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BEAVER VALLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2024



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE - DEB NEWTON/ROBERTA GOOD

Our most recent Branch meeting, “Getting to Know Us” was filled with great comradery, delicious snacks and a superb program! Membership matters!

The presentation by Pamela Rossi-Keen, the Executive Director of Genesis Collective, was quite engaging. The Collective supports a diverse group of local artists, activists, academics, and organizers who each bring their unique backgrounds, experiences, and passions of their work to the Genesis Collective.

Thanks to our Co-President, Deb Newton and assistance from Vickie Scott, for submitting our AAUW Beaver-Valley Branch annual Kitchen Tour fundraising project details and pictures to the Keystoner, State newsletter.

Looking ahead, the next branch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 pm. A holiday program will feature, Susan Garton, a professional hand bell soloist., “High Notes to Hand Bells”. This program is guaranteed to get us in the holiday mood!

Our January Board meeting will include establishing a nominating committee in preparation for naming a new Co-President, a new Recording secretary for Branch meetings and confirming our VP Membership Co-Chairs. The committee’s goal will be to present a slate of officers at the February Branch meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE: The 2025 Kitchen Tour Registration and Marketplace will be held at the new, beautiful, centrally located IBEW LOCAL 712 Union Hall in Vanport with ample parking, handicap accessibility, and state-of-the-art equipment.

“As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we’ll all be better off for it.”

— [Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)

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!!!

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!

Member Shelby Black-Couch was a vendor at the Kitchen Tour, selling her Trades of Hope wares. Shelby kindly donated \$56.11 of her profits to support our Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Shelby!

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 Lobo, 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

None this month.

ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES **YEARBOOK UPDATES**

None this month.

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

Several guests attended the November “Getting to Know Us” meeting. **Alina Nye** was a panelist for Girls Recognition Night and **Cindy Lucas** whose home was on the Kitchen Tour attended as a guest. Membership information was given. If you know them, please encourage them to take a close look at what the Beaver Valley Branch has to offer!

And of course, guests are always welcome. Consider inviting a friend, neighbor or co-worker to join you at our December meeting!

KITCHEN TOUR – VICKIE SCOTT

On October 19, the Kitchen Tour Committee held the wrap up meeting for the 2024 tour. Overall, everyone was happy with how this year’s tour went. The 2024 profits allow our branch to offer scholarships in 2025 at the same monetary level as we did this year. The whole branch made this possible.
THANK YOU!

The committee discussed three strategic issues:

- 2025 Kitchen Tour date
- Marketplace location
- How to expand the tour’s geographic area

With assistance from several committee members, I am pleased to announce the outcomes for two of these issues:

- **The 2025 Kitchen Tour will be held on October 4, 2025.** Kim and Allen Litz’s daughter is getting married on September 27. There are other local

community events held on September 20 (Fort MacIntosh Day) and October 11 (Beaver Valley Quilt Show).

- **The Marketplace will be located at the newly built IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) building in Vanport.** Throughout this past year many members gave me alternative locations. At the wrap up meeting, we vetted 10 locations. The IBEW Building was the strongest option.

The committee had a thoughtful discussion about expanding our geographic reach for houses on the tour. We will continue these discussions. Having the marketplace more centrally located is an asset towards this geographic expansion.

Deb Newton led the task to submit an article about our Kitchen Tour. This article is in the most recent issue of AAUW PA's Keystoner. The Carlisle Branch president contacted Roberta. They wish to learn more about the Kitchen Tour with the idea of holding a similar event.

Our efforts for the 2025 Kitchen Tour will resume after the holiday season. I will reach out to the committee and membership at large in February or early March.

I am seeking members interested in doing something different or expanding your role. More about these developments later, if you have an interest contact me.

PUBLIC POLICY – DEB NEWTON

Democrats will retain a slim one seat majority control of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This majority control allows Democrats to set the legislative agenda. The PA Senate remains a status quo with a 28-22 split in favor of Republicans. PA House minority leadership is being challenged by Josh Kail of Beaver County.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP – JODEAN BROOKS

Website information was sent to Kristen Doerschner, campus relations director and Shawn O'Neill, financial aid coordinator, at Penn State campus to share our membership and scholarships opportunities with their students.

WELLNESS/FRIENDSHIP – MARY DESANZO

The following gift cards totaling \$305, which were collected at our November 7 meeting, were taken to the Women's Center on November 8. The cards were very greatly appreciated and will be a big help to the residents and clients of the Women's Center this upcoming Christmas season. Also, I delivered the calendars which will be very useful to the clients. Many, many thanks to all our members.

ALDI	\$25	GIANT EAGLE	\$25
GIANT EAGLE	\$20	TJMAX/MARSHALL'S	\$20
TARGET	\$20	TARGET	\$10
TARGET	\$10	MASTERCARD	\$25
WALMART	\$20	MASTERCARD	\$25
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INTREST GROUPS

~ANTIQUES – JACKIE HEANEY

AAUW Antiques met at the home of Jackie Heaney. The topic was "Good Night, Sleep Tight" (quilts). The presentation was enhanced with the help from our fellow quilters.

The group will next meet at the home of Vicki Scott on December 9th at NOON. The topic, "Christmas Memorabilia."



~FEMMES – JEAN MACALUSO

Reservations for the FEMMES Christmas Luncheon are due by DECEMBER 9. You don't want to miss this event filled with Christmas spirit, at the Wooden Angel, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

See reservation form at end of newsletter.

~LITERATURE 1 – LINDA LOBOZZO

- WHEN: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- WHERE: Quality Time in New Brighton
- TIME: 11:30
- BOOK: *Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb
- LEADER: Yvonne

~LITERATURE 3 – SUSAN HUNTSMAN

- WHEN: Tuesday, November 19, 2024
- WHERE: Wooden Angel
- TIME: 12:30
- BOOK: *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams
- LEADER: Mary Patrick

There will be no meeting in December.

~MOVIE – JODEAN BROOKS

On November 12th, members got in the holiday spirit with *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER* movie. The Herdman kids, who are absolutely the worst, hijacked the town Christmas pageant and unwittingly teach a community the true meaning of Christmas.



FEMMES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

FEMMES Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 1:00**, at the

Wooden Angel. You don't want to miss the social gathering at 12:15, so come early. Cost will be \$25, and your choice of menu follows:

_____ Broiled English Style Scrod

_____ Butternut Squash Ravioli

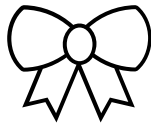
_____ Tender Pot Roast of Beef

Make checks payable to JEAN MACALUSO with notation of menu item on check. Give or send to her no later than **December 9. Checks will not be cashed until near the date of the luncheon.** Bring a prospective member.

Jean Macaluso

1030 Conway Walrose Rd.

Freedom, PA 15042



“YOU KNOW THE DRILL FROM PAST YEARS”

NOTE: Each year wrapped Christmas gifts have been given as prizes, so search for those items that you have tucked away for use “someday” and wrap a few as pretty Christmas gifts to be appreciated by others. Don’t feel guilty about parting with something because it may come back to you someday. It is called RE-GIFTING, and it is all in fun.