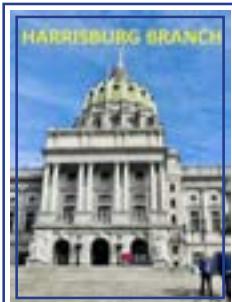




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American Association of University Women
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Life in the Pennsylvania Capitol (or - Behind the Scenes in PA Government) From My Perspective - Kathy Seidl

Kathy Seidl, our current Co-President with MaryAnn Daniels, modestly gives her history as "I relocated from Detroit, Michigan in 1986, to the Reading area. I lived there until 2001, when I moved to Harrisburg for work. I was employed by the Democratic Caucus of the Pennsylvania Legislature, retiring from there in October 2019. I worked for standing committees of the house for the majority of my career, preparing members for committee meetings, developing legislation, and preparing bill analysis on all bills that were reported to committee."

Preparing any politician for anything in hopes of a good outcome is a monumental task in itself! Come to the first of this year's daytime Fireside Chats ready to "pick her brain" about life as a staffer and how she settled in with the House Democratic Caucus. What were the challenges and what were the rewards?

Her advice to anyone considering life in the world of state politics?

September, 2019,
retirement!



Since retirement, Kathy has jumped in to local involvement and experiences from Foreign Policy Association to concerts, plays, and PSU Harrisburg's OLLI program.



Being Goofy Grandma



Please RSVP to Marcia at
717-379-2028 or
marciaahajduk@gmail.com
in order for seating and serving to be arranged.

But, she always saves time to travel

and explore with her three very active grandsons, most-recently taking a Roads Scholar trip to see Mt.Rushmore. And, in her spare time, she experiences the world through Culture Vultures, guided tours, and sometimes just heading out to see what's there.

left: with Chris Zuzack in Iceland. below: with Chris Z, Carol Nechemias, and Barb Warfel at Kennett Square.



Retirement has not slowed Kathy down in any way. She hikes (and bikes) and rallies for our rights!

Winter Thoughts from Our Co-Presidents MaryAnn Daniels & Kathy Seidl

A new year, a new beginning, and new opportunities to make a difference, whether it's a New Year's resolution to improve one's health and fitness, to be more adventurous with travel, or to bravely put yourself out there by volunteering to serve.

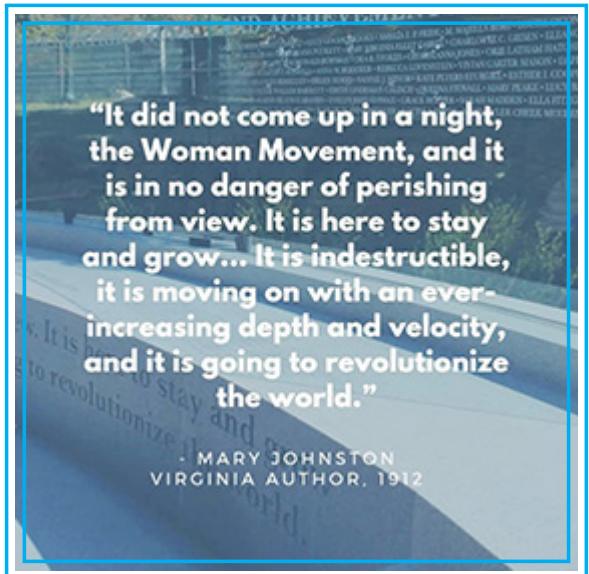
With those thoughts in mind, your AAUW co-presidents would like you to sincerely consider serving in a leadership capacity for the 26-27 branch year if called upon by the Nominating Committee. We have found that having a "partner in crime" as your co-_____ is the easiest and most effective way to serve, as it's a good method to share duties, share ideas, and have a sounding board.

If we are to move our branch forward in the coming years, it's imperative that we have an engaged and active membership with women who are willing and ready to serve and to lead. It's truly an excellent opportunity to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships, to flex skills that may have laid dormant for a while, and to courageously try new things. Life's an adventure, so let the adventure begin!

MaryAnn Daniels and Kathy Seidl



Join a
fabulous
team
to help
lead us
into the
future.



Questions and Information for the Membership

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.

Which members want to remain in the Fine Films group?

Which members would like to join?

Please contact Erica with your information so the notification list may be updated.

Mary Kratzer - phone number update - please only use cell number 717-576-0800 to contact Mary.

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Our Annual Holiday Gathering

December 6, 2025 at Messiah/Lifeways



Phyllis Skok and Beth Klein, our YWCA Chair, enjoy the event before they pack up all those presents under the tree to deliver to the Harrisburg YWCA. Thank you, ladies.



Our annual holiday get together centered around the holiday mainstay of sharing - in all ways that we can. Members brought delectable sweet and savory holiday treats as is our custom. After a welcome from Kathy Seidl and MaryAnn Daniels, Cindy Dlugolecki took the microphone to volunteers to share their Holiday memories, many of which piqued our own interest in things past. Members were encouraged to bring a photo of a childhood holiday memory and to take us for a walk down memory lane. The warmth of nostalgia permeated our day and we all departed feeling a little warmer inside in these challenging times.

inset: Barb Kriebel, one of the organizers, along with Joan Swetz and Cindy Dlugolecki, makes one last check that all has been covered.

Thank You To All For
Lifting Our Spirits

Previous page: top right l-r: Kathy Seidl & MaryAnn Daniels, our Co-Presidents, Deborah Saline who helped decorate; and Cindy Dlugolecki who was our MC.



left: We filled the room!

left center: Kathy Silks, Marcia Hajduk, and Sally Chamberlain listen to memories. Sally brought her childhood picture when she and her sister were used in a hometown Christmas Seals ad.

left bottom: Sisters Erica Meloy and Kerry Smith were able to spend time together relaxing and listening.

right top: Grace Huber, Judy Daniels, and Carol Stark are also relaxing and taking in the stories.



right middle: Our MC, Cindy Dlugolecki, welcomes us to share - be it nostalgia or embarrassingly humorous.

right: Wendy Schaenen and Eileen Carson all smiles about something that came up.



below: Rosemary Cahill and Carol Pennington were waiting for the "entertainment" - - which was US!

bottom right: Eileen Carson has quite a spread to select from!



Our Health, Our Future, Our Lobby Day

November 18, 2025 Recap



On November 18th, AAUW representatives from around the state joined together with advocates, health-care providers, and other community members to demand a Pennsylvania that puts people's health and futures FIRST. It was a day of advocacy to make sure our elected officials in Harrisburg understand our

needs when it comes to our sexual and reproductive health care. We rallied, met with legislators, learned, and took multiple actions on a variety of important policies that we need to make Pennsylvania a healthier place to thrive.

A full day was planned including an AM rally, opportunities to observe both Senate and House sessions; pre-registered meetings with an attendee's senator and/or representative, lunch voucher provided for the Capitol Cafeteria, and guided Capitol tours. When an attendee needed some reset time, there was even a "rage room" provided in the area for comparing notes on the day's insights as well as hands on activities to help decompress.



If you were not able to attend, or wish to contribute added impact, the pictured postcard is available to download <https://www.canva.com/design/DAGBAR7ay6k/kZk1cfbbxim1sIM62J7mCg/edit>



Kathy Seidl (2nd from right) and Mary-Ann Daniels (3rd from right) met with PA State Senator Patty Kim.



From MaryAnn Daniels meeting with Rep. Justin C. Fleming : Justin Fleming represents the 105th Legislative District in Dauphin County in the PA General Assembly. As MaryAnn says "If you don't think you can make a difference, think again; he literally signed on to two of the bills we were advocating for, as co-sponsor."

During the morning rally in the Capitol Rotunda, participants heard from Rep Mary Jo Daley who serves House District 148 and spoke on a collection of bills that would protect reproductive health-care services in Pennsylvania;

Rep La'Tasha Mayes who represents the 24th District in Allegheny County and is a part of the Black Maternal Health Caucus; and Valerie Arkoosh, Secretary of Health and Human Services, appointed by Governor Josh Shapiro in January, 2023, among several others representing like minded women's groups across the state. Our own MaryAnn Daniels and

Kathy Seidl can be seen upper right area behind their signs. . .



UNFINISHED REVOLUTION: TOGETHER WE STAND



AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference

September 25 - 27, 2026

3-Day Regional Conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Lancaster, Pennsylvania is a wonderful city and one of America's oldest inland cities to date. It served as Pennsylvania's capital from 1799 to 1812. It is full of history.

For your convenience, the elegant Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square is located on-site, integrated into the convention center facilities. The center is located in the middle of the city, walking distance to many restaurants, coffee shops, the Central Market, wineries, breweries, and shops.

Additionally, Lancaster has a number of fall festivals during this time of year, which offer additional opportunities for exploration outside of the Regional Conference.

The Harrisburg International Airport is 30 miles from the location and there is an Amtrak station in Lancaster.

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

Make your room reservation before Tuesday, August 25, 2026
to receive the AAUW special group discount rate
Friday, September 25, 2026 to Sunday 27, 2026.

On Line Booking for Room Reservations is now open.

Discounted group room rates for the 2026 AAUW Atlantic States Regional Conference.
Rates start at \$225 per night plus taxes with a 2 night minimum.
Parking is an additional fee of \$15 per day.

To make reservations with the block of AAUW rooms, go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/> from the Home screen, scroll down to
" 2026 Atlantic States Regional Conference Hosted by Pennsylvania"
and click on the **BOOK NOW** button in the center of the hotel image.
(the image on this page is just an example)

a second option is to go to:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1758841025555&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Culture Vultures International

Contact Barb Passeri-Warfel warfelb@yahoo.com

American Association of University Women- Harrisburg presents: the Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park

August 16, 2026 – August 22, 2026

7 days - 10 Meals

Essential Experiences & Highlights

Experience the past at Heritage Park
Historic Village in Calgary.
Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump,
one of world's oldest buffalo
jumps.
Waterton Lakes National Park
Glacier National Park
Going-to-the-Sun Road
Banff
Athabasca Glacier
Lake Louise

Itinerary:

Aug 16 - Calgary, Alberta,
Aug 17- Waterton Lakes National
Park
Aug 18 - Waterton Lakes -
Glacier National Park, Montana,
USA, Waterton Lakes, AB
Aug 19 - Waterton Lakes National
Park - Banff
Aug 20 - Banff - Icefields Parkway
Aug 21 - Banff - Lake Louise -
Calgary
Aug 22 - Calgary - Tour Ends



Ice fields, rushing waterfalls, glacial peaks and towering summits are just a few of the wonders awaiting you. Get ready for an adventure that brings together the expanse of the prairies, the majesty of the Canadian Rockies, and Montana's Glacier National Park.

<https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1393594>

Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park special travel presentation Wednesday February 18, 2026.

We all need to have AWE to experience in our lives. On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 1:30PM, we will meet at the home of Barb Warfel to hear and see a presentation by a profession from Collette about this beautiful tour.

The gathering will be held at Barb Warfels home - 619 Haldeman Blvd. New Cumberland PA 17070.

Please call Barb at 717-774-5559 or email warfelb@yahoo.com to reserve a seat and learn about this AWE inspiring tour.

To
travel
is to
live.

A BIG THANK YOU TO BARBARA PASSERI-WARFEL
AND ALL WHO TRAVEL WITH HER



2015 Culture
Vultures trip to
Winterthur.
Mary Lou is
second from
right

Once again, Cultural Vultures chair Barbara Warfel, through her international travel partnership program with Collette Travel is presenting AAUW Harrisburg Branch with a check for \$1,312.00 earned through participating travelers enjoying a beautiful tour of the Canadian Maritimes in September, 2025 - Barb has designated that the money be added to the Members Memorial Fund Scholarship in remembrance of **Mary Lou McDowell**, long time traveler with the group as well as very active branch member - including Co-President with Barb in the 2014-2015 year.

Culture Vultures Regional Outings

Contact Barb Passeri-Warfel warfelb@yahoo.com

Thursday, March 26, 2026 - Baltimore Museum of Art - **Amy Sherald: American Sublime**

“American Sublime is a salve. It’s a call to remember our shared humanity and an insistence on being seen.” —Amy Sherald

The exhibition tells the story of Sherald’s vision and practice through approximately 40 paintings created from 2007 to the present—from her early, rarely seen works to her iconic, larger-than-life portraits of Black Americans in everyday moments. Sherald graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art, studying under the famed painter Grace Hartigan, and worked in Baltimore during her formative years. Ms. Sherald the first African American to win the grand prize in the National Portrait Gallery’s Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition. That recognition led to the commission of the official portrait of former First Lady Michelle Obama for the National Portrait Gallery’s collection.

The museum’s vast collections will be open to tour at your leisure.



Reservations by February 25, 2026.

Cost \$60.00 plus lunch option BYOB or Gertrude's Restaurant.

Trip cost does not include lunch at Gertrude's.

Contact Barb at the above email for details. Registration Deadline : February 25th.

Itinerary:

Pick up: East Shore 8:30 AM Swatara Church parking lot Lindle Road

West Shore: 9:00 Capital City Mall behind Penneys

Arrival at BMA at 11:00 AM

Lunch: Bring Your Own , eat locally, or make a reservation at Gertrude's.

To make a reservation, call 410-889-3399 (closed Monday and Tuesday)

Depart museum: 4:30 PM

Baltimore Museum of Art Reservation

NAME_____ PHONE_____ Cell_____

e-mail_____ Bus pick up(Check one) East Shore_____ West Shore_____

Your check, paid in full, is your reservation. Please make checks payable to:

Barbara Warfel

619 Haldeman Blvd.

New Cumberland, PA 17070

Cancellation policy: A refund will be made if the trip is canceled. If you cancel, you will receive a full refund, only subject to operator's ability to resell your seat. Your canceled check is your receipt.

Waiver: I waive all claims for myself, my heirs, and assigns against the sponsors of this trip and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries or illness which may result from my participation.

Signature_____

Volunteering and Informational Opportunities



The Capitol Area Science and Engineering Fair is looking for judges. This year, judging takes place on **Tuesday March 10th**. Judges are provided materials in advance to review. These will be submissions in whatever category you have indicated you prefer to judge. The day of judging you meet with the students whose project(s) you were assigned so you can ask questions and discuss methods.

Check out the site for details. <https://www.casef.org/>

I have a friend who's been doing it for years in the Life Sciences - Middle School division. She describes it as, "a true bright spot in my year! Meeting and talking with interested, engaged, and curious kids is a day well spent." I'm planning on volunteering.

Carol B

DAUPHIN COUNTY



The coming year is crucial to the achievement of redistricting reform and an independent citizen commission in the Commonwealth. FDPA will be stepping up its advocacy efforts during the coming months.

Three events will launch the next six months of advocacy and action. Please consider joining us for one or more of them!

January 7: 7:00 to 8:30 PM: Redistricting, Gerrymandering, and the Right to Reform Our Government, a statewide Zoom webinar answering key questions and explaining the vision for the work to come. More info and signup at <https://1drv.ms/u/c/b8c7ea5124380d87/IQD1I3OZ47NdRLnk6liNjvb5Aaoi221vVhtUIJcuRXhysZs?e=vXjFkf>

January 17: noon to 1 PM: Rise Up for Fair Maps-Rally to End Gerrymandering at Independence Hall. Gather on the People's Plaza in Philadelphia, located near Independence Hall, to say, "Give redistricting reform bills a vote." Expect music and re-enactors, and think of Valley Forge as you dress for winter weather. More info and signup at Fair Districts PA website

February 1 and 2: The PA Democracy Collaboration Workshops and Capitol Day in Harrisburg.

On **February 1**, join Fair Districts PA and other democracy-focused organizations and individuals for an afternoon and evening of workshops and networking at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, just blocks from the state capitol. Workshops will include Power Mapping, Legislative Dysfunction, Redistricting, Money in Politics, Base-building / Organizing, and Talking with Legislators. Dinner on February 1 will be provided at the church.

On **February 2**, Groundhog Day, join advocates in the Capitol Rotunda at 11AM to demand action on reforms introduced session after session but never given a final vote. Activities will also include information tables in the rotunda and visits to legislators.

More info & signup

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/pa-democracy-collaborative-workshops-and-capital-day>



AAUW State College Branch is Hosting
Title IX : Look Back & Challenges Ahead
featuring Peg Pennepacker
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Please plan to attend the next AAUW State College branch program on Title IX, featuring Peg Pennepacker, a retired K-12 Educator and Title IX consultant. The program will be held **Wednesday, January 14, from 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the College Township Council Room on the 2nd floor.**

The meeting will also be available via Zoom for those unable to attend in-person.

Many of you will remember Peg and her knowledge and dedication to this issue from her presentation at our September 2023 Fall Luncheon. High lights of her background include:

From 2011-2017, Peg served as the athletic director in the State College Area School District, before retiring from public education. She is a Certified Athletic Administrator, founder of High School Title IX Consulting Services, and a national faculty member of the NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association). She also serves as an advisory board member of the Association of Title IX Administrators.

Peg will lead a conversation about the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972, all the way up to current challenges to the law today.

Please pre-register to receive the meeting link to attend via Zoom

Registration is requested: bit.ly/1-14-26TitleIXProgram

Walk-ins also welcome.

Questions? Contact education@aauwstatecollege.org

Sue Johnston, AAUW State College Education Chair

Introducing **Jasmine Singh Bishnoi**.

I am honored to serve as the ***College/University Liaison Officer for AAUW Pennsylvania***. I am also a Teaching Associate and a PhD Candidate in English Literature and Criticism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, with a focus on feminist activism and student advocacy. In addition to this role, I serve on the AAUW Indiana County Board, as President of the South Asian Student Association (SASA), and as Vice President of the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) at IUP. My leadership and advocacy have been recognized nationally and internationally, including being named Thomas C. Segar Student Leader of the Year during IUP's 150th Anniversary and receiving a National Award from the Honorable President of India.



Why I'm Reaching Out:

As College/University Liaison Officer, one of my priorities is to strengthen the ties between Pennsylvania branches and our institutional members. Many institutions are eager to connect but may not always know how to engage fully with AAUW at the state and local levels. Branch leadership plays a critical role in creating those connections and ensuring students and faculty feel the impact of our mission.

How We Can Support Each Other:

My goal is to make sure branches and institutions work hand in hand. Together we can:

Promote student leadership development through AAUW's flagship opportunities.

Encourage institutional representatives and students to get involved in local branches.

Build stronger pipelines for advocacy, programming, and mentorship.

I look forward to building stronger bridges between branches and institutions this year.

Warmly,

Jasmine Singh Bishnoi

College/University Liaison Officer, AAUW Pennsylvania

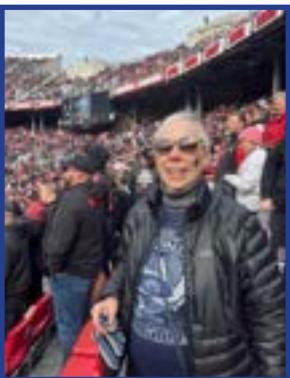
What We've Been Up To : High Lights of Our Fall Meetings and Random Adventures



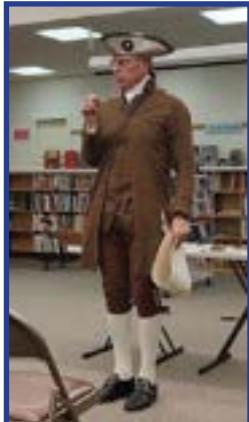
October 23, 2025. Artist Diane Thomas shared with a full house at Bethany Village how her art, particularly in capturing the moods of the Susquehanna River, helped her through personal trials . Carol Pennington and Alice Kirchner (left with Diane) chaired the event which was open to and well attended by residents at Bethany. We look forward to future shared programs with them, and Diane sold out of her books!



November 17.2025 - AAUW Harrisburg members Marge Gingrich, MaryAnn Daniels, Kathy Seidl, and Carol Nechemias attended *Service with a Side of Stuffing Friends-giving Luncheon* at the Harrisburg Hilton, hosted by the Rotary Club. The invite included Harrisburg service organizations to socialize, promote their organizations, and discuss opportunities to collaborate. Kathy Seidel represented our AAUW branch on the panel discussion.



November was the month for our Penn State alum to catch a game - Marge Gingrich and grandkids at State College, and Carol Nechemias in Ohio.



below: MaryAnn Daniels, personal friend and parishioner of David, reminds him to introduce his book, *Visionary Road To The Capital*, the culmination of years of research.



above: Sally Chamberlain took advantage of the opportunity to get a signed copy of David's book

November 20, 2025: David Biser - totally in character! - let us into the life of John Harris, Jr., the official founder of Harrisburg and Dauphin County, from purpose to layout. David reminisced about how he (in character) as a local businessman interacted with famous Revolutionary figures while still building his ferry endeavors and the Harris Mansion that still stands.



left: Chris Zuzack (center) at Angkor Wat, UNESCO World Heritage Site, during her November trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.



right: Tammy Carter in Barcelona in October during her second visit in three years to explore Spain's architectural masterpieces.

December 15, 2025 "Annual Christmas concert at Market Square Presbyterian Church is extraordinary! A delightful blend of choral and instrumental music interspersed with readings of joy, peace, and hope" - Chris Zuzack. Some members attending caught on camera: l-r Barb Warfel, Beth Klein, Erica Meloy, Kathy Seidl, Phyllis Skok, Chris Zuzack.



November 17, 2025. Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey held their 12th **Zonta Says**



NO to violence against women Press conference at the State Capitol. AAUW Harrisburg members who are dual members in Zonta in attendance - center: Kathy Gates; 2nd row left - Grace Huber and Alice Kirchner.

December 13, 2025; Kathy Seidl, Carol Nechemias, and Chris Zuzack braved the cold for a walk through Elfreth's Alley, considered America's oldest continuously inhabited residential street, in Philadelphia's Old City.



Millie Yezdimir, Makes the News

101-year-old landowner among families protecting farms in Kittatinny Ridge area

A recent addition to the tally of preserved farms in Lebanon County includes a 42-acre farm added to the list by its 101-year-old owner. It is a "strategic area of focus" for the conservancy since it serves as "a crucial corridor for songbird migration and vital habitat for rare wildlife." According to a release from Courtney Reimann, land protection director for the Lebanon Valley Conservancy, the farm owned by Mildred "Millie" Yezdimir, 101, was established by her family in the 1930s "and remains a working farm with open fields, a small stream, and significant historical and personal value." Reimann said in the release its conservation was "a meaningful milestone" for Millie Yezdimir.



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/>

If you are either **interested, or no longer interested**, in receiving specific group emails, please advise Carol Buskirk to correct the list - in particular, the Dine Around and Fine Film groups. cmbuskirk@verizon.net

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: see pp.

Dine Around

Contact: **Carol Buskirk** cmbuskirk@verizon.net

The next Lunch will be **Wednesday, lunch on January 28 2026, 1 p.m.** —All group members will receive email notices of venue.

There is NO DINNER planned for January, 2026.

Fine Film Group

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

****Which members want to remain in the Fine Films group? **Which new members would like to join?**

The group meets approximately once a month, usually at the Midtown Cinema, usually for a matinee - for the movie, coffee, and conversation.

Fiction Book Group

Contact: **Patricia Riker** pmriker@gmail.com 717-761-2259 Meets - 3rd Thursday from 10:00 am to noon.

January 15, 2026 (Thursday) *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams to be reviewed by Pat Riker; hosted by Carol Buskirk

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

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

<https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/files/2025/07/FictionBookGroup2025-26.pdf>

Nonfiction Book Group

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

January 8, 2026 (Thursday) *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan . reviewed and hosted by Barb Warfel

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

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

<https://harrisburg-pa.aauw.net/files/2025/05/Non-FictionBooks1015-26.pdf>

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.



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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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: January 8, 2026

MaryAnn Daniels or Kathy Seidl will send the meeting agenda
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hbgaauwnewsletter@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.