



# The Allentonian

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Breaking through barriers!*

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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](mailto:aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com)

Beverages will be provided.

## **April 19 Branch Meeting** **Salary Negotiation: An intimidating topic.** **The Wage Gap: An unfortunate topic.**

Learn how Career Centers of area colleges are  
educating their students about these important issues.

Presented by Linda Friscia-Oppe, Career Coach,  
Muhlenberg College; AAUW Start Smart facilitator  
at our Annual Meeting at Cedar Crest  
College **Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 pm**. Our branch  
is interested in offering this workshop to Cedar Crest  
students sometime in the future.

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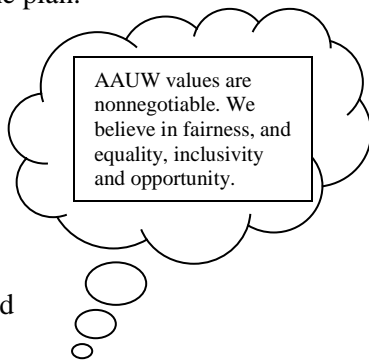
## *President's Message*

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March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business." The National Women's History Project announced its honorees for 2017. Lilly Ledbetter is being honored for her fight for equal pay. Of course, Lilly's name is familiar to us in AAUW as we worked with her in her fight. Eight years ago, the Fair Pay Act was the first bill President Obama signed as President. Eight years ago, we celebrated and today we are concerned about equal pay and other rights being overturned.

The momentum is growing since the March on January 21st. People are empowered to contact Members of Congress and the Senate to express their displeasure. AAUW is working hard both at the Federal and State level to ensure the rights of all women and girls. We are a non-partisan organization whose advocacy is set forth by our Public Policy Program which we as members approve. Our Government Relations Department has developed a 12-step plan to work with the new administration and Congress. Please refer to the most recent issue of Outlook (pages 7-9) to read about the plan.

What does all this mean for us who are most likely retired? Although equal pay or reproductive freedom may not be a priority for us at this age, we need to work to ensure that our daughters and granddaughters do not have to fight like we did. It's important for us to tell our children what it was like... having to quit working when you had a child, getting paid less than men, not being able to have credit on your own.... The list goes on.



AAUW values are nonnegotiable. We believe in fairness, and equality, inclusivity and opportunity.

Our April meeting will feature a preview of Start Smart, the program offered by AAUW to educate college seniors about the art of negotiation and other work related issues. Linda Friscia-Oppe is a trainer for the program and will enlighten us about the program. You are most likely asking yourself, "why are we having such a program?" We hope that Cedar Crest students and staff will join us and get excited about the work of AAUW. The board is hopeful that if there is enough interest on CCC campus, we can offer the program to the students.



I hope to see you at the Interbranch Diversity Program on March 18. If anyone would like to go and needs a ride, please call me at 610-965-0663 or email me at [Nenstiel@ptd.net](mailto:Nenstiel@ptd.net).

Happy Women's History Month! Let's celebrate the gifts of women by becoming active in support of the issues we believe in.

Together "WE CAN DO IT!"

*Susan*

## *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

## *Turning Point of Lehigh Valley – AAUW Donations Are Requested*

Turning Point of the 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:

- \$4 all day bus passes
  - Gift cards for grocery stores, Wal-mart, Target, Wawa and pharmacies
  - New bed pillows – a great comfort to those setting up their new residencies.
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- Please bring your donations to your study group leaders, board members or bring them to our April 19<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting. If you have any questions please contact Linda Roosa (610-966-1459) or Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199). Thank you for your support.



## *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/>**

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## *Study/Interest Groups*

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### **Career Women's Study Group**

Barbara Ashley (610-391-1217)

*Thursday, March: Date & Time TBA*

Please contact Mary Ann Anthony at 610-432-9994 or [anthonym@parklandsd.org](mailto:anthonym@parklandsd.org) for details. We are planning to visit a jewelry/metal smith in the local area. Details were not finalized as of press time.

### **Literature of the Past and Present**

Leader: Annette Bonstedt (610-395-5974)

*Thursday, March 16, 12:30 pm*

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library Rare Books Room (level B)

Hostess: Karen Peiffer, ph. 610-967-4515

Reviewer: Karen Peiffer

Book: *The Girls at the Kingfisher Club* by Genevieve Valentine

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

### **Recent Literature**

Leader: Karen Kneifel (610-433-7288)

*Thursday, March 9, 12:30 pm*

Hostess: Audrey Rubin

Book: *The Queen of the Night* by Alexander Chee

Reviewer: Karen Kneifel

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

### **Women's Lit**

Leader: Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199)

*Monday, March 20, 2017, 2:00 pm*

Hostess: Anne Nichols 610-967-3786

Book: *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline

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.

## **\*\*\*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](http://Easton-pa.aauw.net)



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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.