

BEAVER VALLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2024

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” — L.M. Montgomery,
“Anne of Green Gables”

Many thanks to Maralee Murray and Bonnie Reyes for planning a wonderful Fall Luncheon with our newest awardee of the Effie Solomon Scholarship, Alena Pappan. Your dedication and perseverance in selecting a worthy Law school student is greatly appreciated. The auction was fun-filled and resulted in enjoying the fine friendships among us.

Vickie Scott and her Kitchen Tour committees have worked diligently to prepare for the annual AAUW Kitchen Tour on September 28. Thank you, everyone, for the great teamwork... **Together Each Accomplishes More!**

As we look forward to October, Sharone Nerone and her committee have a wonderful program planned, “Excellence in Nursing” on October 3. Linda Lobozzo, Hospitality Chairperson for October, and her committee will provide the treats.

Deb and I are committed to increasing engagement with our mission and realizing that you, our members, make our mission. Your membership **MATTERS!**

“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

FINANCIAL OFFICER - 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 or send it in the old-style mail. PLEASE HELP!!!!!!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all our members who contributed to the envelope and basket raffles held at the September brunch. Finally, a big thank you to Bonnie Reyes, Mara Murray, Elizabeth Cernus, Katherine Miller, and Nancy Mahosky for coordinating the 2 raffles.

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 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 / 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 our new member Lydia Podbielski who joined at the September brunch. Information on Lydia can be found in the Membership section. Member count is now 78.

ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES **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

We are happy to report that our Branch is one member closer to our goal of 10 new members for 2024-25! Our new member count is now at 3. Wouldn't it be nice to boast a new member in every newsletter? Only you can help with that. Think about inviting a friend, neighbor or colleague to our October Branch Meeting. Experiencing the energy of our Branch is sure to be contagious!

2024 KITCHEN TOUR - VICKIE SCOTT

When you are reading this, it is just days before our 23rd Kitchen Tour. The final push is on. There are so many big and small tasks being done during the last 14 days. Here is a quick checklist that applies to all members:

- Have you sent your check for your tickets to Mary Beth Quinn?
- Have you made and packaged your baked goods?
Pam let us know at the September meeting that it is MUCH preferred to have the baked items on Friday during setup. So, if you volunteered to help setup, bring your baked goods too.
- Do you know your assignment?

We still need another person to sell raffle tickets during the afternoon (12:30 to 3:00). Call/Text Vickie (724) 462-6782 if you can help.

- Pick up your name tag at the school. For members assigned to houses in the morning, your name tags are in the house box.

On Friday the 13th, a small group created the raffle baskets. We have 50 raffle baskets this year. Each basket has been created to have a value greater than \$100. The Scott/Rolya office and living room are filled with baskets.



My first year as your chairperson is nearly ended. The generosity extended by all is much appreciated. There are so many members who came forward to take on new tasks, to share their expertise, to give their time, and to donate goods or funds. Our membership in partnership with our community makes this event possible.

PUBLIC POLICY – DEB NEWTON

In preparation for the upcoming election, State Public Policy Committee Chair Sandra Miller has provided all branches with election support materials so each AAUW member can place an informed vote. The following is a snapshot of our local House of Representative votes/stance on AAUW priorities.

Branch	PA State Rep	Education budget HB2370	Pay Equity HB98	Living wage HB 1135, HB1287	Paid Leave HB181	Fairness Act HB300
Beaver Valley	Amen Brown (D-10)	Y	Y		Y	Y
	John Lawrence (R-14)	N	N		N	N
	Josh Kail (R-15)	N	N		N	N
	Rob Matzie (D-16)	Y	Y		Y	Y
	Valerie Gaydos (R-44)	N	N		N	N

COMMUNITY – JODEAN BROOKS

Girls' Recognition Night

Once again, we will participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
Tickets will be available at the kitchen tour and the October meeting.

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 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.

College/University

After a discussion with Deb Newton, I reached out to *Maria Torchia Brown*

Program Manager School of Industrial Technology & Continuing Education, CCBC. I sent her information for joining our branch and discussed the possibility of CCBC collaborating with us. The college may provide an opportunity for a student panelist and a speaker for Girls' Recognition Night.

AWARDS COMMITTEE - MARY ANN BOLLAND

Nominations are due November 15

Our branch is fortunate to have so many enthusiastic members engaged in our activities that support our mission. The annual Awards program is an opportunity to recognize AAUW members and community members for their endeavors. Please send nominations for the following awards:

FIVE AWARDS and CRITERIA:

- **NAMED GIFT HONOREE/S:** member/s who has/have shown leadership or great effort to the branch.
- **MEMBER MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** a member who has made a significant difference in something of importance to the branch within the past year.
- **OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF THE BRANCH:** recognizes a member for meritorious service to the branch and the community for her accumulative service.
- **GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD:** someone in the community, not necessarily an AAUW member, who has promoted inclusion of women in the workplace as well as other leadership roles.

- **CHAMPION OF AAUW Beaver Valley Branch:** an individual or organization that substantially supports the AAUW mission and values.

To nominate individuals, please email the following information for each nominee:

- Specific Award as noted above
- Individual's name and contact information for non-members
- Explain how the nominee meets the criteria and is deserving of the award
- Your name and email
- **Email your nominations by Nov. 15 to Mary Ann Falcone-Bolland:**
dbolland@comcast.net

The Awards Committee reviews nominations and presents the selections to the board for approval.

Thank you for sending nominations!

Awards Committee: Mary Ann Falcone-Bolland, Public Information/Awards Chair; Jodean Brooks and Joann Lecrone, Community Co-Chairs; Jodean Brooks and Mary Beth Quinn, Membership VPs.

SCHOLARSHIPS – JEAN MACALUSO

Applications will appear on-line on February 3, 2025, and must be completed by March 19, 2025, so encourage any eligible Beaver County senior girl or non-traditional candidate to apply. The committee for selection consists of co-chairs, co-presidents, chair of Kitchen Tour, and chairs of community committee, but the committee will be expanded to include two members-at-large from the membership.

The selection process for choosing the scholarship recipients consists of reading and evaluating all essays and criteria about each candidate, and then submitting your top choices to derive consensus. It is a tedious process but a very concentrated one, over a short period of time.

Members- at-large will serve for two years, but this first year, one member will serve for one year to begin the rotation of every year, a new person is chosen. If you are interested in serving on this committee, email either Pam Powers or Jean Macaluso, co-chairs, and if more than two have expressed interest, two names will be pulled at the October membership meeting.



INTEREST GROUPS

~AAUW AFTER DARK - KACIE KIRKPATRICK

AAUW After Hours would like to have members attend Trivia Night at the Grand Valley Inn on Thursday, October 10th, at 6:00 pm. There is no cost for entry. You do have to submit your answers via a cell phone, and you do participate in teams.

~ANTIQUES – JACKIE HEANEY

The Antiques Group will be traveling to The McCarl Coverlet Gallery located at St Vincent College in Latrobe on Thursday, October 17th. There is no admission fee, but we will need to let them know how many to expect. The leaves should be at their peak making for a scenic drive. We will be meeting at CVS in Chippewa at 9am. The drive is approximately 90 minutes. After touring the gallery, we will stop for lunch before returning home. This field trip is open to all AAUW members. If interested, please contact Jan Landsbach, our reservation coordinator.

~FEMMES - JEAN MACALUSO

In October, we will take another autumn scenic drive through farmlands to Hanover, Ohio, to the SPREAD EAGLE INN. The early name of the town was Hanover, settled in 1813 by a Quaker abolitionist, which became a safe haven for runaway slaves. The Spread Eagle Inn was built in 1837 and known today as one of the area's finest examples of Federal Period architecture. Supposedly, Abraham Lincoln stopped there as other prominent statesmen in following years.

You will enjoy this step back into history, so plan to join us on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 11:15, at the PNC parking lot, in Chippewa where we will carpool; the trip is only 45 minutes from there. Please contact me before the preceding Saturday morning if you plan to attend.

Jean Macaluso 724-581-6050 text

jean.macaluso@yahoo.com Please reply to me directly.

~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. Trying a new meeting place.....

Quality Time and Take Out in New Brighton at 11:30

<https://qualitytimeandcarryout.com>

~MOVIE GROUP – JODEAN BROOKS, PAM POWERS

Please email any movie ideas to Jodean or Pam.