

Advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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JOIN AAUW STATE COLLEGE to ADVOCATE for PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING: MAY 24th, HARRISBURG

The in-court testimony for the school funding lawsuit trial concluded on March 10, after four months, with 40 witnesses, and thousands of documents entered into record. Children First and Education Voters PA organized two events in Harrisburg to support adequate school funding to enable quality public education, regardless of local wealth. Highlights of the trial are captured in an hour-long video: [School Funding Trial](#).

Advocacy Day!

Tuesday, May 24th

Join us in Harrisburg.

Meet with your state lawmakers.

Support the school funding PA students need and deserve!



EDUCATION VOTERS
of Pennsylvania

education budget.

Join AAUW State College on May 24th for Lobby Day in Harrisburg. Education Voters PA staff will schedule a meeting, provide materials, and training for the meeting. A box lunch will be provided upon request.

Sign-up for Lobby Day - [Lobby Day Sign-up](#) and email Carol Hodes (carolhodes@yahoo.com) if you want to carpool.

Related to this trial, there are upcoming opportunities to advocate for fair funding for public education. Lobby Day will be held on **Tuesday, May 24th**. This day provides AAUW members an opportunity to meet with legislators and voice support for the Governor's full proposed



JOIN THE BRANCH'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Do you want to stay abreast of efforts to improve public education? This is what the Education Committee does:

- **Collaborate with statewide organizations**, like PA Schools Work, on major issues like school funding and school choice.
- **Support pending legislation by contacting legislators** and occasionally attending public hearings or rallies in Harrisburg.
- **Write the local media** to help the public understand state and local developments. The Education Committee's letters to the editor and Op Eds have appeared in the *Centre Daily Times*, *Gazette* and *AAUW Pennsylvania Keystoner*.

The Education Committee is part of the AAUW State College Public Policy Committee. To join, contact Mary Dupuis (mdupuis73@gmail.com) or Carol Hodes (carolhodes@yahoo.com)

—Carol Hodes, AAUW State College Education Committee Chair



GET READY to VOTE in the PRIMARY ELECTION on MAY 17th

Deadlines:

The drop boxes are back and ready for your ballot. We realize the news coverage has been confusing about this, but drop boxes remain legal for this election, so you have the choice of putting a stamp on your mail-in ballot to return it through the post office or dropping it off yourself. (You may not give it to someone else to deposit for you—it's a chain of custody issue.)

If you want a mail-in ballot but have not applied for it, please do so now. The deadline to apply is May 10th, but that is way too close to Election Day, May 17th to be entirely safe. Whether you drop off your mail-in ballot or send it through the U.S. Post Office, the Elections Office must receive it by the time polls close on Election Day, so do not leave this until the last minute.

What's on Your Ballot:

The offices we vote for this year are state and federal: U.S. Senator, Governor, Lt. Governor, and State Representative.

We don't have a Pennsylvania Senate race until 2024, and the Congressional race is unopposed. Local and county elections come around next year.

There are no referenda or ballot questions.

Due to redistricting, you may need to double-check which district you are in now. [Centre County Election Office Voter Districts](#) has a new website. Many other questions can be answered there.

Meet the Candidates:

We have three State Representative districts in the county now -- down from four --and each party has a candidate. None of them are opposed in the primary, but this is a good time to learn who they are. Here are their [C-NET Candidate Interviews](#).

Because Senator, Governor, and Lt. Governor are all open seats, we have an unusually high number of candidates—especially on the Republican side. The [League of Women Voter's Guide](#) provides comprehensive information on the candidates. Check it out.

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



AAUW PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION: JUNE 3–5 Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

The AAUW-PA biennial convention has returned and will explore opportunities for women as we emerge from the pandemic. We don't want to "get back to normal" because normal wasn't the best for women and girls. We hope to explore how can we leverage change to improve issues impacting women and girls.



This year's 3-day convention features a wide variety of offerings including wonderful speakers, presentations by Community Action Grant recipients, the *Gateway to Equity* presentation, opportunities to meet with members of other AAUW branches, and more.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:

FRIDAY

- Dinner/Keynote Speaker - **Alicia Petross**, Chief Diversity Officer, Hershey Corporation
- Meet and Greet AAUW members from other branches

SATURDAY

- AAUW Community Action Grant recipients
- State of the State - **Ann Pehle**, President, AAUW Pennsylvania
- Lunch/Keynote Speaker - **Julie Vogtman**, National Women's Law Center
- System Shakers and Barrier Breakers: Women in STEM
- *Gateway to Equity* recognition

SUNDAY

- Title IX is 50! - **Peg Pennepacker** (former AAUW State College member)
- National Update - **Gloria Blackwell**, AAUW National President
- Installation of AAUW Pennsylvania officers, including **Cindy Hall**, AAUW State College Immediate Past President and incoming President, AAUW Pennsylvania.

There are opportunities to attend all or part of the three days. **SIGN UP TODAY:**

[AAUW Pennsylvania 2022 Convention Schedule, Registration, Costs](#)

The Convention and Hotel registration deadline is May 13, 2022. Registrations received after May 13th will incur a \$35.00 late fee. No refunds after May 20.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE from AAUW PENNSYLVANIA

AAUW Pennsylvania is offering six webinars that focus on changing the climate for women and girls. Learn more: [AAUW PA Virtual Webinars](#). Tap on “Virtual Events.”



AAUW's CEO GLORIA BLACKWELL – “*There Needs to be a Reckoning.*”

The following interview of Gloria Blackwell – [There Needs to be a Reckoning](#) - was authored by Rebecca Kelliher and published in *Diverse Issues in Education* in the April 22, 2022 issue. Blackwell states, “There needs to be a reckoning for the innate sexism, gender discrimination, and racism that still persists on our college campuses. Women are not seeing themselves as leaders, and I think that has a direct impact on the administration and leadership at these institutions.”

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION 2022

It’s your AAUW, and your voice counts. Vote now for the national Board of Directors and on changes to the AAUW bylaws. Voting is now open in the 2022 AAUW National Election. All members are asked to elect members to the national AAUW Board of Directors and to vote on changes to the bylaws that will streamline our processes. **Learn more:**

Board of Directors Candidates: [Meet the candidates and learn about the process](#)

Bylaws Amendment on Nominations: [Learn more about the proposed changes](#)

Bylaws Amendment on Ballot Administration: [Learn more about the proposed changes](#)

For information on how to vote: [Information on How to Vote](#)

Between April 6-9, you received an e-mail from AAUW National with your personalized ballot, accessible through your member ID. Please retrieve that e-mail in order to cast your vote. Voting closes at 5:00 pm ET on Monday, May 16, 2022. Questions? Contact Connect at connect@aauw.org or call (800) 326-2289.



Join AAUW State College for a
SPRING CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, June 8th, 5:30 pm
Centre Hills Country Club
Reception – Dinner - Program

Let's Celebrate Each Other!

- Meet Branch Scholarship Recipients
- Honor Outstanding Branch Awardees
- Congratulate a fifty-year honorary life member
- Celebrate culmination of our program year
- Learn the outcome of the 60th Annual Used Book Sale
- Thank all our branch volunteers & the leadership
- Welcome incoming officers

Mark your calendar for June 8th. Watch for more details in the May 23rd Branch Bulletin. RSVPs due June 1st.



Above: Mary Ann Blair finishes up pricing books at Workshop; volunteer & shopper at the VOLUNTEERS and SHOPPERS to UNITE for 60th AAUW STATE COLLEGE USED BOOK SALE – MAY 14-17, PENN STATE SNIDER AG ARENA, 9 am-8 pm Daily

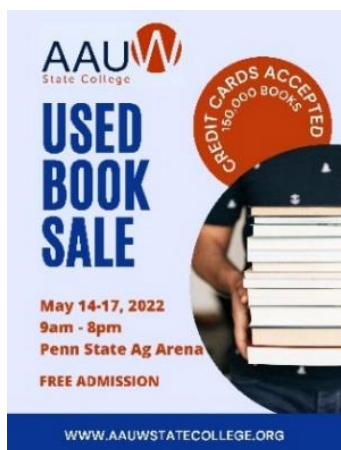
There are still some open volunteer positions at the May 14-17th Used Book Sale, and we need you! Check out the schedule below and please sign up today. **Most shifts run three hours in length.** We still need helpers on Move-in Night and cashiers, who will receive training before their shift on the electronic devices provided.

TO VOLUNTEER for the sale, SIGN-UP [HERE](#).

Note: Masks are no longer required to be worn at the Ag Arena, but remain an option for any volunteer or shopper electing to wear one.

Questions? Contact Estelle Call directly at (812) 325-1028 or estelle.stroup@gmail.com. **The Used Book Sale is our life blood, funding our grants, scholarships, and programs. Thank you!**

--Estelle Call, Used Book Sale Volunteer Scheduler



HELP PROMOTE the USED BOOK SALE!

Help spread the word about the upcoming book sale. Please share this flyer with friends and colleagues via this link:

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

Direct those unfamiliar with our sale to the Branch website:

https://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_centre_county/

Shape the Future

HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE for FIRST TIME MEMBERS WHO JOIN DURING the USED BOOK SALE!

Good news from AAUW National! Through their ***Shape the Future*** campaign, the national organization is offering first-time members the opportunity to join at half-price (\$33.50) provided that they join at this year's Used Book Sale. Be sure to invite friends and colleagues who may be interested. *Women who hold an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university are eligible to join.*

Along with half-price dues from our local branch (\$4) and AAUW Pennsylvania (\$5), the total cost of joining, normally \$85, comes to **\$42.50**, quite a value. Please share this information with potential new members and let them know to apply at the Hospitality table in the front lobby or the Branch Display table in the Cashier area. The [AAUW State College Membership Application](#) provides additional information.



RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP TODAY THROUGH NEW AAUW COMMUNITY HUB

*With the membership year for AAUW running July 1 through June 30, the time to renew your membership is fast approaching. There has been a \$5 increase in national AAUW dues from \$62 to \$67 but State and local dues will remain the same. The total cost of AAUW membership for **2022-2023 is \$85, which includes national, state, and local membership.** Thank you in advance for your continued support.*

Renewing AAUW Membership Helps Fund AAUW National to:

- Train millions of women to negotiate for higher salaries and benefits.
- Support state and local fair-pay legislation to ban the use of salary history in hiring, a practice that puts women at a financial disadvantage.
- Develop more women leaders through workshops and conferences.
- Fund the research that is informing national conversations on the gender pay gap, women's student-debt burden, and other key equity issues.

Learn more: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to the AAUW website: www.aauw.org
2. Click LOG IN in the upper right corner.
3. Follow the steps to change your password. Your email address will now serve as your ID (formerly it was your AAUW membership number, which no one could remember). Make sure to document the new password you select.
4. Once you have your new password, go to: <https://my.aauw.org> and log in. After you confirm your address, etc., in the profile, click on the RENEW button.

NOTE: SKIP THE OPTION OF DOCUMENTING YOUR DEGREES. THERE APPEAR TO BE BUGS IN THE SOFTWARE AS IT IS NOT WORKING CORRECTLY.

5. Follow the steps to renew your national (all but \$3 is tax-deductible), local, and state AAUW memberships.
6. Print or download your receipt.

Questions? Contact one of the Branch Membership Co-VPs:

Charlene Harrison (chh1@psu.edu) or Jordan Glover (jmg6097@gmail.com).



¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB to MEET on JUNE 2nd

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

The next (virtual) meeting will take 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 is based on the true story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

To participate with the group, please contact info@aauwstatecollege.org. We warmly welcome new members.

Join Zoom Meeting: [June 2nd Book Club Zoom Meeting Link](#)



COMMUNITY DIVERSITY
CONFERENCE

Embracing & Implementing Inclusion

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY GROUP'S CONFERENCE PLANNED for JUNE 21st

The Community Diversity Group is planning to host its fourth in-person Community Diversity Conference on June 21st, 2022. This one-day event will be held at The Penn Stater Conference Center and Hotel from 8 am - 5 pm. In consideration of inclusiveness of those who are vulnerable to viruses, vaccination and masking will be required.

A slate of speakers will present on several topics, including creating more inclusive communities; community health and healing; civic engagement; and interrupting structural oppression. Penn State University President Dr. Neeli Bendapudi will offer opening remarks.

For details, visit [June 21 CDG Conference](#). Registration info will be available here later in May.

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



THANK YOU FROM a *BELLEFONTE READS* PARENT

We just wanted to say thank you to AAUW State College for donating books to Bellefonte READS "*One Book, One Bellefonte*." Our family has really enjoyed being able to read and discuss books as a family and with other families in our community.

--Christine Dermota, parent



Central Pennsylvania
Festival of the Arts™

VOLUNTEER for the MAIN INFORMATION BOOTH at the JULY 13-17 ARTS FESTIVAL

AAUW State College has regularly supported the Central Pennsylvania Arts Festival by volunteering to staff the Information Booth on the corner of College Avenue and Allen Street. After a two-year COVID absence, Arts Fest needs us to return and be part of all the renewed excitement. If you can volunteer two (2) hours of your time on any of the Arts Fest dates/times listed below, contact Jackie Esposito, Archivist122@yahoo.com. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Used Book Sale.

Available slots: Wednesday, July 13; Thursday, July 14; Friday, July 15; and Saturday, July 16:
9:30-11 am; 11:00 am-1:00 pm; 1:00-3:00 pm; 3:00-5:00 pm
Sunday, July 17: 10:30 am-12:30 pm; 12:30-2:30 pm and 2:30-4:00 pm

Have You Heard?

Congratulations and best wishes to branch member **Candace Davison** on her retirement from the Penn State Radiation Science and Engineering Center.



The next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, May 23th**.

Please send submissions to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder (connieschroeder@gmail.com) by **May 18th**. Bulletins are sent electronically to branch members and friends and are also accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.

JOIN MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

All branch members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. The next board meeting will take place **Monday, June 13th, time TBD**

To receive the agenda, please notify Sally Kalin (sallywkalin@gmail.com) or Linda Friend (lx5@psu.edu) at least two days before the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:
[June 13th Board Meeting](#)

**Submit AAUW State College
and mission-related
community events to the
[Branch Website Event Calendar](#)**

USED BOOK WORKSHOP
reopens for
book donations starting:
Tuesday, June 14th

**Mondays 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9:00 am – 2:30 pm**