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Election Day is November 6. Local and state elections are important in addition to the election of national candidates. Please be sure to vote.



SAVE THE DATE

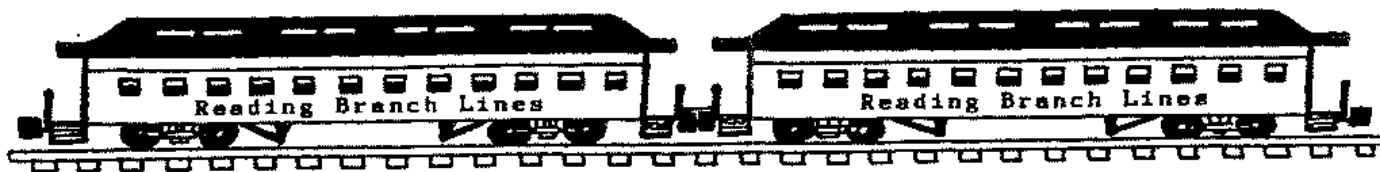
The AAUW Reading Branch Victorian Tea will be on January 13, 2019. There are no branch general meetings in November or December



The beginning of our 2018 – 2019 program year has been moving along rapidly. Our September Ice Cream social and the October meeting with the presentation on herbs and witchcraft were interesting and enjoyable. Our interest groups have been meeting and members have been able to enjoy sharing their common interests. Our branch membership is down to 70 members, so if you know anyone who would like to join AAUW please invite them to join.

Our Lunafest film festival produced by women, about women and designed for women was an interesting and successful last year. Carol has approached Albright College about having another Lunafest this year, but we cannot get a firm date for the event yet. If you would like to join our committee to investigate the potential of this film festival for, by, and about women, please let Carol Toomey know. The event was held during Women's History Month last year, which was a good choice of time to present it. The films change each year and are not available before November.

Members are usually busy in November and December with preparing for and celebrating the upcoming holidays, so we don't have a general meeting during those months. I hope many members will be able to attend our branch tea which we will have in January. The tea will be held at Virginia Schulze-Johnson's home. More details about the tea will be in the January/February Branch Lines.



Interest Groups November

Culinary Diversity – November – No Dinner Scheduled
Lunch is scheduled in early Dec.
Group Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – Sunday, Nov. 18 - Albright Theatre
Show - A Raisin in the Sun
Contacts: Ellie Hunt 610-6701808 or Suzanne Churgai
610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, November 14, 11:30 AM
Lunch - at The Highlands
Trip to Ned Foltz Pottery Studio after lunch
Contact: Victoria Troutman – 610-589-2952

Home Arts – Wednesday, November 7, 7PM
West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library
Program – “Bald Eagles: Yesterday and Today” – by
Dr. Frank Puchinsky
Contact – Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508 or
jdrucky@aol.com

Literature – Monday, November 26, 7PM
Review of: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
Hostess: Janet Neel – 610-929-4911

December

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, December 5, 11:30
AM
Lunch at Abigail’s Victorian Tea Room
1441 Perkiomen Ave, Reading, PA 19602 - (610) 376-
6050
Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – No December activity planned
Happy Holidays

Fine Arts – Wednesday, December 12, 11:30 AM
Christmas Luncheon at Dan’s at Green Hills
Contact: Victoria Troutman 610-589-2952

Home Arts – Thursday, December 13
Christmas lunch at Young Republican’s Club,
Wyomissing
Contact: Judy Druckenmiller, 610-678-3508 or by
email at jdrucky@aol.com or text at 484-577-6591 **by**
Dec. 5 for reservation

Literature – Monday, December 10
Christmas Dinner at The Heritage at Green Hills
Contact Delite Hawk – 610-775-0535

With the holiday approaching our interest group meetings sometimes vary from the regularly scheduled day and/or time of the month. If you want to attend these activities, please check the dates and times scheduled carefully. I hope many of you will be able to participate in these activities. If anyone has an idea for another interest group, please contact one of our board members and we will try to help you start a new group. We recently lost two groups.

AAUW Reading Branch Budget 2018-2019

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Income

Beginning Balance	6,525.00
Jewelry Sale	200.00
Branch dues	600.00
AAUW Local Educational Foundation Programs	500.00
Senior Girl Breakfast Ticket Sales	500.00
Lunafest Ticket Sales	2,000.00
Total Income	10,325.00

Expenses

AAUW Local Educational Foundation	500.00
Branch Expenses	
Publications	100.00
Postage	100.00
Programs	500.00
Senior Girl Breakfast	500.00
Lunafest/Expenses/Chick/Egg	1,100.00
Conventions	200.00
Insurance	185.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total Expenses	3,485.00

Reserve for fiscal 2019-2020 6,840.00

10,325.00

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Income

Beginning Balance	39,286.00
AAUW Local Education Foundation	500.00
Contributions for scholarships	500.00
Bridge Marathon	200.00
Interest	70.00
Book Bonanza	24,000.00
Total Income	64,556.00

Expenses

AAUW Scholarships	20,000.00
Senior Girl Recognition	4,000.00
Senior Girl Breakfast	500.00
Science Fair awards	300.00
Total Expenses	24,800.00

Reserve for fiscal 2019-2020 39,756.00

64,556.00

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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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Book Bonanza News

The building search committee is still looking for a suitable location for Book Bonanza. There are places that the books could be sold, but a location for sorting and storing books has not been found yet. An ideal location would be a place that books could be sorted, stored and sold. I will let members know when a location has been found. Hopefully we will be able to have another successful sale again this year to support our scholarships for local women.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM. at Carol Toomey's house..

AAUW Reading Branch Website

Be sure to check out our branch website if you haven't looked at it lately. To get to the website you can either enter reading-pa.aauw.net in the address bar or just enter aauw reading pa in the Google search bar and click on the Reading Branch website on the list. There is lots of new branch information on the website. The history, Branch Lines, scholarship and membership information and applications, links to state and national AAUW news and more. Thank you to Fran Malley for all the great work setting up and maintaining the website up for us. The website address is <http://reading-pa.aauw.net>



Redner's Register Tapes

Ellie Hunt is still collecting Redner's cash register tapes. That project also helps to support our operating budget. The money helps with publication costs, branch expenses and to obtain guest speakers for our meetings. Thanks to everyone who has donated. It is a great help. Please continue sending those tapes to Ellie.

Jewelry Sale

I am still collecting unwanted jewelry for our vintage jewelry sales. Last year we sold it at the indoor flea market in Fleetwood, at Lunafest and at the June picnic. As winter approaches I will be looking for local indoor flea markets where it can be sold. The jewelry sale benefits our operating budget. Thank you to all who have donated.