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## Branch book sale overcomes challenges to yield a wonderful event

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Thank you, Book Sale Co-Chairs  
Kat Miller and Mary Ann Blair!

Our 64th used book sale met up with a few obstacles this year. Between rain on Saturday morning and the overlap with Penn State’s graduation ceremonies, our attendance was down, with some 800 fewer shoppers than last year over the course of the four-day event. Despite a rocky beginning, this year’s gross sales came to approximately \$216,000, just shy of last year’s record high. That represents more than 4,000 boxes of the books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles that were sorted and priced throughout the year.

In addition to the books purchased by dealers and private shoppers, some of these books went to support Radio Park’s summer reading program, while others will be given as prizes through the Schlow Library children’s department *Unearth a Story!* event.

Tremendous thanks to the many volunteers who made this year’s sale possible. We had more support from the community than ever (see banner photo, bottom of page 3). This included a staggering number of volunteers on Thursday for Move-in, extra assistance from the Kish CATs during setup, sponsorship from several local businesses, and some vital help from the State College Rotary during teardown.

We reopen for book donations on **Tuesday, July 7**. Until then, our volunteers are taking a much-needed break. – Mary Ann Blair and Kat Miller, AAUW State College Book Sale Co-Chairs

# 2026 Book Sale Memories: Move-in



*Volunteer Scheduler Donna Trapp worked hard behind the scenes to secure enough volunteers. We had lots of community support this year, too.*



*With leadership from Stacey Whitehill (right), a large crew of volunteers moved 4,787 boxes of books during Workshop Move-out.*



*New board member Kathy Burnham met Carline Crevecoeur, Branch President.*



*Carolyn Donaldson did a terrific job as road sign specialist.*



*Mary Ann Blair, Star Campbell, and Gina Motter helped unload a truck at Move-in.*



*Sally Kalin and her team put endless care into preparing books for the Special Collections room.*



*Cecelia Doty helped unpack hundreds of puzzles for the sale.*



*Book sale publicity Chair Dina Liberatore took a break with Connie Schroeder.*



*Branch Membership VPs Kerry Smith and Candace Davison set up an AAUW table promoting half-price memberships for new members.*

# Memories: Four Sale Days



Along with heavy traffic related to Penn State graduations, steady rain impacted the start of the sale, bringing significantly fewer shoppers than 2025. However, in 2026, individual shoppers spent more.



Seeking buried treasures.



CDs, puzzles, games, and sheet music were also a draw.



Branch Treasurer Gail Agans and Technology Chair Angie Hughes overcame many challenges to connect the devices that enabled credit card sales.



The Children's section of the sale offered 25,000 books for young readers. Where to start!?



Just a few of our terrific volunteers: Naana Nti (greeter) and Lydia Vandenberg (cashier).



Shoppers enjoyed a fantastic selection of books.



Nestlerode & Loy were the lead business sponsor.



Many local groups assisted with sale expenses and volunteers.

## Book workshop crew celebrates 2026 sale and prepares for next year

Members of the book workshop crew met on May 21 for their annual post-book sale potluck, a great opportunity to discuss and learn from the 2026 book sale. They also began planning the 2027 sale, which will be held **May 15-18, 2027**. Attendees are pictured below.



**Row 1 (seated):** Angie Hay, Kat Miller, Mary Ann Blair, Sue Werner. **Row 2:** Star Campbell (blue sweater), Carol Pollard, Linda Friend, Nancy DeWalle, Tracey Whitehill, Amy Wilson. **Row 3:** Angela Sommers, Angie Hughes, Gail Agans, Carol Greenburg (behind Linda Friend), Jeanne Weber, Connie Wheeler, Sally Kalin, Nancy Weinreb, Suzanne Kerlin. **Photographer:** Dina Liberatore.

Book Workshop reopens for book donations starting Tuesday, July 7

Summer Hours: Mondays 5:30-7:30 pm; Tue/Wed 9 am-12 Noon

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

### Congratulations, 2026 AAUW State College scholarship recipients



We had a wonderful Awards & Scholarships Banquet on May 10 at Wyndham Garden. Approximately 50 people attended. It included inspiration from this year's scholarship women.

**Left to right:** Samantha Snyder, Natasha Marcos, Estefania Uribe Suaza, Lindsay Nolte. Each woman received an \$8,000 scholarship to help them complete their undergraduate education.

**Samantha Snyder** is a recipient of the **Simmons-Jansma Project Renew Grant**. She has an associate’s degree and works full time as an executive assistant for an accounting office. In 2024 she returned to study Psychology online at Walden University, in hopes of earning a master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling to treat those in recovery, suffering loss, or experiencing natural disasters.

**Natasha Marcos** is a recipient of the **Suzanne McCrae Kerlin Scholarship**. A mother of five, including two attending college, Natasha has balanced family responsibilities, work, and academics while continuing to pursue her long-term goals. She hopes to one day work with teens at risk as she pursues a degree online in Criminal Justice from Strayer University.

**Estefania Uribe Suaza** is a recipient of the **Louise Tukey State College Branch Scholarship**. As the first in her family to attend college, she is a full-time undergraduate pursuing a BSN in Nursing at Penn State. She hopes to make a difference in the lives of those she helps.

**Lindsay Nolte** is a recipient of the **Evelyn Chostner Marboe Scholarship**. Lindsay is a proud mom of two girls, ages 4 and 7, working part-time at Mount Nittany Health. She enjoys singing and connecting with community, and she aspires to show her girls that they can chase their dreams. Lindsay is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Policy and Administration online at Penn State World Campus.

Congratulations and best wishes, all! **Learn more:** [Undergraduate Branch Scholarships](#).



**Scholarship Recipients, left to right:** *Estefania Uribe Suaza with scholarship chair Leslie Laing; Lindsay Nolte with her husband, Addison; Samantha Snyder thanks branch. Missing: Natasha Marcos was unable to attend.*

## Branch Award recipients



We also recognized branch award recipients for 2025-2026 at the brunch. They included: *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](#).



*Incoming Co-President Molly Kunkel welcomed and inspired attendees.*



*AAUW Pennsylvania President Cindy Hall provided updates from the AAUW state and national organizations.*



*Awards Chairs Chriss Schultz (left) and Suzanne Kerlin (right) presented Candace Davison (center) with the Outstanding Woman Award.*



*Program VP Betsy Manlove coordinated banquet details.*



*Angie Hughes and Gail Agans were both honored with the Member Making a Difference Award.*



*Co-President Carline Crevecoeur recognized Sally Kalin as a new Legacy Circle member.*



*Sue Johnston achieved 50-year Honorary Life membership status, with daughter Gail by her side.*



*Outgoing board members Naana Nti and Amy Wilson were recognized for their board contributions.*



*On behalf of State College Borough, Mayor Nanes accepted the Gateway to Equity Award for the National Day of Racial Healing- State College.*

Visit [BANQUET PHOTOS](#) for complete album.

## AAUW Fellows recipients: Mei-Ling Liber & Yaa Anima Opare Appiah



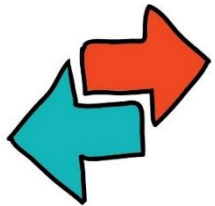
Two AAUW Fellows, **Mei-Ling Liber** and **Yaa Anima Opare Appiah**, were able to attend the Awards & Scholarship Brunch. It was wonderful to meet them and learn more about AAUW Fellowship programs. Mei-Ling is an American Dissertation Fellow, and Yaa is an International Doctoral Fellow. **Learn more:** [AAUW Fellowships](#).

## Meet Breanna Bone, NCCWSL scholarship recipient



Breanna Bone had hoped to the banquet, but it happened to occur during the [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#) (NCCWSL), which she was attending on the scholarship from AAUW State College. She is a PhD candidate in Animal Science at Penn State. Breanna reports that during the conference, she participated in workshops centered on women's empowerment, leadership development, understanding leadership styles, and strategies for avoiding burnout. She left feeling empowered, inspired, and more confident.

## Branch officer transitions



We concluded the brunch with a sincere thank you to outgoing Co-Secretary **Amy Wilson** for her wonderful contributions to the board, and **Naana Nti** for her many years as Diversity Chair. We then welcomed new officers: **Molly Kunkel**, Co-President; **Sophie Penney Leach**, Program VP; **Candace Davison** and **Kerry Smith**, Membership VPs; and **Kathy Burnham**, Co-Secretary. They join the remaining board officers, who are midway through their terms.

**Banquet Reflections** - It takes a lot of effort to orchestrate an event that has so many components. Program VP **Betsy Manlove** led the banquet, and commented afterwards, "It is an honor to be associated with such a wonderful community of women." She shared a list of [Banquet Thank You](#) for those who had a role in making the banquet a success.

DIVERSITY

## Join ¡Adelante! Book Club: Thursday, July 23rd, 2:30-3:30pm (virtual)



The next *¡Adelante!* meetup will be **Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and we will discuss *Passing* by Nella Larsen. It "explores a peculiar kind of deception — being born into one marginalized racial category

and slipping into another, for privilege, security, or power.” ([NPR Review](#)). **Zoom Meeting:** <https://bit.ly/AdelanteBC> **Questions?** [Deb Smith](#).

## Check out State College Pride Festival: June 13



The 2026 State College Pride Festival will be hosted on June 13, featuring a parade at 10 am and a festival starting at noon in Sidney Friedman Park, with games, live performances, local artists, and more! **Details:** [Pride Festival](#).

## Juneteenth Celebration: June 19-20



The seventh State College Juneteenth celebration weekend will feature an Arts Exhibition at Woskob Family Gallery (146 S. Allen Street) at 6 pm on Friday, June 19.

A Juneteenth celebration will follow on Saturday, June 20, on the 100 Block of Fraser Street, noon-6 pm. The theme is *Roots, Rhythm, and Resilience: Celebrating Our Legacy*. **Details:** [Juneteenth: June 19-20](#).

## Community Diversity Group Conference: Monday, June 29

The Community Diversity Group, a frequent partner with AAUW State College, will hold their biennial Community Diversity Group conference on Monday, June 29. The conference will run from 8 am to 5 pm at the Penn Stater Hotel. The cost to attend is \$100 for the day, and the registration deadline is **June 22**.



COMMUNITY DIVERSITY  
CONFERENCE

Embracing & Implementing Inclusion

**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/ymhbkt4>.

**Share Flyer:** [June 22 CDG Conference](#).

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

*PUBLIC POLICY*

## Join the League of Women Voters and Spotlight PA Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 pm, for *Local News Matters!*

The League of Women Voters of Centre County (LWVCC) will host an evening with Dave



Abruzzese of *Spotlight PA* titled ***Local News Matters!*** on **Wednesday, June 24, at 7 pm**. It will be held at the **Calvary Harvest Fields Lodge** Conference Room, 150

Harvest Fields Drive, Boalsburg. The event is open to the public without registration. For the

live Zoom link, email <http://lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com>. (The recording will also be on the LWVCC website).

With local news sources failing across our nation, the way residents get their news has become fractured and, in some cases, unreliable. Centre County is fortunate to have the *Centre Daily Times*, the *Centre County Gazette*, *Town & Gown*, and other forms of media. The LWVCC endeavors to educate, encourage, and empower all eligible citizens to vote. “The basis of making civic decisions, like voting, rests on solid information,” says Kathleen O’Connell, LWVCC president.

*Spotlight PA* is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan news source covering Harrisburg and statewide issues. Dave Abruzzese works with their State College Bureau. He will speak on their work in the broader context of local news and democracy. “The decline of local journalism matters for civic engagement and government accountability, and Spotlight’s model is working to fill some of those gaps across Pennsylvania and here in north-central Pennsylvania.” Come join LWVCC to hear about *Spotlight PA* and have your questions answered.



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LWVCC hopes this community event will help voters learn about a new source of local journalism and how to support it. The Lodge Conference Room is located above Calvary Harvest Fields Church. Exit the main parking lot to the left and drive up the hill to the Lodge parking. Enter the Lodge building at the front main entrance and follow the signs.

**Learn more:** [League of Women Voters Centre County](#) [Spotlight PA](#)

– Mary Dupuis and Dianne Gregg, AAUW State College Public Policy Chairs

## Two-Minute Activist: Join AAUW in the fight for gender equity



AAUW's **Two-Minute Activist** provides everything you need to contact your members of Congress and your state legislators about pressing issues regarding economic security, education, and civil rights for women. You can make a difference today! Join the [AAUW Two-Minute Activist](#).

## ENGAGEMENT: BRANCH & BEYOND

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

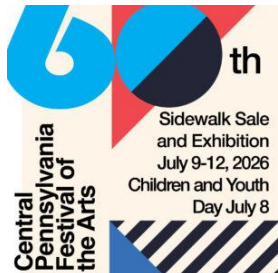
If you are not currently “engaged” with the branch, or would like to shift directions, check out the list of [ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES](#). Most branch committees need new members, and all welcome your interest.



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

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

### AAUW State College-staffed Arts Fest Information Booth reminder



**Thank you** to all branch members who signed up to help at the AAUW State College-staffed Arts Fest Information Booth (located on Allen Street Information Booth near College Avenue on **July 8-12**).

If you would like to add your name to a waiting list of people available to staff the booth should a cancellation occur, contact [Jackie Esposito](#) today.

### 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 an unusual opportunity to meet and learn from other AAUW members throughout this part of the country. Please consider attending if you have not already registered.

**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. **To qualify for branch payment, members must register by June 19 using this page:**

[Conference Registration](#). Full details: [Sept 25-27 AAUW Regional Conference](#).

## MEMBER FOCUS

### AAUW membership renewals

#### Membership Matters

**Total annual dues are \$96. This includes AAUW National-\$76; AAUW Pennsylvania-\$12; and AAUW State College-\$8.**

Honorary life and lifetime members do not pay national dues.

**There are three different ways to renew your membership:**

1. Pay with a check, and mail to AAUW State College, Box 735, State College PA 16804.
2. Pay online at our branch website: <https://aauwstatecollege.org/join-aauw/>.

3. Pay online at AAUW national: <https://www.aauw.org>. If using the national website, make sure to include State and Branch information. You will need to scroll to Pennsylvania and then State College. Otherwise, you will only have a national membership and will not be a member of the branch or state. Log-in with the email and password that you have used before. If you have never logged in to the national site, follow the instructions to create an account. Once you are logged in, check and update the contact information.

**QUESTIONS?** Ask our Membership VPs, **Candace Davison** and **Kerry Smith**:

[membership@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:membership@aauwstatecollege.org). **Learn more:** <https://www.aauw.org/membership/>.

## Consider the AAUW Legacy Circle in estate planning

The Legacy Circle is AAUW national's way of recognizing donors who have included AAUW in



their estate plans with a planned gift. Recently, member **Sally Kalin** joined the AAUW Legacy Circle, the first State College branch member to do so in many years.

As Funds Chair for AAUW Pennsylvania, Sally understands the importance of this group in ensuring AAUW's financial stability. Nationwide, there are over 700 members but only

about a dozen from Pennsylvania. There is no minimum amount to join the Legacy Circle.

**Learn more:** [AAUW Legacy Circle](#).

## MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Cindy Hahn retires as C-NET Centre County director

Long-time branch member Cindy Hahn recently announced her retirement from C-NET, where



she has served as director for the past 20 years. C-NET is Centre County's Government and Education Access Television Network, which administers two TV channels, CGTV (channel 7) and CETV (channel 98), as well as [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org).

Under Cindy's watch, C-NET has grown significantly, almost doubling the number of entities served and the number of C-NET members. A major addition to programming during her tenure were the Candidate Interviews sponsored by the League of Women Voters Centre County,

**More:** [CDT 5-14-2026 Cindy Hahn Interview](#). Best wishes in your retirement, Cindy!

## Cindy Hall joins AAUW National board

Congratulations to Cindy Hall, who joined the AAUW national board this spring. The board is composed of 15 AAUW members.



Cindy served as President of AAUW Pennsylvania for two terms (2022-2026). Prior to her position on the state board, she was Co-President of AAUW State College for two terms, and served on the AAUW National Nominating Committee for several years. She is currently Co-Chair of the AAUW 2026 Atlantic States Regional Conference. Formerly, she was the Associate Vice President for Strategic Communications and Chief Marketing Officer at Penn State.

## Kudos to 50-year Honorary Life member Sue Johnston



*This spring, branch member Sue Johnston achieved 50-year Honorary Life status in AAUW. That represents quite a commitment, and we thank Sue for her long-term contributions to AAUW. Honorary Life members are exempt from paying AAUW dues. Below, Sue describes her AAUW journey.*

Soon after we moved to Exton, Pennsylvania, in 1976, I heard about AAUW. Somehow, I did not know about the organization, but it sounded like my kind of thing, so I joined AAUW Chester County-West Chester. I was not particularly active in the organization at first but did attend meetings and was involved in a couple of interest groups. Girl Scouts and my professional organization at the local, state, and national level took most of my time.

After I semi-retired, I became more involved in AAUW and ended up as co-president and then president of AAUW Chester County-West Chester. In 2016, we moved to State College, and I immediately joined AAUW State College. Currently, I help at the book workshop when I can, chair the Education Committee, and serve as liaison to Fair Districts PA Centre County.

## Belinda Owusu invites branch to June 13 Music for Medicine fundraiser

Branch member Belinda Owusu is a Registered Nurse but is also busy these days as the co-founder, with her obstetrician-gynecologist husband Samuel Owusu, of [Ghana Medical Relief](#). This nonprofit humanitarian organization raises funds for supplies and medical equipment that are donated to hospitals and clinics in Ghana. Week-long healthcare missions in Ghana provide pediatric services and women's health care services.



**G H A N A**  
MEDICAL RELIEF

Locally, the group is working on the **June 13 Music for Medicine fundraiser, to be held from 4 to 9 pm at Boal City**. It sounds like a great evening for a great cause. Check it out and buy your tickets today; they are going fast! [June 13 Music for Medicine fundraiser](#).

# BRANCH BEHIND-THE-SCENES

## 2026-2027 Elected Branch Officers

### Co-Presidents

Carline Crevecoeur, Molly Kunkel  
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### Immediate Past Presidents Council

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### Co-Secretaries

Kathy Burnham, Lee Carpenter  
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### Treasurer – Gail Agans

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### Co-Marketing & Communications VPs

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### Membership Co-VPs

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### Programs

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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 and are held the second Monday of each month. Summer board meetings dates are **June 8, July 13, and August 10**. Meetings run from **12:00 to 1:00 pm**.

**In person:** College Twp. Council Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
1481 East College Avenue, State College

**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.

## Branch Bulletin Dates



There will be no **July Branch Bulletin**.

**Submission deadline** for the **August 3** issue:  
**Monday, July 27.**

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

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



**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. We are currently working on 5-Star certification for 2025-2026.*

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