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New Title IX Concerns

While we are all worrying about COVID-19, the federal government is working to take apart Title IX. Betsy DeVos, Education Secretary, has created a new rule to weaken Title IX, rolling back important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

AAUW needs us contact our members of Congress to cosponsor the Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA).

GEEA would help to reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education by supporting the vital, on-the-ground work of Title IX coordinators through additional resources, training, and technical assistance. It would also authorize competitive grants to K-12 schools, colleges, local educational agencies or states to support their gender equity work.

Please contact your representative in the U.S. Congress and Senate and let them know your concerns about how this administration is trying to whittle away the regulations that protect our daughters and sons in schools.



Lesley Lojko again stepped up and printed

hard copies of May's *Allentonian*, ensuring that all members received the newsletter. Thank you!

**Book Groups are making month-to-month decisions about meeting.
Please contact group leaders for current information.**

As always, *The Allentonian* will be on summer vacation in July and August. Critical branch news will be communicated via email and phone.

Thank you to those members who have sent in their dues. Here is a copy of the renewal form. Please note that the deadline to submit dues is June 30, 2020.

To our Honorary Life Members – if you wish to make a contribution to the branch, the Dictionary Fund or to AAUW, please send to me your check payable to AAUW Allentown.

Stay safe and healthy.

Susan Nenstiel

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2020-2021

AAUW Allentown Branch Dues due by June 30, 2020

Cost—\$84.00 (\$56 is considered tax deductible)

Cost - \$25.00 for Paid Life Members

Cost - \$0.00 for Honorary Life Members

Please send your check payable to AAUW Allentown to Susan Nenstiel, 2889 Aronimink Pl., Macungie, PA 18062.

Please let us know if you have any changes to your contact information.

In addition to my dues, I'd like to make a contribution to:

AAUW Funds (where it is needed most) \$_____ (100% tax deductible)

Legal Advocacy Fund \$_____ (100% tax deductible)

AAUW Allentown Dictionary Fund \$_____

Program/Project Suggestions:

Consolation *by Billy Collins*

How agreeable it is not to be touring Italy this summer,
wandering her cities and ascending her torrid hilltowns.
How much better to cruise these local, familiar streets,
fully grasping the meaning of every road sign and billboard
and all the sudden hand gestures of my compatriots.

There are no abbeys here, no crumbling frescoes or famous
domes and there is no need to memorize a succession
of kings or tour the dripping corners of a dungeon.
No need to stand around a sarcophagus, see Napoleon's
little bed on Elba, or view the bones of a saint under glass.

How much better to command the simple precinct of home
than be dwarfed by pillar, arch, and basilica.
Why hide my head in phrase books and wrinkled maps?
Why feed scenery into a hungry, one-eyed camera
eager to eat the world one monument at a time?

Instead of slouching in a café ignorant of the word for ice,
I will head down to the coffee shop and the waitress
known as Dot. I will slide into the flow of the morning
paper, all language barriers down,
rivers of idiom running freely, eggs over easy on the way.

And after breakfast, I will not have to find someone
willing to photograph me with my arm around the owner.
I will not puzzle over the bill or record in a journal
what I had to eat and how the sun came in the window.
It is enough to climb back into the car

as if it were the great car of English itself
and sounding my loud vernacular horn, speed off
down a road that will never lead to Rome, not even Bologna.

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Please submit news and announcements to the editor, Kathy Osmond, at kosmond@fastmail.com

Deadline is August 15 for the September issue Check the website for updated information and to read *The Allentonian* online.

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



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