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## *Celebrating Successes : Transitioning : Facing New Challenges*

The pastoral days of May through June 2022 help us anticipate summer vacations, family times, and relaxation. However, we in AAUW have seen them bring us many changes and challenges both the uplifting and the extremely trying; as a Branch, a Pennsylvania statewide organization, and a National entity, *and* as individuals.

The Harrisburg Branch installed the 2022-2023 Executive Committee. AAUW-PA installed a new President and Program Vice President. AAUW National promoted *Bans Off Our Bodies* rallies being held by Planned Parenthood nationwide on May 14. But, as of June 24, 2022, the US Supreme Court sent the issue back to individual states by reversing *Roe v. Wade*, even as U.S. Soccer announced landmark new contracts that will include the squads (USWNT & USMNT) equally in pay situations as well as equalize the parental benefits and even the types of field surfaces used!

And, as of June 28, SCOTUS has put on hold arguments challenging redistricting of 2 states prior to midterm elections (specifically Louisiana and Alabama). Fair Districts PA, one of our partners, has fought long and hard for a fair redistricting map, which has come to a current version by PA Supreme Court Order as of March 16, 2022. Can this be challenged?

Are we seeing the stirrings of many firestorms across a broad spectrum of issues that potentially radically change the lives of all people, not just women?

Rather than easing into summer, and life, post-Covid, it would seem that we as individuals and groups need to perk up our ears and investigate issues in a broad spectrum of areas.



After four years serving as our AAUW-PA President, Ann Pehle gave her official farewell thoughts and passed the gavel to Cindy Hall of the State College Branch at the 2022 AAUW-PA Convention in early June.



PA Supreme Court ordered the above map approved by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission in 4-1 vote is lawful and ready for use as of March 16, 2022.

On June 27, 2022, Marcia Hajduk (center) and Kathy Gates (far right) joined Ann Pehle (2nd on right), and other AAUW members at the PA State Capitol to protest the SCOTUS ruling on *Roe v. Wade*.



Starting eleven for USWNT for friendly match , April, 2022, with Uzbekistan.



## Meet the 2022 - 2023 Executive Board



At our May 21, 2022, annual Spring Luncheon held this year at Central Penn College in Summerdale, outgoing President Christine Zuzack installed the 2022-2023 Executive Board, headed by our new Co-Presidents, Marcia Hajduk and Eric Voss-Meloy.

Pictured below are our new Harrisburg Branch Officers (left to right): Lee Johnson, Co-Secretary; Marcia Nye, Finance Officer; Erica Voss-Meloy, Co-President; Christine Zuzack, outgoing President; Marcia Hajduk, Co-President; Carol Nechemias, Program Vice President; Kathy Seidl, Co-Membership Vice President; Eileen Carson, Co-Secretary; MaryAnn Daniels, Co-Membership Vice President.



**Barbara Landis** received the Branch's **Gateway to Equity Award** for her biographical work identifying the issues involved with the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and similar schools operated nationwide for indigenous tribes' children.



**LTC Kristal Turner-Childs**, our **2022 Community Woman of the Year**, delivered a rousing, inspiring recap of her journey from being the first member of her family to matriculate to the first Black woman to be appointed Pennsylvania State Police Deputy Commissioner of Staff.



Long time member (and still going at 98!) **Millie Yezdimir** beams as **Eileen Carson** is installed. As with all of us, Millie is thrilled to be back out and about.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:leighachow@gmail.com) with questions.

Thank you for helping to promote this opportunity to college and university women.

## American Association of University Women - Harrisburg Discover Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast! April 27 - May 8, 2023

### Hello Culture Vultures

Hear we go again! This time to beautiful Croatia. Barb Warfel just spoke to a woman who last month took this exact tour and raved about it. Barb will be holding an informational meeting with Matt, the Collette representative, who will offer all the details we need to know about touring Croatia. There is also an extension to the tour in Moldova to consider.

The meeting is on August 11th at 1:30pm in Barb's home at  
619 Haldeman Blvd  
New Cumberland PA 17070-1431



Please respond to Barb by phone 717-774-5559 or email [warfelb@yahoo.com](mailto:warfelb@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend.

To read over the tour information, please click on the **link below**, or refer to your 06.27.22 email from Barb that has the brochure attached. Questions? Feel free to call or e-mail Barb.

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1117102>

### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight  
Days 2 – 4 Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel, Dubrovnik  
Day 5 Atrium Hotel - Safir Hoteli, Split  
Day 6 The Lyra Hotel Plitvice, Plitvice Lakes  
Days 7, 8 Amadria Park Hotel Agava, Opatija  
Days 9, 10 Grand Plaza Hotel Ljubljana, Ljubljana  
Day 11 Sheraton Zagreb Hotel, Zagreb



HIGHLIGHTS... Dubrovnik, Choice On Tour, Cilipi Family-Style Dinner, Split, Diocletian's Palace, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Opatija, Istrian Peninsula, Farm-to-Table Dinner, Ljubljana, Lake Bled, Pletna Boat Ride, Zagreb



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A CULTURE VULTURES TREK

Arranged by Barbara Warfel

[warfelb@yahoo.com](mailto:warfelb@yahoo.com)

717-774-5559

Join Us On **Thursday, August 4, 2022**, to experience

## *the BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART EXHIBITION of* The Extraordinary Artist Joan Mitchell

The long-awaited Joan Mitchell retrospective is here! The exhibition follows the career of the internationally renowned artist who attained critical acclaim and success in the male-dominated art circles of 1950s New York, then spent nearly four decades in



France creating breathtaking abstract paintings that evoke landscapes, memories, poetry, and music. The exhibition features 70 works—from rarely seen early paintings and drawings to multi-panel masterpieces that immerse viewers with their symphonic color.

You can review a segment on Joan Mitchell's life on the 06.12.22 edition of CBS Sunday Morning:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-intense-life-of-abstract-expressionist-joan-mitchell/>

Pick up: East Shore 8:30 AM

West Shore 9:00 AM

Arrival at BMA at 10:30 AM

Lunch: On your own. A list of restaurants near the museum will be provided

**Reservation deadline July 15, 2022.**

**Cost \$65.00**

**\*\*\*PLEASE COMPLETE THE SIGN UP FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO BARB\*\*\***

Reservation form for **Thursday, August 4, 2022 at BMA**

The Extraordinary Artist Joan Mitchell

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Bus pick up East Shore \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 AM

Bus pick up West Shore \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 AM

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your check, paid in full, is your reservation. Please make checks payable to and mail 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# AAUW-PA Convention Moments

## 2022 AAUW PA Convention

June 3-5, 2022

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

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



Alicia Petross

- some insightful takeaways from Ann Pehle, outgoing AAUW-PA President.

Opening Night : The convention planners wanted to feature a local company in the opening keynote. Alicia Petross, Hershey Company Chief Diversity Officer didn't disappoint. We learned that for Hershey, diversity and inclusion is a business strategy for the purpose of creating an accepting and inclusive work environment for Hershey employees around the world. Measurable goals, willingness to be vulnerable, unafraid to end business relationships that are not furthering the goals and make new ones with true partners, candid conversations, and focused leaders are ingredients of Hershey's success.

As the Sunday morning brunch presenter, AAUW-PA asked Peg Pennepacker to



provide a celebration of **Title IX at 50** and discuss the emerging transgender issues in sports. She delivered, and the audience was so engaged, we gladly expanded Peg's time. Her remarks were thoughtful and an insightful presentation of the facts. The expressions on Leigh Ann Chow and Kathy Seidl's faces reflect the reaction that no one went away thinking Title IX is now passé.



Presidents networking: Kathleen Gorak of the Carlisle Branch, Marcia Hajduk and Erica Voss-Meloy of the Harrisburg Branch.

Harrisburg Branch members worked the registration tables on Friday evening and Saturday morning: right : Kathy Gates & MaryAnn Daniels. far right: Kathy Silks, Erica Voss-Meloy & Marcia Hajduk.



For our branch contribution to the basket auction this year, Marcia Hajduk combined a beautiful hanging planter with fun lottery tickets.



... and a PA wide Solicitation: Cindy Hall is the new President of AAUW-PA and is looking for individuals who are interested in serving in state-wide leadership positions. If you are interested, please contact Cindy at [cindyhall07@gmail.com](mailto:cindyhall07@gmail.com)



Harrisburg Branch members take a break from intense sessions -clockwise from front left: Christine Zuzack, Lillian Grieco, Marcia Hajduk, Erica Voss-Meloy, Kathy Gates, Kathy Seidl, & Mary Kratzer.

## On Updating Your National Membership Online -

Greetings, AAUW Harrisburg Members!

Members attempting to renew online, please, please contact me if you have difficulty with receiving an email to reset your password. It has come to my attention that some of you have duplicate accounts and they must be merged! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT thinking this will bypass or "correct" the problem. It will not - it will only create additional problems.

Once you receive a password, the process is fairly straightforward. Again, please call me if you have any questions or a problem resetting your password. Resetting your password is the first step in renewing online.

I am happy to report that approximately half of you have successfully paid your dues electronically. Good for you! We even had a new member that joined electronically!!!!

I know it is frustrating, but together we will get through this.

Have a great summer!

Kathy Seidl, Membership Committee

## Special Interest Groups Information

Non-Fiction Book Group: PLEASE NOTE that we changed our meeting day to the second Thursday of the month.

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.

### Non-Fiction Book Group meets to select books for 2022-2023

2022-2023 AAUW Non-Fiction Book Group		
Date	Reviewer	Book/Author
Sept 8	Jan Reinhardt	Destiny of the Republic - Candice Millard
Oct 13	Carol Nechemias	There is Nothing for You Here - Fiona Hill
Nov 10	Lee Johnson	Sandy Hook - Elizabeth Williamson
Dec 8	Chris Zuzack	River of the Gods - Candice Millard
Jan 12	Kathy Krausse	Unthinkable - Jaime Roskin
Feb 9	Lillian Grieco	Susan, Linda, Nina, and Cokie - Lisa Napoli
March 9	Mary Jean Holmes	The Last King of America - Andrew Roberts
April 13	Lorraine Slattery	Old in Art School - Nell Irvin Painter
May 11	Marcia Nye	Lessons from the Edge - Marie Yanovitch
June 8	2023-24 Selection Day	

All sessions are hosted by Jan Reinhardt at Messiah Village. Lunch is at noon followed by the book discussion at 1:00 pm.



front l - r: Lillian Grieco, Marcia Nye, Lorraine Slattery, Jan Reinhardt, our hostess. Standing : MaryAnn Daniels, Kathy Krausse, Christine Zuzack.



The Non-Fiction book group meets faithfully each month to experience and analyze agreed upon works, both popular and obscure. In June, they elected next year's choices. Left: Lee Johnson, Lillian Grieco. Right: Marcia Nye, Lorraine Slattery, Jan Reinhardt.







## 2022-2023 American Association of University Women Harrisburg Branch

**MEMBER INTERESTS:** Please contact **POC** (point of contact) for any volunteer or **SIG** (Special Interest Group) you would like to join.

There are opportunities to participate in the Branch's work and community activities. Some projects are very short term and take a minimal commitment. Please join us and lend your expertise and time. Please contact the leader listed below to add or delete your preferences.

### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

- Programs - Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments to certain meetings.  
Carol Nechemias [c4n@psu.edu](mailto:c4n@psu.edu)
- Scholarship - Volunteers on the Scholarship Committee review and update materials each year and assist in the dissemination of information to the public. They assist in proposing policy changes to scholarship requirements for submission to the Executive Committee. They review applications submitted and select the student recipients for each scholarship.  
Leigh Ann Chow [leighachow@gmail.com](mailto:leighachow@gmail.com)
- Web/Social/Media - Anyone active on social media can help by monitoring and updating our Facebook page, and, perhaps, expanding our presence, according to their interest and ability. Updates to the Branch Calendar (through Google) and the website (a WordPress site) require only basic computer skills. Carol Buskirk or Chris Zuzack [cmbuskirk@verizon.net](mailto:cmbuskirk@verizon.net) or [czuzack@hotmail.com](mailto:czuzack@hotmail.com)
- Yearbook - Volunteers needed to proofread sections of the yearbook before publication in late summer each year. Carol Stark [carolstark@live.com](mailto:carolstark@live.com)
- Betty Sullivan Memorial Library – Volunteers needed to deliver materials to the YWCA library. Judy Dillen or Beth Klein [judy.dillen@gmail.com](mailto:judy.dillen@gmail.com) or [bkcemk27@gmail.com](mailto:bkcemk27@gmail.com)
- Public Policy - Volunteers needed to support branch efforts related to our policy and other organization's policy with whom we have aligned to support common goals and objectives.  
Kathy Gates [kgates808@comcast.net](mailto:kgates808@comcast.net)
- Diversity and Inclusion - Volunteers needed to support our efforts to make our branch a more diverse and inclusive organization. Kathy Silks [kms107@outlook.com](mailto:kms107@outlook.com)
- Buddy Group – Volunteers needed to provide support to new members.  
Kathy Silks [kms107@outlook.com](mailto:kms107@outlook.com)

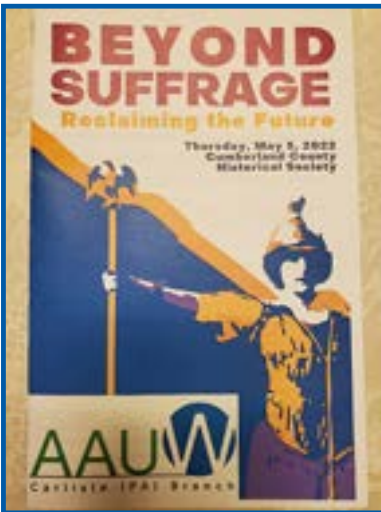
### ***Join a Special Interest Group***

There are several active groups to address specific interests of members and provide additional social opportunities. Most meet monthly September through May or June.

- Afternoon Book Group (book review/discussion-usually Tuesday afternoons)  
Lorraine Slattery [lslattery@pa.net](mailto:lslattery@pa.net)
- Cuisine Club (dining out-usually Saturday evenings) Joyce Ensign [ensignjohn@aol.com](mailto:ensignjohn@aol.com)
- Chefs at Home (cooking at home – evenings) Joan Swetz [jswetz3@yahoo.com](mailto:jswetz3@yahoo.com)
- Culture Vultures (day trips) Barb Warfel [warfelb@yahoo.com](mailto:warfelb@yahoo.com)
- Dine Around (dining out – usually Wednesday noon or evenings) Kathy Silks [kms107@outlook.com](mailto:kms107@outlook.com)
- Fine Film Group (varies) Erica Voss-Meloy [ericameloy@comcast.net](mailto:ericameloy@comcast.net)
- Non-fiction Book Group (book review/discussion-usually Thursday afternoons)  
Chris Zuzack [czuzack@hotmail.com](mailto:czuzack@hotmail.com)
- Paperback Book Group (book review/discussion-usually Thursday mornings)  
Dorothy Brown [dorothymb@verizon.net](mailto:dorothymb@verizon.net)
- Hiking Group (some easy walks/some challenging hikes) Lee Johnson [lee6646@verizon.net](mailto:lee6646@verizon.net)



## Partnering Updates:



Christine Zuzack and Kathy Gates attended the event “Beyond Suffrage: Reclaiming the Future” on May 5, 2022, sponsored by the Carlisle Branch. It was an excellent program with speakers and panel discussions primarily focused on pay equity, family leave, and child-care.

A White Paper is being generated from the proceedings.



### *Moments from the Long Awaited Carlisle Indian Industrial School Tour*



The outing, which was a living extension of the October, 2021, meeting which featured Barbara Landis, Carlisle Indian Industrial School biographer, included a special invitation to visit the former home of the Superintendent of the School (right), now the home of Carlisle member Missy Breckenridge.



On May 12, 2022, members of the Harrisburg and Carlisle Branches joined for a tour, conducted through the auspices of the Cumberland County Historical Society, of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School complex. The buildings of the School, many still in use in various ways, are in the heart of the grounds of the US Army War College at Carlisle. Some of the Harrisburg Branch members who went through the vetting process necessary for entering this high security base pose on Missy's steps, including Erica Voss-Meloy, Carol Buskirk, Marcia Hajduk, Kathy Bard, Christine Zuzack, MaryAnn Daniels, Kathy Seidl, Lee Johnson, Carol Stark, and Carol Nechemias.



## Harrisburg Area Opportunities & Updates

Once again, **Fort Hunter** will host their Sunset Music series on Friday nights this summer. These concerts start at 7:00 pm on the lawn in front of the barn. Food trucks are available although you may want to bring a basket of your own treats and a blanket or chair. A number of AAUW members have attended in the past for a wonderful evening of music under the stars.

The remaining music schedule is as follows:

July 15 -Shawan Rice  
July 29 - The Ogham Stones  
August 12 - Mariachi Rey Azteca  
August 26 - Across the Pond

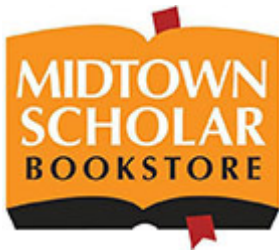
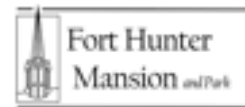
Fort Hunter Mansion & Park  
5300 North Front St, Harrisburg, PA



Teaming up with Capital BlueCross and Renewal by Andersen, the Sunset Music & Movie Series is expanding to 13-weeks, highlighting local performing arts organizations and including the family summer movie series. The movies begin at dusk, around 8:30pm. Friends of Ft Hunter offer a refreshment stand before - lots of popcorn!

The remaining movie schedule is as follows:

July 22 - Soul (90 minutes)  
August 5 - Encanto (102 minutes)  
August 19 - The Lorax (94 minutes)



Upcoming Events -

### Friday, July 22nd | 7pmET - In-Person + Virtual

From a renowned political scientist and transgender rights advocate—a new work that "will change the way we think, talk about and work for transgender policy and justice."

This July, join professor and author Paisley Currah for an in-person and live-stream discussion on his new book, *Sex is as Sex Does: Governing Transgender Identity*. In the book, Currah delivers a fascinating investigation into the work that sex classifications do in structuring politics and policy — and ultimately, why it fails transgender and non-binary people.

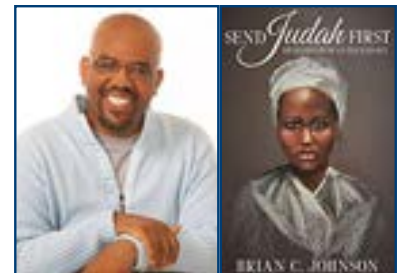
This event is free and open to the public, with registration. Proof of vaccination and masks are required for entry to this event. Virtual attendees will receive the event access link 24 hours and 1 hour before the event begins. Register for free at the Midtown Scholar website.



### Saturday, July 30th | 1pmET

#### Book Signing with Brian C. Johnson

MTS is pleased to welcome local author Brian Johnson for a book signing on his new novel of historical fiction, *Send Judah First: The Erased Life of an Enslaved Soul*. Brian C. Johnson honors the struggles and accomplishments of the ordinary citizens who launched the Civil Rights Movement by committing himself personally and professionally to the advancement of multicultural and inclusive education.



July 11 to July 15 - M.L Olewine Memorial Library  
July 18 to July 22 - Elizabethville Area Library  
July 25 to July 29 - Kline Library

August 1 to August 5 - Northern Dauphin Library  
August 8 to August 12 - East Shore Area Library

### Hurricane Agnes 1972: A Living History : 50 Years Later

The Library is marking the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Agnes and the subsequent flood that significantly impacted Dauphin County and the surrounding areas. Experience the flood through the eyes of those who lived it. A traveling exhibit will make its way to each library during the months of July and August, accompanied by a video consisting of stories and pictures from members of the community, staff members, and historical publications.



Front Street in Wormleysburg looking toward the Susquehanna River, just north of the Walnut Street Bridge.  
(Allied Pix, The Patriot-News)

August 15 to August 19 - WH&MC Alexander Library  
August 22 to August 26 - Johnson Memorial Library



# National AAUW Opportunities and Updates

## What Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Means for Reproductive Rights



"AAUW strongly condemns the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The decision overturns the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling that established abortion as a constitutionally protected right nearly 50 years ago. It also ignores the will of the American people, 80% of whom support legal abortion.

AAUW believes everyone has the right to make decisions about their own reproductive lives without government interference. Abortion access is vital to women's

ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity.

Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security—a crucial component of AAUW's mission. This is particularly important in a country that lacks accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave and workplace protections for pregnant workers.

The Court's decision hurts all of us, but it will do the most harm to low-income people, women of color, immigrants, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ people, because these groups already face substantial barriers to accessing reproductive services and health care.

While the Court's decision is a major setback for all Americans, AAUW remains steadfast in our commitment to protecting reproductive rights, a vital component of gender equity. "

Without the protections provided by Roe, states now have broad leeway to legislate away basic reproductive rights. In the first half of 2022 alone, 12 states have enacted restrictions on abortion care and another 14 are expected to follow shortly. But it's not all dire—11 states have countered with their own laws to strengthen and expand abortion rights.

Policy staff are listening closely to the top voices in the reproductive rights and health space while tracking the fallout from the Dobbs decision. As this summer unfolds, we will keep you up to date on grassroots advocacy opportunities and election-related activities. Just this morning, the White House announced the signing of an executive order to protect reproductive rights. It is an important first step, but there is more work to be done.



Abortion limitations map by state as of 06.29.22. - from The Fuller Project.

For example, you can:

- Learn more about the status of abortion rights in your state with the **Guttmacher Institute's 2022 policy analysis**.
- Stay up to date on our coalition's activities at [BansOffOurBodies.org](https://BansOffOurBodies.org)
- Take the opportunity to meet with your representatives on your home turf and hold in-district meetings to share your thoughts when Congress heads into recess in August.

The AAUW celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX, highlighting AAUW's role leading up to Title IX's passage, and reflecting on its continued challenges and evolution was recorded and is available for you to review on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9McnUKuGQ5I>





## Harrisburg Branch Members Out & About



Sunday, May 22, 2022 - Branch members Jane Pomerantz, Erica Voss-Meloy, Lillian Grieco, Carol Nechemias, and Helen Khanzina attended the 10:00 AM screening of *GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT*, followed by a sponsored discussion with Prof. Khanzina - all a part of the 2022 HARRISBURG JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL.

weekend of June 26, 2022 - to quote Chris (Zuzack) - "YES! After a terrible start, I was able to recover for a second place low net finish at the LPGA Amateurs Championship Regional Qualifier. On to California for the National Championship!"

*We're all behind you, Chris!!*



Harrisburg's Reservoir Park band shell/  
stage

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 - Branch members Rosemary Cahill, Kathy Seidl, Erica Voss-Meloy, and MaryAnn Daniels had a night out to enjoy The Gamut Theater's



Harrisburg Shakespeare Company performance of "The Winter's Tale". The program was free although donations of canned goods for the Bethesda Mission were being accepted.



Sunday, May 15, 2022 - Carol Nechemias, Christine Zuzack and Kathy Seidl made the drive to Pittsburgh's PNC Park to watch the Pittsburgh Pirates eke out a late game 1 - 0 win over the Cincinnati Reds - and get some fab Selfies with Pgh baseball icon (statue) Roberto Clemente and the Mrs.T's Pierogies mascot.





MAY 21, 2022  
WE  
CELEBRATE  
OUR YEAR



Festivities included awards, refreshing foods, and enjoying getting together. Top: Carol Nechemias received recognition as the Branch's Member Making a Difference. left: Patrick, our Central Penn/Culinart Maitre D', assists Barb Warfel and Kathy Krausse with their food selections. right: MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl are beaming over membership accomplishments as they look forward to another term. bottom: Judy Daniels and Paulette Montville have time for a relaxing conversation.





top right: Kathy Gates was honored as one of our Named Grant Recipients for her stellar work keeping us up to date on Public Policy. Beth Kline, for her work with the YWCA library, and Leigh Ann Chow, for her work as head of the Scholarship Committee, are also chosen as this year's Named Grant Honorees.

bottom right: Pat Riker and Barb Kriebel are all smiles today, as always.

top left: Allison Stark and Kathy Silks check their phones while waiting for the call to lunch. There is just SO MUCH going on in the world to keep up with! We know, ladies.

bottom left: the 100th Anniversary Committee was honored as Outstanding Branch Member. l-r : Rosemary Cahill, Kathy Silks, Lee Johnson, Carol Stark, Marcia Hajduk; Chair, and Erica Voss-Meloy, as well as Mary Kratzer and Carol Nechemias.





## 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 Co-Presidents Marcia Hajduk & Erica Voss-Meloy; 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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### OUR MISSION

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

### OUR VALUES

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Principled.  
Inclusive and Intersectional.

### OUR VISION

Equity for all

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Co-Presidents - Marcia Hajduk**

**& Erica Voss-Meloy**

**Program Vice President - Carol Nechemias**

**Membership Vice President - MaryAnn Daniels  
& Kathy Seidl**

**Finance Officer - Marcia Nye**

**Co-Secretaries - Eileen Carson & Lee Johnson**

**Nominating Committee - Christine Zuzack, chair  
Claire Powers, Kathy Silks, Carol Stark, and  
Barbara Passeri-Warfel**

2022/2023 Board meetings  
are held by Zoom on the second Thursday  
of each month

**August 11, 2022 - 3:00 - 4:30pm**

*Erica Voss-Meloy or Marcia Hajduk will send information to the Board members prior to each meeting.*

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### **\*\*\*Newsletter Contributions\*\*\***

Any members who wish to contribute an article, upcoming event notice, or news item to the newsletter may do so by emailing them in the form of a Word document no later than the twentieth of the preceding month, to:

[Hbgauwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Hbgauwnewsletter@gmail.com)

### **Pictures Welcome!**

Pictures of any AAUW events, or branch members taking part in any other relevant community events, may be sent in as well.

***Picture submissions should be in jpeg format.***

Thank you! Carol