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FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Good news! Our Immediate Past Branch President, Cindy Hall, has commenced the branch strategic planning process, using input from current branch leaders on the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. The results will be compiled, become a part of the planning process, and delegated to current and former co-presidents to facilitate.

Congratulations to all the following AAUW State College 2021-2022 honorees for their great work and contributions. Your selflessness is a testament to volunteerism.

--Linda Friend and Sally Kalin, AAUW State College Co-Presidents



CONGRATULATIONS, AAUW STATE COLLEGE 2021-2022 HONOREES

The AAUW State College Awards Committee is co-chaired by Chriss Schultz and Suzanne Kerlin, and other committee members include Anne Ard, Elizabeth Manlove, Sue Poremba, and Sue Werner. The group met on February 10th to select the following branch members to be honored

for their contributions this past year, based on nominations from branch members.

Congratulations to all honorees (listed below) for their contributions to AAUW State College. You are an inspiration to all of us.

All honorees will be recognized at a branch awards and scholarship celebration later this spring, as well as at the AAUW Pennsylvania Convention this June (details on page 4). In addition, CCCHS (Centre County Council for Human Services) will present Jordan Glover and other CCCHS volunteers with a certificate and token of appreciation at the CCCHS Membership Picnic at Calvary Church on June 1st.

Details to attend all of these recognition events will be provided in a coming *Branch Bulletin*.



Outstanding Woman Award

NAANA NTI

Having served as VP for Program for two separate terms, Naana currently is our Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair. Her technical skills with Zoom enable the Branch to hold our meetings virtually as well as virtual programs for the community. Naana is a very active member of the Community Diversity Group (CDG,) and serves as liaison from the branch to CDG.



Member Making a Difference

ESTELLE STROUP CALL

As the volunteer coordinator for our Used Book Sale, Estelle did an excellent job of recruiting, organizing, and training volunteers with a cheerful and relaxed can-do attitude. Positioned at the sale most of the time, her positive attitude and wonderful work ethic ensured that our full staffing of enthusiastic volunteers volunteering at the sale



Gateway to Equity Award

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES STATE COLLEGE

TTV is committed to economic equity that advances the status of women and their families, predominately in developing nations. When women are provided with the economic reins in poor nations, many NGO's have found that this benefits not only the family, but the development of the entire community. Locally, TTY partners with AAUW State College to benefit both our organizations.



Centre County Council of Human Services Volunteer of the Year

JORDAN GLOVER

When the new AAUW State College branch website was introduced last year, Jordan Glover volunteered to serve as website coordinator and due to her efforts, it is now a strong communication resource. Jordan has implemented a program encouraging input from all committees to keep the website current. Jordan is the Co-Vice President for Membership. She attracts and welcomes new members to the branch. Jordan is also a member of the Program Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In addition, she is the Diversity and Inclusion Chair on the state board of AAUW Pennsylvania.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

AAUW State College Presents WOMEN in PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, April 27th, 5:30 via Zoom

Good news! The AAUW State College Program Committee has planned a virtual program on women working in public safety for April 27th at 5:30 pm. It will feature three women: a park ranger, a corrections officer, and a 911 dispatcher/firefighter. They will share their stories, challenges, and lessons learned. The program will be moderated by branch member Carolyn Donaldson. The program will run 45 minutes. **Register today:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYvc-6vqT8sHtBuOidWOudcDbTqeGfQTVmF>



FAIR DISTRICTS PA REDISTRICTING UPDATE

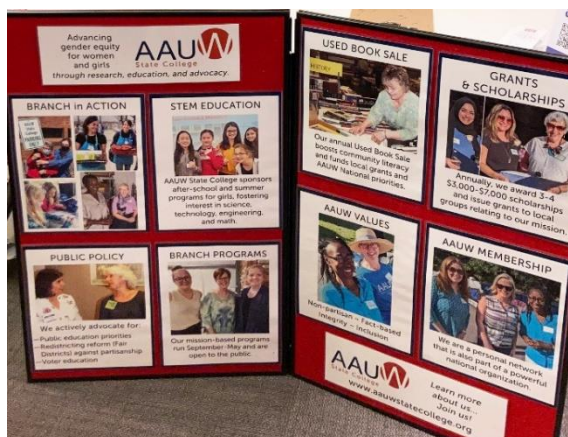
Pennsylvania's legislative maps are finalized for the next decade. The House map is a significant improvement over the last decade. The Senate map is also an improvement, although not as significant as the House map. The Congressional map is similar to the one we used in the last election with some changes due to the loss of one seat.

In spite of not being able to pass any legislation to form a non-biased citizen's commission to draw district lines in Pennsylvania, Fair Districts (<https://www.fairdistrictspa.com/>) along with others such as League of Women Voters, PA Voice and Draw the Lines-PA were a powerful influence in the redistricting process. There is still more work to do to improve the redistricting process in the future. Fair Districts and other organizations will continue their efforts. Please watch for opportunities to help.

--Sue Johnston, AAUW State College Liaison to Fair Districts PA



RAISING BRANCH VISIBILITY



Branch members are welcome to borrow the display shown here – for use at group gatherings. It is housed at the Used Book Workshop.

ABOVE:

Connie Wheeler, Dina Liberatore, and Ann Echols participated at the Bellefonte Volunteer Fair.



TUESDAY, MARCH 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Lifting as We Climb: Our Journey with AAUW

Our speakers, including **Penn State University Assistant Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging, Dr. Lisette Garcia**, are distinguished in their careers and serve on AAUW's National Board of Directors. Hear about their passion for AAUW's mission; history of AAUW involvement; their career journeys; and why they think AAUW is relevant and needed today.

Flyer to Distribute: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-oKcDJjWW_vXK2vamZXEyB6ploWywB8B/view?usp=sharing

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdO6trjgrHtVFh980uqi_qjvavRy4vi61



***VOTE in AAUW PENNSYLVANIA OFFICER ELECTION
NOW THROUGH APRIL 13th***

This month, AAUW Pennsylvania announced officer nominations for their 2022 election. **AAUW State College member and Immediate Past President, Cindy Hall**, has been nominated for president.

Voting may be done online or by paper ballot. The deadline to vote is April 13th.

Details: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-pa-2022-elections-voting-instructions/>

Voting for AAUW Pennsylvania FY22-24 officers ends April 13, 2022. Voter turnout for AAUW elections is traditionally low and it's time to reverse that trend! View the candidates and scroll down for links on how to vote: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/about/nominations/>.

AAUW-PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL VIRTUAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

The AAUW Pennsylvania Annual Meeting is **Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 10 am - Noon via Zoom**. Members will vote on proposed Bylaw changes and the 2022-2024 Public Policy Priorities. Review the proposals and find the Zoom registration link on page 5 of the March *Keystoner* (<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/02/2022-March-Keystoner.pdf>).

AAUW-PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION JUNE 3rd – 5th

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Featuring Gloria Blackwell, AAUW Chief Executive Officer, presentations from Community Action Grant recipients, Friday night meet and greet, silent auction, and much, much more.

Details: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/02/2022-March-Keystoner.pdf> (page 1)

BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME THROUGH TUESDAY, APRIL 5th



After a very busy winter with volunteers culling, sorting, and pricing books, the Used Book Workshop will be closing for book donations on **April 5th**. This will give them time to process remaining book donations in time for the May 14th – 17th Used Book Sale. **The workshop will reopen for book donations for the 2023 sale on Tuesday, June 14th.**

The workshop is located at 2197 High Tech Road. High Tech Road is directly across from University Park Airport. The workshop is on the right behind Handy Delivery. Donations are preferred during workshop hours – **Mondays, 6:00-8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesdays 9:00 am-2:30 pm**. Books also may be delivered to outdoor donation bins anytime. Details:

https://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_donations/



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for AAUW STATE COLLEGE MAY 14-17th USED BOOK SALE

There are plenty of open volunteer positions at our May 14-17th Used Book Sale, and we need you! Check out the schedules below and please sign up today. The sale runs 9:00 am – 8:00 pm each day, and most shifts are mostly three hours in length.

To volunteer for Move-in Night or during the sale as a table volunteer, or cashier, sign up [HERE](#).

To volunteer for the Hospitality Table in the Lobby during the sale, sign up [HERE](#)

At the October 2021 sale, Sue Johnston volunteered as a cashier, and Vasu Varadan (Branch Treasurer) oversaw the banking operation.

Move-in Night for the Used Book Sale takes place on Thursday, May 12th, with volunteers loading trucks at the Used Book Workshop and unloading at the Snider Agricultural Arena. Dinner will be provided. The sale runs May 14-17th 9:00 am – 8:00 pm each day.

Questions? Be sure to contact me directly at (812) 325-1028 or estelle.stroup@gmail.com.

The Used Book Sale is the financial engine of our branch, and relies on strong volunteer coverage. Thank you in advance for your help in making the Used Book Sale a success!

--Estelle Call, Used Book Sale Volunteer Scheduler

LOCAL ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI AMERICANS (APIDA) GROUP SHARES HATE/BIAS INFORMATION

**Reporting Hate/Bias Incidents
in Centre County**

HAPPENING NOW?

The incident is happening or just happened, on or off campus:
Call 911

HAPPENED IN THE PAST?

Call police at numbers listed below:

- On Campus PSU Police: 814-863-1111
- State College Borough, College and Harris Townships: 814-234-7150
- Ferguson, Patton and Halfmoon Townships, or if unsure whom to call: 1-800-479-0050 (They will connect callers to appropriate police)
- Benner Twp: 814-355-7545
- PA State Police: 814-355-7545

TIPS

Identify any witnesses to officer.
Quote exact wording - be specific!
Ask the officer to note that event might be bias motivated in incident report.

PA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

717-772-0523 to report an incident for tracking & information only

**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!
REPORT ACTS OF HATE & BIAS**

Created by PanAPIDA Circle (Sept. 2021) and does not constitute a complete list or legal advice.

The PanAPIDA Circle, a community group whose key goal is to elevate the voices, needs, and concerns of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community of Centre County. The group unites in response to rising anti-Asian hate and bias nationwide, and advocates for greater visibility, representation and inclusion of APIDA experiences in education, government, and social and cultural realms.

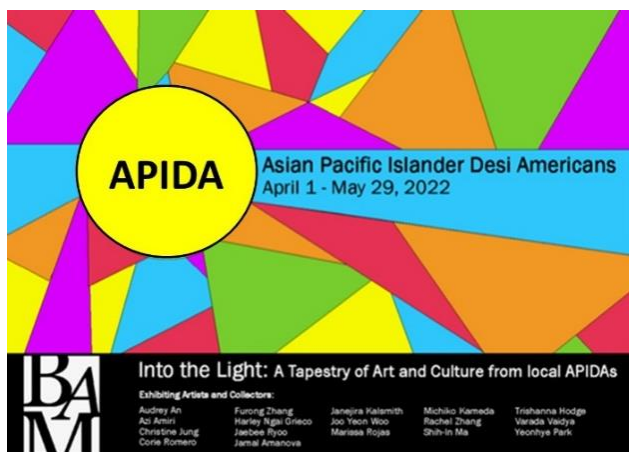
Left, an E-Postcard was developed to provide community members with resources for reporting incidents of hate and bias. Please check official websites for

further information/questions.

E-Postcard to Distribute: [Reporting Hate Bias Postcard](#)

For additional info: panapidacircle@gmail.com

APIDA and Bellefonte Art Museum Present April 3 – May 29 Show with APIDA - *Into the Light: A Tapestry of Art & Culture* with Local Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans



“Into the Light” showcases contemporary and traditional art and craft that have been created and collected by the APIDA artists and residents with close connections to Centre County. It celebrates life experiences of APIDA residents in our community. APIDA are the largest racial minority community group in Centre County, making up about 7 percent of the population.

**In addition to two First Sunday Opening
Receptions scheduled for April 3 and May 1,**

several programming events and activities are planned for this two-month exhibition. For details, visit <https://www.bellefontemuseum.org/> and click on the EVENTS tab.

NEW AAUW NATIONAL STUDY ADDRESSES LACK of DIVERSITY IN COLLEGE LEADERSHIP



The Women's Power Gap at Elite Universities: Scaling the Ivory Tower is a 2021 study that AAUW conducted with the Eos Foundation. It analyzes gender, racial and ethnic representation in top leadership roles, showing that women are often overlooked for leadership roles. The report calls for changing mandatory reporting on diversity for boards of trustees/regents, among many other recommendations. **Learn more:**

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/research/power-gap-top-earners-elite-universities/>

AAUW National Introduces the AAUW COMMUNITY HUB: a New Personal Portal for Members

AAUW National is implementing a personal portal for AAUW members called the AAUW Community Hub. Currently members can update their profiles and contact information. After a second upgrade at the end of March, memberships may be renewed online.

For instruction and video tutorials, **members are asked to activate their accounts now at** <https://www.aauw.org/new-systems-update/>. Stay tuned for additional information.



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, April 11th**. Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, April 4th** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com. *Bulletins* are sent electronically to branch members and friends and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.

JOIN MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

All branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. They generally occur via Zoom at **12:00 noon the first Monday of each month**. To receive the agenda, please notify either Sally Kalin (sallywkalin@gmail.com) or Linda Friend (lx5@psu.edu) several days before the meeting. The next meeting is **Monday, April 4th**. **Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183353133?pwd=amFnekIqSnErRHdvQ3o2RjVGdGdmZz09>

Submit Events to the Branch Website Calendar

Link to submit events
for the Branch web
calendar:

<https://forms.gle/4Xo1GzQ1KX0Fz09>