

Postponed

USED BOOK SALE POSTPONED

The AAUW State College Used Book Sale, originally scheduled for **May 9-12, 2021** at the Penn State Snider Ag Arena, has been **postponed until further notice**. We are working to reschedule the event for later this year because we know that this is an important community event that people look forward to all year and we are eager to find new homes for the 3,100+ boxes of books in our workshop. In addition, this is our primary annual fundraiser, with proceeds going to scholarships for women and community grants that advance equity for women and girls.



TAKING OCCUPANCY at the NEW USED BOOK WORKSHOP

By the time you read this, AAUW State College will have moved into their new Used Book Workshop. Many thanks to the workshop leaders **Sue Hiester**, **Sherry Crassweller**, and **Suzanne Kerlin** for their hard work organizing the transition, to all who helped with the move, and to Interfaith Human Services for loaning us a truck to transport our workshop equipment. We'll have a photo-pictorial of the new space in our April 19th issue of the *Branch Bulletin*!

Left: On February 27, Sue Hiester (right) shared layout ideas for the new space with members Sue Johnston, Grace Hampton, and Dina Liberatore.

New Member Welcome



Dr. Grace Hampton – gxh2@psu.edu

Grace is a Professor Emerita of Art, Art Education, and Integrative Arts, School of Visual Arts at Penn State. She has researched, published, and worked in the areas of African and African American Arts and Crafts and Community Development through the Arts. She has received two Senior Fulbright Specialist Awards for travel and research in Ghana, West Africa. In recognition of her scholarship, academic leadership, and community service, Dr. Hampton was identified as a “Penn State Treasure” by the Penn State Black Alumni Association. The National Art Education Association has established “The Grace Hampton Lecture Series” to honor her courageous leadership within the organization. She is now actively resuming her research, art career, and

service to the local, national and international communities.



CENTRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR HUMAN SERVICES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION UPDATE

In light of Covid restrictions, the annual CCCHS Rose Cologne Volunteer Recognition Dinner, normally held in April, has been replaced this year with online volunteer tributes and personal introductions of all organization

awardees in the April 18th edition of the *Centre Daily Times*. As our AAUW State College CCCHS Volunteer of the Year, **Ann Echols** will be honored in this way. Volunteer tributes normally read at the dinner will be recorded and posted on the CCCHS media in the coming weeks, accessible via <https://www.theccchs.org/>.



MARCH 17 PROGRAM on *HOW COVID IMPACTS WOMEN:* FOLLOW-UP RESOURCES

The March 17 program, co-sponsored by Community Diversity Group and AAUW State College, included research on the impacts of COVID-19 on women and women of color. Jordan Glover, AAUW State College Diversity & Inclusion Chair, served as a panelist, and has shared many great resources for further reading:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2020/04/policy-brief-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-women>

<https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health>

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/05/05/financial-and-health-impacts-of-covid-19-vary-widely-by-race-and-ethnicity/>

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/publications/human_rights_magazine_home/the-state-of-healthcare-in-the-united-states/racial-disparities-in-health-care/



AAUW-PENNSYLVANIA SUMMER RETREAT CHANGED to JULY 24th ZOOM EVENT

The AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat will occur via Zoom (not in-person) on **Saturday, July 24th**. **A detailed agenda and registration details will be sent directly to all AAUW members in Pennsylvania via email early in May.**

--Ann Pehle, President, AAUW-Pennsylvania

JOIN AAUW-PA for APRIL 14 PROGRAM:

\$15 Minimum Wage: *Who Needs It and Why Should I Care?*



There is much talk and activity about raising the minimum wage--at the federal level and in Pennsylvania. We want to bring you the facts behind the minimum wage discussion and why it is important to the women of Pennsylvania that legislation is passed.

The minimum wage in Pennsylvania is the lowest allowable by federal law and has been \$7.25 for over 12 years. There is nowhere in Pennsylvania, or anywhere else in the country, where a single person can live on \$15,080 a year. Join AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy Chair, Jacqui Rogers, for a webinar to explore why we aren't being heard and how this affects us all. Jacqui will share the latest economic data, the myths about minimum wage, and current legislation to make the minimum wage a livable wage in Pennsylvania. The program runs **Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**. **Registration required:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V6qsH9uNT7yjTYsRkt8kfQ

MEMBERSHIP

AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS COMING

During the second half of April, you will receive an email from memberinfo@aauw.org with member renewal information. You will be asked to follow a link directly to AAUW payment software to use your credit card to make payment. Please follow the instructions provided. **Avoid long lines at the US Post Office, save postage and a paper check – renew online!** You will receive an email confirmation upon completion.



AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION (APRIL 7 - MAY 17) INCLUDES VOTE to ELIMINATE DEGREE REQUIREMENT for MEMBERSHIP

This spring, AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the Public Policy Priorities and Bylaws, in addition to electing members to the national Board of Directors. Proposed Bylaws and Public Policy Priorities changes are provided here:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>.

The AAUW Pennsylvania Board discussed the proposed Bylaws change and agreed to unanimously support AAUW open membership. Their statement of support is [here](#). Learn more: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>.

A personalized voting link on dropping the degree requirement will be sent by AAUW National via email to all members on April 7th. Voting will begin April 7th and close May 27th.

Be sure to review the proposed Bylaws change that would eliminate the higher educational requirement for AAUW membership. Removal of this membership requirement would provide access to all women who support our mission. More: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2021-comment-bylaws/>; <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/open-membership-toolkit/>



The RIGHT to VOTE: Re-examining Women's Suffrage Tuesdays, April 6 - May 4

1:30-3:00 pm EST; Free & Online via Zoom

2020 marked the centennial of the 19th amendment. In this course, we will explore the history of women's suffrage in the United States, the constitutional framework within which the suffragists worked, and the continuing efforts to address women's issues including voting, elected representation, and gender-related public policy efforts. Sponsored by Osher

Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Berkshire Community College, this live and interactive course is free and open to the public. [Click here to register](#). The schedule is as follows:

April 6: Rebecca Edwards on "Suffrage in the Gilded Age." Dr. Edwards received her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Her research interests focus on the post-Civil War era and include electoral politics and the history of women and gender. She teaches courses on the 19th-century United States, women in the United States up to 1890, and the American West, and is the author of [New Spirits: Americans in the 'Gilded Age' 1865-1905](#).

April 13: Lauren Santangelo on "Suffrage and the City: New York Women Battle for the Ballot." Dr. Santangelo is the author of [Suffrage and the City: New York Women Battle for the Ballot](#) and a historian with a focus on gender and the urban environment. She earned her Ph.D. at the City University of New York's Graduate Center and is a Lecturer at Princeton University where she teaches in the Writing Program.

April 20: Liv Cummins and Rob Hartmann on "**Suffrage and Song: Suffrage Protest Music.**" Ms. Cummins brings expertise as a musical theater lyricist/book writer, theater director, screenwriter, songwriter and singer, theatrical producer, and performer. She holds a BS in Theater and English from Skidmore College, as well as an MFA in Musical Theater Writing from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Mr. Hartmann received his MFA from New York University's Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program, where he was a member of the faculty for 15 years. Rob has had more than a dozen musicals produced across the United States in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Nashville.

Katherine Kidd, moderator, earned her Ph.D. in international relations at the University of Pennsylvania. She directed the program and taught in international studies at Sacred Heart and Fairfield Universities. She has taught courses for OLLI at Berkshire Community College on women in politics, contemporary Russia, Hannah Arendt, global public health, and more.



Please send submissions for the **April 19** *Branch Bulletin* to Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com, by **April 12**. Bulletins are sent electronically to branch members and friends by the date of issue and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.