

# NOVEMBER 2024 the CONNECTION

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Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 4:30pm  
State Library of Pennsylvania  
in the Forum Building  
607 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0600

## “Your State Library of Pennsylvania: Your Stories”

### Join Us for a Private Tour *Big Reveal of the Phenominal Makeover!!!*

The State Library of Pennsylvania encourages each and every Pennsylvanian to explore the Library’s services and collections. These services and collections reflect the Library’s basic mission

- to provide and preserve the stories of Pennsylvania while also providing assistance to the Commonwealth government.

The collections are particularly strong in the fields of public administration, economics, political science, statistics, education, public services, as well as North American, United States and Pennsylvania history. The State Library is the official depository for printed publications of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That particular collection provides an historical repository of materials of the government of Pennsylvania from the 1700s to the present.

As part of the renovations of the Forum Building, the State Library was closed in January, 2021. The Department of General Services had recognized the need for a comprehensive renovation and modernization of the functionally obsolete Forum Building, which had opened in 1931, while preserving important historical elements such as sculptures, murals, and architectural elements. The \$90 million renovation was launched to modernize the building for the 21st century. The



The Reading Room  
of bygone  
days, and **NOW!**



Library finally reopened its doors in January, 2024.

On this very special afternoon, Kathy Hale, the Supervisor for Public Services and U.S. Government Documents Librarian, and Ellen Shenk, Community Engagement Librarian, will treat AAUW members to a private tour of the refurbished landmark.

This is Kathy Hale’s 25th year at the State Library in a variety of positions. She holds an Master of Library Science from PennWest Clarion. Before she came to the State Library, her career as a librarian started at the Middletown Public Library as well as two Central Pennsylvania engineering firms. She has presented sessions at the Federal Depository Library Conference and both the Special Librarians and American Library Associations, has represented the Commonwealth Libraries in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Center for the Book at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC, and is involved as a judge on the state and national levels for National History Day which she

says “gives me hope for the future of students in this country. These students are so smart!”

Beginning her career at the Main Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Oakland, Ellen Shenk now serves as the Community Engagement Librarian for the State Library. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Ellen is a dedicated professional with a strong sense of stewardship for the arts. She is also adamant about appreciation and preservation of our natural resources which she was able to incorporate into her work with  
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Kathy Hale in the Reading Room area with one of her many displays - this one for National Book Week.



Ellen Shenk and bestie basking in Pennsylvania’s outdoors.

The State Museum Nature Lab “Meet the Experts” series which features live educational presentations, as well as interactive, hands-on learning experiences. Her enthusiasm to share the value of libraries and life-long learning is infused into her ten years working at the State Library, currently as Community Engagement Librarian.

Kathy, Ellen, and library staff will provide a private tour of the refurbished landmark, introducing you to the history of the State Library, the history of the Forum Building, and that of the 8th Ward. We will get an introduction to the genealogy and rare collections resources it holds, and how to borrow from the State Library.



Join us for this unique opportunity to experience the stunning building, hear

so many details of its role in the formation of Harrisburg’s Capital Complex, and be treated to seeing publications through the Ages of Pennsylvania including books used at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787.

We will meet at the Forum Building, 607 South Drive, Harrisburg.

*Parking is free in the lot on South Drive from 4 pm.*

Please refer to the map on this page and enter the address in your GPS for street directions. **There are many one way streets in the immediate area..**

As we will not be serving refreshments in the State Library, everyone is invited to join a group of us afterward at El Sol, 18 S 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101, just a few blocks away. For now, the reservation stands at 10, but can easily be changed.

If you would enjoy a Mexican meal or snack after hearing the glorious history of Pennsylvania as seen through the eyes of two of Pennsylvania’s state level information curators, please



email Cindy Dlugolecki at [cindy.dlugolecki@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.dlugolecki@gmail.com)  
chairs: Cindy Dlugolecki and KathySseidl

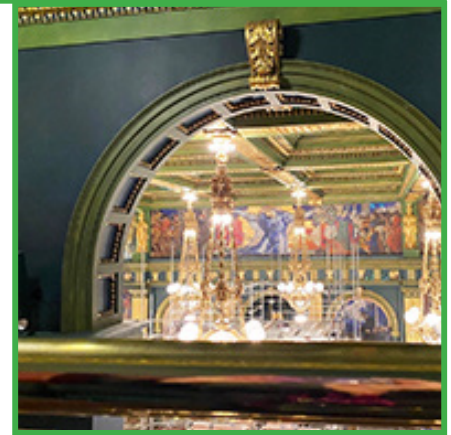


above: Street view of 607 South Drive with State Library entrance on right



607 South Drive entrance to the State Library.

Google maps overhead view with the State Library section of the Forum Building labeled on right wing of building.



View of one of the restored murals and some of the chandeliers from a balcony of the Reading Room.



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Have you voted yet?



# November 2024 Message from Our Co-Presidents MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl

The month of November is one of giving thanks for our many blessings, including the wonderful benefits of our affiliation with all things AAUW. This includes the beautiful friendships with like-minded women, the stimulating programs that expand our horizons and inspire us, and the special interest groups that satisfy our passions and fulfill our pastimes. We also celebrate Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, 2024, and are grateful for all the service members and their families who have sacrificed so much to guarantee our security and protect our country. Lastly, there is International Day for Tolerance on Saturday, November 16, 2024, a United Nations annual holiday to promote tolerance among people of all backgrounds, a principle reflected in AAUW's core values. We wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving, a thoughtful Veterans Day, and an inspired International Day for Tolerance!



On Veterans Day 2022, an honored World War I statue in Harrisburg, Pa., turned 100 years old. Officially called "Lest We Forget" the WWI doughboy statue at North Front St. and Cumberland St. was gifted to Harrisburg by Harrisburg Telegraph Newspaper Editor E.J. Stackpole to honor those who had returned safely from military service in France at the end of World War I. The statue was installed in River Front Park, on a three-ton boulder from Gettysburg's Little Round Top.



Read more at <https://glade.org/international-day-for-tolerance/>

**Freedom from Want** - Norman Rockwell, 1943, a part of the Freedoms series with *Freedom of Speech*, *Freedom of Worship*, *Freedom from Fear*.



We will get together at the Hostetter Enrichment Center at Messiah Lifeways - 100 Mt Allen Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 with Co-Chairs: Joan Swetz and Marcia Nye for sharing, taste sampling, and fun. This year's feature entertainment will be local folksinger / songwriter Bobbi Carmitchell, familiar to many of us. As has been our custom, we will be delivering items you wish to contribute as a



And just a little look back : Who can forget our **Harrisburg AAUW Players** bringing Cindy Dlugolecki's *A Royal Tea* to life!

holiday donation to the Harrisburg YWCA. A list of suggestions from the "Y" is on page 4.

Details will be in the December newsletter. Send an email or call Co-Chairs Joan Swetz or Marcia Nye if you have questions.



The YWCA is requesting that the gifts be new, unopened, and not wrapped. They asked that we include gift bags with tissue paper or gift wrapping be included for each gift. At this special season, please consider a generous donation to this worthy cause.



## YWCA Holiday Giving General Wish List

### Bath

- Towels
- Washcloths

### Clothing

- Underwear & socks (adults and children's sizes)
- Winter Coats

### Cooking

- Pots & pans with lids
- Silverware
- Plastic storage bins

### Bedding

- Twin Sheets
- Pillows
- Pillowcases
- Blankets
- Bed-in-a-bag

### Grocery & Other

- Gift cards to Giant, Weis, Walmart, etc.
- Canned goods for food pantry
- Visa or Amazon gift cards

### Day Care/Kids

- White drawing paper
- Crayola washable markers/crayons
- Play money
- Fat crayons
- Art easel
- Puzzles (24-150 pcs)

### Baby

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Diaper cream
- Baby food

### Toiletries

- Hygiene & beauty supplies
- Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

### Veterans

- Men's underwear
- Socks
- Shoes and work boots
- Coats
- Thermal long underwear
- Flashlights

### Transport

- Bus passes
- Gas cards

### Dining

- Gift cards to local restaurants (Applebee's, Olive Garden, Red Robin, etc.)

### Life Skills

- Notebooks & journals



The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey and  
Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties  
cordially invite you to join us for

**“Zonta says ‘No’ to Lenient PFA Consequences”**

with a focus on increasing the cost and time served for violating  
PFA (Protection from Abuse) Orders.

**When: Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 12 noon**

**Where: Main Rotunda of the Capitol**



The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation and  
Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties are 501(c) 3 organizations.

[www.zontaharrisburghershey.org](http://www.zontaharrisburghershey.org)

Facebook: Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

[www.dvscp.org](http://www.dvscp.org)

Facebook: DVSCP



Hello all,

I am hoping that some of you will be able to attend the Zonta Assembly on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at noon** to show support for this initiative in protecting women’s rights. This year’s theme is bringing awareness to the increasing cost and time served for violating PFA orders. There will be related organizations displaying their materials from 10am -12 noon in the Capitol Rotunda prior to the Assembly.


We have two seats in our car if you want to carpool with us from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm.

***This will be a Big Day!***


*Sincerely*

Kathy Gates ,  
AAUW Harrisburg  
Public Policy Chair

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**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
HARRISBURG-HERSHEY  
BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



**DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE  
SERVICES**  
OF CUMBERLAND  
& PERRY COUNTIES

**“Zonta says ‘NO’ to Lenient PFA Consequences” Assembly**  
**Harrisburg Capitol – Main Rotunda – 12 Noon**  
**Nov. 12, 2024**

**Welcome.....Amy Peffley, Past President**  
**Advocacy Chair, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey**

**Remarks.....Stephanie Spurgeon, Direct Services Supervisor**  
**Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties**

**Representative Emily Kinkead**  
**PA 20th Legislative District**

**Chief of Police Christopher Raubenstine**  
**Silver Springs Township, Cumberland County**

**Representative Sheryl Delozier**  
**PA 88th Legislative District**

**Representative Patty Kim**  
**PA 103rd Legislative District**

**Representative Thomas Kutz**  
**PA 87th Legislative District**

**Closing Remarks.....Amy Peffley**  
**Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey**

**The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation and Domestic Violence**  
**Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties are 501(c)3 Organizations**

**[www.zontaharrisburghershey.org](http://www.zontaharrisburghershey.org)**  
**[www.dvscp.org](http://www.dvscp.org)**

# AAUW Pennsylvania and AAUW National Events and Updates

**AAUW**  

## Securing the Future: A Post-Election Conversation on Women's Economic Security

November 19, 2024 | 3 p.m. ET  
Register: [act.aauw.org/SecuringTheFuture](https://act.aauw.org/SecuringTheFuture)

**Heather Boushey, Ph.D.**  
Economist & AAUW American Fellowship Alumna 

**Gloria L. Blackwell**  
CEO, AAUW 

**Jamila K. Taylor, Ph.D., MPA**  
CEO, Institute for Women's Policy Research 

Join an extremely important post-election webinar exploring the path forward for women's economic security under the next U.S. President and the 119th Congress.

As the nation navigates a new political landscape, we will dive into key issues such as pay equity, paid family leave, and affordable childcare. Our expert panel will discuss pressing policy solutions to address these challenges and analyze the political outlook for advancing women's economic well-being in the coming years.

By the end, you'll understand how these economic register at:

<https://my.aauw.org/event-information?id=a0lQr-000000wl8DIAQ&emci=916bc86f-ff92-ef11-88ce-000d3a98fa6b&emdi=2395355c-9698-ef11-88ce-000d3a-98fa6b&ceid=1015609>


policies impact your life and how you can build a stronger, more equitable future for women nationwide. Don't miss it!!

### SPEAKERS:

**Heather Marie Boushey**, 1997-98 AAUW American Fellow, leading economist and co-founder of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, renowned for her work on economic inequality and policy solutions.

**Dr. Jamila K. Taylor**, President and CEO of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, known for her leadership in advancing women's economic justice and equity.

**Gloria L. Blackwell**, CEO of the American Association of University Women, a driving force for gender equity in education and the workplace.



**VOTE**

*The 2024 U.S. election will have a major impact on gender equity in education, women's economic security, and reproductive and civil rights. The good news? When women vote, we change the conversation.*

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/get-involved-in-elections/>



**YOUR VOTE IS  
YOUR VOICE.  
BE HEARD!** 

[bit.ly/itsmyvote16](https://bit.ly/itsmyvote16) | #ItsMyVote

# Sharing With Like Minded Entities

One of our summer interns, in his initial interview, said “the future of democracy runs through Pennsylvania.”

He was right in more ways than we fully understand. What happens in PA reverberates across the country, and the world. We all have work to do to educate ourselves and our communities and to help restore trust in elections and the value of our vote.

You may have seen reports of fraudulent registrations, legal appeals over mail-in ballots and misleading polls declaring unstoppable leads. Whatever happens in the next few days, it’s clear that Pennsylvania needs stronger guardrails in place to foster trust in elections and provide a more accountable government.

Redistricting reform is an essential part of that. A more responsive legislative process is another related challenge. Come learn more at our statewide conference and get ready for the next push for reform:

**Mapping Pennsylvania’s Future—Next Steps for Redistricting Reform**  
**Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA;**  
**Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9:00am-4:30pm**



**Register at the Fair Districts PA website - search “Statewide Conference: Mapping Pennsylvania’s Future”**

## Lilly Ledbetter, the activist who inspired Fair Pay Act, dies on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at age 86

October brought some very sad news for our community with the passing of pay equity champion Lilly Ledbetter. It is heartbreaking to learn of her loss, but we will always be grateful for her steadfast commitment to women’s equity and passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. If you’d like to read more about Lilly’s work with AAUW, I encourage you to read this Q&A session we did with her a few years ago. You may also want to read AAUW’s statement on honoring her legacy.

- Gloria L. Blackwell  
AAUW Chief Executive Office

Lilly Ledbetter was a women’s equality activist whose fight for pay equity led to passage of the monumental Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which amended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and allows workers to “obtain relief, including recovery of back pay, for up to two years preceding the filing of the charge.”

“Lilly Ledbetter never set out to be a trailblazer or a household name. She just wanted to be paid the same as a man for her hard work,” he wrote. “Lilly did what so many Americans before her have done: setting her sights high for herself and even higher for her children and grandchildren.”

- Barack Obama



President Barack Obama stands with Lilly Ledbetter before signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act during an event in the East Room of the White House on Jan. 29, 2009.



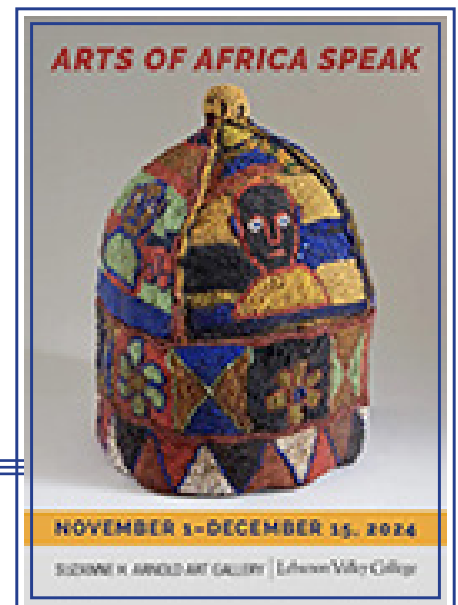
## Culture Vultures Updates: Where We've Been and Where We Are Going



On Sunday, October 13th, 2024, AAUW Harrisburg members Carol Nechemias Barb Warfel, Erica Meloy, and Kathy Seidl traveled to Washington DC. First visiting the Renrick Gallery with their fabulous fabric art exhibit and then the National Gallery to see *Paris 1874: The Impressionist Moment*, the origins of the French art movement - a new look at the radical 1874 exhibition considered the birth of modern painting.

### Arts of Africa Speak - at Lebanon Valley College: Stories & Objects from Two Academic Collections

This exhibition invites us into dialogue with African objects that have long been removed from their original cultural source, often with little provenance or attributable age. Do these objects have a life of their own? What do they have to tell us? By engaging with two academic collections, the Trout Gallery of Dickinson College and the Fine Art Collection of Lebanon Valley College, we examine an array of African works—from the implements of everyday life to objects carrying social, political, and spiritual power—alongside a reevaluation of how such objects have been collected and interpreted.



Culture Vultures,

On Thursday, **November 21st**, I would like to gather all those who would like to see this exhibition at Lebanon Valley College to travel together by car.

No bus will be chartered for this excursion as the college is nearby.

Once there, we will meet at

the Lebanon Valley College

Suzanne H Arnold Gallery

75 N White Oak St, Annville, PA 17003

at 11:00 AM.

Contact Barbara Warfel **by November 10th**

if you plan to attend. warfelb@yahoo.com

Please go to LVC website for more information.

<https://www.lvc.edu/suzanne-h-arnold-art-gallery/>

Looking forward to an insightful experience,

Barb Warfel

# Culture Vultures Are On the Move

\*\*\*INFORMATION MEETING\*\*\* Tuesday, October 8th at 1:00 PM.

at 619 Haldeman Blvd, New Cumberland PA 17070 717-774-5559

Contact Barb Passeri-Warfel by Oct 1 to reserve your seat warfelb@yahoo.com

Zoom link will be available brochure link is <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1277117>

## American Association of University Women- Harrisburg presents: *Discover the Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders*

Departing September 14, 2025

Contact Barbara Warfel for details and an E-mail brochure [warfelb@yahoo.com](mailto:warfelb@yahoo.com).



From the nautical beauty of Peggy's Cove to the rugged splendor of the Cabot Trail, the Maritimes will enchant you. Choose how you explore Lunenburg – at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic or on a locally guided walking tour. Partake in a PEI tradition with a supper of fresh lobster and mussels. Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum and learn about potato farming. See the 4-story high Hopewell Rocks. Savor a traditional Maritimes seafood feast beside the Bay of Fundy, where some of the world's highest tides are recorded. Explore interesting inventions at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. Learn a few handy Gaelic phrases and join in the fun of a “milling frolic.” Take a ferry ride to Prince Edward Island, the “Land Cradled on the Waves Don’t miss the rugged beaches, picturesque fishing villages, and rich seafaring history of Canada’s amazing Maritime Provinces.



11 Days 16 Meals

### Itinerary in Brief:

Days 1 - 4 spent in Halifax, Nova Scotia and region

Days 5 - 8 Baddeck - Cabot Trail, Prince Edward Island

Days 9 - 10 Saint John

Day 11 - return to Halifax





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**Saturday, October 24, 2024**, Our own **Cindy Dlugolecki** wrote the dialogue for the actors portraying historical figures buried at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Mechanicsburg. Kathy Seidl, Erica Meloy and MaryAnn Daniels attended this very entertaining and informative event. Ticket sales benefited the Mechanicsburg Museum Association.



Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Jean Handley and Amy Widstrom prepped us for the coming elections. Kathy Gates and Carol Nechemias were in charge.

Kathy and Jim Gates enjoyed "Trick or Treat" with 22 cabin neighborhood children and grandchildren today. It was so much fun to see their costumes. Old man Gates was handing out treats to the children again this year. There seems to be a hayride involved, too!



Kathy Seidl and Christine Zuzack are doing it all in Ireland, from breweries to churches to museums. I just want to know what that doorway is about?



Chris did need a break after that grueling LPGA Amateurs Cup Competition at Indian Springs Country Club, Boynton Beach FL. The Par T of Fore came in 4th overall. Bravo, Ladies!





# Fall Moments



10.30.24 - Barbara Passeri Warfel proudly welcomed over 20 AAUW members and friends to her "An Eclectic Mix" one woman show at Market Square Presbyterian Church. The show includes oil paintings, figure drawings in charcoal and fabric wall hangings. On view through December 9. Call church for times.

We extend congratulations to Barb on a beautiful display of her talents. The art display is on the 4th floor in a beautiful room that complements Barb's creative



artwork. Free Parking is available in the parking garage beside the church.

Kathy Gates, Marcia Nye, Lillian Grieco, Barb, Lee Johnson, and Pat Riker at the reception..

top: Barb explains her work to Marcia Nye and Lee Johnson. right: and to a larger group.



Barb's wall hanging endeavors have caught the attention of local groups. She was asked by a Homeland Hospice social worker and supporter to create this heart for their *History, Heart & Honor: A 15th Anniversary Celebration* on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Harrisburg. It is a fabric art creation Barb has donated for the event.

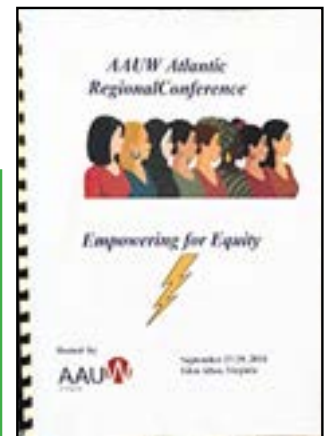
## MaryAnn and Kathy Represented Us at the First AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference : September 27-29, 2024



Kathy Seidl and MaryAnn Daniels, our Co-Presidents, were able to capture a photo moment with AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell.



Great conversation with just some of the very impressive and accomplished women we met; Meghan Kissel, Sr. Director of Policy and Member Advocacy, is the woman third from left.



Pennsylvania has been asked to host the **2026 Atlantic Regional Conference**. From our work in Richmond, we know this will be a big job, but we are supported by the participating states. We are developing an organizational structure for the conference to avoid an overload on our Pennsylvania volunteers. Stay Tuned!!



Each table had a pamphlet of an outstanding and Influential woman. Ours was Kamala Harris!



# 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 for coming events.\*\*\***

and refer to <https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/special-interest-groups/>

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## **Chefs at Home**

Contact: **Joan Swetz** [jswetz3@yahoo.com](mailto:jswetz3@yahoo.com)

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

## **Culture Vultures**

Contact: **Barb Warfel** [warfelb@yahoo.com](mailto:warfelb@yahoo.com) 717-774-5559

Special Upcoming Trip: ***Discover the Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders***; departs September 14, 2025

## **Dine Around**

Contact: **Carol Buskirk** [cmbuskirk@verizon.net](mailto:cmbuskirk@verizon.net)

The group meets once or twice monthly to enjoy great meals and lively conversation at a wide variety of local and regional restaurants, with dinners on the second Wednesday and lunches on the fourth Wednesday. Members take turns hosting, which involves contacting members by e-mail, making reservations with a restaurant (your choice or one suggested by the group), and being there. All group members receive email notices of venues and dates.

No meals are scheduled for November.

The next Dine Around dinner is planned for **Wednesday December 11th, 5 pm**, at 1794, The Whiskey Rebellion at Comfort Suites in Carlisle. **\*\*\*Reserve with Kathleen Gorak by December 4.\*\*\***

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

## **Fine Film Group**

Contact **Erica Voss Meloy** [ericameloy@comcast.net](mailto: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.

## **Morning Paperback Book Group**

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

**November 21, 2024** *Illuminations: A Novel of Hildegard von Bingen* by Mary Sharratt.

Lillian Grieco reviewing and hosting

**There is not a meeting planned for December.**

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

## **Nonfiction Book Group**

Contact: **Chris Zuzack** [czuzack@hotmail.com](mailto:czuzack@hotmail.com) Currently Meeting - 2nd Thursday from 12:30 - 2:00pm

**November 14, 2024** *The White Darkness* by David Grann. Chris Zuzack reviewing and hosting

**There is not a meeting planned for December.**

*Please contact Chris for location.*

## **Walking Group**

Contact: **Lee Johnson** [lee6646@verizon.net](mailto:lee6646@verizon.net)

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.

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## 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 MaryAnn Daniels & Kathy Seidl; and Membership Co-Vice Presidents Diane Shoop & Barbara Warfel 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*.

### 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Presidents - MaryAnn Daniels  
& Kathy Seidl

Program Vice President - Joan Swetz

Membership Co-Vice Presidents -  
Diane Shoop & Barbara Warfel

Finance Officer - Eileen Carson

Co-Secretaries - Cindy Dlugolecki  
& Margaret Gingrich

Nominating Committee - Christine Zuzack  
& Jane Pomerantz, co-chairs.

Kathryn Bard, Lillian Grieco, and  
Barbara Passeri Warfel

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### 2024/2025 Board Meetings

will be held live at Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Rd, Lemoyne,  
or via Zoom, on the second Thursday of each month

from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

next meeting: **November 14, 2024**

MaryAnn Daniels or Kathy Seidl will send the meeting agenda  
and information to all Board members

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

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

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

**Pictures Welcome!**

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

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