



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE - DEB NEWTON and DEB MANGELLI

At this year's Fall Brunch, we had the pleasure of honoring our Effie M. Solomon Memorial Law Scholarship recipient, Jenna Chirichetti. Jenna is a Beaver Falls High School and Georgetown University honors graduate. She is currently completing her third year at Case Western Reserve University School of Law while serving as a legal intern at the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Upon graduation, she will be joining a Pittsburgh law firm to practice labor law. Scholarships like Jenna's are made possible through the success of our annual fundraiser - the Kitchen Tour. This year's event takes place on Saturday, October 4th, with the Marketplace moving to the new International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Hall in Vanport. The Marketplace will feature a basket raffle, bake sale, vendors, and accessories, while patrons will still enjoy visiting kitchens where local chefs prepare delicious treats. Many hands are needed to make this event a success! Please consider volunteering and, just as importantly, spreading the word to friends, family, and organizations you're part of – word of mouth is one of the best ways to boost ticket sales.

We are also proud to share that our branch has received AAUW National's 4-Star recognition for the past program year. The award acknowledges excellence in Public Policy, Governance, Programming, and Communications. In the words of Deb Roney, Vice Chair of the AAUW PA Advancement Committee: "Congratulations to the Beaver Valley Branch on achieving the Public Policy, Governance, Programming and Communications stars! Stars are not easy to achieve. Four is a great success. You are to be commended on this achievement!"

Thank you for all you do to strengthen our branch and support our mission. With your continued dedication, we are looking forward to another star-quality year together.

KITCHEN TOUR 2025 – VICKIE SCOTT



The schedule for working assignments is provided below. IF you don't have an assignment and are able to contribute Friday for setup or Saturday during the tour, please contact Vickie Scott (724.462.6782 mobile). Frances and Vickie built the schedule based upon everyone who sent responses to Frances.

REMINDERS

1. Setup is during the day on Friday, October 3rd. **IBEW Union Hall, 217 Sassafra Lane, (Vanport) Beaver PA.** We must finish before 4:30pm.
2. All of the Marketplace activities will be in a single large meeting room. Each team is assigned a start time. See the schedule!!! Adhering to the schedule should minimize the chance of multiple teams tripping over each other.
3. The lobby will have tables for marking tickets, selling tickets, etc. On Friday, these tables will be used to stage your baked goods as the remainder of the room is setup. Please remember to mark off your name on Pam's list.
4. If you cannot deliver your baked goods during the day on Friday, bring them between 8:30 am and 9:15 am to the IBEW Union Hall on Saturday. Please remember to mark off your name on Pam's list.
5. Pay Mary Beth Quinn for your tickets.
6. Enjoy the day!

WORK ASSIGNMENTS STILL TO BE FILLED

Please contact Vickie Scott (724.462.6782 mobile) if you or a family member can help with these assignments.

1. We need one more truck to deliver the accessories racks from Linda's house (2202 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls) to the Union Hall.

2. Friday, October 3rd: Pickup raffle baskets and accessories at Vickie's house. Patti Rock will be at Vickie's house to organize this activity. We need **4 SUVs/Vans to make two round trips between the house and the Union Hall. Steps are involved at the house.**

1242 Avondale Drive, Industry PA (3.5 miles west of the Beaver/Midland 376 Interchange just off of Route 68)

3. Friday, October 3rd. This team needs one more person to help move furniture at the Union Hall lobby and meeting room. Start time is 8:30am. Loads of walking and muscle needed to move furniture -- most have wheels. We intend to have this task completed before the raffle basket team arrives at 10:30

Schedule of Workers: Houses

AM Session 10:30 to 1:00 (arrive 15-20 mins before)

PM Session 1:00 to 3:00 (arrive 15-20 mins before)

House 1: 810 2nd Street, Beaver

Roberta Good: Chair (AM and PM)

Christine Kubala: Kitchen/Speaker (AM and PM)

Salam Raskovsky (PM)

Tickets: Nancy Cole (AM) and Ellen Taylor (PM)

House 3: 107 Fernwood Drive, Brighton Twp.

Kim Litz: Chair (AM and PM)

Mar Murray: Speaker (AM)

Tara O'Leary: Speaker (PM)

Elaine Strouss: Speaker (PM)

Tickets: Debbie Mangelli (AM) and Kathy Harris (PM)

Outdoor Speaker (AAUW Mission): Deb Newton (AM)

and

Kim Litz (PM)

House 2: 434 Dravo Avenue, Beaver

Kacie Kirkpatrick: Chair (AM and PM)

Amy Palaich AM and PM

Clara McMichael (AM)

Tickets: Sue Brandt (AM) and Jean Snitger (PM)

House 4: 138 Eric Drive, Brighton Twp.

Angela Manno: Chair (AM and PM)

Ginger Muns: Speaker (AM)

Jan Landsbach: Speaker (PM)

Karen Coates (AM)

Tickets: Jackie Heaney (AM) and Joyce Hoppa (PM)

Schedule of Workers: IBEW Union Hall

Transportation for Setup on Friday, 3rd

10:30 Linda Loboizzo's 2202 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls Truck Needed Here	11:30 Pam Powers's 100 Grove St, New Brighton Allan Litz	10:00 and 11:00 Vickie Scott's 1242 Avondale Drive, Industry John Rolya and others
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Setup beginning per schedule Friday morning, 3rd

	Start Time	Location in the Room	Members Assigned
Initial Set up	8:30	Lobby and Meeting Room	S. Worst (lead), V. Scott, and M. Turner
Raffle Baskets	10:30	Back in Front of Stage	J. Macaluso (lead), J. Brooks, A. Challis, E. Council, K. Coates, P. Rock, J. Snitger, and Y. Zier
Accessories	11:30	Middle	L. Loboizzo (mentor), J. Hoppa, K. Litz, P. Mansell, and V. Scott
Bake Sale	noon	Front	P. Powers (lead), H. Bloom, N. Osman, and E. Taylor Friday's early baked goods arrivals to be staged in lobby
Vendors	8:00 am, Sat.	As marked	M. Turner and V. Scott

Marketplace Hours on Saturday, 4th

Opens at 8 AM (vendor setup). Members can come early at 9 AM

Patron hours are 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Raffle Basket pickup is 3:30 PM to 6 PM

Ticket Sales: MB Quinn

Finance: N. Mahosky

Accessory Boutique: T. O'Leary (AM), E. Strouss (AM),
B. Donnelly, and P. Mansell

Greeting Table: A. Challis (AM and PM), Y. Zier (AM) and D. Holtzman (PM)

Vendors: M. Turner

Membership Table: L. Loboizzo (AM and PM)

Raffle Ticket Sales: B. Ryes and L. Olsop (AM), and N. Osman and M. Turner (PM)

Bake Sale: P. Powers and M. Desanzo (AM and PM)

AM (arrive 8:45): L. Stewart (AM) and H. Bloom (AM and PM)

Raffle Area: P. Rock (AM and PM)

Raffle Grill: N. Osman (AM) and B. Buttermore (PM)

Raffle Basket Distribution 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Saturday, 4th

A. Challis, E. Crishi, M. DeSanzo, K. Harris, K. Litz, N. Mahosky, C. McDougall, D. Newton, M. Tuner, S. Worst, and V. Scott

Additional help to assist at 3:00 PM to pull tickets.

FINANCE – NANCY MAHOSKY



WE ARE A 4 STAR BRANCH

Congratulations to our branch once again for earning 4 stars during the fiscal year 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025. We earned stars in the areas of:

1. Communications

Branch has a communications person, a website, and a Facebook page.

2. Public Policy and Advocacy

Branch has a public policy chair, holds meetings with an emphasis on AAUW goals, and holds a voter registration and education event.

3. Programming

Branch holds at least 4 programs that align with AAUW strategic plan.

4. Governance and Sustainability

Branch has a succession plan and a strategic plan, appoints a Diversity Officer, and participates in the annual survey.

We did not earn a star in Advancement. This star requires a branch to contribute 15% more to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund than the previous fiscal year. In 2023-24, we contributed \$2500 so it was difficult to add more to that large amount. In 2024-25, we contributed \$1430 so we need to contribute about \$215 more. Members may contribute individually by mailing donations directly to AAUW. So, when you receive note cards from AAUW, consider sending a donation no matter how small. Every little bit helps!

Thanks to the committee of Nancy Mahosky, Vickie Scott, Linda Lobozzo, Deb Newton, Roberta Good, Lea Kretchmar, and Kim Litz.

SHAPE THE FUTURE FREE MEMBERSHIPS

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 Mary Beth Quinn or Kim Litz for an application. This application is also available on our website for downloading. Just click on the Membership Application 2025-26 tab.

THANK YOU FOR KITCHEN TOUR DONATIONS

Our anonymous donor continues to support us with a fantastic donation of \$4,000.

Member Jean Macaluso contributed \$100. Our 59-year member June Schutte sent us a donation of \$200. June lives in North Carolina but continues to support us. She would love to hear from members so please send June a note. Her address is in the yearbook. Thanks Jean, June, and of course, anonymous.

THANK YOU FOR GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

Member Vickie Scott contributed \$100. In addition to \$100 that she contributed in June, our extra rent for the new meeting site is almost covered. Thanks, Vickie!

BRUNCH RAFFLE PROFITS

Our brunch basket raffle earned \$215, and the envelope raffle earned \$185. Thanks to members for their generosity. Thanks again to Bonnie Reyes, Elizabeth Cernus, Jackie Heaney, and Katherine Miller for setting up the baskets. Thanks to Nancy Mahosky for preparing the envelope raffle. A total of \$400 will be added to the General Fund.

2026 KITCHEN TOUR RECIPES NEEDED!!!

The 2025 recipe book is complete, but we need fresh recipes for the 2026 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 2026 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, Christmas luncheon, and spring luncheon, 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.



None this month.

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our current membership count is 78.



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 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.



SMILING FACES NEEDED!

Our photographers, Lea Kretchmar and Kim Litz, are trying to obtain photos of all members for the website. It's password-protected so only other members can see it.

The following members need to have their lovely picture taken:

Karen Coates	Erin Crishi	Debbie Daquila	Patty Davison
Michelle Donner	Millie Koos	Judy McDermott	Karen Mitch
Cary McDougall	Abigail McFarland	Stephanie Menor	Amy Palaich
Paulette Potter	Meghan Solomon	Joann Soltes	
Patricia Von Dreele	Yvonne Zier		

If you have a headshot that you would like to publish, text or email it to Lea. So, if you see Lea or Kim heading your way, SMILE!!!!

PROGRAM – BARB CRISHI

OCTOBER

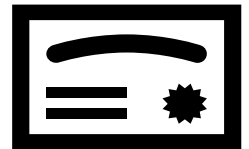
Kick off the season with **Felicia Mycyk**, coach, mother of four, cancer survivor, and award-winning community advocate. She'll share her story and strategies to stay motivated in life's toughest moments.

NOVEMBER

We'd love for you to join us on Thursday, November 6 at 7 PM at the Vanport Presbyterian Church. Our own Barb Crishi, MS, RD/LD, CDCES will be leading a conversation: "Behind the Numbers: Real Talk About Diabetes & Daily Life." Barb doesn't just want to talk *at* you—she wants to talk *with* you. This will be a chance to ask questions, share thoughts, and learn together in an open, supportive setting.



AWARDS COMMITTEE - MARY ANN BOLLAND



Nominations are due Nov. 17!

We all know branch members who have gone above and beyond--now is your opportunity to recognize their hard work. Nominations are now open for this year's awards, and the committee needs your input to honor the members who make a difference in our branch. Please take a few minutes to submit nominations so we can celebrate their achievements.

FIVE AWARDS and CRITERIA:

- **NAMED GIFT HONOREE/S:** members who 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 submit the following information for each nominee by email:

- Specific Award as noted above
- Individual's name and contact information for non-members
- Describe what the nominee has done to meet the criteria and is deserving of the award
- Your name and email. **Subject line: AAUW Nominations**
- **Email your nominations by Nov. 17 to Mary Ann Falcone-Bolland:**
dbolland@comcast.net

The Awards Committee reviews nominations and presents the selections to the board for approval. Awards will be presented in 2026. ***Thank you*** for sending nominations!

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



MEMBERSHIP – KIM LITZ, MARY BETH QUINN

It's only October and we already have 4 new members matching the new member count for the entire 2024-25 club year! 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!

INTEREST GROUPS

~FEMMES – JEAN MACALUSO



We will be having lunch at this restaurant for the first time. It is Pondi's in Lisbon, OH. Good food, very casual dining, easy trip from Chippewa. Take Blackhawk Road to Elkton, turn R and continue to Lisbon; at traffic light, turn left for not more than 1/8 mile, and Pondi's is on the left. Let me know by Tuesday morning if you plan to join us on Wednesday, October 1. We can carpool from the front parking lot at CVS, facing Rt. 51, at 11:30.

Please reply directly to me. Jean Macaluso 724-581-6050 text

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Wednesday, November 5—Frank G's

Tuesday, December 16—Femmes Christmas Luncheon, Wooden Angel



~GARDEN – DEBBIE MANGELLI

The Garden Group will have its last garden tour on Saturday, Sep 20, 2025, at 11:00am at the home of Adele Rutherford, by Millvale. Her garden won the Shaler Twp Garden of the Year award in 2024. She is excited about showing us her garden, so I believe we are in for a treat to end the season. We will have lunch at Grant Bar in Millvale, an old German restaurant with good food and neat decor.

I want to thank all the members who participated this summer in making our group interesting, as it should be. Please let me know of any new garden tours you would like to do next season. I appreciate your input and look forward to next year's tours.

~LITERATURE I – LINDA LOBOZZO

Yvonne will lead the discussion of our next book, *Every 15 Minutes* by Lisa Scottoline. We will meet at 11:30, on Tuesday, November 11, at Quality Time & Carry Out in New Brighton.

~LITERATURE II – GINGER MUNS

This Book Group meets on the second Thursday of each month in members' homes. In September we met at Barb Crishi's home and Ginger led the discussion of *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. We were so inspired by the book it was decided to rename our Book Group -The Literary Ladies of Lit II. The October gathering will be hosted by Ginger Muns and Barb Crishi will lead discussion of *No More Tears*-the dark secrets of Johnson & Johnson by Gardiner Harris.

Contact Ginger Muns, Leader for more information.

~LITERATURE III – JEAN MACALUSO

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, BOARD ROOM, WOODEN ANGEL

Paris Express by Emma Donoghue-- It is an historical novel based on the Paris train station disaster in 1895. It delves into the social dynamics of the era.

Discussion will be led by Ellen Taylor.