

## BEAVER VALLEY BRANCH



## SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

### **CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE – ROBERTA GOOD/DEB NEWTON**

Summer seems to always go by way too fast. So it is with the tenure of our past president, Kim Litz. We thank her for her service and leadership through the difficult times of Covid when things seemed to come to a complete standstill, but not with AAUW Beaver Valley. Activities continued to take place with zoom meetings and fundraising with scholarships being awarded. Again, we thank you for your dedication in helping us move forward.

As the 2024-2025 co-presidents, Roberta and I look forward to a new year with a commitment of increasing engagement with our mission, realizing you, our members, make our mission. Your membership MATTERS.

Committee work has continued throughout this summer to revise and update guidelines for scholarships, branch by-laws and policies. And, of course, the Kitchen Tour committee has been quite occupied with the many details surrounding our singular fundraising event. Ticket mailings with details recently went out along with requests for your on-site help with various duties. Your help even in a small role is vital for ensuring the success of the Kitchen Tour. Membership MATTERS.

“Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future.” — Walt Disney



## **FINANCIAL REPORT - NANCY MAHOSKY**

### **KEEP RECRUITING 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.**

### **2025 KITCHEN TOUR RECIPES NEEDED!!!**

**The 2024 Kitchen Tour recipe book is complete. We need fresh recipes for the 2025 Kitchen Tour. Please search for your favorites and submit to Nancy. Typed recipes are preferred but a photocopy, picture, or even something handwritten is also OK. Email to [nmahosky@comcast.net](mailto:nmahosky@comcast.net) or send it in the old-style mail. PLEASE HELP!!!!!!**

### **5 STAR BRANCH COMMITTEE**

**The committee has completed the requirements for 5 Stars for the period ending 6/30/2024. The application survey will be submitted this fall. We are now working on the 2025 fiscal year requirements.**

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 / DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS**

Members may pay online by using a credit or debit card for payments. A button will be shown on the website page that allows you to enter your card number. Please understand that the use of a card requires a fee so you will pay a little more for this service.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome Abigail McFarland and Shelby Black-Couch. See the membership section for more information. Our membership total is now 77 (2 are new).

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The following 7 women did not renew their membership for 2024-25. We wish them well and hope they may join us again in the future.

Debi Breit-Adams	2012-2024
Sherian Farrar	2023-2024
Beth Hesselson	2011-2024
Christine Holko	2023-2024
Kenya Johns	2023-2024
Madge Nichols	2014-2024
Davida Petrie	2008-2024

## **MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER!**

June Schutte	58 years
Janet Wise	58 years
Susan Huntsman	40 years
Patricia Davison	40 years
Beth Buttermore	35 years
Jane Kennedy	30 years
Joann Soltes	25 years
Patty Rock	15 years
Sharon Nerone	10 years
Patricia Von Dreele	10 years
Katherine Miller	10 years
Nancy Noll	10 years
Deb Newton	10 years

## **ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES**

### **PHONE NUMBER ADJUSTMENTS**

### **YEARBOOK UPDATES**

**Any changes to addresses, phone numbers, email, or university degrees should be sent to Nancy Mahosky, financial officer. Changes must be**

**made by June 15 to be published in the 2024 yearbook. Later changes will be published in the newsletter.**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP - JODEAN BROOKS/MARY BETH QUINN**

It's time to start recruiting for new members for 2024-25! With a goal of 10 new members, we begin this club year with two new members! Our Fall Brunch is a great time to introduce others to our vital organization. **Invite your friends to the brunch – maybe they will join us!**

Meet our newest members:

**Abigail McFarland** holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Edinboro University (now PennWest Edinboro). She has had experience in Martial Arts for over 20 years with 15 years of teaching Martial Arts. She is currently self-employed as owner and chief instructor at her studio, River Forge Martial Arts.

Abigail has been involved with the Girl Scouts for 13 years earning the prestigious Silver Award. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Master in the World Tang Soo Do Association and earned the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. Abigail's interests include gardening, fitness, self-defense, cooking and baking.

**Shelby Black-Couch's** formal collegiate education spans 10 years from 1994-2014. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University, Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Akron and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. For 6 years Shelby worked as a Hospice and Palliative Social Worker. She left that work to Partner in Leadership at Trades of Hope.

This summer Shelby launched a new business – The Global Gal Marketplace which she describes as a Fair-Trade adventure. She has recently become the Director of Sales for Kisanli Market, an artisan group from Kenya. Shelby's interests include bicycling, hospitality, travel, reading and taking in cultural experiences. She describes herself as a wife, a sister, an auntie. She loves the family God has made for her.

## **COMMUNITY – JODEAN BROOKS**

### **Girls' Recognition Night**

The date for GRN will be Thursday, April 10, 2025, at CCBC.

## **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**

**How:** Customers donate \$5 to a participating non-profit and receive a shopping pass.

**Shopping discount:** 25% off\* lowest sale prices in-store and online. For an online discount, a one-time use unique code is provided on each shopping pass.

**Date:** Tuesday, Oct. 22

**Store hours:** 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.

In the past, this fundraiser has added up to \$100 to our funds.

## **PUBLIC POLICY – DEB NEWTON**

### **Election Day - November 5, 2024**

#### *Important Deadlines to Remember*

Registration By Mail: Monday, October 21, 2024. Registration In Person: Monday, October 21, 2024. Registration Online: Monday, October 21, 2024

### **Be Informed**

<https://www.vote411.org> is a great resource for planning your vote. The website provides easy access to a voter's guide. By just typing in your address, you have a complete picture of ballot choices pertinent to your area. Candidate backgrounds with their occupations, education, and qualifications are outlined. In addition, candidate responses to community issues asked by the VOTE411 organization are noted.

## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY – JODEAN BROOKS**



### **Biology in our backyard**

Penn State Beaver Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Autumn Sabo is currently conducting research about the spotted lanternfly and participating in a project that involves planting patches of forest.

Sabo is studying a possible benefit to the spotted lanternfly being in Pennsylvania. Her hypothesis is that the spotted lanternfly will stick mainly to the tree-of-heaven thereby leaving other trees and crops alone, and that the damaging effect the lanternflies will have on the tree-of-heaven will lessen the spread of the tree, which is also an invasive species.

She will be observing lanternflies and trees at Penn State Beaver over an extended period for her study.

Sabo is also beginning a project with Reforest Our Future that involves planting small patches of forest at 10 sites around Beaver County. “The Patch” is a Reforest Our Future program that aims to restore natural elements to the landscape by choosing native plants that will support diverse pollinators and create ecosystems that benefit birds, bees, and people. One of the patches will be planted at Penn State Beaver.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### ~ANTIQUES – JACKIE HEANEY



Jan Landsbach will continue to be the caller to remind members of upcoming meetings and to determine how many will be in attendance. If you would like to join us, please let her know.

Our Fall Schedule: meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 1PM unless otherwise designated.

September 9 “Grandpa’s Chair” Bonnie Reyes, hostess; Pam Mansell, dessert. Jane Kennedy suggested this topic. As you know, her home is full of beautiful old furniture. She was telling her family stories about the furniture and thought that would be a good topic. She hoped to host but decided against it. Now, no one is expected to transport any furniture but instead, if you or a family member has a piece of vintage or antique furniture, take a

picture of it and share the family story connected to it. If you don't, no problem. Come and enjoy listening to the stories shared by others. We will also organize plans for October.

October Field trip to The McCarl Coverlet Gallery at St. Vincent College, Latrobe. When we discussed this last spring, we agreed that this would be a nice trip during Fall Foliage. It is an hour and a half, easy drive on the turnpike to route 30. The museum is open Wednesday-Friday only. I am hoping we can all meet at Chippewa and then carpool from there. We will also have lunch out.

November 11 "Good night, sleep tight" Antique Quilts. Jackie Heaney, hostess; Ginger Muns, dessert. We thought this complements the October field trip.

Coverlets are made from a single piece of fabric woven to mimic quilting, while quilts are traditionally made by attaching multiple pieces of fabric together. Coverlets are smaller than quilts.

December Field trip "Christmas at the Village," Old Economy.



### **~BVAAUW AFTER HOURS – KACIE KIRKPATRICK**

Let's get together on September 20th at 7:30pm for the Beaver Bobcat Players community theater in Beaver for the showing of The Last Romance. "The Last Romance is just that: an eighty-year-old widower's chance at one last love affair". Please contact Kacie Kirkpatrick at 724-987-2914 for more information.

### **~FEMMES - JEAN MACALUSO**



I am so impressed with this selection that I do not want to wait for next year's Femmes' calendar, so instead of Red Lobster for September, we will be re-

introduced to the TAVERN on the SQUARE, in New Wilmington, PA. So many are familiar with this landmark that had been in existence since the 1930's, but, sadly, it closed three years ago. A young couple, however, purchased the property, and for two years, have invested in a million-dollar renovation, and it just reopened two months ago. You will be awe-struck at how seamlessly newly designed construction meets the old, adding an elevator, restrooms on both floors, and even a gift shop. The menu features all local farm- raised meats and produce.

Mark your calendars and treat yourself to a lovely fall trip through Amish country to TAVERN on the SQUARE, on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (Restaurant is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays). Please let me know by the preceding Saturday morning if you plan to join us and need a ride, for we can car-pool from Chippewa.



**~GARDEN – DEB NEWTON**

BEEKEEPING 101 The Garden Group will be traveling to the home of fellow member Kim Litz's brother, Jeffery Thomas, located at 139 Ridge Road, Aliquippa on Wednesday, August 28th at 11AM.

Mr. Thomas is an Apiarist, otherwise known as a Beekeeper or honey farmer. Bees are essential because they pollinate our food sources, support the ecosystem, and produce honey. If you ever wondered how beekeepers manage their hives, please join us on the morning of August 28th.

After our outing, we will then travel to nearby Papa Duke's located on Brodhead Road for lunch. If interested in attending this outing, please contact Deb Newton at 724-709-1330.





Members of the Garden group visited Hywet Hall & Gardens on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**~LITERATURE I – LINDA LOBOZZO**



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024. We will be reading *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. Discussion leader is Jodean. We are trying a new meeting place. 11:30 at Quality Time and Take Out in New Brighton.

<https://qualitytimeandcarryout.com>

**~LITERATURE III - SUSAN HUNTSMAN**



Literature III will meet on Tuesday, September 17, 12:30, at the Wooden Angel. Lea Kretchmar will lead the discussion of *THE TROUBLE WITH YOU*, by Ellen Feldman.

**~MOVIE GROUP – JODEAN BROOKS/PAM POWERS**

Please email any movie ideas to Jodean or Pam.