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*Join us for Breakfast as
We Celebrate AAUW*

Cedar Crest College
Hamilton Boulevard Building, Room 5
2901 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103
Saturday, September 17, 2016

Registration 9:30 AM
Breakfast Buffet at 9:50 AM

**Program – What’s AAUW been up to lately?
Special Guests – Toni Hoffman (Easton AAUW) and Susan
McNamara (Bethlehem AAUW) – The United State of
Women Summit**

Menu

Vegetable Quiche, Turkey Sausage, Homefries
Mini Muffins and Danish
Fresh Fruit Salad
Coffee, Decaf, and Hot Tea, Orange Juice, Iced Water

Make your reservation today by mailing your check payable to AAUW- Allentown in the amount of \$18.00 to Karen Peiffer, 747 Lawrence Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049. *Guests and prospective members welcome!*

Reservation Deadline – Monday, September 12

We invite you to bring a new board book to the September Meeting. All books will be donated to Community Services for Children.

President's Message

Our September newsletter! Where did this summer go? It's certainly been a busy summer. The presidential campaigns are in full swing. AAUW moved to new headquarters in Washington. Linda Robbins and I had the opportunity to go to the opening of NCCSWL at the University of Maryland in June. It was exciting to see our scholarship recipient Sarah Best. AAUW-PA held its annual branch leaders meeting in July. Thanks to Cops N Kids our supply of books for the Reading Corner has grown. Thank you to all our members who volunteer to stock the shelves throughout the year. Your board has been busy preparing for our monthly programs. Our branch website has been updated. And, most of all... Karen Peiffer was appointed to the Legal Advocacy Fund Task Force. Congratulations Karen!

I look forward to seeing you at our September breakfast at Cedar Crest College. We will be celebrating AAUW and all our work to "break barriers for all women." Toni Hoffman and Susan McNamarra will share their experience at the United State of Women Summit hosted by President Obama in Washington, DC. Toni and Susan were part of the AAUW delegation. We will again be collecting board books for Community Services for Children.

This summer I visited Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's home. I have long admired Eleanor. I purchased "You Learn by Living" while in Hyde Park. This book gives Eleanor's "eleven keys for a more fulfilling life". One of the keys is "How Everyone Can take Part in Politics." She writes, "Politics is the participation of the citizen in his government. The minimum, the very basic minimum, of a citizen's duty is to cast a vote on election day". She continues, "But if our chief obligation is to cast a vote, this carries with it a further duty-to vote intelligently." AAUW will help us be informed voters. We are non-partisan and provide information about all candidates. So, use our resources to inform yourself, your friends and family.

See you in September! *Susan*

Public Policy

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair

On September 27, 2016 our branch will be working together with students and faculty at Cedar Crest College to register voters. We will be located at the Tompkins College Center outside the Commons from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you can help us for even half an hour we would be grateful.

Please call me or email me, Lesley.lojko@rcn.com, if you can join us. It's a fun way to promote democracy without politicking. The students, faculty and staff are very receptive to the project.

Legislative contacts

The contact information we sent out last year for our state representatives and senators, U.S. representatives and senators, Governor, President and Vice President is still current until the election and inauguration of all of the above. If you have misplaced it or would like another please let me know and I will send you one. I have found that the people representing us are receptive to our contacts and are happy to hear from us about our concerns.

After the election we will put another list together of the newly elected people.

Bus Trip on November 29

Pearl S. Buck Holiday House Tour & Peddler's Village Bus Trip Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ticket Price: \$55.00 includes round trip bus fare, admission to Pearl S. Buck House with guided tour (Festival of the Trees), admission to juried craft show and all gratuities. LUNCH NOT INCLUDED.

Get into the holiday spirit by visiting Pulitzer Prize winning author Pearl S. Buck's house where each room will feature a different decorated tree done by various artisans, decorators, businesses and non-profits. The tour will include many interesting artifacts and a view of all of the family rooms where Pearl Buck lived with her family at Green Hills Farm. After the tour we will visit the juried craft show in the barn and you won't want to miss the Pearl S. Buck International Gift Shop.

From the homestead we travel to Peddler's Village. You'll have free time to dine in one of the eight restaurants and to visit the many unique shops and take in delightful lighted holiday displays and decorations.

Itinerary: (subject to change)

8:30 AM depart from Upper Saucon Township Park (located across from Southern Lehigh Public Library)

10:00 Approximate arrival at PSB House

1:00 PM depart

1:30 PM arrive at Peddler's Village

5:00 PM depart for home

6:30 PM approximate arrival at Upper Saucon Township Park

This AAUW fundraiser trip is being run in conjunction with the Friends group at Southern Lehigh Library. We are limited to 25 seats. AAUW members and friends please send checks payable to Linda Roosa, 6689 Vera Cruz Rd., Center Valley, PA 18034. Please include your phone number and guests' names. All sales are final, no refunds. Tickets are transferable. Registration deadline October 1.

Save the Date: Branch Activities

Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

AAUW-PA Eastern District Meeting

Program: Campus Sexual Violence

Mandell Hall, Delaware Valley University

700 East Butler Avenue, Doylestown

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Cedar Crest College

Program: *The Good Earth*

1937 Movie inspired by the Pearl S. Buck novel

Saturday, November 6, 2016, 9:30—11:00 AM

Interbranch "One Read" Event

Breakfast at Sally's by Richard LeMieux

Northampton Community College Alumni Hall - North campus

Study/Interest Groups

Career Women's Study Group

Barbara Ashley (610-391-1217)

Second Thursday, September 8, 7 pm

Location: Betsy Walton-Phillips, 2248 Hamilton St., #310, Allentown PA 18104

Topic: Book discussion: *The Boston Girl* By Anita Diamant

Please leave a message to confirm you are coming 610-434-5599

Literature of the Past and Present

Leader: Annette Bonstedt (610-395-5974)

Thursday, September 15, 12:30 pm

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library Rare Books Room (Level B)

Hostess: Annette Bonstedt, ph. 610-395-5974

Reviewer: Beverly Knoebel

Book: Short stories by Sir Walter Scott- *The Highland Widow* and *The Two Drovers*

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

Recent Literature

Leader: Karen Kneifel (610-433-7288)

*Second Thursday, September 8, 12:30 PM*Book: *Lady Susan* by Jane Austen

Reviewer: Mary Lou Green

Hostess: Karen Kneifel 610-433-7288. Please phone hostess if NOT attending.

Women's Lit

Leader: Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199)

Monday, September 19, 7 PM

Hostess: Marjorie Weiss 610-398-2135

Book: *Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands* by Chris Bahjalion

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.

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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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