

AAUW September 2023 Newsletter



Co-Presidents Report

Hello Members: We hope that everyone is having a great summer. Soon it will be Fall and AAUW will be start meeting again September 9. We would love to see you there to start the new year. Summer has been busy for the Kitchen Tour group, 5 Star Committee, Mentoring Program. Our new Yearbook has been printed and will be available for everyone at the September meeting. Many thanks for Pam Powers for agreeing to this tedious project and do it so well. Our new meeting location is ready to go for our monthly meetings

Address for new location: Beaver First Presbyterian Church Room 210.

Kim Litz and Roberta Good

NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICER, NANCY MAHOSKY

April 1 began a new cycle of recruitment of new members Remember dues for new members are only \$53 (half-price). It's a real bargain! Plus our branch will earn one free membership for every 2 recruits.

FREE MEMBERSHIP WINNERS

Our branch earned 3 free national and state memberships due to our recruitment of 10 new members in 2022-23. A raffle was held at our May 6 luncheon. Lucky winners were Jane Kennedy, Kim Litz, and Nancy Mahosky.

THANK YOU!

Member Debi Breit-Adams donated her \$15 dues scholarship amount to our General Fund and paid the full dues price. Thank you for your generosity, Debi!

Member Patricia Von Dreele paid \$2 extra for her May 6 lunch and member Marianne Turner paid \$2 extra for her dues. Both donated the extra to our General Fund. Thank you, Patricia and Marianne!

Member Jane Kennedy was a lucky winner of a free membership! Jane graciously returned the check and asked that the \$67 be donated to the scholarship fund. Thank you, Jane!

KITCHEN TOUR UPDATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023

Spring cleaning? Getting into those cupboards and drawers? When you discover those gently used items just waiting to be replaced, think KITCHEN TOUR! The purse sale has expanded to include jewelry, scarves, and fashion accessories. Remember: \$1243 in profit last year

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Any changes to addresses, phone numbers, email, or university info should be sent to Nancy Mahosky, financial officer. Any other updates should be sent to Pam Powers, yearbook editor.

5 STAR BRANCH COMMITTEE

So far, we have completed the requirements for Star #3 Governance by writing a strategic plan and a succession plan. Star #4 Programs is also complete as we have 4 programs that are aligned to the strategic plan. Finally, Star #5 Communications is done as our social media pages have 3-4 posts on DEI.

Evaluation of our progress will be via a survey sent out in the fall. Members will be sent talking points to help with filling it out.

ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

Are any members currently using online bill payment? You can easily add our branch as a biller and have your bank send us a check for dues or luncheon payments or even donations! Just add this biller information:

AAUW Beaver Valley Branch
1904 17th Street
Beaver Falls PA 15010

Checks will be printed and mailed to Nancy. Make sure to allow enough time for the check to arrive before the deadline.

CREDIT CARD / DEBIT CARD / PAYPAL PAYMENTS

Our branch is now able to accept credit and debit card payments as well as Paypal transfers. There is a Donate button on the main page, the About Us page, and the Kitchen Tour page of the website. Members and friends of AAUW Beaver Valley may use this button at any time to submit donations.

Payments are also accepted for our Fall Brunch reservations. There is a link on the Fall Brunch 2023 tab that lets you select one of the 2 menu items. Just follow the directions.

There is always a small processing fee for these payments. However, when you consider the cost of a stamp and the time to write a check and prepare an addressed envelope, it is worth it!

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY BEAVER CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE CHANGE

Our long-time member and Penn State representative Dr. Jenifer Cushman is leaving the Beaver Campus this summer. Her replacement is Carey McDougall who is the Director of Academic Affairs. Welcome Carey! She has chosen to join our local branch and her information is listed below.

RENEWING AND NEW MEMBERS

Our membership total is now 78 (4 are new).

Welcome 4 new members who joined over the summer: Michelle Morris Donner, Christine Holko, Carey McDougall, and Sherian Farrar. Their information is also in the yearbook.

ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

None this month

PHONE NUMBER ADJUSTMENTS

Please contact Nancy Mahosky if you want your cell phone number published in the yearbook and distributed to members.

PUBLIC POLICY– August

Item; 103 YEARS LATER..... Women's Equality Day observed on August 26th commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 which gave women the right to vote. The battle for equal voting rights, however, is still an ongoing battle with disenfranchisement efforts being waged across the country. AAUW encourages everyone to urge your member of Congress to support the Equal Rights Amendment. ➤ In July 2023, a new joint resolution ERA Now (H.J. Resolution 82) was introduced in Congress to affirm the ERA and direct the Archivist of the United States to certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment of the United States Constitution. Be an Activist — On the AAUW Website under Two Minute Activist, you can easily enter your address to send a message to your members of Congress urging their support for publication of the ERA

KITCHEN TOUR 2023

These past eight months of detailed planning will culminate on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, for our 22nd annual AAUW KITCHEN TOUR. Individual members of the KT Committee, so capably, are completing their facets of this monumental project so that everything will dovetail on that day.

Chefs for these respective residences are from the following restaurants:

Ward Residence, 197 College Ave., Beaver
Brighton

QUALITY TIME, New

Tortellini Salad

Serving Autumn Harvest

Bickerton Residence, 189 College Ave., Beaver
Ambridge

FRITZY'S BISTRO,

Soup

Serving Stuffed Pepper

(Home for Sale) 800 River Road, Beaver
Cranberry

PENALTY BOX, near

Serving Lemon Chicken

Eonta Residence, 340 Insurance St., Beaver
Ambridge

PENNY'S DELIGHT,

Serving Pierogi

Jagela Residence, 123 James Dr., Brighton Twp.
Falls

SINFUL SWEETS, Beaver

Novelty Chocolates

Publicity is on -going with post cards sent to over 500 on our mailing list, banner, sign, and posters in place, and flyers in bags at Hostess Shoppe, on windshields and elsewhere. If you have a yard sign, be sure that it is up; contact Jeannie Snitger if you need one. Mary Ann Bolland and I will be guests on WBVP radio on Thursday, September 7, at 8:30 am, so tune in or call in.

Richard and April Dupree, residents of Brighton Twp., who have volunteered to do our website, have willingly given of their time to work with Lea Kretchmar and Vickie Scott in designing all printed materials. Included in the printed materials is the Recipe Book, compiled by Nancy Mahosky and Fran Colafella from your submissions. In other ways that the membership has generously contributed are with the Bake Sale, Accessories Sale, and Raffle Room.

Pam Powers and Mary DeSanzo will be contacting you about your baked goods that should be taken to the school (Marketplace) on Friday, September 22, after 4:00 pm

Linda Loboza is still collecting handbags, jewelry, scarves, and, other accessories that can be dropped off at her home or home of Frances Pickard.

Raffle Room. Baskets and certificates from individual members and businesses and Pam's U.S baskets will make for another jam-packed room. Contact Patty Rock or me by September 14 if you have something to add, and don't forget **Wrap-Up: 3:30 pm, Saturday, for distribution of baskets to winners. Help needed!**

At the school, don't forget to visit the Vendors. Marianne Turner has recruited some new vendors, and outside their area will be the food trucks, so enjoy lunch, too.

Soon, you will be hearing from Frances Pickard with your assignment for that day. I hope you take the opportunity to do both—work and tour. Remember that your name

tag will be admission to the homes, so be sure that your two (2) tickets will be in circulation; tickets in a drawer do not help the cause. Contact Mary Beth Quinn for additional tickets or direct people to the Hostess Shoppe.

Think back to our humble beginnings and how we have honed an idea into a highly recognized and successful event through the years. Be proud!! With your continued interest and generous support in so many ways, I hope that my successor, Vickie Scott, will take it to greater heights.

WE ARE READY TO GO!

Fashion Accessories

The FA committee will meet at Linda's on Monday, September 11 at 2:00. Until then all donations can be left at Francis Pickard's house in Beaver or at Linda Lobozzo's house in Chippewa - put bags/boxes on glider on back porch.

Kitchen Tour Committee: Don't forget our de-briefing meeting on Thursday, September 28, at 11:00, at First Presbyterian Church



Community Committee

Girls' Recognition Night will be on April 11, 2024. Due to the increased cost of the Carnegie Science Lab, GRN and CCBC will host the AAUW STEM Day on April 13, 2024. Joann and Jodean met with Dr. Thomas and **Dean Susan to help plan the day. CCBC will plan for four science activities:** Robotics, Process Technology, Opportunities in High School, and Cybersecurity. They will also arrange for four speakers. CCBC will provide swag bags free of charge to each participant. **The cost to GRN committee will be two hundred dollars.**

Once again, we will participate in the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser for Wednesday, Oct. 18. Please think about buying one of the \$5.00 passes. You will receive 25% off your purchases. You could start your Christmas shopping.

Effie Solomon Memorial Law Scholarship winner was Jordyn Holly. She is from Beaver Falls and attends the University of South Carolina School of Law Juris Doctor candidate.

As a future attorney she plans to use her voice to advocate for women's rights and

to uplift women in the community to ensure our voices are heard. Our voices are not only vital, but powerful.
She plans to practice Law close to home.

FEMMES

September---Belleria Restaurant, Columbiana, Tuesday, September 5, 12:30

October—The **Thai Restaurant** in Beaver is where we will meet on **Tuesday, October 3, at 12:30**

By now, you have probably been there, but it is worth repeat visits to enjoy the exquisite flavors and portions for another meal at home. I hope we gather as a large group as has been in the last few months. Let me know by the preceding Saturday if you will be joining us.

Jean Macaluso

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Literature 1

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10 at Jackson's – 1:00.

Yvonne will be our discussion leader.

Our book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

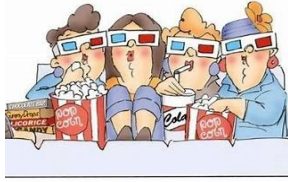
Literature 2

In August Lit II met for a delicious lunch at the Wooden Angel to schedule our books, hosts, and leaders for 2023 – 2024. This way everyone knows what to expect until next August. We meet in member's homes almost every month except in December when we meet at Felicity Farms for our Christmas party and paperback book exchange.

Literature 3 book group will meet on September 19, 2023 at the Wooden Angel, 12:30 pm.

Mary Patrick will lead the discussion of the book *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

AAUW Antique group will be meeting on September 11th at 1pm at the home of Nancy Cole. The topic is Flow Blue. Nancy has an extensive collection. Contact Jan Landsbach if you would like to join us. Anyone with flow blue are welcome to bring their pieces.



Movie Group:

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3

The Portokalos family travels to a family reunion in Greece for a heartwarming and hilarious trip full of love, twists and turns.

The film stars are: Vardalos, John Corbett, Louis Mandylor, Elena Kampouris, Gia Carides, Joey Fatone, Lainie Kazan and Andrea Martin.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 will be released in theaters on September 8, 2023.

Tuesday is Family Day and Wednesday is senior day. Both offer reduced-price tickets. Times are not available yet.