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THE CONNECTION  
November 2022

**Larisa Miller**, Lebanon County native from a farming background, started her career in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture, working for the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, and later, for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. She went on to work for Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Ridge, in the office of public policy.

From her years spent working around the world, particularly in the Middle East and Africa, Larisa has drawn on the innovations, ideas and solutions conceived by enterprises across the

### *Where Does Our Food Come from and Why Does it Matter?*

globe in looking for ways to accelerate opportunities for the agriculture industry in Pennsylvania. Committed to helping family farms remain productive and viable, allowing farms to continue multi-generational operations, Larisa helped to develop an innovative model for livestock agriculture which serves as the basis for Keystone Farm Future (KFF). The KFF model allows clients to realize security and surety of meat supply with clear line of sight across the supply chain. Further, this model helps farmers to have a viable option which can assist in keeping their farms in operation with less risk and no capital investment.

Keystone Farm Future will provide oversight and management for Karns Foods in their launching of their own beef program, making Karns Markets the first grocery store in the U.S. to completely control the beef supply

**Thursday, November 10, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

**Fredericksen Library**

**100 North 19th Street, Camp Hill PA**

**Walnut Street Entrance**



Have you noticed some new signs popping up at our local Karns Markets? Join us to find out what this is all about from **Larisa Miller, President and CEO of Keystone Farm Future.**

chain, from farm to fork. Per Ms. Miller "It allows the supermarket to have a secure supply chain and surety of supply and allows everyone in that supply chain to know exactly what they're making, how much is coming in and when it needs to be going out."

With food security being our most critical global crisis, it's time for us to re-evaluate our legacy business models for agriculture and farming, having the courage to discard the "way it's always been done", in favor of innovation, security and sustainability.

It is important to preserve our farmland, but even more important to preserve our farmers, through a return to consuming 'local', policies and regulations favorable to small- and medium-sized agribusiness, and access to capital.



Larisa Miller

## November 2022 Message from Our Co-Presidents Marcia Hajduk and Erica Voss Meloy

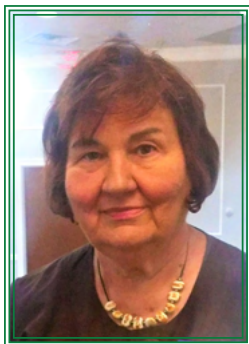
As the Autumn leaves are falling, I can't help thinking about all the stereotypical limitations that are finally, albeit slowly, falling to the ground - those about how women are lesser creatures, surely incapable of the kinds of genius that has shaped the world. But are we? I'm on a quest to find the genius, so often overlooked, in each of us. Simply by being a member of AAUW we have proclaimed to the world that we have a life mission to chisel away at limitations that have been and still are misconstrued.

I was struck with a current US Postal stamp depicting Edmonia Lewis. I'd never heard of her, despite years of my looking to uncover women heroes. She was forced to bury her brilliant sculptures and emigrate to Europe in order to survive. Why? She had the audacity to be a mixed race woman in an era when only men could create genius art. Use her stamps and educate others of this unsung artist.

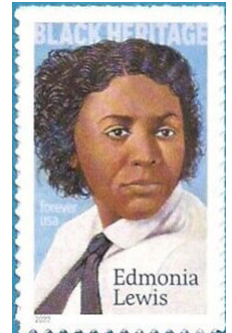
Erica and I traveled to Gettysburg to see the National Theater Live production of *PRIMA FACIE*, a one woman (Jodie Comer) play so full of emotion that we commented that we had never seen such an intense performance. This successful attorney, Tessa, bared her soul to us and we felt her pain. Was she the victim of a "routine" rape case where women are undervalued? It will be at Midtown soon and it needs to be a priority.

I have, thanks to Tom, been reading *The Hidden Habits of Genius* by Craig Wright. If you read nothing else, go to Chapter Two entitled "Genius and Gender". The author contends, and proves with research including the 2010 AAUW study, that women might, in fact, have more genius than men along with the added benefit of ENDURANCE. But, how many women in any field does the world revere?

So, as we see our country struggle to ensure our democracy, realize that each of you has already taken the first step. We have common goals, become each others' rock, and like Edmonia Lewis are chiseling away at the shroud that has enclosed women in self doubt. Being a product of the 70's, I embrace Helen Reddy as, We are Women, Hear Us Roar!



Co-Presidents,  
Marcia Hajduk  
Erica Voss Meloy



Forever Free  
Edmonia Lewis  
1867



November 8, 2022 is  
Election Day

visit

[iwillvote.com/PA](https://www.iwillvote.com/PA)

or

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

to find your polling  
place. Polls will be open  
from 7:00am to 8:00pm

## Take Note - Branch Updates:



### the YWCA Christmas Wish List 2022

Pending any unforeseen health contingencies, the YWCA will again this year be collecting items for the Christmas Season for their clients.

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#### household items

- bath towels\*
- pillows\*
- thick blankets\*
- twin sheet sets\*
- twin mattress covers\*
- pots and pans
- irons
- cleaning products
- lock boxes with keys
- ziploc bags\*

- all sizes \*

#### miscellaneous items

- gift cards to Giant and other local stores
- gas gift cards
- bus passes

- all sizes \*

#### personal hygiene items

- feminine products
- full-size shampoo/conditioner
- African American haircare products
- toothpaste and toothbrushes
- deodorant
- hair combs and brushes
- hair ties

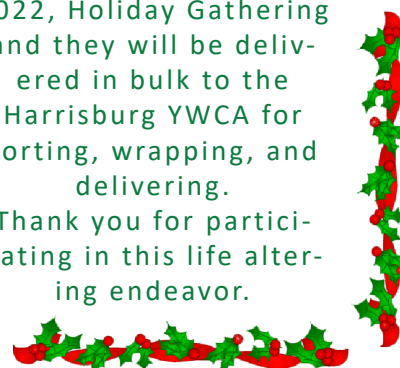
#### clothing and baby items

- underwear, bras and socks\*
- sneakers, summer shoes and flip flops\*
- diapers\*
- baby wipes

- all sizes \*

Please bring any UNWRAPPED items you wish to donate to the "Y" to our December 3, 2022, Holiday Gathering and they will be delivered in bulk to the Harrisburg YWCA for sorting, wrapping, and delivering.

Thank you for participating in this life altering endeavor.



## Save the Date



### Our Annual Holiday Tea

**December 3, 2022 (Saturday)**

**11:30 am**

Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
1801 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112



Just a reminder that we will be using the entrance to the social hall which is at the far side of the parking lot.

Come experience the immersive program *"Evergreens and Dreidels,"* presented by Col. Frank Hancock of Time Travelers Trunks, and celebrate the holiday season with AAUW friends. Start thinking about what sweet or savory food item you would like to bring to share.

Chairs: MaryAnn Daniels & Lillian Grieco

Do you have a "vintage" **AAUW Holiday Season** photo such as these fun moments. you would like to share in the upcoming 2022 December Issue of the Connection? If so, send it to our gmail

- [HbgAAUWNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:HbgAAUWNewsletter@gmail.com)

If you only have a "hard copy", send an inquiry to the gmail and I will work with you to get it to me.

Far Right: 2017 - Carol Pennington, Marcia Hajduk & Lee Johnson at the Siebert Park Cabin.

Right: 2019 - Kathy Bard, Lee Johnson, Chis Zuzack, MaryAnn Daniels & Jane Pomerantz in the Messiah Village Community Room







The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey cordially invites you  
to join us on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

at

**11 a.m. in the Rotunda of the State Capitol**

at the

**“Zonta says ‘No’ to Human Trafficking” Rally**

Plan now to join us in our continuing campaign to  
**End Violence against Women and Children**



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Do you have the Human Trafficking Hotline number in your phone?

1-888-373-7888

## 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 spoke with a woman who recently took this exact tour and raved about it. There is also an extension to the tour in Moldova to consider.

Please contact Barb by phone 717-774-5559 or email [warfelb@yahoo.com](mailto:warfelb@yahoo.com)  
if you are intersted in this adventure.

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

## Harrisburg Branch Donation Suggestions 2022-2023

An additional way to get involved with our Branch is to make a donation directly to one or more of the Branch's philanthropic endeavors. Each contribution helps us keep our initiatives on track and our bottom line sound toward meeting our philanthropic goals.

Beverly J. Smith Memorial Scholarship	\$ _____
AAUW Harrisburg Branch Member Memorial Scholarship	\$ _____
Sally C. Chamberlain Scholarship	\$ _____
YWCA of Greater Harrisburg - Betty Sullivan Memorial Library	\$ _____
AAUW Harrisburg Funds (local initiatives)	\$ _____
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ _____

Please annotate check for the specific fund(s)' destination(s),  
and send check to:

AAUW Harrisburg  
P.O. Box 60911  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-0911



## AAUW PA Opportunities



Recent AAUW Pennsylvania virtual events are now available for view on **YouTube**.

### News Savvy

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Guest speaker is Chris Baxter, Executive Director & Editor in Chief of Spotlight PA — the largest newsroom in Pennsylvania dedicated to holding the Pennsylvania state government to account. The Spotlight PA team of a dozen investigative reporters and editors based in the capital are working every day to keep track of taxpayer dollars and ensure the government is working for the people — and no one else.

In this program, Chris explains how Spotlight PA got started, how he and his team approach election coverage, the beats assigned to journalists, and what makes the newsroom unique. Of particular interest is how the decimation of the Capitol press corps in the past ten years has led to the rise of misinformation /disinformation/dark money operations, and how Spotlight PA is tackling 'fake news.'

<https://youtu.be/fxiNVMejqhU>

### Where Do Your State Legislators Stand on AAUW Issues?

A deeper look at incumbent and candidate voting records or views on the Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment legislation.

September 29, 2022

Presenters: Sandra Miller, AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy Chair; Barbara Price, Issue Specialist; Ann Pehle, Issue Specialist

All the ads on television and those coming in the mail are focused on the PA Governor and US Senator races. However, there are other races that are just as important if not more so. All the PA House is up for election as is half of the PA Senate (all senators that represent even numbered districts). Our PPC Issue Specialists explain what's at stake in this election and take a deeper look at incumbent and candidate records or views on issues of concern to AAUW PA: Senate Bill 106 (PA Constitutional Amendment Legislation); Paid Leave; Pay Equity; and, the Living Wage

<https://youtu.be/l4Dgf0cA-fc>

### Communicating Across Generations

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Presenters: Jordan Glover is AAUW-PA's Central District Coordinator. Previously, she served as the AAUW PA DEIB Chair from 2018-2022. After joining AAUW post-college, Jordan has become involved nationally on the Inclusion & Equity Committee, and in her local community as the DEI chair, and now Membership Co-Vice President

Ajla Laussegger is AAUW-PA's Diversity and Inclusion Chair. She is passionate about social justice and equality and pursues opportunities to advocate on behalf of marginalized populations.

This timely and interactive program designed by AAUW-PA's District Coordinators and Diversity & Inclusion Chair focuses on learning how to work with generational diversity in your branch and in your outreach. Organizational structure and design, goal setting, and membership communication and support are among the topics discussed



<https://youtu.be/wzceDDhVsK4>

### And A LIVE OPPORTUNITY ...

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30pm.

Title IX: What is it and how does it impact schools today?

Presented by AAUW Doylestown and the Delaware Valley University Office of Diversity & Inclusion at the DVU Student Center.

Speaker Peg Pennepacker ([pegpennepacker@gmail.com](mailto:pegpennepacker@gmail.com)), a leading consultant and advocate for gender equity, athletic director and coach. Peg was a featured speaker at the 2022 AAUW Pennsylvania Convention.

Is Title IX a law? What does it prohibit? Who does it protect? Is it just sports? What impact does it have on schools today?

The event will be livestreamed on Zoom.

Register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3ssizrH-9S7ajrkN6DhAlAA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3ssizrH-9S7ajrkN6DhAlAA)

**There's a LOT to learn with the new iOS 16.**

Jim Gates (Kathy's husband) is once again offering free iPhone classes-  
via Zoom.

From Jim:

Apple's newest operating system for the iPhone (iOS 16) launched @ September 13th.

For November, I am offering classes on specific apps. These classes are for beginners but even those with

**iOS 16 is coming!**



**LOTS of new features!**

good experience can learn something.

Nov 1 - iMovie.  
Nov 8- Snapseed.  
Nov 15- Make Collages  
Nov 22 - Capcut

Then, in January, Jim will be teaching an iPad "course" face-to-face through Fredricksen library.

Anyone who is interested in these classes can contact Jim at:  
[jgates513@gmail.com](mailto:jgates513@gmail.com)

**VOTE**

THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT

**Special Interest Groups Scheduled to Meet : November 2022 - January 2023**

**Afternoon Book Group** Contact: **Kathy Krausse** [rdkrausse@icloud.com](mailto:rdkrausse@icloud.com) 717-697-5462

All sessions are hosted at Messiah Village. Lunch is at noon followed by the book discussion at 1:00 pm. Sometimes schedules are changed so please contact Kathy or Jan if you plan to attend. (Sometimes capacity is limited, so be sure to let them know.)

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, *Bruno Chief of Police* by Martin Walker will be reviewed by Lorraine Slattery  
December and January meetings are pending.

**Morning Paperback Book Group** Contact: Dorothy Brown [dorothymb4ever@gmail.com](mailto:dorothymb4ever@gmail.com) 717-763-1080

All meetings, except the Planning Picnic, are hosted at Messiah Village at 10:00 am.  
Please contact Dorothy or Jan Reinhardt, to verify, if you plan to attend. (Sometimes capacity is limited, so be sure to let her know.)

Thursday, November 17, 2022, *A Recipe for Daphne* by Nektaria Anastasiadou will be reviewed by Jan Reinhardt  
December - no meeting scheduled

Thursday, January 19, 2023, *The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich will be reviewed by Dorothy Brown

**Nonfiction Book Group** Contact: Christine Zuzack [czuzack@hotmail.com](mailto:czuzack@hotmail.com) 724-840-7908

All sessions are hosted at Messiah Village. Lunch is at noon followed by the book discussion at 1:00 pm. Sometimes schedules are changed so please contact Chris or Jan if you plan to attend. (Sometimes capacity is limited, so be sure to let them know.)

Thursday, November 10, 2022, *Sandy Hook* by Elizabeth Williamson will be reviewed by Lee Johnson

Thursday, December 8, 2022, *River of the Gods* by Candice Millard will be reviewed by Chris Zuzack

Thursday, January 12, 2023, *Unthinkable* by Jaime Raskin will be reviewed by Kathy Krausse

see also: <https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/special-interest-groups/>



## October Branch & Member Activities Re-Cap

October 18. A well attended meeting at the New Cumberland Library Foundation House, was led by Dr. Deborah Skok exposing us to details of the US Bureau of Public Assistance' creation with Jane Hoey championing impoverished mothers and children



Above: proud Mom Phyllis Skok, Dr. Deborah Skok, and Carol Nechemias, program chair.



Marcia Nye, Lee Johnson & Kathy Bard explored the far reaches of Cornwall County in South West England - with friends from other trips Jacquie (CA) and Barbara (TX).



Above: St. Michael's Mount castle.  
Left: the Cornish flag at Land's End at the very tip of the peninsula.



Carol Nechemias and Lee Johnson managed a selfie with MS's manager, Alex Brubaker, at the reception at Midtown Scholar's new collectibles building, held as part of the Festival.



Lee Johnson & Carol Nechemias take a moment with Catherine Lawrence, co-owner, and one of our April 27, 2023, guest speakers.



Carol Stark and Allison Stark display their RBG themed #getoutthevote shirts.

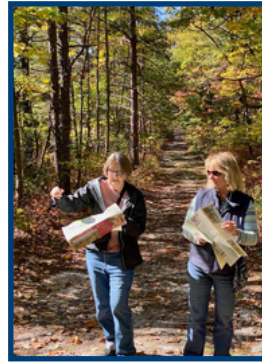
PSA: You may have noticed informational handouts at the meeting sign-in table lately. They are for distributing to your non-member friends and acquaintances to let them know about us. The business cards have a place on the back for your name or any contact information you would like to share with them.





## The Walking Group will wander Central Pennsylvania as long as the weather holds up. Bravo, Ladies!

October 9. Kathy Seidl, Marcia Hajduk, Lee Johnson, Marge Gingrich, and Chris Zuzack explored the sights at Kings Gap State Park, Cumberland County, including the Cameron-Masland Mansion (right) and formal gardens with its native fragrant as well as useful plants (below left), and the hiking trail (below middle and right) .



October 22. The AAUW Hbg. Branch Walking Group travelled to St. Peter's Village in western Chester County along the French Creek that Saturday. They meandered through quaint shops, ate a delicious lunch at the St. Peter's Inn, hiked through Hopewell Big Woods, and toured Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, not far from French Creek State Park. It was a beautiful day with AAUW friends Marcia Hajduk, MaryAnn Daniels, Kathy Bard, Jane Pomerantz, Marcia Nye, and Barb Warfel.!



PSA#2: For branch members who are not on FaceBook: Our AAUWHarrisburg.org website displays our recent FaceBook posts in the sidebar on the bottom right.



Scroll down in that little window to see what's happening. You will find lots of useful updates on current activities that come and go or change too fast for the website or newsletter. You don't have to be a FaceBook member to click on links provided, but you can't "like" or "comment" unless you join.

## 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, Inclusion & Belonging air Kathy Silks; and Membership Co-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

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Co-Presidents - Marcia Hajduk  
& Erica Voss-Meloy**  
**Program Vice President - Carol Nechemias**  
**Membership Vice Presidents - 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,  
& Barbara Passeri-Warfel

### 2022/2023 Board meetings

will be held via *Zoom* on the second Thursday of  
each month from 3:00 - 4:30pm

**November 10, 2022**

*Erica Voss Meloy or Marcia Hajduk will send meeting  
agenda information to the Board members*

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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