

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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**Branch Annual June Picnic
Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 5:30 PM
Shillington Park
Pavilion 3, at the top of the hill
E. Broad Street (off Philadelphia Avenue)
Shillington, PA 19607**

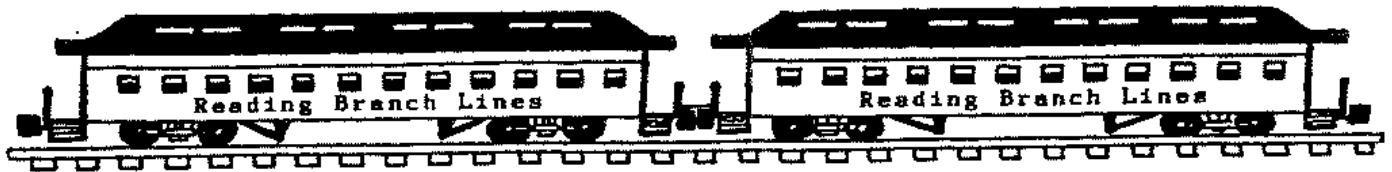
We hope you can join us for our annual June meeting this year. Please bring a covered dish, appetizer or dessert and join us for this enjoyable, special event. Please contact Judy Druckenmiller 610-678-3508 or Nancee Rtyan (610) 678-9899 and let them know if you plan to attend, so we have an idea of the number attending. There is visitor parking near the main entrance.

AAUW National Elections

AAUW national elections are now being held. If you haven't voted yet and want to vote for the national board of directors and proposed national policies and bylaws changes you can vote online or request a paper ballot. Information about voting can be found in your latest Outlook magazine and your membership number and voter pin number are on the back cover of the Outlook magazine. Paper ballots must be requested by May 4th. AAUW has again proposed to drop the educational requirement for AAUW membership. I know that is an issue that concerns members. The term Advocates in the proposed bylaws amendments refers to people who share AAUW's goals but do not meet current membership requirements. If you want your voice heard in determining the leadership and national policies of AAUW. now is the time to vote. Online voting and voting at convention end on June 9. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 29. For information or to request a paper ballot call 800-326-2289 or send an email to connect@aauw.org and include your name, member ID plus your city and state if requesting a ballot.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Exeter Township School District had a Spring into STEM night this week at the Reiffton School. I am a Community Partner in STEM committee member for the school district, representing our AAUW Reading Branch. I presented an activity on Buoyancy, which dealt with what characteristics of an object are needed for it to float float. About 400 people attended the event. The event was designed to encourage elementary and middle school students to consider careers in the STEM fields. Encouraging girls to consider careers in the STEM fields has been a focus of AAUW's for several years since there are job's available in those technical fields requiring less post- secondary education than other jobs with the same pay.



Interest Groups

May

Culinary Diversity, Wednesday, May 17, 6PM
 Dinner – The Log Cabin 717-626-9999
 11 Lehigh Forest Dr., Leola PA 17540
 Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts - Consider the next Senior Series on May 26
 Documentary: The Hidden Art of Islam
 For information about this group contact Ellie Hunt 610-670-1908 or
 Suzanne Churgai – 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, May 24, 11:30AM
 Lunch – Berkshire Country Club 610-374-8244
 1637 Bernville Road, Reading PA 19601
 Program: Planning Meeting for 2017-2018
 Coordinator - Donna Weik – 610-478-7610

Home Arts – May 3, 6 PM
 Program – Covered dish and planning meeting at

Elaine Wynosky's home
 Hostess – Elaine Wynosky – 610-678-2432
 Co-hostess – Judy Druckenmiller-610-678-3508

Kutztown – Wednesday, May 24, 6PM
 Program: Planning Meeting for 2016-2017
 at Helenirene Kuehne's home , 3512 Kent Ave., Laureldale
 Hostess: Helen irene Kuehne -620-929-2000

Literature I – Monday, May 22, 6 PM
 Program: Planning meeting for 2016-2017
 Hostess: Judith Kraines – 610-670-1764

June

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, June 21 – 6 PM
 Planning Meeting for 2017-2018
 Covered dish dinner at Margaret Fuoco's
 Home – 5535 Fairway Dr. N., Reading
 Hostess – Margaret Fuoco– 610-779-8393

There are no other interest group meetings
 scheduled in June. I hope you are able to join us for
 our branch picnic on June 1.



AAUW-PA Summer Retreat Saturday, July 22, 2017

The AAUW-PA Summer Retreat will be held at
 The Genetti Hotel and Suites (New Venue), 200 West
 Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. (570) 326-
 6600, <http://www.genettihotel.com/> All interested
 members are welcome to attend. If you would like
 more information about the retreat you can call me,
 Eileen, at 610-582-2421.

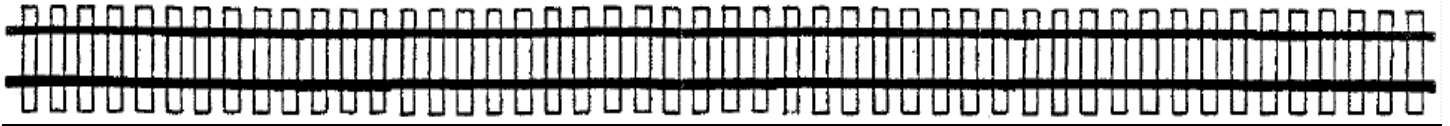


AAUW Reading Branch 2017 Senior High School Honorees

Antietam: Kelly Ann Weikel
 Berks Catholic: Boatrim V. Nguyen
 Boyertown: Lucia Bellino
 Brandywine Heights: Rebecca Cobo
 Conrad Weiser: Kelsey O'Brien
 Daniel Boone: Taylor Suzenski
 Exeter: Sai S. Kurapati
 Fleetwood: Samantha Evans
 Governor Mifflin: Schuyler Osgood

Hamburg: Jenna Marie Kauffman
 Kutztown: Ashley Bleiler
 Muhlenberg: Evelyn Roth
 Oley Valley: Brianna Zettlemoyer
 Reading: Alexandra Vargas
 Schuylkill Valley: Kylie R. Brown
 Tulpehocken: Olivia Stephan
 Twin Valley: Sophia Schiaroli
 Wilson: Brianna Papoutis

Wyomissing: Michelle Chau



Membership Renewal

Membership renewal takes place each year in the months of April through June. This year we are emailing membership renewal forms with this newsletter to the members who receive the newsletter by email to save postage. Please look for the membership renewal form with this newsletter and print and return it with your membership renewal check. Those members receiving paper newsletters will receive paper membership renewal sheets with their newsletters. If you are unable to print it or have other questions or concerns about the membership renewal you can contact Karen Parish at 610-944-9091. Please try to return your form to Karen Parish by June 10 if possible so that we can get the membership in to the AAUW national office on time by the end of June.

Local Scholarships

Fellow AAUW Reading Branch members,

I hope everyone will continue to be part of this organization which does so much to empower us as women. I also encourage you to donate to the Reading Branch Restricted Scholarship Fund. This fund, which is chiefly funded by our share of Book Bonanza profits, needs a boost. We would like to increase the amount of each scholarship and if possible offer more scholarships for the deserving women in Berks County. Any money donated to this fund will be used only for scholarships for local women. The Reading Branch's obligations to the national organization have been met thanks to your generosity. Now let us try to vigorously sustain our local scholarship fund. Even a small donation will be welcomed and you can donate to this fund anytime during the year.

Yours truly,
Suzanne Churgai

Book Bonanza

Book Bonanza has moved down the hall in the Big Red building. We will be able to have our sale there in July this year. We are still looking for another location for next year. Books are still being collected Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the VF Outlet Red Building while members are working there. They are also currently being collected the last Saturday in the month from 9 AM until Noon. The door to bring the books to is on the side of the Red Building that faces the Blue Building and is near the overhead walkway between the two buildings. Volunteers are there to take the books from your car when you drive up to the door. The 2017 Book Bonanza book sale will be Thursday, July 13, Friday July 14, Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16. You can call Book Bonanza for more information at 484-706-0731.

In Memoriam:

Sincere condolences to the families and friends of Jean Lombardi and Dolores Gombeda, two of our members who recently passed away.

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Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class. Membership is not by invitation.

Mission Statements

AAUW advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Branch Lines

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Vintage Jewelry Sale

We are still collecting “vintage”, unwanted, jewelry items to sell to support our program and operating budget. Members sold jewelry at an indoor flea market in March and at Renninger’s Antique Market in Kutztown last year. I plan to sell again soon at another flea market when the weather is appropriate. The March Flea Market was cancelled this year due to snow. The recreation center tried to reschedule it but did not have enough people who were available to sell on the new date. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to our cause. If you have any unwanted items please bring them to a meeting or call Eileen Ritz at 610-582-2421 to arrange for someone to pick them up.

Render’s tapes

Redner’s register tapes are also still being collected by our branch to support our operating budget. If you have any to contribute please bring them to a meeting or call Ellie Hunt 610-670-1808 about register tapes so we can arrange to get the tapes. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed tapes.

The next branch board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM in room 100, Roessner Hall, at Albright College.