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**Join us: Thursday, April 11, 7 pm**  
**254 Health & Human Development (HHD)**

**Time to Care:  
Mothers' Mental  
Health & Children's  
Development**



Join us for an evening program offered by **Dr. Chemba Raghavan**, Senior Advisor, Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, at 7 pm on **Thursday, April 11**.

Dr. Raghavan will discuss how supporting maternal mental health and well-being plays a crucial role in nurturing healthy child development.

The program is co-sponsored by AAUW State College with [Penn State UNESCO Chair](#), [Penn State UNICEF Club](#), and [Penn State UN Campus Advocates](#).

Program co-sponsor Dr. Mark Brennan is a Penn State Professor and UNESCO Chair on Global Citizenship Education for Sustainable Peace through Youth and Community Engagement.

**Register by April 8:** [bit.ly/April11ChembaRaghavan](https://bit.ly/April11ChembaRaghavan)

**Share flyer:** [April11 ChembaRaghavanFlyer](#)

**Note:** The HHD Building on University Park campus faces College Avenue and is a five-minute walk from the Pugh Street parking garage. Click location link at top for map.

--Betsy Manlove, AAUW State College Program VP

# AAUW National: Vote on amendment to open membership Election April 3–May 15



<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>

Earlier this year, members were given an opportunity to provide input on the proposed bylaws changes. This spring, AAUW asks members to vote on an amendment to the national bylaws, recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee, which would open membership to any individual who supports AAUW’s mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

**Overview and Reasons for the Proposed Amendment.** We remain committed to higher education as a pathway to eliminate barriers that hold women back and to enhance their leadership opportunities at all levels. We admire the efforts of the inspiring women who earned college degrees and paved the way for a better future.

We also recognize that in today’s world, a higher education degree is only one of several pathways to equity for women and girls. Professional certifications, on-the-job training, career technical education, and life experiences are all alternative paths to obtaining education and the skills needed to become leaders and advocates for ending discrimination against women.

Discrimination against women continues. Eliminating the degree requirement enables us to expand our voice and broaden our reach enabling us to fulfill our purpose and will open more opportunities to address the needs of all women.

## **KEY ISSUES REGARDING OPEN MEMBERSHIP**

- This change would allow all who support our mission to stand with us.
- Those without degrees fight for gender equity just as we do. We can be stronger advocates as we learn more about their challenges and pathways to success.
- The AAUW Board of Directors and the Inclusion and Equity Committee both support the change and the associated campaign to pass the bylaws amendment to open membership.
- Our standing as a national organization that advances gender equity with a value of inclusion is at risk if we do not allow all who support our mission to join us.

[\*\*Vote April 3–May 15\*\*](#)

## April 25 CCCHS dinner



We announced in last month's *Bulletin* that Donna Trapp will be honored at the April 25 Centre County Council of Human Services volunteer tribute dinner and that more information about attending would be in this issue. However, reservations to attend the dinner closed much earlier than planned. Several members have already registered. Others who would like to honor Donna, but are not able to attend, should drop her a line and sign up to volunteer at the Book Sale (below). That would be the perfect tribute!

## May Used Book Sale volunteer scheduling – sign up today



Volunteer scheduling for the May 11-14 AAUW State College Used Book Sale is underway. If you have not committed to volunteer, this is a good time to do so. We need lots of help on Move-in Night (May 9) and over the four days of the sale.

Invite a friend to join you and sign up today:

[May 11-14 Used Book Sale Volunteer Sign-up](#)



## Ready to order an AAUW State College

### Branch shirt – two styles



Great news! We now have branch T-shirts for sale in both Unisex and Ladies sizes. The new Ladies shirt is a relaxed fit. We are also offering the Unisex style for those who prefer it.

Ordering deadline April 15 - [Shirt Ordering Details](#)

## May 11-14 Used Book Sale – help us spread the word



*The journey of a lifetime begins with the turning of a page.*

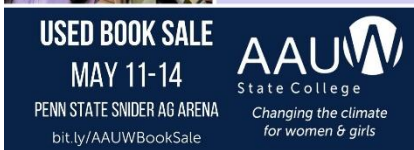
The Used Book Sale is the financial engine of our branch. It funds our grant and scholarship programs. As a branch member, you can lend a hand by promoting the 62nd Used Book Sale. Tools to assist you:

--Share your firsthand experiences about the sale.

--Used Book Sale page: [bit.ly/AAUWBookSale](http://bit.ly/AAUWBookSale)

--Share on social media: [Book Sale image](#)

--Flyers to share: [Mother/Daughter flyer](#) [Sale Overview flyer](#)





## Book Sale photographers needed

We need help with photographing shoppers and volunteers at the sale. Good photos will help us create memories for subsequent sales. If you have a suitable camera (cell or 35 mm) and some time to spare **May 9 and 11-14**, contact [Connie Schroeder](#).

## Who can you vote for on April 23 (or sooner, if by mail)?



The choices we need to make are at the state row officers level: Attorney General, Auditor General, and Treasurer. Most other offices do not offer real competition at this stage, but if you are following the news commentary closely, you may be aware that much is being made of the number of people voting against the likely nominees. Knowing that, you can either affirm your candidate’s value, or protest against that candidate.

We will list the offices in ballot order, starting with the Democrats, because they hold the governor’s mansion:

### DEMOCRATS:

**President:** Minnesota Rep. **Dean Phillips** is listed as running against President **Joe Biden** but has suspended his campaign.

**Senator:** **Senator Casey** is running unopposed for reelection.

**Attorney General:** The State Democratic Committee did not endorse in this race because all 5 candidates have supporters, meaning, none was able to reach the 2/3 vote threshold.

—**Jack Stollsteimer**, Delaware County, is District Attorney there.

—**Eugene DePasquale**, Allegheny County, was formerly Auditor General and State Rep. from York.

—**Joe Khan**, Bucks County, is a former Federal Prosecutor.

—**Keir Bradford-Grey**, Philadelphia County, is the only woman running. She has run the Public Defender’s Office in Montgomery County and in Philadelphia County.

—**Jared Solomon**, Philadelphia County, is a State Rep.

**Auditor General:** The State Democratic Committee overwhelmingly endorsed Kenyatta.

—**Malcolm Kenyatta**, Philadelphia County, is a State Rep.

—**Mark Pinsley**, Lehigh County, is Controller there.

**Treasurer:** The State Democratic Committee overwhelmingly endorsed Bizarro.

—**Ryan Bizarro**, Erie County, is a State Rep.

—**Erin McClelland**, Allegheny County, is a psychologist and businesswoman.

## **Congress**

—**Zach Womer**, Philipsburg, is a law student.

**Pennsylvania Senate:** No candidates are on the ballot.

**Pennsylvania House of Representatives:** Incumbents **Scott Conklin** and **Paul Takac** are unopposed for the Democratic nomination. No candidate filed to run against **Kerry Benninghoff**.

## **REPUBLICANS:**

**President:** Former South Carolina Governor **Nikki Haley** is listed as running against former President **Donald Trump**, but she has suspended her campaign.

**Senator:** Hedge fund manager **David McCormick** is running unopposed, although a perennial minor candidate is trying to get on the ballot. The State Republican party prefers McCormick.

**Attorney General:** The Republican State Committee endorsed Sunday.

—**Dave Sunday**, York County, is District Attorney there.

—**Craig Williams**, Delaware County, is a State Rep. and former federal prosecutor.

## **Auditor General**

—**Tim Defoor**, Dauphin County, is the incumbent.

## **Treasurer**

—**Stacy Garrity**, Bradford County, is the incumbent.

## **Congress**

—**Glenn G.T. Thompson**, Howard, is the incumbent.

**PA Senate:** Incumbents Cris Dush, Jefferson County, who has most of Centre County, and ---  
--**Wayne Langerholc**, Cambria County, who has the southwest corner of the county, both are running unopposed.

## **Pennsylvania State House**

—**Marie Librizzi**, Ferguson Township, retired businesswoman, is running to challenge incumbent Rep. Scott Conklin.

—**Therese Hollen**, Benner Township businesswoman, is running to challenge incumbent **Rep. Paul Takac**.

—**Kerry Benninghoff**, Bellefonte, incumbent, is running unopposed.

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

*(Editor's note: Thank you, Dianne and Mary, for your efforts gathering this vital information.)*

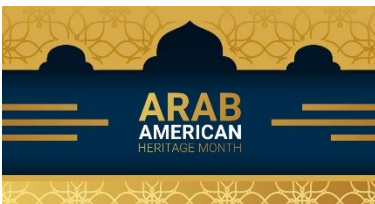
## DIVERSITY CORNER



**Left to right:** Moderator Dr. Amy Trithart, panelists Dr. Lauren Griggs, Dorene Uhrich, and Paula Williams, with Carol Eicher, Community Diversity Group.

### March 12 Cultural Empowerment for Women lunch program on mentorship

The March 12 Cultural Empowerment for Women lunch, co-sponsored by AAUW State College and Community Diversity Group, was very well received. The panelists offered tips related to mentorship opportunities.



### April is National Arab American Heritage Month

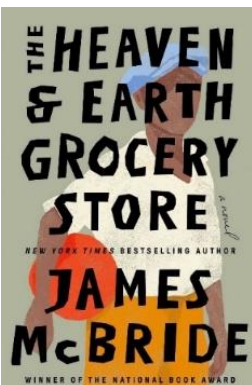
Celebrate the rich and diverse culture and contributions of the diverse population of Arab Americans this month:

[Arab American History Month](#)



### National Racial Day of Healing - April 12

With over seventy signed up for the follow-up National Racial Day of Healing event on April 12, registration is closed. Strategies to break down racial barriers will be identified. The event is co-sponsored by AAUW State College, State College Borough, and State College Borough Racial Equity Advisory Commission.



### ¡ADELANTE! Book Club - Thursday, May 16, 2:30 pm

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, May 16, at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel*. By James McBride. It tells the story of a Black and Jewish neighborhood in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in the 1920s and '30s. To join, contact [info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:info@aauwstatecollege.org). New members welcome. **Zoom: [Adelante](#); Meeting ID: 829 5972 5054 Passcode: 381730**

-Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair

## Read Between the Wines hosts sought for remainder of 2024



*Naana Nti, Sophie Penney Leach, and Vasu Varadan talk over The Christie Affair.*

The *Read Between the Wines* book group gathered March 13 to discuss *The Christie Affair* at the home of member Sally Kalin. Ten members attended and enjoyed a relaxing and fun discussion.

To host a coming *Read Between the Wines* event, contact Membership Co-VP [Carline Crevecoeur](#). The membership committee provides beverages and snacks.

*-Susan Chyczewski, Membership Co-VP*

## Chobi DebRoy receives top honors in AAUW Art Contest



*Chobi DebRoy received top honors in the 2023 AAUW Art Contest for "March for Women's Rights." Belated congratulations, Chobi!*

AAUW member Chobi DebRoy began to study watercolor painting in her retirement. The 2017 Women's March was an extraordinary experience for Chobi, who strongly believes that women's rights are human rights.

Chobi uses watercolors as her medium in this painting, which allowed her to depict the emotions of women from different backgrounds, rallying around an important cause.

## Join Chobi for a *Paint & Sip* session on April 9



Chobi DebRoy has generously offered to share some of her knowledge of watercolors by offering a watercolor class for beginners. It will be held **Tuesday, April 9**, at the home of Carline Crevecoeur, from **6:00–7:30 pm**. To attend and for directions, contact [Carline](#) by **April 5**.

**Invite a Friend:** [April 9 Learn to Paint with Watercolors](#)

## Grace Hampton accepts State College Borough proclamation for Women's History Month



At the March 18 State College Borough Council meeting, Mayor Ezra Nanes presented a proclamation recognizing the month of March as Women's History Month. Fittingly, AAUW State College President Elect Grace Hampton was nominated to accept the proclamation on behalf of women in our community. Grace shared that the 2024 Women's History Month theme is *Women Who Advocate for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*. According to the [National Women's History Alliance](#), we are recognizing women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

## March 26 Freedom to Read program draws a crowd



*Panelists Sara Willoughby-Herb, Ellysa Cahoy, and Maria Burchill shared different aspects of Freedom to Read.*

The March 26 *Freedom to Read* program, organized by the AAUW State College Education Committee, was held at Schlow Centre Region Library. Over forty attendees filled the room with expectations of an inspiring discussion, and they were not disappointed. There was strong support for the work of public and school libraries.

Panelist Sara Willoughby-Herb explained how books about painful or difficult subjects can help children to develop empathy. Ellysa Cahoy shared how important banned books such as *Maus* (about the Holocaust) were to her as one of the few Jews in Dubuque, Iowa. Maria Burchill described a graphic novel about a teenage girl who was sexually molested and what happened to her afterwards.

All the panelists cited examples of how banned books can help children overcome challenges as they mature.



*Leslie Laing served as program moderator.*



## Lisa Salters, AAUW State College-sponsored Forum speaker, a hit



Over twenty AAUW State College members attended the March 29 Penn State Forum lunch program featuring sports journalist Lisa Salters, who spoke on *My Journey: From PSU to ESPN & ABC*.

*AAUW State College members were joined by Forum speaker Lisa Salters (seated in the front row, in blue). They were also joined by members of a Penn State Student organization, the Association of Women in Sports Media.*

More than 400 campus and community members were in attendance. AAUW State College's annual sponsorship of a Forum speaker exposes the community to women whose vision and leadership make a positive difference, and who are role models for a new generation of leaders. Lisa Salters filled this role beautifully.



**WELCOME**  
**new members**  
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**Linda Wray** – [law30@psu.edu](mailto:law30@psu.edu)

Hi, folks! I am Linda Wray, a military kid and child of the '60s who lived in multiple places before my husband and I moved from Ann Arbor to State College in 2002, making these two-plus decades in Happy Valley the longest I have ever lived anywhere. A gerontologist by training, I just completed my final semester of teaching women's health issues in the Department of Biobehavioral Health this past fall and look forward to retiring from the university this summer.



Outside of academia, I surround myself with wonderful friends who share my passions for reading and talking about books (mostly fiction), cooking (often without attending too closely to recipes), gardening (not always successfully), advocating for issues around diversity, equity, and women's rights, and traveling. I am excited to get to know more of the AAUW members in the coming months and serving in ways that benefit the group's mission.



## Links to renewing your membership

- [Online membership renewal](#)
- [Paper membership form to mail with check](#)
- [Member engagement opportunities](#)
- Questions? Membership VPs [Susan Chyczewski](#) and [Carline Crevecoeur](#)



## For Members Only

Check out the *For Members Only* page on the AAUW State College website. The page contains our member directory, member engagement opportunities, and a place to pay for AAUW events and other purchases via credit card.

About 30 members have registered. If you have not, access the page, click on the *For Members Only* button at the top right of the home page. Create a password, log in for entry, and request access. Receiving access may take a day or two, but it is well worth the wait.

## Learn more about what is going on!



Branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. It is a great place to learn about what is going on and to offer your input. The next board meeting will be held **Monday, April 8, 11:45 am–1 pm**. It will be a hybrid meeting, held both in person at the College Township Council Room (second floor) and via Zoom.

**Join Zoom meeting:** [bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMeeting](https://bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardMeeting)

Review the minutes from the February board meeting: [February 2024 minutes](#)

Minutes from the March meeting will be provided in the May issue of the *Branch Bulletin*.



## Branch Bulletin dates

The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, May 6**. Submissions are due **Monday, April 29**. Please send items to editor [Connie Schroeder](#).