

## May Dessert and Scholarship Awards

**Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church** 333 Spring Garden Street, Easton (parking is available behind the church)



This year's dessert features Cheesecake with Berry Topping. Coffee and tea will also be served.

Cost is \$12 per person and a RSVP form can be found on page 3.

*Join us as our branch members and scholarship recipients are honored and our new membership vice president, Aaliyah Kee and our new finance officer, Annette Stooddy are installed.*

## From the Presidents' Pen

### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



The American Association of University Women was founded in 1881 by Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards under the name of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. The branch structure was established in 1884 with the provision that they carry on the work of the larger association in addition to their independent work. Washington, D.C. was home to the first branch. In 1885 the first research report, *Health Statistics of Women College Graduates*, established that, contrary to popular belief, women's health is not adversely affected by attending college.

In 1907 ACA begins the study of equal pay. A report presented in 1913 on Civil Service jobs finds that women are paid about 78 percent of what men who are similarly employed earn. In 1920 ACA assists Marie Curie in the purchase of one gram of radium to continue her research. The Southern Association of College Women and the Association of Collegiate Alumnae merge in March of 1921 to form the American Associate of University Women. In 1941 *The*

*Living Wage for College Women* is published. It documented wide spread sex discrimination in academia and served to improve the status of women on campus.

AAUW supports the first federal pay equity legislation on May 8, 1945. AAUW bylaws were revised in June 1945 to state that the only requirement for membership was a college degree. This statement reaffirmed that women college graduates of all races are eligible for membership. At the 1971 convention, AAUW members passed resolutions supporting the legalization of abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. The Legal Advocacy Fund was established in 1981 to support women who seek justice in instances of sex discrimination in higher education. AAUW membership was extended to male college graduates. In 1995 the Family Medical Leave Act was passed aided by the hard work of the AAUW Lobby Corp. That year also saw the launch of the Voter Education Campaign.

In 2002 AAUW hosted the first National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the American University in Washington, D.C. More than 250 students attended. AAUW membership was expanded to include graduates who hold an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution in June 2005. AAUW received special consultative status in 2008 with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. This designation gives AAUW a voice at U.N. meetings and on committees such as the Commission on the Status of Women, U.N. Women, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations, and the Working Group on Girls. In 2013 AAUW welcomed our first international/college university partner member, the Australian National University. AAUW was invited by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to contribute to an update of the influential American Women report on the report's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change.....

**Please take time to fill out the survey (See article on merger discussions on page )coming in June. The decisions you make today will decide the future of AAUW in the Lehigh Valley.**

Fran & Nancy

## **Scholarship Awards and Dessert RSVP**

**First Presbyterian Church of Easton May 16 at 7 pm**

**For reservations:** Return this registration form **by May 11 with a check for \$12 made out to AAUW Easton Branch**

**Mail to: Colleen Kuschke**  
122 Mill Race Drive  
Easton, PA 18045



Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Payable to: AAUW Easton Branch**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AAUW Easton Branch Meeting Minutes

**April 19, 2017** at Lafayette College Pardee Hall

Fran Kennedy, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 11 members present.

The minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter.

The financial report was approved as published in the April newsletter.

Fran announced that our next meeting is May 16. This is our Annual Awards night. Officers will be installed and scholarship and branch awards will be given. This will be a dessert and will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm. Cost-\$12.00 per person.

Karol D'Huyvetters reported on the Authors' Luncheon. There are 45 attending thus far. Registration has been extended to April 22.

The Scholarship Committee met and selected three students (graduating seniors entering college) two from Phillipsburg (Payton Elling and Andrea Merring) and one from Easton (Grace Marie Emin) for scholarships. One recipient (Christine Zweifel) was chosen for the Memorial Fund (interrupted studies) Scholarship.

Toni reported on the Equal Pay/Lobby Day in Harrisburg on April 4. She also reported on pending bills and asked that we contact our legislators.

Fran presented the slate of officers: **Membership Vice-President-Aaliyah Kee**. There were no nominations from the floor. **Finance Officer-Annette Stooddy**. There were no nominations from the floor. Slate elected. **Congratulations, officers!**

Fran will have information on Let's Read Math in the upcoming newsletter.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Fran introduced our speaker, Anne Walker, a certified health coach and retired public health administrator.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker

## Save the Dates

**May 4, 7:00 Gerrymandering**, Lafayette College, Colton Chapel

**May 6, 10:00 - 12:00 No Room for Hate in the Lehigh Valley**,  
Bahnson Center Saal Room, Moravian Theological Seminary, 60 W Locust  
St, Bethlehem

**May 16, 7:00 Dessert, Scholarships, and Awards**

**June 10, 9:30-11:00 What Most People Don't Understand About Race**, Northampton  
Community College, Alumni Hall

**June 14-17 AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C.**



## AAUW Branch Merger

I have been asked to serve as the Easton representative on a committee to explore the possibility of a merger of the Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton AAUW branches. This possibility came about because each branch is having difficulty filling leadership positions. At this time we are composing a survey that will be mailed to all members by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please complete and return this survey. We are just exploring the possibility of merging; **we need your feedback**. If you have a strong feeling for or against merger please express this with the survey. A three branch brunch is planned for **Saturday, September 9**. The results of the survey will be presented and discussed at this time. The ideal would be for our branch to continue on its own; however, for that to happen we need people to step up and accept leadership/board positions!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, etc. Thank you.

Rosemary Baker

## Notices

### Regarding the Newsletter

If any member has information that they wish to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to **Fran Kennedy and Nancy Butow**. This would include births, deaths, marriages, happenings at cultural institutions. We also encourage submissions of photos of events and anything that you think may be of interest to other members.

Please note, however, that **submissions must be in by the 15th** of the current month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Otherwise it will be in the following month's newsletter.

### Insurance Notification

AAUW does not have an Automobile Insurance Policy. Please be informed that there is no implied or expressed authority for an AAUW member to use a member's car for AAUW business. The Easton Branch assumes no responsibility for any member using a car for this purpose.

### Newsletter Ads

Do you have a business or service that you would like to promote? The charge for including an ad is only \$5 for each issue. Ads should be no larger than business card size and they must come from members. Payment for ads should be made to the finance officer and she will notify the newsletter editor that the ad is ready to be placed.

### Newsletter Costs

As officers of the branch, your board is concerned with the rising cost of printing and postage and what it does to our bottom line. If you have computer access, please consider receiving our newsletter via email. It saves the branch money and trees!

# NO ROOM FOR HATE IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY

*Round table conversations for hate crime  
prevention*

Saturday, May 6, 2017

10 am- 12 noon

The Bahnson Center Saal Room  
Moravian Theological Seminary  
60 W. Locust Street Bethlehem, PA

*Refreshments provided*

**RSVP encouraged**

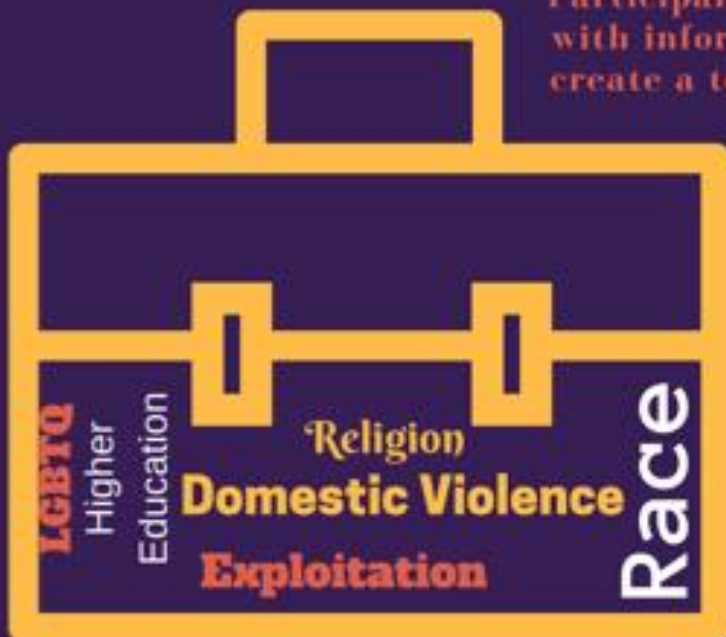
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Participants will be walking away  
with information and handouts to  
create a toolbox for their own use

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## What Most People Don't Understand About Race

Our branch program originally scheduled for March, has been **rescheduled to June 10**. It is in conjunction with AAUW of Bethlehem. It will be a presentation on racism in America. Dr. Karen Gaffney from Raritan Valley Community College is our facilitator.

This is also a "Shape the Future" event, meaning anyone who is not a member of AAUW may join on the spot for a discounted membership. This is a big advantage to branches also since we get a free national membership for every two members who join at a "Shape the Future" event. So invite your friends. See flyer on page 7 for the event.

**When: Saturday, June 10 9:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Where: Northampton Community College, Alumni Hall**

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**Photo from Equal Pay Day Rally in Harrisburg**





**WHAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT RACE**  
**(Rescheduled from March 18)**

**WHO:** Dr. Karen Gaffney, Raritan Valley Community College

**WHAT:** Presentation on Racism in America

**WHEN:** **June 10, 2017 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am**

**WHERE:** Northampton Community College, Alumni Hall

Presented by the AAUW of Bethlehem and Easton

Join AAUW and community members as we learn about the historical underpinnings of racism and ways to move forward.

**RSVP to Ruth at [aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com)**


Beverages will be provided.



# PANEL DISCUSSION

## *Gerrymandering: How to Recognise and Resist It*

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/ˈjerēˌmandər/ 

verb

1. manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favor one party or class.



**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm- 8:30 pm

**Colton Chapel at Lafayette College**  
South College Dr. and Pardee Dr.,  
Easton PA 18042

*This panel discussion is to inform the public about the need for redistricting reform. Gerrymandering: How to Recognise and Resist It is one of a series of presentations that are being held across the state to educate the public. There will be time for audience questions. This event is free and open to the public.*

### **Presenters:**

**Dr. John Kincaid, Moderator**  
**Carol Kunihom, Fair Districts PA**  
**PA Senator Lisa Boscola**  
**PA Representative Steve Samuelson**



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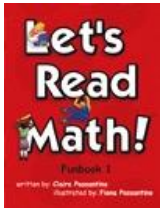


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Easton NAACP PAC  
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**Co-sponsored by:** Lafayette College Center for Community Engagement, Government & Law Department,  
and Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government



## Summer Let's Read Math



It is that time of year again! ProJeCt is very much enthused about us providing our “Let's Read Math program” once again at their Summer Sizzle program at Shawnee school. We will also be providing the program at the libraries. Many of you have participated before and we hope you will be able to join us again. We also hope others will join us. It is a fun program. The children are always great!

Below is the schedule for this years' program at Shawnee school. We typically have four volunteers per session. So if you let us know if you are interested in volunteering and provide what date or dates you might be available, we can setup the schedule both for a prep session as well as the actual lesson. I can provide the prep sessions at my home which is convenient to Shawnee school.

ProJeCt also has more than one kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade for which Lets Read Math does provide a curriculum. We discussed perhaps running one of these sessions if we have enough interests and volunteers so let Nancy know. The curriculum for each of these programs is online “Let's Read Math” if you would like to take a look. They are all based on readily available children's books in our local libraries.

**Tuesday, June 27;** Prep, June 20

Grade 2 at Shawnee Elementary School in the classroom (10 am - 11:30)

**How Big is My Foot?**

**Wednesday, July 12;** Prep after the June 27<sup>th</sup> session? Lunch at my house?

Grade 3 at Shawnee Elementary School in the classroom (10 am - 11:30)

**Math-terpieces**

**Wednesday, July 19th** Prep after the session on July 12th? At my house with lunch

Grade 4 at Shawnee Elementary School in the classroom (10 am - 11:30)

**Salt in a Shoe**

**Wednesday, June 21,** Prep Friday, June 9 or Monday or Tuesday, June 12 or 13

Grades 2-4 at Palmer Library ( 11:00 -12:00)

**Wanda's Roses**

**Monday, June 26** Prep after the June 21 session

Grades 2-4 at Easton Main library (10:00-11:00)

**Grandfather Tang's Story**

**Monday, July 10** Prep after June 26th session or earlier if helped at Palmer

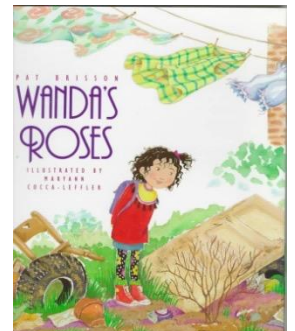
Grades 2-4 at Easton Main library (10:00-11:00)

**Wanda's Roses**

**Monday, July 24** Prep after July 10th session

Grades 2-4 at Easton Main library (10:00-11:00)

**The Sundae Scoop**



*Fran and Nancy Berry*

## Interest Groups

The Easton Branch has several interest groups created to stimulate discussions, encourage networking and support the community. If you have ideas for additional groups, let us know. Every group looks forward to new participants. Call if you are interested in joining a group.

### Book Discussion



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman- Third  
Monday of month  
Date: May 15, 1:30 pm  
Hostess: **Karol D'Huyvetters**  
Book: ***The Nightingale*** by

Kristin Hannah

### Mah Jongg



**Chair :** Toni Hoffman  
Second and fourth  
Mondays at 10:30 am  
May 8 at the home of Toni Hoffman

May 22 at the home of Lois Wildrick

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker  
Hostess: **Toni Hoffman**  
May 24, 7:00 pm  
*Tears We Cannot Stop*  
Discuss Chapter 4

### Rotating Gourmet



**Chair:** Lois Wildrick  
Our spring (April/May) meal is a brunch. Hostesses are Janice Lupackino, Annette Stooddy and Lois

Wildrick. They should be contacting their participants soon. Please contact Lois if you would like to host the summer picnic.

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker -  
Tuesday afternoons, Call  
Rosemary for more  
information

### International Relations:

**Chair:** Jean Riker  
Hostess: **Karol D'Huyvetters**  
May 23, 1:30 pm  
Planning for next year

## American Association of University Women

**AAUW National**

**800.326.2289**

**[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)**

**Easton Branch**

**[easton-pa.aauw.net](http://easton-pa.aauw.net)**

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**Easton Edition**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to members to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national orientation, disability, or class.

The AAUW funds include the Educational Opportunities Funds (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) which help us to advance equity for women and girls through programs such as American and International fellowships and Community Action grants.

AAUW Funds also include the Legal Advocacy Fund which provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination, the Leadership Programs Fund (formerly the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute), the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Public Policy Fund.



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