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Inter-Branch Diversity Meeting

Saturday, March 18

9:30 am – 11:30 am

What Most People Don't Understand About Race

Speaker: Dr. Karen Gaffney, Raritan Valley
Community College

Topic: Presentation on Racism in America

Location: Northampton Community College, Alumni Hall

Presented by the AAUW branches of Bethlehem and Easton.
Join AAUW and community members as we learn about the
historical underpinnings of racism and ways to move forward.

RSVP to Ruth at aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com

Beverages will be provided.

Save the Date-State Convention

AAUW-PA 88th Annual Meeting

April 21-23, 2017

York Heritage Hills Golf Resort

2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York, PA 17402

(877) 404-1845, <http://www.heritagehillsresort.com/>

Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength

Registration information will be provided shortly

President's Message

Happy New Year. It's January 18th and in less than 48 hours, we will have a new president. As with every new president we ask and wonder what will happen to our country. As women, we have been fighting and advocating for rights that affect all people. Today we will continue our journey to insure healthcare for all, Social Security, Medicare, equal pay.... The list can go on. Public policy affects all of us regardless of our age. I just read a comment on Facebook from an 81-year-old woman who will be in DC for the Women's March Saturday.

It's now January 23 and I have returned safe and sound from the March in DC. Karen Peiffer and her family marched in New York City. It was a historic day watching people of all ages (babies too) stand for the right of equality for all people. It was peaceful. The police were very helpful and excited for us. While I was too far away to hear any of the speeches, just being there was humbling. This March is just the beginning. I do hope that we sent a message to Congress and the President that we will continue to fight for our rights.

It was gratifying to see younger women among us. We do have hope for the future. I hope that the energy and excitement surrounding this historic day will see more women wanting to join AAUW.



I thought I'd share the picture of "grandma" from Saturday. This speaks for us all.

We won't be meeting until March, which is the Interbranch Diversity Program. Details are being finalized.

Let's continue to break barriers for all women and girls....

Susan

Public Policy

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair

The best way to learn more in depth about the issues national is focused on is to key in AAUW Issues: (the issue). For example I looked up AAUW Issues: Health Care to learn more about our national organization's stand.

"The American Association of University Women believes that everyone is entitled to high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care."

"Health Care Reform is a Women's Issue"

While all Americans have benefitted from meaningful health care reform, the issue has particular resonance for women. According to the Department of Labor, women make approximately 80 percent of all family health care decisions, and about 60 percent of women report that they assume primary responsibility for decisions regarding family health insurance plans....The Affordable Care Act has made a significant on women's health.... A repeal of the Affordable Care Act would eradicate years of progress in expanding health care access to women. ...AAUW is committed to fighting against attempts to abolish women's health access as we know it.

As members you can also receive e-mail from the AAUW Action Network and also the Two Minute Activist. These will provide the latest issues AAUW is working on and will also help you connect to your government officials quickly.

With the new administration coming and a new cabinet and Congress there are many opportunities for us to voice our thoughts, and encouragement to them. Please keep following the issues and let them know how you feel. Our daughters, sons, grandchildren futures depend on the decisions about to be made. If you have any questions or want more information, please call me or email me and I will gladly do my best to answer your questions.

Lets Read Math

"The Lets Read Math" cooperative program between Allentown and Bethlehem AAUW will not be active in spring 2017. Efforts will be made to interest other members in the program and to develop new activities to use in the school in the fall. New recruits are needed. Let me know if you'd be interested in learning about the program and in considering participating next fall. Jan Seaman --- jrouxseaman@gmail.com

Global Warming (Climate Change) Very High Priority for International Community

Global Warming – What does the Science Say?

Not the Politics, the Science!

Join us at Palmer Library Saturday, Feb 4, 1:30pm

12/12/15 LE BOURGET, France — “With the sudden bang of a gavel Saturday night, representatives of 195 nations reached a landmark accord that will, for the first time, commit nearly every country to lowering planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions to help stave off the most drastic effects of climate change” (NYT 12/12/15). United Nations diplomats have been working toward this accord for nine years, it requires action in some form from every country, rich or poor.

United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, “This is truly a historic moment. For the first time, we have a truly universal agreement on climate change, one of the most crucial problems on earth.”

If 195 nations agree there is a critical problem with climate change, what will be the reaction of the US under the new president? What are the scientific findings on climate change, what do respected scientists and scientific societies say? Why is there so much controversy in the US when there is virtually no disagreement among the scientific community?

On Saturday February 4, 2017 at 1:30 PM in the Palmer Library, Patricia Bradt, Ph.D (Associate Professor Emerita, Environmental Science, Muhlenberg College) will discuss the science of climate change:



2017 AAUW National Convention

June 14-17
Washington, D.C.

Leadership for Women, By Women

Registration is now open! For details visit: <http://convention.aauw.org/>

****Save the Date****

AAUW Easton Branch Authors' Luncheon

April 29, 2017

Pomfret Club, Easton, PA

Featuring Local Authors

For more information: Easton-pa.aauw.net

Study/Interest Groups

Career Women's Study Group

Barbara Ashley (610-391-1217)

Thursday, February 9, Time TBA

The Career Women's Group will be viewing a movie for discussion on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Movie title, theatre and playing time will be sent to members closer to the date. Movies available on that date will be shared for a group vote.

Literature of the Past and Present

Leader: Annette Bonstedt (610-395-5974)

Thursday, February 16, 12:30 pm

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library Rare Books Room (level B)

Hostess: Cathy Kane, ph. 610-776-8270

Reviewer: Cathy Kane

Book: *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje

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

Recent Literature

Leader: Karen Kneifel (610-433-7288)

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 12:30 pm

Hostess: Cathy Kane

Book: "Cat's Table" by Michael Ondaatje

Reviewer: Cathy Kane

Please call hostess if NOT attending, or if new people please contact hostess.

Women's Lit

Leader: Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199)

Monday, February 20, 2017, 2:00 pm

Hostess: Mary Jane Figuli, 610-791-2920

Book: "The Dressmaker" by Kate Delcott

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.