



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

As we step into the holiday season together, we're filled with gratitude for the strength, spirit, and dedication that define our AAUW community. Serving as your co-presidents is both an honor and a joy, and we're excited to share a few reflections and hopes for the year ahead.

This past year has been a testament to what we can accomplish when we unite around a shared mission. From thought-provoking programs to advocacy efforts that amplify women's voices, your energy and engagement have made a real impact. Whether you joined us in person, online, or in spirit, your presence has helped shape a vibrant and inclusive space for learning, connection, and change.

On Thursday, December 5, 2025, we will be entertained by an award-winning women's cappella choral group, Sounds of Pittsburgh at our Branch Meeting. We hope all can attend.

Looking ahead, we're eager to continue building momentum. We'll be focusing on initiatives that empower women and girls through education, equity, and leadership — and we hope you'll be part of every step. Your ideas, your time, and your passion are what make our branch thrive.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We're so glad you're here.

## **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. From July through October, our branch has contributed \$1650 so our goal has been met!

Members may still 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!

Individual contributions also help us to nominate named gift honorees for every \$500 in total donations. For the calendar year 2025, our branch has donated \$1,755 so we will have 3 honorees. An additional \$245 donated by December 31 will earn a 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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**

Tim Rock, son of member Patty Rock, \$50, in honor of the G.O.A.T.  
(Mrs. Jean Macaluso)

Anonymous member of AAUW, \$50

Debra Nugent, friend of member Patty Rock, \$25

Anonymous friend of member Patty Rock, \$25

## **THANK YOU, BARB**

Member Barb Crishi, presenter at the November meeting, kindly donated her honorarium, to our General Fund. Thanks, Barb!

## **BOSCOV'S FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to all who bought shopping passes for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program. A total of \$105 was collected and will help support Girls' Recognition Night.

## **50-50 RAFFLE BEGINS**

At each meeting, a 50-50 raffle will be held to help pay expenses such as hall rental, insurance, etc. The raffle at the November meeting collected \$68 with \$34 going to our branch. The lucky winner of \$34 was Patty Rock. Winners are asked to please accept the winnings and not donate the money. We all deserve it for our constant devotion to our group!

## **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.**

**FEMMES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (December 16) may also be paid online. Just click on the tab!**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome new (really returning) member Marta Karwoski. Read about Marta in the membership section.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our current membership count is 79.

## **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
Millie Koos	Judy McDermott	Carey McDougall
Karen Mitch	Abigail McFarland	Stephanie Menor
Joann Soltes	Meghan Solomon	Patricia Von Dreele
Yvonne Zier	Marta Karwoski	Paulette Potter
Michelle Donner		

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**

Encourage your friends, neighbors, relatives and colleagues to join the Beaver Valley Branch of AAUW – a Four-Star Branch in the State of Pennsylvania!

Welcome to Our New Member!

**Marta Karwoski** is our newest member. But she is not new to AAUW. She was previously an active member of our branch but resigned due to health issues. She is now rejoining! She holds a Bachelors of Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Masters of Education from the University of Pittsburgh. Marta is retired from the Rochester School District where she spent many years as an English/Journalism teacher. In her early retirement years, she served as Education Consultant to PA-Cyber.

Marta was a 10-year member of the CCBC board and currently serves on the board of the Baden Academy Charter School. She is a member of the Outlook Club, Pennsylvania Association of School Retires, and is involved in various church activities. Marta also enjoys reading, quilting and yoga.

Welcome back Marta.



## **PROGRAM – BARB CRISHI**

Come, settle in for a delightful holiday performance by the award-winning women's a cappella chorus, *Sounds of Pittsburgh*. This talented group, a proud Pittsburgh chapter of Sweet Adelines International, brings the artistry of barbershop four-part harmony to life on stage. Don't miss this festive Christmas concert—truly a holiday treat!

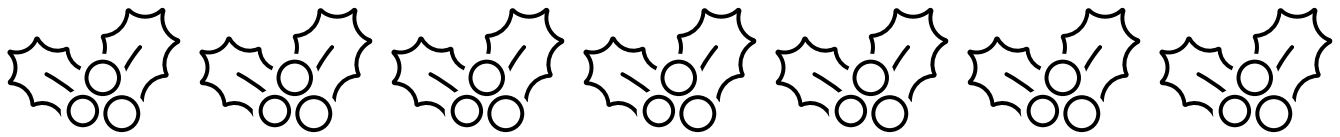
**Please note the meeting is listed as the 5th in the annual membership book but it is Thursday December 4.**



## **COMMUNITY – JODEAN BROOKS**

Thank you, members. We collected \$105.00 from the Friends Helping Friends passes.





## INTEREST GROUPS

### ~ANTIQUES – JACKIE HEANEY

AAUW Antiques will be meeting on December 8th at noon at the Riverside Bed & Breakfast in Bridgewater. We will enjoy a tour of the beautiful, Victorian home and collectibles. Members will be providing refreshments plus \$5.



We will be on our annual hiatus until we meet again on April 13, 2026. Topic: vintage/antique Easter items.

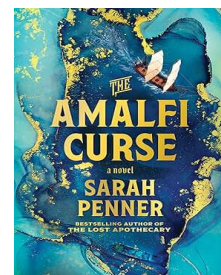
### ~FEMMES – JEAN MACALUSO

Reminder that December 8 is the deadline for Reservations for the Femmes Christmas luncheon. The luncheon is Tuesday, December 16, noon, at the Wooden Angel. Come and introduce a prospective member to us at this festive holiday event.



### ~LITERATURE I – LINDA LOBOZZO

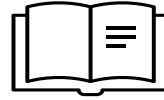
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 11:30 at Quality Time in New Brighton. Viv will be the discussion Leader for *Amalfi Curse* by Sarah Penner.







## ~LITERATURE II – GINGER MUNS



Literature II has enjoyed discussing several books this Fall, including *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn and *No More Tears* by Gardiner Harris. We will be having a Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 11th, at the Riverside B & B in Bridgewater, with members bringing a wrapped book for a Grab Bag exchange. The January meeting will be on Thursday, January 8 at Frances Pickard's home to talk about the books we received at Christmas.

## ~MOVIE and AFTER HOURS – JODEAN BROOKS



The movie group and AAUW After Hours gathered on Monday, October 27th, at the Monaca movie theater to watch *Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*. We had a pleasant get-together with 14 members and friends.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NEW MUGS. A new batch of commemorative mugs have arrived. They are white, beautifully lined in red, with the Inscription

**Beaver Valley Branch**

**AAUW**

**5 Star Recognition 2024**

**4 Star Recognition 2025**



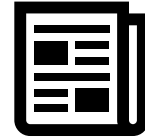
They will be for sale at all meetings at \$10 each.

At all Branch meetings, there will be a 50/50 Raffle.



There will be **no** January 2026 newsletter.

All information for the February 2026 newsletter  
is due by January 15.



**May your Thanksgiving be full of gratitude, your  
Christmas full of joy, and your New Year full of hope.  
Warm holiday wishes to everyone!**

