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**IMMEDIATE PAST BRANCH PRESIDENT CINDY HALL  
NOMINATED for AAUW PENNSYLVANIA STATE PRESIDENT**

*This month, AAUW Pennsylvania announced officer nominations for their 2022 election. AAUW State College member and Immediate Past President, Cindy Hall has been nominated for president. Her inspiring resume is provided at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/about/nominations/>. Currently, there are 34 AAUW branches in Pennsylvania. Past branch member Marge Dunaway was the last person from AAUW State College to serve as AAUW-PA President, from 1974-1978. Congratulations, Cindy, and best wishes.*

**Voting may be done online or by paper ballot. The deadline to vote is April 13<sup>th</sup>. For details visit: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-pa-2022-elections-voting-instructions/>**

*Below, Cindy shared what she sees as the primary focus of AAUW-PA and how she would work toward that goal if elected:*

Helping to achieve a clear and consistent vision for AAUW by coordinating and communicating effectively with both the state's branches and national is a priority for AAUW-PA. For the organization to remain strong in a highly turbulent environment, AAUW must be differentiated from the increasing numbers of organizations beginning to share the same space.

The AAUW-PA President, working closely with state and branch leaders, must ensure AAUW's mission is both understood as well as acknowledged and respected across the state. We must continue to advocate for increased understanding as to how our mission is vital to the success and advancement of the Commonwealth.

The past few years presented major membership and financial challenges for many branches. We need to rebuild any ground that has been lost due to diminished in-person interactions and activities. We should remind ourselves of the critical role we play in achieving our mission-specific goals. The President and all leaders must reinvigorate members to address these challenges and invite others to join us in our mission.



## DIVERSITY CORNER

23<sup>rd</sup> Cultural Empowerment for Women Series  
Co-Sponsored by Community Diversity Group  
& AAUW State College



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### TELLING YOUR STORY

THURSDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (Zoom)

Please join us at this engaging program. It features a panel of local women who will share their unique stories and provide ideas that will inspire participants to empower themselves by telling their own stories.

**Moderator:** Joleen Hindman, Consultant, Regional External Affairs, West Penn Power

#### Panelists:

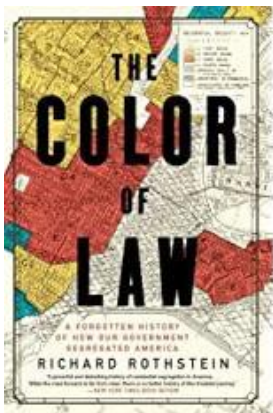
- **Carline Crevecoeur**, retired OB/GYN and State College Area School District Board member
- **Pamela Robb**, decorated veteran and Chair of the Patton Township Board of Supervisors
- **Theresa K. Vescio**, Professor of Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Penn State

**Flyer to Distribute:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ru-7to0F8UzJuiLKDMWJRFBgXSoYqbK/view?usp=sharing>

#### Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocOGqzMsGdYjNAXoyLGuQndevFu8ZYol>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



### ¡Adelante! Book Club to meet March 17<sup>th</sup>

Our book club features 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, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *The Color of Law: A Forgotten history of How the Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. To participate with the group, please contact [info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:info@aauwstatecollege.org). We warmly welcome new members. **Join**

#### Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84109016353?pwd=MUIkWjVNN0h4R1hXR0hncjF3c3B2QT09>

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



*This March, AAUW Pennsylvania has three exciting Zoom programs to promote – two sponsored by branches and the third sponsored by AAUW Pennsylvania. Please join us!*

*--Ann Pehle, President, AAUW Pennsylvania  
Changing the climate for women and girls*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

***International Women's Day Presentation: Women in Mali***

Featuring Mariam Dembele, AAUW Fellow, currently studying for her MBA at the Wharton School. Marian's post-MBA goal is to return to West Africa and contribute to accelerating economic growth by working at the intersection of finance and development. Sponsored by AAUW Doylestown, AAUW Makefield Area, AAUW Lower Bucks

**Flyer to Distribute:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-eGsi9XvDdkACV5fOJZ8Y2I6PTbeFnE/view?usp=sharing>

**Registration:** [https://ccp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-ioqjsuG9AIneWYAh16DJHJiB\\_IJg7j](https://ccp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-ioqjsuG9AIneWYAh16DJHJiB_IJg7j)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

***Follow the Money...to School***

A three-person panel delves into funding K-12 public schools. The majority of Pennsylvania students attend publicly funded schools which includes charter and cyber-charter schools. How are they performing? How are they funded? Are our tax dollars advancing students and working for us? The program is sponsored by AAUW West Chester/Chester County.

**Flyer to Distribute:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-kqSI-uDubydqNI6QiIBTqwifLNfgEJ7/view?usp=sharing>

**Registration:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrde6grTMqHtTmxCoTa27LzZc06D4L91zU>

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

***Lifting as We Climb: Our Journey with AAUW***

Our speakers are distinguished in their careers and serve on AAUW's National Board of Directors. Hear about their passion for AAUW's mission; history of AAUW involvement; their career journey; and why they think AAUW is relevant and needed today.

**Flyer to Distribute:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-oKcDJjWW\\_vXK2vamZXEyB6ploWywB8B/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-oKcDJjWW_vXK2vamZXEyB6ploWywB8B/view?usp=sharing)

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## **JOIN MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING on CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am, the Pennsylvania House Education Committee will hold a public hearing on the cyber charter school application and renewal process. Critics say that the renewal process needs more rigor and better oversight. The link to the live stream of this hearing, for those wishing to listen, is listed under Upcoming Meetings:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/CteeInfo/index.cfm?Code=12&CteeBody=H>

The goal of the 1997 charter school law was to “encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods” and to “improve student learning that could be replicated by other public schools.” Now, Pennsylvania has more students enrolled in cyber charter schools than any other state. Their graduation rates remain much lower than non-charter public schools.

Cyber charters receive funds per enrolled student, but often are reimbursed for more than the actual costs of the cyber education, a practice that brings increased property taxes. The present law is decades old and needs to be updated. Tune in March 22<sup>nd</sup> to listen and learn.

*--Carol Hodes, Branch Education Chair*

# EMPOWER

BUILDING CONNECTIONS  
THROUGH COMMUNITY

## **THANK YOU FROM GWIS EMPOWER COMMITTEE**

*On behalf of the State College Chapter of the Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), we would like to thank you for sponsoring the 2022 Empower Conference on the theme of*

*Finding Yourself in Science! The Empower Conference is meant to be a starting point for people in STEM fields to begin reflecting on their actions, be inspired by those they met at the conference, and learn how to make changes in the world around them.*

*Your contribution of \$1,000 was significant to the success of this event, as it ensured we were able to invite speakers that spoke to our theme while also providing a quality conference experience to attendees! Please be sure to visit the State College Chapter website or the national GWIS website to stay connected with us for future events! We appreciate your support and hope to continue to work with you for the Empower Conference in the future!*

*--Empower Planning Committee*



## 2022 AAUW STATE COLLEGE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

Applications are now being accepted for AAUW State College Community Grants. Applicants must be non-profit organizations in Centre County, and more than half of the clients in the program to be funded must be women or girls. For additional information on grant conditions and the Grant Application, visit: [https://aauwstatecollege.org/community\\_grants\\_centre\\_county/](https://aauwstatecollege.org/community_grants_centre_county/)

If you have questions about the 2022-2023 community grants application process, contact Philanthropic Priorities and Funds Distribution Committee Co-Chair Connie Wheeler, [cmwheeler15@gmail.com](mailto:cmwheeler15@gmail.com). **Applications due April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*--Connie Wheeler and Donna Trapp*

*AAUW State College Philanthropic Priorities and Funds Distribution Co-Chairs*



## BOOK DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>

After a very busy winter with volunteers culling, sorting, and pricing books, the Used Book Workshop will be closing for book donations on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. This will give them time to process remaining book donations in time for the May 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Used Book Sale. The workshop will reopen for book

donations on **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. **Left:** Workshop Co-Lead Suzanne Kerlin knows “*We Can Do It!*”



The workshop is located at 2197 High Tech Road. High Tech Road is across from University Park Airport. The workshop is on the right behind Handy Delivery. Donations are preferred during workshop hours - **Mondays, 6:00-8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesdays 9:00 am-2:30 pm**. Books also may be delivered to outdoor donation bins (above right) anytime. **Details:**

[https://aauwstatecollege.org/used\\_book\\_sale\\_donations/](https://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_donations/)

**Left:** Workshop volunteers Penn State Humphrey Fellow Vuyokazi Jamieson branch member Shirley Sacks.



## **SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM MEMBER NEEDED for **MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS****

We are looking for a member with social media expertise or a desire to learn to work on a dynamic marketing and communications team promoting branch activities. Most of the posts are on the branch's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

A strong social media presence helps us reach our current membership as well as prospective members and the community. You will have access to Canva which can easily be learned and others in the branch can provide guidance. If you are interested in helping out in a fun way, during your free time, this is your opportunity. **For more information, contact Connie Schroeder, [connieschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:connieschroeder@gmail.com), (814) 360-4810.**



### **MEET SUE HIESTER, BRANCH MEMBER & ARTIST**

*Earlier this month, branch member Sue Hiester submitted her painting Tumbleweed Onion (right) to the annual AAUW Art Contest. Best wishes in the competition, Sue! To follow are Sue's inspirations.*



For roughly 50 years, I've been walking as my form of almost-daily exercise. This has focused me on many small things in our daily lives. I've found myself intrigued by the marks people make on sidewalks and streets as well as the small parts of the natural world and other 'accidental' collections of stones, seed pods, pine needles, etc.

Tumbleweed Onion - In this series of small paintings, I use these parts of my environment as inspiration. The medium I've used for years is acrylic paint which works like oil paint except it is water-based instead of solvent-based like oils.

*--Sue Hiester, branch member*



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, [connieschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:connieschroeder@gmail.com). *Bulletins* are sent electronically to branch members and friends and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.

## **JOIN MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

**All branch members** are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. They generally occur via Zoom at **12:00 noon the first Monday of each month**. To receive the agenda, please notify either Sally Kalin ([sallywkalin@gmail.com](mailto:sallywkalin@gmail.com)) or Linda Friend ([lx5@psu.edu](mailto:lx5@psu.edu)) several days before the meeting. Spring meetings include: **March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183353133?pwd=amFnekIqSnErRHdvQ3o2RjVGdGdmZz09>

## **Submit Events to the Branch Website Calendar**

Link to submit events for the  
Branch web calendar:

<https://forms.gle/4XoLCqQnLKj>