



The Allentonian

*A publication of the American Association of University Women
Allentown, PA Branch
Breaking through barriers!*

Susan Nenstiel, President

June 2016

Vol. 73 Issue 9

Bonnie Keller, Editor

Officers:

President

Susan Nenstiel

610-965-0663

nenstiel@ptd.net

Membership Vice President

Ginny Delph

610-965-5756

va.delph@lehigh.edu

Program Vice President

Jeanne Ring

484-239-8604

jring711@gmail.com

Recording Secretary

Bev Tisdale

610-760-1870

bjtopr@aol.com

Corresponding Secretary

Margaret Tyson

610-797-4199

Communications Chair

Corinne Emmett

610-782-0268

coremnett@aol.com

Finance Officer

Linda Robbins

610-264-4416

lrob164832@aol.com



Co-President, Karen Peiffer with Sarah Best, our NCCWSL scholarship recipient. Sarah is a student at the University of Pittsburgh

Asali Solomon, our guest speaker reads from her novel, "Disgruntled", an AAUW Adelante Reading. She is an 2000-2001 American Fellowship Recipient and Assistant Professor of English, Haverford College

May 21 Luncheon



President's Message

Another AAUW year has passed. Our annual May celebration was well attended. Twenty-five members and guests gathered to celebrate our mission and hear from former AAUW Fellow **Asali Solomon**. Asali read from her recent book, *Disgruntled*. The book, if you haven't read it yet, is quite good. It's about a young African American girl growing up in Philadelphia. *Disgruntled* is on our AAUW Adelante Reading List.

We were so fortunate to have **Mary Crusius** join us. Mary purposely arranged her trip so she could attend the luncheon. Mary, it was wonderful seeing you!

We also were fortunate to have **Sarah Best**, our NCCWSL scholarship recipient, join us. Sarah just finished her junior year at the University of Pittsburgh. She is president of the AAUW Student Affiliate and a member of AAUW-PA Student Advisory Council. We initially reached out to Cedar Crest offering the scholarship. Unfortunately, no one expressed interest or if she did, she did not get the necessary approval from the College.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to Karen Peiffer as she finishes her presidency. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her. She and I really did not know each other, but we learned very early that we worked well together. Karen, thank you!!!!

Thank you AAUW Allentown for electing me as your president! I am honored to serve and look forward to working with all of you over the next two years. As I mentioned in an earlier President's Message, I hope you have given thought to what your passion is for AAUW and for the future of women and girls.

I don't need to say how important this presidential election is. We will be holding Voter Registrations in the fall and encouraging everyone to get out to vote.

At our June board picnic, we will set some goals for the next two years. One of my goals is to reach out to all of our book groups and study groups. Many of you I don't know (even though I've been a member for 15 years) because I have not had the time to join a group. I realize that you are the life blood of our branch. I want to visit with you to hear what's on your mind. So group leaders, I'll be reaching out to you over the summer.

As I close my May message, I again want to encourage you to reflect on the work of AAUW, nationally, statewide and, of course, locally. We have a rich history of making a difference for women and girls. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Call me (610-965-0663), text me (570-401-4997) or email me at nenstiel@ptd.net if you have any thoughts or concerns.

Best wishes for a glorious summer. See you in September.

Susan

Ex-Presidential Thoughts

I would like to thank each member of the Allentown AAUW Branch for supporting me as your president for the past four years. It has been a gratifying adventure to work with all of you. Our board members have helped us find our way through the confusion of significant changes within our branch, and I am very grateful for all their cheerful cooperation.

With Susan as co-president, the last two years have been especially rewarding, and it is a great pleasure to hand over our heirloom gavel to her because I know what an exemplary leader she is.

As the Allentown AAUW branch, we have significant work to do together. We are still engaged in the critical task of redefining ourselves as a branch, and we are still clearly good friends who enjoy the congeniality of our AAUW community. I am confident that as we go forward, we will continue to work and relax together. Please also continue to offer Susan and the board all the help and encouragement that you have given me. With a nod to Theodor Seuss Geisel, I am certain that we have important “places to go and things to see” together.

Have a delightful summer. Rest up and restore yourselves to be ready for our autumn challenges!

Karen Peiffer



Susan Nensteil, our new incoming President, receiving the gavel from outgoing Co-President, Karen Peiffer.



Sally Rodenberger receives the “Member Making A Difference Award” from Karen Peiffer.

Public Policy

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair

We will be helping Cedar Crest professors and students with voter registration in September. If you have an hour to spare please contact me. It is exciting to introduce first time voters to the process as well as older voters who may have let their registration lapse.

The date for the voter registration is **Tuesday, September 27** from 11:00am – 2:00pm. It is being held at the Tompkins Center, outside the Commons.

Karen and I recently attended the second meeting of the newly formed Lehigh Valley Women's Advocacy Group, in Bethlehem. The women in attendance were from the three AAUW branches in the Lehigh Valley, from the League of Women Voters, from the Democratic Party of Easton, from United Way, NAACP, and PSEA. We will be meeting again to determine what the unique needs of women in the Lehigh Valley. We are following a similar group that was recently formed in Bucks County. Should you have any concerns you feel need to be brought to the attention of this group, please let Karen or me know.

Branch Notes

Member News: Ruth Meislin shared that Past President **Jo Mountain's** husband recently passed away. Also longtime member **Judith Ruhe Diehl** passed away on May 6. Our condolences go out to their families.

Past President, **LoisAnn Oakes**, is currently living at Fellowship Manor in Whitehall, PA. **Mary Crusius** visited us at the luncheon on May 21. Mary, it was great seeing you and catching up!

Dues: Just a reminder that dues are payable by June 30 and should be sent to Linda Robbins, 65 Colonial Rd., Allentown PA 18109

Save the Date: State Leaders Meeting: July 16

Saturday, July 16 is the State Leaders Meeting in Lewisburg. There is a good program planned. Claudia Richards an AAUW staff member will present as well Randi Blauth (Bethlehem Branch) who is a member of the AAUW Diversity Committee. All members are welcome to go. Please contact Susan Nienstiel if you are interested in attending.

Save the Date: Bus trip: November 29

Bus trip to Pearl S. Buck house and Peddlers Village is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29. More information to come in the fall newsletters.

A Thank You from Turning Point

Dear Friends from AAUW Branch,

Thank you for your very generous donations of household goods, gift cards and bus tickets to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc. Men, women and children requiring safe-shelter can often only bring a few, if any personal belongings. We try to provide them with the necessities they need during their stay, and also provide items to those who are moving forward with their lives and starting new households free from violence. In addition, Turning Point strives to make its shelter as warm and welcoming as possible. Your donations help us to accomplish all of this.

Thank you again for taking the time and making the effort to help us as we continue with our mission:

Eliminate domestic violence in the Lehigh Valley through empowerment, education, and engagement.

With warm regards,

Sharon Vidmar McCarthy

Development and Public Relations Director

Note: The Allentown branch donated 7 pillows, 28 bus passes, 2 tote bags of personal care items and 21 gift cards from local stores. Thank you all for your generosity!

One of our book group donated @\$300 + in gift cards in honor of Ginny Kiefer's 90th birthday --Peggy Tyson & Linda Roosa

Book Corner

The Lehigh County Assistance Office has moved from downtown Allentown to the east side of Allentown in the old Western Electric building. They have given us space for our book shelf and our volunteers continue to fill it with children's books for the clients. Anyone with new or gently used children's books or parenting books to donate or interested in volunteering can contact Cathy Kane or Corinne Emmett.

Study/Interest Groups

Career Women's Study Group

Barbara Ashley (610-391-1217)

Dinner & Planning Meeting for 2016-2017: Tuesday, June 14, 6:30PM

Location: Lehigh Country Club, Allentown

Please RSVP to Ibi Balog, 610-434-3995 if attending. Please come with program ideas including books!

Literature of the Past and Present

Leader: Annette Bonstedt (610-395-5974)

Book reviews will resume Thursday, September 15, 2016.

New members are welcome. Please call Lesley if attending.

Recent Literature

Leader: Karen Kneifel (610-433-7288)

Second Thursday, June 16, 2016, 12:30 PM

Luncheon

Hostess: Sandra Lovett, 610-432-6135

Please call hostess if NOT attending

Women's Lit

Leader: Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199)

JUNE: Monday, June 20, 7 PM

Hostess: Jeanne Ring, 484-239-8604

Book: "Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian

New members are welcome. Please call hostess if attending.

JULY: Wednesday, July 20, 7 PM

Hostess: Cheryl Hausmann 610-395-2777

Book: "All the Light We Cannot See" by Antony Doerr

New members are welcome. Please call hostess if attending.

AUGUST: Monday, August 15, 7 PM

Hostess: Linda Roosa 610-966-1459

Book: "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler

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.



AAUW-PA ORDER FORM

10 oz. Napa Valley Glass Goblet

Order now while supplies last!

Goblets make great gifts and awards

Specifications: 10 oz., Glass, 7.125" high, 3" wide

Yes, I want to place an order.

QUANTITY:	COST EACH	TOTAL
_____	\$5.00	_____
Shipping & Handling:		_____
TOTAL:		=====

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUW-PA

SUBMIT ORDER FORM TO:

Linda Robbins
65 Colonial Road
Allentown, PA 18109-9411

SHIPPING INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____



Bonnie Keller
AAUW – Allentown Branch
2413 Kris Drive
Allentown PA 18104-1209

The Allentonian Please submit news and announcements to the Editor, Bonnie Keller at the.baron@rcn.com
Deadline August 15 for September issue , No issues in July or August 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.