

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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Reading, PA

Reading Branch Annual Business Meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2019 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 30 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. This year's guest speaker is Robin Costenbader-Jacobson.

AAUW Recognition of Women Breakfast

Saturday, April 6, 2019 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 20 with the information requested below.

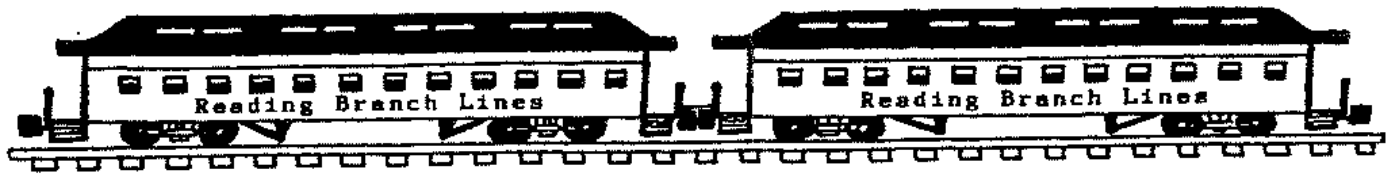
Joan can be contacted at cookj22@verizon.net or 610-678-7999

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 20, 6PM

Lunch: Getting Crabby at The Crab Barn
2613 Hampden Blvd., Reading PA 19604
610-921-1650

Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – March 30

Member are encouraged to attend LUNAFEST®
Contact: Suzanne Churgai - 610-488-9269

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

Lunch – Sweet Street - : 722 Hiesters Ln, Reading,
PA 19605

[\(610\) 929-0616](tel:6109290616)

Program- Guided tour of the exhibit at Freedman Gallery
at Albright College

Coordinator: Evvie Trexler – 610-372-0737

Home Arts – Wednesday, March 6, 7PM

West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills Library

Program – Halle Vaughn – “Women in the Civil War
Era”

AAUW Annual Business Meeting - following the
program

Contact – Judy Druckenmiller - 610-678-3508

Literature – Monday, March 25

Review of – What It Means When A Man Falls From
the Sky: Stories by Lesley Nneka Arimah

Reviewer – Jean Gassert

Hostess – Fran Malley – 484-256-7619

April

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, April 17, 6PM

Dinner – Bowers Hotel

298 Bowers Rd, Bowers, PA 19511

[\(610\) 899-0183](tel:6108990183)

Contact – Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – Dates TBA

The group hopes to have an evening with a foreign
student or teacher and would like to have a table at the
Famous Ladies Tea. Watch your email for more
information

Contact Suzanne Churgai 610-488-9269 if interested in
activities

Fine Arts – Wednesday, April 24

Lunch: King House Restaurant, Kitchen Kettle Village
3525 Old Philadelphia Pike

Intercourse, PA 17534

Program – Tour Kitchen Kettle Village

717-768-2746 or 800-732-3538

Coordinator: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Home Arts – April 3, 7 PM

Program – “Traditional Media vs. Social Media”

Soeaker – Mike Zielinski

Contact – Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508

Literature – Monday, April 29

Review of: - The Underground Railroad by Colson
Whitehead

Reviewer – Karen Parish

Hostess – Kate Hoh – 610-375-1087

March 30, 2019

18th 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 30.

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 30, 2019

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

Many exciting events and projects are in the works for our Reading Branch! Come to the Wednesday, March 6 meeting at 7 pm and hear about them after Hallie Vaughan's program on the Women of the Civil War. Election of officers will also be held that night for the 2019-2020 term.

Our exciting fundraising project, LUNAFEST®, on Saturday, March 30, in the Student Center Mezzanine and Klein Hall of Albright College is even more exciting than last year's event. The evening begins with a heavy hors d'oeuvres reception at 6 pm, with background music provided by the Centre Park Flutes (which includes our own Virginia Schulze-Johnson, Co VP of Programs) and a slide show highlighting lives of women of all ages. Displays and our expanded jewelry sale will be available for perusal and purchase. At 7 pm the screening of 9 short films by, for, and about women will be followed by discussion, dessert and drinks. What a wonderful evening of networking, socializing, and highlighting women to end March, Women's History Month. Those who attended last year's event are looking forward to another great evening, as well as encouraging those of you who haven't been to a LUNAFEST® to join us!

Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite.com or through Lunafest.org. Or these committee members have tickets for sale at \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door: Eileen Ritz, Ellie Hunt, Nancy Poole, Suzanne Churgai, Fran Malley, Karen Parish, Virginia Schulze-Johnson, Nancy Wolfgang, Mary Jane Garbo, and Denise Meister. Or you can call 610-777-0900 to request your tickets. Join us for LUNAFEST® -- you'll be glad you did!

AAUW Reading Branch is involved in the planning of Berks County's events for the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. If you are interested in getting involved in this event planning, let me know.

Also in the final planning stages is Book Bonanza 2019, so gather your books; collection will start soon at Berkshire Mall. More details follow in the newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all at all of our exciting events. Carol Toomey (...and also looking forward to Spring!)

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

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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. I have not gotten any information about the indoor yard sale yet this year, but as spring approaches I will be looking for opportunities to sell jewelry again at yard sales and flea markets. 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.

Book Bonanza

We do expect to have a Book Bonanza at Berkshire Mall this year. We expect to be having the sale in one of the larger empty stores. It will be in a larger space than last year. It will be July 11 1-4 PM (Pre-sale \$10 admission), July 12 9AM-8PM (No admission), July 13 9AM-7PM (No admission), July 14 11AM-3PM (\$5 bag of books sale) Book donations will start on March 25 at the entrance next to Firehouse Subs. Collection times are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to Noon and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 PM. I will send more details when I receive the information.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7 PM in the Albright College Roessner Hall, room 100.