

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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**AAUW Reading Branch Victorian Tea
Sunday, January 13, 2019 – 2:30 PM
at
Virginia Schulze-Johnson's home
724 N. 3rd Street
Reading, PA 19601**

Our January branch meeting this year will be a Victorian Tea. Bring cookies or a snack and join other branch members for a pleasant social afternoon at Virginia's home in the Centre Park historic area. This year is the 95th anniversary of the AAUW Reading Branch. I hope you are able to celebrate this historic event with us. Please call Virginia at 484-663-3674 and let her know that you plan to attend and what snack you plan to bring.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's Celebrate! Who? You, of course?

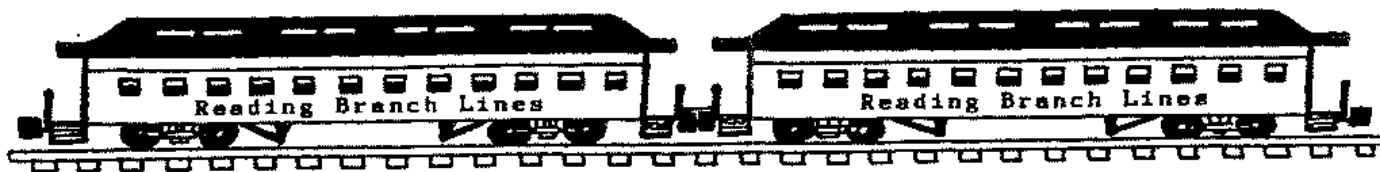
Why? Because YOU are AAUW, and AAUW's Reading Branch is "**95**" years strong this December. That's two great reasons to celebrate.

So join our host, Virginia Schulze-Johnson on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 at her lovely Victorian home, 724 N. 3rd Street, Reading, where we will reminisce with each other and our scrapbooks of 95 years about our accomplishments and challenges. We encourage you to bring a current, new, potential, or past member, a plate of your favorite finger food, and pictures or memories to share. If you need a ride or don't want to drive, call me, and we'll arrange for someone to pick you up. We have a lot to celebrate: many years of successful Book Bonanzas, many scholarship awards, great Interest groups, interesting, enriching and fun programs, many past projects such as Green Circle, Children's Theater, Cops and Kids, and many others to remember fondly.

Please put January 13 on your calendar and let us expect you and a friend at Virginia's. Call Virginia 484-663-3674 or Ellen Konecny, 610-301-7271 so that we have an estimate of how many to expect.

Oh, and most sincerely, celebrate your holidays with enthusiasm and joy whenever, wherever, and however you find peace and happiness this season. Enjoy!

Carol Toomey



Interest Groups

January

Culinary Diversity, Wednesday, January 16, 6 PM

The Speckled Hen

30 S 4th St, Reading, PA 19602

[\(610\) 685-8511](tel:6106858511)

Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – Sunday, January 20, 2PM

SWEAT – Peoples Light Theater

Contact: Suzanne Churgai - 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – No meeting

Home Arts –Wednesday, January 9, 7PM

Program – “Weapons of Mass Destruction

Speaker – Rod Loose – Retired FBI Agent and professor at
Alvernia University

Contact: Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508

Literature I – No Meeting

Meets last Monday of the month at 7 PM For group
information contact Delite Hawk at 610-775-0535

February

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, February 20- **11:30 AM**

Lunch – Brickstone’s Mighty Fine Food & Spirits

901 Hill Ave, Wyomissing, PA 19610

[\(610\) 985-0609](tel:6109850609)

Contact – Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – No planned activity for February

Contact: Suzanne Churgai – 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, February 27, 11:30 AM

Lunch at Penn State Berks cafeteria

Visit the Freyberger Gallery for a guided tour of the current
exhibit

Contact: Victoria Troutman – 610-589-2952

Home Arts: - Wednesday, February 6 - 7 PM

Program – “Privy Thoughts : The History of the Outhouse”

Speaker – Linda Manmiller – Tulpehocken Settlement
Historical Society

Contact - Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508

Literature I –February 25, 7 PM

Program: What Are You Reading

Hostess: Margaret Fuoco – 610-779-8393

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Lunafest Update:

With the success and enjoyment resulting from our inaugural Lunafest last year, the Board has agreed to move forward with our second Lunafest in March celebrating Women’s History month. This event featuring short films for, by, and about women needs some of you to help plan the details. Please respond to me with your interest and join our Lunafest committee. Last year we had fun in the process and want you to have fun too!

Carol Toomey,

610-796-8626 or rainbowact@aol.com

New email address: Jean Gassert has a new email address. She can be contacted at jhgassert264@gmail.com



National AAUW News

AAUW Art Contest

AAUW will be accepting applications for their annual national art contest starting on January 8, 2019. You must be an AAUW member, Younger Womens Task Force member, or student associate to enter. Members can later vote on the contest entries to help to choose the pictures for AAUW's 2019 note cards. This year AAUW is giving special preference to submissions that reflect AAUW's mission and values. For more information, go to the AAUW national website in January and enter the words art contest in the search bar on the home page. That will take you to the information you need if you want to enter.

AAUW Wilmington Book Sale

Dear fellow AAUW branch,

The Wilmington branch is looking for publicity for its 50th annual used book sale to raise money for college scholarships. Could you mention it on your site or newsletter? It's Feb. 22-24, 2019, at Concord Mall, north of Wilmington, Del. If you run a book sale, we would like to trade hyperlinks. Ours is <http://wilmington-de.aauw.net/booksale>. If you are not the right person at your branch for this, could you forward this note? Thanks!

Dollars for Scholars: AAUW Wilmington Branch Marks 50 Years of Selling Used Books for College Scholarships

The Wilmington branch of the American Association of University Women is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its sale of used books to fund college scholarships for women and is also preparing for a new chapter in its behind-the-scenes operations.

The Dollars for Scholars Used Book Sale runs Friday-Sunday, Feb. 22-24, 2019, at Concord Mall, [4737 Concord Pike, Brandywine](#) Hundred, DE 19803. To mark the 50th year, all mass-market paperbacks will be just 50 cents.

The sale has come a long way over the years, from \$320 in revenue the first year to supporting \$60,000 to \$100,000 in scholarships each year today.

Leaders of the branch and its book room committee are working to reduce expenses to continue the sale. Information about free or low-cost space in the Wilmington area is desired and should be sent to aauwwilm@gmail.com. Volunteers interested in helping during the sale and collecting, sorting, pricing and boxing donations the rest of the year are asked to email aauwwilm@gmail.com.

The sale runs 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24. Bad weather may curtail sale hours. Most items are \$1 to \$5, with collectibles up to \$100. Items are sorted into more than 50 categories on tables throughout the mall. The sale also includes audio books, DVDs, CDs, sheet music, puzzles, and ephemera. This year there are large selections of collectibles, literature, history, children's and local-interest books.

All day Saturday, Feb. 23, children's books are half price. Starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, most items are half price. On Sunday, Feb. 24, people can fill a \$10 bag with their favorites.

For more information about the sale, visit <http://wilmington-de.aauw.net/booksale>, call 302-428-0939 or e-mail aauwwilm@gmail.com.

The website has details about the scholarships that the sale funds and on how to make donations for future sales.

Jewelry Sale

I am still collecting vintage jewelry to sell to supplement our branch program budget. I'm watching the papers for opportunities to take it to flea markets to sell it. We started with an indoor flea market in 2016, before it was warm enough to sell it outside. I will let members know when we take the jewelry somewhere to sell it. Last year we had a good sale at the indoor flea market in Fleetwood. I hope I can take it there again this year. We also sold jewelry at Lunafest in 2018. The students at Albright especially enjoyed shopping for jewelry. If you need to contact me about the jewelry sale I can be reached at 510-582-2421 or by email at eileen@ritz.ws.

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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.

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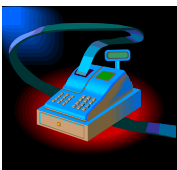
Editor – Eileen Ritz 610-582-2421 **Web Site:** <http://reading-pa.aauw.net>

email – aauwreadingpa@gmail.com

Book Bonanza

We still have not gotten a location for sorting and storing books. As soon as I receive any news about a location I will let members know.

Redner's Register Tapes



Our members have done a great job saving Redner's register tapes. That project 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.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM in room 100 of Roessner Hall at Albright College.