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Used Book Workshop Volunteering

AAUW State College Used Book Workshop

Blue building off 2197 High Tech Road,
which is across from University Park Airport.

Mondays 6:00-8:00 pm

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Used Book Sale - May 11-14, 2024

Penn State Snider Ag Arena

May 11-12-13 – 9:00am–8:00 pm

May 14 – 9:00 am-7:00 pm



Advancing equity for women & girls through
research, education, and advocacy

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Mission Statement

The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.

AAUW - National Organization

For over 142 years, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting equity and education for women and girls. Through its nationwide network of more than 170,000 members and supporters, 1000 local branches and over 800 college/university partners, AAUW opens doors for women and girls and advocates for issues such as education, civil rights, and workplace equity.



CCCHS volunteer dinner honoring Vasundara Varadan.

AAUW sponsors community programs, publishes ground breaking research on women and girls, is one of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, and fights sex discrimination.

AAUW State College 2023-2024 Branch Leadership Team

ELECTED OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Presidents Elect	(2023-25) Grace Hampton Liz Kopco (2023-25) Liz Kopco
Immediate Past Pres.	(2022-24) Linda Friend (2022-24) Sally Kalin
Mark & Com. VP	(2022-24) Connie Schroeder
Membership VPs	(2023-25) Carline Crevecoeur (2023-25) Susan Chyczewski
Program VPs	(2022-24) Nina Cowart (2023-25) Elizabeth Manlove
Secretaries	(2022-24) Chris Schultz (2021-25) Nancy Weinreb
Treasurer	(2023-25) Vasundara Varadan

APPOINTED OFFICERS

AAUW Funds	Sally Kalin
Community Action Grants	Sherry Crassweller
Diversity & Inclusion	Naana Nti
Public Policy	Mary Dupuis & Dianne Gregg
Scholarship	Leslie Laing & Maria Schmidt
Used Book Sale	Mary Ann Blair & Donna Trapp

BOARD of DIRECTORS

The board, either as a full board or as the Executive Committee, meets monthly from August through June (except in May) on the second Monday of the month.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

<i>iAdelante!</i> Book Club	Naana Nti
<i>Branch Bulletin</i> Editor	Connie Schroeder
Bylaws and Policies	Linda Friend & Sally Kalin
College/University (C/U) Representatives	
University Park Campus	Victoria Sanchez
World Campus	Estelle Call & Dina Liberatore

Handbook/ Directory Editor Suzanne Kerlin
Historians Jackie Esposito & Louise Tukey

ENGAGE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Auditing	Susan Werner & Amy Wilson
Awards	Suzanne Kerlin & Chriss Schultz
Budget	Vasundara Varadan
Community Action Grants	Sherry Crassweller
Education	Susan Johnston
Finance	Vasundara Varadan
Marketing & Com.	Connie Schroeder
Membership	Susan Chyczewski & Carline Crevecoeur
Nominating/Leadership	(open)
Program	Nina Cowart & Elizabeth Manlove
Public Policy	Mary Dupuis & Dianne Gregg
Scholarship	Leslie Laing & Maria Schmidt
STEM	Carol-Beth Book & Michele Crowl
UBS Chairs	Mary Ann Blair & Donna Trapp
UBS Facilities Chairs	Sherry Crassweller & Suzanne Kerlin

BRANCH PROGRAMS

Branch programs are open to the public.
Program details and additional programs will be shared on the branch website as soon as they are confirmed, under EVENTS.

Thursday, September 21, 5-7:30 pm

September Gathering and Potluck

Tom Tudek Memorial Park, Pavilion 1

Saturday, October 21

Civics Education panel discussion

Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science
& Technology (CPI)

January/February 2024

Int'l Perspectives on Women in Society

Lunch with the Humphrey Fellows

March 29, 2024, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

*Penn State Forum Lunch & Branch Centennial
Speaker, ESPN Sports Journalist Lisa Salters
Penn Stater Hotel/Conference Center*

May/June 2024

Award & Scholarship Banquet

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 11 – 14, 2024

62nd AAUW State College Used Book Sale
Penn State Snider Agricultural Arena

July 10 – 14, 2024

58th Central Pa. Festival of the Arts

BRANCH HISTORY

AAUW Beginnings - Sixty-five women in Boston founded the parent organization, ACA, on January 14, 1882, for "practical educational work." In 1921, it merged with another group to become the American Association of University Women. In 1931, the local group adopted their present name, State College Branch.

Local Branch - The first meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA) took place on February 18, 1916, at the Women's Building on Penn State campus. The 18 women present adopted a constitution and elected, becoming the fourth branch in the state.

A History of Leadership and Service – Over the years AAUW members have played in "a great movement for the benefit of human civilization, especially as it relates to women." AAUW State College members have had a long history of leadership and community service.

In 1945 the branch founded the Ex-GI Nursery School, to assist help women working outside

the home. In 1969 they founded what is known today as the Community Help Centre. In 1981 the branch founded *PhoneFriend* for "latchkey" children, which became a national model for two-parent working families.

Over time, the branch has supported AAUW's fellowship programs, libraries, literacy, scholarships, and legislative work for women.

Current Organization - AAUW State College is made up of approximately 150 members who work to advance gender equity for women and girls locally.

MEMBERSHIP

Requirements – Women who hold an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university are eligible to join AAUW.

Annual Membership – Membership in AAUW State College includes in the national AAUW organization and AAUW Pennsylvania. The annual fee is divided as follows: \$72 to AAUW, \$12 to AAUW-Pennsylvania and \$8 to the State College Branch. Special rates apply to different groups during discount periods.

Student Membership – Students may join in one of two ways:

National AAUW Member – AAUW College/University Partner Members

Undergraduates or degree-seeking graduates enrolled in full-time or part-time programs of a college or university that are an organizational member may join at no cost with automatic renewal through graduation. Students interested in joining AAUW State interested in joining AAUW State College may do so with annual branch dues of \$4.

National AAUW Member-Non-AAUW College/University Partner Members

Graduates or degree-seeking graduates enrolled in full-time or part-time programs of a college or university that are not an organizational member may join at the cost of \$18.81 annually. Students wishing to also join AAUW State College may opt to pay \$4 in annual branch dues.

Life Membership - Life membership in AAUW National is \$1,440. In addition, life members continue to pay AAUW-PA and State College Branch dues of \$20 annually. A member who has paid national AAUW dues for 50 years is considered a 50-year Honorary Life Member and exempt from the payment of dues.

Membership Benefits:

- Join a powerful network of like-minded people
- Learn to negotiate for pay and benefits
- Gain from leadership opportunities
- Discover relevant news and research
- Engage in a variety of public forums
- Receive briefs on to congressional actions and an opportunity to provide input
- Receive *AAUW State College Branch Bulletin* (sent monthly) and the *AAUW Pennsylvania Keystoner* (sent quarterly).

How to Join - Complete the membership form found on the AAUW State College website (under JOIN US) and send to:

AAUW State College Branch
P.O. Box 735
State College, PA 16804

Checks should be made out to "AAUW State College Branch."

Tax Information - AAUW national membership dues are \$72. \$69 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not deductible. AAUW National Member-Non-

AAUW College/University Partner Members' dues (18.81) are tax deductible as is a AAUW national life membership. Details: www.aauw.org.

FUNDRAISING CONTRIBUTIONS



The Used Book Sale is the financial engine for the branch.

Used Book Sale Proceeds – The 2023 Used Book Sale grossed \$188,222, a 25% increase over gross receipts from the 2022 sale. The market for printed books remains strong.

Prior to disbursing sale proceeds, the expenses related to running the Used Book Workshop year-round and of putting on the sale are covered, along with branch operations.

Funds are allocated according to policies established by AAUW National and the branch - to local nonprofit groups whose programs are in some way a reflection of the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls. Funds are allocated according to policies established by AAUW National and the branch, to nonprofit groups whose programs are in some way a reflection of the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls. This year, the branch awarded approximately \$65,000 in Community Action Grants and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) grants.

In addition, 4-5 scholarships, ranging from \$3,000 - \$7,000, are awarded each year to returning adult women students who are working to complete their undergraduate education. Learn more by visiting the branch website: aauwstatecollege.org under COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

Gifts to AAUW National and AAUW

Pennsylvania – In 2022, AAUW State College awarded \$9,749 to AAUW National’s greatest needs fund, to assist with their advocacy and mission-based programs.

The branch also awarded \$5,000 to AAUW Pennsylvania for their webinars, resource-sharing, and networking opportunities provided at state-wide meetings with other AAUW branches.

BRANCH AWARDS & HONORS

Congratulations

For the full description of annual awardees visit the branch website under AWARDS.

Gateway to Equity Award - This award honors an individual or group that has shown by action and philosophy that it reflects the AAUW mission. The 2023 award was presented to **Leslie Laing**, a strong advocate for equity who selflessly gives her time to AAUW State College as well as several other community organizations and events that advance the cause of equity. She is an active member of the Community Diversity Group, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, Martin Luther King Day events and the local NAACP.

Outstanding Woman - This award honors a branch member for their meritorious service to

the branch and to the community. The 2023 award was presented to **Sally Kalin** and **Connie Schroeder**.

As Immediate Past President, Sally stepped in to keep the branch running smoothly after an unexpected transition in the top leadership. Sally has also worked tirelessly behind the scenes on several branch committees, runs the Special Collections room at the book sale, and serves as AAUW Funds Chair on the state board.

As Marketing & Communications VP, Connie leads internal and external communications and in doing so has increased the branch's visibility. She serves as editor of the monthly *Branch Bulletin*. With help from her committee takes photos and keeps the membership current with eblasts social media notices.

Branch Member Making a Difference - This award is presented to a member who made a big difference to the branch within the past year. In 2023 it was presented to **Mary Ann Blair**. After working just one year at the Used Book Sale Workshop, Mary Ann became Used Book Sale Co-Chair. She is a dynamic, reliable leader who takes initiative. She has a wonderful and welcoming attitude which makes her a delight to work with.

Branch Volunteer of the Year - Sponsored by the Centre County Council for Human Services, this recognition honors an individual who has devoted outstanding volunteer service to their organization. This year's honoree was **Vasundara Varadan**. Vasu has served as branch treasurer for two years and has done a wonderful job. She has helped volunteers adjust to the credit card system at the book sale, opened a branch Zoom account, and also an ACH account that adds flexibility for members. Vasu is a terrific team player!

AAUW Pennsylvania Awards - The branch was awarded Third Place for total their 2022 contribution of \$9,749 to the AAUW greatest needs fund and was in Eighth Place for per capita giving for a contribution of \$69/ member.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) - Each year AAUW invites hundreds of college women from across the country for a conference of leadership training, inspiration, and networking.



For the 2023 spring conference, the branch, along with AAUW Pennsylvania, sponsored four Penn State students to attend. They included **Lauren Katch**, a PhD candidate in Engineering Science and Mathematics; **Megan Kelby**, Junior, a Sports Journalism major; **Lauren Mazzatesta**, Junior, Triple major in English, History, and French; and **Julia Raich**, BS in Engineering Science and Mathematics.

Past Presidents' Bookshelf - In 1963 the branch began the practice of presenting a book to the Schlow Centre Region Library in the name of each outgoing Branch President in recognition of her service to the branch. The most recent books include *All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days: The True Story of the American Woman at the Heart of the German Resistance to Hitler* by Rebecca Donner to honor Sally Kalin, Co-President (2019-2022) and *The Portrait of a Scientist as a Young Woman: A Memoir* by scientist Lindy Elkins-Tanton to honor Linda Friend, Co-President (2021-2022).

COMMITTEES, GROUPS & APPOINTED POSITIONS

***jAdelante!* Book Club** - Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program. We meet during the afternoon every other month on the third Thursday of the month. Currently, we meet via Zoom. Book selections portray diverse cultures either in fiction or nonfiction.

Some recent titles that we have read include *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water* by Angie Cruz, *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brandan Slocumb, *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah and *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. To participate in the group contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. The group is led by Naana Nti.

Awards - The Awards Committee selects candidate for recognition of the Outstanding Woman, Branch Member Making a Difference, Special Branch Honorees, Gateway to Equity and Volunteer of the Year Awards. Awards Committee members include Suzanne Kerlin and Chriss Schultz, Co-Chairs, and Anne Ard, Susan Johnston, Elizabeth Manlove, Sue Poremba, and Susan Werner.

Bylaws & Policies – This committee is co-chaired by Sally Kalin and Linda Friend and their responsibility is to monitor the bylaws for any changes that may be required for both the branch's 501 (c)3 and (c)4 bylaws and review the remaining articles for continued relevance, as well as Policies & Procedures.

College/University (C/U) Representatives
Victoria Sanchez is the College/University (C/U) representative for Penn State University Park Campus. C/U representative for World Campus are Dina Liberatore and Estelle Call. The C/U

representatives are responsible for insuring a mutually supportive relationship between the campus and AAUW State College.

Community Action Grants - This committee annually reviews AAUW State College's philanthropic priorities. It vets all financial requests and proposals and presents recommendations for Community Action Grants to the board, based on availability of funds. Committee Chair Sherry Crassweller is joined by Patricia Best, Mary Ann Blair, Maryann Domitrovitz, Carolyn Donaldson, Mary Dupuis, Gina Motter, Donna Trapp, and Susan Werner as members. Vasundara Varadan is an ex-officio member.

Diversity & Inclusion - The Diversity and Inclusion committee addresses diversity and inclusion-related issues or topics within the branch. This could take the form of education and resource providing, collaborating with other committees or members on projects, or facilitating conversations.

We encourage collaboration and serve as a liaison with other diversity coalitions. The branch co-sponsors a Cultural Empowerment for Women lunch and panel program twice a year with the Community Diversity Group, for the inclusion of women from underrepresented groups.

In January, 2024 we plan to lead and collaborate with other community groups for a National Day of Racial Healing. It is a nationwide event that was launched by the Kellogg Foundation in 2017.

Last, we monitor the growth of diversity in membership and recruitment. The committee is chaired by Naana Nti, joined by Carline Crevecoeur, Sophie Penney Leach, Maria Schmidt, and Carmen Vanderhoof.

Education - The Education Committee investigates important issues in public education, from funding to charter schools and beyond, and formulates policy statements reflecting the issues we support. Education Committee: Chair, Susan Johnston with Jayne Cawthern, Susan Chyczewski, Carline Crevecoeur, Mary Dupuis, Carol Hodes, and Jackie Huff.

Finance - AAUW State College finances are managed by the treasurer, who serves on the Executive Board. She, along with the auditors and the Community Action Grants Committee Chair, constitute the financial leadership of AAUW State College. Financial decisions are subject to the approval of the Board. The committee led by Vasundara Varadan and includes Carline Crevecoeur.

Treasurer - The treasurer prepares the annual budget based on input from the board and committee chairs; creates monthly financial statements; monitors revenues and expenses; collaborates with the Finance VP on reports and policy development and works with the branch accountant on the preparation of tax statements. The treasurer is Vasundara Varadan.

VP for Membership (Dues) - Branch dues are collected and recorded by Membership VP Carline Crevecoeur. She also oversees a budget associated with membership functions.

Auditors - The auditors annually review all branch accounting to ensure its accuracy and conformance to accepted accounting standards. They work with the Treasurer in accomplishing this. The auditors are Susan Werner and Amy Wilson.

Marketing & Communications - The Marketing & Communication Committee oversees marketing and communications that adhere to branch and national standards, embody the branch strategic plan, promote the branch's identity and visibility, and ensure consistent messaging. Connie Schroeder serves as Marketing & Communications VP and is joined by Star Campbell, Carolyn Donaldson, Liz Kopco, Sally Kalin, Suzanne Kerlin and Jane Stanton.



Membership - The Membership Committee is responsible for recruiting, training, and tracking members. It works to attract and welcome new members and encourage all members to become involved in Branch activities. Susan Chyczewski and Carline Crevecoeur serves as Membership VPs.

Nominating & Leadership - The Nominating & Leadership Committee for 2023-2024 has yet to be appointed.

Program - The Program Committee plans and implements mission-based events that are offered September through late spring. Attending branch programs is a great way to connect with other members. Most of the programs are free and are open to the public. empowering events with like-minded women of the community, join the Program Committee! The Program Committee is led by Co-Chairs Nina Cowart and Elizabeth Manlove, joined by Christine Bishop and Naana Nti. For updated program information, visit EVENTS at www.aauwstatecollege.org.

Public Policy - The Public Policy Committee continues its work to support and expand the issues identified at the national, state, and local levels to advance equity for women and girls. Specific issues for 2023-24 include:

Education and Training

Goal A: Champion equal access to all levels and fields of education.

Goal B: Ensure that education at every level is free of sex discrimination.

Leadership

Goal A: Bolster the participation of girls and women in leadership roles.

Goal B: Advance the number of women in leadership, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Voter Education

Voter Education is a focus of the co-chairs, who provide information about candidates and issues before each election.

We are currently working with Fair Districts PA Centre County to change the gerrymandering situation in Pennsylvania, including both state and federal district lines. The Fair Districts PA contact for the branch is Sue Johnston.

Mary Dupuis and Dianne Gregg are the Public Policy Co-Chairs and lead the group. Members are welcome to volunteer for the Public Policy or Education Committees at any time.

Scholarship - The AAUW provides four annual scholarships funded by our book sales and generous donations to support the educational pursuits of adult women residing in Centre County. The original grant began as a Loan Fund in 1919 honoring Dr. Lucretia Van Tuyl Simmons, a former branch president and the first Penn State woman faculty member to hold the rank of full professor. When Co-President Vonna Jansma, an ardent supporter of

educational opportunities for adult women, died in 1993, the Branch changed the name to the Simmons-Jansma Project Renew Grant.

The Board approved a second grant in 1994 and a third in 1997. In 2011 the branch voted to rename one of the scholarships the Suzanne McCrae Kerlin Scholarship in recognition of her selfless dedication to the branch for many years. These three scholarships are endowed and managed by Centre Foundation.

The fourth scholarship was endowed through Pennsylvania State University in 2000, by Past President and Branch life member Evelyn Marboe. It also provides recognition and financial assistance to a local woman who is returning to pursue her undergraduate degree.

The Scholarship Committee facilitates the call for applications and selects worthy recipients among Centre County applicants who have experienced an interruption in their undergraduate studies and have returned to resume a first associate or baccalaureate degree.



Applications must be submitted by March 1. The monetary award for each scholarship ranges from \$3000 - \$7000, depending on the number of eligible applicants, qualifications, and financial need.

The Scholarship Committee is chaired by Leslie Laing and Maria Schmidt, joined by Mary Adams, Maryann Domitrovitz, Sophie Penney Leach, Suzanne Kerlin, Ann Mitra, and Taylor Stark.

2022-23 Scholarship Recipients

Raghda Mousa, Simmons-Jansma Scholarship, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business.

Denise Rupert-Dolheimer, Suzanne McCrae Kerlin Scholarship, working towards a bachelor's degree in Non-Profit Management.

Teeona Breon, Evelyn Chostner Marboe Scholarship, pursuing an associate degree in Human Development & Family Studies.

The AAUW State College Branch Scholarship was awarded to two students:

Chelsea Wall, working on a B.A. in Psychology

Shawna Begley-Peck, pursuing an associate degree in Multidisciplinary Studies.

Tax-deductible donations for branch scholarships welcome and may be made to the Centre Foundation, www.centre-foundation.org, and select AAUW State College Branch Scholarship Fund.

STEM – We are committed to sponsoring and funding programs for girls and young women that engage them in the sciences.



Girls gain skills & confidence at GLOW camp.

GalS (Girls Love Science) is an after-school science program for Bellefonte Area middle school girls. Other after-school programs in the county were suspended during Covid. We hope they will be reinstated soon.

Some Discovery Space programs are branch-funded. STEMPowered Girls is an after-school STEM enrichment program for 5-6th grade girls in rural school districts. The program consists of multi-session modules that focus on a specific STEM career. GLOW (Girls Leading Our World) Camp utilizes Discovery's makerspace, engaging girls in skill-building activities, such as 3-D printing, woodworking, and digital design.

Our Let's Read Math program is held in partnership with Schlow Centre Region Library. It is a multi-week summer program for elementary-age children, where reading is integrated with a math/science concept.

Science-U provides scholarships for local girls to attend Science-U, a summer camp.

Envision: STEM Career Day (Eberly College of Science) and the Empower Conference provide networking and professional development to women in the STEM fields (Graduate Women in Science).

Penn State's Center for Nanoscale Science developed a curriculum titled Mission: Materials Science which provides hands-on learning experiences for elementary through graduate students.

AAUW State College STEM mini-grants support programs of other nonprofits and community groups. Additional information is on the branch web page under Community Outreach.

The STEM Committee includes branch members and community members interested in supporting women in STEM. Monthly virtual meetings are held during the academic year.

Carol-Beth Book and Michele Crowl serve as co-chairs. They are joined by Susan Chyczewski, Carline Crevecoeur, Candace Davison, Kristin Dreyer, Mary Dupuis, Vasundara Varadan, and many other dedicated women from Penn State, local businesses, and local school districts.

Used Book Sale - Back in 1962 when the State College AAUW held the first Used Book Sale, earning \$179.17, little did those women know that the Used Book Sale would continue and grow for the next 60+ years. The event begins with the community's donation of thousands of books each year.



It's fun to volunteer at the Used Book Workshop! for donations. Volunteers sort and price books on Monday nights and Tuesdays for ten months until the target number of boxes are packed, which is usually in March. Sherry Crassweller, Suzanne Kerlin, and Dina Liberatore serve as workshop leads.

Volunteers ensure that the books offered for sale are high quality, and recycle unsaleable books using Centre County Refuse & Recycling guidelines. Hundreds of branch members and community volunteers will move and set-up the books on May 9.

The 2024 AAUW State College Used Book Sale will be held May 11-14 at the Penn State

Snider Ag Arena. Sale hours are 9:00 am - 8:00 pm, except Tuesday, May 14, when the sale will close at 7 pm. Branch members and community members alike serve as greeters, table organizers, cashiers.



Shoppers are thrilled to find books are sorted into 30+ categories, and individually priced.

AAUW State College members are strongly encouraged to volunteer as much time as they can towards the sale. It is great fun! **The 2023 sale generated gross revenues in excess of \$188,000. See pages 8-9 for a summary of how funds are distributed.**

The Used Book Sale committee includes Donna Trapp and Mary Ann Blair, Co-Chairs; Sherry Crassweller, Dina Liberatore, Suzanne Kerlin, Facilities Co-Chairs; Vasundara Varadan, Treasurer; and Connie Schroeder, Marketing.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Arts Festival - Working with League of Women Voters Centre County, the branch staffs the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Information Booth on Allen Street. The next festival will be held July 10-14, 2024. Member Jackie Esposito is the coordinator.

Centre County Council for Human Services
As a CCCHS member, the branch stays connected with countless community

organizations and benefits from information-sharing, the annual volunteer recognition dinner, and more.

Ten Thousand Villages State College - The branch partners with Ten Thousand Villages (TTV) each fall for a community shopping event that benefits both groups. We value their commitment towards helping artisans around the world (most being women) to achieve economic independence.

United Nations Association–USA – AAUW has a deep interest in women’s issues locally, nationally, and internationally. AAUW is one of more than 2,500 NGOs (non-governmental organizations) who consult with various U.N. bodies. Learn more: www.unacentrecountypa.org

AAUW PENNSYLVANIA

Branch members serving on the state board:

AAUW Pennsylvania President
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Finance Officer
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AAUW Funds – Sally Kalin 237-1990
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State College, PA 16801
sallywkalin@gmail.com

AAUW Pennsylvania has a total of over 1,416 members from 28 branches. AAUW Pennsylvania activities are detailed in *The*

Keystoner, published three times yearly. Their summer retreat, *Women Together – Fighting on the Front Line* was held on July 29 at Gettysburg College. Learn more: <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net>

AAUW NATIONAL

Branch members serving on the National board:

Nominating Committee

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STEM Advisory Committee

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State College, PA 16803
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Since 1881, AAUW (the American Association of University Women) has been the nation’s leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW has a nationwide network of 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 branches and 800 College/University (C/U) partner institutions.

For over 140 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political.

Our commitment to the mission is reflected in all aspects of the work: Public Policy Advocacy, Research, Campus Leadership, STEM Education, Legal Case Support, Educational Funding, Global Connections, and Member Leadership.

AAUW’s voice has long influenced legislative debate on critical social issues such as education, sex discrimination, civil rights, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform,

vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave and health care reform.

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Each year AAUW provides millions of dollars in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women around the globe and for community action projects. AAUW also funds pioneering research on women, girls, and education.

Through leadership programs, women and girls acquire the skills they need to succeed and assume leadership roles in their academic, professional, and personal lives. Programs include Campus Action Projects, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, D.C., the Student Advisory Council, and Campaign College.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and workplaces through campus outreach programs, an online resource library and research reports. LAF also provides support to workplace sex discrimination cases that could make a difference for all women.

AAUW National Impact –AAUW National awarded \$6.3 million in grants and to more than 285 women and nonprofit organizations for the 2022-2023 academic year. In over 130 years of AAUW Grants and Scholarships, \$135 million have been awarded to over 13,000 women and nonprofit groups around the world.

AAUW is committed to staying connected so is providing regular webinar content for interested communities. National staff and outside experts provide engaging programming on the issues most important to AAUW. Learn more: www.aauw.org.

GRADUATE WOMEN'S GROUPS

Graduate Women International (GWI)

(Previously known as International Federation of University Women)

President – Terry Oudraad, Women Graduates, The Netherlands

GWI is an international non-profit organization of women graduates working to promote lifelong education, to improve the status of women and girls and to enable women to effect positive change for a peaceful world.

The GWI (formerly IFUW) was initiated in 1919 by the leadership of Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of the American Collegiate Association and Rose Sidgewick of Great Britain. Eight associations from Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States formed the original organization.

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