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**September Gathering  
& Potluck, Tudek Park,  
Thursday, September 21**



You are invited! Our AAUW State College potluck fall get-together is all set for **Thursday, September 21, 5 – 7:30 pm** so mark your calendar and sign up today! We will be in **Pavilion 1, Tom Tudek Park in Ferguson Township:** [Map to Tudek](#)



Come at 5 pm to socialize and learn about ways to become more engaged with the branch! Together, we will further our

*Last September's potluck was lots of fun!* mission to pursue gender equity. Bring your favorite dish, salad, or dessert to share, that is all. We will provide paper products and beverages.

Feel free to invite a friend or colleague to join you at the potluck. Our membership VPs will be there to talk with people about memberships (\$92 annually) and have applications on hand.

**RSVPs due September 15. Sign-up here to bring your favorite dish: [September 21 Potluck Sign-up](#)**

*–Nina Cowart and Betsy Manlove, Program Co-VPs*

## Membership Matters

### AAUW State College membership renewals

Your AAUW membership is more important and valuable than ever. Most of us have memberships that renew in July so if you have not renewed yet, please do so today. The easiest way to renew memberships is online: [AAUW Membership Renewal](#).

If you joined in 2023 you will need to renew 12 months from when you joined and you should receive a renewal notice when it is time. Branch membership is \$92 for one-year, with \$69 being tax deductible. If you need to pay by check, make it payable to AAUW State College Branch, Inc. and mail it to AAUW State College Branch c/o Membership Renewal, P.O. Box 735, State College, PA 16804.

Please direct membership renewal questions to Membership Co-VP [Carline Crevecoeur](#). Your membership makes a difference, thank you.

–Carline Crevecoeur and Susan Chyczewski, Membership Co-VPs

## Save the Dates



### Membership VPs add events to branch calendar

Great news! Membership Co-VPs [Carline Crevecoeur](#) and [Susan Chyczewski](#) have

assembled a wonderful calendar of new events for the branch, which are listed below with other branch programs and events, providing a good overview of the coming months.

Details and more events and will be added as soon as they are confirmed. **Membership events (designated by an “M”) will mostly run 6:00 – 8:30 pm and the deadline to RSVP will be one week prior to the event.** Mark your calendar with the following dates.

### Fall 2023 AAUW State College Event Schedule

**September 21** - Branch Potluck – details page 1

**October 11** - Game Night: Carline Crevecoeur’s house (M) – details page 3

**October 19** – *¡Adelante!* (virtual book club) - details page 9

**November 3-5** – Shopping event with Ten Thousand Villages – details page 10

**November 8** – *Read Between the Lines* (book club): *The Personal Librarian* – Susan Chyczewski’s house, details TBD (M)

**December 6** – Painting Party: TBD (M)

For the full calendar including spring events visit: [2023-2024 Branch Calendar](#)



## October 11 Ladies' Game Night Extravaganza: Unleash Your Competitive Spirit!

Come Roll the dice, strategize, and have an absolute blast at our unforgettable evening at the **Ladies' Game Night Extravaganza**, where you will find laughter, camaraderie, friendly competition, and the mystery of Tarot Card reading.

**Date: October 11, Time: 6-9 pm**

**Where: Carline Crevecoeur's house: 120 Aspen Drive, Boalsburg**

### Event Highlights:

- **Game Variety:** From Dominoes to Codenames, Exploding Kittens, and more, our games will have something for everyone.
- **Inclusivity and Fun:** No matter your gaming experience, from seasoned strategist to beginner, we welcome all skill levels.
- **Connect and Play:** The power of play brings people together as we forge new connections with our AAUW members and make lasting memories.

**Tarot Card reading:** Delve into the mystical world of tarot with personalized readings to explore the path that lies ahead, with [Jumeau Tarot](#).

- **Refreshments and Atmosphere:** Delight your taste buds with delectable snacks and refreshments as you soak in the lively and welcoming atmosphere.

**RSVP Now!** Do not miss out on an evening filled with laughter, strategy, and the mystique of tarot. RSVP to [Carline](#). **The deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, October 4.**

**Let's play, connect, and celebrate the joy of gaming and divination!**

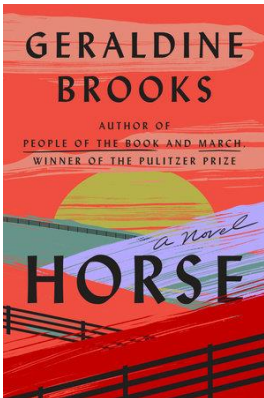


### Meet *Read Between the Wines*

Membership VPs Carline and Susan have also created a second book club for members to participate in. The new group is called *Read Between the Wines* - so you probably have some idea of at least one beverage that will be served!

The new group complements *¡Adelante!* - our current diversity book club - in that it will meet in the evenings (Wednesdays) rather than in the afternoon, and in-person rather than virtually.

## DIVERSITY CORNER



### ¡Adelante! Book Club to meet Thursday, October 19

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

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 19 at 2:30 pm**. The group will discuss *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks. More:

<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/59109077>

To participate with the group, please contact [info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:info@aauwstatecollege.org). New members welcome! **Join Zoom: [October 19 Adelante Meeting](#)**



### September 30 Multicultural Unity Fair

The Community Diversity Group will hold its 4 annual Multicultural Unity Fair on Saturday, September 30 from noon to 4:00 pm at the State College Municipal Building, 243 S Allen Street. There will be, performances, music, information booths, and food.

As part of its outreach and commitment to diversity, AAUW State College will have a table at the fair. Jackie Esposito has volunteered to staff it (thank you, Jackie!) and it we could use one more person to staff it with her. If interested, contact [Naana Nti](#).

Please share this fair flyer with friends and colleagues: [September 30 Multicultural Unity Fair](#)



### October 18 Cultural Empowerment for Women Lunch

The next Cultural Empowerment for Women luncheon, co-sponsored with AAUW State College, features *A Conversation with Diverse Women of Influence* is on **Wednesday, October 18, 11:30 am-2:00 pm** at the Penn Stater Conference Center. RSVPs due Oct. 11. Details will be provided will be provided in the

October 2 *Branch Bulletin*.

**Ethnic Festivals** – The 2023 **Hispanic History Month** is from **September 15 - October 15**. Learn more: <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about.html>. The **Happy Valley Latin Festival** will be held **Saturday, October 7 from 11 am - 5 pm** at the Martin Luther King, 127 S. Fraser Street, State College. There will be live music, exhibitors, dancers, and much more.

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



## ELECTIONS 2023

Your vote in this year's municipal elections is especially important due to threats to our School Boards. You will be hearing more about that from our excellent Education Committee.

Our Elections Office does not have a precise date for when mail in ballots will be sent to us because the Pennsylvania Department of State has not told them yet, but late September—early October is a good guess. If you have not applied for a mail-in ballot, go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) Technically the deadline to apply is **October 31**, but do not believe it—that's way too close to Election Day on **November 7**. Sample ballots will be available on the Centre County Election Office website before mail in ballots are sent out. We will have drop boxes available for the return of ballots at the usual locations, but bear in mind you have to deposit your ballot in person. If you cannot, then it is best to put a stamp on it.

Our articles about the high court judges we are voting for and about our Centre County elected officials follow.

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

**PENNSYLVANIA HIGH COURT CANDIDATES:** We see the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against our Public Policy agenda more and more often, so we must increase awareness of the roles the Pennsylvania appeals courts play in defending our rights.

We will elect four people. Candidates are listed in the order you will find them on your ballot.

**PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT:** The oldest appeals court in the country, the PA Supreme Court was founded 100 years prior to the U.S. Supreme Court. Justices are elected for 10-year terms. They must step down at age 75, but can serve another three years as senior judges on the lower appeals courts. This court can pick and choose the cases it takes [with certain limited exceptions], allowing it to focus on policy questions. Among recent notable cases, the Court overturned partisan gerrymandering of Congressional districts.

### **Vote for one:**

**Daniel McCaffery**, Democrat: Currently a Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, McCaffery was a county judge in Philadelphia County, a prosecutor, a lawyer in private practice, and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is Highly Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**Carolyn Carluccio**, Republican: Currently President Judge of Montgomery County, previously she served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Delaware and as Chief Public Defender in Montgomery County. She is Highly Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT:** Our Superior Court hears appeals from our county courts and must take every case, making it the busiest Court in the country. Terms are for 10 years.

**Vote for two:**

**Jill Beck**, Democrat: Currently a lawyer in private practice, she held clerkships under Superior and Supreme Court Justices for over a decade. Prior to the clerkship, she worked at KidsVoice, Inc., managing an extensive caseload for abused and neglected children. She is rated Highly Qualified by the Pennsylvania Bar.

**Timika Lane**, Democrat: Currently a Judge of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, she has been in private practice of family law, and has served as a public defender, civil arbitrator, and child advocate. She teaches Continuing Legal Education courses and is an active volunteer. She is rated Highly Qualified by the Pennsylvania Bar.

**Maria Battista**, Republican: She is from Clarion County. The Pennsylvania Bar rated her Not Recommended for failure to participate in their evaluation process.

**Harry Smail Jr.**, Republican: A judge in Westmoreland County, he was previously a sole practitioner working in a variety of areas of the law and has practiced at the state and federal levels. He has been an active volunteer. The Pennsylvania Bar rated him Recommended.

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURT:** Our Commonwealth Court is unique because it hears cases involving governmental units and about all aspects of elections. Terms are for 10 years.

**Vote for one:**

**Matthew Wolf**, Democrat: Currently a Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, where he is viewed as a reformer. Previously he spent 20 years in private practice. A veteran, he still serves in the PA National Guard. The PA Bar rates him Recommended.

**Megan Martin**, Republican: She was a law clerk in Lancaster before joining the Governor's Office of General Counsel and serving in other areas of Pennsylvania government. She was Right to Know appeals officer for the Pennsylvania Senate. The Pennsylvania Bar rates her Recommended.

For more details about these candidates and their evaluations, see the Pennsylvania Bar overview, where you'll find links to candidate questionnaires: [Bar Judicial Evaluations](#)

Further statewide judicial elections: Retention elections are how judges run for reelection. These are yes/no votes to decide whether to keep a judge in office for another 10-year term. Judges **Jack Panella** [Democrat] and **Victor Stabile** [Republican] are running for retention to the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Please vote yes.



## COUNTY JUDICIAL ELECTIONS:

Judge **Julia Rater** was sworn in to complete the remainder of former President Judge Pam Ruest's term. She is on your fall ballot as both a Democrat and a Republican because she won both parties' primary election. Please give her the courtesy of your vote.

**District Judge Retention:** As with statewide retentions these elections decide whether to keep district judges in office for another 10-year term. We have heard no criticism of them. If you find their name on your ballot, please give them the courtesy of a yes vote.

Incumbent district Judge **Casey McClain**, based in greater Ferguson township, is a Democrat standing for retention.

Incumbent District Judge **Al Sinclair**, based in greater Philipsburg, is a Republican standing for retention.

## COUNTY WIDE ELECTIONS

We elect all our countywide officials this year with the exception of the District Attorney [elected two years ago]. These officers lead more government services and requirements than you may realize. Our friends at the League of Women Voters covered these duties in their *Centre Daily Times* column, August 23, which you will find below. If you have not already read it, please do, as it is a concise statement of the responsibilities to be carried out by the people you are voting for in each office.

Here are the candidates.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Vote for any two, regardless of party. The top three vote getters will win, thereby guaranteeing at least one representative of each political party. Each party nominated two candidates in their primary.

The Democrats are **Mark Higgins** and **Amber Conception**. Higgins became Chair of the Board when Michael Pipe was hired by the Shapiro Administration as a Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor. Conception was appointed to the resulting vacant seat. He was a businessman specializing in turnarounds before first being elected. She was President of the State College Area School Board while the new high school was being constructed.

The Republicans are **Steve Dershem** and **Marie Librizzi**. Dershem has served as Commissioner continually for 20 years. Previously he was a small businessman. Librizzi is retired from small business and served as President of the Downtown State College Improvement District.

**The remaining offices are vote for one:**

**CONTROLLER:** Incumbent **Jason Moser**, Democrat, was previously Jury Commissioner and in management at the Penn Stater. His challenger, **Trevor Stauffer**, Republican, is a Penn State policeman who won on a write-in during the primary.

**SHERIFF:** Incumbent **Brian Campbell**, Republican, is unopposed for election.

**TREASURER:** Incumbent **Colleen Kennedy**, Democrat, was an auditor and choir director. She faces challenger **Justin Behrends**, Republican, who ran last year for State Representative, losing to **Paul Takac**.

**PROTHONOTARY:** Incumbent **Jeremy Breon**, Democrat, is unopposed for reelection.

**RECORDER OF DEEDS:** Incumbent **Joe Davidson**, Republican, is running for his seventh term. He is challenged by Democrat **Robert Zeigler**, a Millheim Borough Councilman who ran last year for State Representative, losing to **Kerry Benninghoff**.

**REGISTER OF WILLS:** Incumbent **Christine Millander**, Republican, is unopposed for reelection.

**CORONER:** Incumbent Scott Sayers, Democrat, is unopposed for reelection.



**League of Women Voters of Centre County:  
Know the roles of our local elected officials**

Local government is the most accessible level of government. It makes communities strong and resilient through shared involvement. To understand its impact, the League of Women Voters of Centre County (LWVCC) is providing a four-part series about local offices. This second installment focuses on county government offices, which have county-wide elections for four-year terms. The LWVCC thanks Centre County Commissioner Mark Higgins for his contributions to this article.

Pennsylvania counties' class size is based on the population within the county.

**Commissioner:** Each major political party nominates two individuals and the electorate votes for two. The top three vote-getters become the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners are responsible for policy-making, fiscal management, administration of county affairs, serving on advisory boards and representing interests of the community with state and federal officials. They can regulate through ordinances, resolutions and laws regarding public health, parks, solid waste management and more. They approve the annual budget and pay for mandated state and federal programs. Commissioners shape the county's future through long-range planning. (This information is from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.) Information for the following offices is from [centrecountypa.gov](http://centrecountypa.gov).



**Controller:** administers finances — accounting, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and retiree benefits. Through internal and external auditing, this office ensures that the county is achieving honest, efficient management and full accountability.

**Sheriff:** is the highest-ranking law enforcement officer in the county. The Sheriff's deputies serve eviction, protection from abuse and custody orders; apprehend warranted persons; transport prisoners; enforce vehicle violations; issue firearms carry licenses; provide security for county courthouse, buildings, and airport; assist with Penn State home football games and more.

**Treasurer:** receives and disburses monies including the Retirement Fund. This office distributes payroll checks to approximately 550 employees on a bi-to-weekly basis and 800 general expense checks monthly. Treasurer serves as hotel tax collector, sells hunting/fishing/dog and sports firearm licenses, invests with local banks, and sells Games and Raffle licenses and permits.

**Prothonotary:** is responsible for records of the Courts of Common Pleas civil cases and for records from appellate courts in both civil and criminal cases. This office manages bail money; maintains approximately 6,000 civil cases and 2,500 criminal cases; processes 1,000 passport applications; and is responsible for naturalization of about 30 new citizens annually.

**Recorder of Deeds:** maintains legal documents pertaining to real estate, receiving Real Estate Transfer Taxes, disbursing over \$5.6 million to 37 political subdivisions and six school districts, collecting and distributing fees for the Administrative Office of PA Courts, assisting in generating over \$5 million in revenue for PA and approximately \$850,000 for Centre County annually.

**Register of Wills:** is responsible for probating wills and granting letters of administration when persons die with no will. Register maintains records of wills; estate inventories; and collects state inheritance tax. Office maintains birth and death records through 1905 and issues marriage licenses, maintains guardianship papers for minors and incapacitated persons and maintains adoption papers.

**Coroner:** investigates the circumstance, manner, and cause of deaths: suicide, accident, suspected homicide, or natural death where no physician is in attendance. Office performs autopsies, collects specimens, analyzes results to determine the cause of death and completes the death certificate. Coroner determines if there is a public health threat from a communicable disease or through product liability and testifies in cases of criminal prosecution.

The Municipal Election will be held on **November 7, 2023**. Make sure your voter registration is current at [www.centrecountyvotes.gov](http://www.centrecountyvotes.gov).

**SHARE:** [Centre County offices](#)

[Important election-related dates](#)

*--Sue Sargo, Presiding Officer, League of Women Voters of Centre County*

## Education Sub-Committee report

This will be a busy fall for education topics. Presently we are concentrating on three areas: HB 1422 (Cyber Charter School Changes), unfinished items related to the state budget, and the upcoming school board election.

The Cyber Charter Bill, HB 1422, passed the House before they recessed. This bill addresses fair funding and accountability. It now goes to the Senate for consideration. The state budget passed this summer but still needs code bills to allocate some of the money. Level Up Funding comes under this category. This is money that will go to chronically underfunded school districts. There are the same districts that would have been eligible for the Lifeline Voucher Program (that was vetoed by the governor) and the amount of money is the same. Please contact your senators, Senator Cris Dush at (717) 787-7084 or Senator Wayne Langerholc at (717) 787-5400 for their support of HB 1422 and Level Up Funding.

When you make your decision about what school board candidates to vote for remember what AAUW stands for. There are candidates whose ideas do not fit with our mission. Advocate for your choices with friends and family as well as letters to the editor.

The Education Committee will be addressing other issues during the year, such as the looming teacher shortage. We would welcome more members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact [Sue Johnston](#), (484) 467-7640.

*–Sue Johnston, Branch Education Chair*

## SCASD School Board election

AAUW State College members should be aware that controversy exists regarding school board elections in most of our districts. The concern is, are there candidates who want to advance an agenda compatible with some of the educational policies being implemented in Florida? Those policies are the opposite of AAUW's Public Policy, which stresses respect for all people and open access to information.

We should learn much from the League of Women Voters debates, October 24 and October 26. The C-NET candidate interviews will be available sooner, and of course the LWV will publish its Voter Guide. We will continue to update you as we learn more about these resources. Vote by mail ballots likely will reach you before these events, so please hold yours until you are satisfied you have the information you need.

*--Dianne Gregg, AAUW State College Public Policy Co-Chair*



The November election slate for State College School board will have an equal number of Democrats and Republicans vying for five open seats. More information will be available about individual candidates closer to the election. The following is list of candidates, their educational and work background, and website.

#### **DEMOCRATS:**

**Amy Bader** (incumbent) has been a member of the State College Area School Board since 2015. A native of eastern Pennsylvania, she has lived in the school district since 2009 and has three children in the school district. Her education consists of a B.A., biology, Temple University; M.A., biology, Temple University; V.M.D. from the School of Veterinary Medicine at University of Pennsylvania. <https://www.centrecountydems.com/school-board.html#scasd>

**Gretchen Brandt** (incumbent) has been a member of the State College Area School Board since 2015 and is the board's vice president. She had experience working with local government in Michigan as a grant writer. She has two children in the school district and her education includes a B.A. in international affairs and Germanic studies from University of Colorado; a M.A. in public administration, Central Michigan University; doctoral work in political science at Penn State University. <https://www.centrecountydems.com/school-board.html#scasd>

**Anne Demo** is a former Penn State professor and paraprofessional in the State College Area Schools, who also taught at taught at Vanderbilt and Syracuse universities. She returned to the area in 2015 and has a son who is a senior at State High. Her educational credentials include a Ph.D. in speech communication from Penn State. <https://www.centrecountydems.com/school-board.html#scasd>

**Daniel Kolbe**, a native of Philipsburg, lives in Patton Township and works in business development for KCF Technologies in State College. He has a son who attends an elementary school in the district. His education was from Philipsburg-Osceola Area High School and Penn State. <https://www.centrecountydems.com/school-board.html#scasd>

**Aaron Miller** is an instructor of human development and family studies at Penn State. Before moving to the area, he was a childcare teacher in Seattle from 2008-11. In 2017, he was awarded a policy fellowship from the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning. His education includes a bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Penn State, and he has two elementary-age students in the district. <https://www.centrecountydems.com/school-board.html#scasd>

#### **REPUBLICANS:**

**Nathan Bish** is originally from Milton, Pennsylvania and has lived in the school district since 2016. His education is from Milton Area School District, a 1996 graduate, and his bachelor's degree from Penn State in 2000. <https://www.united4scasd.org/candidates>

**Barry Fenchak** is an independent Registered Securities Principal and Investment Advisor who also has been an instructor in Finance at Penn State for over 20 years. He currently serves as a Penn State trustee. He has four children, all of whom graduated from SCASD. He has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, and an M.B.A., both from Penn State.

<https://www.united4scasd.org/candidates>

**John Krajcovic** worked for the Army Corps of Engineers prior to 20 years at PennDOT as a Civil Engineer, 15 of those as a Project Manager. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Pennsylvania. John has two children in the district, and the family has resided in the School District since 2017. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School, and received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

<https://www.united4scasd.org/candidates>

**Megan Layng** is an educator who taught at several private schools and co-ops in Colorado Springs and State College. Most recently, she has taught English Composition to international students at Penn State, and Grammar and English as a Second Language at Penn State's Intensive English Communication Program. Presently, she advises international students at Penn State's Office of Global Programs. Her education credentials are a B.A. in Spanish and English from Susquehanna University, and a M.A. in applied linguistics/TESOL from Penn State.

<https://layng4scasd.com/>

**Michelle Young** retired from the U.S. Navy after 22 years of service and is now a stay-at-home mom with three school-aged sons in the district. Her education includes a B.A. in political science M.S. in systems technology, a M.S. in military science and international relations.

<https://www.united4scasd.org/candidates>

*--Carol Hodes, Education Committee*

## Centre County Constitution Day, September 23 – Join!



The Centre County Constitution Day Committee invites AAUW State College members to join in for the 2023 Centre County Constitution Day, planned for **Saturday, September 23 at the American Legion in State College, 11am – 1:30 pm**. Area residents of all political persuasions are welcome to attend and participate in the Democracy roundtables. It is free and includes light refreshments. Learn and register: <https://www.constitutiondaycentre.org/>

## McCourtney Institute for Democracy posts fall schedule

The McCourtney Institute, part of Penn State's College of Liberal Arts, has posted their fall event schedule showcasing people working in democracy reform, human rights, viewpoint diversity, and more. All events are free and open to the public: <https://democracy.psu.edu/>



**News from Ten Thousand Villages:**  
**-Open Assistant Manager position**  
**-AAUW State College shopping event**  
**November 3-5**

AAUW member and Ten Thousand Villages State College Manager Kieran Holland shared recently that they have an opening in the store for an Assistant Manager. If interested in applying: [Ten Thousand Village Asst. Manager position](#)

Good news! Kieran has also confirmed that our AAUW State College Community Shopping Event has been scheduled for **November 3-5**. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit working with over 20,000 artisans in more than 25 countries. Ten Thousand Villages builds long-term buying relationships - averaging 20 years - to support the sustainability of artisan businesses and impact families generationally. Kieran shares that about 65% of the artisans they work with are women.

We seek branch members to staff our AAUW table during the event. Volunteers are needed **Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 from 11-6 pm and Sunday, November 5 from 12 noon – 4 pm**. Table staffing is fun and easy. We talk with customers, share information about AAUW, and encourage shoppers to mention AAUW when they make their purchases. When they do, a percentage of proceeds will be redirected back to AAUW State College.

**If you can volunteer for a few hours**, contact AAUW member [Deb Smith](#) with your availability, today. Thank you to our friends at Ten Thousand Villages for making this event possible!

The November 3-5 dates for our shopping day event is perfectly timed with the best time for shopping for holiday gift giving, especially for gifts that need to be mailed. Take advantage!



**Branch Centennial Speaker, March 29, 2024: Lisa Salters**  
[Lisa Salters](#), ESPN sports broadcaster, will be the AAUW State College Centennial Speaker at the 2024 Penn State Forum on Friday, March 29. A Penn State alumna, Salters has broken glass ceilings both as a woman and as a woman of color in a mostly male-dominated field. We have purchased three tables for the event and tickets on sale now. **Details:** [March 29 Forum](#)

## AAUW State College grant thank yous

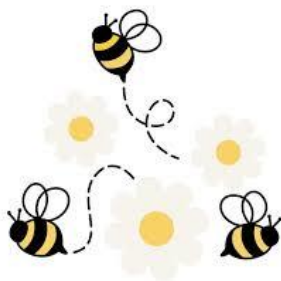
Thank you for the scholarship to Science-U. The camp was a great opportunity to learn about the flora and fauna of Central Pennsylvania. Without this scholarship I wouldn't have gone to camp. I really appreciate your support of young women in science.

Thank you,  
Lisel

Recently, we received a few thank you cards in response to the STEM and Community Action Grants that the branch awarded this spring and summer.

The first (left) was a postcard from a girl who received a scholarship to Science U via a STEM grant. It speaks for itself!

The second thank you was from Bellefonte Reads, who received an AAUW State College Community Action Grant for books for their *One Book, One Bellefonte* initiative, where thousands of a selected collection of books, chosen along a specific theme, are made available for free to community members. The letter – [Bellefonte Reads Thank You](#) - includes a QR code to a video detailing the project.



### Branch to participate in September 27 Spelling Bee

The news is buzzing - Mid-State Literacy Council, a branch Community Action Grant recipient - will hold their **24<sup>th</sup> Ron and Mary Maxwell Community Spelling Bee on September 27, 6-8 pm**. It is a great fundraiser

– held over Zoom - and a lot of fun. For the past few years, we have fielded a team, ***The Book-Bees***, and either won outright or tied for first.

Local businesses sponsor the Bee and most of the spellers come from local community groups such as ours. There are 2-3 people on each team of spellers and we' have learned from MSLC Director Amy Wilson that more spellers are needed. To date, members Martha and Morgen Hummel are signed up (thank goodness!) to lead The Book Bees. We would like to complete that team and come up with a few more people for another team or to fill in where needed.

- If you would like to spell and are up for some good old-fashioned fun, contact [Connie Schroeder](#) by September 14.
- To view the Bee and cheer on our team(s), it will be streamed live on September 27 at 6:00 pm: <https://youtube.com/live/ZUQvea6koKI>
- To make a gift to MSLC during the Bee it would *Bee* terrific: <https://www.mid-stateliteracycouncil.org/donate/>.

## Branch Officers 2023-2025\*

### Co-President Elects

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## Book donations in high gear



Book donations were heavy this summer and more help is needed with sorting on **Tue/Wed from 12 noon – 2:30**. Volunteering at the workshop is a great way to get to know other members and it's fun to be a part of the group. Drop by and check it out!

## Board Meeting Updates

The Executive Board met on August 14. See [August 14 meeting notes](#) for details.

All branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. They are held the **second Monday of each month** in the College Township Council Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). **Our next meeting (full board) will be held Monday, September 11**. Meetings run from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm and will also be held via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMeeting>.



### Branch Bulletin Dates

The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, October 24**. The submission deadline is **Monday, September 28**. Send

items to *Branch Bulletin* Editor [Connie Schroeder](#). Bulletins are also available at [AAUW State College](#).