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Election Day is November 5.

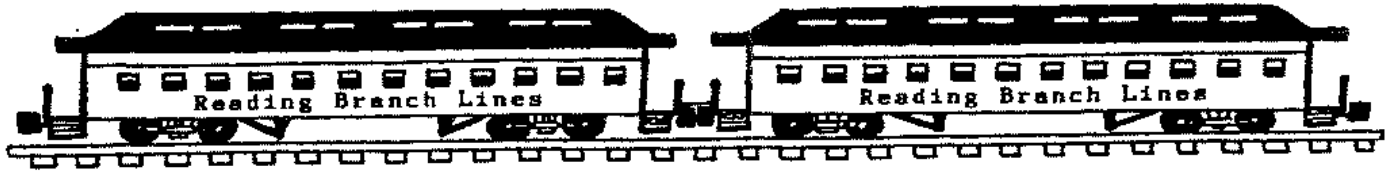
Be sure to exercise your right to vote. The suffragists worked hard to earn that right for women!



November General Meeting

Coming up very soon on **Saturday, November 9 at 2 pm** at the Berks History Center, 940 Centre Ave., Reading 19601, will be our General Program meeting which will be a presentation including a performance and narrative about Female Flutist Composers by the Centre Park Flute Quartet (including our very own Virginia Schulze-Johnson). An informal tea is included and Berks History Center members and non members are invited. For more information contact Virginia at 484-663-3674.

Admission is \$5 for members of AAUW and Berks History Center and \$8 for non members.



Interest Groups November

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11:30 AM
The White Swan (change since planning meeting)
1264 E Newport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 - 717-626-4444
Group Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – November 17, 2 PM
Albright College Theater
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night
Contacts: Ellie Hunt 610-6701808 or Suzanne Churgai
610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, November 20, 11:30 AM
Lunch - The Pourhouse Bar and Grill
Visit to Evelyn & Harriet's and Clay on Main Gallery in Oley
Contact: Victoria Troutman – 610-589-2952

Home Arts – Wednesday, November 6, 7PM
West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library
Program –“Vetrans Making a Difference” by Liz &
Doug Graybill
Contact – Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508 or
jdrucky@aol.com

Literature – Monday, November 18, 1:30 PM
Location: The Heritage
Review of: Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
Reviewer: Virginia Schulze-Johnson
Contact Delite Hawk – 610-775-0535

December

Culinary Diversity – No meeting scheduled
Happy Holidays
Group contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – December 13
Lunch in West Reading and visit Reading Public
Museum Cut, Costume and the Cinema
Suzanne Churgai 610-488-9269 will contact the group

Fine Arts – Wednesday, December 18, 12 Noon
Christmas Luncheon at Dan's at Green Hills
Contact: Victoria Troutman 610-589-2952

Home Arts – Thursday, December 5
Christmas Lunch (location to be discussed at Nov.
meeting)
Contact: Judy Druckenmiller, 610-678-3508 or by
email at jdrucky@aol.com or text at 484-577-6591 **by**
Nov. 28 for reservation or information

Literature – Monday, December 9
Christmas Luncheon 12:00 Noon
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.

2020 LUNAFEST and 2019 FilmFEST News

**5th Annual Reading FilmFEST Honors Women in
Nod to 19th Amendment's 100th Anniversary**

Reading FilmFEST will present its 5th annual festival October 31st through November 3rd, 2019. In preparation for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Reading FilmFEST is honoring the efforts of 21st Century women making their mark on the world through film-making. The festival will present an award for *Best Film by a Female Filmmaker*, offer panels by and for women filmmakers, and showcase films in all categories by women. In addition to this year's focus on women filmmakers, Reading FilmFEST will present narrative and documentary features, short films of all genres, a special block of World View films, LatinX films, and a Made in Reading block to support local filmmakers.



Films are presented at the Boscov Theater at GoggleWorks and Reading Movies 11 & IMAX with additional events presented in unique and historic venues, including WCR Center for the Arts. [Click here to see a full schedule of films and events.](#) [Purchase tickets here!](#)

The Reading FilmFEST will help promote AAUW's third LUNAFEST, which has been confirmed for Sunday afternoon, March 8, at Albright College's Wachovia Theatre, lobby and mezzanine. Again Albright's student chapter of N.O.W. will help us with arrangements. Details will follow in future newsletters, but save the date on your calendar. If you would like to volunteer with LUNAFEST next year, please call me, 610-796-8626 to offer your help.

Our branch is busy with plans for the Berks County centennial celebration of Women's Suffrage in 2020. If you remember System Shakers, Barrier Breakers, that was written by AAUW members years ago, then you may recognize the rewrite that will happen to honor the suffragists. We will be a part of Berks County's centennial celebration of Women's Right to Vote. We will be performing the play to kickoff the celebration in March and at several other events, which you can find listed in our yearbook. You are all be invited to attend them all! You can follow Berks County's plans on their website, <https://berkssuffrage2020centennial.org>.

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In the meantime, enjoy the crispness of this season of colors, the gratitude that Thanksgiving inspires, the warmth of holiday fires and celebrations, and the coming of a new year. Whatever holidays you celebrate, enjoy them with joy and peace.

I hope to see you at our November and December meetings!

Carol Toomey

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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

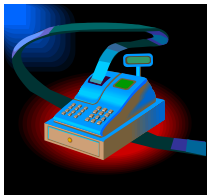
The building search committee is still looking for a suitable location for Book Bonanza. There are places that the books could be sold, but a location for sorting and storing books has not been found yet. An ideal location would be a place that books could be sorted, stored and sold. I will let members 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM. in Albright's Roessner Hall, Room 100.

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. We plan to sell jewelry again at Lunafest in March. The jewelry sale benefits our operating budget. Thank you to all who have donated.