

## ***THE READING BRANCH LINES***

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**Branch Annual June Picnic  
Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 5:30 PM  
Shillington Park  
Pavilion 3, at the top of the hill  
E. Broad Street (off Philadelphia Avenue)  
Shillington, PA 19607**

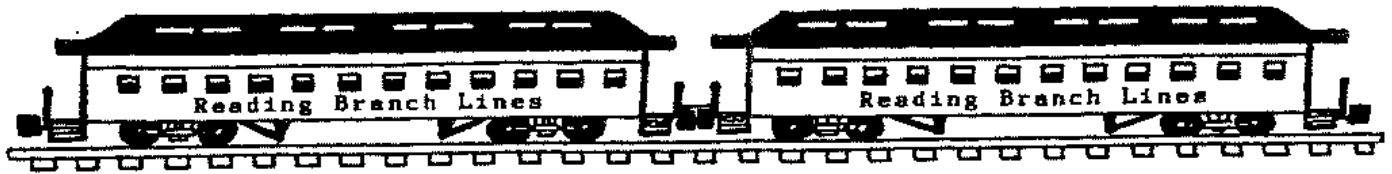
We hope you can join us for our annual June meeting this year. Please bring a covered dish, appetizer or dessert and join us for this enjoyable, special event. Please contact Judy Druckenmiller 610-678-3508 or Ellen Konecny at 610-301-7271 and let them know if you plan to attend, so we have an idea of the number attending. There is parking at the pavilion.

### **AAUW National Elections**

AAUW national elections are now being held. If you haven't voted yet and want to vote for the 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 7<sup>th</sup>. I know that there are issues that concern members. The proposed changes include a staggered board election, having members on the board who are not AAUW members and eliminating current educational 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 at 9PM. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 21. For information or to request a paper ballot call 800-326-2289 or send an email to [connect@aauw.org](mailto: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 last week at the Reiffon School. I am a Community Partner in STEM committee member for the school district, representing our AAUW Reading Branch. I presented an activity on producing electricity with a chemical change in a potato. Participants put together a battery with potatoes, galvanized nails and copper wire to produce electricity to power a small digital clock display. 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 16, 6PM  
 Dinner – Greenfield Restaurant  
 595 Greenfield Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601  
 Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – Tuesday, May 2  
 Dinner at Victor Emmanuels 4:30 – 7 PM  
 Wachovia Theater at Albright – Green and Growing -7:30 PM  
 Contact: Suzanne Churgai – 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, May 23, 11:30AM  
 Lunch – Berkshire Country Club 610-374-8244  
 1637 Bernville Road, Reading PA 19601  
 Program: Planning Meeting for 2018-2019  
 Coordinator - Donna Weik – 610-478-7610

Home Arts – Wednesday May 2, 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 23, 5PM  
 Program: Planning Meeting for 2018-2019  
 at Helenirene Kuehne’s home , 3512 Kent Ave., Laureldale  
 Hostess: Helen irene Kuehne -620-929-2000

Literature I – Monday, May 21, 6 PM  
 Program: Planning meeting for 2018-2019  
 Hostess: Judith Kraines – 610-670-1764

### June

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, June 20 – 6 PM  
 Planning Meeting for 2018-2019  
 Covered dish dinner at Margaret Fuoco’s  
 Home – 5535 Fairway Dr. N., Reading, PA 19606  
 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 6.



### **AAUW Rading Branch 2018 Senior High School Honorees**

Antietam: Madison Motze  
 Berks Catholic: Anya Smith  
 Boyertown: Taylor Winner  
 Brandywine Heights: Johannah Fink  
 Conrad Weiser: Olivia Raihl  
 Daniel Boone: Jordyn Markle  
 Exeter: Olivia Moyer  
 Fleetwood: Madysen Redding  
 Governor Mifflin: Jessie Taylor

Hamburg: Samantha Smith  
 Kutztown: Kaitlin Kelly  
 Muhlenberg: Julia Mackey  
 Oley Valley: Lindsey Moyer  
 Reading: Maia Ohlinger  
 Schuylkill Valley: Olivia Jenkins  
 Tulpehocken: Rebecca Burns  
 Twin Valley: Lauren Peterman  
 Wilson: Sarah Larkin

Wyomissing: Kristy Bell  
 &  
 Abby Goldberg



## 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 emailed 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.

## President's Message

Our Branch has been busy in March and April with two very successful events. Our presentation of Lunafest in March was enjoyed by all with great food, films, feminine networking, and a great jewelry sale. Those who missed it, missed a pleasant and enlightening evening celebrating film for, by and about women. Our Branch raised funds for our operating expenses and gained recognition in the Berks community.

Our Women's Recognition Brunch garnered similar praise as we enjoyed Breakfast with Dr. Jacqueline Fetrow, Albright's new President, as our speaker. It was reinforcing to award scholarships to our Senior Girls, to introduce our Reentry and Graduate Scholarship winners, and to thank Rianna Salm, our Albright student liaison for Lunafest. We recognized Nancy Poole as the "Woman Making a Difference" in our Branch. And we honored our Treasurer of 15 years posthumously by creating the "Patricia Callahan Scholarship in Accounting/Business/Marketing", and by naming her "AAUW, Reading Branch, Outstanding Woman of the Year". Her daughter, Kerry Boderman gratefully accepted and appreciated our recognition of Pat's service. May brings flowers and June will bring our picnic, which is always fun to socialize with our members. We hope to see all of you there! Then we can enjoy those summer outings and vacations!

Carol Toomey

## Book Bonanza

We finally have a location for Book Bonanza this year. Book collecting and sorting started in April. We are still looking for another location for next year. Book Bonanza is located at Berkshire Mall this year. The sale will be held in a store next to Coventry Corners near the end of the mall where Boscov's is located. We only expect to be in that space until after the sale is held this year. Books are being collected Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 AM – Noon and Wednesday evening from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the mall entrance next to Firehouse Subs. Donations will be accepted during those times until July 9. Volunteers are there to assist book donors with unloading vehicles during these times. The 2018 Book Bonanza book sale will be Friday July 13 from 10 AM – 8 PM, Saturday, July 14 from 8 AM – 7 PM and Sunday, July 15 from 11 AM – 3 PM. Sunday is a bag sale day. There will be no Thursday preview day this year. There will be no admission fees this year. You can call Book Bonanza for more information at 484-706-0731.

**We welcome a new member to our branch:** Rebecca Hartman  
2305 Alsace Road  
Reading PA 19604  
610-223-7953

## In Memoriam:

**Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Peggy Garret who recently passed away. Peggy was a former member of our branch.**

## AAUW READING BRANCH

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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

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



## 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 the Lunafest this year year. I plan to sell again soon at another flea market when the weather is appropriate. The sales for both events totaled \$186.10 which will help to support our operating budget. 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.



## Redner'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 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM in room 100, Roessner Hall, at Albright College.**