



## **CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE - DEB NEWTON and DEB MANGELLI**

Our October guest speaker, Felicia Mycyk, posed a thoughtful question: "What keeps you coming back to meetings as an AAUW member?"

Members shared great responses ----believing in our mission, valuing the sisterhood and camaraderie, enjoying the many interest group activities, recognizing young women through Girls Recognition Night, and taking pride in our fundraising and scholarship efforts that support local women. Whatever your reason may be, we can agree it's inspiring to be part of an organization filled with passionate women committed to equity and education. This spirit was clearly evident during our Kitchen Tour --- each year seems to outshine the last! We are so grateful to the homeowners who graciously opened their homes, local businesses that donated food and gift basket items, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) for hosting our

Marketplace, and all of you who gave your time and energy to make the event a success. What a winning combination!

As part of the International Women's Day 2025 theme reminds us: "Strong Women, Strong Future."

Looking ahead, our program year continues on November 6th at the Vanport Presbyterian Church, where member Barb Crishi, MS, RD/LD, CDCES will lead a discussion on understanding diabetes. November is designated as National Diabetes Month, and according to the CDC's 2021 Diabetes Statistical Report, diabetes affects 38.4 million Americans --- that's 11.6% of the U.S. population. Join us to learn about the risk factors, importance of healthy lifestyle choices, and effective management strategies.

Thank you for all that you do ----Membership Matters!

## **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.**

**Our focus from now until June 30, 2026, is to 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 2024-25, we contributed \$1430 so we need to contribute about \$215 more. Members may contribute individually by mailing donations directly to AAUW or logging in to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and donating online. So, when you receive note cards from AAUW, consider sending a donation no matter how small. Every little bit helps!**

**The committee of Nancy Mahosky, Vickie Scott, Linda Lobozzo, Deb Newton, Roberta Good, Lea Kretchmar, and Kim Litz, will continue to work on earning all 5 stars. Newcomers are welcome!**

### **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**

**Jonathan Rock, son of member Patty Rock, \$50**

**Debra Jurich, friend of member Nancy Noll, \$25**

**Ginger Muns, member \$20**

## **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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

None this month.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our current membership count is 78.

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### **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:

Erin Crishi	Debbie Daquila	Patty Davison	Michelle Donner
Millie Koos	Judy McDermott	Carey McDougall	Abigail McFarland



Karen Mitch      Paulette Potter      Meghan Solomon      Yvonne Zier  
Joann Soltes      Stephanie Menor      Patricia Von Dreele

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!!!!



### **MEMBERSHIP – KIM LITZ, MARY BETH QUINN**

**The November 6 Meeting is a special “Getting to Know Us” meeting.** Please invite friends, neighbors or co-workers who may be interested in joining our group. At the Kitchen Tour 8 women expressed an interest in joining our Branch. They will be invited to attend our November meeting. Fingers crossed that they attend!

**In lieu of a business meeting we will host a special Beaver Valley Trivia Night so brush up on your AAUW trivia and show our guests what a vibrant organization we are!**

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE MARY ANN BOLLAND**



**REMINDER: Nominations are due Nov. 17 !**

Please take a few minutes to submit your nominations and help us recognize the outstanding contributions of our branch members who made this year a success. Let's honor their hard work and achievements together!

**FIVE AWARDS and CRITERIA for Branch and Community Members:**

- **NAMED GIFT HONOREE/S:** demonstrated 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:** provided 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) promoted inclusion of women in the workplace as well as other leadership roles.
- **CHAMPION OF AAUW Beaver Valley Branch:** (an individual or organization) substantially supports the AAUW mission and values.

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

- Individual's name and contact information for non-members
- Specific Award for which individual is being nominated
- 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](mailto:dbolland@comcast.net)**
- **NOTE:** You will receive a reply from my email upon receipt of your nominations. Let me know if you do not receive a reply, call or text: 412-671-3782.

The Awards Committee reviews nominations and presents the selections to the board for approval. Awards will be presented in 2026.

**Thank you** for making time to nominate branch & community members!

*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.*



## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

### **~ANTIQUES – JACKIE HEANEY**



Antique's will be meeting at 1 pm on Monday, November 10th at the home of Jean Macaluso. Clara McMichael will assist Jean. Topic: "Button, Button, who's got the button?" (Antique and vintage buttons). Any member interested in joining us for this meeting should contact Jan Landsbach (724) 846-3905.

### **~FEMMES-JEAN MACALUSO**



FRANK G'S has become a popular dining spot in its short existence, and that will be the place for our November luncheon. Since it is so familiar and so near, I hope many members will join us on Wednesday, November 5, at 12:30. Please contact me no later than Tuesday morning if you plan to be with us.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Wooden Angel on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

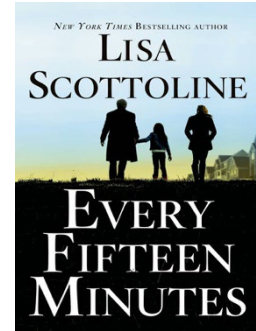
Also, if you have any suggestions for new and interesting places for Femmes, 2026, please let me know soon.

[jean.macasluso@yahoo.com](mailto:jean.macasluso@yahoo.com) (please reply directly to me.)

## ~LITERATURE I – LINDA LOBOZZO

Our November meeting will be held at Quality Time in New Brighton on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:30.

Discussion of *Every 15 Minutes* by Lisa Scottoline will be led by Yvonne Zier.



## ~LITERATURE III – JEAN MACALUSO

We meet each month, except December, on the third Tuesday, at 12:30, at the Wooden Angel Board Room.

*Vanishing Treasures* by Katherine Rundell is the chosen book for November and will be reviewed by member, Mary Patrick. The author spans the globe and with inspiring essays, brilliantly discusses animals currently facing extinction. Very interesting reading.





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