

As part of our Salute to Women's History Month - March 2024 Welcome
Barbara Thompson and Katina Moten Who Will Address the Roles of
African American Sororities: Solidarity and Ground Breaking Endeavors

Thursday, March 14, 2024
beginning at 6:30 pm

Fredericksen Library Community Room
100 N. 19th Street Camp Hill 17011

Carol Nechemias &
Lee Johnson / Co-chairs

Katina Moten

Until recently, Katina worked for 14 years at Penn State Harrisburg, serving in a variety of capacities, including Director of Academic Support and Advising Services and as Education and Planning Strategy Manager for Penn State's Engineering Connect Program. In August 2023, she joined the Shapiro administration as Division Chief of Professional Education and Teacher Quality in the PA Dept. of Education. With over 20 years of experience in higher education, her focus has been collaborating with professionals to create student orientation programs and initiatives as well as leading teams to implement these programs and initiatives; designing and delivering academic success programs to and services for students in marginalized populations, and engaging in administrative leadership and in strategic thinking/planning to direct the activities of academic support units.



Barbara Thompson



Barbara is retired as Director of Multicultural Recruitment and Community Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg, where she pioneered a field that holds a prominent position in higher education today. Beginning in 2003, her position at Penn State received a new title: Di-

rector of Multicultural Recruitment and Community Affairs. She worked extensively to establish links and partnerships with community organizations, with an emphasis on providing increased access to higher education for underrepresented groups, including students of color, first generation college goers, and low income students. The fostering of a more inclusive environment as well as innovative programs from the 6th through the 12th grades count among her achievements. The longtime literacy advocate has also chaired Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Sigma Theta Chapter's African American Read-In.

As active, lifelong members of the two major African American sororities, *Zeta Phi Beta* and *Alpha Kappa Alpha*, our speakers will address gaps in women's history by focusing on Black sororities, their key role historically and in the Harrisburg community today. You may recall how Kamala Harris, in her speech at the 2020 Democratic National convention saluted specific women who inspired her to "pick up the torch and fight on." Almost all of these women belonged to Black sororities. As Harris noted, "Family is my beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha." Katina Moten and Barbara Thompson demonstrate in their life's work a commitment to strengthening equity, opportunity, and the quality of our educational systems. Katina and Barbara will address the roles that Black sororities play in their own lives and in our community at large.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded in 1920, at Howard University, Washington, D.C., envisioning a sorority that would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise people's consciousness to address fully the societal mores, ills, prejudices, and poverty affecting humanity in general and the black community in particular, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a unity among its members.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA), is an international service organization founded in 1908 at Howard University, becoming the first intercollegiate historically African American sorority. These women began a mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; promote unity and friendship among college women; study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."



Our 2023 - 2024 Year Spring Events at a Glance

March 5 - Jim Gates' iPhone and iPad tutorials begin at Fredricksen Library - must register

March 12 - **Equal Pay Rally** at the Pennsylvania State Capitol at 1:00 pm

March 14 - 6:30 pm ; Branch Meeting with presentation of 2024 - 2025 Slate of Officers

March 15 - Harrisburg Branch sponsored event at Midtown Scholar Bookstore

March 21 - Keystone Speaker Series: co-sponsored by Midtown Scholar Bookstore and Foreign Policy Association

April 3 - May 15, 2024 - online voting on change of AAUW Membership requirements

April 5 - 7 - PA State AAUW Conference - register by March 15 to avoid late fees

April 18 - 2:00pm - Branch Meeting at Madlyn L.Hanes Library, Penn State Harrisburg

April 23 - Primary Elections in Pennsylvania - VOTE!

May 10 - Carlisle Branch 100th Anniversary Celebration

May 11 - at Open Stage; *What the Constitution Means to Me*
invitation for group attendance from Cindy Dlugolecki and Kathy Gates

May 18 - Noon - Spring Luncheon at Duke's ; Honors, Recognitions and Installation of Officers for 2024 - 2025

Fall, 2024 - plans are coalescing for a Mid-Atlantic AAUW Conference in Virginia - covering branches from New York through Georgia - stay tuned

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AAUW PA 2024 Conference April 5 - 7, 2024

Best Western Premier: The Central Hotel
and Conference Center
800 E Park Dr, Harrisburg, PA 17111

The [AAUW PA 2024 Conference](https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/) theme this year, ***“Evolution of the Fight: Looking Back to Move Forward”***, highlights AAUW’s achievements within the broader context of the women’s movement. Registration opened on Monday January 8, 2024, at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/> **Registration fees will increase by 18% after March 15th.***

LODGING: Best Western Premier the Central Hotel & Conference Center

AGENDA HI-LIGHTS

Friday, April 5

- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Conference Registration, Hotel Check-In
- 6:00 – 8:30 pm Dinner & Keynote Remarks by **Valerie A. Arkoosh**, MD, MPH;
Secretary - Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- 8:30 – 9:30 pm Social Hour (Hotel Lobby – Cash Bar)



Valerie A. Arkoosh

Saturday, April 6

- 7:30 – 10:00 am Conference Registration & Breakfast Buffet 7:45 – 8:45
- 9:00 – 9:45 am Welcome! AAUW PA President Cindy Hall,
AAUW PA Awards Presentation
- 10:00 – 11:15 am Learning Circles: Attend one, two, three or more
- 11:45 – 1:45 pm Lunch & Keynote: Women in American Politics: From Exclusion to
Protest, to Participants, to Policymakers: **Kimberly S. Adams**,
PhD, Professor of Political Science at East Stroudsburg University;
Board of Directors AAUW National and NOW
- 2 :00 – 3:00 pm Generative AI: The Evolution of Machine Learning and Why It
Matters: **Ajla Glavasevic Laussegger**, AAUW PA Diversity &
Inclusion Chair; Governance Committee, AAUW National
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm AAUW’s Advocacy in Action: Opportunities for Impact:
Meghan Kissell, Senior Director, Policy and Member Advocacy,
AAUW National
- 4:30 – 5:45 pm. 100 Years of Motivation: Panel Discussion with Branch Presidents
- 6:30 – 9:30 pm Dinner Buffet

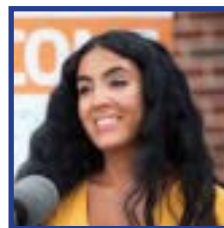


Kimberly S. Adams



**Ajla Glavasevic
Laussegger**

Keynote:
“The Power of Vulnerability”
Gisele Fetterman,
Nonprofit Founder,
Hugger, Dreamer



Sunday, April 7

- 8:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 – 10:00 am Your Choice: Meet with Your Branch Board Counterparts or
Join Ajla Glavasevic Laussegger for a discussion titled AAUW PA:
Next Gen—GenAI and the Future of Career Development
- 11:00 a.m. – Noon Call to Action for AAUW PA Members, Sandra Miller
- 12:15 pm - 12:30 pm Closing Thoughts, Cindy Hall & Adjournment



Meghan Kissell

***Onsite registration will not be available**



The AAUW Board of Directors and Governance Committee recommend approval of the following Bylaw Amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW

Amendment Summary

THE PROPOSED REVISION OF ARTICLE III of the WOULD:

Replace the Individual Members paragraph of the Membership Qualification provision (currently Article III Section 2 a) with new language indicating the sole requirement for membership is support of AAUW's purpose.

Delete the provision on Student Associates (currently Section 3) since students would be allowed to join as full members of AAUW thus eliminating the need for a Student Associate provision.

Renumber Section 4 Dues as Section 3 and delete the reference to "categories of membership" in this section to permit the board to set different dues for student members as previously allowed when Student Associates were listed as a separate category rather than included as part of the Individual Membership category.

Make no changes to Article III Section 1 or Sections 5 and 6 on Life Membership and Membership Decisions, except that Section 5 Membership Decisions, and Section 6 Affiliates would be renumbered as Sections 4 and 5, respectively, with no other change.

The AAUW Board of Directors and Governance Committee recommend approval of the following bylaw amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. This change will align our membership practices with our purpose of advancing equity for women and girls and enable us to include members with the diverse backgrounds and perspectives needed to achieve our purpose in today's world.

We remain committed to higher education as a pathway to eliminate barriers that hold women back and to enhance their leadership opportunities at all levels. We admire the effort of the inspiring women who have led the way in earning their degrees. We recognize, however, that in today's world higher education degrees are one of several paths needed to advance equity for women and girls. Professional certifications, on the job training, career technical experience and life experience all are alternative paths to obtaining education and the skills needed to become leaders and advocates for ending discrimination against women.

When AAUW began its work, higher education and professional careers were denied to most women. That is no longer the case. More than 50% of college degrees are currently being awarded to women, and women are now attaining powerful positions in business and government. Yet discrimination against women continues. Eliminating the degree requirement enables us to expand our voice and our reach, our ability to fulfill our purpose, and will open more opportunities to address the needs of all women.

AAUW's name, which continues to have significant brand recognition for AAUW as a women's rights organization, will remain the same if the amendment is adopted.

Key Dates for 2024 Membership requirement Change Vote -

- **April 3:** Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)
- **May 15:** Online voting ends at 12:00 pm ET and results announced online

Your participation is highly encouraged

To read more details, see:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2024-aauw-proposed-by-laws-changes/>

Also refer to the email dated 2/26/24, from Cindy Hall, President, on Behalf of the AAUW Pennsylvania Board of Directors, titled "AAUW Pennsylvania Board Stance on Open Membership".



MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

We are tenacious and trailblazing – advocating for women and girls since 1881 and into the future!



STAY INFORMED

Members have a responsibility to stay informed by reading AAUW communications and emails, reviewing resources, providing current contact information to AAUW, and maintaining an understanding of the initiatives and goals of AAUW.



VOTE

Members are expected to actively express their opinions, ideas, and concerns by exercising their right to vote on critical AAUW matters, as provided in the bylaws, bylaws amendments, and public policy priorities.



PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY & EQUITY FOR ALL

Members are expected to actively encourage and welcome a diverse range of individuals to join our community, to support the AAUW commitment of having an inclusive community, leadership team, board of directors, and membership.



BE RESPECTFUL

A respectful and inclusive environment is essential for us to achieve our mission: advancing gender equity through research, education and advocacy. Members have the responsibility to uphold high ethical standards in their interactions with all members of the AAUW Community and treat others with respect and dignity, free from discrimination, harassment, or disrespectful behavior.



PAY DUES AND DONATE

Members are required to fulfill membership obligations, including paying applicable dues. Members are encouraged to make additional charitable donations to AAUW Greatest Needs funds (unrestricted funds).



COMMIT TO ENGAGE

Members are expected to engage with the AAUW community by participating in events, discussions, attending meetings, volunteering, and actively supporting AAUW through their time, talents, and resources.

CIVILITY MATTERS

A respectful and inclusive environment is essential for us to achieve our mission: advancing gender equity through research, education and advocacy.

AAUW members have a responsibility to demonstrate civility towards the entire AAUW Community, including both AAUW members and staff, and all have a right to be treated with civility and respect.



WHY CIVILITY MATTERS:

Civility fosters respect, understanding, and collaboration, essential for our mission. Civility to AAUW members, staff, and the entire AAUW Community includes:

- Courtesy
- Kindness
- Tolerance
- Inclusivity
- Empathy
- Respect



INCIVILITY

It corrodes trust and morale, hinders cooperation, and undermines the AAUW mission by creating divisions and animosity that convey:

- Hostility
- Racism
- Discrimination
- Rudeness
- Exclusion
- Entitlement

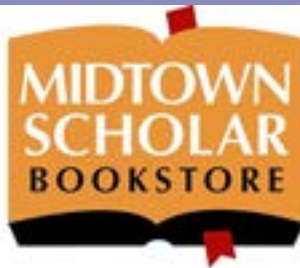


CIVILITY MATTERS!

Civility promotes the AAUW vision of equity for all, strengthens advocacy efforts, and upholds the values central to our mission. Help us advance our mission and vision by fostering an atmosphere of respect, civility, and inclusivity in your interactions with and on behalf of the AAUW Community.



Our Special Partnership with the Midtown Scholar Bookstore - Publishers Weekly's 2023 Bookstore of the Year



AN EVENING WITH
AMY JO BURNS:

MERCURY

Friday,
March 15, 2024
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM*
1302 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg.



The Midtown Scholar Bookstore and AAUW Harrisburg

are thrilled to host award-winning author Amy Jo Burns in Harrisburg for a conversation and signing on her new novel, *Mercury*. This event is free and open to the public!

Mercury is a beautiful, heartfelt novel about a family of roofers in blue-collar Mercury, Pennsylvania, whose bonds of loyalty are tested when they uncover a long-hidden secret at the heart of their town.

To enter the signing line, books must be purchased from the Midtown Scholar Bookstore. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event, or you may preorder a copy of the book for pickup/shipment.

* This event has been rescheduled from the January 19, 2024, weather related cancellation.

Free on street parking is available after 5:00 pm.

A Significant, Timely Combined Event for March:

March 21, 2024 - Keystone Speaker Series:

The Future of War in Europe and Ukraine

The **Foreign Policy Association of Central Pennsylvania** and the **Midtown Scholar Bookstore** invite you to our Keystone Speaker Evening and special speaker book signing.* A long time Eurasian specialist and a career Foreign Service Officer, Ambassador Yovanovitch served as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine from 2016 to 2019 when President Zelensky first came to power. In prior years, she had been the Deputy Chief of Mission for the U.S. embassy in Ukraine. Read the many details of her highly active and acclaimed work in the Nordic, Baltic, and Central European countries as well as across the world at:

<https://fpaharrisburg.org/keystone-speaker-series-the-future-of-war-in-europe-and-ukraine/>

*Just before dinner, the Midtown Scholar Bookstore will have a book signing for her highly acclaimed book, *Lessons from the Edge, A Memoir*. Books will be available for purchase. Many of you may recall Marcia Nye recommending this book at her Fire-side Chat presentation in January, 2023.

The Foreign Policy Association of Central Pennsylvania
and the Midtown Scholar Bookstore present
Marie Yovanovitch
Ambassador to Ukraine 2016-19



- Ambassador to Ukraine 2016-19
- Removed from her position in 2019
- Testified to the House Committee on Intelligence in November 2019
- Currently Sr. Fellow in the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

The Future of War in Europe and Ukraine
Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 5:15 Social Hour – Book signing & opportunity to meet Marie Yovanovitch
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Presentation followed by Q&A

Location: Hershey Country Club
1000 E. Derry Rd
Hershey, PA 17033

To register: Register on our website: www.fpaharrisburg.org

Register Now!

...and in reference to the Foreign Policy Association of Central Pennsylvania, several of our Branch members have begun regularly attending the dinner meetings. Please get in touch if you, too, are interested...



01.18.24:RUSSIA – CHINA RELATIONS.
Among those attending - Kathy Seidl, Kathy Bard and Carol Nechemis (pictured), Christine Zuzack, Lillian Grieco.



2.15.24: THE ISRAELI – PALESTINIAN CONFLICT: CAUSE AND EFFECT
l-r: Lillian Grieco, Kathy Bard, Christine Zuzack, Beth Klein, Carol Nechemias, & MaryAnn Daniels.



02.07.24 - Meanwhile, at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore, AAUW Harrisburg had a healthy representation for our co-sponsored author event
- *An Evening with Sadeqa Johnson.*



Anita McCarthy, Kathy Bard, and Lee Johnson can attest to the quality of the beverages at the Cafe which offers a large selection of Counter Culture Coffees, Rishi Teas, and Tammy's Just Baked Cakes & Pies.



Kathy Seidl had a busy evening - from making sure attendees received AAUW information (above left with Carol Nechemias), to standing in line for an autographed book, to getting a selfie with Sadeqa.

left - right below: Christine Zuzack and Barbara Whetstone relax in the back of what is showing as a full house, including the balconies! MaryAnn Daniels and Marcia Nye are in good spirits tonight - and note the detail of the multilevel primary space behind them. Kathy Gates, Cindy Dlugolecki, and Lillian Grieco look ready to soak in the evening's presentation.



Public Policy Updates, Links, and Events with Public Policy Chair, Kathy Gates

We're closing in on 100,000 active Signers -4-the ERA. AND...We're now within just a few votes of getting Congress to at last act. Remember, only the ERA offers the most permanent protection for reproductive rights, economic equality, LGBT+ rights, personal freedoms and democracy. Both the Zonta Club and AAUW PA are



Sign4ERA

promoting this activity.

2024 is the year we place permanent protection for women, for reproductive healthcare, gender equality, personal freedom and democracy in the Constitution.

Click the following URL to read more and sign the petition.

<https://www.sign4era.org/>



EDUCATION VOTERS
of Pennsylvania

On Thursday, January 11th, Pennsylvania's Basic Education Funding Commission (BEFC)

approved a detailed and comprehensive report with recommendations that, if implemented, would bring transformational change to Pennsylvania's school

funding system and have a life-changing impact on public school students.

The BEFC report demonstrates a new recognition in Harrisburg that the state has a constitutional responsibility to provide adequate and equitable funding for public education to meet students' needs.

Report Highlights and Details

The BEFC made the following recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and State Board of Education on page 2 of the report:

- 1.Reduce the volatility in the basic education funding (BEF) formula by using three-year averages in certain data elements, lessening the concentrated poverty "cliff," and resetting the base at the 2023/24 distribution level. Provide at least a \$200 million increase through this updated BEF formula each year that would be shared among all 500 school districts
- 2.Calculate adequacy targets for each school district
- 3.Reconstitute the next BEFC in 2029 per Act 51 of 2014
- 4.Invest in school facilities
- 5.Examine charter school funding
- 6.Invest in our education workforce
- 7.Invest in student supports
- 8.Consider other important education issues outside the direct scope of this BEFC

A detailed explanation of the BEFC report can be read at

<https://pasenate.com/befc/>



The Zonta Club of Harrisburg- Hershey

hosted PA Senator Maria Collett of the 12th Senatorial District at their January meeting. She discussed ways that we all can get involved to help get legislation passed that will build a better world for Women & Children.

Her recorded presentation is available below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w-tTCo4Pjiheh3Qb8bsz0EZm4F_4wK_6/view

Zonta Club held an Advocacy Seminar on February 21st about the basics of How a Bill Becomes a Law. It provided very basic instruction for contacting the Legislators to support bills. Interested? See



https://drive.google.com/file/d/16sU_yd1HR-nKsR1pQOWua8Hgl7Z4DWml/view?usp=share_link

Remember to sign up for AAUW Two-Minute Activist - <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>



The Business and Professional Women/Pennsylvania (BPW/PA)

is holding an Equal Pay Rally on March 12, 2024, at the Pennsylvania State Capitol at 1:00 pm in observance of Equal Pay Day.

Speakers will be Rep. Jason Dawkins (HB 1500 - raising the minimum wage), Rep. MaryLouise Isaacson (HB 356 - equal pay), and Amal Bass of the Women's Law Project.



Each year, this symbolic day is used to raise awareness around and combat the impact of pay inequities. Equal Pay Day 2024 marks the current state of the gender pay gap for women: 84% for full-time, year-round workers and 78% for all workers (including part-time and seasonal).

Please join us!

Contact Kathy Gates for details and updates. kgates808@gmail.com



Empowering Our Democracy in 2024 Virtual Discussion

On February 14th, we came together to remember our great leader Dr. Deborah Ann Turner, and hear from a panel of speakers on the power of young voters and honor the work of Leagues past and future. LWV and a panel of guest speakers turned an eye to the power of young voters, who will carry our work into 2024 and beyond. in celebration of Our 104th birthday.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_O3VvnSdUE

School Boards: The Battleground for the Education Culture Wars

Across the country, we have seen school boards, and candidates for school boards, taking up controversial policies that have led to banning books from school libraries; the censorship of curriculum in school classrooms due to individuals finding content "objectionable"; and policies leading to the prevention of safe school climates for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsPelf6OMPM>



What You Need to Know about Fair Districts PA and Its Work

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

12:15pm

Hoss's Steak and Sea House

61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg , PA

The Mechanicsburg Branch of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee is hosting a public education program on reforming Pennsylvania's redistricting process. Fair Districts PA speaker Jean Handley, Dauphin County Coordinator Fair Districts PA and an AAUW Harrisburg Branch member, will explain PA's current redistricting process, demonstrate how it undermines democracy, and then offer a solution to the problem. Jean will also discuss the legislation and roadblocks in Harrisburg and FDPA's strategy going forward.

Opportunities and Updates For and By Our Members

Erica Voss-Meloy and Sabina Howell took advantage of the warm January weather in New Orleans by booking a girlfriends' trip through Road Scholar. They took in everything from the Mahogany Jazz Hall to the NOLA City Park with its ancient trees dripping with Spanish moss.



All That Staz at Pure Gallery

Over three decades ago, my wife Jana and I made our first acquisition of serious art from a local painter who is well known for her abstract watercolors, often incorporating collage into the mix. The combination makes for a delightful interplay of color, tactile interest and fantasy. It is exactly those unique elements that prompted us to purchase **Elizabeth Staz's** "*The Empty Nest.*"

The award-winning artist has shown in galleries from Red Raven in Lancaster to her current home at Pure Gallery in The Shoppes in Arcona.

Over the years, Elizabeth has introduced people engaged in everyday activities, adding a narrative dimension to her painting. Her paintings are wistful and whimsical, full of enchantment. Perhaps the light brushes from her palette of pastels pronounce tales of time travel to exotic lands or her own garden. In discussing her art, she is the first to share that, more than anything, she "hopes the viewer will experience joy and a sense of adventure even in the commonplace."

Read more in "Bob's Art Blog" in **The Burg** January 9, 2024



SAVE THE DATE

May 10, 2024
Carlisle PA Branch
100th Anniversary Celebration

Jim Gates is teaching two 6-week series one on iPhone & one on iPad basics

The courses at Fredricksen Library start March 5, 2024, and run through April 9, 2024. "Please REGISTER and plan to attend all 6 sessions..

iPhone Basics Series - FEW SPACES LEFT! : beginning at 6:00pm

In this six-session class, we'll explore the iPhone's settings, learn tips and tricks for contacts and text messages, and become more proficient in using the keyboard and Safari app. Learn how to take better pictures with the Camera, explore the Photos app features, and receive extra photo editing tips and tricks. Classes are 90 minutes, please plan to attend all 6 sessions.

Space is limited--registration is required.



iPad Basics Series: beginning at 2:00pm

If you've got an iPad and think that you're not using it to its full potential, join experienced teacher James Gates in this face-to-face class to explore the many uses of the iPad that you may not know. Classes are 90 minutes, please plan to attend all 6 sessions. Space is limited -- registration is required.

Registration is required for each. See

https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/FRE_BCC...

Cindy Dlugolecki and Kathy Gates would like to invite you
to join us at

Open Stage Harrisburg
on Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 7:30 pm
for a performance of

What the Constitution Means to Me

The performance will be held in the Open Stage smaller theatre
so RSVP's are required ASAP.

synopsis: Fifteen-year-old Heidi Schreck earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human show, Heidi resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives.

What the Constitution Means to Me is a 2017 American play by Heidi Schreck. The play premiered on Broadway on March 31, 2019 at the Hayes Theater, with Schreck herself in the leading role. Throughout the play, Schreck addresses themes such as women's rights, immigration, domestic abuse, and the history of the United States. *What the Constitution Means to Me* has received accolades such as a nomination for Best Play in the 73rd Tony Awards and a finalist spot for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

If you can commit to join us by April 11th, that would be helpful. We can plan dinner prior to the play for those who would like to join us
Kathy and Cindy



25 North Court Street
Harrisburg PA 17101
info@openstagehbg.com



Despite the Challenges of Winter Weather, Members Were Out and About, Meeting, Enjoying Time Together and Learning

January 20, 2024. Lee Johnson and Carol Nechemias attended the 26th Annual Production in the MLK Campus Play Series. This year's offering - *Miss Lydia's Church*, was written by Lee's good friend, Dr. Dorothy E. King, who gave Lee and mutual friend Francoise Hultzapple top credit for "introducing (me) to Miss Lydia during a visit to Chadds Ford many years ago".



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Several individuals were involved in the making of *Miss Lydia's Church*.

Dr. Dorothy King would like to thank the following people for their support:

Francoise Hultzapple and Lee Johnson for introducing her to *Miss Lydia* during a visit to Chadds Ford many years ago.

Dr. Ted Goldman for creating a wonderful photo essay of *Miss Lydia* on his website.

Francoise Hultzapple and Ted Goldman for donating their photos of the cast and crew visiting the site of the Church in November 2023.

Dr. Christopher Palma, Teaching Professor, Department of Anthropology and Anthropology, Penn State Berks College of Science, for helping to shape the dialogue for *Anderson and Benjamin* and for providing pictures of the night sky in January 1924.

Many more individuals were involved in the making of *The Campus Play Series (1999 to 2024)*.

Penn State Productions would like to thank the following individuals for their financial support over the last 25 years:

Dr. Gerald Anzary, Special Assistant to the Chancellor on Strategic Initiatives, for believing in the project from the very beginning and providing much needed funding.

Dr. Jeffrey Berk, Director, School of Humanities, for providing a "home base" for the production.

Dr. Anthony Iak Buccioli, Assistant Professor of American Studies, for his guidance and good wishes.

Sharon Wrench, Administrative Support Coordinator, Chancellor's Office, for her willingness to fill in where and when needed, even if it meant taking



l-r: Dr. King, Lee Johnson, Francoise Hultzapple

February 8, 2024 - A Pub Crawl Through Time with M. Diane McCormick



Cindy Dlugolecki, program co-chair, poses with M. Diane McCormick and the cover of her book, ***Well-Behaved Taverns Seldom Make History***, published exclusively by Sunbury Press, Inc. (and available on Amazon). But, for those who came prepared, Diane had signed copies on hand.



David Morrison, of the Harrisburg Historic Association, welcomed a full house to the meeting room of the Association, located in the restored former Central Guarantee Trust.

Members were treated to mulled wine and "bar snacks" pre-program while there was time for catch up with each other.

Clockwise front: Judy Daniels, Rosemary Cahill, Jane Pomerantz, Kathy Bard.

Rear: Sue Schreckengaust and Paulette Montville.



January 11, 2024 - After a snow generated reschedule and a last minute volunteer stepping in as a speaker (in this case a sharer), we finally met at Marcia Hajduk and Tom Diffenbach's home - a perfect place for a winter fireside chat.



Tom did double duty as co-host and narrator of the stories behind his slides of his many international links - his goal: to connect the world community, to encourage third world communities to advance themselves in their education and self help, especially in the many refugee camps. Tom's Internet community extends from China (Bella's Home) to Nigeria, Pakistan, Ghana, and Kenya to name a few.



above: Bella (who Tom has tutored on line for most of her young life) gave a recorded intro to Tom's presentation - because she's in bed in China!

left: Anita, Marcia, Judy, and Kathy and treats.



right: Anita McCarthy shares some of her collection of First Ladies books and Mame Eisenhower's Million Dollar Fudge, part of the share a book & a related food portion of the afternoon.



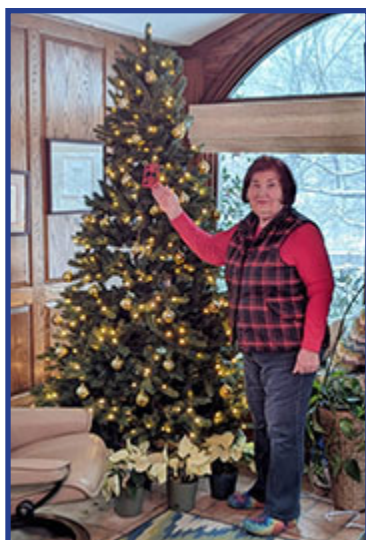
above: Turnout was a house full on a beautiful afternoon. Some of those in attendance: back row l-r: Diane Shoop, Judy Daniels, Diane Davis, Sue Schreckengaust, Marge Gingrich. couch l-r: Lee Johnson, Marcia Nye, Reem, Mary Lynn Faries, Carol Nechemias.

right - another view. couch: Carol Nechemias and Cindy Dlugolecki. steps: Anita McCarthy, Kathy Seidl. back l-r: Barb Warfel, Marcia Hajduk, Jane Pomerantz, Alane Balchunas, Judy Schmidt, Carol Stark, Lillian Grieco.



below center: Lee Johnson meets Reem, Mary Lynn Faries' guest.

below right: Judy Schmidt and Carol Stark connect that they were classmates together at Susquehanna University!



The Christmas tree Marcia & Tom used this year was very special because the only decorations were plastic gold balls representing Bella Libraries, existing and coming soon, a significant part of their international outreach.



Branch Special Interest Groups

With the exception of the book groups and Culture Vultures, all of whose meetings require planning and preparation before attending, all our SIG's meet through the suggestions of group members and are of somewhat an impromptu nature which does not usually fit into *the Connection's* publishing timeframes. **To get involved:**

*****Email the Contact for a group that interests you and be added to their eblast list re: coming events.*****

Culture Vultures

Contact: **Barb Warfel** warfelb@yahoo.com 717-774-5559

Upcoming Trip: **EXPLORE SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA** (brochure link p.10)

May 15-24, 2024 : please note date change .

Dine Around

Contact: **Kathy Silks** kms107@outlook.com 717-315-5440

This group meets once or twice monthly to enjoy great meals and lively conversation at a wide variety of local and regional restaurants, with dinners planned potentially on the second Wednesday ; lunches on the fourth Wednesday.

**** All group members receive email notices of venues and dates.****

Morning Paperback Book Group

Contact: **Dorothy Brown** dorothymb4ever@gmail.com Meets - 3rd Thursday. 10:00 am to noon.

March 21, 2024. *Work Song* by Ivan Doig to be reviewed by Marcia Nye; Host - Marcia Nye

Please contact Dorothy to verify if you plan to attend as sometimes capacity is limited.

Nonfiction Book Group

Contact: **Chris Zuzack** czuzack@hotmail.com Meets - 2nd Thursday beginning at 1 pm .

March 14, 2024. *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson to be reviewed by MaryAnn Daniels

Contact Chris for location.

Walking Group

Contact: **Lee Johnson** lee6646@verizon.net

The Walking Group has been especially active during these good weather months. 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.

*****Please Welcome Out Newest Group*****

Exploring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Contact: **Kathy Silks**, DEI chair kms107@outlook.com 717-315-5440

Group members meet monthly (in person and via Zoom) to build deeper awareness, understanding, and cultural competence. Activities include book and media resource reviews, topical discussions, and shared experiences.

Participation is limited to twelve members for ease of discussion.

If interested in either of the following groups, please touch base with that contact for current status.

Chefs at Home

Contact: **Joan Swetz** jswetz3@yahoo.com

This group plans and prepares gourmet meals in each other's homes.

Fine Film Group

Contact **Erica Voss Meloy** ericameloy@comcast.net

The group meets approximately once a month, usually at the Midtown Cinema, usually for a matinee

- for the movie, coffee, and conversation.

Please note revised dates schedule and consult brochure and Barb Warfel for itinerary updates.

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AAUW CIVILITY STATEMENT

A respectful and inclusive environment is essential for us to achieve our mission: advancing gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. AAUW members have a responsibility to demonstrate civility towards the entire AAUW Community, including both AAUW members and staff, and all have a right to be treated with civility and respect.

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 Christine Zuzack and Jane Pomerantz; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Chair 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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2023/2024 Board meetings

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

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Christine Zuzack or Jane Pomerantz will send meeting agenda
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Thank you! *Carol S*