



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE - DEB NEWTON and ROBERTA GOOD

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

We hope you all are planning to attend this year's Spring Brunch at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 3rd at the Wooden Angel Restaurant, Beaver. We will be presenting the scholarship awards to three high school seniors, a Community College of Beaver County honoree, and a Non-traditional awardee.

All the hard work that goes into the Kitchen Tour fundraiser culminates at the spring brunch with the scholarship award celebration. This is our *investment in the future* that benefits not only the recipient and their families but society as a whole. AAUW.... Empowering Women since 1881.

Locally, our Beaver Valley branch celebrated our 95th anniversary on February 13th. It was in 1930 when seventeen women gathered at Geneva's Alumnae Hall to advance the mission of AAUW. The following is an excerpt from a card recognizing this milestone recently received from AAUW PA President Cindy Hall:

Congratulations to your board and branch members on your 95th anniversary. It takes real fortitude to keep active for so many years. While the climate for women and girls' advancement seems a bit turbulent, we are needed more than ever. Thank you for your advocacy and continuing fight. Happy Anniversary!

In addition to honoring our scholarship awardees, branch awardees from nominations by branch members will be recognized. Congratulations to this year's awardees and thank you for your outstanding contribution to AAUW Beaver Valley!

2025 AAUW AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS

Named Gift Honorees - Joann Lecrone and Linda Lobo

Member Making a Difference - Kacie Kirkpatrick

Outstanding Woman of the Branch - Mary Beth Quinn

Gateway to Equity Award - Chloe Goehring, Content and Logistics Coordinator, Community College of Beaver County

Champion of AAUW Beaver Valley - Nick Zunic

The installation of new officers also will take place at our brunch. We most heartily thank those who are stepping down for their time and commitment, and we stand ready to assist the new slate of officers where needed. Membership Matters!

2025-2026 OFFICERS SLATE:

- Co-President Debbie Mangelli
- Vice-Presidents Membership Kim Litz and Mary Beth Quinn
- Board Meeting Secretary Christine Kubala
- Branch Meeting Secretary Angela Manno

Thank you, Roberta and Deb



\$\$ FINANCE- NANCY MAHOSKY \$\$

PLEASE PAY 2025-26 DUES

Dues for the new fiscal year (7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026) need to be paid by June 15, 2025. Checks in the amount of \$82 should be made payable to AAUW Beaver Valley Branch and mailed to Nancy Mahosky, 1904 17th Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. An addressed envelope for your convenience was included in the last mailing.

Members may also pay online using a credit or debit card. Click on the Membership 2025-26 tab to access.

SHAPE THE FUTURE FREE MEMBERSHIPS EARNED

Congratulations to our branch for recruiting 4 new members in the calendar year 2024. This entitles us to 2 free national and state memberships for 2025-26. These free memberships will be chosen by a raffle held at our May 3 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 \$54 (half-price). It’s a real bargain! Plus, our branch will earn one free membership for every 2 recruits applicable to 2026-27 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 2025-26 tab.



MEET OUR 2025 CCBC AWARD WINNER KENDRA COLEMAN

Kendra is a graduate of Beaver Falls High School and is majoring in special education at CCBC. She plans on continuing her education at Slippery Rock University. Kendra plans on attending our May 3 luncheon so please say hello and congratulate her.

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!!!!!! Any recipes not used in 2025 will be saved for the future.

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 and Christmas luncheon 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 are buttons on the website to pay dues and pay for the May luncheon.

NEW MEMBERS

None this month.

ADDRESS, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

None this month.

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 2025 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.



SUMMER KITCHEN TOUR PLANS AND ACTIVITIES - VICKIE SCOTT

Saturday, October 4th will be here before we know it. There are many activities undertaken over summer months to have a successful tour in the fall. Mary Beth will send out announcements during the

summer as smaller work groups gather to undertake preparatory activities for the tour.

We have **critical openings** on the committee.

1. Another member to help Yvonne Zier with distributing signs. This group will also work through repairing and adding the dates to our signage. Marianne Turner has volunteered to store the signs after the tour.
2. A group of five or six members to lead with the Accessories Sale. Linda is willing to mentor and assist this sub-committee.

Please call or email Vickie if you are willing to undertake either of these important roles.

MAY TASKS

Accessories Sale: As you do your spring cleaning and arrange your closets for the warmer weather, gather your donations for the accessories sale into box(es). This sale is an important revenue stream from the tour. Look for instructions as to who is taking deliveries later in June.

Raffle Basket Donations: The front table at the **May meeting** will have the donor list for basket items, “generic” letters for businesses, and a sign-up sheet. For new donors, if you are willing to ask businesses for donations, please take the following steps:

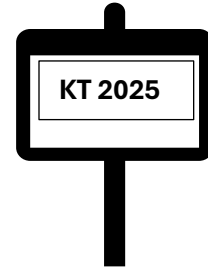
1. Verify using the donor list and the sign-up sheet on the table, that the business is not already assigned to a member.
2. Write the business names and your name on the sign-up sheet.
3. Take the number of “generic” letters you need.
4. Contact your businesses.
5. Send an email or text to Vickie with your results. Include the donors’ names, addresses, and items donated.

It is exciting to see that we have 28 new donors this year and already have 15 members asking local businesses to participate.

JUNE/JULY TASKS

Volunteer to participate during the work meetings. We will have meetings to:

- Clean, repair and date our signage
- Stuff envelopes for the member mailing
- Help with the accessory sale
- Other tasks as needed



The date, time, and location for these meetings are pending. Look for announcements over the summer.

When your kitchen tour mailing arrives, open the envelope! There will be two tickets to the event and a form. Send your funds to pay for the tickets to Mary Beth Quinn. The form has a summary of the tasks to do during August and September AND the bottom portion is sent to Frances Pickard. Frances is handling the scheduling for the event service hours. The mailing also has two addressed envelopes for the ticket funds and the staffing form.

RAFFLE BASKET ITEMS

Vickie will collect raffle basket items at the August board meeting and the September luncheon.



GIRLS' RECOGNITION NIGHT – JODEAN BROOKS

On April 10th, Girls' Recognition honored twenty-eight young ladies from twelve school districts. In attendance were the girls' families and teachers. Our Community College spokesperson was Ms. Farrow, MBA, who delivered an insightful talk on Cybersecurity. She also informed the girls and their parents about the opportunity to earn college credits while attending high school. Our two college panelists, Cassidy McCracken, an Engineering Major at CCBC, and Stephanie Milovich, an Information Technology Major at Penn State Beaver provided the girls with valuable information on college life and what to expect in classes. The eighth-grade students also heard from Dr. Kimberlee Hobizal, FACFAS, a board-certified, fellowship-trained foot and ankle surgeon, and Autumn E. Sabo, Ph.D., an assistant professor of biology at Penn State, who shared insights about their daily responsibilities as women working in STEM fields. This was our first year to include a branch information table. I am pleased that the girls and parents were interested in the materials we had to offer.

Once again, the Carnegie Science Center donated tickets for the students to spend a day at the center. This year, we were excited to promote the Science Center's new initiative, Tour Your Future.

For the past fourteen, years, our program has celebrated the achievements of four- hundred (400) eighth-grade girls excelling in science and math.



Thank you to this year's GRN committee:

Joann Lecrone, Mary DeSanzo, Roberta Good, Christine Kubala, Angela Manno, Mar Murray, Sharon Nerone, Bonnie Reyes, and Vickie Scott.

PUBLIC POLICY/ EDUCATION UPDATE– ROSE HOMISH



1. Historic Increases in Basic Education Funding Public

Education funding 2021/22: \$308,306,944

2024/25: \$811,000,320

Equal funding lawsuit settlement: “...policy makers were forced to realize that PA school funding is so broken that it is unconstitutional.” (The Voice for Education) May 2024

2. **Increased new student teacher stipend program** from \$10 million to \$20 million to cover more applicants. (needed to cover all student teachers: estimated \$45 million)
Stipends were \$10,000. 2025 –2026 applications are now

open. If you know someone who will be student teaching recommend that they apply to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

StudentTeacherSupport@pheaa.org

3. Vouchers/money follows the child still on the table
4. Grow PA Scholarship Grant & Merit Programs to encourage in-state and non-resident students to commit to work in PA after graduation for 12 months for each year scholarship is granted.
5. Push for dismantling the Dept. of Education
 - a. 20 states are suing to block the cuts
 - b. The workforce was reduced by 50%
 - c. USED can only be eliminated with an act of Congress but can be incapacitated
 - d. 2024 PA state allocation for IDEA is \$554 million
 - e. What is not clear is how states will receive money as USED is the distributor of \$\$\$ (PA: \$1.6 billion in funding)
 - f. Education Voters of PA has a script you can read when you call your Reps & Senators
6. The Social Security Fairness Act: retired public-school educators in 15 states where school districts don't participate in SS can now collect \$\$ from other income they earned from other SS eligible jobs.



**WHAT DID THE GARDENER DO WHEN
ALL THE PLANTS IN HIS FARM
WILTED?**



**HE THREW IN THE
TROWEL!**

INTEREST GROUPS

~FEMMES – JEAN MACALUSO

Ladies,

Femmes will meet at the Bigham Tavern, in Bridgewater, in May. Under a new name and management, you are familiar with the restaurant that was at this location for many years under different names, the latest being Mario's II. Familiar, no travel, pleasing menu, friendly conversation——come and join us at this river setting on, we hope, a beautiful spring afternoon. Mark your calendars: Wednesday, May 7, 12:30. Please contact me by the preceding Monday if you plan to attend, and I hope to see you there.

jean.macaluso@yahoo.com

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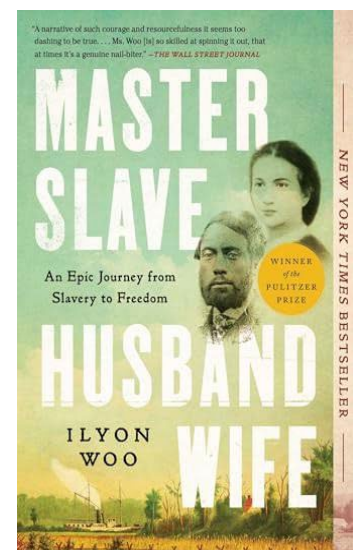
LITERATURE I – LINDA LOBOZZO

BOOK: *MASTER SLAVE HUSBAND WIFE*

WHERE: Quality Time in New Brighton

WHEN: 11:30 Tuesday, June 10, 2025

LEADER: Jodean





Country Living

*"You're only here for a
short visit. Don't hurry.
Don't worry. And be sure
to smell the flowers along
the way."*

—Walter C. Hagen

A special summer edition of the newsletter will be published in late June.
If you have articles or information that you would like published, please
send it to me by June 20, 2025. Please use this email address:

llobozsoaauw@gmail.com