



Prepare To Be Dazzled

Join Us for a Private Tour of *The Alice Marshall Women's History Collection* with Our Presenter & Guide, Heidi Abbey Moyer

Thursday, April 18, 2024
beginning at 2:00 pm

Madlyn L. Hanes Library, Penn State Harrisburg
351 Olmsted Drive, Middletown PA 17057

Carol Nechemias &
Kathy Seidl / Co-chairs



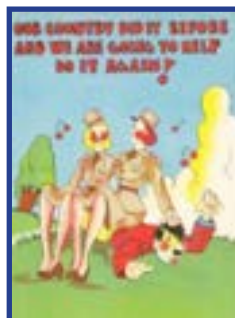
Alice Kahler Marshall (1923-97), a Harrisburg-area journalist, magazine editor, speech writer, researcher, compiler; collected materials on women's history non-stop from when she started collecting items that piqued her interest while she was a student at George Washington University and continuing for over 50 years. Her interest stemmed from her fascination with the contradictions between the realities of women's lives and the stereotypes of women's behavior.

She donated her mammoth collection, originally housed in her home - while also raising four children - to Penn State Harrisburg in 1991. It is one of the largest, privately compiled collections of women's history in the country.

left: Alice and a bit of her treasure.
below: a sampling of what you will experience.

The Alice Marshall Collection

is one woman's lifelong fascination and efforts to collect and preserve ephemera dealing with women's history and encompassing the day-to-day challenges and triumphs of women's lives. The result includes literary, graphic, and manuscript materials from the 15th century to the early 1980's. There are over 7,000 books and pamphlets, magazines and newspapers, and thousands of other materials—sheet music, postcards, posters, letters, political campaign buttons, business trade cards, and numerous other items that demonstrate aspects of women's lives. One of the unique strengths of the collection is the vast array of materials that illuminate the history of woman suffrage in America.



Please RSVP to Carol Nechemias at c4n@psu.edu at least 3 days in advance (April; 15) so that we know roughly the number of seats to be set up.

Heidi Abbey Moyer

Archivist and Humanities
Reference Librarian, Coordinator of Archives
and Special Collections

Ms. Moyer has over 30 years experience working in academic libraries and has been at Penn State since 2006. She serves as Archivist and Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections in the Madlyn L. Hanes Library. Her educational background includes a B.A. in biology and art history (Juniata College), an M.A. in art history (University of Maryland at College Park), an M.L.S. (University of Albany, SUNY), and is a C.A. (Certified Archivist). Heidi's research interests focus on archival advocacy, exhibitions, environmental sustainability, Motherhood studies, and women's health and wellness.



Madlyn L. Hanes Library,
Penn State Harrisburg
351 Olmsted Drive
Middletown, PA 17057-4850



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Driving Directions to Penn State Harrisburg: Follow Route 283 toward the Harrisburg International Airport. Take the Harrisburg International Airport exit. Continue to follow signs for the Airport and the college. Before entering the Airport complex, take the exit for Route 230 (West Harrisburg Pike). Turn left at the traffic light and proceed along Route 230 East approximately one mile. Turn left at First Street to enter the campus. Turn right onto Olmsted Drive. Proceed on Olmsted Drive to the Library and Olmsted parking lots.



Parking Directions: *SEE THE ATTACHED CAMPUS MAP on page 3, download the link, or put the street address from page 1 in your GPS to locate the Library lot and the Olmsted Drive lot. Handicapped spots are at the top of Library lot, closest to the Library. The campus map also shows additional parking areas, if needed.*

The Campus Police will not enforce parking permits in the Library lot and the Olmsted Drive lot from 1:30 to 4:30pm on April 18th. *If there is an instance where a guest parks outside this area for this event and gets a violation, please let Carol Nechemias know.*

Building Directions: Enter the Library—go straight through to the back. On the left is a set of elevators. Go to the third floor, room 303. Or, exercise—the staircase is to your right as you enter the library.

You can enjoy much more at your leisure from Penn State Harrisburg's **Madlyn L. Hanes Library's** extensive websites <https://libraries.psu.edu/about/collections/alice-marshall-womens-history-collection>
<https://guides.libraries.psu.edu/HBGASC>

Our 2023 - 2024 Year Spring Events at a Glance

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

April 3 - April 30 - Voting on PA bylaws proposals

April 5 - deadline for NCCWSL applications to hbgauwscholarship@gmail.com

April 5 - 7 - PA State AAUW Conference

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

April 23 - Pennsylvania Primary Elections - 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. See page 7 for more details and reservation form

September 27 pm (Friday) - through Sunday, September 29 noon Mid-Atlantic AAUW Conference in

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Our Co-Presidents Christine Zuzack and Jane Pomerantz and the Nominating
Committee Present Our Slate of Officers
for the AAUW Harrisburg Branch 2024 - 2025 Year

We are all generally aware of what is entailed in holding a Branch office, but what are some details about these women that give us a fuller perspective of their very full lives? They were asked -

- what finds you in the Harrisburg area...lifelong, job change, other?
- what would you think of as your main career?
- roughly how long have you been associated with AAUW over the years?
- in your "spare" time, what activities stimulate you...anything from hiking/biking to LWV or Fair Districts PA, or school board monitoring, to art, travel?

Co-Presidents Elect MaryAnn Daniels & Katherine Seidl



MaryAnn - I moved to Harrisburg from a Philadelphia suburb in 1977 to marry my husband of what is now 46 years. I have one son who resides in New Mexico.

I joined the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, better known as PHEAA, in 1986, ending my career there as director of the IT project management office before retiring in 2016.

Following my retirement, I joined AAUW Harrisburg. I have served on the Program Committee; Co-VP of Membership with Kathy Seidl; participate in the non-fiction book club, and the walking and fine films groups. Another member, Judy Daniels, is my sister-in-law.

I feel very blessed to have made many new and interesting friends within AAUW who have expanded my horizons and who believe in improving women's lives.

I like to work out regularly at my local gym, bike on rail-trails, kayak, hike, golf, and am an avid reader. I also volunteer as an usher at Hershey Theater, am a member of the Foreign Policy Association of Central PA, sing in the Hummelstown Community Chorus, and am involved in the life of my church. Last but not least, I enjoy travel in the U.S. and abroad.



Kathy - A "fairly new" member, Kathy has already served 2 years as Co-VP of Membership with MaryAnn. I was employed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for 20 years. My employment there began in 1999 after completing my degree in Public Policy at Penn State University. My love for the legislature surfaced in my senior year at Penn State when I was accepted into the House Bipartisan Management Committee's legislative fellowship program. I went on to complete my graduate degree at Penn State while working for a standing committee of the House as a Research Analyst, and very proud to have graduated with a 4.0. I retired in November of 2019 but remain involved in politics, serving on the Governor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities. Most of My retirement is spent with my three grandsons, traveling, bike riding, reading and learning to play the piano! I am very active in the SIG activities of the Branch including Midtown Scholar events, the Walking Group, and Culture Vultures.

Our Reigning Executive Committee performed **A ROYAL TEA** for the December 2023 Social, proving holding office has its fun percs.



Marge Gingrich
as Rapunzel post

left - right: Kathy Seidl as Red Riding Hood; Lee Johnson as Cinderella; Elvis as all the princes; MaryAnn Daniela as the Fairy Godmother; Eileen Carson as narrator and costume assistant. Cindy Dlugolecki, our resident play wright, directs her creation from behind the scenes.



Program Vice President Elect - *Joan Swetz*



My AAUW membership goes back to 1974 when Linda Robertson was President. I have held several positions through the years and am currently the contact for the Chefs at Home SIG. I have decided it is time to become more involved with the current membership as Program VP. I welcome your ideas and suggestions so as to continue the vibrant and informative meetings that are a hallmark of AAUW Harrisburg.

I have a BS in Nursing from Villanova University. I met my husband, Frank, while serving as a nurse in the Peace Corps in Malaysia during 1964-66. Frank's job teaching at the 2 year old Capital Campus (now PS Hbg) brought us to Hbg. I was fortunate to be a stay-at-home Mother, involved in PTO, etc., and scheduling programs for Susquehanna Twp. School District!!!

My down-sizing efforts have brought me to Messiah Village, in the company of a mini-AAUW Branch membership. I continue to enjoy reading, exploring new experiences and places and trying to make the most of each day. Carpe Diem!!!

PSA: Any and all ideas and suggestions for the 2024-25 program year would be more than welcome. Contact me: jswetz3@yahoo.com

Membership Co-Vice Presidents Elect - *Diane Shoop and Barbara Warfel*



With the exception of a short break, **Diane** is a long time member of the Branch (30 years). She has held numerous board positions including President 2012-2013. She retired from PSU in 2021 as a Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg but recently returned to the work force part-time. She is a tour de force in the handling of data. We owe Diane a huge debt for bringing the Branch into the 21st Century by creating our gmail accounts and the data sheets we use to track and update our membership at our local level - tasks she undertook when she was Dues Chair. Now she plunges head on into tackling the challenges to keep us on track in an Internet world with the changes National has made in the use of the Membership Data System (MDS).



Barb - I moved to New Cumberland from Providence RI in 1980 with my husband and our little boy. My husband, Steve, accepted the position of curator of archaeology at the State Museum in Harrisburg. A few years after having a second little boy, I began to get back into painting and drawing. Being certified in art education and having taught art to high school students, I decided to start a business, teaching meaningful art activities to seniors residing in assisted living facilities and at senior centers through out the Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, and Carlisle areas. At about the same time, I was invited to join AAUW as chairperson of AAUW Culture Vultures travel group. I've held every board position available (accept secretary) throughout my 24 years of membership.

Now retired, and a widow, I still create artwork, garden, travel, enjoy playing pickleball, tap dancing, and, when I find time - read. Presently, I am on the board of the Art Association of Harrisburg. I am still AAUW Culture Vultures chair person.



Barb preps a branch group for a walking tour of The Bower: Native Garden and Sculpture Park in Shermans Dale.

Joan Swetz with Malaysian children circa 1964-66 during her Peace Corps stint.



Diane has jumped right back in to active Branch life. That's her beneath one of Marcia Hajduk's gorgeous ferns at the January fireside chat.

Returning Finance Officer - *Eileen Carson*

I came to Harrisburg from the Pittsburgh area in 1995 for a job promotion with the PA Department of Public Welfare. My main career was in Public Organization Administration but I have been retired since June of 2013 from my last position which was Deputy Administrator at Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging. I've been a member of AAUW Harrisburg Branch for 5 years, serving recently as Finance Chair with which I was very comfortable having held a similar position in another volunteer group. My retirement goal was to get back into photography. Since retiring, I've taken photography classes, participated in photography clubs and submitted applications to juried exhibitions (and have been sometimes accepted.)

editor sidebar: Eileen has exhibited at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and the Central PA Festival of the Arts Juried Exhibit, among others.



I am also very involved in my community, Midtown Harrisburg, through the Friends of Midtown in various capacities including the Beautification Committee. And, I finally found the time to travel, sometimes internationally (with my camera, of course).

Side note 2: Eileen is still an all things Black and Gold fan - especially the Bucs!



Returning Co-Secretaries - *Cindy Dlugolecki and Margaret Gingrich*

Cindy - I grew up in western Pennsylvania, Somerset, snow capital of PA. I met my husband Paul at Shippensburg University when it was still known as Shippensburg State College. We have lived in Mechanicsburg and raised our four daughters here since 1974. Although I'm not a native to Mechanicsburg, the town has become my home and owns my heart. I love the history of the town and have served on the boards of the Mechanicsburg Museum Association and Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg. I'm a retired English and Creative Writing teacher (Trinity High School) and spend a lot of time researching and writing plays. My most recent endeavor is a musical about the Constitutional Convention entitled, **QUIILL-ADELPHIA**. I'm a relative newbie to AAUW. I became acquainted with members during the centennial celebration of the Harrisburg Branch in 2021 with my play, **VIOLET OAKLEY UNVEILED**. The ladies--life-long learners--were so interesting, and I just wanted to get to know them better. What a great decision!



Marge - Nursing has been my lifetime career, teaching nursing for over 30 years and then becoming a Nurse Practitioner. I am originally from Erie, PA. I chose a career in nursing, receiving a BSN in nursing from Penn State University; followed by a master's in nursing at Thomas Jefferson University; and a Nurse Practitioner certification at PSU. I have worked in many areas of nursing but predominantly in acute care and home health. I spent 30 years as a professor of nursing at HACC. One of my highlights was the development of a Study Abroad course with emphasis on a nursing cultural immersion, taking students to Haiti and Guatemala for several years. I have co-authored 2 nursing texts and continue to do reviews and edits for nursing related professional resources.

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

My spouse and I have 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren, the love of our lives. When the children were younger, we were very involved in raising 13 puppies for the Seeing Eye Inc. In my spare time, I enjoy being with my grandchildren, hiking, gardening, knitting, travel and volunteering with the Medical Reserve Corps of PA.



Please Join Us on Saturday, May 18, 2024,
 for the AAUW Harrisburg Branch Annual Spring Luncheon
 Where We Will Honor Women Who Are Branch and Community Leaders
 Greatly Deserving of Our Recognition
 & Install Our Executive Officers for 2024 - 2025

Please Welcome Our Special Guests
 Peggy Grove, Harrisburg Branch 2024 Community Woman of the Year
 & Barbara Barksdale, Harrisburg Branch 2024 Gateway to Equity Award Recipient

Peggy Grove is an entrepreneur, a science and math teacher as well as a tolerance teacher, a community activist, a suffragette, philanthropist, and Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. She founded the Academy of Medical Arts and Business in 1980 in a flood ravaged building at Third and Boas Streets, which at the time was in a dicey neighborhood. The Academy was a dream which she started with \$500, a desk made of a door atop 2 cinder blocks, and a manual typewriter. The use of the building was rent free for the first year courtesy of owner Ollie Rosenberg. Her second business was to buy several small apartment buildings with Ollie, rehab them, and lease them in the affordable housing market. In 1979, along with starting the Academy, she ran for and won a seat on the Mechanicsburg School Board and subsequently was appointed to the Cumberland Perry Vo-Tech Board. Through recommendation of Linda Robertson, Peggy concurrently became part of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. Over the past 20 years, she has established many scholarships for area schools as well as for Reno NV High School, her alma mater. Presently, through connections with fellow Rotarians, she brought together three transitional housing programs for homeless military veterans on 20 acres of vacant land that she owns south of the PennDOT building in Harrisburg - to BOPA she has donated 5 acres to be dedicated on May 29, 2024; to Tunnels2Towers - the use of 8.5 acres (in progress); and to Eden Village, 6.5 acres' use. Program details are available on the Internet.



Barbara Barksdale, often introduced as the "Cemetery Lady" throughout the country, was given this title due to her tireless work for the restoration and preservation of the historic Midland Cemetery in Swatara Township. She has spent years researching the ancestors and finding the graves, including her own grandfather's who is buried at Midland. This started out as a search for family and ended up finding the American history that lays in these hallowed grounds. She has spearheaded a large group of volunteers and professionals in her 30+ years working to preserve historic African American cemeteries across Pennsylvania and around the country where United States Colored Troops are interred.

We will take this time to recognize our Outstanding Branch Member, Member Making a Difference, and Named Gift Honorees for 2023 - 2024 as well.



 Duke's Riverside Bar & Grille
 313 S Front Street
 Wormleysburg, PA 17043

11:30 am - Social & Sign In
 Noon - Luncheon Buffet
 12:45 pm - Speakers
 1:30 pm - Business Meeting

Share the Festivities.
 Bring a friend (s)!

*** Reservation deadline is May 10, 2023. ***

An Italian Buffet
 Baked Ziti (with Meat Sauce, Italian Sausage and Cheese);
 Italian Chicken Breasts (with Onions & Peppers);
 Pasta with marinara sauce and veggies.
 The meal includes a salad station, rolls, ice cream for dessert, iced tea, coffee, and hot tea.
 There will be a cash bar.

Please submit this form with
 your check for **\$30.00 per reservation**
 payable to: AAUW HBG Branch
 mail to: Eileen Carson
 1925 Green Street
 Harrisburg PA 17102-2227

_____ # of Luncheon Reservations

Name _____

Phone number _____ email _____



Announcing Scholarships Available for
the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

The American Association of University Women, Harrisburg Branch,
announces five college scholarships available to women in the Central Pennsylvania region
who are pursuing degrees in the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Beverly J. Smith Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry County, or Northern York School District who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. Requirements include completion of 60 credits, a minimum 3.40 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment as a full-time student for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Member Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry County, or Northern York School District who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania in pursuit of an associate or bachelor's degree. Requirements include completion of 15 credits, minimum 3.00 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment on at least a half-time basis (6 credits per term) for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Ronald D. and Kathleen A. Krause STEM Scholarship (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry County, or Northern York School District who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in a STEM major. Requirements include completion of 30 credits, minimum 3.00 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment as a full-time student in the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Sally C. Chamberlain Scholarship (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry County, or Northern York School District who is seeking to resume or renew academic work for credit towards career employment or advancement, for example, those who have experienced interruptions in their post-secondary education and want to resume their studies. Requirements include completion of 15 credits toward an associate or bachelor's degree, a minimum 2.9 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment on at least a half-time basis (6 credits per term) at a college or university in Pennsylvania for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Monique and Ernie Guenin Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500) will be awarded to a female resident of Lebanon County who attends an accredited college or university in Pennsylvania in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in a STEM major. Requirements include completion of 30 credits, minimum 3.00 GPA, demonstration of financial need, and enrollment as a full-time student in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Download each separate application under the appropriate description at

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

Deadline: Postmarked or received by email by July 31, 2024

Contact Information: AAUW Scholarship Committee at HbgAAUWScholarship@gmail.com

Additional Information is available at <https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/scholarships/scholarship-faq/>

The awardees will be honored at one of our branch luncheon meetings. The scholarship recipients may also receive branch support to attend the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The awardees are members of the Branch for the year and are encouraged to join programs and activities as their time allows. AAUW encourages them to continue their membership to lend a hand to those that follow and to make lasting friendship and ties to help guide their futures.



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Two Scholarship Opportunities for Young Women to Attend the 2024 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

AAUW Harrisburg Branch of the American Association of University Women is once again offering *two scholarships* for deserving students to attend **the 2024 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** to be held *May 30 – June 1 at the University of Maryland, College Park.*

The Scholarships of \$565.00 each will cover all conference costs for an individual Residential Attendance* (May 30- June 1)

NCCWSL brings together more than 800 young women from around the country for two and a half days of leadership training, networking, and inspiration. This conference attracts a diverse group of young leaders who are highly engaged on their campuses: They are involved in student government, academic and pre-professional organizations, identity-based and social-justice clubs, and political activism.

Access the links below to find out more about this amazing opportunity, including a complete agenda and reviews from previous attendees:

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

and <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/nccwsl/agenda/workshops-panels/>

To apply for the scholarship covering residential registration, submit **a paragraph describing how the above description of attendees matches your activities and career goals:**

Submit your paragraph with contact information including:

- your email and phone number
- name of college or university you are attending
- your major

to hbgauwscholarship@gmail.com **by April 5, 2024.**

NCCWSL's Mission

The mission of AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is to foster a moment that ignites a powerful movement. Year after year, our conference brings together hundreds of college women from across the nation for an immersive multi-day experience of leadership training, inspiration, and networking. We strive to cultivate an inclusive and equitable space where attendees can enter as passionate leaders and depart with the skills, confidence, and perspective necessary to pursue their goals and drive meaningful change.

* transportation and additional activities in the area are at the attendee's discretion and expense.

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

March 26, 2024 - the Equal Pay Day Press Conference at the PA State Capitol. **Ann Pehle** from AAUW Carlisle was one of the speakers and Sandra Miller from AAUW PA Public Policy was there as well. Kathy Seidl and Kathy Gates attended from AAUW Harrisburg.



Kathy Seidl and Kathy Gates proudly display their support - with signs we "someday" hope will be obsolete.



back: Kate Elkins and Ann Pehle of the Carlisle Branch
front: Sandra Miller and Kathy Gates

The **Fair Districts PA** press conference to be held on **April 10, 2024, noon to 1:00pm at the Main Rotunda of the Capitol Building** will announce **House Bill 1776**. The bill would amend the PA Constitution by replacing the Legislative Reapportionment Commission with a genuinely independent citizens redistricting commission to draw both state legislative and congressional districts. It includes provisions for transparency and public input and clear, prioritized mapping standards..



Contact our liaison Carol Nechemias for more details.

c4n@psu.edu

Anyone interested in carpooling from the West Shore, please contact Kathy Gates kgates808@gmail.com

Join the FDPA Polling Place Outreach Volunteers!

Join Fair Districts PA at the polls! Help END GERRYMANDERING and strengthen democracy by talking to voters at the polls in strategic locations on Primary Election Day, April 23rd.

As an FDPA volunteer, you will:

Work with a partner to hand out educational materials at a strategic polling place.

Ask your fellow citizens as they leave the polls to support the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for drawing state legislative and congressional maps.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-the-fdpa-polling-place-outreach-volunteers-4?>

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 promoting this activity.



Sign4ERA

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/>

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



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-tTCo4Pjiheh3Qb8bsz0EZm->

School Boards: The Battleground for the Education Culture Wars - Happening Locally and Deserving Our Attention



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.

View the AAUW National Public Policy Committee’s webinar to learn how one AAUW state board is fighting back and what you can do locally.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsPelf6OMPM>



Opportunities and Updates For and By Our Members

Part of the heartbeat of the Harrisburg Branch forever, **Kathy Silks** has moved back to Maryland to be closer to family, friends, significant others. We can still keep in touch and drive her crazy at

8431 High Ridge Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21043



Per Kathy:
My email (kms107@outlook.com) and phone number (717-315-5440) remain the same.

Feel free to badger her to come back to significant events, or just because...
PSA: a possible day trip to visit Kathy and explore her area is in the works. Stay tuned.



HARRISBURG MARCH FOR BABIES : A MOTHER OF A MOVEMENT

Date: April 20, 2024
Event Time: 10:00 AM EDT
Registration Time: 9:00AM EDT
Location: 1 Championship Way , Harrisburg, PA 17110 City Island

VOLUNTEER-LED WALK: This volunteer-led March for Babies walk is hosted and organized by dedicated March of Dimes volunteers in the Harriburg area. Attention all supporters of healthy babies and strong families in Harrisburg and the surrounding areas.

Join Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for the 3rd annual Volunteer-Led, Community Walk to support March for Babies. The event will be held on April 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM, starting at City Island, Harrisburg, PA. This annual event brings together communities across Central, PA to raise funds and awareness for the March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of moms and babies. Access the website for details.

<https://www.marchforbabies.org/EventInfo/?EventID=22688>

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.

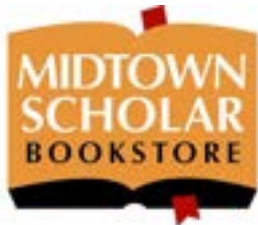
What the Constitution Means to Me is a 2017 American play by Heidi Schreck. The play premiered on Broadway on March 31, 2019 at the Hayes Theater, with Schreck herself in the leading role. Throughout the play, Schreck addresses themes such as women's rights, immigration, domestic abuse, and the history 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





Salman Rushdie in Conversation with Suleika Jaouad

Join Midtown Scholar Bookstore, Random House, and PEN AMERICA as Salman Rushdie discusses his new memoir, **KNIFE, : Meditations After an Attempted Murder** with Suleika Jaouad



This is a Virtual Event! beginning at 8:00 pm EDT on Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Knife is a gripping account of surviving an attempt on his life 30 years after the fatwa was ordered against him. In unforgettable detail, Rushdie is speaking out for the first time about the traumatic events of April 12, 2022.

Ticket range:\$30 – \$39.95. Each ticket includes a hardcover copy of **Knife**. All participants will have the option to purchase Jaouad’s **Between Two Kingdoms**, as well.

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...



Marie Evanovitch, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and author of her memoir, **Lessons from the Edge**, that the AAUW non-fiction book club read, spoke at Hershey Country Club on Thursday, March 21, 2024.



AAUW Harrisburg attendees were out in force.

I-r:Christine Zuzack, Kathleen Gorak, Carol Nechemias, guest, Kathy Seidl.



I-r: Marcia Nye, Kathy Bard, guest, Lillian Grieco.

...and MaryAnn Daniels behind the camera.



Marie Evanovitch

SAVE THE DATE

May 10, 2024
Carlisle PA Branch
100th Anniversary Celebration

We Meet. We Share. We Learn Together. & We Eat!



Kathy Silks made a visit back to the area and met for Dine Around with members at Roosevelt Tavern, York.

l-r: Sue Schreckengaust, Dorothy Brown, Karen Cullings, Kathy, Carol Buskirk, Christine Zuzick, and Don peeking through from the back.



The Walking Group, two and four legged, took a Spring walk through Siebert Park. l-r: Barb Warfel, Kathy Bard, Lee Johnson, Marcia Nye, and Jane Pomerantz.

March 14, 2024 - Our Women's History Month Branch Meeting at Fredricksen Library "African American Sororities : Solidarity and Groundbreaking Endeavors"



Barbara Thompson, wearing Alpha Kappa Alpha colors salmon pink and apple green and the sorority jewel - the pearl, gave us a detailed explanation of the first intercollegiate historically African American sorority. **Be sure to download the separate attachment of her power point.** The library equipment failed us, but Miss Barbara did not.



LEGACY OF SERVICE

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social status, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind!"



Empower Our Families

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has a strong history of supporting and serving families. For us, understanding a healthy family is the foundation of a healthy community. We will take a multi-generational approach to family services within our communities by addressing child hunger and promoting positive youth development and leadership, mental well-being, and senior life.

Areas of focus:

- Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIFF)
- Health Leadership Institute (HLI)
- Mental Health Awareness
- Our Seniors



MEMBERSHIP

SOLO MEMBERS
LIFE MEMBERS
LIFE CRAFTERS
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Miss Barbara was ably assisted by AKA soror Karen Love checking the Internet as they fielded questions. Ms. Love's mother, Hettie Love, was an active AKA member and continues to be on the roles after her passing at 100 years.



Harrisburg Branch earned two stars in National AAUW's Recognition Program for strategic plan and initiatives that foster the mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. One


for Program - Carol Nechemias, Chair, and one for Communications, - Carol Stark, Chair.



A key aspect of AKA is education. Epsilon Sigma Omega Branch of Harrisburg participates annually in the African American Read-In.

26th AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN
African Americans and the Arts:
Celebrating Black Brilliance and Resilience

AMERICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS SHOWCASE




SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

JOIN IN THE FUN

- 10:00am - 12:00pm: Registration
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm: Book Signing
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm: Author Talk
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm: Book Signing
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm: Book Signing
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm: Book Signing
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm: Book Signing
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm: Book Signing
- 8:00pm - 9:00pm: Book Signing
- 9:00pm - 10:00pm: Book Signing
- 10:00pm - 11:00pm: Book Signing
- 11:00pm - 12:00am: Book Signing

SCAN & RESERVE



MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl get ready to lead the pack as incoming Co-Presidents.

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/>

To vote April 3 through May 15, watch for emails from vote@simplyvoting.com with your unique Elector ID and Password to vote.

*****Be sure to check your SPAM or JUNK folder.*****

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 . Contact Barb for any openings
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.

April 18, 2024. *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy will be reviewed by Carol Buskirk
and hosted by Mary Jean Holmes

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 .

April 11, 2024. "The Return" by Hisham Matar will be reviewed by Kathy Krausse.
Please 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** jswet3@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.

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.



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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.



OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

Nonpartisan. Fact-based.
Principled. Inclusive and
Intersectional with *Equity for All*.

2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Presidents - Christine Zuzack
& Jane Pomerantz
Program Co-Vice Presidents - Carol Nechemias
& Lee Johnson
Membership Co-Vice Presidents -
MaryAnn Daniels & Kathy Seidl
Finance Officer - Eileen Carson
Co-Secretaries - Cindy Dlugolecki
& Margaret Gingrich
Nominating Committee - Marcia Hajduk
& Erica Voss Meloy, co-chairs.
Kathy Seidl, Kathy Silks, & Barbara Warfel

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AAUW Harrisburg



2023/2024 Board meetings

will be held live or via *Zoom* on the second Thursday of
each month from 3:00 - 4:30pm
next meeting: **April 11, 2024,**

Christine Zuzack or Jane Pomerantz will send meeting agenda
information to all Board members

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to:

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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 S*