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AAUW State College Presents

**WOMEN in PUBLIC SAFETY: Their Stories, Challenges,
and Lessons Learned**
Wednesday, April 27th, 5:30 via Zoom

Good news! The AAUW State College Program Committee has planned a virtual program on women who are employed in public safety fields for April 27th at 5:30 pm.

The program will feature three women: a park ranger, a corrections officer, and a 911 dispatcher/firefighter. The program will be moderated by branch member Carolyn Donaldson and will run about 45 minutes. **Register today:**

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

NOMINATIONS

AAUW STATE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NOMINATIONS for 2022-2024 OFFICERS

Members of the AAUW State College
Nominating/Leadership Committee - Naana Nti

(chair), Talat Azhar, Christy Barkley, Ann Echols, and Connie Schroeder - present the following AAUW State College leadership slate for 2022-2024:

Co-Presidents: **Carline Crevecoeur** and **Ann Echols**

Marketing & Communications Vice President: **Connie Schroeder**

Co-Secretary: **Chriss Schultz**

Co-Vice President for Program: **Nina Cowart**

All terms are for two years. The election will be held on or before the annual Membership Meeting/Awards & Scholarship banquet (date TBA). Additional nominations from Branch members will be allowed (with permission of the nominee).

--Naana Nti, Branch Nominations Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP *matters*

2022-2023 AAUW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION

We've all become increasingly comfortable using the web to make purchases, pay bills,

conduct banking transactions, renew memberships, and more. As a result, national AAUW is creating a new member database called the Communication Hub that uses our email address as an identifier rather than our AAUW ID number. The new Communication Hub will enable members to renew AAUW membership at the national, state, and local levels and more. We encourage branch members to create a new account with national AAUW by going on to aauw.org and selecting Logon on the upper right corner of the webpage. OR, members also can go to my.aauw.org to achieve the same outcome.

As State College Branch members anticipate renewing their membership for 2022-2023, please anticipate a \$5 increase in national AAUW dues from \$62 to \$67. State and local dues will remain the same. Therefore, **please anticipate paying \$85 for 2022-2023 AAUW membership, which includes national, state, and local membership.**

As more details become available about the AAUW renewal process, they will be shared with you this spring. As with any large-scale database change, glitches have reared their ugly heads and are delaying progress. Nevertheless, progress is being made, so stay tuned!

--Charlene Harrison, Membership Co-Vice President



VOTE in the 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. Last chance to vote!
<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/about/nominations/>.

AAUW-PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

The AAUW Pennsylvania Annual Meeting will be **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 TO BE HELD IN-PERSON, JUNE 3rd – 5th Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Featuring Gloria Blackwell, the new AAUW Chief Executive Officer, the annual convention features presentations from Community Action Grant recipients, a Friday night meet and greet, silent auction, and much, much more. Details are in the AAUW-PA *Keystoner*, page 1: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/02/2022-March-Keystoner.pdf>



USED BOOK WORKSHOP IS CLOSED for THE SEASON, WILL RE-OPEN JUNE 14th

The AAUW State College Used Book Workshop is now closed for the season, after a very busy winter of receiving and processing books for our May 14-17 sale. Thank you to the hardworking workshop volunteers who work so hard throughout the year. **The workshop will reopen for book donations for the 2023 sale on Tuesday, June 14th.** Details:

LEFT: *Nancy Weinreb, Jeanne Weber, and Suzanne Kerlin take a break from pricing.*



Doris Trueblood enjoys pricing Children's books.



Mary Ann Blair finds some treasures while sorting books.



Mary Atchley prices CDs and DVDs.

More photos of workshop volunteers will be shared in coming issues of the *Branch Bulletin*!

PENN STATE's CLUB SPORTS TEAMS CONDUCT BOOK DRIVE for OUR USED BOOK SALE



Many thanks to the twelve Penn State Club Sports teams (of 53 teams total) who participated in their annual book drive for the AAUW State College Used Book Sale.

Left to right: Sara Pribanic and Maddie Entri

Sports intern Hunter Jones and Kristen Sullivan, Assistant Director, Competitive Sports, deliver books to the AAUW State College Used Book Workshop.

Their community service project to help the Used Book Sale yielded a total of 1,686 books, 51 DVDs, 56 CDs, 10 puzzles, 16 games, and 9 pieces of sheet music, a most impressive donation. Participating Penn State Club Sports teams have a heart for the community!

PENN STATE HUMPHREY FELLOWS LEND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT at WORKSHOP

The Penn State Humphrey Fellows provided wonderful assistance by volunteering at workshop during the past year. We enjoyed getting to know them and learning about their countries.



Madina Pulotova (Tajikistan) and Vuyokazi Jamieson (South Africa) price games.



Shahla Davoodi (Iran) helped out in the recycling area.



Joelma Monteiro (Angola) and Angie Tejada Celi (Peru) found more games to price.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED for AAUW STATE COLLEGE MAY 14-17th USED BOOK SALE - Sign Up Today!

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 as soon as possible. The sale runs 9:00 am – 8:00 pm each day, and most shifts are 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 at the sale, sign up [HERE](#).

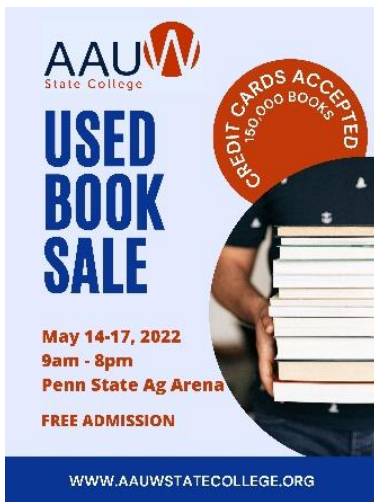


Move-in Night for the Used Book Sale takes place on Thursday, May 12th, with volunteers loading trucks at the Used Book Workshop and unloading at the Snider Agricultural Arena. Dinner will be provided. The sale runs May 14-17th 9:00 am – 8:00 pm each day.

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



HELP PROMOTE OUR USED BOOK SALE!

Your help spreading the word about our coming book sale would be terrific. Beyond talking it up with friends and colleagues, please share the sale flyer shown here with friends, neighbors, and colleagues, in person, via group announcements, and through social media. Good news travels fast!

[AAUW State College Used Book Sale May 14-17](#)

For people who are unfamiliar with our sale, the best thing is to direct them to our website, where the sale is described in full detail: https://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_centre_county/

STEM PROGRAMS THRIVE with AAUW STATE COLLEGE SUPPORT

AAUW State College STEM grants provide funding for science programs for girls and young women throughout the year. A recent listing provided by STEM Co-Chairs, Michele Crowl and Carol-Beth Book, included the following activities. Keep up the wonderful work that you do!

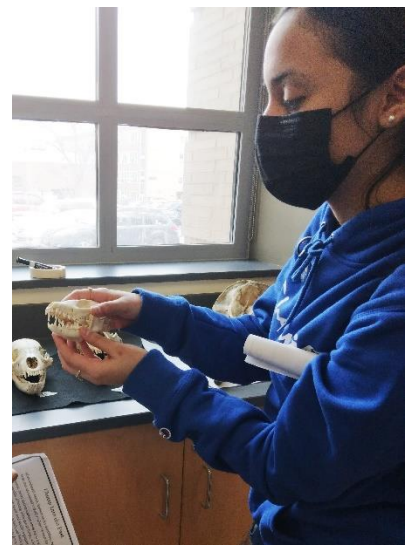
- October – May - STEMPOWERED Girls – Discovery Space
- February - Voices Annual Conference – PSU Graduate Women in Science (GWIS)
- February/March - STEM Career Day Supporting Young Women – PSU Eberly College of Science Outreach Office
- February/March - After School Bellefonte Middle School: Girls Love Science (GaLS)
- Spring/Summer - Makerspace for Girls
- Summer Science Camps



Emily Zhang and Kate Doucette try out their skills at The Rivet, a Discovery Space.



At last month's Penn State Envision event, participants learned through workshops. Pictured: Escape Room (left) and the Archeology of Teeth (right).



¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB to MEET June 2nd

Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in both fiction and nonfiction offerings.

We meet during the afternoon every other month on the third Thursday of the month, with our next (virtual) meeting taking place on **Thursday, June 2nd at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

The Personal Librarian tells the story of Bella da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal art curator, archivist, and librarian. An extraordinary woman, she was the toast of New York and famous for her intellect, style, and wit, but she had to go to great lengths—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lived.

To participate with the group, please contact info@aaustatecollege.org. We warmly welcome new members. **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84109016353?pwd=MUIkWjVNN0h4R1hXR0hncjF3c3B2QT09>



CONGRATULATIONS to OUR AAUW STATE COLLEGE 2021-2022 HONOREES

Congratulations to branch members **Naana Nti**, **Estelle Call**, and **Jordan Glover** for being selected AAUW State College 2022 Honorees for their contributions to the branch over the past year. **Ten Thousand Villages**

has been named recipient of the *Gateway to Equity Award* for their commitment to advancing equity for women and girls through their worldwide support of women economically. All honorees will be recognized at a branch awards and scholarship celebration later this spring,

and at the AAUW Pennsylvania Convention this June (details on page 4). In addition, CCCHS (Centre County Council for Human Services) will recognize Jordan Glover among others on June 1st. **Details to attend these 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 our full staffing of enthusiastic volunteers volunteering at the sale.



Gateway to Equity Award

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES STATE COLLEGE (TTV)

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, this benefits not only their families but also the entire community. Locally, TTV 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 and also serves as Diversity and Inclusion Chair on the AAUW-PA board.



MOUNT NITTANY OFFERS LUMINARY EVENT to RECOGNIZE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE EFFORTS DURING PANDEMIC

Mount Nittany Health is hosting a special luminary recognition event for staff to honor the second anniversary of COVID and their experiences through this time. We invite the community to join in by adding messages to luminary bags that will create a special display during the employee event. Personalized messages may be written on luminary bags that can be picked up at Centre Foundation, the State College Downtown Improvement District, and Downtown Bellefonte Inc. For additional information, contact Jeannine Lozier, jlozier88@gmail.com. **The last day to pick up luminaries is April 15th.**

**Submit Events
to the Branch Website Calendar**

Link to submit events for the Branch web calendar:

<https://forms.gle/4XoLCgQnLKjYQFc98>



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, April 25th**. Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, April 18th** 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/>.