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From the President.....

My message for November is short and sweet:



Don't forget to vote on November 6. Remind your friends and family to do so. This mid-term election is, in my opinion, the most important election in a very long time.

Be an informed voter. Be sure to read the League of Women Voter's *Voters Guide*.

Following the election, attend our November meeting "What Now," a morning-after view of the elections.



May your celebration with family and friends be filled with peace, laughter and thanks.

Susan

“What Now”: A Public Forum

Examining Results of the November General Election

Everyone is Welcome

Presented by

AAUW-Allentown and AAUW-Bethlehem



Mary Erdman
League of Women Voters
Fair Districts PA



Bill White
Opinion Writer
The Morning Call



Megan Diskin Monahan
Assist. Professor, History
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Saturday November 10, 2018

Wesley Church Auditorium

2540 Center Street Bethlehem 18017

Doors Open 9:45am

Program Starts 10am

American Association of University Women is a non-partisan, fact-based organization with a membership of more than 170,000 women. Our Mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Our Vision is equality for all.

Shape the Future Event: Join Today at Half-Price

National AAUW Website: <https://www.aauw.org/>

Questions about the event contact: <https://bethlehem-pa.aauw.net/>

“What Now”: A Public Forum (continued)



On Saturday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m., the Allentown and Bethlehem Branches of AAUW will be sponsoring a post-election panel discussion at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bethlehem. The panelists are Morning Call writer Bill White, Fair Districts advocate Mary Erdman, and history professor Megan Diskin Monahan. They will be taking questions concerning the outcome of the midterm elections from the audience and answering them based on their experience and different perspectives. (See flyer, previous page.) This is a ***Shape the Future*** event and is open to the public, so people can become members of AAUW for half price. Bring a friend!

Helpers needed for "What now"

Please consider volunteering to help make this event a success!

If you are able to do any of these tasks, please contact Jeanne Ring 484-239-8604, or email jring711@gmail.com

- submit a question beforehand from our branch that can be used to start off the discussion
- set up chairs, etc. (arrive at 9:30)
- greet people at doors (hand out index cards for questions, direct people to fellowship hall)
- collect questions (circulate and collect cards as people write down questions)
- screen questions (read questions and choose appropriate ones for discussion)

Your help will be greatly appreciated!





Study/Interest Groups

Literature of the Past and Present

Thursday, November 15, 12:30 pm

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library Rare Books Room (level B)

Hostess: Maria Welsh ph. 610-432-4917

Book: *The Last Painting of Sara DeVos* by Dominic Smith

Reviewer: Lesley Lojko

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

Recent Literature

November 8, 2018, 12:30

Hostess: Audrey Rubin, 610-966=2792

Book: *The Address* by Fiona Davis

Reviewer: Audrey Rubin

Please phone hostess if attending.

Women's Literature

Date/Time: November 19, 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Eileen Hirschhorn, 610-797-8962

Book: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Facilitator: Peggy Tyson

New members are welcome. Please call hostess if attending.



Career Women Study Group

DATE/TIME: November 15, 2018; 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1101 W. Hamilton Street (YWCA)

PROGRAM: **"The Perfect Fit for Working Women," a program of the YWCA**

RSVP: Please let Ibi Balog ibalog@verizon.net or 610-434-3995 know if you plan to attend.



AAUW MINUTE

Spotlighting AAUW's mission, work, and success

AAUW RESEARCH: Each year, AAUW's campus leadership programs shape the lives of thousands of college women, preparing them to be the next generation of leaders. Students who belong to the AAUW college/university partners members program will receive priority application preference.

AAUW Campus Action Projects

Annual, grant-funded, projects that allow women on campus to take action on ending the leadership gap.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

NCCWSL unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day. Attendees have transformative experiences that inspire them to improve their campuses and their communities.

AAUW National Student Advisory Council

SAC is a yearlong leadership program for 10 college women who build relationships with local AAUW branches, lead campus events that promote women's equity, and implement NCCWSL activities.

AAUW Start Smart

AAUW Start Smart salary negotiation workshops provide college women who are approaching the job market the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits.

AAUW Student Organizations

At colleges and universities around the world, AAUW student organizations are demanding equity for women and girls.

Public Policy

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair

Remember to VOTE on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Bits and Pieces from National AAUW

- The Department of Education is expected to propose new rules that would significantly change Title IX protections for victims of sexual harassment and assault in schools. The announcement is imminent — so we need all hands on deck to fight back. Take AAUW's pledge to stop the Department of Education from rolling back critical Title IX protections.
- AAUW joined an initiative from the American Federation of Teachers to ensure the enforcement of the ruling in Plyler v. Doe, in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that the Constitution guarantees all children, regardless of immigration status, equal access to public education. The Standing United to Protect the Rights of Immigrant Students and Families initiative will provide school personnel with a tool kit for protecting the rights of immigrant students.
- Senate Confirms Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. In a close vote, the Senate confirmed Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Kavanaugh was ceremonially sworn in on Monday and began hearing arguments with his colleagues on Tuesday. The confirmation occurred despite multiple credible allegations of sexual assault against Justice Kavanaugh, which the FBI was only briefly and superficially allowed to investigate. AAUW followed the confirmation process closely, and opposed Justice Kavanaugh's confirmation based on the hostility to AAUW's policy priorities shown by his available record, the credible allegations of sexual assault against him, and the concerning temperament and bias revealed by his hearing testimony.

If you have questions about the above statements which I lifted verbatim from the national website, please contact me and I will try to answer your questions. - Lesley



Legal Advocacy Fund

Nancy Moffett, Legal Advocacy Chair

AAUW Signs on to Amicus Brief in Immigrant Abortion Access Case

- ◆ In *Azar v. Garza* (formerly *Garza v. Hargan*), the issue before the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit is whether the government can set and enforce policies that veto an individual's right to access abortion care; intimidate and coerce individuals who choose to end their pregnancies; and do so on the basis of the individual's age and immigration status.
- ◆ AAUW signed onto an amicus brief asking the D.C. Circuit to affirm the class certification and preliminary injunction issued by the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia, which would allow access to abortion without the interference of this government policy despite immigration status. The district court order defined the class as all pregnant, unaccompanied immigrant minors who are or will be in the legal custody of the federal government.
- ◆ This amicus brief was offered in support of Jane Doe, Jane Moe, Jane Poe, and Jane Roe ("the Janes") and a class of unaccompanied immigrant minors in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), who are being denied access to abortion. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) represents the Janes and filed a preliminary injunction on their behalf, describing attempts by ORR Director Scott Lloyd to personally coerce young women to carry their pregnancies to term instead of having an abortion, and to personally force them to go to religiously-affiliated "crisis pregnancy centers."
- ◆ On October 13, 2017, the ACLU filed an emergency lawsuit in federal court to fight on behalf of Jane Doe, who was being prevented from accessing abortion care. On October 18, 2017, the district court granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting the government from interfering with Jane Doe's access to her abortion provider, but the government sought an emergency stay of that order from the D.C. Circuit. A three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit set aside key parts of the temporary restraining order and sent the case back to the district court to see if Jane Doe could find a sponsor to whom ORR could transfer custody before the end of October.
- ◆ Judge Brett Kavanaugh, now on the U. S. Supreme Court, was seated on this three-judge panel and ruled to delay the abortion, holding this did not unduly burden her right to an abortion. Four days later, the full D.C. Circuit panel of judges reheard the case and ruled that the young woman was entitled to exercise her right to choose without delay. Judge Kavanaugh dissented from that second decision, adopting troubling language in his opinion and signaling his lack of support for this constitutional right.
- ◆ Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services are core tenants of AAUW policy. AAUW signed onto this brief because we support the civil and human rights of all immigrants. We also support international family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy. The procedural history of this case has been long and protracted, with various challenges from the government. The government's appeal of the district court's preliminary injunction and class certification was scheduled for oral argument on September 26, 2018.

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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 aaup.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/
provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.



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