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Reading, PA



**Branch Annual June Picnic  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 4:00 PM  
Happy Hollow Playground  
1100 Wayne Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA 19610**

The board decided the branch could get together again as we did last fall for a safe. outdoor picnic. This is our last general meeting for the year which is traditionally a branch picnic. This meeting will be an in-person social get together. As we did last year, due to the COVID pandemic, please bring a picnic supper and lawn chair for yourself. Beverages will be provided. This will be at the same park that we went to for the last picnic meeting. If anyone would like a ride, need help to get from your car to the pavilion, or has any other questions, please call Virginia Schulze-Johnson. Here are directions to the park.

*Travel time to Happy Hollow Playground, Wyomissing, from various locations in Berks County (including Berks County Courthouse, Albright College, Mohnton, Sinking Spring, and Exeter Twp.) is about 15 minutes. From the RT 222 S/RT 422 W bypass, take the State Hill Road exit. At the traffic light, continue driving straight ahead onto Wyomissing Boulevard until you reach a traffic circle, where you will merge left onto Reading Boulevard. Follow Reading Boulevard for about two blocks until it intersects with Wayne Avenue. Turn left on Wayne Avenue, and as soon as you reach Trent Avenue, you will be at the park. I suggest that we park along Wayne or Trent Avenues (at the eastern end of the playground). There are two large, open-air pavilions (with benches and tables) in the park. However, due to Covid-19 concerns, you may want to bring your own folding chairs. The park restrooms will not be open for use. The playground generally forms a rectangle and is bound by Wayne, Lynne, Terrace, and Trent Avenues. If you are using a GPS, the street address for the playground is 1100 Wayne Avenue. We are not supposed to park in the playground driveway.*

**New Branch Officers – Members voted for these new officers for 2021-2023 at the March General Meeting**

**Pat Hummel –Treasurer**

**Kate Hoh – Director of Bylaws**

**Lauren Archibald – VP Program**

**Carolyn Smith – VP Membership**

**Branch Honorees**

Outstanding Woman – Delite Hawk

Member Making a Difference – Carolyn Smith

Gateway to Equity – Albright College



### Interest Groups

#### May

Culinary Arts: No meeting planned  
Contact: Joanne Wrigley

Fine Arts – No May Meeting  
Contact: Victoria Troutman

Cultural Arts: No events planned  
Contact: Ellie Hunt,  
Suzanne Churgai

Literature – Monday, May 17  
The May meeting will be planned at  
the April meeting  
Contact: Virginia Schulze-Johnson

Home Arts: Wednesday, May 5 – Noon  
Paolo’s Restaurant & Bar -610-775-3500  
2480 Lancaster Pike, Reading, PA 19607  
Contact: Judy Druckenmiller

#### June

Home Arts: Wednesday, June 2  
Contact: Judy Druckenmiller

Fine Arts – Wednesday, June 30 – 11:30 AM  
Lunch: Berkshire Country Club  
1637 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19601  
610-374-8244  
Program: Planning meeting  
Contact: Victoria Troutman

These are the only interest group meeting that I know of at this time for June. If any interest group chairs have additional meetings that they would like me to inform all branch members about please send me an email with the information and I will send it out to the entire group.



#### **AAUW Reading Branch 2020 Senior High School Honorees**

Antietam: Desiree Chesson  
Berks Catholic: Vivian Nguyen  
Boyertown: Sydney Winner  
Brandywine Heights: Lindsay Conrad  
Conrad Weiser: Victoria Radcliff  
Daniel Boone: Erin Goudie  
Exeter: Taylor Stech  
Fleetwood: Sarah Davenport  
Governor Mifflin: Mara Roman

Hamburg: Alexandria Baum  
Kutztown: Lauren Clymer  
Muhlenberg: Nhi Nguyen  
Oley Valley: Myrra Small  
Reading: Rachel Zheng  
Schuylkill Valley: Ella Jenkins  
Tulpehocken: Mary Groff  
Twin Valley: Malavika Nair  
Wilson: Amaya Shah  
Wyomissing: Ashley Dasika

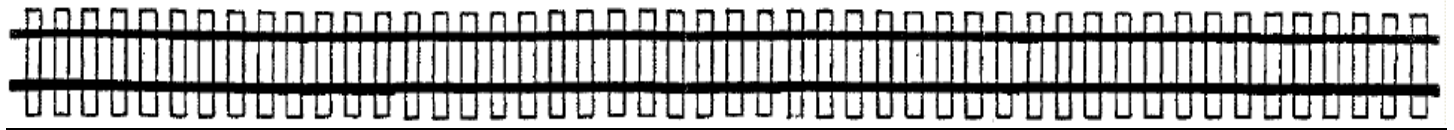
#### **Reentry Scholarship Recipients – 2020-21**

Stephanie Bromleigh - Harcum College - Histotechnology  
Sarah Dobroskey - Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences – Radiology Tech – Medical imaging  
Ann Marie Harkins – Albright College - Psychology

#### **Graduate Scholarship Recipients- 2020-21**

There were no graduate scholarship applicants for the 2020-2021 school year.

Applications are currently available for students to sign up for scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.



## Membership Renewal

Membership renewal takes place each year in the months of April through June. This year there are two options for renewing membership for those members who receive email. You should have received an emailed membership form from the AAUW national office that could be completed and paid by credit card online. Our branch also sent an email to members with a local membership form that can be sent to Carolyn Smith. The AAUW national office cannot process donations to the Reading Branch local Educational Scholarship Fund. To donate to our local education fund a check must be sent to Carolyn Smith. Those members who do not receive email will be sent local membership forms to send back to Carolyn Smith, our Membership Vice-President. If you have any questions about membership you can contact Carolyn.

## LUNAFEST

Our branch is again planning to have a LUNAFEST in September 2021. Our committee met on Zoom for the first time to begin planning for the event. We plan to have an in-person meeting soon. If any other members would like to help plan and participate in this event please contact Carol Toomey

## Book Bonanza

**Yes, a Book Bonanza sale is planned for this year.** The sale has been increased by one day to allow for not having a sale last year and for social distancing.. It is planned for July 7 – 11, 2021. Early Bird Admission Day. Wed. July 7, 10 AM – 6PM, Thurs. & Fri. July 8-9 10 AM -8 PM, Fill A Bag Sale, Sunday, July 11, 11 AM – 3 PM. Collection and sorting of books will begin on Tuesday, June 27 9:30 – 12 Noon. Books will also be collected Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 PM. **Collection of books will end June 30. The collection site has moved.** It will be between the old Bon Ton Store and Five Below. As always, people will be there to empty vehicles. In fact, we ask that folks do not get out of their cars due to COVID restrictions. The need for volunteers for the sale will be greater than ever mainly because of the extra day but also because of the need for greater crowd control.

## AAUW Election of National Officers

If you haven't voted for AAUW national officers yet, online voting continues until 5 PM on May 17. Paper ballots that were requested by April 16 must be postmarked by April 30. Members who vote online should have received voting information and ballots in their email. If you don't have information and need it or other information go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) , you can also get current information on state issues and events at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net> , and for local information go to our branch website at <https://reading-pa.aauw.net> . Our website also has the Keystoner and other state and national current information. These important resources can help you stay informed of current events as well as cancellations and rescheduling of events.

AAUW is again asking members to vote on whether to eliminate the educational requirement for membership this year as well as other bylaws changes.

## News from AAUW-PA The PA School Funding Lawsuit Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Lawyers from the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and Education Law Center-PA will deliver a special webinar for AAUW members and friends. The webinar will provide general information about the lawsuit and be an opportunity AAUW members to hear directly from attorneys in the case about opportunities to support the lawsuit in their communities.

Registration is required at: <https://krc-pbpc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqOGrrzMQht3SVLrx3WSmTUwv0I6-DBmg>

## 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**

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

## Vintage Jewelry Sale

We are still collecting “vintage”, unwanted, jewelry items to sell to support our program and operating budget. Members sold jewelry at the Lunafest this year. I plan to sell again at another flea market when possible again to support our operating budget. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to our cause. If you have any unwanted items please bring them to a meeting or call Eileen Ritz to arrange for someone to pick them up.

## Redner’s tapes

**Redner’s register tapes** are also still being collected by our branch to support our operating budget. If you have any to contribute please bring them to a meeting or call Ellie Hunt about register tapes so we can arrange to get the tapes. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed tapes.

## AAUW Summer Retreat

the AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat via Zoom (not in-person) on Saturday, July 24. The detailed agenda and registration details will be sent directly to all AAUW members in Pennsylvania via email beginning in May

## Board Meeting

**The next branch board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 4:30 on Zoom. If any members are interested in attending contact Judith Kraines for a link.**