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Seeking nominations for 2026-2028 branch board officers



The task of completing our roster of elected officers to lead our branch is upon us! We seek to fill open elected

branch officer positions for **July 2026-June 2028**. If you are interested in running for an office or nominating another member, **please complete this Nomination Form:** <https://forms.gle/neriwXQrnqwqem7p8>.

Nominations will be kept confidential. **Open leadership positions include President Elect, VP Programs, VP Membership, Secretary.**

We would love to hear of your interest in that area regardless, because we also hope to strengthen our committees, which may lead to elected positions. Leadership has its own rewards. Questions? Send to

[nominations@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:nominations@aauwstatecollege.org). **Nominations Deadline: Monday, April 20.**

Pennsylvania Advisory Commission on Women issues survey



AAUW State College member **Anne Ard** serves as an Honorary member of the Governor’s Commission for Women and recently shared that the Commission is undertaking a new report on the Status of Women in Pennsylvania.

The group launched a new digital survey to gather input from women across Pennsylvania as part of the Shapiro Administration's forthcoming State of the Woman Report, a comprehensive, data-driven effort to assess the status of women across Pennsylvania. The survey will collect insight from Pennsylvania women on their experiences and priorities to better inform the Administration’s policies that impact women. **It takes only 15 minutes to complete the [SURVEY](#). Please return survey by Saturday, May 30.**

# MARCH-APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

**History program to be rescheduled:** The planned March 28 history program with Jackie Esposito will be rescheduled for the fall (date to be announced).”

## Branch committee provides scholarship info March 19

Led by Committee Chair **Leslie Laing**, the Scholarship Committee provided an overview of the branch scholarship program at the March 19 gathering. One striking fact shared is the degree to which college costs have increased. Counting tuition, books, food, and housing, they have risen to approximately \$35,000-\$45,000 per year in the Centre County schools that promote our scholarship program. Currently, 20-25 applicants are being considered for 2026 branch scholarships. The next application window to apply for a branch scholarship is **January 15-March 31, 2027**. Learn more: [Undergraduate Branch Scholarships](#).



## Branch does advocacy outreach on Equal Pay Day, March 26

On March 26, Equal Pay Day, branch members **Gail Agans**, **Denise Rupert**, and **Kerry Smith**

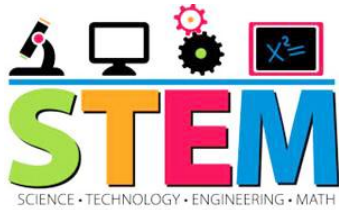


*Kerry Smith and Gail Agans staff the Equal Pay table while Denise Rupert speaks with passersby.*

staffed an education and outreach table on pay equity in front of the Penn State campus gate. The overarching message was that women deserve to be paid equally for equal work. Overall, working women currently earn 76-81 cents for every dollar a man earns. The three promoted [Pennsylvania House Bill 630 \(HB 630\)](#), aimed at strengthening the state's Equal Pay Law by broadening "comparable work" definitions and increasing transparency. This bill passed the state House last May and is now waiting for consideration in the Pennsylvania Senate. **Learn more:** [AAUW & the Gender Pay Gap](#).

Add your voice by contacting the Pennsylvania state senators serving Centre County, to urge their support of PA HB630. They include **Cris Dush**, Room 9 East Wing Senate, PO Box 203025, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025 (Phone: 717-787-7084 ), and **Wayne Langerholc Jr.**, Main Capitol, PO Box 203035, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3035 (Phone: 717-787-5400).

## Learn all about the branch STEM program on April 16



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 16, 6-7 pm**, when AAUW State College STEM Co-Chairs **Michele Crowl** and **Carol-Beth Book** present an overview of the STEM Committee and STEM grants. It will be held in meeting room in Foxdale, on the second floor.

## DIVERSITY

### March 18 CDG-AAUW program look-back

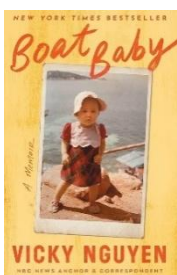


The March 18 Cultural Empowerment for Women lunch, sponsored by the Community Diversity Group and AAUW State College, presented *Taking Care of Your Health for Retirement Security*. Attendees learned about many valuable physical and mental health resources available for seniors.

**Pictured:** Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair; Meg Clouser, Foxdale Village; Amy Trithart, Mount Nittany Medical Center (Moderator); Tierra Dinkins, Licensed Counselor; Carline Crevecoeur, AAUW State College President; Carol Eicher, Community Diversity Group President.

### Join ¡Adelante! Book Club: Thursday, May 28, 2:30 pm (virtual)

The next ¡Adelante! meet-up will be **Thursday, May 28, 2:30 pm**, on Zoom, when we will discuss [Boat Baby: A Memoir](#) by NBC News Anchor and correspondent Vicky Nguyen. She tells the story of her family's daring escape from communist Vietnam and her unlikely journey from refugee to reporter. Schlow has one copy of the book, and there is also one copy available at the Centre County Library. It is also available on Libby for those who use the app. **Questions?** [Sophie Penney Leach](#). **Meeting link:** [Adelante Book Club](#).



### APIDA Spring Festival to be held Saturday, April 18



The annual APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Festival will take place April 18, noon-5:00 pm, on Fraser Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza, in State College. This event will feature a vibrant mix of food, music, and live entertainment.

*Branch Diversity Committee: Naana Nti (Chair), Linda Higginson, Sophie Penney Leach, Denise Rupert, Maria Schmidt, Melissa Landrau Vega*

# BOOK WORKSHOP & SALE

Thank you to the AAUW State College book workshop crews!

Special thanks to Workshop co-leads: **Dina Liberatore, Sherry Crassweller, Suzanne Kerlin.**

After a very busy season, the Used Book Workshop closed for the season on March 10 and **will reopen for the 2027 sale on July 7.** Thank you to the hundreds of book donors and hardworking book workshop volunteers who make the sale possible.



**Monday Night Crew:**  
Carol Pollard, Jane Whitaker, Dina Liberatore, Sue Heister, Kris Keller, Jenny Noll.



**Tuesday Crew:** Amy Wilson, Suzanne Kerlin, David Hay, Linda Friend, Nancy Weinreb, Nancy DeWalle, Gina Motter (rear), Rita Griffith (rear), Christy Bartley, Mary Ann Blair (rear), Tracey Whitehill, Connie Wheeler, Star Campbell, Gail Agans (rear), Sue Johnston. **Missing:** Sherry Crassweller.



**Wednesday Crew:** David Hay, Gina Motter, Kim and Eileen Rotthoff, Claire Milner, Suzanne Kerlin (rear), Angie Hay, Sally Kalin, Ann Hart, Rebecca Mugridge. **Seated:** Terry Melton, Cecilia Doty.

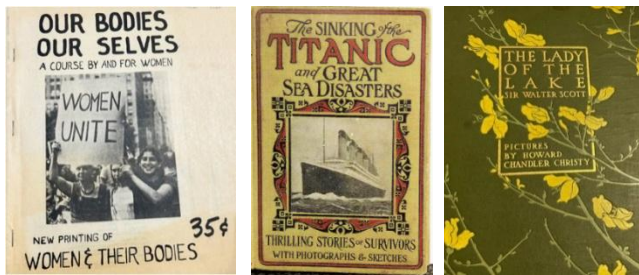
## Volunteer scheduling for the May 9-12 Book Sale is well underway

It's time to sign up for your volunteer shift(s) at the May 9-12 Used Book Sale book sale! We



will also need help on May 7 Move-in Day, when we set up for the sale in the morning and load/unload books later that day. Use this link sign-up: [Book Sale Volunteering](#). Afterwards, you will receive a confirmation email. Contact Sale Volunteer Coordinator [Donna Trapp](#) with questions. Thank you.

## Discovering treasures for the sale



Our special collections team, led by **Sally Kalin** and including **Terry Melton** and **Rebecca Mugridge**, have been working for the past eight months to gather a truly special collection of books for the sale. A few of the first treasures uncovered are pictured here, including:

- *Our Bodies Our Selves: A Course By and For Women*, published by the Boston Women's Health Collective in 1972. It features State College native Ellen Gorlow (1949-2009), who is pictured on the right side of the cover. The first printing of this groundbreaking book on women's health, written from a woman's perspective, was so popular that this now scarce and inexpensive reprint was rushed into print. While this book is found online for up to \$1,000, it will be offered at the sale for \$100.
- *The Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters*, published by L. T. Myers, United States. Published in 1912 not long after the disaster, this book is significant due to its photographs and interviews with survivors. Also features illustrations, and even a spiritual message. Binding is fragile but interior intact.
- *The Lady of the Lake* by Sir Walter Scott, pictures by Howard Chandler Christy, New York: Bobbs-Merrill, 1910. The cover of this book is absolutely stunning.

There are hundreds of other featured books that have yet to be processed. They will be for sale in the **Special Collections** room in the corner next to the checkout and the Exit door. A complete listing of Special Collections will be shared via a link in the May 4 *Branch Bulletin*.

## Paperback "Specials"



Branch member **Carol Pollard** is a hardworking paperback pricer and is especially interested in science fiction, along with noted books related to the movies Star Trek and Star Wars, vintage paperback series, and literature. For a sneak peak of what Carol has priced to date, visit: [Science Fiction & More](#).

## Help promote the book sale

For starters, check out the inspirational **Helping Hands** column on the sale, which ran in the March 25-26 issues of the *Centre Daily Times*: [CDT Helping Hands Book Sale column, 3-25-26](#). **Other ideas:** share the column with family, friends, and colleagues. The personal “ask” is the best way to spread the word, one-on-one or with any group you are a part of. Share the information from our website: <https://aauwstatecollege.org/used-book-sale/>; Via Facebook and Instagram, follow us [@AAUWSCBookSale](#) and invite your friends. Send a [Book Sale Flyer](#) through your network. Email [Dina Liberatore](#) (book sale marketing lead) with promotion ideas.



## Introducing new book sale program for business sponsors

In recent years, the Used Book Sale has attracted thousands of shoppers and community members. Unfortunately, our costs are growing, with new fees for parking, security, and Snider Ag Arena rent on top of our longstanding expenses. We want as many sale proceeds as possible to be applied to our mission to help women and girls through community action grants and STEM programs.



The book sale has been bringing the community together for decades, and we are looking for community partners and individual donors to help ensure that it will be a viable event for many more. See donation options and recognition tiers, including our new table sponsorship initiative: <https://aauwstatecollege.org/book-sale-sponsorship/>.

—Mary Ann Blair and Kat Miller, AAUW State College Book Sale Co-Chairs

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS BRUNCH

### Reservations open for Branch Awards & Scholarships Brunch, Saturday, May 30

We will honor branch award and scholarship recipients, welcome new members, reconnect with old friends, and install new officers for 2026-2028 terms.



**Program Details** – The banquet will take place on **Saturday, May 30, at Wyndham Garden**, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827. A *Meet & Greet* starts at **10:00 am**. The brunch and program will begin at 10:30 am, and we estimate that the event will run until about 12:30 or 1:00 pm.

The Buffet Brunch Menu includes breakfast pastries, muffins and bagels, salmon and cheeses with crackers, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage links. In addition, there will be heartier salmon, chicken, and vegetarian dishes with sides of salads, potatoes, and a wild rice blend. Assorted fruit juices, coffee, and tea will be included.

Register online at [2026 AAUW Banquet Registration](#). You will have the option of paying online or mailing a check. **Reservations are due by Wednesday, May 20**, and the cost to attend is **\$35 per person**. Contact Branch Program VP [Betsy Manlove](#) with questions.

**Recognize branch honorees** – We look forward to recognizing the 2026 branch honorees at the Awards & Scholarships Brunch. Honorees include *Outstanding Woman* – **Candace Davison**; *Member Making a Difference* – **Gail Agans and Angie Hughes**; *Gateway to Equity Award* – **National Day of Racial Healing-State College**; *Named Gift Honorees* – **AAUW State College Board of Directors and Board President Carline Crevecoeur**; *Centre County Council for Human Services Volunteer of the Year* – **Carline Crevecoeur**. [Meet the honorees](#). – *Suzanne Kerlin & Chriss Schultz, Scholarship Co-Chairs*



**Meet our 2025 scholarship recipients** – Our Scholarship Committee is currently reviewing applications for Returning Adult Student scholarships offered by the branch. We look forward to meeting this year’s recipients at the Awards & Scholarships Brunch and will be inspired by learning about their journey and their plans for the future. – *Leslie Laing, Scholarship Chair*



## MEMBER FOCUS

**Welcome, new member Heather Gregory** - [hgregory1500@aol.com](mailto:hgregory1500@aol.com)



I just started at The Salvation Army as their Outreach Coordinator after being a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. I loved every minute of it and wouldn’t trade it for the world. My children are Noah (20), Andrew (18), and Evelyn (14). I was a social worker before I became a full-time mom. I worked in drug and alcohol counseling. I hold a BA in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Edinboro University.

**Welcome, new member Belinda Owusu** - [bowusu71@gmail.com](mailto:bowusu71@gmail.com)



I am a Registered Nurse, a nonprofit cofounder, and passionate advocate for global health equity. Professionally, I serve as a Chief Administrative Officer and have many years of experience in healthcare leadership, program development, and community outreach. I am also the cofounder of GMR (Global Medical Relief), a nonprofit organization that provides medical care and humanitarian support to underserved communities in Ghana.

Personally, I am deeply committed to service, mentorship, and empowering women to lead and make a meaningful impact in their communities. I believe strongly in the power of education, collaboration, and compassion to create lasting change. I joined AAUW State

College because of its dedication to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and community engagement. I value being part of a network of women who are committed to lifting one another up and strengthening opportunities for future generations.

## AAUW membership news



Branch members whose memberships are due for renewal within the next month will receive an e-notice from AAUW National. There, members may renew online. Or **RENEW** membership at [Membership Renewal](#), and mail with check for \$96, which includes membership in the local, state, and national organization, to the address at the bottom of the form. Add “renewal” in the check memo line. **QUESTIONS?** Ask our new Membership VPs, **Candace Davison** and **Kerry Smith**: [membership@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:membership@aauwstatecollege.org).

**AAUW National Dues increase by \$2 starting this month:** As shared previously, AAUW National dues have increased by \$2 to **\$76**, Student dues remain the same, \$18.81 (which is the year AAUW was founded). The Board’s decision to increase dues by \$2 reflects an adjustment to the original proposal to lessen the burden of a dues increase on members while keeping pace with inflation. **Learn more:** [2026 AAUW National Dues Change](#).

**State and Branch Dues:** To date, there is no increase in AAUW Pennsylvania and AAUW State College dues. State dues are \$12 and Branch dues are \$8. **Combined with the national rate of \$76, this brings total AAUW dues for regular members to \$96.**

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Your Ballot for the May 19 Primary Election

The League of Women Voters just announced they are cancelling their candidates forum for the primary because none of the candidates face competition in their respective primaries this year. We will follow their lead and profile the candidates when they do face competition in the fall.



Republicans, you do have competition in your election for county party chair. Three are running. Please consult your party organization for details.

Democrats, some people are running write-in campaigns for precinct committee person. If you are asked to help, please do.

Mail ballots remain safe and effective in Pennsylvania, but it’s a very good idea to use the drop boxes if you can. If mail, it’s smart to mail it back as soon as you can!

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

# OUT & ABOUT

## Local Borough Councils recognize Women's History Month

The first week of March, both Bellefonte Borough Council and State College Borough Council issued proclamations recognizing March as Women's History Month. AAUW was invited to both events. **Chriss Schultz** represented the branch at the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting, and **Carline Crevecoeur** represented the branch at the State College Borough meeting. We were happy to be a part of these recognitions.



**Bellefonte Borough Council:** *Kim Hamilton, Ni-Ta-Nee NOW (Centre County Chapter of the National Organization for Women); Kathleen O'Connell, League of Women Voters-Centre County; Buddy Johnson, Bellefonte Mayor; Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Bellefonte Borough Council, and Chriss Schultz, AAUW State College.*



**State College Borough:** *Ezra Nanes, State College Mayor; Kathleen O'Connell, League of Women Voters-Centre County; Carline Crevecoeur, AAUW State College; Pam Robb, Community Diversity Group.*

[Carline's remarks](#) from the State College presentation.

## Rosie the Riveter...is alive and well

Branch president **Carline Crevecoeur** attended the March 25 Pennsylvania First Ladies Lunch event in Harrisburg, held to celebrate and recognize women who have helped shape Pennsylvania's history.



She reports back that it was a fabulous and inspiring event and hopes more branch members will attend next year. A special guest

was **Mae Krier**, one of the original "Rosies." She worked at Boeing in Seattle, producing B-17s and B-29s during World War II, and turned 100 this March 21. In her honor, this day was named Rosie the Riveter Day in Pennsylvania. Learn more: [Rosie the Riveter turns 100.](#)

## Empowered Women's Experience to host *What's Next?* on April 22

Empowered Women's Experience invites you to join them for a *What's Next?*, a retreat, on **Wednesday, April 22, 9 am-5 pm, at the Ramada Inn, 1450 South Atherton Street, State College.** AAUW State College member **Carolyn Donaldson** will serve as the keynote speaker. The day will be one of exploration, growth, and community, featuring women-owned businesses. The event includes a continental breakfast, knowledgeable interactive speakers, a healthy buffet lunch, expo tables featuring women-owned businesses or those that support women, and time to network. **Learn more about the group and this event:** <http://www.ewesc.com/>.



## ENGAGEMENT: BRANCH & BEYOND

### Engage with the branch by becoming active on a committee!

If you are not currently “engaged” with the branch, or would like to shift directions, check out the list of [ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES](#). Committees and activities need new members, and all welcome your interest.



### Morning Walks resume April 14!

Branch *Morning Walks* will resume **starting April 7, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30–8:30 am, at the Boalsburg Military Museum.** In addition to all the health benefits of walking, *Morning Walks* provide a chance to meet and catch up with other AAUW members. We walk rain or shine, except in the case of heavy downpours. If you plan to attend, contact Carline, [president@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:president@aauwstatecollege.org).



### AAUW State College Craft Night Thursday, April 23 – join the fun!



The second AAUW State College Craft Night will take place at the Discovery Space (1224 North Atherton). Bring your own craft; we will also have some there to share! We will meet **monthly on the fourth Thursday** of the month, **6:00-8:00 pm**, with possible location changes over the summer.

**ONLINE BRANCH EVENTS CALENDAR:** [Online Calendar](#)

Need a log-in? Contact Angie, [technology@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:technology@aauwstatecollege.org)

## September 25-27 AAUW Atlantic States Regional Conference



### AAUW State College to fund registration costs and most meals

AAUW Pennsylvania is host of the second [AAUW Atlantic States Regional Conference](#). AAUW members from 13 states will attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from other AAUW members. Please consider this seriously.

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW: [Completed Program Notes](#)

**Some Highlights:** **Friday 1:30 pm** – Keynote from Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO; **Saturday am** – Voting rights panel including the League of Women Voters CEO, and sexual harassment in the workplace; **Saturday pm** – *Trending Topics*: AAUW Lobby Corps and Advocacy (Meghan Kissell), Civics Education, Pennsylvania Constitution and Judicial Autonomy; *Moving the Needle*: Branch and state presentations; **Sunday am** – People Demanding Action; Unite and Rise, League of Women Voters CEO; Women's Rights, Working Together, Law School Dean.

Great news! **AAUW State College will cover the \$249 conference registration cost** for up to 25 branch members to attend. This also covers all meals, except for dinner on Saturday night, when attendees may “dine-around” at one of 60 restaurants within three blocks of the hotel!

#### Conference Registration Steps

- To qualify for branch payment, members must register **by June 19** using the branch registration page: [Conference Registration](#). If help is needed logging in, contact [technology@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:technology@aauwstatecollege.org).
- [REGISTER HERE](#), click the Individual Registration tab, and fill out the attendee information. Under "Responsible Party," select "Yes, my branch is paying for my registration. The representative responsible for payment is Gail Agans."
- Notify Gail Agans, [treasurer@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:treasurer@aauwstatecollege.org), as soon as you have registered.

**Hotel** – Members are responsible on their own for lodging. The conference hotel is the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. Book today at [Hotel Reservations](#). The reduced hotel rate of \$225 a night is only available if registration is done through this portal. If the room is shared, each roommate pays \$115/night. Alternatively, the Holiday Inn on Chestnut Street is nearby, about a 7-minute walk to the hotel.

**Transportation Options – Drive:** The hotel is about 125 miles from State College, a relatively easy drive. We are now collecting rideshare information from members who may be able to offer a ride.

# BRANCH BEHIND-THE-SCENES

## 2025-2027 Elected Branch Officers

**President** – Carline Crevecoeur  
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**President-Elect** – Molly Kunkel  
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**Full Board listing** – [Board Leadership](#)

**Questions** –  
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## Invite to Branch Board Meetings

Monthly branch board meetings are open to all members who would like to attend. Learn about what is going on and share input. For the record of a recent meeting, see [2-2026 meeting minutes](#). Join us at our next meeting:

**Monday, April 13, 12:00–1:00 pm**

**In person:** College Twp. Council Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
**Zoom meeting link:** [bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardZoom](https://bit.ly/AAUWSCBoardZoom)

**Dial-in numbers:** [301-715-8592](tel:301-715-8592); **Meeting ID:** 875 1248 8158; **Passcode:** 571829. If dialing in via cell, tap the phone number link and it will auto-dial the meeting ID and passcode.

## May board meeting change

Board meetings are normally held the second Monday of the month, but the May meeting will be **held May 4, the first Monday**, to avoid interfering with the May 9-12 Used Book Sale.

## Branch Bulletin Dates



**Submission deadline: Monday, April 27**

Send to: [bulletin@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:bulletin@aauwstatecollege.org)

**Note:** Submissions of personal achievements or interests are also welcome.

**Issue date: Monday, May 4**

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**AAUW State College: 5-Star Recipient** - AAUW State College received 5-Star recognition from AAUW National for outstanding efforts in 2024-2025, centered around five key areas: advancement, public policy and advocacy, governance and sustainability, programming, and communications.