify her at least 3 days in advance, if you plan to attend. New members are welcome, but because of the increased size of the group, only the first 15 RSVPs can be accommodated.

Morning Paperback Book Group Contact: Dorothy Brown dorothymb4ever@gmail.com 717-763-1080

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 10am – 12pm . *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift will be reviewed by Pat R. Please notify Joyce if you plan to attend.

Thursday, June 16, 12pm – 2pm - The annual potluck lunch and meeting to select books for the coming months. Contact Dorothy for details.

Nonfiction Book Group Contact: Christine Zuzack czuzack@hotmail.com 724-840-7908

Thursday, May 5, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Mary Jean will review *Empire of Pain* by Patrick Radden Keefe.

+ <https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/calendar-2/>

To learn about other SIG's (Special Interest Groups) available within the Harrisburg Branch , and contact information, see pages 9-10 of the 2021-2022 Yearbook, linked to the the Members Only section of our website:

<https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/files/2021/09/web2021.22yrbk-min.pdf>

Harrisburg Area Opportunities & Updates

In keeping with **AAUW CARLISLE**'s members' commitment to explore AAUW mission issues. . . .

BEYOND SUFFRAGE: Reclaiming the Future Women's Economic Security Forum

Thursday, May 5
4:00 — 8:00 pm

Cumberland County Historical Society
21 N Pitt St, Carlisle, PA 17013

We're excited to announce that the event which we had spent months planning before COVID is happening!!

Our wonderful band of community partners has joined forces again, along with new partners to host what we hope will be an impactful forum on women's economic security issues. The pandemic has only magnified the challenges women face competing in today's economy.

This community forum will bring together leaders and members of the community to listen, learn and discuss important issues that impact the economic security of women. The evening will feature two sessions – one on Social Bias and Barriers and one on Workplace Challenges Magnified (to include the effects of the pandemic on women). Each session will include a keynote speaker and a panel discussion with local experts. We will then break into working groups to discuss issues, individual experiences and ideas for actions that will have a positive impact.

Aaysha Noor, Head of Diversity and Inclusion at Giant will be our keynote for the Social Barriers and Bias session and has lined up the following panelists:

- Stephanie Jirard, Professor of Criminology, Shippensburg University
- Rep. Patty Kim, PA House of Representatives, 103rd District
- Tina Nixon, VP Mission Effectiveness, Diversity & Inclusion, UPMC Pinnacle
- Mirna Gonzalez, CASA - Latino and Immigrant



The Workplace Challenges Magnified session will be led by our Keynote – **Donna Bickford**, Dickinson College Dir. of Women's and Gender Resource Center. Our terrific panel will be:

- Paid Leave – Karen Showalter (MomsRising)
- Equal Pay – Barbara Price (AAUW PA)
- Affordable Childcare – PennAYC – Kim Early and Steve Doster
- Small Business Perspective – Nicole Miller, Mgr. Cornerstone Coffee House



Our objective is to compile community feedback from the evening in a white paper which will be presented to our Pennsylvania legislators as they consider several bills that will impact women's economic security, including equal pay, paid leave, and the minimum wage.

We will also be creating an Equity Quilt. Participants will be given a fabric square and asked to depict examples of how they have experienced inequities in their lives which have hindered them from economic success. Volunteers will sew them together into a quilt which will also be presented to legislators at the Capitol.

A meal will be provided. Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!!!

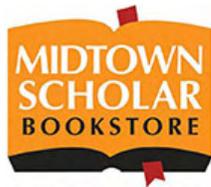
BEYOND SUFFRAGE: Steps to Economic Equity
March 31, 2020 from 4-8pm
Cumberland County Historical Society
21 N. Pitt St. Carlisle

Speakers and Panelists will include (additional panelists will be announced):
Angel Fox, CEO, Tears for Tarina & Fox's Wash and Go
Stephanie Jirard, Professor of Criminal Justice, Shippensburg University
Rep. Patty Kim, PA House of Representatives, 103rd District
Tina Nixon, VP Mission Effectiveness, Diversity & Inclusion, UPMC Pinnacle
Aaysha Noor, Social Justice Advocate and CEO, DOTS by Noor LLC
Barbara Price, Public Policy Chair, AAUW Pennsylvania
Karen Showalter, Senior Campaign Director, MomsConPoder/MomsRising
Lucy Zander, Executive Director, United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County

Dinner will be provided
Tickets are FREE, but registration required
Register with Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/93089779035>

Logos: Cumberland County Historical Society, Community Responders Network, Penn State Dickinson Law, AAUW, Charles Bruce Foundation, NCBW, YWCA Carlisle, COYC, HOPE STATION, eliminating racism empowering women.

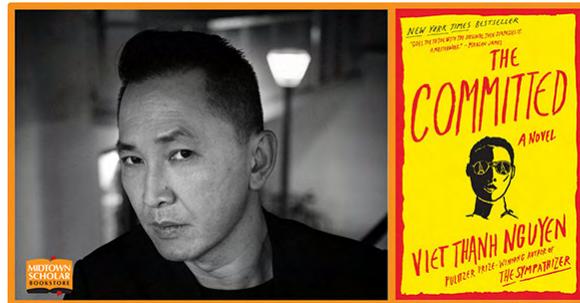
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Viet Thanh Nguyen 5/12 at 7pm

The long-awaited follow-up to the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Sympathizer*, which has sold more than one million copies worldwide.

Join Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen in Harrisburg for an in-person and live-stream discussion on his new novel, *THE COMMITTED*. Nguyen, who spent part of his childhood in Harrisburg, will read an excerpt from his memoir-in-progress that details his time in Harrisburg. He will be in conversation with Dickinson College Professor Sheela Jane Menon. Register for free at the Midtown Scholar website: <https://www.midtownscholar.com/>



EDUCATION VOTERS of Pennsylvania

It is budget season in Harrisburg--the time of year when lawmakers negotiate the budget and determine how much state funding they will approve for our public schools.

This year we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to take a huge step toward closing Pennsylvania's \$4.6 billion adequacy gap that harms children and puts at risk the future prosperity of the commonwealth.

- The trial for Pennsylvania's historic school funding lawsuit has focused all eyes on school funding in Harrisburg and in every corner of the commonwealth.
- Governor Wolf has proposed a historic \$1.75 billion increase in funding for public education.
- The state is sitting on a \$6 billion surplus and billions more in unspent cash.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 is *Lobby Day*

Come to Harrisburg (bring a friend or two!) and meet with your state lawmakers or their staff to show them that their constituents support Governor Wolf's full proposed education budget. We will schedule a meeting for you, provide materials, and prepare you for the meeting. We will also have a box lunch for you if you would like one. Contact the Education Voters website to let us know if you are interested in coming to Harrisburg on May 24th and we will be in touch with additional information. <https://edvoterspa.org/>

Best,

Susan Spicka, Executive Director, Education Voters of PA



The Fix Harrisburg Campaign

Fair Districts PA held a statewide virtual forum to provide more information for PA citizens on the Fix Harrisburg Campaign. Speakers included some who have followed the issue for years, and others new to the work. You can watch/listen to the forum at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKE7vvMh4AM>

Carol Kuniholm, FDPA Chair - Moderator

Tony Crocamo, FDPA Speaker and Advocacy Advisor

Khalif Ali, Executive Director Common Cause PA

Dave Stiel, former PA Republican representative from Bucks County, co-chair of the 2007 Speaker's Commission on Legislative Reform

John Baer, Columnist. founder and president of the Pennsylvania Press Club, author of *On the Front Lines of Pennsylvania Politics: Twenty-five Years of Keystone Reporting 2012*

Angelique Hinton, NAACP-Norristown President, PA YouthVote cofounder

Ruth Yeiser, FDPA Outreach Coordinator:

Rachel Goff, FDPA Rules Research Team Coordinator

National AAUW Opportunities and Updates

The AAUW National Membership Services Database Replacement Is Up And Running...

I'm very pleased to introduce the new AAUW Community Hub, *your personal portal into AAUW*. Thanks for your patience over the past week while we prepared this improved system, where you can manage your giving, membership, contact details and personal preferences with ease.

But first things first: We'd like you to create your account log-in. To access your account, visit <https://my.aauw.org> or click the "Log In" link at the top right corner of the AAUW website. **The first time you log in, you will need to reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Password" link.**

Once you create a password and log in, we hope you'll take the time to update your profile with us. You can do this by clicking "My Profile" in the menu on the left side of your "Personal Snapshot" screen. Visit our **Systems Update** page for more instruction and video tutorials.

I also invite you to attend a *special webinar* at **3:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 3.**

Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Kvnd-jWIBQ42h6i_kVhYIXA?emci=06733b2a-c18e-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&emdi=d828bc7c-418f-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&ceid=1015609

for more in-depth training on the new system. If you have additional questions or feedback, please reach out to connect@aauw.org.

AAUW is committed to continuously enhancing our members' experiences, and I hope you find the Community Hub a valuable resource for doing that. Thanks again for your patience and cooperation.



Katrina Sun Breese
Senior Director of Institutional
Advancement

Upcoming Webinar

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4 p.m. ET
Exploring Tough Policy Issues through an
AAUW Lens:
The Student Debt Crisis

Women hold around two-thirds of the country's \$1.7 trillion of student debt, according to AAUW's report, *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*. Because of the gender pay gap, they have less income with which to repay their loans. Student debt erodes economic security and is particularly burdensome for women of color. Our panelists will discuss their research and efforts to help borrowers and halt abuses by the student loan industry.

Join AAUW's Public Policy team as they and guest speakers explore the realities and possible misconceptions about student debt.

Panelists include Katherine Welbeck, director of advocacy from the Student Borrower Protection Center, and Natalia Abrams, president and founder of the Student Debt Crisis Center.

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EFRkOHQuQ9mSyiZcSy_gog?emci=8a14f601-79c5-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&emdi=1c3ad513-93c5-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&ceid=1015609



Katherine Welbeck



Natalia Abrams

Harrisburg Branch Members Out & About



04.13.2022 "Toddlers to Tassles: A Rally to Fully and Fairly Fund Education" on the Capitol steps was organized by lawmakers and joined by advocates to speak in support of Governor Wolf's proposed budget from preschool through K-12 and higher education. AAUW Harrisburg members Kathy Gates, Kathy Seidl and Chris Zuzack attended to show their support of this crucial issue.



04.02.2022 Kathy Bard, Art Association of Harrisburg Board member Barbara Warfel, and Tammy Carter, attended the Blue-Green Gala AAH fundraiser held at the Country Club of Harrisburg.



04.20.2022 Dr. Shaunty James lead a discussion for us at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore presenting situations to guide us in considering the complexity of issues when females are incarcerated.



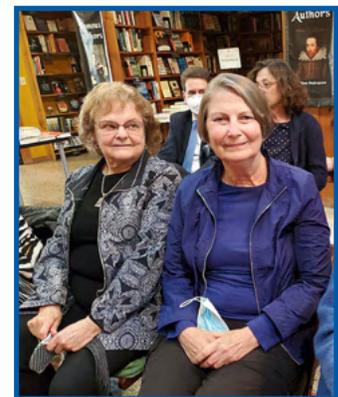
Dr.James, with the bookstore's iconic mural as backdrop.



Carol Nechemias, program co-ordinator, Dr.James, and Christine Zuzack.

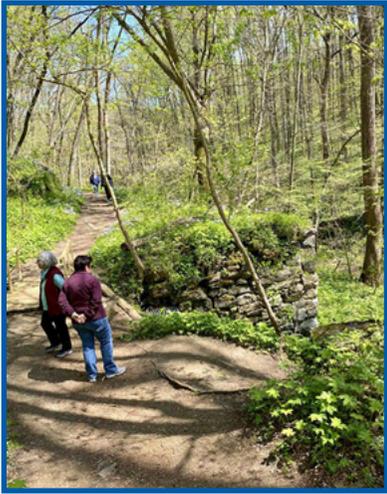


A business meeting with ambience- and appropriate masking



Lots of smiling faces. Above: Marcia Nye and Lee Johnson. Left: Phyllis Skok, Beth Klein, Kathy Silks, and Eileen Carson. Far Left: Marcia Hajduk and Lillian Grieco





04.29.2022. The Harrisburg Branch Walking Group took the challenge of the wilderness paths at the Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve in Conestoga PA, a part of the Lancaster Conservancy. The Shenks Ferry Site (36LA2) is a historic archaeological site that underwent excavation in 1930-1931 and in 1973 by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission.



This day's outing's group included Kathy Bard, MaryAnn Daniels, Lee Johnson, Jane Pomeranz, Marcia Nye, and Kathy Seidl. Kathy S and MaryAnn took turns doing the group shots.

Kathy focuses for a close up of something that has caught her eye.



Above left: Jane and Kathy pause to take in the stone structures along the way. Left: Lee and Marcia try their hand at identifying native plants.



05.01.2022. At Ft. Hunter, you would have found Branch members in other roles. Right: Chris Zuzack, Carol Stark, and Kathy Seidle found Eika Stark and daughter Violet (in background) running the popcorn stand.



Further along the path, Kathy, Chris, Erika, and Carol found Lee Johnson promoting Harrisburg's Wildwood Park restoration projects.

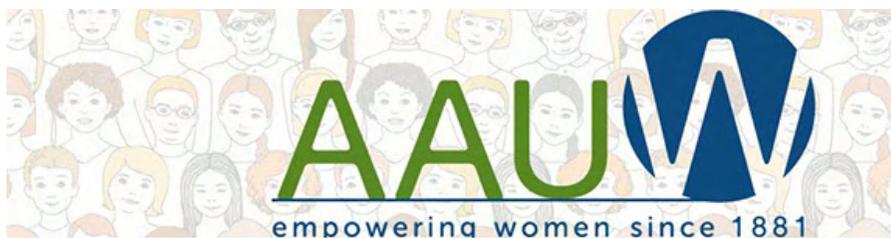


In one of the restored out buildings, Branch member Mary Jean Holmes had a beautiful presentation titled *Bogetsu* as part of the Harrisburg area's chapter of the Ikebana International flower-arranging organization display.

AAUW HARRISBURG DIVERSITY STATEMENT

AAUW Harrisburg condemns racism. We are committed to building a more just society where everyone, no matter the color of their skin, can live without fear, pursue their life goals, and thrive. Systemic racism is firmly rooted in the U.S., and today's injustices mirror our shameful history — from police brutality to inequality in educational opportunities to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. Our country needs healing. That healing will only come with justice.

AAUW Harrisburg is committed to fighting for justice and long-term and lasting change and will collaborate with government officials, educators, and community organizations to address systemic racism and inequality in our community. To make a change, we must ACT, identifying ways in which each of us can optimize our recognition, acceptance and inclusion of all diverse groups and our roll in achieving equality in all its aspects in our community and our country, from patronizing minority owned businesses to contacting our government leaders. AAUW Harrisburg's President Christine Zuzack; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair Kathy Silks; and Membership Vice Presidents MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl are leading this important effort.



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Thank you! Carol