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Breaking through barriers!*

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MENU

Grilled Chicken with Tarragon Cream Sauce
Orange Basil Glazed Salmon
Pasta Primavera

Mixed Greens Salad
Seasonal Vegetables & Chef's Choice Starch
Fresh Baked Bread with Butter
Iced Tea and Hot Coffee Service
Lemon Preserve Shortcake

COST - \$25 per person

(Luncheon is open to members and their guests)

Reservation Deadline is March 1. Please send your check payable to AAUW Allentown to Karen Peiffer, 747 Lawrence Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049. (karenpeiffer@aol.com)

NAME (S) (please print):

BRANCH: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Choice of Entrée:

_____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Pasta Primavera

President's Message

One AAUW. I wrote about what a great organization to which we belong in my October message. If you'll remember, I asked how YOU can help achieve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Have you given any thought? I'd love to hear your thoughts. Drop me a line at nenstiel@ptd.net or give me a call at 610-965-0663.

Just as I asked you, I asked myself about what I can do to achieve our mission. There are several things...

- Continue to love and be passionate about the past, present and future of AAUW.
 - Proudly say that I am a member of an organization founded in 1881 to support women.
 - We are the largest funding organization for women scholars.
 - I am a proud recipient of a Career Development Grant to help fund my studies at Moravian Theological Seminary.

- Keep up with the latest news and developments by visiting aauw.org.
 - Be an advocate for issues by using the “Two Minute Activist.”
 - Support AAUW-PA Public Policy as a member of the LAG on Voter Registration.
- Give generously to AAUW Funds to support our programs.
 - Serve on the Charting the Course Campaign Committee.
 - Promote Legacy Circle membership.
 - Give a meaningful personal gift to AAUW Funds annually.
- Lead our branch that we can face the challenges of a decreasing, aging membership.
- Communicate with you the latest news from National and AAUW-PA.

If you haven't any thoughts, may I offer some to you?

- Nominate yourself for program vice-president or recording secretary.
- Offer to serve as chair of the Dictionary Project.
- Offer to serve on a committee or host a program.
- Give a meaningful personal gift to AAUW Funds annually.
- Renew your commitment to our mission.

Be sure to check out the opportunities that abound during the month of March. Our IBC Luncheon with Gloria Blackwell, the One Read Lehigh Valley, Louie's Eat-In or Take-Out coupon, our book/study groups.

We are OneAAUW – promoting equity for women and girls.

In sisterhood,
Susan Nenstiel

Board Meeting: March 8 at Louie's Restaurant

Branch Fundraiser at Louie's Restaurant

We are pleased to announce that Louie's will give 20% of all food bills to our branch during **Sunday – Thursday, March 6-10**. Tell your neighbors, your friends and families to eat at or get take out at Louie's. You do not need to be an AAUW member to get the 20%. There are two coupons in this newsletter that you can duplicate.

Suggest that your book group meet at Louie's that week. Join the branch board on **Tuesday, March 8th for dinner**.

Program News

Although we do not have a regularly scheduled branch meeting in March, there is so much to take advantage of with your AAUW sisters and friends.

- ***Louie's Dine and Take Out*** - during the week of **March 6 - 10** - invite your friends and family to meet at Louie's. 20% of your order (excluding alcohol, tax and

gratuity) will benefit our branch. A coupon (included in this newsletter) must be presented.

- Anyone may use the coupon so give to your friends and family!
- Join your branch board for dinner on Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30PM
- Encourage your book/study group to go for lunch or dinner at Louie's
- ***IBC Luncheon – Saturday, March 12*** at 11:30AM at the Best Western. We will join Bethlehem, Easton and Pocono branches for lunch. Our speaker is Gloria Blackwell, AAUW vice president of fellowships, grants, and global programs, who is coming from Washington, DC to speak. Reservations must be made by March 1 (flyer is included in this newsletter). ***Please invite a friend to join us. We will be having a "Share the Future" event. Anyone who joins the day of the luncheon will receive a 50% discount on dues.***
- ***One Read Lehigh Valley – Saturday, March 19*** at Moravian College from 9:30 – 11:30AM. Discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between The World and Me". RSVP to aaulehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com.

Gateway to Equity Award, 2016

The Allentown Branch of AAUW will present the 2016 Gateway to Equity Award to the Allentown School District Foundation at the Interbranch luncheon on Saturday, March 12. The vision of this foundation is to enrich the education for Allentown School District students through funds raised in various ways. Their mission is to encourage, promote and support innovative educational experiences for students. Donations support art, history, literacy, physical fitness, social studies, and STEM programs. The foundation also has funded Teacher Innovation Grants, in which teachers in the district may apply for grants to support a teaching idea or program. Scholarships to college bound seniors at William Allen and Dieruff high schools are funded by the foundation, as are scholarships for various summer activities for students in the district. Susan Williams is their Executive Director, and the foundation information may be viewed through allentownsd.org.

Public Policy

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair

The following bits and pieces come to us from our national organization under the heading AAUW Washington Update:

Friday, February 5, 2016 was the 23rd anniversary of the FMLA, also known as the Family Medical Leave Act, which provides eligible workers up to 12 weeks of unpaid job-protected leave for medical or parental reasons. AAUW and Lobby Corps volunteers worked hard to get this law passed.

In spite of this success AAUW feels there is still more work to be done to ensure that this leave becomes paid leave. Many people do not use this leave time because they can't afford time off without a paycheck. AAUW is now urging Congress to enact the Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (FAMILY) for paid parental leave policies. This Act would create a self-sustaining fund which employers and employees would contribute to so that people have a paycheck and are still able to take the medical leave necessary for family members. As we all

know, the majority of people who must take leave are women who are caregivers for their children, spouses and parents. Please call or write to your representative to sponsor this bill.

AAUW Cheer of the Week

After an on-line petition from Boots Pharmacy customers in the UK, the prices for eye cream and razors were adjusted when women pointed out that the identical products for women were priced higher than men's. Boots Pharmacy is affiliated with Walgreen's here in the U.S. I guess we need to go comparison shopping ladies!

We are still looking for help to deliver Title IX resource materials to our local school districts. Please contact me if you have some time to help.

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair



Save the Date

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

7:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING

Cedar Crest College

Tompkins College Center Room 1867

Viewing and Discussion of the film

A Place at the Table

A Place at the Table is a 2012 documentary film concerning [hunger in the United States](#).

As of 2012, about 50 million Americans were food insecure. This was approximately 1 in 6 of the overall population, with the proportion of children facing food insecurity even higher at about 1 in 4. One in every two children receive federal food assistance.

A Place at the Table shows how hunger poses serious economic, social, and cultural implications for the United States, and that the problem can be solved once and for all, if the American public decides – as they have in the past – that making healthy food available and affordable is in everyone's best interest. (source – Wikipedia.org)

LAF-Supported Plaintiffs Win Settlement

Nancy Moffett, Legal Advocacy Fund Chair

In January 2016, the plaintiffs in the LAF-supported case *Moshak v. University of Tennessee* successfully settled their Title IX lawsuit against the university. As part of the settlement, the university will pay more than \$1 million. Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser are former employees of the University of Tennessee's women's athletic department. In 2012, they filed suit against the university, alleging sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The plaintiffs claim they were unlawfully discriminated against and eventually forced out of their positions during a university-led merger

of the men's and women's athletic departments. Gender discrimination in sports remains a significant problem, for athletes as well as for coaches and administrators who support women's athletics. The Moshak plaintiffs shared a professional commitment to women's athletics at a university that has a rich history of excellence in women's sports. Their allegations show just how pervasive discrimination against women's sports and women athletes can be. AAUW is thrilled for the plaintiffs and proud to have supported the case.

AAUW Signs On to Support Women's Reproductive Health

AAUW joined an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Whole Women's Health v. Cole*, challenging a Texas state law that imposes significant restrictions on clinics that provide abortion care. The law would have the effect of closing the majority of the abortion care clinics in Texas. AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services.

Branch Notes

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley-AAUW Donations

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge and services. Over 5,000 women and children from Lehigh and Northampton counties are helped each year. Turning Point's mission is three-fold:

- Work toward the elimination of domestic violence
- Increase community awareness of the problem
- Empower victims by providing shelter and support services

Donated items are always needed by the residents at the shelter and for those who are trying to establish violence-free homes. They provide a ray of hope to the victims, showing that others care. Our branch will continue to reach out and support this much needed mission. This year we are concentrating on the three most needed donations:

- \$3 all day bus passes
- Gift cards \$10-\$40 for grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Target, pharmacies, & Wawa
- New bed pillows – a great comfort to those setting up their new residences

In recognition of Women's History Month we would like to have all donations collected by **March 31**. Please give your donations to group leaders, board members or Peggy Tyson and Linda Roosa.

Member Update: Mary Crusius: new email: marygerus@gmail.com

Save the Date: Easton Branch Authors Lunch

April 9, 2016, Pomfret Club, Easton, PA

Featuring Three Local Authors: Kate Moretti, Karen Katchur, and Annarose Ingarra-Milch
Tickets: Visit www.Easton-pa.aauw.net or Send a check to: AAUW Easton Branch, PO Box 1464, Easton, PA 18044-1464 with the following information:

Name: _____ Email: _____

No. of tickets at \$25.00 each _____

Meal selection: Caesar Salad _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Chicken ala King _____

Study/Interest Groups

Career Women's Study Group

Barbara Ashley (610-391-1217)

Thursday evening, March 10, 7:30 pm

Speaker: Anita Hersh

Topic: The Healing Kitchen

Hostess: Barbara Campbell, 1139 Hillview Dr., Allentown, PA 18103 .

Please rsvp to Barbara at barbarac45@aol.com or call if attending, ph. 610-432-3313.

Literature of the Past and Present

Leader: Annette Bonstedt (610-395-5974)

Thursday, March 17, 12:30 pm

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library Rare Books Room (Level B)

Hostess: Lesley Lojko ph. 610-965-6337

Reviewer: Maria Welsh

Book: "The Silver Star" by Jeanette Walls

New members are welcome. Please call the hostess if attending.

Recent Literature

Leader: Karen Kneifel (610-433-7288)

Please call Karen Kneifel for more information.

Women's Lit

Leader: Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199)

Monday, March 7, 12 Noon – Note change of date & location

Location: Lunch meeting and discussion at Louie's, 2071 31st S.W., Allentown, 610-791-1226

Hostess: Anne Nichols 610-967-3786

Book: "The Fall of marigolds" by Susan Meissner

New members are welcome. Please call hostess if attending.

Diversity, Deeds, and Dialogue Study Group

Chair Ruth Skoglund (610-509-9263)

4th Wednesday in members' homes, 7 pm

Please call chair for more information and if interested in attending.

The Allentonian Please submit news and announcements to the Editor, Bonnie Keller at the.baron@rcn.com

Deadline March 15 for April issue

Allentown Branch Website: <http://allentown-pa.aauw.net>

Check the website for updated information and to read *The Allentonian* online.

Allentown Branch email address is: aauwallentown@yahoo.com

National Website: www.aauw.org

State Website: www.aauw-pa.aauw.net

AAUW Member helpline: 800-326-AAUW

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW LAF/EF

AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.

AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.



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