

59th AAUW STATE COLLEGE USED BOOK SALE IS UNDERWAY!

From countless hours scheduling volunteers and promoting the sale, to transporting and unloading over 3,500 boxes of books at the Ag Arena, to staffing the sale, branch members are out in force to make this year’s fall sale a stand-out. With the first two days of our sale behind us, two days remain! For those who haven’t yet attended this year’s sale, grab your mask and join us for the final two days, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm each day:

Monday, October 11th – Half-Price Day; Tuesday, October 12th – Bag Day (\$8.00/bag)



Lots of hard work went into **October 7th Move-in Day**, as volunteers moved boxes from the Used Book Workshop to the Ag Arena, and arranged approximately 150,000 books onto tables. Thank you, all!



BRANCH DIVERSITY CORNER

Community Diversity Group and AAUW State College Co-Sponsor **October 28th Program:**

Women and the Persistent Pandemic: Health, Work, and Economic Well-Being

Part of the Cultural Empowerment for Women Series, this program will run from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm via Zoom. It features a panel of local experts who will discuss how women can take care of themselves in the face

of the health, work and economic challenges posed by the persistent pandemic. There will be an open discussion period with the audience.

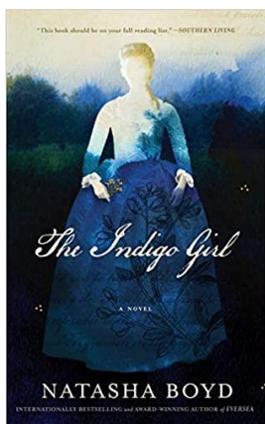


Panelists include:

- *Nina Cowart, Co-Vice President for Program, AAUW State College (Moderator)*
- *Jordan Glover, Co-Vice President for Membership, AAUW State College*
- *Dr. Lisette Garcia, Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging (DIB), Penn State*
- *Shannon Quick, Director of Programs, Center for Community Resources*

Please share the program flyer with friends and colleagues: [AAUW State College-CDG 10-28-2021 Program](#) and **register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsceyggTOiHNP1LjrAEc2Jq-PHJrGclDNo>



¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB to MEET on NOVEMBER 18th

Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in both fiction and nonfiction offerings.

We meet during the afternoon every other month on the third Thursday of the month, with our next (virtual) meeting taking place on **Thursday, November 18th at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss ***The Indigo Girl*** by Natasha Boyd, which is an incredible story of dangerous and hidden friendships, ambition, betrayal, and sacrifice.

To participate in the book club, please contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. We warmly welcome new members. **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81390945794?pwd=MzVReUpDUkJhdVZhZFY4RlFqeEErZz09>

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair

GENERAL ELECTION GUIDE 2021



DATES:

Election Day is 11/2.

Deadline to register is 10/18.

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is 10/26. Don't wait that long! Once you receive your ballot, you have to get it back to the Elections Office by Election Day. The mail isn't likely to move that fast.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

The races of interest are for statewide judges and local school boards. You'll need to check your municipality for council and supervisor races. The countywide races for District Attorney and Jury Commissioner are already settled. **Bernie Cantorna** won both parties' primary elections for District Attorney, so he faces no competition. Each party elects a Jury Commissioner in their primary; placing their names on the fall ballot is a formality.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES: The party of the sitting Governor determines which candidates are listed first on your ballot, so, Democrats first. Note: All judicial terms are for 10 years.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association rates all candidates for the statewide bench. You can read their reviews at: <https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Committees-Commissions/Judicial-Evaluation/Resources/JEC-Ratings/2021>

PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT: This is the oldest court in the nation. It hears appeals from both Superior and Commonwealth Courts. The current majority is Democratic, but with this seat in play and another in two years, the majority could be reversed. *Vote for one.*

Because both candidates are Highly Recommended by the PA Bar Association, here is a fun fact about each: —**Maria McLaughlin**, Democrat, currently a Judge of the Superior Court, is a former Penn State cheerleader who worked three jobs to put herself through college.

—**Kevin Brobson**, Republican, currently a judge of the Commonwealth Court, is the judge who gave Donald Trump a win on one of his cases challenging the election results in PA. [Trump actually got his only two wins nationwide from this court; both were overturned by the PA Supreme Court].

PA SUPERIOR COURT: This court hears appeals from the county courts primarily involving family law or disputes between individuals. One of the busiest courts in the country, these 15 judges must take every case brought before them. Currently the Republicans control this court 8-7. *Vote for one.*

Both candidates are Recommended by the PA Bar. Your choice here likely depends on the professional background you prefer in a judge for this court.

—**Timika Lane**, Democrat, currently is a county Judge in Philadelphia. She has served as a public defender and teaches continuing legal education.

—**Megan Sullivan**, Republican, is currently a lawyer who has spent most of her career as an assistant district attorney in Chester County.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURT: This court is unique in that it handles cases involving government entities or workers' rights. Of particular interest at the moment, this is the court of original jurisdiction for cases involving election law. Currently the court has a 7-2 Republican majority. *Vote for two.*

Here the Bar Association ratings differ. Democrat David Spurgeon is Highly Recommended. Democrat Lori Dumas is Recommended, as is Republican Andrew Crompton. Republican Stacy Sorokes Wallace is Not Recommended.

—**David Spurgeon** is a county judge in Allegheny. He has a particular emphasis on domestic violence. An Adjunct Professor at Duquesne Law, he is active in non-profit volunteerism.

—**Lori Dumas** is a county judge in Philadelphia. She has written on juvenile delinquency and is working on a database with the American Medical Association, as well as being an active non-profit volunteer.

—**Andrew Crompton** was appointed to fill a two-year vacancy on the Commonwealth Court. Previously he was Chief of Staff and Counsel to former Republican Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnoti.

—**Stacy Sorokes Wallace** is president of the McKean County Bar Association. She is in private practice specializing in estates and trusts.

JUDICIAL RETENTIONS: You will be asked to vote yes or no on whether these judges should get an additional 10-year term on the court where they currently serve.

Centre County Judge **Jonathan Grine** is running for retention. We recommend you vote yes for him.

STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL BOARD: Six candidates are running for four seats. Because school boards are supposed to be non-partisan, candidates typically cross-file, meaning they run for nomination by both parties. Two candidates—Anderson and Buck—were successful. Two other candidates—Crevecoeur and Huff—won Democratic nominations. The other two—Hutchinson and Young—won Republican nominations. What’s ironic here is that Hutchinson, the only candidate who is a long serving member of the SCASD board, is a registered Democrat. All these candidates are Democrats except Young, who ran on the Republican ticket only.

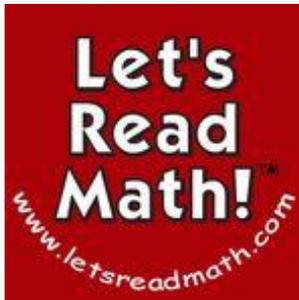
Vote for four.

Here are their websites and a thumbnail description of each, in alphabetical order:

- Deborah Anderson** <https://deborahandersonphd.wixsite.com/deborahandersonscasd> She is a volunteer in the district.
- Peter Buck** www.Facebook.com/BuckForSCASD He has teaching experience.
- Carline Crevecoeur** www.carlineforschoolboard.com She is a Branch member and a physician.
- Jackie Huff** <https://www.huff4scasd.org/> She has teaching experience.
- David Hutchinson** www.Facebook.com/David.hutchinson.52438 A long-time incumbent who has worked with the branch, and a former President of the PA School Boards Association, David has always been willing to talk with anyone who calls for information. He deserves our support.
- Michelle Glenn Young** www.Young4scasd.org She is a career naval officer.

People make the mistake of thinking this off year election is not important. They could not be more wrong. Directly and indirectly, these offices have more impact on your life than next year’s election for Senator. Please participate!

--Dianne Gregg and Mary Dupuis, Public Policy Co-Chairs



SUMMER 'LET'S READ MATH' PROGRAM UPDATE

Three virtual summer sessions were conducted with the Schlow Centre Region Library via Zoom. About ten children participated in each session, which featured the reading of books along with at least one hands-on activity. The sessions were as follows:

July 13, 2021 - Sounds

Book: *Mice Squeak - We Speak* by Tomie dePaola

Program: Animal sounds with a discussion on how sound is made.

Project: Construction of a simple instrument such as a kazoo or tissue box guitar.

July 20, 2021 - Counting

Books: *One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab* by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre

Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream by Cindy Neuschwander

Program: Counting and for higher level, multiplication

Project: Counting and organizing sets of materials to multiply

July 27, 2021 - TANGRAMS

Book: *Grandfather Tang's Story* by Ann Tompert

Program: Learn how to put smaller shapes together to make animal shapes out of TANGRAMS

Project: Make one set of TANGRAM shapes

--Candace Davison, AAUW State College Let's Read Math Coordinator

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CANDACE DAVISON: RADIATION SCIENCE & SPACE

During a Virtual Field Trip, Candace Davison, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach at the Penn State Radiation Science & Engineering Center (RSEC), explains how radiation and cold temperatures are used to simulate space conditions.

Learn more: <https://www.ans.org/nuclear/navigatingnuclear/virtualfieldtrips/#nucfrontiers>

Penn State faculty and staff work with the American Nuclear Society to provide technical reviews of educational materials for the Navigating Nuclear curriculum. Access their information and educational materials at: <https://www.ans.org/nuclear/navigatingnuclear/>. Thanks for inviting us on this trip, Candace!



INCREASING & RETAINING MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR Thursday, October 14th

Membership matters. We all hear that, and know it is true for the health of our branch. We don't focus enough on retention and growth, which is where we can improve.

You are invited to attend an upcoming AAUW-Pennsylvania webinar on increasing and retaining membership on **Thursday, October 14, from 8pm – 9pm** for insight and suggestions. A panel of membership VPs from Pennsylvania branches that have been successful in increasing and maintaining membership will present what they have done that works. There will be time for your questions.

All members are encouraged to attend, because branch membership growth is everyone's responsibility.

Use the following link to join the Zoom meeting at 8pm on October 14.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89034338257?pwd=VVlYORpUjQyQXA3N0pTRGkrMUNSQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 3433 8257; Passcode: 196827

USED BOOK WORKSHOP REOPENS for DONATIONS STARTING OCTOBER 26TH

Our Used Book Workshop reopens on Tuesday, October 26. Donations during workshop hours are preferred:

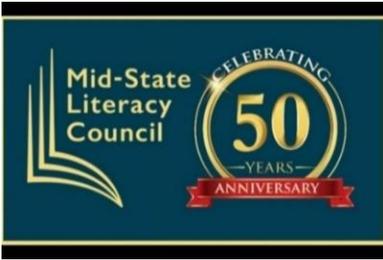
Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, and Tuesday and Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. If you're unable to donate during workshop hours, outdoor book donation bins are available for donations off-hours. Before packing up your books to go, please check to see that they are books that we're able to accept:

http://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_donations/. If you have textbooks older than five years, reference books, or other items that we can't accept (because they are unsellable), they may be recycled through CCRRA bins, once the hard covers are removed.

Directions to the Used Book Workshop from State College

- Take Fox Hollow Road as though you are going to the airport.
- Directly across from the airport entrance, watch for signs to State of the Art and Cannon, which are on the corner of High Tech Road. Turn left.
- Less than ¼ mile down the road, at the end of the high chain link fence on the left, turn right.
- Follow road to the left and pass the back side of the Handy Delivery building. The workshop is at the rear on your right. You should see the book donation bins.

MID-STATE LITERACY COUNCIL AUCTION ENDS OCTOBER 17 AT 8:00 PM



A community grant recipient of AAUW State College, Mid-State Literacy Council is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this fall. Their **Anniversary Online Auction**, which began **October 1st**, will raise money for ESL and Adult Basic Literacy programs that they offer in our community. The auction contains over 250 wonderful items across 14 categories, and closes **October 17th, 8:00 pm**.

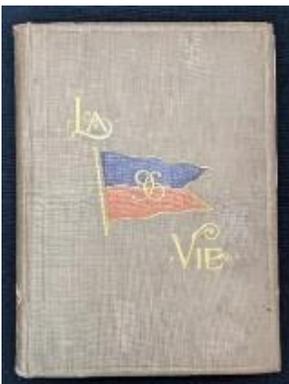
Visit the auction today: [October 1-17 MSLC Auction Site](#)

Funds raised by the auction will be essential to assist women who need scholarships to pay for tutoring and class registrations (\$195 per semester). Tax receipts will be provided for donated items.

Have a sneak peek at some of the auction items donated by **AAUW State College members**:



ABOVE: Pakistani marble stone fruit bowl, 10" diameter (Talat Azhar); 15" Red and silver necklace (Ann Echols); Crocheted brown and camel lap throw (Jackie Esposito); Good Day Café gift card (Mary Dupuis).



ABOVE: 1896 Penn State LaVie yearbook (Connie Schroeder); Ladies figure skates, size 7.5 (Jennifer Mastroski); Women's navy summer day robe (Salua Kamerow); Hand-painted bowl with gold trim, 8" diameter (Amy Wilson).



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES to HOLD OCTOBER 16th GRAND REOPENING

Ten Thousand Villages creates sustainable incomes, lifting families out of poverty while caring for the earth by selling locally sourced, recycled, and renewable materials, minimizing the environmental impact. Ten Thousand Villages State College, located at 1341 South Atherton, is expanding! It will double its current footprint and add more merchandise. Construction is underway and a grand reopening celebration is scheduled for **October 16th**. Mark your calendars and contact AAUW member Sophie Penney Leach at swpenney5@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Branch to Participate in November 20-21 Community Shopping Event

Branch members, save some of your holiday shopping for a special AAUW State College-Ten Thousand Villages event on November 20-21. When shoppers mention AAUW State College at the point of sale, 10% of their purchase will be awarded to the branch.



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CENTRE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 15th

A major international program for [Soroptimist International of Centre County](#) (SICC) is the [Live Your Dream Award](#), an educational awards program. SICC offers one or more awards (\$500-1000) each year to adult women students who are: (1) the primary earners in their family; (2) attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program; and (3) have financial need. The awards help women who are seeking additional education or training to improve the financial security of their families. Last year, four awards were given: a \$1000 award, one \$750 award, and two \$500 awards. Applications for the next scholarship cycle are due **November 15, 2021**. Applicants should use the online application portal: bit.ly/LYDA-apply. For additional information, contact SICC Awards Chair Joan Welker, welkerjoan@gmail.com, (570) 660-7937.



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, October 25th**. Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, October 18th** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com.

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