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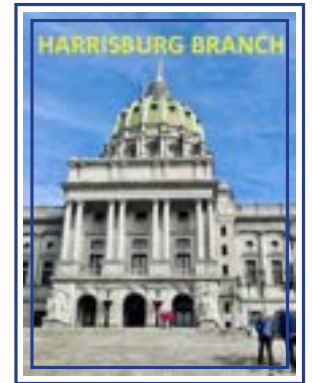


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American Association of
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HARRISBURG BRANCH



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ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025,
AAUW Harrisburg completed Our 2024 - 2025 Year and Commenced Year 2025 - 2026
with our Annual Honors Celebrations, and a Renewed
Pledge to *Advance Gender Equity for Women and Girls
Through Research, Education, and Advocacy*

AAUW Harrisburg selected **Jordan Pine**, Founder and CEO of Greenlight Operation, to recognize as our **Community Woman of the Year 2025**, for her outstanding work dedicated to educating the public, rescuing victims, and restoring lives with the ultimate goal of putting an end to the human trafficking manifesting itself locally, in Pennsylvania, and throughout our country.

We selected **Bobbi Carmitchell** - Singer/Songwriter, Writer, Master Stained Glass Artist, Producer, Designer/Builder and avid researcher on Women's History particularly in America, as our **2025 Gateway to Equity Honoree** for her empassioned advocacy for Gender Equity, particularly through using her music and music career to bring together women in a common bond .

Branch Awards were presented to **Carol Stark** (below left), **Outstanding Branch Member**, for her continued work on *the Connection*, the branch yearbook, branch communications and general helps. **Barbara Passeri Warfel** (below right) was recognized as **Member Making a Difference** for her years managing Culture Vultures adventures including procuring branch scholarship donations from net profits from the international tours. **Eileen Carson** (bottom) was one of this year's **Named Grant Honorees** for her meticulous



Kathy Seidl: Branch Co-President, Jordan Pine, Bobbi Carmitchell, and MaryAnn Daniels: Branch Co-President at the awards presentation.



handling of our financial issues. NGH's unable to attend: Carol Buskirk, our diligent WebMaster; Mary Kratzer, our expert Parliamentarian, among her many areas of help; and Joan Swetz for her outstanding work as this year's Program Chair.

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The 2025-2026 Executive Board was installed by Kathryn Bard, center - a Past President herself and member of the Nominating Committee.} I-r: Barbara Passeri Warfel, Membership Co-Vice President; Cindy Dlugolecki, Co-Secretary; Kathy; MaryAnn Daniels, Co-President; Katherine Seidl, Co-President; Eileen Carson, Finance Officer. Unable to attend: Joan Swetz, Program Vice President; Diane Shoop, Membership Co-Vice President; Alice Kirchner, Co-Secretary.

In a World Upended by Turbulence and Uncertainty, We Honor Two Women Who Strive to Set Things Right. Please Meet Jordan Pine and Bobbi Carmitchell



Kathy Gates introduced her longtime cohort in social justice - **Jordan Pine**.

Jordan Pine is one of these people who is having *the conversations*. The ones about human trafficking, modern day slavery, something almost everyone knows exists and is happening, but nobody actually likes to talk about. She is the Founder & CEO of Greenlight Operation. To her, Greenlight Operation is not something that has simply fallen into her lap. Greenlight Operation is a passion she has been working toward since she was in middle school. She has seen the need, felt the burden in her heart, heard the call, and answered,

"...Here am I. Send me," Isaiah 6:8.

"Our mission is to strategically combat human trafficking through educational initiatives and serve sex trafficked women through a continuum of restorative care." Greenlight Operation started in May of 2018 with the long-term goal of opening a restoration home. Until then, there had been no restoration

home or organization solely dedicated to anti-human trafficking within an hour of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is the "Keystone State" for many reasons- unfortunately this includes for human trafficking along the entire East Coast. Jordan is focused on being the catalyst for change for human trafficking in the nation - an exciting prospect!" She and her team run Greenlight Operation with incredible drive and zeal.

"I want to see Greenlight Operation grow and have national impact."

Their work has expanded to workshops and seminars for police departments and other concerned groups across the state to educate and give tools for recognizing and abating this heinous business. And, within a few months, they anticipate completing their long dreamed of restoration house and welcoming the first residents.

From Berks County, Jordan has a B.A. in Politics with a minor in Criminal Justice from Messiah College. She is a leading voice in Pennsylvania educating about human trafficking and how to strategically combat it. Jordan and her work are driven by her desire to see an end to modern-day slavery, and survivors restored.

"I am a modern day abolitionist that seeks to liberate others from the bondage of human trafficking. My involvement has allowed me to work hands-on against this social transgression, and has given me the opportunity to build a firm foundation to better understand this issue and the many ways it impacts society."

To read more about Jordan Pine and her goals, see:

[GreenlightOperation.org](https://open.spotify.com/episode/2kyEgk8Ub7AmioojkHLZol)

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2kyEgk8Ub7AmioojkHLZol>

"Let's Have a Cuppa with Anna Knaub: Season 1, episode 4 with Jordan Pine"

<https://www.facebook.com/greenlightoperation/>

<https://www.greenlightoperation.org/restoration-home/>

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Bobbi Carmitchell's words in her award acceptance resonated with the experience of a lifetime of moving through hard won changes in social mindsets, with much more to do, to "rise up and carry our own gear*".

Singer/Songwriter, Stained Glass Artist, Writer, Producer, Designer/Builder of Small Art Spaces, and Passionate Advocate of Women's Rights and the LGBTQ+ Community. Bobbi Carmitchell is most definitely a Renaissance Woman! She engages and enlightens often using songs from the Women's Movement to, in a positive way, play an active role in the women's community of Central PA for over 45 years. By 1980, Bobbi and friends formed the popular musical trio Wind and Wood, which had the distinction of being the area's first all women musical group. Bobbi composed and they performed, quickly developing a large, loyal following which still has deep roots in local social activism. In the early 2000's, Bobbi became interested in a different kind of writing, historical fiction, and is currently in the draft stages of her novel, *The Swim Lesson*. Through her extensive research for her book, she has uncovered many stories and songs of the early Feminist pioneers and is passionate about sharing what she has learned with anyone who will listen!

In June, 2013, Bobbi was interviewed at Dickinson College for the LGBT History Project about her life journeys and how the influence of women musicians helped

her to come out. Emphasizing that her parents were fully supportive of her, she tells her stories over the years that demonstrate her difficulty in balancing life as an out lesbian with her music in a male dominated career. In the end, she uses her music to unite women to stand together.

https://archives.dickinson.edu/sites/default/files/files_lgbt/LGBT-interview-transcription-Carmitchell-Bobbi-013.pdf -*see p9 story
<https://www.facebook.com/bobbi.carmitchell/>
<https://www.bobbicarmitchell.com/>

Completions and Beginnings: Our Spring Message from Co-Presidents MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl

As this 24/25 year in the life of our AAUW Harrisburg Branch draws to a close, we reflect on all of our accomplishments and challenges. From the selection of qualified scholarship candidates, fundraising with tee shirt sales, interesting and engaging programs, to political activism in support of AAUW's mission and values, this past year has been fulfilling, compelling, and inspiring.

We could not have done all of this without all of you, our AAUW sisters, working together, engaging with one another, and most importantly, supporting one another in these challenging times.

We look forward to another consequential year and are honored and humbled to continue to serve as your co-presidents. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support and friendship! Have a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer and keep making a difference!



Maryann Daniels
and Kathy Seidl,
Co-Presidents



May 8, 2025 - First Board Meeting for 2025-2026 with attending members Cindy Dlugolecki, Alice Kirchner (incoming Co-Seretary), MaryAnn Daniels, Barb Warfel, Kathy Seidl, Kathy Gates (Public Policy Chair), and Eileen Carson.

Whether taking in some culture, biking together, or rallying for women's rights, our continuing Co-Presidents, MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl are always totally engaged in participating with branch members in making AAUW Harrisburg



Carol Nechemias, Barb Warfel, MaryAnn, Kathy, and Chris Zuzack at January MLK play

a visible part of our community's landscape, demonstrating the value of "building a society where everyone can live without fear, pursue their goals, and thrive"* together.

far right: with Kathy Gates, Lillian Grieco, and Barb Warfel at a rally on the PA Capitol steps.



right: with Carol Nechemias biking one of the Susquehanna trails.



* excerpt from inside front cover of 2024-2025 Yearbook

AAUW SIGNIFICANT DATES - SUMMER+

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. ET
Inclusion & Equity AAUW Nat'l Townhall

Saturday, June 28, 2025 - AAUW PA's
Summer 2025 Retreat in Boalsburg PA

September 13, 2025 - Fall Luncheon at
Duke's, Wormleysburg PA

September 25 - 27, 2026 - AAUW Atlantic
Regional Conference in Lancaster PA

YEARBOOK UPDATES:

Rosemary Cahill - new address

5225 Wilson Lane, Apt.4121, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

MaryAnn Daniels - cell phone # 717-649-6562. please
delete 717-652-7476.

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

- A Little Can Go A Long Way

Position: SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR(S) for the Harrisburg Branch

Scholarship Chair Leigh Ann Chow and Administrative Assistant Mary Kratzer have decided to step down from their positions on the Scholarship Committee for the 2025-26 year. Both Leigh Ann and Mary have graciously said they would help the new chair and assistant transition into their positions at the end of this scholarship season.

Many thanks to both Leigh Ann and Mary for the tremendous job they have done over the years.

As you know, our scholarship program is key to our branch. We are looking for one or 2 people to chair this committee who have a passion for education and providing women with educational opportunities.

Please consider participating in this very important program. We have such talent in our branch!

The short description is essentially "The Scholarship Chair(s), with the help of a Scholarship Committee, notifies colleges and universities of the scholarships each year and selects the best candidate for each scholarship award. The position is a one-year appointment by the President." There are more specific details in the Branch Handbook (being updated)

If we share the responsibilities, the job is not overwhelming and comes with a formidable group of reviewers for the final readings and awardee selections!.

Be *In* On All the Goings On at the Harrisburg Branch - JOIN the BOARD !

Position: AAUW FUNDS CHAIR for the Harrisburg Branch

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?

Position: PRESIDENT ELECT for the Harrisburg Branch

The President Elect assists the President in her duties in any way needed, and prepares for a term as President, and shall act in the absence or disability of the President.

She will serve on the Executive Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee and collaborate in preparing the branch budget for the upcoming year in conjunction with the President, Immediate Past-President, Finance Officer, Dues Treasurer, and Finance Chairperson.

For more Information
- or Throwing Your Hat
in the Ring -
for any of these positions,
Contact Kathy Seidl
and MaryAnn Daniels
at
HarrisburgAAUW@gmail.com



Position: DEI CHAIR for the Harrisburg Branch

The DEI CHAIR (DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION and BELONGING). AAUW advocates vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights for all people — across race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, religious beliefs, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation, and geographic location. The DEI Chair would facilitate study of the history of and current state of these rights in any manner available to branch members interested in becoming more educated and informed - from zoom book reviews; to keeping apprised of local, regional, and state situations regarding these rights, to compiling a "scrapbook" or files of information collected - and overseeing the group's discussions.



Did you see Gloria's note on April 16, 2025? Your 2025 AAUW notecards should have arrived by now — a reminder of what we can create together. But, it isn't only through artistry that we create something beautiful, powerful, and positive. It's through our advocacy and activism.

The AAUW 2025 Limited Edition Member Created Notecards Have Arrived !

Purchase of these notecards give you the artistry of our membership, while helping fund continuation of our core work -

- Advocacy to defend Title IX and civil rights protections
- Salary negotiation and financial literacy training
- Training advocates to protect educational equity
- And powerful advocacy for gender equity at every level

Creating lasting change takes more than beautiful notecards — it takes all of us.



#JoinUs for Pennsylvania Day 2025!

Pennsylvania Day is an annual observance that is celebrated on July 20th. America250PA has dedicated this weekend to encouraging Pennsylvanians to volunteer across the Commonwealth under the theme of "Pennsylvanians helping Pennsylvanians. This year, activities will be held on July 18th and 19th!

We hope to grow this volunteer effort each year leading up to and including 2026. America250PA recognizes the impact that volunteerism has on our communities, and we are committed to encouraging every resident to participate.

Local and Regional Volunteer Sites Include:

July 18th, 2025:

- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank - Harrisburg, PA
- HANNA's Pantry - Harrisburg, PA
- York County Food Bank - York, PA

July 19th, 2025:

- Main Street Gettysburg – Adams County
 - York County History Center – York County
- www.America250PA.org

Friday, July 18th, 2025

We are #PAProud to continue our partnership with The GIANT Company and Natural Food Group in support of Feeding Pennsylvania to support our communities and help nourish our neighbors.

Saturday, July 19th, 2025

We are also #PAProud to continue our partnership with EQT Corporation and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in support of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful to revitalize and beautify communities in our Commonwealth!

Volunteer at a site near YOU!

<https://form.jotform.com/250835949589175>

PSA - **The Burg** magazine offers free advertising space for community events.

For any program open to the public, Please prepare a 4 to 5 line description, including date, time, location, and send it to The-Burg no later than the 10th of the month prior to the month of the event.

THE BURG

GREATER HARRISBURG'S COMMUNITY MAGAZINE-

Updates & Events With PA and National



Welcome Reception

Friday, June 27th | 6:30–8:00 PM at Wyndham Garden .

This reception at the hotel allows the opportunity for those arriving early to spend Friday evening getting to know their PA AAUW colleagues.

If you plan to attend the Saturday, June 28 portion of the AAUW Summer retreat and would like to carpool, please contact MaryAnn Daniels so we may make arrangements!! kayakrider60@gmail.com 717-652-7476

AAUW-PA DEI Book Group

AAUW PA has launched its 2025 DEIB Book Series. Led by AAUW-PA Diversity & Inclusion Chair Ajla Laussegger and Program VP Lori Woods, these book review style zoom meetings are designed to encourage and enhance diving into diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging topics. The idea can be overwhelming, but there are some easy ways to get started, with reading and discussion for self-education!

Below are the sessions held so far, for you to explore some of the topics covered. Be on alert for emails about upcoming meetings/books under sender

AAUWPA.President@178066885.mailchimpapp.com
and titled "2025 DEIB Book Series"

Thursday, April 10, 2025: 7:00 pm - discussion of our first book, *You're the Only One I've Told: The Stories Behind Abortion* by Meera Shah

Thursday, May 22, 2025: 7:00 pm - *The Four Pivots, Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves*, by Shawn A. Ginwright, PhD - a thought-provoking read on unconscious bias.

Maya Angelou once said, "In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength."

For details and links to the AAUW Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Toolkit for aids on this journey, see

<https://www.aauwthis.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/dei-toolkit/>



Ajla Laussegger
(National)
Diversity & Inclusion
Chair
AAUW Pennsylvania

AAUW PA 2025 Summer Retreat - *Collective Action for Lasting Change*

Join with us at

Wyndham Garden State College
310 Elks Club Rd, Boalsburg, PA 16827

Saturday, June 28, 2025,

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sign In begins at 9:00 a.m.,
with continental breakfast

Cost for the retreat is \$75.00

Registration Deadline is June 22, 2025

This will be an interactive day focused on topics that members have registered as priorities for branches. This day of programming will provide us with the tools to grow and strengthen this wonderful organization we all love.

Lori Woods (Indiana Co)
Program VP,
AAUW Pennsylvania



PSA : AAUW Guidance for Public Demonstrations: Taking Action Safely and Strategically

Taking to the streets can be a powerful expression of solidarity and a way to create real, lasting change. For many, public demonstrations are not only a response to injustice but also a reminder of the strength we have when we act together. Remembering that while everyone has the right to public assembly—not everyone can or wants to protest in person. If you are willing and able, this guide is here to help you show up strategically, safely, and in alignment with AAUW's mission.

Before You Go:

- Understand the purpose
 - Research the organizers.
 - Evaluate alignment.
- and Review AAUW's *Civility Matters* statement

Read details at :

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★ Save the Date! AAUW
Atlantic Regional
Conference 2026 ★



Mark your calendars! 📅 Join your AAUW colleagues and friends from 13 states at the Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott Hotel in Lancaster, PA on September 25-27, 2026!

📍 Why Lancaster? Lancaster is one of America's oldest inland cities, rich in history and culture!

Explore:

- 🍴 Amazing restaurants & coffee shops
- 🛍️ Unique boutiques & Central Market
- 🍷 Wineries & breweries
- 🍁 Fall festivals happening throughout the city!

✈️ Getting There:

- 🚆 Amtrak station in Lancaster
- ✈️ Harrisburg International Airport (30 miles away)

More details on the conference and travel options coming soon!
Stay tuned! 🔥



New Funds To Consider In Your Giving to Our National Organization

Defend Higher Education and **Public Policy Fund** – both now live on our donation page along with the **AAUW Greatest Needs Fund** :

<https://my.aauw.org/donation-product-detail>

- **4513 - Defend Higher Education**

The Defend Higher Education Fund will enable AAUW to elevate the critical higher education issues impacting women; mobilize advocates across the country; provide strategic resources to students, staff, and faculty on campus; and fuel investments in the infrastructure and technology necessary to move our mission forward. Your support ensures AAUW can effectively fight on behalf of women on campuses across the country and ensure that AAUW remains a trusted and powerful voice for equity.

- **4337- Public Policy Fund**

The Public Policy Fund supports the advancement of AAUW's Public Policy Principles and Priorities. AAUW is focused on increasing the impact of our Action Network through growing the number of advocates across the country and providing timely, accurate, and actionable information about our key issues. Supporting this fund ensures we have the critical funding necessary to take swift and strategic action when the rights and freedoms of women and

Katrina Sun Breese,
AAUW National Senior
Director of Institutional
Advancement



- **9110-AAUW Greatest Needs Fund**

The Greatest Needs Fund is a vital source of unrestricted support that allows AAUW to respond quickly and effectively to emerging challenges and opportunities. When you support the Greatest Needs Fund, you enable AAUW to sustain core operations, advocacy efforts, and program expansion. You support initiatives like economic empowerment programs, voter engagement campaigns, and policy advocacy, ensuring AAUW can amplify its impact, adapt to evolving needs, and continue leading the fight for gender equity. Your contributions to this fund are crucial for AAUW's agility and long-term sustainability, empowering the organization to drive meaningful change. These funds are carefully managed to maximize impact, ensuring every dollar serves AAUW's Mission.



AAUW May Conversations on Policy, Equity, and Advocacy

Wednesday, May 28th, at 7:00 pm ET

Join the Inclusion & Equity Committee's upcoming town hall designed to foster meaningful dialogue around diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Through guided discussions and shared experiences, we will explore the challenges

and opportunities that shape inclusive environments, including inclusive branch practices. This event aims to create a safe and welcoming space for all voices, encourage critical reflection, and strengthen our collective commitment to equity and belonging within our community.

You'll take part in:

- Honest dialogue around DEI challenges
- Inclusive branch practice insights
- A shared vision for equity and belonging

*****Registration Required to get zoom link.*****

If recordings of these webinars become available, we will add the links to ensuing newsletters.

asap - register with National to confirm your email using

<http://aauw.us/emailoptions>

For your security, the link can only be used once and will expire in 24 hours once activated.

Previously Aired May webinars

Our Voice, Our Future: AAUW's Public Policy Principles and How to Take Action

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. ET

With higher education and equity under attack, AAUW's new Public Policy Principles chart a clear path forward. Building on our newest strategic plan, this webinar affirmed our policy principles. The timely panel explored the intersection of education, activism, and feminist leadership. Session highlights: Our 2025–27 federal policy priorities ; Updates on threats to inclusive education; and How to mobilize and advocate effectively.

Grassroots Feminism in Higher Ed: Building Coalitions for Women's Rights

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. ET

We address the critical intersection of activism, education, and women's advancement in the current political climate, where women's rights and access to education face significant challenges. As we navigate the complexities of a new administration that jeopardizes both women's rights and education, this panel will explore how higher education can be a powerful vehicle for empowerment and change. Topics included - Navigating challenges to women's rights under a new administration; Higher education as a tool for systemic change; Building coalitions through research and solidarity.

Area Events For and Including Our Members



Art Association of
HARRISBURG
97th Annual Juried Show

May 16 – June 19, 2025

21 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Gallery Hours are on

<https://www.artassocofhbg.com/>

Eileen Carson had her black & white photograph *After the Fire* selected for the show.



Wendy Schaenen participated in the sponsorship of the photography awards.



Barbara Passeri- Warfel has two multidimension- wall hangings in the show, *Into the Woods* and *Water Sustains Flora*. You can best appreciate the interplay of textures by stopping in at the show! Barb is also Secretary of the Board of Directors.



A contributing part to this inspiring area show is the eclectic areas available for the displays. AAH, a 501C-3 nonprofit founded in 1926, acquired the historic Governor Findlay Mansion at the corner of North Front Street and Strawberry Street in 1964 for its permanent home. Architect Milford Patterson made a point of preserving much of the Italianate features to make it a fine example of mid-Victorian architecture for Harrisburg patrons to enjoy. At AAH, "we do our part to make art easily accessible, relatable and enjoyable" including offering a variety of in-house exhibitions, including: eclectic invitational exhibitions, themed membership shows, and a yearly international juried exhibition. *Take time to explore this local gem!*

VIOLET OAKLEY UNVEILED JUNE 7, 2025 - 2:00pm

with Stephanie Via reprising her one woman performance from

Our 100th Anniversary Celebration

Cindy Dlugolecki, Playwright, Director

Parkway Central (Free) Library

1901 Vine St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

If artist Violet Oakley (1874-1961) were alive today, she would be at every rally with AAUW members advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion. That is why her story and her murals in our Harrisburg Capitol are to be celebrated; she fought for equality in her own life.

Member and playwright **Cindy Dlugolecki** has been invited to share her play VIOLET OAKLEY UNVEILED with Philadelphia at the Park Central Library on Vine Street on Saturday, June 7, at 2 PM.

THE EVENT IS FREE.

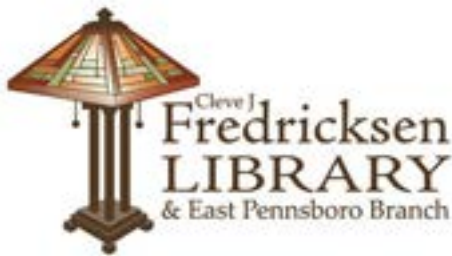
Please let your Philadelphia friends and family know. All are welcome!



Who wants to be on a Committee to Brainstorm the Wheres, Whens, and How of producing a Fundraiser in Sync with our Nation's 250th Anniversary?

National has reached out to all branches asking for help to meet its financial deficit. Board members of AAUW-Harrisburg have discussed a play as a possible fundraiser. Cindy Dlugolecki has offered to stage a concert/reading of her musical, QUILL-ADELPHIA for the public. The play is timely as it celebrates the country's Constitutional Convention and the beginning of our Democracy... Who is Jacob Shallus and how did he, son of a German immigrant and a humble assistant clerk in the Pennsylvania State Assembly, become the man chosen to put pen to parchment? To Join, Contact Cindy before June 15 at cindy.dlugolecki@gmail.com.



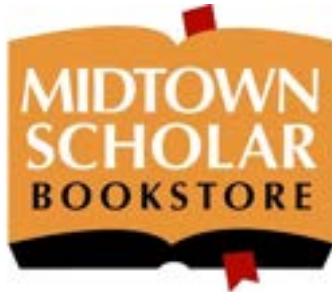


Looking for a change of pace? Come work with us at the library!

For more information and details about
current job openings, see:

https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/FRE_Employment

We are looking for:
Circulation Page
Building Manager
Public Services Specialist



1302 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102



An Evening with Ruth Ware *The Woman in Suite 11* Wednesday, July 9, 2025 - 7pm

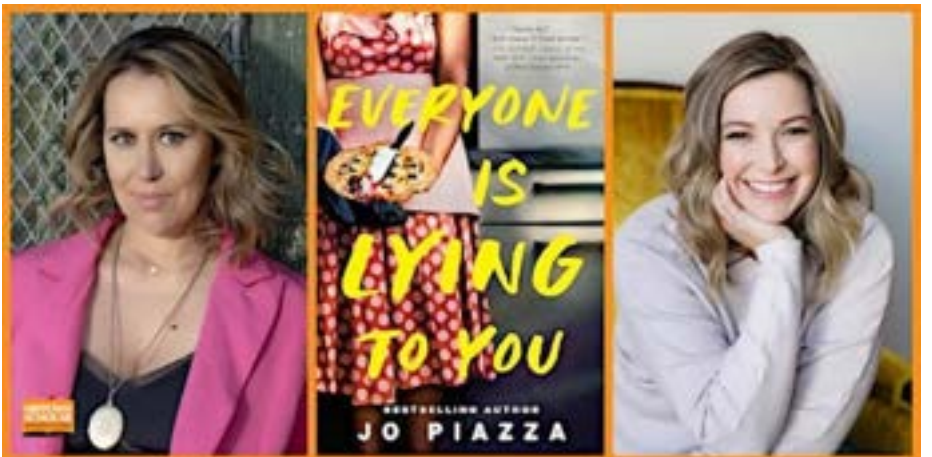
In this follow-up to #1 New York Times bestselling author Ruth Ware's multi-million copy mega-hit *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Lo Blacklock returns to attend the opening of a luxury hotel, but when Lo gets a late-night call asking her to come to reclusive billionaire Marcus Leidmann's hotel room, she agrees despite her own misgivings. She's greeted, however, by a woman claiming to be Marcus's mistress, commencing a cat-and-mouse pursuit across Europe, forcing Lo to ask herself just how much she's willing to sacrifice to save this woman...and if she can even trust her?

Every ticket includes a signed copy of the book and one general admission ticket. Doors will open at 6:00pm

An Evening with Jo Piazza and Lindsay Hameroff

Everyone is Lying to You
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 7:00 pm

The #tradwife murder mystery we've all been waiting for. From the bestselling author of *The Sicilian Inheritance* and the creator of the *Under the Influence* podcast comes an explosive thriller about two estranged friends, a grisly murder, a sudden disappearance, and the truly shocking revelation that everyone is lying to you about something . . .



These are ticketed events.
Every ticket includes a signed copy of the book and up to two general admission tickets. Doors will open at 6:00pm.
Event will begin at 7:00pm.
Seating is general admission; first come, first served. Early arrival is encouraged.



And YES, Midtown Scholar has Signed First Editions of books available. Great as gifts or for collectors! Contact the store for current stock.
717-236-1680

Culture Vultures On the Move

Contact Barb Passeri-Warfel warfelb@yahoo.com

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

Departing **September 14, 2025** - Contact Barbara Warfel for more specific details and an

11 Day 16 Meals

E-mail brochure 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.

Itinerary in Brief:

Days 1 - 4 spent in Halifax,
Nova Scotia and region
Days 5 - 8 Baddeck - Cabot
Trail, Prince Ed-
ward Island
Days 9 - 10 Saint John



brochure link is <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1277117>

MONTREAL/QUEBEC AND THE 1000 ISLANDS OF NEW YORK

August 4 -9, 2025

Travel with Wolf's Bus Company on this 6-day tour through the 1000 Islands to Canada's Quebec City. Visit Boldt Castle and Singer Castle, enjoy a guided tour of Quebec City, a scenic cruise, a day on your own in Old Quebec and visit Notre Dame in Montreal.



There are crossovers to/from Canada.

Valid Passport or Passport Card is Required.

Itinerary in Brief:

Day 1 - Alexandria Bay/1,000 Islands - Boldt Castle
Day 2 - Quebec
Day 3 - guided tour of Quebec City, sightseeing
cruise on the St. Lawrence River
Day 4 - Old Quebec on your own
Day 5 - self-guided tour of Notre-Dame Basilica,
Montreal; depart - Alexandria Bay, Riveredge
Resort final night. Dinner is included
Day 6 - narrated cruise to Dark Island for tour -
Singer Castle. (no handicapped access).

American Association of University Women- Harrisburg presents: *Mediterranean Coastal Journey : Mediterranean Spain, France & Italy*

Departing **April 25, 2026** - Contact Barbara Warfel for more specific details and an

16 Days 24 Meals

E-mail brochure warfelb@yahoo.com

Explore the glittering Mediterranean coast on an immersive journey connecting the Spanish, French and Italian Rivas. Taste your way along the Mediterranean coast sampling traditional Catalan specialties in a 17th-century farmhouse, flavorful Provençal cuisine in Marseille, and traditional focaccia in Genoa. Enjoy the iconic must-sees and venture to gems off the beaten path, like the rolling hills of the Tuscan countryside. Take a step into the culture and meet the locals. From chameleonic Barcelona to sun-kissed Nice; from glamorous Monaco to the rolling hills of the Chianti countryside, find your dream Mediterranean journey

Basic Tour completes on May 10, 2026.

Itinerary in Brief:

Days 1 - 4 spent in Barcelona
Days 5 - 6 Costa Brava
Days 7 - 8 Marseille
Days 9 -10 Nice
Days 11 - 13 Italian Riviera
Days 14 - 16 Tuscany & Countryside
post - tour overnight stay at Hotel
Borgo di Cortefreda as an extension

brochure link is <https://gateway.gocollette.com/>

Culture Vultures Fall 2025 NYC Bus Trip Being Planned

The Frick Collection
1 East 70th Street
New York NY 10021

The Frick - Internationally recognized as a premier museum and research center, the Frick is known for its distinguished Old Master paintings and outstanding examples of European sculpture and decorative arts. The Collection originated with Henry Clay Frick (1849–1919), who bequeathed his home, paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts to the public for their enjoyment. The institution's holdings—which encompass master-works from the Renaissance through the nineteenth century—have grown over the decades, more than doubling in size since the opening of the museum in 1935.



Tribute to the Civil Rights Movement: Quilted Swing Coats at SAM by Patricia A. Montgomery

April 11 – July 6, 2025

Lobby Gallery and DeSoto Family Vault

"The Civil Rights Movement led by African Americans used nonviolent civil disobedience actions that transformed the United States and became a catalyst for other national and international civil disobedience actions that followed. This movement started in the courts because African Americans wanted better lives that consist of equal opportunities in education, housing, employment, and transportation. Many African American women made major contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and these story quilts were created in African American traditional quilting design and construction techniques, structured in the shape of a swing coat illustrating their stories." – Patricia A. Montgomery

Patricia A. Montgomery is a textile and installation artist whose work focuses on African American historical and mythical narratives, which are enriched by both intensive research and her own African American experience.



Susquehanna Art Museum
1401 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102



Contact 717.233.8668 for hours

Dauphin County is Hosting its FREE 2025 Sunset Music and Movie Series Ft Hunter Park, 5300 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 Fridays | June 6 - August 22, 2025

Music Series includes Food Trucks 6:00 - 8:00 PM including Sarah's Creamery,
The Little Charcuterie Box, or Madeline's Sweets & Savories

Movie Series includes 7:00 PM Movie snacks available by The Friends of Fort Hunter

All performances begin at 7:00 PM

All movies begin at sunset @8:30 PM

June 6* Dwennimmen African Dance Community
presents "Roots in Rhythm, Strength in
Movement"

June 20* Blues Society of Central PA presents
"Lowry Blues Band"

July 5**Saturday*, America 250 PA Dauphin County
Kick-off Celebration with
"The Greater Harrisburg Concert Band"

July 18* Theatre Harrisburg presents
"100 Years of Broadway"

August 1 Central PA Friends of Jazz present
"Third Stream"

August 15* Susquehanna Folk Music Society presents
"Cumberland Honey"

June 13* Inside Out 2

June 27* Movie: Wicked

July 11* Moana 2

July 25* The Grinch

August 8* Despicable Me 4

August 22* Mufasa: The Lion King

*Note: In the event of inclement weather, it will be decided whether to postpone the event on that day around 1:00 PM. Typically, the rain date will be on Sunday of the same weekend. see website or details:

<https://www.dauphincounty.gov/government/support-services/parks-recreation/festivals-special-events/sunset-music-and-movie-series>

Carpe Diem Department*



Congratulations Mary Kratzer Our New Honorary Lifetime Member

In 1975, a bright young woman named Mary Kratzer, joined AAUW-Harrisburg Branch. Her second year she was asked to be the membership chair. Through the following years, she has held every board position, in-

cluding President twice (1986-87 and 2013-14). She finds AAUW members to be wonderful friends and partners in supporting women's issues. Meeting members from other branches at the various conventions over the years has been very rewarding. More recently, Mary also joined Huntington Branch to help bolster its diminished branch membership when it had only seven members. Now there are 19.

Mary's dedication, support, and her institutional knowledge of the branch history, by-laws, and operations has been invaluable to every board she has served on throughout her 50 years. Presently, Mary serves AAUW Harrisburg on the scholarship committee. She tracks all information received from student applicants to insure everything required is received before the committee members review and make decisions of scholarship awards..

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you, Mary Kratzer.

A Little Retrospective of Mary Over the Years.



top l-r: Scholarship committee with Leigh Ann Chow, Erica Meloy and student: with Jean Smith who established the Beverly J. Smith Scholarship in 1997: with Rosemary Cahill, Erica Meloy at the 100th Anniversary (Mary was on the committee): with Marcia Hajduk, Carol Buskirk, Pat Riker, Kathy Silks at Fine Film Group. left l-r: helping with sign in at a Christmas Tea: in 1994 when she introduced her "boss" Patricia Cameron, Head of St. Stephen's Episcopal School as the branch's Community Woman of the Year.

And On the Topic of Membership and Its Value...

Membership Renewal is approaching for many Harrisburg Branch members. Those memberships under the 'old' system run from July 1 to June 30. 'Newer' members' terms run from one year of the date of joining.

While National will email reminders, we also want to encourage you to rejoin our Branch for another year of wonderful programs, opportunities to volunteer, supporting public policy initiatives, and enjoying special interest group activities.

You may renew online at <https://www.aauw.org>. Click Log in (upper right) with email and password. Please make sure you also renew state and branch membership online when renewing national. (It is not automatic). Contact Diane Shoop, Co-VP for membership if you would like detailed instructions or have questions. You may also use a paper application from the Branch website to renew (<https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net>). National dues are \$74, state \$12, and branch \$26.

*****Renew by July 1 to be included in the Branch Yearbook.*****

Thank you,

Diane Shoop & Barbara Passeri-Warfel, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

***which is Latin for
YOLO**
(see above)**

4.19.2025 The Culture Vultures Make the Trek to NYC to the Morgan Library and Museum



left: Kathy Bard, Marcia Nye, Lee Johnson, and Cheryl Williams are having an "experience"?

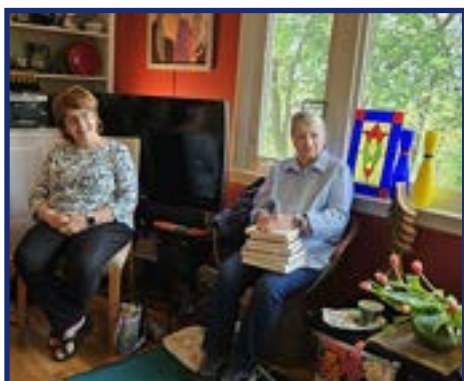
above: Marcia, Lee, and Kathy - in comparison to one of the huge fireplaces.

right: Kathy Seidl, Barb Warfel and Tammy Carter relax over lunch with fellow travelers.



above: Kathy Seidl and Grace Huber in one of the galleries.

left: Chris Zuzack brought a friend.



5.8.2025 - at the home of MaryJean Holmes, the Non-fiction Book Group discussed Salman Rushdie's *Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder*, a searing, deeply personal account of enduring—and surviving—an attempt on his life thirty years after the fatwa that was ordered against him.

MaryJean played and sang the piece "I Carry Your Heart" that was mentioned in the book.
What talent!

MaryAnn Daniels did a recording while Alice Kirchner managed the pages for Mary Jean.



The Non-Fiction Book Group had a full house turnout for discussion, with the Holmes' verdant yard as back drop.

left top: Alice Kirchner and Lillian Grieco.

middle: Salman Rushdie book interview on 60 Minutes

left bottom: Lee Johnson, Marcia Nye, Elly Stewart, Barb Warfel.

You can watch the 2024 60 Minutes interview at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALh6y_wbp98

**** You Only Live Once**

Making Spring Memories with Friends

5.23.2025 Branch members who are also members of the Foreign Policy Association of Central Pennsylvania joined the Embassy Trip to the Finnish Embassy in Washington DC..

left: Kathy Bard, Phyllis Skok, Beth Klein. below: Lillian Grieco, Chistine Zuzack



Per Chris the "annual embassy tour did not disappoint. Visited Finland and Estonia embassies with meaningful discussions at each."



The Grass Masters team composed of Kim Bradeen, Barb Klaiber, Kathy Zoladz, and Chris Zuzack won first place net in the third flight at the LPGA Amateurs Scramble Event in Sparks, NV. "What a thrill! We went with no expectations but had two amazing rounds of golf to take the prize."

Way To Go, Ladies!!!



Yes, that is Erica modeling wooden shoes.



Meanwhile, Erica and Dave Meloy took a Spring tour of Belgium & the Netherlands.



Early May AAUW dine out at El Sol Mexican Restaurant, 18 S 3rd Street in Harrisburg. l-r members Cindy Dlugolecki, Lillian Grieco, Kathy Gates, Carol Nechemias, Joann Smith, Marge Gingrich, Grace Huber, Chris Zuzack and several friends sampled it all, including lovely looking margaritas.

5.12.2025 - The Hiking (walking) Group hit the trails at Wildwood Park. l-r Barbara Whetstone, Barb Warfel, Lee Johnson, Marcia Nye, Kahy Bard, Erica Meloy, Marge Gingerich, Kahy Seidl, Chris Zuzack, and Cheryl Williams.

- accompanied by Maggie Zuzack



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 Trips:

Montreal/Quebec and the 1000 Islands of New York, August 4 -9, 2025

Discover the Canadian Maritimes and Coastal Wonders; departs September 14, 2025

International tour of the Mediterranean Spain, France and Italy Coast, April 25 to May 10, 2026

- also see potential day trip - visit to the Frick Museum in NYC in early October.

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.

The next Lunch will be on **Wednesday, May 28, at 1:00 p.m.**, at The Watershed Pub, 2129 Market St, Camp Hill, PA 17011

There is a limit of 14 - and we can have separate checks, if guests remain in their same seats after ordering!

RSVP to Dianne Baumgardner dianne.baumgardner@verizon.net by May 26.

*** 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 from 10:00 am to noon.

June 19, 2025 Planning Picnic Contact Dorothy Brown for details.

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

The 2025 - 2026 Schedule is now available on the website under -

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

Walking Group

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

If you would enjoy occasional walking excursions with AAUW companions, this group is for you. Anyone

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.



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*.

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& Kathy Seidl

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Diane Shoop & Barbara Passeri Warfel

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& Alice Kirchner

2026 Nominating Committee -

MaryAnn Daniels & Kathy Seidl

- Co-Chairs

Lillian Grieco, Lee Johnson,

Erica Voss Meloy

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AAUW Harrisburg

2025/2026 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: June 12, 2025

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

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to:

hbgaauwnewsletter@gmail.com

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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.