

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025 Part One the CONNECTION

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TUESDAY, January 14, 2025, at 2:00 pm
at the home of Marcia Hajduk
4608 Custer Drive, Harrisburg PA 17110-3208
weather date Thursday, January 16, at 2:00 pm

A Winter Fireside Chat — in the Afternoon!

Former C-SPAN BookTV Senior Executive Producer, who has transplanted herself to the Harrisburg area in her retirement, Connie Doebele will address her career experiences within C-SPAN, highlighting some of the many authors she has interviewed, and giving her perspective as to the uniqueness of this challenging and ultimately rewarding career.

Connie Doebele has always focused her experience choices on her life goal of working in radio and television, earning her Bachelor's degree in Radio and Television, Speech and Theatre at Kansas State University and moving forward to enhance her competence through Film/Cinema/Video Studies at American University in Washington, D.C. After a short tenure as Press Secretary for Congressman Dan Glickman, she entered into a relationship with C-SPAN that would continue in its various forms throughout the rest of her career until her retirement in 2021.



C-SPAN and Me An Informal Retrospective with Connie Doebele

time to be Managing Director, of the Center for C-SPAN Scholarship

and Engagement at the Brian Lamb School of Communication, Purdue University. With such in depth experience within the C-SPAN world, when the opportunity arose to hold a position focused on making the network's public affairs content readily available to scholars and to the general public, Connie's experience made her a perfect fit. The center's objective to facilitate use of the network's expansive online archive of available programming is for scholarly research; to promote its use in the classroom; and to engage with the public and academic community on public affairs issues.

"I guess it's not surprising that my love for that network goes pretty deep. I spent my whole professional career there. The opportunity to take the programs that I and my colleagues worked so hard on and see it have a new life and new possibilities of use for future generations, that opportunity was something that is such an obvious next step for me."

For over 27 years, she was a Senior Executive Producer for C-SPAN, including originating producer of the network's signature program BookTV where she was Senior Executive Producer. As the C-SPAN host, she interviewed the full spectrum of those who were influencing the world - from Jimmy Carter, Phyllis Schlafley, author and education activist Jonathan Kozol, and Mark Bowden author of Black Hawk Down, to those giving perspective on contemporary events and people such as Elkan Abramowitz and Robert Morgenthau and others on Judge Sonia Sotomayor, cognitive scientist Steven Pinker - educator and researcher on language and cognition, and John Ibbitson who spoke on Canadian elections (a topic from 2008 that still resonates today). All that she managed to intersperse with creation and ownership of Your Life Story Videos.

But, as she immersed herself in her videos endeavor, C-SPAN called her back full



December 3, 2006 interview with Jimmy Carter in his Plains, GA home library on C-SPAN2 BookTV - available for view at:
<https://www.c-span.org/program/in-depth/jimmy-carter/171738>

Wintertime Message from Our Co-Presidents MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl

As a new year is upon us, let us establish our resolutions to include those that serve others. I am reminded of one of former President Carter's famous quotes:

"that I do what I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can."

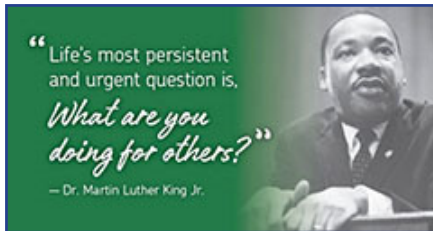
Reflecting on his legacy as a staunch supporter of gender equality and women's rights, his stance and actions in support of women around the globe perfectly aligned with AAUW's mission. In addition, President Carter was also a forceful advocate for civil and human rights and diversity, as evidenced by legislation he signed and appointments he made.

As we pay tribute to President Carter at his passing at 100 years, and in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., whose memory we celebrate on January 20th this year, perhaps you can find the time to make it a day of service to others. We sincerely hope everyone has a very happy, healthy, and impactful New Year!



James Earl Carter Jr.
1924-2024
39th President of the
United States

MaryAnn and Kathy



2025 theme: 'Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence365'

Details For Our January meeting

Co-Chairs :Lee Johnson and Marcia Hajduk

For anyone who is inclined to exercise their culinary arts - or just share a snack from your favorite deli department, it is suggested that we break up the "what" by those with last names beginning with
- A-K to bring a savory item
- and those with L-Z to bring a sweet, nuts, or fruit .

Please feel free to bring just your fabulous new 2025 Self ready to conquer the world!

There is ample onstreet parking, but if you wish, you can pull into the driveway.



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for details

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Opportunities Are Knocking
for us to
Show our SPIRIT!

Our Harrisburg Board is taking orders for T's for us to wear as appropriate and have ourselves ready when people ask
What is that logo?"

See page 7 for details
and ordering information.

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SUNDAY, February 23, 2025, at 2:00 pm
at the Susquehanna Art Museum
1401 North 3rd Street Harrisburg PA 17102
RSVP to
Alice Kirchner - alicek422@me.com



Susquehanna Art Museum A Tour and Chat: with Alice Anne Schwab



Alice Anne Schwab
Executive Director

SAM AT THE MARTY

"at the Marty" refers to the Marty and Tom Philips Family Art Center, as tribute for a substantial naming gift from the Philips family of art collectors.

Join us for a warm Sunday afternoon exploring several exhibits at the Susquehanna Art Museum. Executive Director Alice Anne Schwab will be our host, sharing history and plans to continue to build on their mission to "experience creativity and explore meaning through the visual arts."

Current Exhibits that will be available to us include:

- in the Beverlee and Bill Lehr Gallery
Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum packs a tough visual punch, with compositions in color, pattern, geometry, and representation, made over more than three centuries, mostly by women.
There. Jordan Nassar intricately weaves cultural narratives, personal heritage, and Middle Eastern embroidery
- in the Doshi Gallery of the Lobby
the "**Doshi Spotlight**" exhibit features ceramics by Beverlee Lehr; works on paper by Jo Margolis; and oil paintings by Mary Hochendoner - all local artists.
- in the S. Wilson and Grace M. Pollock Education Center
You Threaded Me by Morgan Ford Willingham investigates motherhood considering the identity of parent and child, and weighs the influence of nature versus nurture by manipulating found textiles and using photography and hand embroidery techniques.

In 1989, the Susquehanna Art Museum (SAM) began as a mere dream in the minds of a group of Central Pennsylvania art educators who felt strongly that the Capital City needed an art museum. After several temporary exhibit homes, SAM's location and mission has evolved into the current renovated and expanded two-story structure, based around the century-old Keystone Trust Company building at the corner of Third and Calder streets which features more than 4,000 square feet of exhibit space. Visit their website - <https://susquehannaartmuseum.org/> which elaborates on all things SAM including their core values promoting the goals of Education, Collaboration, Creativity, Cultural Leadership, and Human Connectedness.

Use the link below for information about current exhibits:
<https://susquehannaartmuseum.org/calendar/wall-power-spectacular-quilts-from-the-american-folk-art-museum/>

Free off street parking is to the rear of the building. Entrance is on Calder Street.



AAUW Harrisburg, AAUW PA and AAUW National Issues Needing Our Attention

Harrisburg Branch **** Time Sensitive ****

It is time to recommend Harrisburg Branch members and community women for recognition for their work both within the branch and in the community, as designated in the award titles. The branch work focuses on the current fiscal year July 2024-June 2025, but can encompass more. Please Note: The Gateway to Equity Award is open to both branch and community women. Any comments supporting your nominations, especially concerning a non-branch member, will be helpful.

Please send all your thoughts to our branch email

HarrisburgAAUW@gmail.com

attention Kathy Seidl, MaryAnn Daniels.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS : JANUARY 31,

The AAUW *Member Making a Difference Award* recognizes a member who has made a significant impact on something important to AAUW and especially to the branch, especially within the last year with a recent-term contribution. The award is given to a branch member who exemplifies the AAUW's spirit.

The AAUW *Branch Outstanding Woman Award* is given to a member of the branch who has provided exceptional service to the community and to the branch over multiple years.

The AAUW *Gateway to Equity Award* honors an individual, group or organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

We carry on the AAUW *Named Gift Honorees* tradition of doing "double" duty with our philanthropic gifts — honoring individuals as well as supporting the programs AAUW runs to advance equity for women and girls. Branches can look at their total giving to AAUW over the year, and present a "named gift award" to one person for each \$500. This year, the Harrisburg Branch is able to honor 4 branch women in this way.

AAUW FUNDS CHAIR is now open:

Unlike most of our other chair positions, the AAUW Funds Chair's responsibilities follow the calendar year - January through December - with final submissions tallied with the national office at the end of the year. Between local money raising, individual contributions to national in the Harrisburg branch's name, and a lump sum set aside in the budget, we were able to donate a total of \$2,000. this year. Karen Cullings has served us well and we thank her for her time and effort in exploring initiatives to raise monies for our contribution to the national effort as well as local projects. We are now in need of a member interested in exploring creative ideas for our 2025 Funds campaign. Are you up to the challenge? Contact Kathy Seidl and MaryAnn Daniels at HarrisburgAAUW@gmail.com

...from the Program Committee: Joan Swetz, Chair

We are looking for suggestions as we begin thinking about the 2025 - 2026 year (September through June)

- ideas for places to meet - preferably places which, like the libraries, are low cost - or free
- ideas for relevant topics that would appeal to the majority of our members
- speakers you would recommend that you may have heard elsewhere or would like to hear

Contact us through Joan at jswetz3@yahoo.com

Planning Is Underway for AAUW PA's Summer 2025 Retreat



Please keep an eye on *the Keystoner* newsletter and your email for updates on retreat speakers, programs and activities. We are looking forward to having good representation from all branches at the retreat!

Based on the responses to inquiries to our local branches on specific topics their members would like to see covered, the top topic is *public policy and advocacy*. Many raised concerns about the impact of the recent election on women's issues, how changes in the political climate will impact our advocacy efforts, and how to engage members in political advocacy. Another key topic was *membership*, particularly focusing on strategies to attract young members.

A third area of interest was *leadership*, with concerns raised about the workload for leaders, and strategies for attracting new leaders, and leadership succession.

Rest assured, we are designing programming that incorporates this valuable input, focusing on three key objectives for the retreat:

- *increasing engagement with mission*
- *lowering the average age of new members*
- *identifying the right leaders.*

For now, please mark your calendars to reserve Saturday, June 28, 2025

- the retreat will take place at the Wyndham Garden State College 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg PA 16827
- on Saturday, June 28, 2025
- it will feature a full program, luncheon, and guest speaker(s);
- a social reception is planned for Friday evening;
- a room block has been arranged at the Wyndham Garden for those arriving on Friday
- there also will be options for post-retreat excursions on Saturday afternoon.



Stay tuned for program details coming soon!



We Need the ERA published!!

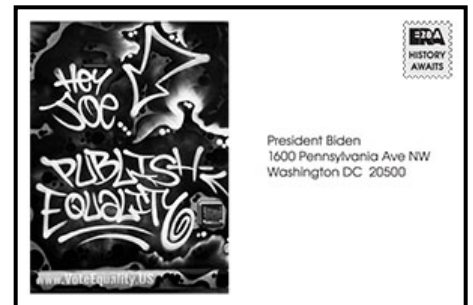
AAUW National, State, and local branches, including the Harrisburg branch, have been working diligently to urge President Biden to get the ERA published to the Constitution before he leaves office.

Our branch alone has mailed 50+ postcards urging him to do this. In addition, a letter to the Editor in support of this effort from co-presidents, Kathy Seidl and MaryAnn Daniels, was published in the Patriot News.

But our work is not done! If you are reading this we ask you to call the White House and ask President Biden to publish the ERA to the Constitution before he leaves office. It would be the best gift he could give to all people- for equality of everyone, benefits everyone! Call everyday if you can. 202-456-1111 from 11 - 3 PM.

Postcards will be available at the January 14, 2025 meeting for you to sign. We will send them.

Thanks to everyone for all the work you have done on this very important issue!



ERA HISTORY AWAITS
President Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20500

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!!



Dear Harrisburg Branch Presidents,

It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news—AAUW Harrisburg (PA) Branch has achieved two stars in AAUW’s FY24 Five Star Program! Your branch attained the **Communications & External Relations** and **Programming** stars. The AAUW Five Star Program is designed to encourage branches to align with AAUW’s strategic priorities and advance our mission of achieving gender equity for women and girls by outlining criteria and resources in five significant areas for creating a successful branch - Advancement, Public Policy & Advocacy, Governance & Sustainability, Programming, and Communications & External Relations. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of your branch members to advancing AAUW’s mission of gender equity for women and girls. This is an incredible accomplishment, and we are thrilled to celebrate this success with you.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to creating a more equitable world.

Tremayne A. Parquet

Deputy Director of Advancement AAUW

**“Reproductive Rights:
Where Do We Go From
Here?”**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025,
4-5pm EST / 1-2 pm Pacific time



AAUW of California has extended an invitation to their upcoming webinar *Reproductive Rights: Where Do We Go From Here?* The webinar is being presented by AAUW Silicon Valley Branch, and features Emily Bazelon, New York Times journalist, Yale Law professor and research fellow, Political Gabfest co-host, and author.

Ms. Bazelon’s writing focuses on law, women, and family issues. She explores shifts in American jurisprudence - for example, how the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe impacts people seeking abortions.

To attend the Zoom event, register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K0y1TI-wKQmuR-yEa181tPA?utm_source=AAUW+California+-Mailing+List&utm_campaign=d1255818bb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_01_05_12_19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-d1255818bb-1408226851#/registration

As an AAUW member, your voice counts. National is asking for your feedback on:

1. Proposed dues changes
2. Proposed changes to the AAUW national bylaws
3. Proposed changes to the Public Policy Priorities

Why it matters: The Board of Directors is considering a change to AAUW member dues to help meet rising costs. AAUW member dues have not kept pace with the cost of supporting AAUW’s membership and the Board will consider a \$5 per year increase in dues from 2025-2029. This dues change supports AAUW’s commitment to financial sustainability, the financial strength of the national office and our ability to support branches and states.

Additionally, every AAUW member has the right to comment on proposed changes to the bylaws and Public Policy Priorities before they are put to the membership for a vote this spring.

Comments can be submitted until

Wednesday, January 29 at 5:00 pm ET.

To review and comment on the proposed bylaws amendments, sign in to the national website aauw.org,

in order to gain access to and click on individual items under

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/national-election/>

FYI: Under Dues Change Frequently Asked Questions, the current proposed chart of updated dues is

- April 1, 2025 - \$77
- April 1, 2026 - \$82
- April 1, 2027 - \$87
- April 1, 2028 - \$92
- April 1, 2029 - \$97

If you have questions, please review the FAQ or email me at wolfes@aauw.org.

In solidarity,
Shannon Wolfe
Managing Director & Chief of Staff

We look forward to your input!

Culture Vultures : Potential Trip

Contact Barb Passeri-Warfel warfelb@yahoo.com

TIME SENSITIVE : Responses of Commitment Required by *January 30, 2025* , to Solidify This Trip.

Email Barb Warfel if you want to do this excursion. warfelb@yahoo.com

Culture Vultures NYC Trip - Sunday, April 5, 2025

Culture Vultures has received a travel suggestion from Lee Johnson - a day trip to New York City to visit the Morgan Library and Museum, particularly for the exhibit focused on the Morgans' young librarian, curator, and advisor, Belle da Costa Greene. Belle was a black woman who, following the guidance of her mother, passed for white throughout her life becoming one of the most prominent librarians in American history. She ran the Morgan library for forty-three years, building one of the most important collections of rare books and manuscripts in the United States as well as transforming an exclusive private collection into a major public resource, originating the robust program of exhibitions, lectures, publications, and research services that continues today. Read more about the exhibit at

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2024/12/23/belle-da-costa-greene-art-reiew-morgan-library>

and

<https://www.themorgan.org/belle-greene>

There is also on display from the Bodleian Library in Oxford, England, a collection of Franz Kafka documents including the original manuscript of his novella *The Metamorphosis*.



If you are interested in seeing these exhibits, plus possibly adding another venue, you will need to advise Barb Warfel **by January 30th**, so that transportation arrangements and total cost can be established.

Here Come the T-Shirts...They will be on display at Upcoming Meetings

Logo T-Shirt Order Form

Style	Color	Size		Quantity	Unit Price			Total Amount
		S/M/L/XL	XXL/XXXL		S/M/L/XL	XXL	XXXL	
crew neck	light blue				\$22.00	\$24.50	\$25.50	
	white				\$22.00	\$24.50	\$25.50	
	sport gray				\$22.00	\$24.50	\$25.50	
V neck	sport gray				\$22.00	\$24.50	\$25.50	
TOTAL								

Name _____

Phone _____

email _____

address _____

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out to

AAUW

Harrisburg

Some sizes

available in

crew neck to

take home.

Orders will

be taken for

others.

Culture Vultures Are On the Move

Contact Barb Passeri-Warfel warfelb@yahoo.com

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

Those interested in going on this trip, please be aware that a deposit of \$ \$648.00 is due by **March 14, 2025**, with Travel insurance of \$429.00 in addition, which is recommended but not required, for a total of \$1077. Contact Barb Warfel for more specific details.



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



Sharing With Like Minded Entities



Time:
Saturday,
January 18,
2025
10am – 3pm EST

Location:
Washington
Monument
2 15th St NW,
Washington, DC
20004

To register for the DC March, or locate a march near you, reference:

<https://action.womensmarch.com/calendars/peoplesmarch>

People's March on Pennsylvania Capitol steps

January 18, 2025, 11 AM EST through 1:00 PM EST

Event Location : Organizing Area To Be Announced*

ending at the Pennsylvania State Capitol Steps

501 N 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120

This is an approximate location. Once the host has confirmed the event's location, attendees will receive the address via email.

*Sign up to attend and receive more information at:

<https://action.womensmarch.com/events/people-s-march-harrisburg>

We all march for different reasons, but we march for the same cause: to defend our rights and our future. If you believe that decisions about your body should remain yours; that books belong in libraries, not on bonfires; that healthcare is a right, not a privilege for the wealthy; if you believe in the power of free speech and protest to sustain democracy; or if you want an economy that works for the people who power it—then this march is for you.

We march to remind civil servants they answer to us - We march to inspire, energize, and drive change long after the day is done.

This is our moment to remind Washington elites — and Americans everywhere — where the power truly lives: with the people.

The mobilization is being organized by a coalition of organizations across the movement landscape through a broad committee structure. Women's March is anchoring the logistics of the mobilization.

Visit PeoplesMarch.com for the most updated list of coalition members.

Membership Updates:



Please Welcome New Members: Pam Weaver and Elly Stewart, (at right to either side of Barb Warfel, Membership Co-Chair) were able to attend our Holiday Get Together. We are happy that they are enjoying the day with Barb .

We also welcome back Linda Szeerba (left) and look forward to seeing her at upcoming meetings.



Saturday, January 4, 2025: Carol Nechemias, Christine Zuzack, Kathy Seidl, and Joann Smith attended the WITF preview of the fifth season of All Creatures Great and Small at Historic Acres of Hershey and the full British afternoon tea afterward.



Carpe
Diem
Dept



Sunday, January 5, 2025. Kathy and Jim Gates took in the train display at the Mechanicsburg Museum. . "It is something we try to do each year. This year's theme was 'A Seussical Christmas'".

Several of our members attended the Christmas Concert with Chorale and organ at Market Square Presbyterian Church. Reports are that it was very impressive.



above: Kathy Seidl, MaryAnn Daniels, Beth Klein, and Phyllis Skok met in the social hall during refreshments after.



above: Chris Zuzack, Kathy Seidl, and MaryAnn Daniels (who also sings with a chorale).

left: Barb Warfel and Carol Buskirk.



To start our Holiday Tea candids, we have Marcia Hajduk touching base with Carol Buskirk and Dorothy Brown. Keep scrolling for many more.



Winter Moments

December 14,
2024

Many faces familiar and new gathered at Messiah Village/Lifeways for our annual Branch "Holiday Tea", bringing treats and renewing friendships.



left: Two of our many Carols, Stark and Pennington, are in good form for the holidays.

Bobbi Carmitchell's table where she describes how restoring an old boat motivated her to start a multi-generational type historical fiction. from Bobbi's right: Erica Meloy, Kathy Seidl, MaryAnn Daniels, Carol Nechemias, and Cindy Dlugolecki.



Joan Swetz shares the note from Kathy Silks who made the trek from Ellicott City MD to spend time with us during our Holiday Get Together.



Kathy never misses a beat in an intense conversation, even with goodies to distract her!

Hi, Joan

Happy holidays! I hope you're enjoying this special time. I want to thank you for organizing the wonderful AAUW branch holiday get-together. It did my heart good to spend time with long-time friends — we've grown up in adulthood together — in a lovely setting, and the food offerings were scrumptious. Bobbi Carmitchell's music and commentary were delightful, a meaningful reminder of why we need to support one another through good times and challenging ones. It was perfect.

Please share my thanks with others on the Program Committee.

Best wishes for a wonderful year ahead.

I look forward to upcoming branch meetings.

Warmest regards always,

Kathy Silks



above - from left front: Pat Riker, Barb Kriebel, Kathy Silks, Lee Johnson, Marcia Nye (Co-Chair) Carol Pennington, and Sally Chamberlain are catching up.

Alice Kirchner, Judy Daniels, Joan Swetz (Co-Chair) and Grace Huber have enjoyed everything about the day.



below: Carol Buskirk's guest, Janie Womack surprised us-and Bobbi . They were old entertainment colleagues and treated us with a few duets!



far left: Bobbi Carmitchell was the perfect entertainment with her combination of songs and commentary - sometimes coercing us to sing along.

near left: Many thanks to Erica Meloy for getting Bobbi for us.



Harrisburg 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/>

Chefs at Home

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

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

Culture Vultures

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

Special Upcoming Trip: ***Discover the Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders***; departs September 14, 2025
also see P.7 for potential day trip

Dine Around

Contact: **Carol Buskirk** 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 **noon on Wednesday, January 22, 2025**, at **Black 'N Blue, 6108 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg**. *****Reserve with Christine Zuzack by January 19, 2025.*****

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

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.

Morning Paperback Book Group

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

January 16, 2025 ***Small Things Like These*** By Claire Keegan . Helen Khanzhina reviewing and hosting

February 20, 2025 ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride

Pat Riker reviewing, Marcia Nye hosting.

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

Nonfiction Book Group

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

January 9, 2025 ***Breaking Through*** by Katalin Kariko. Lee Johnson reviewing and hosting

February 13, 2025. ***An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960's*** by Doris Kearns Goodwin

MaryAnn Daniels reviewing and hosting

Please *contact Chris for location.*

Walking Group

Contact: **Lee Johnson** 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.

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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AAUW Harrisburg

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: **February 13, 2025**

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

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or news item to the newsletter may do so by emailing them in the form
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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.

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