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Used Book Sale: Starts with ten months of work plus one heck of a Move-in Day

First, we offer a thousand thanks to the hard-working workshop volunteers who spent the past ten months sorting and pricing books! People who have not yet been out to the workshop have no idea of the great care that goes into this process. In the end, workshop volunteers packed nearly 4,300 boxes of books – a large volume of books - meaning more work, start to finish. Thank you, all!

Book transfer from workshop to Ag Arena



Above left: *Volunteers load boxes onto trucks.*

Above right: *Morgen Hummel, truck driver and leader among men.*



Left: *Canine volunteers were welcome. Mary Ann Blair commented, "EVERYONE is here to volunteer."*



Sally Kalin (Special Collections Room), Mary Ann Blair and Donna Trapp, Sale Co-Chairs.

61st AAUW State College Used Book Sale – unforgettable!

Everything about this year’s sale was unforgettable – not just the volume of books. From the wait in line for early Saturday shoppers (way too long), to grossing the most money ever at the sale, **\$187,562** - such a surprise. A thousand thanks to the book donors, volunteers, and the shoppers! Working together, we made it all happen.



A book lover’s dream.



Cindy Hall & Star Campbell unpack books at Move-in.



Friendly faces: Liz Kopco & Nancy Weinreb at Hospitality Table.



Amy Allison at Move-in Night.



Fun to find those treasures!

AAUW State College Award & Scholarship Celebration highlights



Sally Kalin, Immediate Past Co-President

Our annual spring banquet, held June 1 at Wyndam Garden Hotel at Mountain View, was a wonderful way to close out a memorable year. Immediate Past Co-President Sally Kalin led attendees through an inspiring program.

After a Meet & Greet and dinner, AAUW Pennsylvania President Cindy Hall greeted and congratulated the branch members on their successes, and encouraged them to attend the July 28-29 AAUW-PA retreat in Gettysburg. AAUW Penn State World Campus President Lauren Wellar described AAUW activities her group is engaged in.



Cindy Hall, President AAUW Pennsylvania



Lauren Wellar, President AAUW Penn State World Campus



2023 Branch honorees: *Vasundara Varadan, CCCHS Volunteer of the Year; Sally Kalin, Co-Outstanding Woman; Mary Ann Blair, Member Making a Difference; Leslie Laing, Gateway to Equity Award. Missing: Connie Schroeder, Co-Outstanding Woman.*

After dinner, scholarships were awarded, branch awardees recognized, and new branch officers installed.

A highlight of the meeting was Mary Dupuis reading a [Native Blessing](#), which was very well-received.



LEFT: *Scholarship Co-Chairs Leslie Laing and Maria Schmidt presented scholarships to the five scholarship recipients (pages 4-5).*



New branch officers: *Betsy Manlove will become a Program Co-VP, and Carline Crevecoeur and Sophie Penney Leach will serve as the next Membership Co-VPs. Missing: Claire Milner, Program Co-VP.*



New Leaders: *Liz Kopco and Grace Hampton will serve as new Co-President Elects.*

Congratulations and Best Wishes, all!

2023 AAUW State College Branch Scholarship recipients



SHAWNA BEGLEY-PECK

Shawna is a part-time student pursuing an Associate degree in Multidisciplinary Studies at Penn State World Campus. She is employed by the Borough of State College and interrupted her studies to raise her son. Shawna volunteered with United Way with fundraising events.

Shawna’s long-term goal is to work with the community to find resources to meet their needs especially those of single parents/children.

Shawna received the Evelyn Chostner Marboe Scholarship.



TEEONA BREON

Teeona is a part-time student at Penn State World Campus pursuing an Associate degree in Human Development and Family Studies with an option in Children, Youth and Family Services. Her long-term goal is to work with underprivileged children and youth who have faced challenges. For many years Teeona has volunteered with her church, and Toys for Tots.

Teeona received the AAUW State College Branch Scholarship.



RAGHDA MOUSA

Raghda is a part-time student at Penn State World Campus pursuing a Bachelor degree in Business. She started her tertiary education at University of Alexandria, Egypt. She interrupted her studies after arriving in Centre County to focus on her family.

Raghda has volunteered with the Church World Service working with refugees from Iraq using her interpretive services. She also volunteers and supports the Muslim community. She would like to start her own business giving services that prioritizes social and environmental responsibility.

Raghda received the Simmons Jansma Project Renew Grant recipient.



DENISE RUPERT-DOLHEIMER

Denise is a wife and mother of four children, and a former Penn State student who is currently enrolled part-time online at Colorado Christian University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Non-Profit Management. Denise remains an active Centre County resident who volunteers with the Girl Scouts, Childbirth Education Association, and in her church.

Denise works for PA Parent and Family Alliance helping parents of children and adult children with mental illness. She serves as a grant coordinator for the District Attorney's office for the county's STOP grant, addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in Centre County. Her long-term goal is to work with non-profit organizations.

Denise received the Suzanne McCrae Kerlin Scholarship.



CHELSEA WALL

Chelsea is a part-time student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology at Penn State. Her studies were interrupted due to family needs. Chelsea's community service involves recycling and helping with the community gardens wherever needed. She also has volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

Chelsea is employed by Penn State Human Resources Talent Management Team and on completion of her degree Chelsea would like to apply to the Psychology Leadership Graduate Program.

Chelsea received the AAUW State College Branch Scholarship.

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month



Across the country, June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, encouraging visibility, celebration, empowerment, allyship, and activism. According to the [ACLU website](#), over 100 bills restricting transgender people’s rights have been introduced since 2020. The state of Pennsylvania currently has anti-discrimination protections for race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, and disability. The State College Borough has expanded on this to include protections for gender identity and sexual orientation, encouraging other municipalities to do the same ([Spotlight PA, Feb. 14, 2023](#)).

If you have been wondering about pronouns, labels, and how to get involved, check out: [Gender-inclusive pronouns](#) [Gender diversity terminology](#) [Centre LGBTQA Support Network](#)

Our local community will celebrate on June 10th downtown at 3 pm and a festival at 4:30 pm in Sidney Friedman Park. The grand marshal, State Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, will speak at the event and will be joined by State College Mayor Ezra Nanes and State Rep. Paul Takac ([Centre Daily Times, May 18, 2023](#)). Come show your support and consider intersectionality.

“The more I have been able to learn about gay rights and equal pay and gender equity and racial inequality, the more that it all intersects. You can’t really pick it apart. It is all intertwined.” — Megan Rapinoe

--Carmen Vanderhoof, Diversity Committee

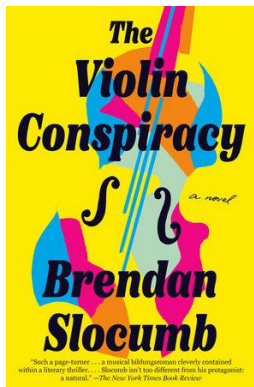
All are invited to June 17 Juneteenth Block Party



State College NAACP proudly announces the 2023 Juneteenth Celebration on **Saturday June 17 from 12 pm – 5 pm** on the 100 block of Frasier Street. Juneteenth is an important day in American History as it marks when the last group of enslaved African Americans were notified of their freedom in 1865. State College’s fourth year of commemoration includes a FREE Block Party. **More:** [Juneteenth Block Party](#)

Branch member Grace Hampton has shared information about the Juneteenth Art Exhibit, which promises to be exceptional: [Juneteenth Art Exhibit](#)

¡ADELANTE! Book Club to meet Thursday, June 22



Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in both fiction and nonfiction offerings. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 22 at 2:30 pm**. The group will discuss *The Violin Conspiracy: A Novel* by Brendan Slocumb. It is the story of a Black classical musician on the rise—undeterred by the pressure and prejudice of the classical music world.

To participate with the group, contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. We warmly welcome new members. **Join Meeting: [June 22 Adelante Meeting](#)**

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair

Join Clearwater Conservancy and AAUW State College for June 14 Wellness Wednesday



We've been invited by Clearwater Conservancy to participate in a *Wellness Wednesday* program, which is part of their Centred Outdoors program that will take place **at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, 6-8 pm**. Centred Outdoors helps engage and build a diverse audience wanting to learn, explore and protect the local gems we have in our own backyards. Centred Outdoors connects people to nature while benefiting both!



AAUW State College will present information on AAUW and will be followed by **Jennifer Tucker**, a practicing herbalist for more than 35 years, who will share information on **medicinal plants**. A short informative guided hike will be included.

Shaver's Creek is located at 3400 Discovery Road, Petersburg. **Learn more: [June 14 Wellness Wednesday](#)**, invite a friend, and join us!

July 28-29 AAUW Pennsylvania retreat registration due June 25



The annual summer AAUW-Pennsylvania summer retreat is just around the corner. Plan to join us for this engaging and inspiring gathering!

AAUW State College will pay the \$50 fee (including meals) for any branch member who wants to attend the retreat. Attendees

will be responsible for securing and covering the cost of their hotel rooms. A group rate is available for Friday night for a limited number of rooms so call early. (Information is provided in the link below.)

The retreat begins on Friday, July 28 with an optional Gettysburg tour and social event Friday evening. On Saturday, Keynote Speaker Pennsylvania State Representative [Donna Bullock](#), chair of the Pennsylvania Black Caucus, will speak on pay equity.

There will be several break-out sessions, including two by AAUW State College members. **Michele Crowl** and **Candace Davison** will offer a session on STEM, and **Naana Nti** and **Sophie Penney Leach** will offer a session on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Attendees may attend both Friday evening and Saturday or Saturday only. Complete conference and registration information is available at [AAUW Pennsylvania](#).

The deadline to register for the retreat is Sunday, June 25.

Volunteer at the Branch-staffed Arts Fest Information Booth



AAUW State College will again staff the **July 12-16 Arts Fest information table**, located on Allen Street and College Avenue. This a terrific way for our branch to help out with a large community event, meet people, and share a bit about who we are.

We still need a bit of help on Sunday, July 16: two people for 10:30 am – 1 pm, and one person for 1-4 pm. Contact [Jackie Esposito](#) today if you can help!

Let's Read Math to run July 17, 24, 31, 2:30 pm at Schlow Centre Region Library



The AAUW STEM committee will again be conducting Let's Read Math at Schlow Centre Region Library for elementary school students. The program will be held on Mondays at 2:30 pm on July 17, 24, and 31. Sessions run 30–45 minutes and begin with the reading of a children's book, highlighting an interesting math or science concept, and an activity.

The books we will read include *There's a Map on my Lap* by Tish Rabe (maps, directions, color combinations); *Spaghetti and Meatballs* for all by Marilyn Burns (area and perimeter, spatial sense); *The Sundae Scoop* by Stuart Murphy (combinations, probability, early multiplication).

The *Let's Read Math* program is free. Advance registration is required for all programs and space will be limited. Register online or call (814) 237-6236. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Branch members are encouraged to bring their children or grandchildren to the program. If interested in helping, contact [Candace Davison](#).

AAUW State College membership renewals



Most of us have memberships that renew in July (that changed recently when people could join anytime of the year and it would renew 12 months later). If your membership is up for renewal in July you should be receiving a notice from AAUW National soon. You can renew now online at [AAUW Membership Renewal](#).

If you renew your membership prior to July 1 the cost is \$90 (for all three levels of the organization). Starting July 1, the cost of membership goes up to \$92.

If you prefer to send in a check rather than renew online, please send to Membership Co-VP Charlene Harrison, payable to AAUW-State College Branch, Inc. c/o Membership Renewal, AAUW-State College Branch, P.O. Box 735, State College, PA 16804. Questions about membership renewals may be sent to Membership Co-VP [Charlene Harrison](#).

Welcome
New Members

Ann Hart -

annhartquilts@gmail.com

Hello, everyone! I moved to State College from Juniata County with my husband on

December 27, 2022 to be close to our daughter and her family. Currently, we are very preoccupied with our grandson who starts kindergarten in the fall.



I grew up near Lebanon, PA and got my bachelor's degree in Library Education from Shippensburg University. I began working in libraries in middle school and find it hard to stay away from books and library services. My experience includes working in high school, college, public and church libraries. For the past four years I was sorting and stocking books for a thriving thrift store. I loved it!

I worked from home doing custom sewing while our three children were growing up. I served on administrative boards for children and youth, cooperative extension, public library, friends

of the library, quilt guild and cultural arts committee. I headed up a 4-H club when my children were young, and recently got involved in local politics working at the polls.

I have always gardened, like spending time in nature, read a lot and am an avid recycler. I make lap quilts to donate to local continuing care homes.



Kay Shirk – kays816@hotmail.com

I grew up in central Pennsylvania and received a B.A. from Penn State's School of Journalism (now known as Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications). I was a copywriter and editor for a major Philadelphia department store and advertising agency in Philadelphia before my husband and I moved to State College in 1976 to start our family. I was an editor for 17 years in the Marketing and Communications division of Penn State Outreach, retiring in December 2019.

I continue to freelance as a copywriter and editor for a graphic designer. We are the parents of two daughters, one of whom is also a Penn State graduate. Both reside in State College. We have two grandchildren with a third due in August. One of my family's favorite activities each year is attending the AAUW Book Sale. I am delighted to join AAUW so that I can also help with that wonderful event and assist in furthering educational opportunities for women.



Takina Walker - tdw5459@psu.edu

Hello! My name is Takina Walker, and I am a Master's student at Pennsylvania State University's English literature program. I am also a #DigBlk scholar for Penn State's Center for Black Digital Research. I received my B.A. from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, with a Bachelor of Arts in English: Literary Studies.

Currently, I work with the Black Women's Organizing Archive (BWOA) by providing data entry for their growing archival records. The project centers on 19th and early-20th century Black women's contributions that have been erased. This project informs and complements my research interests, which include African American romance, the intersections of romance and race, and sexuality studies.

I am excited to work with the AAUW community to achieve gender equality for women and girls. I am passionate about offering educational support for adolescent girls in order to provide them with the necessary guidance as they enter early adulthood.

Have You Heard?

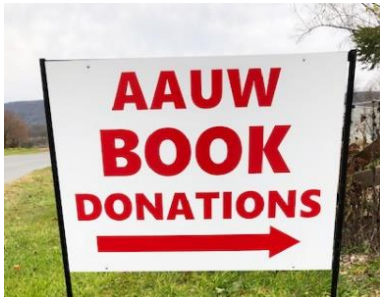
Congratulations to branch members **Christine Bishop**, CEO, Centre County Youth Services Bureau, and **Amy Wilson**, Executive Director, Mid-State Literacy Council. They were both selected by the Pennsylvania Business Central as 2023 Top Non-profit Female Leaders.



2022-2023 Branch slide show

As our fiscal year draws to a close, now is a good time for reflection. The following slide show is a compilation of highlights from the past 12 months. **Feel free to share this with potential members who may like to learn more about us: [bit.ly/Being-a-Part 2022-2023](https://bit.ly/Being-a-Part-2022-2023)**

--Connie Schroeder, Marketing & Communication VP



Workshop reopens for book donations June 13

The Used Book Workshop, located at 2197 High Tech Road near University Park Airport, will reopen on Tuesday, June 13. Summer hours are **6 – 8 pm on Monday evenings, and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9 am – 12 pm.** Details: [Book Donation](#)



Board meeting update

All branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings, which are held generally held **the first Monday of the month at noon.** To catch up on the May board meeting: [May 1 board meeting notes](#). There will not be a full board meeting in July. Details on the next board meeting will be sent via e-blast in July. Meetings are usually held at the **College Township Building (second floor)** and will also be accessible via Zoom: bit.ly/3KToSWA.



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, August 7.** Items for inclusion are requested by **Monday, July 31** and should be sent to *Branch Bulletin* Editor [Connie Schroeder](#). Bulletins are also available at [AAUW State College](#).