

JUNE 23rd AAUW STATE COLLEGE BRANCH CELEBRATION



Co-Presidents Sally Kalin (left) and Cindy Hall (right) were recognized as "Outstanding Women" by Awards Chair Chriss Shultz.

More than 50 branch members and guests gathered under a sunny sky for our branch celebration, held at the new AAUW State College Used Book Workshop on High Tech Road. After many months without seeing one another due to the pandemic, the mood was joyful, and we had much cause to celebrate.

Right: New member Carline Crevecoeur and Ann Echols enjoying the moment. It was the first time we were together in-person in 18 months.

As (outgoing) treasurer, Ann was recognized this spring as the AAUW State College-Centre County Council for Human Services Volunteer of the Year.



Far left: 2021 branch scholarship recipient Robin Montarsi served some bubbly for us to toast the branch and each other.



Left: 2021 branch scholarship recipient Hafsa Karaca very gratefully accepted a scholarship from Scholarship Co-Chair Suzanne Kerlin, right.

As returning adult women students, both Robin and Hafsa received \$7,000 scholarships from the branch endowed scholarship fund to help them complete their studies.



This summer, Louise Tukey celebrates her 70th year as a branch member. Kudos, Louise!



Naana Nti visits with Carol Eicher (right), who as CDG founder and president accepted the Gateway to Equity Award for the Community Diversity Group.



Dina Liberatore (left) was recognized by Chriss Shultz as a "Member Making a Difference" for her great efforts as Used Book Sale chair.



Left: Michele Crowl (left) invited Carol-Beth Book to join the branch - and she did! Carol-Beth now serves with Michele as STEM Co-Chair. Carol-Beth's bio follows on page 3.

Right: New member Grace Hampton (right) and Shirley Sachs share a love of the arts.



JOIN AAUW STATE COLLEGE: MAKE a PERSONAL INVITATION

With our 2021-2022 membership year commencing July 1, now is the time to extend an invitation to friends and colleagues to consider joining us. Share the following information piece on the branch with others. A personal invitation to join is always best, and this may help: [AAUW STATE COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP INFO SHEET](#)



AAUW-PENNSYLVANIA VIRTUAL SUMMER RETREAT SATURDAY, JULY 24TH, 9:00 am – 2:45 pm via Zoom

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWSummerRetreat2021>

Registration Closes July 17. Registration is \$10, with an additional opportunity to donate \$5 to support the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

Keynote Speakers:

Chrissy Houlahan U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania's 6th Congressional District
Initiatives to Improve STEM and STEAM Education for Students in Pennsylvania

Leah P. Hollis, Ed.D. Associate Professor, Morgan State University, Wilmington, Delaware
Workplace and On-Campus Bullying

Other Retreat Highlights:

- Celebrating our AAUW-Pennsylvania Star Branches and Award Recipients
- Small group sessions for AAUW state districts. AAUW State College is part of the Central District, led by AAUW State College member Sue Johnston
- Meet-and-Greet session for sharing ideas with other AAUW members from around the state
- AAUW Public Policy updates and other AAUW National initiatives
- Counterparts session over the lunch break
- Participate in a Basket Raffle, with all proceeds going to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund. The winner of each basket, the person with the highest bid, will be announced on Saturday afternoon, July 24, during the closing of the retreat. You need not be present to win. Payment must be made by PayPal within 48 hours of the close of the summer retreat or the basket will be awarded to the next highest bidder.

CHARTER SCHOOLS DOUBLE-DIPPING DURING THE PANDEMIC



During the pandemic, Pennsylvania's charter schools received over \$53 million from the Paycheck Protection Program while they continued to receive payments from their school districts. These publicly funded charter schools, paid from taxpayer funds on a per-registered-student basis, did not lose any money during the pandemic and should not have been eligible to receive PPP loans intended to keep small businesses afloat during the shutdown. The charter schools double-dipped when they received PPP revenues, receiving more than their usual funding at taxpayer expense.

Rep. Zabel of Delaware County introduced legislation that would require charter schools receiving PPP loans to reimburse the Commonwealth.

Carol Hodes, Education Sub-Committee Chair



RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for 2021-2022. Our new membership year commences July 1st. A personalized AAUW membership renewal was sent to all branch members via email from

memberinfo@aauw.org on **May 24th**. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please locate the email and follow the instructions provided. A printable form is available on our website:

<https://aauwstatecollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Membership-Form-3-2021.pdf>.

Join the AAUW STATE COLLEGE BEE TEAM for AUGUST 4th



Like to spell? Mid-State Literacy Council (MSLC) is holding the 22nd Annual Ron & Mary Maxwell Community Spelling Bee on **August 4th via Zoom** (6:00 pm). The event is sponsored by several local companies, groups, and individuals to raise money

for MSLC. It's a fun event which provides vital funds for local Adult Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language students.

Jackie Esposito has volunteered to be one of the three spellers needed to make our AAUW State College team. Contact Jackie if you'd like to join the team at archivist122@yahoo.com.

Silent Auction

Items Needed for Mid-State Literacy Council 50th Anniversary Online Auction Fundraiser

To support Mid-State Literacy Council education programs, items and experiences will be auctioned online from October 1-17, 2021. Gift cards, jewelry, home items, purses, rare books, art, everything but the kitchen sink- all are welcome. If you'd like to donate lessons or experiences, such as giving two guitar lessons or cooking lessons, whatever your talent might be. They also are auctioning experiences.

The auction is essential to support women who need scholarships for tutoring and class registration (\$195 per semester). Tax receipts will be provided for donated items.

To make a donation to the MSLC 50th Anniversary Auction, contact Ann Echols, a.e.echols@gmail.com.



CAROL-BETH BOOK – cab962@psu.edu

Carol-Beth has been with the Office of Science Outreach at Penn State for the past two years. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Bucknell University and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology at Penn State's M.S. Hershey Medical Center, where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship.

After returning to Bucknell as a visiting professor for a year, Carol-Beth opted to focus on family life. While residing in Benner Township with her husband Brian Book for the past 27 years, she raised two daughters, volunteered in the Bellefonte Area School District, directed the Bellefonte Playschool, and started an engineering consulting business. Carol-Beth enjoys spending time with family and pets and doing home improvement projects. With AAUW State College, she will continue her involvement with the STEM Committee as co-chair, and assist with the Used Book Sale.



After a brief summer hiatus, the next Branch Bulletin will come out **Monday, August 16th**.

Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by Monday, **August 9th** to Branch Bulletin Editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com.

Bulletins are sent electronically to branch members and friends by the date of issue and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.