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## ***"The Patriot Daughters of Lancaster Present..."***



**March 9, 2023 (Thursday) 6:30 pm**

**- Our Women's History Month Program**

Fredericksen Library  
100 North 19th Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Chairs: Carol Nechemias & Lee Johnson

Civilian reenactors will share documented stories of the Patriot Daughters of Lancaster, which was a ladies' aid society formed ten days after the firing on Ft. Sumter on April 12 1861.

To help us appreciate the enormity of what these women undertook, the Patriot Daughters of Lancaster have provided us with a brief background of their organization.

### *The Patriot Daughters of Lancaster & Associates*



**1861 - 1865**

During the Civil War numerous societies, often referred to as "ladies' aid societies," were formed in the North by civilians wishing to support the troops and contribute to the war effort. On April 22, 1861 -- just ten days after the firing on Fort Sumter-- a group of ladies met at the Lancaster Court House to organize the Patriot Daughters of Lancaster. Rosina Hubley, owner of the Swan Tavern and Hotel, was elected president and continued in that position for the duration of the war.

The initial purpose of the organiza-



Rosina Weaver  
Hubley

tion was to provide money, food and supplies for soldiers serving in local companies of Pennsylvania Regiments. They organized the sewing for needed articles of clothing and made bandages for hospitals. The Patriot Daughters provided soldiers from Lancaster with supplies as they left for the war and welcomed them home with elaborate dinners after they had been mustered out of the service. They also provided national flags to Lancaster companies. Wagons loaded with provisions were driven to sites where there had been major battles by Lancaster men acting as agents for the Patriot Daughters.

The Patriot Daughters formed various committees, including the Ward Committee, made up of women going door-to-door in their respective wards to collect needed items. Other committees were identified as Purchases, Repository, and Packing. Meetings were held in St. James Episcopal Church School Room. The Patriot Daughters opened and managed an infirmary for ill soldiers. In addition, they collected money for widows and children and provided for children whose fathers had gone to war.

In the book, *Hospital Scenes After the Battle of Gettysburg*, the Patriot Daughters described their experiences nursing soldiers at Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg during July of 1863. They remained there for four weeks, nursing and cooking for the soldiers. Later, they were asked to return to Gettysburg to care for wounded with the Sisters of Charity at the Lutheran Seminary hospital.



The Patriot Daughters held sanitary fairs and bazaars to raise money. One huge event, "A Soldiers Fair," was held in February 1864 at Fulton Hall, now the Fulton Theater, with proceeds totaling \$12,000 (over \$270,000 in 2022 dollars). The week-long fair included displays of relics of the war, items from the Battle of Gettysburg, ladies' handwork, fine art, concerts and tableaux, refreshments, and items for sale.

Their effect on the soldiers in the field was profound. In a letter from Harrison's Landing, VA, Captain William L. Bear of Company B, 1st Pennsylvania Reserves wrote,

*"Could the Patriot Daughters of Lancaster have but seen the countenances and hear the grateful expressions which fell from the lips of the survivors of the bloody conflicts before Richmond, they would have been in some measure repaid for their generous offering."*

After the formal organization was disbanded in 1865, its members continued to support widows and orphans and helped to educate freed slaves. Patriot Daughters



spearheaded fundraising for Lancaster's Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument erected in Penn Square in 1874.

We remember and honor the dedicated service of those civilians of Lancaster by portraying the Patriot Daughters at local living history events and Civil War reenactments. Join the Civil War living historians, men & women, in portraying the Patriot Daughters of Lancaster, the teamsters, and the soldiers they served.

For more information contact:

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read more at:

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/media/library/docs/vol32no2pp41-51.pdf>

<https://www.nps.gov/gett/learn/historyculture/wills-house-virtual-identity-rosina-hubley-and-the-patriot-daughters-of-lancaster.htm>

and

***The Patriot Daughters of Lancaster***  
by Albert Keller Hostetter



**Harper's Weekly Sept. 6, 1862**  
"Influence of Woman" depicts a ladies' aid society preparing goods to be shipped to soldiers, Sisters of Charity, and civilian "nurse" helping to write letters to home from the hospital.

## March 2023 Message from Our Co-Presidents Marcia Hajduk and Erica Voss Meloy

Friends,

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. We might need some rewrites on our folklore due to global warming. Wasn't February rather lamb-like? Perhaps March will be willful like the cat (rather than the rabbit) represented on the Vietnamese Zodiac calendar. We'll see.

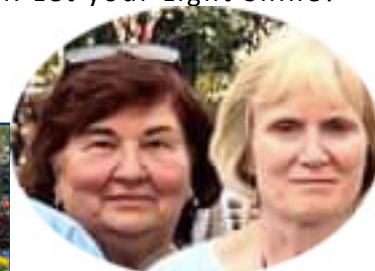
I was reminded in Michelle Obama's book, *The Light We Carry*, about the Three Sisters' Garden. I was struck how this concept relates to our Branch and the women who populate it. The concept is one of synergy. Native Americans realized that if corn, beans and squash were planted together, each would become better because of the others. So it is that Erica and I, as Presidents, are empowered by the strengths of you, our members. Each of you has something to offer. Sometimes we think "we're not enough", and deny the others of vital, though sometimes understated contributions.

The corn is tall, and acts as a pole to hold up the beans as they stretch for the sun. The beans work underground to add beneficial nitrogen to the soil. The squash grows low and spreads to block the weeds and keep the soil moist. Which role do you take in enhancing our harvest?

March is Women's History Month. Through 102 years, the Harrisburg Branch has contributed to that history through the contributions of her members. Our plea is that each of you throw away your self-doubts, clear another hour from your calendars, and volunteer. Didn't we all join AAUW to enhance our leadership skills? If you are the corn, the other members will be your beans and climb up with you to get the job done. We need Branch members to volunteer. Being President or on the Board is a commitment, but very doable for each of us. Even if you're away, you can work remotely. You owe it to yourself, the Branch and the National Organization. Let your Light Shine!

- Come to the July State Program in Gettysburg.
- Recommend a college woman to attend the National Leadership Conference. We are offering a scholarship.
- Say yes when asked to take a leadership role.

Happy March  
Marcia Hajduk and Erica Voss Meloy,  
Co-Presidents



## Report of the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee

### NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 -2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President - Christine Zuzack**

**President Elect(s) - open**

**Program Co-Vice Presidents - Carol Nechemias & Lee Johnson**

**Membership Co-Vice Presidents - MaryAnn Daniels & Kathy Seidl**

**Finance Officer - Eileen Carson**

**Co-Secretaries - Cindy Dlugolecki & Maragret Gingrich**

**Nominating Committee -**

**Marcia Hajduk & Erica Voss-Meloy, chairs; Kathy Seidl, Kathy Silks & one volunteer**



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## NCCWSL

May 31 - June 3, 2023

AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).



### **AAUW HARRISBURG BRANCH IS OFFERING A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE 2023 NCCWSL CONFERENCE\***

AAUW Harrisburg Branch is offering a scholarship for  
a deserving student to attend

**\*2023 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**  
(NCCWSL) to be held May 31 – June 3, 2023

at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

NCCWSL brings together more than 800 young women from around the country  
for two and a half days of leadership training, networking, and inspiration.

Use this link to find out more about this amazing opportunity:

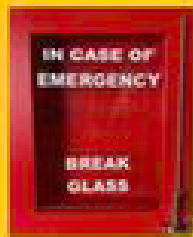
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/>

To apply for the scholarship which will cover a residential registration, submit a  
paragraph describing how the following description of attendees matches your  
activities and career goals:

NCCWSL attracts a diverse group of young  
leaders who are highly engaged on their  
campuses: They are involved in student gov-  
ernment, academic and pre-professional or-  
ganizations, identity-based and social-justice  
clubs, and political activism.

Submit your paragraph with contact information (including email and phone num-  
ber), name of college or university you are attending, and your major  
by March 17, 2023, to

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



# ***Civics 9-1-1***



**Bosler Memorial Library  
158 W. High Street, Carlisle**

Concerned about partisan bickering and gridlock? What values do Americans cherish and how can we listen to and learn from each other? In this FREE 3-part series we will explore our Constitutional foundations and long-held democratic norms, discuss how to constructively share ideas and separate facts from disinformation, and talk about our election system and how we can become engaged in our community.



**Tuesday, March 21 7:00-8:30 pm**

## ***American Democracy: What We Believe Constitutional Foundations & Principles of Democracy***

Dr. Marybeth Ulrich, Professor of Government, US Army War College  
Judge Mary D. France (retired), US Bankruptcy Court, Middle District, PA  
Register: <http://bit.ly/3Yn8hQD>



**Thursday, March 30 7:00-8:30 pm**

## ***Fact or Fiction: Disinformation & Civil Discourse Finding Common Ground in Divisive Times***

Jean Foschi, Cumberland County Commissioner  
Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County Commissioner  
Chris Baxter, Founder and Executive Director, Spotlight PA  
Register: <http://bit.ly/3HROXpi>



**Tuesday, April 4 7:00-8:30 pm**

## ***WANTED: Informed, Engaged Citizens Elections & Other Civic Engagement Opportunities***

Bethany Salzarulo, Executive Director, Cumberland Cty Bureau of Elections  
Paula Bussard, President, Board of Directors, Carlisle Area School District  
Stephen Caruso, Capitol Reporter, Spotlight PA  
Register: <http://bit.ly/3lnEp85>

***Registration Requested***

## Branch Members Are Involved in Our Community and the World

### FIRST LADIES: MORE THAN A DRESS

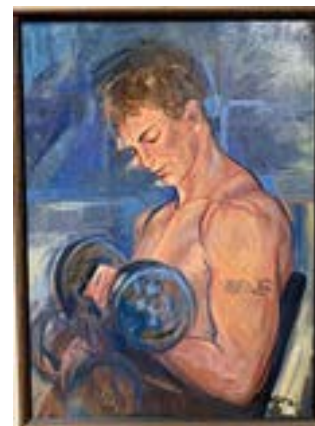
Mar. 6, 7PM, Todd Hall

Talk by Carol Nechemias. Our understanding and appreciation for the roles played by First Ladies has widened beyond that of fashion icons to include activism in a variety of areas, including that of hostess, policy advocate, active public service, political campaigner, and promoter of the arts.



Over time our understanding and appreciation for the roles played by First Ladies has widened beyond that of fashion icons to include activism in a variety of areas, including that of hostess, policy advocate, active public service, political campaigner, and promoter of the arts. This program focuses on that evolution. Join **Dr. Carol Nechemias** (Harrisburg AAUW Branch member) as she takes a look into the history of our First Ladies.

Hosted By the Cumberland County Historical Society  
21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle PA



"Pumping Iron", an oil and acrylic by **Barbara Passeri-Warfel**, was one of the winners in this year's *Figuratively Speaking Membership Exhibition* at the Art Association of Harrisburg. Themed "celebrating the human form", the exhibits were available for viewing January 13 through early February, 2023.

### 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 interested 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



#### 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



February 18 -21, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, DC, **Marcia Hajduk** and **Tom Diffenbach** were honored to judge in the USA National Future City competition. It began with 60,000 students this year, pared to 39 regional championship teams from the USA and 2 from China. Marcia and Tom judged the very, very best in the country. Future City has been called the "ultimate STEM competition" because engineers must talk to non-engineers to convey the essence of their projects. Quite an honor to be selected to judge!



### **'I fought to be included':** Kristal Turner-Childs reflects on 25 years with the Pennsylvania State Police



As **Kristal Turner-Childs** prepared for retirement in January, she reflected with Zahriah Balentine of PennLive if she accomplished all the things she set out to do while representing the Pennsylvania State Police for 25 years. It didn't take long for the 57-year-old to receive a powerful confirmation from hundreds of attendees at her retirement send off on MLK Day.

To read the details of the conversation and the many milestones and goals of retired Lieutenant Colonel Turner-Childs, see

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2023/01/i-fought-to-be-included-kristal-turner-childs-reflects-on-25-years-with-the-pennsylvania-state-police.html>

This amazing woman was our 2022 Harrisburg Branch Community Woman of the Year. We are proud to have been able to recognize her while she was in office having become the first African American female Deputy Commissioner of Staff of the Pennsylvania State Police.

**CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES for much more to come - from AAUW Harrisburg.**

Congratulations to **Jim Gates**, husband of **Kathy Gates**, and our long time mentor in things technological. Jim was awarded the Meritorious Service Award at the PETE & C (PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference) held February 12-15 at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Pocono Manor, PA. He was so surprised and very honored to have been selected to receive it.

We say - it is well deserved!



## Partnering Opportunities - Locally, in PA, and with National AAUW



**Mission Critical Program**  
New Pennsylvania Project(NPP)  
Tues., March 7th: 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Zoom webinar



Our featured speaker is Kadida Kenner, the founding chief executive officer of the New Pennsylvania Project (NPP), a voting rights organization with a primary focus on civically engaging, registering, mobilizing and empowering often-ignored constituents. NPP centers the youth, immigrant communities and communities of color in rural, urban, and suburban Pennsylvania to transform and expand the electorate in the Commonwealth.

Kadida is a tireless advocate for social and economic justice issues and is motivated to empower and excite the electorate to enthusiastically vote in every election -- all the way down the entire ballot. In addition to working on voting rights, Kadida also serves as co-chair of Why Courts Matter - Pennsylvania, an advocacy campaign seeking to protect the independence of our state and federal courts, and educate the electorate about their importance. The Temple University graduate resides in the Philly suburbs and counts civil rights organizing icon, and West Chester, Pennsylvania native Bayard Rustin as her hero. Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mUTfQDUjTeKopQU2J1zJdg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mUTfQDUjTeKopQU2J1zJdg)

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*Make plans to join our neighboring **Carlisle AAUW Branch** on a Bus Trip to  
**Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens***

**4155 Linnean Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

Historic Hillwood was the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post and is an experience "inspired by the life of its founder and her passion for excellence, gracious hospitality, art, history, and gardens."

As a museum, Hillwood houses a beautiful collection of Russian art through the ages. Ms. Post embraced Russian porcelain for its beauty, craftsmanship, and direct association to the imperial families. She was fascinated by Catherine the Great. Catherine was a self-declared "defender of the arts and sciences" and credited with modernizing Russia. Special exhibits will also be included with time for exploration on your own

Read more about Hillwood at [www.hillwoodmuseum.org](http://www.hillwoodmuseum.org)

We will leave Carlisle at 8:00 A.M. and travel by coach to arrive at Hillwood around 11 am in time for an introductory film. After which, we will take docent guided tours of both the mansion and the gardens. Each tour is about an hour. This will leave us time before, after or between the tours to visit the gift shop, enjoy a bite to eat (at the mansion or bag lunch) or walk in the garden on our own. Around 3 pm the bus will depart Hillwood for Carlisle, stopping partway back to enjoy dinner at a restaurant (at individual expense).

This promises to be a wonderful day!

Cost for transportation, admission and tours is \$75.

We need to have 38 reservations in order to maintain the transportation cost, so please send your reservation early.

Checks should be made payable to

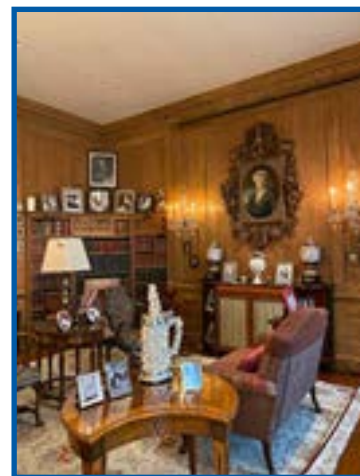
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and sent to

Cindy Sutton

1 Briar Oak Lane

Carlisle, PA 17015. [suttonc3@gmail.com](mailto:suttonc3@gmail.com)







Mark your calendars for the AAUW PA Summer Retreat.

## Our theme is “Women Together – Fighting on the Front Line.”

The Retreat will be held at Gettysburg College, July 28-29, 2023 with a full program, luncheon and guest speaker on Saturday, July 29.

The Summer Retreat program begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 29, and will include session throughout the day, a keynote speaker and a closing reception at 3:00 p.m. Options for pre-retreat excursions are planned for those arriving on Friday, as well as opportunities for post-retreat excursions. Watch for more details that are coming soon!

Registration will open on March 15, 2023.

The fee is \$50 dollars (students are free).

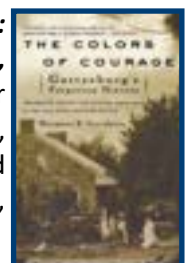
Options for pre-retreat excursions are planned for Friday evening as well as choices for post-retreat excursions on Saturday afternoon. Lodging has been arranged at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel for those arriving on Friday.

Next summer marks the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. In July of 1863, borough townswomen showed their mettle by risking their lives to nurse the wounded, turning churches and schools into makeshift hospitals, provisioning food and supplies, and administering medicines. Other women defied social norms by fighting as soldiers on the battlefield.

Today AAUW Women are continuing to fight together on the Front Line for pay equity, women’s comprehensive healthcare, legislative representation, Title IX education equity, fair voting practices, and legislating against abuse, violence, and persistent gender, gender-identity, and racial bias.

***We hope to see you at the Retreat!***

Suggested Reading : ***The Colors of Courage: Gettysburg's Forgotten History: Immigrants, Women, and African Americans in the Civil War's Defining Battle***, by Margaret Creighton (2005), while a professor of History at Bates College. The author discusses the aftermath of the war. Drawing upon memoirs, letters, diaries and the like, the author tells the story of immigrants, women and African Americans who lived in and around the community during and after the battle. It is uniquely not a military history, but a history of human beings dealing with unimaginable circumstances.



# Please Take Note

## VICTORY FOR CHILDREN!

PA's school funding  
system declared  
unconstitutional.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023:  
12:00 noon**

**The square next to the old  
Courthouse in downtown  
Carlisle**

Commonwealth Court's recent court decision declaring Pennsylvania's school funding system unconstitutional is a historic victory for students. We need to celebrate this huge win AND we need to call on our state lawmakers to take the necessary steps NOW to fix Pennsylvania's unconstitutional school funding system. Complying with this ruling will change the future for millions of families, so that children are no longer denied the education they deserve.

Join us in Carlisle to make our voices heard!

### BREAKING NEWS:



**FUND OUR  
SCHOOLS  
PA**

In a historic victory for students, a judge has declared Pennsylvania's school funding system unconstitutional.

We proved that the students who need the most have the least, because the state shortchanges low-wealth communities. It's time to change that.

Pennsylvania's two-tiered public school funding system, divided by wealth, cannot continue.

Our legislature must fund public schools in every corner of Pennsylvania so all students can receive the quality public education guaranteed in our state constitution. #FundOurSchoolsPA

"Education is a fundamental right guaranteed by the Pennsylvania constitution to all school-age children residing in the Commonwealth." Read the full decision here: <https://pubintlaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/02.07.23-Memorandum-Opinion-Filed-pubintlaw.pdf>

## Civic 9-1-1 Series To Be Hosted By AAUW Carlisle

There is a divide in this country not only in our political positions but in almost all aspects of our daily lives. It seems imperative that citizens have a strong understanding of our democratic foundations and institutions and can engage in our democracy in a civil and effective way. To that end, Public Policy is preparing for a three-session Civics Series at the Bosler Library. The series will be open to the public. Our focus will include the fundamentals of democracy, civic discourse and the May election.

**\*\*\*See page 5 for dates, details, registration and a printable flyer.**

AAUW members are asked to vote on amendments to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee for 2023.



### Significant Dates

**April 6** | Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)

**May 16** | Online voting ends at 5:00 pm ET

**May 17-18** | Vote results announced online

As noted, the bylaw changes proposed this year are designed to bring AAUW's bylaws more in line with current governance practices and principles related to board operations and the structure of bylaws. The board recognizes that the membership requirement is an issue that many members feel passionately about and believes that requirement deserves a separate vote at another time, uncomplicated by other more technical bylaw changes to update AAUW governance practices.

Outside legal counsel drafted the proposed bylaws based on the work of the Governance Subcommittee and comments received from the Governance Committee and the board in the course of the drafting process. To review the details, see:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2023-aauw-by-laws-proposed-changes/>



**Ms.** and the American Association of University Women are partnering up!

For more details and to activate your free one-year subscription, check your emails of February 14, 2023 from [hbgauwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hbgauwnewsletter@gmail.com)



## Our Branch Events Enrich, Inform and Inspire



**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 : Our Fireside Chat " My Life as a US Foreign Service Officer : A Conversation with Marcia Nye"** was a tremendous success. Hosted by Marcia Hajduk in her spacious gathering room, we filled it to capacity with over 30 members and friends being enthralled by the experiences - both mundane and extraordinary - of Marcia's 20 years living in all circumstances from desolate wastelands in the Middle East to Paris!



**And a Flashback - January 23, 2020.** Jane Pomerantz hosted a Fireside Chat with Shirley Warshaw. Can you find yourself?



top: Marcia brought a collection of her job information and explained what it takes to get into the foreign service.

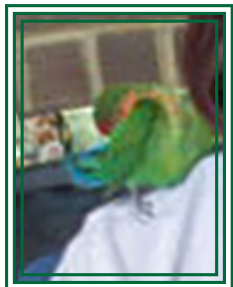


middle: Marcia H conducted the business meeting.

left: MaryAnn Daniels and Carol Stark sign the dual guest books - one for the Branch, and one for Marcia H's memorabilia.

above right: Barb Warfel alerts us to an upcoming Culture Vultures outing.

below: Members listen to items of the business meeting while Eileen Carson takes the minutes.



And a tribute to long time advisor, Mango, who attended his last meeting with us.





**Tuesday, February 28, 2023:**

"**Women of Color Who Influenced Harrisburg's History**" was another spot on mix of personal experiences and broader knowledge of the details of an aspect of Harrisburg gaining long overdue recognition.

**Yvonne Hollins** explained her family's process in researching and preserving their heritage making use of the tradition of oral history as well as available and newly discovered documents.

**David Morrison** used some of the many posters created for the Historic Harrisburg Association's Black History Month display in their restored bank area to highlight his extensive thumbnail sketches of the now gone 8th Ward.

**Kathy Silks** discussed the lifetime dedication to education of Anna Carter who served the Susquehanna Township District for 42 years as classroom teacher, principal, and a district administrator. Ms Carter became the pride of Edgemont. The growth of the Edgemont community was attributed in part due to her love and commitment to all children.



above: Ms. Hollins holds the commemorative created by her family to recognize Maude Coleman from whom they all can trace their lineage. In 1924, at age forty-two, she became the first black woman hired by the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare and served as Special Inter-Racial Consultant for the State Welfare Department for thirty years.

right: David shows the placard created for Rowland School of Beauty Culture and fields questions in his narrative of some of the many details of the businesses that thrived in the 8th Ward community.



Kathy Seidl helps Marcia Nye register.



left middle: Carol Nechemias and Cindy Dlugolecki compare notes on future programs.

bottom left: Tammy Carter, Carol Stark and Marcia Hajduk take advantage of the pre-meeting snacks provided by Mary Kratzer.

below middle: Judy Daniels, Paulette Montville and Diane Davis add their smiling presence.

bottom right: Lee Johnson takes a break with program chair/presenter Kathy Silks.



Attendees were greeted in the foyer of the Historic Harrisburg Association building by a magnificent stained glass door - part of HHA's 50th Anniversary celebration decor .

## Branch Members Experience the World

### Iceland in Winter? But Of Course!

Three of our intrepid traveling members - Christine Zuzack, Kathy Seidl, and Carol Nechemias - selected Southern Iceland for a winter destination this year. These are some of the many pictures that tell their stories.

right middle: Fridheimar Farm greenhouses are able to grow and harvest tomatoes year round under artificial lighting because it is located near hot springs, harnessing thermal energy. Iceland is self sufficient with respect to veggies, berries, and herbs

right bottom: A driver's eye view of the vastness of the wilderness landscape, and roads that take talent to maneuver.

below left: Chris tries a tasting of fermented shark and local schnapps made of fermented potato mash and carawa.

middle: Kathy poses (briefly) in an ice chair in the ice caverns at Perlan Wonders of Iceland museum in Reykjavik.

Seljalandsfoss waterfall outside Reykjavik.



Yes, Iceland has a glorious display of Fire & Ice!



Kathy and Chris give kudos to Vilim, their tour guide "he was wonderful". And quite handsome, too, ladies.



## Or, find adventures around the USA.

**Sunday, February 19, 2023.** Branch Members **Kathy Bard, MaryAnn Daniels, Lee Johnson, Carol Nechemias, Kathy Seidl, and Christine Zuzack** joined the Friends of Wildwood Bus Trip – “Off the Beaten Path, Part II!”. The Wolf Tours bus took them to the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area to experience the Snow Goose and waterfowl migration winter extravaganza! The high daycount for birds this year was 79,000 Snow Geese, 1,900 Tundra swans, and 1,750 Canada Geese.



the nature enthusiasts to get safely near the beautiful creatures without interfering.

Next, they visited Pennsylvania wolves in their natural landscape on 80 plus secured acres with a guided tour that allowed



February 8-9. Carol Nechemias made memories in NYC with close friends, including college roommates from the 1960s. Plays, Chelsea market, a small new park built on piers on the Hudson River, and much more.



February 26. Kathy Seidl, Chris Zuzack and Carol Nechemias went with Marie Thau to see *Into the Woods* at Open Stage in Harrisburg.



Erika Stark inspects a Banyan tree's aerial roots while visiting Pearl Harbor Naval Station near Honolulu, Hawaii.

Paparazzi Time

Appropriate bus?



The rescued wolves can no longer live in the wild for various reasons, but are maintained peacefully in a healthy environ.

The day culminated at the Lititz Fire and Ice Festival with shopping time and local Lititz food. Stunning work!





And one last scene from the Southeast Asia trip - Erica Voss-Meloy (light blue top) and Marge Gingrich (waving) climb down the steps of Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia.



Applause to you both for your lack of vertigo.

Where will all our traveling teams show up next? Will you be one of them?

## It's Coming...

In just a few days (by this weekend March 4-5), you will be receiving the "proof copy" of our annual Pictorial Directory. This one encompasses fiscal year July, 2022, through June, 2023.

This is what the front page looks like. Now is your chance to be happy with, or send a replacement for, your headshot. Remember, these are casual/candid shots, for the most part, from our recent meetings, etc. No formal portraits actually needed. We want to be able to identify each other at meetings, and everywhere. Once complete, the Directory will be linked in the private "Members Only" section of our website.



Join the fun - and know Everyone!

## Special Interest Groups Scheduled to Meet in March 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, March 7, 2023 *Prisoner of the Castle* by Ben Macintyre will be reviewed by Lillian Grieco

**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, March 16, *The Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel will be reviewed by Helen Khanzhina

**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, March 9, 2023, *The Last King of America* by Andrew Roberts will be reviewed by Mary Jean Holmes

And some of our other groups are becoming active again post Covid:

**Fine Film Group** Contact: Erica Voss Meloy [ericameloy@comcast.net](mailto:ericameloy@comcast.net) 717-991-7077

The group meets about once a month, usually at the Midtown Cinema, usually for a matinee movie, coffee and conversation.

**Walking Group** Contact: Lee Johnson [lee6646@verizon.net](mailto:lee6646@verizon.net) 717-880-8710

If you would enjoy occasional walking excursions with AAUW companions, this group is for you. Anyone may propose a walk (or even a hike) and we'll see who would like to go along.

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

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

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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

**March 9, 2023**

*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:

[hbgaauwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hbgaauwnewsletter@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