

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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Reading, PA

Reading Branch Annual Business Meeting Wednesday, March 7, 2018 West Lawn/ Wyomissing Hills Library

Please join us for our branch annual business meeting at the West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills Library. The program will start at 7PM and the AAUW Business Meeting with election of new officers following the program and refreshments. Halle Vaughn will be the speaker for the program and will discuss "Women in the Civil War Era."

*****SEE PAGE 3 TO READ ABOUT OUR SPECIAL MARCH 22 LUNAFEST EVENT*****

Recognition of Women Brunch



The Recognition of Women Breakfast is a time for our branch to show the importance we place on education for women and their achievements. Your attendance can highlight our branch activities as you converse with the high school senior and her family at your table. .

AAUW Recognition of Women Breakfast

Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:30am

Albright College McMillan Student Center, Fireside Room

Parking is available in the first lot to your right after you turn off 13th Street onto Bern st or there is on-street parking.

A breakfast buffet will be followed by a guest speaker and the recognition awards.

To make a reservation please forward a check for \$15.00 payable to AAUW Reading Branch, to Joan Cook, 1905 Redwood Avenue, Reading, PA 19610 by March 23 with the information requested below.

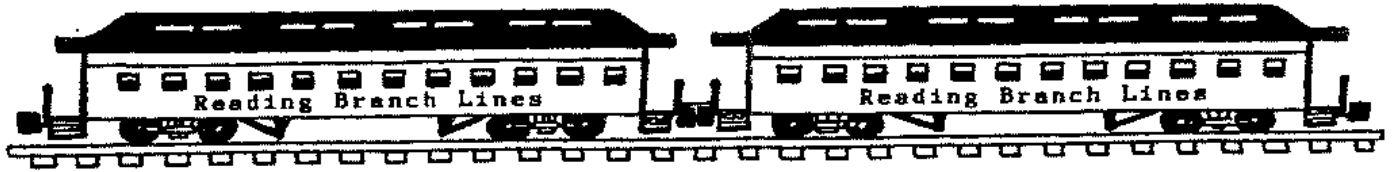
Joan can be contacted at cookj22@verizon.net or [610-678-7999](tel:610-678-7999)

NAME _____

PHONE OR EMAIL _____

Please enclose this information along with your check.

If you do not want to print the form, just send the check and information to Joan.



Interest Groups

March

Culinary Diversity, Wednesday, March 21, 11:30 AM (lunch)
Lunch: The Pourhouse American Grille
3341 Pricetown Rd., Fleetwood 19522
484-575-7097
Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – No events currently planned
Contact: Suzanne Churgai - 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, March 28, 11:30 AM
Lunch – 201 West Food and Spirits, 201 W. Lancaster Ave. 19607
610-796-9070
Program- Floral Arts demonstration at Stein's Flowers
32 State St, Reading, PA 19607 610-775-0430
Coordinator: Marian Longenecker 610-775-4528

Home Arts – Wednesday, March 7, 7PM
Program – Halle Vaughn – “Women in the Civil War Era”
AAUW Annual Business Meeting - following the program
Contact – Judy Druckenmiller - 610-678-3508

Kutztown – No Meeting Scheduled

Literature I – Monday, March 26
Review of "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Stout
Contact Delite Hawk for more information if needed 610-775-0535

April

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, April 18, 6PM
Dinner – Tlacuani
5005 Kutztown Rd., Temple 19560
610-921-3037
Contact – Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – No activities currently planned
Contact Suzanne Churgai 610-488-9269 if interested in activities

Fine Arts – Wednesday, April 25, 11:30 AM
Lunch: The Bridge Inn Pleasantville
3 Covered Bridge Road, Oley 19547, 610-689-5818
Program – Visit Clay on Main , 313 Main St., Oley 19547
610 - 987-0273
Coordinator: Victoria Troutman – 610-589-2952

Home Arts – April 4, 7 PM
Program – “ The Genius of the Founding Fathers and the US
Constitution – Understanding Our Legal System and the Role of the
U.S. Supreme Court
Soeaker – Atty. Scott Hoh
Contact – Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508

Kutztown – Wednesday, April 18
Program: - Recounting travel adventures
Contact Sue Rimmel for more information if needed 610-944-6039

Literature I – Monday, April 30
Review of: "Small Great Things" by Jodi Piccault
Hostess – Fran Malley – 484-256-7619

Condolences

As most members know by now we are saddened that we lost two of our members recently. Alice Kominick and Pat Callahan were both active members of our branch. We will certainly miss both of them. Sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

Address Change: Fran Malley
101 Inspiration Blvd.
Apt. F215
Shillington, PA 19607-3398



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March 22, 2018 **17th Annual Women's Film Festival Coming to Reading**

LUNAFEST®: Short Films By, For, About Women®

LUNAFEST®, the fundraising film festival dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities, will be presented by the American Association of University Women, Reading PA Branch and hosted by Albright College's Women and Gender Studies and the NOW Student Chapter at Albright College's Student Center Klein Hall & Mezzanine, 13th & Bern Streets in Reading, PA on March 22.

This unique film festival highlights women as leaders in society, illustrated through nine short films by women filmmakers. The films range from animation to fictional drama, and cover topics such as women's health, body image, relationships, cultural diversity and breaking barriers.

All proceeds from LUNAFEST will benefit American Association of University Women, Reading, PA Branch, and Chicken & Egg Pictures, a nonprofit organization that supports women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change. Thus far, LUNAFEST, which is created and funded by LUNA®, The Whole Nutrition Bar for Women®, has raised more than \$3 Million for nonprofit organizations across the US and Canada.

WHEN: **March 22, 2018**

4 pm Albright College student free screening

6 pm Hors D'oeuvres and Dessert Reception

7 pm Showing of LUNAFEST Films followed by discussion

WHERE: Albright College's Student Center Klein Hall and Mezzanine
13th & Bern Streets in Reading,

TICKETS: \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door

Available to purchase at <https://www.lunafest.org/screenings/reading-pa-032218>

Or through AAUW email: aauwreadingpa@gmail.com

CONTACTS: American Association of University Women, Reading PA Branch

<https://reading-pa.aauw.net>

Carol Toomey, President, 610-777-0900

AAUW READING BRANCH

**3045 Linda Lane
Reading PA 19608**

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

Editor – Eileen Ritz 610-582-2421 **Web Site:** <http://reading-pa.aauw.net> **Email:** aauwreadingpa@gmail.com

Jewelry Sale

The sale of “vintage” jewelry (unwanted jewelry from members and friends) began 3 years ago to provide funds for our AAUW Branch Operating Budget. Our Book Bonanza funds are restricted to our scholarship awards programs. However to provide other activities, program costs, and services such as printing and mailing to our branch we need money for those services.

The vintage jewelry sale was started to raise some of that money. An **indoor yard sale** has been scheduled for **March 17, 2018** at the **Fleetwood Community Center, 110 W. Arch St., Fleetwood**. Doors will open at 8:00 AM. I am planning to attend to sell the vintage jewelry. If any members would like to join me you are welcome to come. If you want to contact me about the jewelry sale, I can be reached at 510-582-2421 or by email eileen@ritz.ws. Thank you to all those members who have donated to this fundraiser and those who helped before with the pricing and selling of the jewelry.

Redner’s Register Tapes

Ellie Hunt is still collecting cash register tapes from Redner’s Market. This is another small fundraiser to support our branch projects. If you shop at Redner’s, please save **your** tapes and send or give them to Ellie. She turns them in to Redner’s to get money for our AAUW branch. Thank you to all those members who have donated to this fundraiser.

AAUW DUES INCREASE

Unfortunately AAUW’s national office has increased their dues \$10. this year so the dues we pay will increase by that amount when we renew our membership this year. I have included this note to let you know in advance of the renewal date. The increase will be listed on the membership renewal form when it is sent. New members will also pay that amount.

Book Bonanza

The Book Bonanza search committee is still seeking a place to store and sort books. They has new prospects in the last couple of weeks but have not found a location yet. We will let members know as soon as we have more information.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7 PM in the Albright College Roessner Hall, room 100.