

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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Reading, PA

Reading Branch Annual Business Meeting Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting on ZOOM

Please join us for our branch annual business meeting on ZOOM. The meeting will start at 7PM..We will elect new officers and discuss and approve the budget. If anyone else would like to run for office, please contact Karen Parish before the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to vote please fill out the ballot in the separate attachment to this newsletter email and return it to Judith Kraines by March 9, 2021 at the address listed on the ballot.

Officer candidates are: Pat Hummel – Treasurer
Kate Hoh – Director of Bylaws
Lauren Archibald – VP Program
Carolyn Smith – VP Membership

AAUW Recognition of Women

- We do not have a recognition breakfast planned for this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Joan Cook is working on getting information out to schools to recognize the outstanding senior girls.
- We did not have any graduate scholarship recipients for the 2020-2021 college year.
- There were 3 non-traditional scholarship recipients for the 2020-2021 college year.
- Recipients will be listed later in the spring.

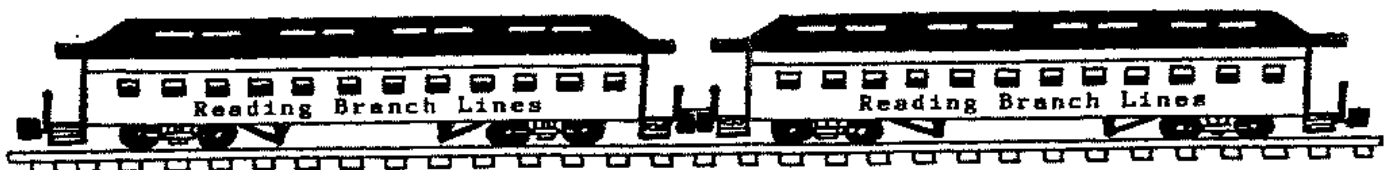
Graduate and Non-traditional Scholarships Available

The Reading Branch of the American Association of University Women will award scholarships of up to \$2000 in 2021-2022 to Berks County women who are pursuing full or part-time study. Candidates must be residents or natives of Berks County. Academic excellence is expected and financial need must be shown. Funds for these scholarships are raised through the Book Bonanza.

Applications are available on the AAUW Reading Branch website reading-pa.aauw.net. The deadline for application is May 26, 2021.

LUNAFEST

Carol Toomey is ready to plan this year's LUNAFEST fundraiser for our branch and is inviting any interested member to join our LUNAFEST committee. Initially it will be a Zoom meeting until we can sit outside or inside and enjoy the warmth of in-person faces. Contact Carol Toomey if you are interested.



Interest Groups

March

Culinary Diversity – No meeting planned
Contact: Joanne Wrigley

Cultural Arts – Individual activity suggestion
Reading Public Museum display 1/28-5.25/2021
Courting Style Women's Tennis fashion
Senior Program – 10AM, March 26
Information Contact: Ellie Hunt

Fine Arts – No meeting planned
Contact – Victoria Troutman

Home Arts – Wednesday, March 3, 12:00 Noon
Lunch – Deluxe Diner, Shillington
Contact – Judy Druckenmiller

Literature – Monday, March 22
Location – ZOOM
Review of either Becoming by Michelle Obama or
Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd
Reviewer – Judith Kraines or Jean Gassert

April

Culinary Diversity – No meeting planned
Contact – Joanne Wrigley

Cultural Arts – Individual activity suggestion
Modern Masters : Twentieth Century Prints Exhibit
2/22-5/22/2021
Senior Program – Documentary Hubble's Amazing
Rescue – 10AM April; 23
Information Contact: Ellie Hunt

Fine Arts – No meeting planned at this time
Contact: Victoria Troutman

Home Arts – April 7
Place to be determined at a later date
Contact – Judy Druckenmiller

Literature – Monday, April 26
Location: ZOOM
Review of either Becoming by Michelle Obama or
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Condolences to the friends and family of Helenirene Kuehne. Helenirene passed away in February and will be missed by her friends in AAUW.

National AAUW News

AAUW Election: Prep Your Vote by Learning the Issues

Starting April 7, AAUW members will be asked to vote to elect members to the national board of directors and on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement. Get up to speed on the issues by reviewing the [election page on the AAUW website](#). The AAUW Board of Directors is recommending a bylaw change to remove the educational requirement for membership. Members are asked for feedback. A March 30 Town Hall for members is being planned. Watch for emails directly from AAUW-PA. Member voting is April 7 to May 17. Results will be announced on May 19. Our Reading Branch will discuss this at a special Branch meeting to be planned in April.



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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 will be selling jewelry at flea markets again when I feel it is safe to do that.. contact Eileen Ritz about the jewelry sale. 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 fundraiser to support our branch projects. If you shop at Redner's, please save **your** tapes and send or give them to Ellie. Please note the following requirements when handing in REDNER' s TAPES

They require the entire sales receipt. Bonus card must be used for the purchase.

They will only take receipts or tapes from 3 years back from the day I hand them in.

Next time I will be handing in tapes from 2020, 2021, 2022, and maybe 2023, depending on whether I receive more 2020 tapes.

I hope to hand in the next submission in 2022.

If you have any questions, call Ellie Hunt

Book Bonanza

We hope to be able to have a Book Bonanza sale at Berkshire Mall again this year. The sale would be in the former Gap store, the same place as the last one we were able to have. There are no plans at this time for a sale or when we might be able to collect books again. The committee is waiting to see what happens with the COVID pandemic. The safety of the Book Bonanza workers is important at this time. When there is news I'll let you know!

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 4 PM on ZOOM.