

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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President's Message

Welcome to another year of AAUW! The summer months have flown by Too quickly and are nearly gone. Book Bonanza, despite its rocky start, proved to be successful ensuring our scholarship awards to continue. Our Program VPs and interest group chairs have worked hard to put together interesting activities on a wide variety of topics for us this year. See inside for interest group information. Albright College's NOW student chapter is interested in hosting another Lunafest with us in March. I hope everyone can find activities that are interesting in which to participate and that you begin with our first general program at Oley Valley Dairy on Sunday afternoon, September 9. If you want to suggest a program or interest group or special event, please let me know. We value your comments and ideas. Hope to see you at the Dairy!

Carol Toomey

Reading Branch General Meetings

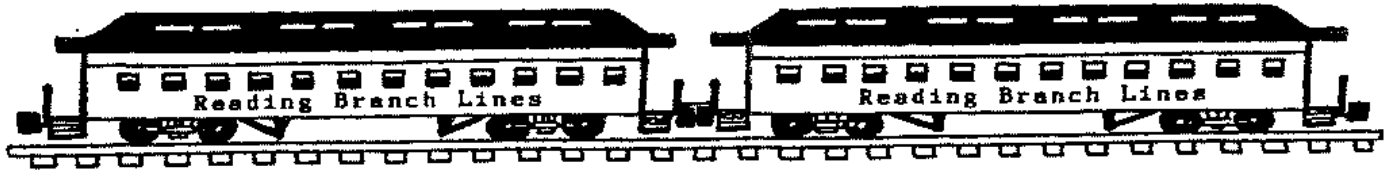
Sunday, September 9, 2018, 2:30 PM – Ice Cream Social at Oley Turnpike Dairy Diner

Welcome to our first general meeting for the year. This meeting will be a social get together at the diner at the Oley Turnpike Dairy, 6213 Oley Turnpike Road, Oley, PA 19547. Members can purchase food or ice cream at the diner as desired. The diner serves breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days per week. There are over 30 flavors of ice cream in the ice cream shop. Outside there is an animal zoo for people who like to see animals and a children's play area. Hopefully you will be able to join us for this social activity. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Konecny at 610-301-7271 or Virginia Schulze- Johnson at 484-663-3674.

Note: The bridge that is closing on Oley Turnpike Road is in St. Lawrence. Oley Turnpike Road is accessible from St. Lawrence Avenue (Route 562) in Jacksonwald. The Shelbourne Road bridge has now opened again if members need to get from 422 to Jacksonwald. Members can also get to the dairy from Route 662.

Wednesday, October 3, 2017, 7:00 PM at the West Lawn/ Wyomissing Hills Library 101 Woodside Ave, West Lawn , PA 19609 – 610-678-4888

We will join the Home Arts group for this meeting. The program will be "Halloween Herbs", presented by Pricilla Puchinsky. The program is open to the public. AAUW usually has a very brief meeting or announcements after the program and refreshments. If you have any questions you can contact Judy Druckenmiller at 610-678-3508 or by email at jdrucky@aol.com.



Interest Groups

We have one less interest group this year. The Kutztown Area interest group has disbanded. If anyone has any suggestions for a new interest group please let Carol Toomey or one of our board members know.

September

Culinary Diversity, Wed, September 19 – 6:00 PM
Dinner – Emily's Restaurant
3790 Morgantown Road 10, Mohnnton, PA 19540
[\(610\) 856-7887](tel:6108567887)
Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – Event planning meeting will be scheduled by Ellie and Suzanne - for details contact Ellie Hunt 610-670-1808 or Suzanne Churgai – 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – September 26 – 11:30 AM
Lunch - Lunch at Hotel Hershey followed by a self-guided tour of the Hershey Gardens and the Butterfly Atrium. The cost to enter the Gardens and Butterfly Atrium is \$11.50 per person.
100 Hotel Rd, Hershey, PA 17033
[\(717\) 533-2171](tel:7175332171)
Contact: Donna Weik 610-478-7610

Home Arts –September 5 - 6:00 PM – Covered Dish Supper
Location: Evvie Trexler's home
Program: Sharing jokes and funny stories – by members
Hostess – Evvie Trexler – 610-372-073 – call and let Evvie know what dish you will bring

Literature I – Monday, September 24
Location: Virginia Schulze-Johnson's home
Program: Review of A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Reviewer: Suzanne Churgai
Hostess – Virginia Schulze-Johnson – 484-663-3674
Co-hostess – Kate Hoh

October

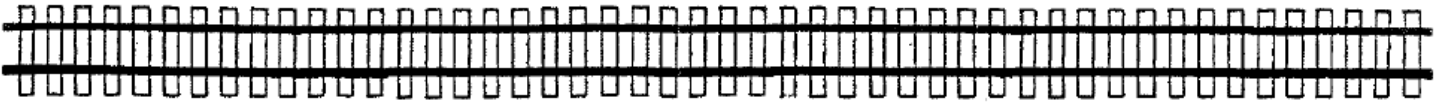
Culinary Diversity – October 17 – 6 PM
Dinner: Bridge Inn Pleasantville
3 Covered Bridge Rd, Oley, PA 19547
[\(610\) 689-5818](tel:6106895818)
Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – events determined at planning. meeting
Contact Ellie Hunt 610-670-1808
or Suzanne Churgai - 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – October 24 th
Lunch: 3rd and Spruce Café – West Reading
238 S 3rd Ave, Reading, PA 19611
[\(610\) 376-5254](tel:6103765254)
Program – following lunch. Art in West Reading – Art Plus Gallery, Curious on the Avenue, and a walk through the Cherry Street Mural Corridor
Contact: Victoria Troutman – 610-589-2952

Home Arts – October 3 – 7:00 PM (Branch General Meeting)
At the West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills Library
Program: Halloween Herbs presented by Pricilla Puchinsky
This is a Branch meeting and Home Arts meeting combined
Hostess: Joan Cook 610-678-7999
Contact: Judy Druckenmiller –610- 678-3508

Literature I – Monday, October – 29
Location: Ellie Hunt's home
Review of The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure
Reviewer – Ann Myers
Hostess – Ellie Hunt- 610-670-1808



Reading Branch Recognitions 2018



In April members of our branch were honored at the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting. Outstanding Woman and the Member Making A Difference Award were announced at the meeting.

Pat Callahan was chosen to receive the Outstanding Woman Award this year. Although Pat passed away this year she was a very active member of our branch, serving as our treasurer for many years. She was also active with Book Bonanza and several of our branch's interest groups. Her daughter received the certificate in Pat's honor. A branch scholarship was also named for Pat.

Nancy Poole was chosen to receive the Woman Making A Difference Award, (formerly known as the TEAL award and the Spotlight Award) which is presented to a member who has made a significant contribution to the branch in the current year. Nancy helped us with Lunafest this year and she prepares our paper newsletters for mailing to our members who don't use email.

We recognized these important members at our April brunch and They were recognized by AAUW-PA at their April convention.



Book Bonanza

Book Bonanza was successful again this year despite the late start collecting books and the limited space we had for the sale. There were only about half as many books at the sale this year than the number we had last year. The good news is that everything sold. Along with the books we were also able to sell all the puzzles, games, and DVDs. A big thank you to all who donated items.

The total sales from this year's book sale were \$46,796.61 . That is more than half the amount sold last year, even though we only had about half as many books. We had a beginning balance, kept from before to cover expenses. So after the money was totaled, expenses were paid and money was kept for future expenses AAUW received \$24,497.62 for our scholarship fund.

We are not sure when we will be able to begin collecting and sorting books for next year. Berkshire Mall would like to have us back there next year, but of course at this time they can't determine where in the mall we could be located. We are currently renting storage space for our equipment at the mall. A linen store is already moving into the store we sold the books in this year. I will keep you informed as soon as I have any information.

AAUW-PA did not have a July meeting this year. In the past there was an April meeting or convention as well as the Summer Retreat in July. This year it was decided that the meetings would alternate, having one per year in April one year and in July the next year.

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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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Jewelry Sale

Vintage jewelry is preowned jewelry that is no longer wanted. We have decided to continue collecting jewelry again this year as a fundraiser. If you, family, or friends have jewelry that you/they would like to donate to our fundraiser please call Eileen Ritz at 610-582-2421 or bring it along to a meeting. The jewelry sale supports our branch's operating budget. Rings were especially popular items. We have even sold bags of broken items. People make crafts out of the broken jewelry. We sold jewelry three times since the beginning of 2018. I went to the indoor flea market in Fleetwood, and we sold it at Lunafest and the June picnic. The Albright students said they enjoyed the opportunity to have the jewelry at Lunafest. Thank you to all who have donated.

Redners Tapes

Ellie Hunt is still collecting Redners grocery store cash register tapes to support our branch operations budget. If you shop at Redners please give the register tapes to Ellie and she will submit them to earn money for our AAUW branch. Thank you to all who have submitted receipts.

Board Meeting

NOTE: The next board meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Albright College, Roessner Hal in room 100.