

**AAUW
BEAVER VALLEY BRANCH
APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER**



WELCOME April!!!

Co-Presidents' message: Did you know?

Venture outside on the night of Tuesday, April 23, to catch a glimpse of **April's full Pink Moon**. Traditionally, we call this Moon the Pink Moon, and it symbolizes the beginning of Spring. This full Moon reaches peak illumination at 7:49 P.M. Eastern Time.

When to See the PINK Full Moon in April 2024

For the best view of this lovely spring Moon, find an open area and watch as the Moon rises just above the horizon, at which point it will appear its biggest and take on a golden hue! (Beaver Area time zone 8:10 P.M.)

**Next branch meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
6:30 Social Time First Presbyterian church Room #210**

CORRECTION: The Fall Luncheon will be held September 7, 2024, not September 14 as originally stated.

“Salvation Army”

Doing the Most Good for the most people in the most need” is a phase you will see throughout Salvation Army’s web site. The Salvation Army annually helps more than 30 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, economic hardships through a wide range of social services. Envoy Mary Kay Mackneer will share her involvement with these services that she and her agency provide for our Beaver County neighbors through Salvation Army.

FINANCIAL REPORT, NANCY MAHOSKY

WE ARE NOW A 3-STAR BRANCH!!!

We were informed by national AAUW that our branch has successfully fulfilled the requirements for 3 stars. There are 27 branches in Pennsylvania: 4 are 1-star branches, 3 are 2-star branches, 5 are 3-star branches, 2 are 4-star branches, and none are 5-star branches. Here is the letter we received:

Dear AAUW Beaver Valley (PA) Branch,

On behalf of the staff and senior leadership at AAUW, I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your participation in the FY23 Branch Impact Survey. Your responses have contributed significantly to our ongoing efforts to measure and celebrate the impactful work carried out by our branches across the country.

We are thrilled to inform you that, based on your responses, the **AAUW Beaver Valley (PA) Branch** has achieved **three stars** in the FY23 AAUW Five Star Recognition Program. This achievement is a testament to your dedication and commitment to advancing our mission, and we applaud your leadership and members for your outstanding contributions in the following categories: Communications and External Relations, Programs, and Governance and Sustainability.

Your branch's accomplishments in these areas reflect your efforts in fostering positive change for women and girls within your community and beyond. We recognize that achieving a Five Star Recognition is no small feat and underscores your unwavering commitment to advancing gender equity.

While we celebrate the achievement of stars in the various categories, it's important to emphasize that every branch's work in FY23 has been instrumental in furthering the mission of AAUW. Whether you achieved one star or five, your dedication has not gone unnoticed. Each accomplishment, no matter the scale, contributes to the collective impact of AAUW and helps us progress toward a more equitable future.

As you reflect on your branch's achievements, take pride in the positive impact you've made and the lives you've touched throughout the past year. Your ongoing support is inspiring, and we are grateful to have branches like yours as integral parts of our organization.

Once again, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. We look forward to celebrating the continued success and growth of the AAUW Beaver Valley (PA) Branch in the coming years.

Thank you for your commitment to the AAUW mission.

Best regards,

Tremayne A. Parquet
Deputy Director of Advancement
AAUW, 1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

Many thanks to the committee of Nancy Mahosky, Kim Litz, Roberta Good, Vickie Scott, Linda Lobozzo, Lea Kretchmar, Mary DeSanzo, Patty Rock, Sharon Nerone, Deb Newton, Marianne Turner, and Jean Macaluso.

Our plans are to earn all 5 Stars in FY2024.

SHAPE THE FUTURE FREE MEMBERSHIPS EARNED

Congratulations to our branch for recruiting 10 new members in the calendar year 2023. This entitles us to 3 free national and state memberships for 2024-25. These free memberships will be chosen by a raffle held at our May 4 luncheon. Mary Beth Quinn and Jodean Brooks did a great job in recruitment by their activities during the year, especially the November “Getting to Know Us” event.

Please continue to recruit new members. 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 applicable to 2025-26 dues. Ask potential members to contact Jodean Brooks or Mary Beth Quinn for an application. This application is also available on our website for downloading. Just click on the Membership Application 2024-25 tab.

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.

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. We also now accept credit card or debit card payments made online for our branch activities. There will always be a link on the website when we begin to advertise an event. 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! Payments were accepted for our Fall Brunch reservations and many members took advantage of it.

If anyone has a PayPal account, money can be sent directly to our branch PayPal account without a fee. See Nancy for directions.

There will be buttons on the website to pay dues and pay for the May luncheon.

RENEWING AND NEW MEMBERS

None this month

ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

None this month

MEMBERSHIP

Six members and two friends met at Artsy Doodle for a Sip and Paint night on February 23rd. We enjoyed showing our creative side decorating our ceramic craft. Our next outing will be **Conquer the Clock Escape Rooms** located at 3419 Brodhead Road Monaca. The date will be April 19. The Cost is \$25.

Contact Jodean Brooks by Monday, April 8 if you plan to attend. Email at jodeanbrooks@gmail.com

2024 KITCHEN TOUR

Yvonne Zier and Vivian Mahli have volunteered to assume the task of handling our tour signage. My husband will continue to install and retrieve the banner in Bridgewater and the larger sign outside of the Wooden Angel/Indian. Thank you for volunteering to undertake this task. Jean Snitger will mentor Yvonne and Vivian this year. The committee will have a business meeting on Saturday, April 13 starting at 10:30AM. We will meet at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver. If you would like to attend and are not already on the committee distribution list, please text me (724)462-6782 or email me (vscott3412@gmail.com). I will forward any email messages and enclosures sent to everyone on the committee. I will be sending out materials for the meeting, 10 to 7 days before

PUBLIC POLICY

Women Advocating for Paid Family Medical Leave

According to the March 2022 U.S. Census Compensation Survey, approximately 66% of Pennsylvania workers do not have access to ***paid*** family and medical leave benefits. The Executive Forum of Women, organized in the late 1970's, notes that women in the household are often the individuals

bearing the biggest impact of unpaid work. Meghan Pierce, CEO of the Executive Forum of Women in Philadelphia, cites a common story among members of the need to manage care for children, parents or a sick relative while trying to advance their career.

Benefits of Paid Leave:

- ❖ For Parents
 - Healthy development of newborn, enhancement of family economic security;
- ❖ For the Individual and the Caregiver
 - Reduced stress and financial security;
- ❖ For Businesses
 - Improved employee retention and productivity.

Cost Consideration:

A model similar to social security has been proposed by legislators where individuals pay upfront for benefits used at a later date. In 2017, the PA Department of Labor and Industry Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, conducted a study for potential cost of the payroll tax idea to fund the program. The average weekly cost for workers would be between \$2.37 and \$5.50 as a payroll tax.

Legislation Update:

In partnership with nonprofits and businesses, The Executive Forum of Women is now making a concerted effort to get paid leave established as a state law in Pennsylvania. After over 10 years of debate and failed legislation, bipartisan support may have the momentum to push through the legislation. A bill is anticipated to be introduced in both the House and Senate in mid-March.

Note: In 1993, the Federal government enacted the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) providing certain employees up to 12 weeks of **unpaid** job protected leave

per year. FMLA applies to all public agencies, public and private elementary and secondary schools, and companies with 50 or more employees.

GIRLS' RECOGNITION NIGHT

Joann, Jan, Nancy, and Jodean met on March 7th to write invitations for Girls' Recognition Night. The committee will be meeting March 20th at 10:00AM. We will meet in room 210 at the church. At this meeting we will assign assignments for April 11th GRN.

BYLAWS AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

The PA State Bylaws chair has provided many changes to the bylaws sent earlier this year. I have made the changes and presented the changes to the Branch Board on March 18th. Upon approval by the Branch Board, the revised bylaws will be resent to the PA State Bylaws chair. Look for an opportunity soon, to review a synopsis, to see these changes, and to vote.

This is another reminder that National has a bylaw change under consideration by all members. **We are now at the point where your vote is needed.** The hyperlink below provides the contents of this change, and the National bylaws committee's commentary about this change. After April 3, this hyperlink should also provide directions for voting. The deadlines for this change are:

- April 3 | Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)
- May 15 | Online voting ends at 12:00 PM ET and results announced online

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2024-aauw-proposed-bylaws-changes/>

I recently found out that the AAUW PA State organization also has bylaws changes forthcoming. I have seen these changes and participated on a Zoom conference. They did not yet provide directions for when and how these changes are to be sent to PA AAUW members.

AAUW COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP..... A MESSAGE FROM CCBC

Be a CCBC Trustee Yes, YOU



Community College of Beaver County's Trustees are seeking applicants to fill at least one seat on the current board. We want a college that demonstrates diversity at all levels and are committed to equal opportunity and civility for all who work, study, or serve here. Everyone from all backgrounds is encouraged to apply.



HOW TO APPLY

Individuals seeking consideration must submit:

- Letter of interest expressing ways you will contribute to college governance and institutional advancement.
- Resume outlining professional background and expertise.

PROCESS

Packets are reviewed by the Board Nominating Committee and interviews may take place with recommendations forwarded to the Beaver County Board of Commissioners for appointment.

Send to: Board of Trustees Chairperson
CCBC Student Services Center, President's Office
1 Campus Dr., Monaca, PA 15061



Deadline - March 8
CCBC.EDU/CCBCBOARD

INTREST GROUPS



FEMMES

On Tuesday, April 2, at 12:30, FEMMES, will meet at a favorite fine-dining restaurant, OFF THE HOOK, in Wexford. Their policy is one check per group larger than five people, but after discussion with the manager, he was willing

to accommodate us this one time with separate checks and with the understanding that it may take longer to get our checks. Please let me know by March 27 if you plan to join us. A reminder will be sent.

In discussion at March FEMMES, interest was expressed for lunch at CHRISTY HOUSE in Sewickley. If you recall, Connie Roman, our former member who recently passed away, was very active there for many years. The date that we will be going is FRIDAY, May 17, at 12:30, and it will be considered an “in-betweenener” on our schedule for this year. Open only on Fridays, their menu includes two cups of soup (two varieties), salad or sandwich, beverage, and dessert for \$18. Method of payment is cash or check (no credit cards) for the lunch and also at their two gift shops. I will be taking reservations for Sal’s, our May scheduled place on Tuesday, May 7, 12:30, and also Christy House during the last week of April. A reminder will be sent closer to the dates.

Jean Macaluso

jean.macaluso@yahoo.com

LITERATURE GROUPS



I

Literature 1 will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 11:30 at the Grand Valley Restaurant. Our discussion leader is Viv, and our book is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Women can be heroes.

II

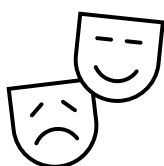
Literature II’s April meeting will be held April 11 at 1:00 PM at Fran Colafella’s home. Ginger Muns will be leading the discussion of *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.

III

Literature III will meet on April 16 at the Wooden Angel, 12:30 PM, to discuss the book *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Ellen Taylor is the discussion leader.

MOVIE GROUP

Arthur the King



Over the course of ten days and 435 miles, an unbreakable bond is forged between pro adventure racer Michael Light (Mark Wahlberg) and a scrappy street dog companion dubbed Arthur. Based on an incredible true story, *ARTHUR THE KING* follows Light, desperate for one last chance to win, as he convinces a sponsor to back him and a team of athletes (Simu Liu, Nathalie Emmanuel, and Ali Suliman) for the Adventure Racing World Championship in the Dominican Republic. As the team is pushed to their outer limits of endurance in the race, Arthur redefines what victory, loyalty and friendship truly mean. The date and time will be emailed later.

THE BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST HALL of FAME

Two inductees this year are familiar names: Marta Karwoski and Betty Sue Schaughency. Marta was a faithful and active member of AAUW for many years until serious health issues restricted her activities, and Betty Sue is a well-known figure in local educational circles. The other two inductees are Rosa Mae Alford of New Brighton, and Ann Paton of Geneva College.

DATE: May 7, 2024

TIME: 6:00-8:00

PLACE: Seven Oaks Country Club

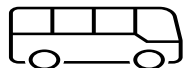
PRICE: \$55.00 per person

TICKETS AVAILABLE: Kretchmar's Bakery or Jamie Connelly (724) 513-1633

jmconnelly@gmail.com

LENZNER TOUR AND TRAVEL

1-800-342-2349



These are some suggestions for one-day trips that may interest some of us.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, BUFFALO, N.Y. As an extension of our outstanding “Pop-Up Books” program when the presenter demonstrated a Frank Lloyd Wright book, this is a trip to Buffalo, NY with tours of Wright’s two homes: Martin House and Graycliff and other attractions.

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2024
COST: \$279.00 per person
DEPART: Sewickley Lenzner Terminal 6:15 AM
RETURN: 9:00-1:00 PM

FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL, SHANKSVILLE, PA

DATES: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and Wednesday, September 18, 2024
COST: \$144.00 per person
DEPART: Sewickley Lenzner Terminal 7:00 AM RETURN: 8:30-9:30 PM

“DANIEL” BIBLICAL PRODUCTION, LANCASTER, PA

DATE: Saturday, June 29, 2024
PLACE: Sight and Sound Theater
COST: \$359.00 per person
DEPART: Sewickley Lenzner Terminal 5:45AM
RETURN: 10:30-midnight

There are also two-day trips to “DANIEL”, and you may call Lenzner for more information.