



BEAVER VALLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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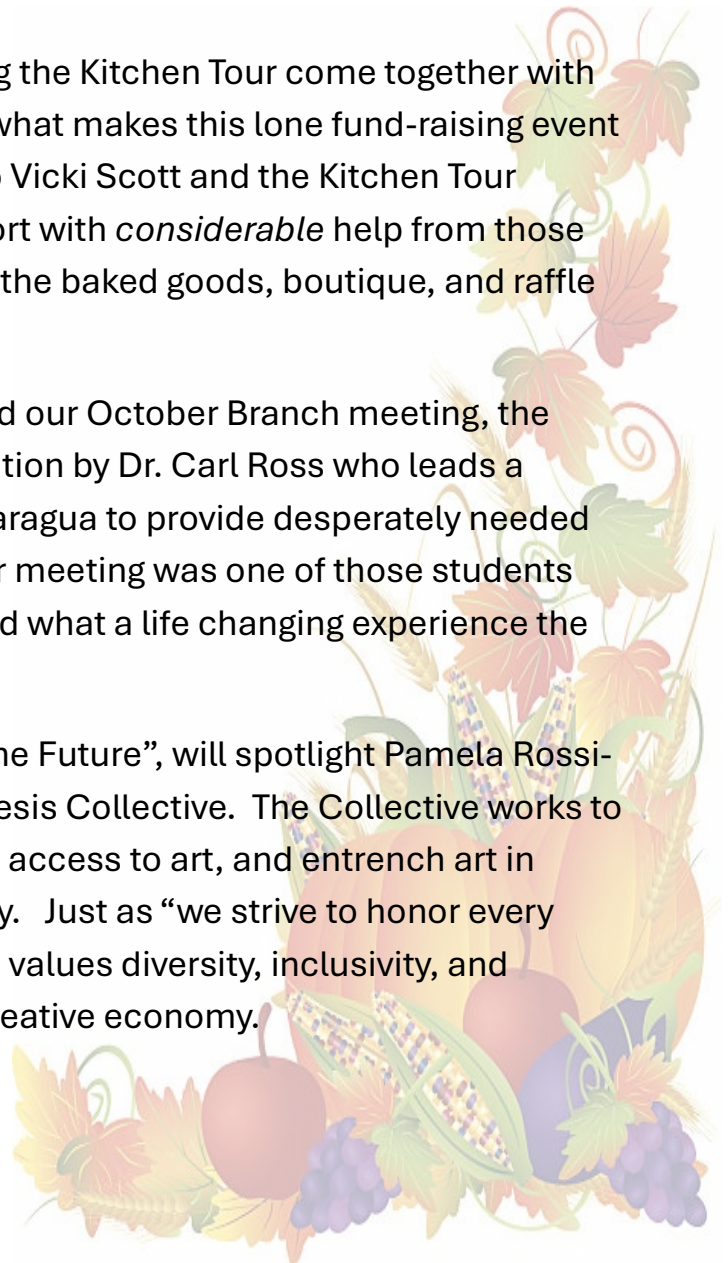
CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE - DEB NEWTON AND ROBERTA GOOD

Membership Matters - it truly does! Seeing the Kitchen Tour come together with nearly 100% membership involvement is what makes this lone fund-raising event for our Branch such a success. Hats off to Vicki Scott and the Kitchen Tour Committee for stepping up to lead the effort with *considerable* help from those who pulled together the Marketplace with the baked goods, boutique, and raffle baskets. Thank you all!

For those of you who were unable to attend our October Branch meeting, the program featured a very inspiring presentation by Dr. Carl Ross who leads a program taking medical students into Nicaragua to provide desperately needed healthcare. Accompanying Dr. Ross to our meeting was one of those students who is now a surgical nurse. She indicated what a life changing experience the trip was for her and the other students.

Our November meeting, entitled "Shape the Future", will spotlight Pamela Rossi-Keen who is the Executive Director of Genesis Collective. The Collective works to support local artists, increase the public's access to art, and entrench art in community development of Beaver County. Just as "we strive to honor every person's worth and dignity", the Collective values diversity, inclusivity, and imagination in helping our community's creative economy.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.



FINANCE – 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!

Many thanks to Debbie Mangelli for auditing the 2023-2024 financial records. Debbie has performed this difficult task for the last 5 years and always does a fine job. She stated that the books were in good order and no errors were found.

Thanks to member Clara McMichael for a \$5 donation to the Kitchen Tour and to member Karen Mitch for a \$20 donation to the Kitchen Tour. Jonathan Rock, son of member Patty Rock, donated \$75. Thanks, Jonathan!

The winner of the money tree was kind enough to return \$20 of her winnings. Thank you!

5 STAR BRANCH COMMITTEE

The committee has completed the requirements for 5 Stars for the period ending 6/30/2024. The application survey was submitted on 10/11/2024. We are now working on the 2025 fiscal year requirements. Many thanks to Roberta Good, Deb Newton, Linda Lobozzo, and Nancy Mahosky for completing the survey on time!

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 new member Deborah (Debbie) Daquila. Her information will be listed in the membership report. Member count is now 79.

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 NEWS – JODEAN BROOKS, MARY BETH QUINN

The November 7 Meeting is a special “Getting to Know Us” meeting. You are encouraged to invite friends who may be interested in joining our group. In lieu of a business meeting we will have a program explaining what a vibrant organization we are.

Welcome Our New Member

Deborah Daquila

Meet Our newest member, **Deborah Daquila!**

Debbie holds a Bachelors Degree in History from Ohio University. Later, she attended Geneva College to acquire her teaching certificate. Debbie taught at the

Blackhawk High School for 25 years and served as Senior Class Advisor for the duration. She later served as Social Studies Department Chair. During her tenure at Blackhawk, Debbie served on the Curriculum Development Council, the Agriculture Development Committee and the Blackhawk Environmental Committee. In 2014 Debbie was named the Beaver County Teacher of the Year for her excellence in the classroom and beyond.

Debbie shared her talents with the Angel Fund serving for many years on this fundraising committee for the St. Monica Catholic School. She enjoys reading, gardening and writing. Her favorite pastime is spending time with her children and grandchildren. Welcome to Deborah Daquila!

COMMUNITY – JODEAN BROOKS

This year Friends Helping Friends netted \$100.00. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

PUBLIC POLICY – DEB NEWTON

Everyone is no doubt well aware that Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. AAUW National has prepared Pennsylvania specific voter guides pertinent to AAUW policy concerns so that you will be better informed for voting in the Senate and House races. Information can be found at:

- McCormick/Casey: <https://www.aauwaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Head-to-Head-Candidates-for-PA-Senate-Election-2024.png>
- Deluzio/Mercuri: <https://www.aauwaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Head-to-Head-Candidates-for-PA-17-Congressional-District-2024.png>

AWARDS COMMITTEE - MARY ANN BOLLAND

Nominations are due Nov. 15!

The annual Awards program is an opportunity to recognize AAUW members and community members for supporting our mission. Please send nominations for the following awards for AAUW members who have:

- **NAMED GIFT HONOREE/S:** shown leadership or great effort to the branch.
- **MEMBER MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** made a significant difference in something of importance to the branch within the past year.
- **OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF THE BRANCH:** been recognized for meritorious service to the branch and the community for accumulative service.
- **GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD:** Awarded to 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:** Awarded to an individual or organization from the community that substantially supports the AAUW mission and values.

Please email the following information for each nominee:

- Specific Award
- Individual's name (include contact information for non-members)
- How the nominee meets the criteria to deserve the award
- Your name and email
- **Email your nominations by Nov. 15 to Mary Ann Falcone-Bolland:**
dbolland@comcast.net

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.*

HOSPITALITY – BARB CRISHI

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to Linda Lobozzo and her entire hostess committee for the wonderful fall snacks and drinks they arranged at our October meeting. The beautiful fall table truly set the perfect atmosphere. The apple cider, meat and cheese tray, caramel grapes and almond cake were just a few of the

delicious items that everyone enjoyed. Your efforts made the gathering memorable and delightful.

Thank you once again for your hard work and creativity!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – LINDA LOBOZZO

Please use this email address when sending newsletter information:


llobozooaauw@gmail.com - all newsletter information is due by the 15th of each month.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP – JODEAN BROOKS


Information was received from the AAUW-PA C/U Liaison. The email was forwarded to Carey McDougall, our Penn State liaison. The email contained information on Fellowships & Grants to be shared with the students and faculty at Penn State. A few branches were contacted to gain insight on how they were conducting their C/U program. Planning on reaching out to CCBC.

Love Your
Neighbor


who doesn't

 Look like you

 Think like you

 Love like you

 Speak like you

 Pray like you

 Vote like you

Love Your Neighbor

No exceptions

FRIENDSHIP AND WELLNESS – MARY DESANZO

Please consider bringing contributions for the Women's Center to our November 7 meeting. This is the Holiday Wish List in their latest newsletter. Thank you, your generosity makes a difference to so many. Mary DeSanzo will take the donations to the Center.

Holiday Wish List

The holiday season at the Women's Center is truly magical. The incredible and generous support the Center continuously receives from the community and area businesses are a vital piece in assisting families impacted by violence during the holiday season. During the last several holiday seasons, survivors talked about how much the gift cards meant to them beyond the monetary value. Gift card donations provide survivors an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their children and food the family enjoys. Your donations provide an opportunity for holiday magic and continue to help create family traditions. In order to continue supporting new family memories, we will limit our holiday wish list to gift cards, which will be provided to our families.

**Gift Card Ideas: Walmart, Target,
Local Restaurants, Grocery Stores,
Clothing Stores, Department Stores,
Amazon, Lyft,
Visa/Mastercard**

**Please make arrangements to drop off
gift cards by December 2nd, if possible
so that we can ensure our families have
adequate time to prepare for the
holidays. You can contact us at 724-
775-2032.**

**Thank you for working with us to bring
the magic of the holiday season to
children and their families!**

INTEREST GROUPS

AAUW AFTER HOURS – KACIE KIRKPATRICK

Congratulations to this week's trivia winners!



Three members and four friends met at the Grand Valley Bar and Grill for Trivia Night.

FEMMES – JEAN MACALUSO

The DUTCH HAUS in Columbiana, OH, has been a favorite attraction for decades. The hearty American-Amish cuisine of many choices is served in a setting that exudes comfort, especially on the chilly days of autumn. Join us for a warm and cozy lunch there on Tuesday, November 5, at 12:30 after you VOTE! Please let me know by the preceding Sunday if you plan to attend and also if you need a ride. Bring friends who may become prospective members and enjoy another scenic fall trip.

jean.macaluso@yahoo.com 724-581-6050—text

Please reply directly to me.

~SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024. FEMMES Christmas Luncheon. Details to follow soon.

~AAUW MUGS

An idea came to the Program Committee about presenting our speakers with a tangible appreciation gift, such as a mug, along with the honorarium. Mugs also will be available to members at the meetings, and, if interested, see Jean Macaluso. Red lined mugs are \$10 each, and plain white ones are \$7 each.

GARDEN GROUP – DEB NEWTON

For the Garden Group's last adventure of the season, we will look to travel to Sharon, PA to visit the **Buhl Mansion located at 422 East State Street**. The Buhl Mansion is the architectural legacy of Sharon's steel magnate, Frank H. Buhl. Construction began in 1890 and was completed in 1896 for a total cost of \$60,000. After the passing of Frank and his wife Julia, the property changed hands many times and was stripped of many of its magnificent architectural elements such as staircases, chandeliers, and fireplace mantels. Jim and Donna Winner then purchased and restored Julia's "castle" for all to enjoy.

Arrangements have been made to tour the historic mansion commencing at **1PM on Thursday, October 24th**. We will then be able to walk the grounds at our own leisure. Cost per person for the tour is \$10. For those looking to have lunch prior to the tour, we will meet at Donna's Dinner which is just a half mile from the mansion at 11:30AM. If you would like to carpool, we will meet at the Rite Aid, 1505 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls at 10:15 for the drive to Sharon. If you are interested, please contact Deb Newton at 724-709-1330 or by email at deb.newton1030@gmail.com by October 21st.

INVESTMENT – DEB MANGELLI

The Investment Group will meet at Eat-n-park, Chippewa on Friday Oct 25, 2024, at 5:30pm. We will be in the back room and enjoy a light dinner or dessert, your choice.

LITERATURE 1 – LINDA LOBOZZO

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10 at Quality Time in New Brighton. We will meet at 11:30 to have lunch and discuss the book *Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Yvonne will be our discussion leader.

LITERATURE II – GINGER MUNS

This group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00pm. Each member takes turns hosting, providing refreshments and conducting book discussions. Reading selections are proposed at a picnic in July and then scheduled at a luncheon at the Wooden Angel in August. The group gathers in December at Felicity Farm for a Christmas lunch and grab bag paperback book exchange. Contact Ginger Muns, Leader for more information.

MOVIE GROUP – JODEAN BROOKS



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever looks interesting and opens Nov 8. Wicked is set to be released Nov 21. We will keep checking for a day and time at the Monaca theater.