

The Forecaster

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AAUW-Doylestown
Sue Shenberger, President
May – June 2019

Dear AAUW Member,

The end of the 2018 – 2019 AAUW year is fast approaching with the annual business meeting and book talk (“The Killers of the Flower Moon”) on Wednesday, May 1, in Mandell Hall and the June dinner at Doylestown Country Club on Wednesday, June 5. I hope you are planning to attend both!

As we begin to look ahead and plan for the new year, the board has sought to get your input on various aspects of our Doylestown branch by conducting an email survey during April. Many thanks to Colleen Dunn for getting the survey out to you (via Survey Monkey), and thank you to the members who took the time to complete and return the survey. The board will be studying the results over the next few months and will share the results with you. In addition, we will decide as a branch how we will implement national's strategic plan. I will share more about the strategic plan at our May annual meeting.

We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. As an AAUW member you can gift one year of AAUW national membership to as many recent college graduates as you like at no cost to them or you. To provide the gift of membership gather the mailing address, phone number, email, and alma mater of each future AAUW members. Go online to aauw.org. Enter “Give A Grad A Gift” on the search bar and fill out the handy form!

For the upcoming year, please decide on how you will be involved to support our branch and AAUW's mission. We need more members to participate on the following working committees, and I urge you to consider volunteering for at least one:

- ⇒ Membership, Outreach and Welcoming – I think the title speaks for itself.
- ⇒ Advocacy – STEM, Education and Public Policy to name just a few.
- ⇒ Fundraising – Our annual goal is to raise \$5,000 for two local scholarship recipients to complete their college degrees.
- ⇒ Programs – We will continue with our study groups, based on member interest, and will ask each group to participate in planning and holding branch programs.

Sign up sheets for each committee will be available at the June dinner meeting. I look forward to your involvement next year. It is a great way to make new friends while supporting our mission!

Sincerely,
Sue Shenberger, President

AAUW Mission:

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

From the Treasurer:**Scholarship Update**

Our scholars are young women who have completed their requirements at Bucks County Community College and are matriculating at an accredited four-year college or university. One student will be in transition from BCCC to start her junior year and the second student will be awarded her second stipend that will allow her to commence with her senior year.

Thank you to 24 members and friends who helped our Branch raise \$700 for our scholarship fund at the April 8 Mad Mex dinner. Our fundraising efforts have netted the Branch \$4,836! We are within \$164 away from our goal.

Nominations for Board Positions 2019-20**President or Co-President**

Nominee: Diane Bridi

Membership Vice-President

Nominee: Evelyn Strong

Finance Officer

Nominee: Sandy Homel

These are our nominees for Board positions to be voted on at our Annual Branch Business Meeting on May 1, 2019.

All members are encouraged to participate on the Board, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor (with the permission of the person being nominated).

2019 Summer Retreat Information*It's All About the Mission*

Explore how members and branches are supporting the AAUW Strategic Plan. All members of AAUW are welcome to attend. Watch for information in the AAUW newsletter.

Location: Best Western County Cupboard, Lewisburg, PA.

Cost: \$25 per person

Date: July 27th 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Membership Birthdays

Birthday greetings: Members can send birthday greetings to a friend who may or may not belong to our Branch by making a \$10 contribution for each card requested. Forward your request along with your check to 175 Ash Way, Doylestown, 18901.

May Birthdays

Beth	Auwarter	May 6
Barbara	Theiss	May 7
Shirley	Richardson	May 9
Faye	Christensen	May 19
Helen	Montgomery	May 20
Sue	Shenberger	May 22
Janet	Simon	May 28

June Birthdays

Bess	Brindle	June 1
Louise	Heath	June 4
Betsy	Smith	June 13
Sandy	Homel	June 14
Armor	Keller	June 16
Ify	Aduba	June 19
Molly	Lowell	June 20
Bernadette	McEnerney	June 21
Karen	Lyon	June 27
Nan	Mauro	June 27
Karen	Nilson	June 27

June 5th Dinner

AAUW DOYLESTOWN ANNUAL DINNER – DOYLESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Social hour 5:30pm, Dinner 6:15pm

SPEAKER

Sally Fabian-Oresic, Executive Director, The Anne Silverman Community Health Bank

DINNER MENU

Salad

*Field greens, Sliced Roasted Pears, Roasted Sugared Walnuts, Dried Cranberries,
Croutons, Balsamic vinaigrette*

Buffet

*Carved Roast Beef, Salmon with Dill Butter, Carved Turkey breaks, Vegetable Lasagna,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans Almandine*

Dessert

Apple Pie with Vanilla Ice Cream

Cost \$38.00. Reservation deadline - May 26, 2017. Guests are invited.

Checks payable to: Doylestown Branch, AAUW
Mail to: Sandy Homel, 175 Ash Way. Doylestown, Pa. 18901

Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Total of check@ \$38.00 per person _____

We look forward to seeing you at the annual dinner.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – 2019/2020
THIS INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN OUR DIRECTORY

- () Renewal: No change from last year's Membership Directory.
- () Renewal: Changes to Membership Directory as noted below:
- () New Member: How did you hear about us?

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ BIRTHDAY: (Day/Month): _____

SPECIAL INTERESTS: _____

College/University

Degree(s)/Year

Discipline/Major

PLEASE NOTE: Our monthly newsletter, The Forecaster, is sent free of charge via email. Members requesting a mailed, printed copy will be charged \$10 per year. Please add \$10 to your payment if you are requesting a printed newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: *Please check the appropriate box below*

() Annual Dues: \$95 (Includes: National dues of \$59 + State dues of \$10 + Branch dues of \$26); \$82 is tax deductible

() Life Member: \$36 (paid life members of National AAUW pay annual State dues of \$10 + annual Branch dues of \$26); \$26 is tax deductible

() Fifty-Year Honorary Members of National AAUW: Exempt from paying National, State, and Branch dues.

Please make your check payable to AAUW Doylestown Branch and send it along with this form to: Sandy Homel, 175 Ash Way, Doylestown, PA. 18901.

After March, new members join for the following year and pay annual dues.

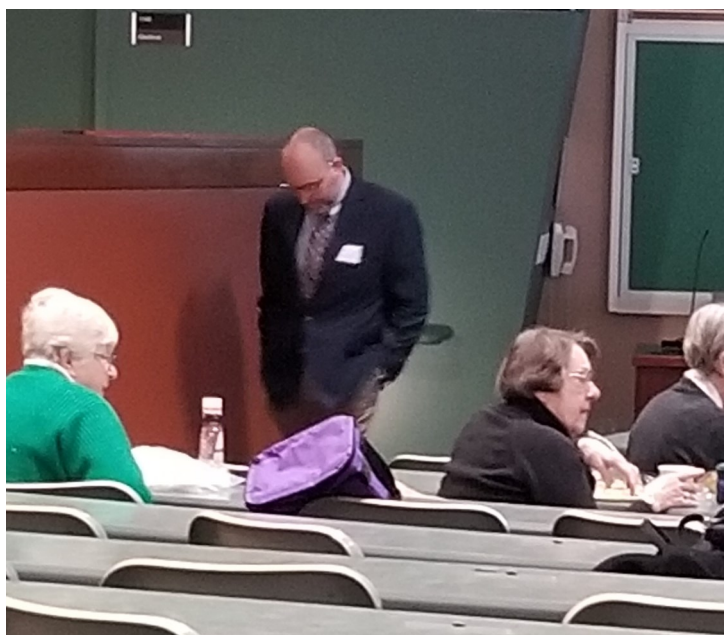
Now that we have achieved 501 (c) (3) status you may also make a tax free gift to the local Scholarship Fund of Doylestown Branch. If you want to make a donation please include your check made payable to AAUW/Doylestown Branch. Our Finance Officer will send you the appropriate tax document for your file.

Scenes from the March 2019 AAUW meeting

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Common Origins, Triumphalist Conflicts, and a Shared Future:

A presentation by Jim Valletta to the women of the AAUW
3.9.19



Great Decisions Update

At the last meeting, the group discussed the start of the next Great Decisions study period. We are announcing "Great Decisions" will resume a regular meeting schedule in January of 2020. Diane Bridi and Morgan Pickands will be looking for co-chairs to lead this group. The Doylestown Library is willing to host the event. Anyone interested in continuing this event should get in touch with Diane or Morgan Pickands before the May meeting.

Thanks to all the members who made this interest group so successful. .

MISSION & ACTION

AAUW's newsletter

AAUW Worksmart Workshop

Chances are someone you know deserves a raise!

AAUW Work Smart is designed to help participants negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. In every two-hour workshop participants gain confidence in their negotiation style through facilitated discussion and role-play and learn:

- How to identify and articulate a personal value
- How to develop an arsenal of persuasive responses and other negotiation strategies, including how to get a raise or promotion
- How to conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits
- About the wage gap, including its long-term consequences

To access the free, online workshop register at: <https://www.aauw.org/> All members are encouraged to participate in the course and pass the course link along to those who might be interested. Doing so can help AAUW reach its goal of 10 million participants.

For locations of in-person Worksmart workshops: <https://salary.aauw.org/work-smart/>

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

VOTE 2019

Your voice and your vote are vital to AAUW's future. That's why it is so important for you to participate in the 2019 AAUW National Election to elect members to our board of directors and set AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. Online voting is now open and will close on May 14 at 6:00 p.m. ET.

Your Member ID and Voter Pin Number are in an email sent April 1, 2019.

If you have questions, feel free to AAUW connect@aauw.org or 800.326.2289, Monday–Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. Find more information about the [candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors](#) and the [2019–2021 Public Policy Priorities](#) on the AAUW website.

Notice of Outing Friday, May 17

Are you interested in learning more about vintage textiles and Americana?

The annual **Penn Dry Goods Market Antiques Show and Sale** will be held at the [Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center](#) in **Pennsburg, PA** on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. The event comprises: "An Antiques Show and Sale Featuring Antique and Vintage Textiles and Americana plus Textile History Lectures and Classes." See <http://schwenkfelder.com/Penn-Market/index.htm> for details.

Broken Dishes Quilters plan to attend the Show and Sale on **Friday, May 17**. If interested in joining us, contact Barbara Ford (baford72@gmail.com) .

From the History Files of AAUW Doylestown

Who Runs Congress? By Mary McCaw

In 1971 consumer crusader Ralph Nader launched an unprecedented study of the U.S. Congress, dealing with its dynamics, strength and weaknesses, hoping to recommend ways of effecting positive change. The project became a huge nationwide volunteer effort resulting in a book called *Who Runs Congress?* National AAUW agreed to involve branches in the investigative process. Our branch formed a committee with **Mariana Hoffman** as chair and included **Jo Page, Ele Denoon, Amy Lancaster** and some others.

A large packet of questionnaires arrived which included means for gathering information from Congressman Pete Beister, leaders of various county organizations, party leaders, business leaders and labor unions. The committee first had to ferret out these people before interviewing them in person or by phone.

Mariana, herself, interviewed Congressman Biester, questioned his chief assistant in great detail, met with staff and constituents in his Levittown office, and observed how the congressman interacted with others on relevant issues. She was impressed. This led to her becoming involved in his next campaign and remembers talking with his assistant in Washington who was Ron Strouse, currently the mayor of Doylestown. She also remembers sloshing through pelting rain caused by Hurricane Agnes to interview the chairman of the county Democrat Party.

The Intelligencer ran an article about our branch's work on this project with a picture of Mariana...holding her Siamese cat. We ultimately received a copy of Nader's book.

Colleen Dunn

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