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AAUW Reading Branch Holiday Tea

Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 2:00 – 4:00PM – Note date change

(Snow date – January 19)

at

Ann Wenrich's home

Our January branch meeting this year will be a Holiday Tea. Please bring a favorite tea cup along and tell the group something about your cup. Also please bring cookies or a snack and join other branch members for a pleasant social afternoon. I hope you are able to celebrate this historic event with us. Please call Ann and let her know that you plan to attend and what snack you plan to bring.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here are some upcoming important branch events to plan for in the next few months.

Annual Business Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Time 10 AM to Noon at The Highlands, 2000 Cambridge Ave, Wyomissing. There will be a great program about Emily Dickinson AKA Margaret Yevic. We will also have our branch elections at this meeting

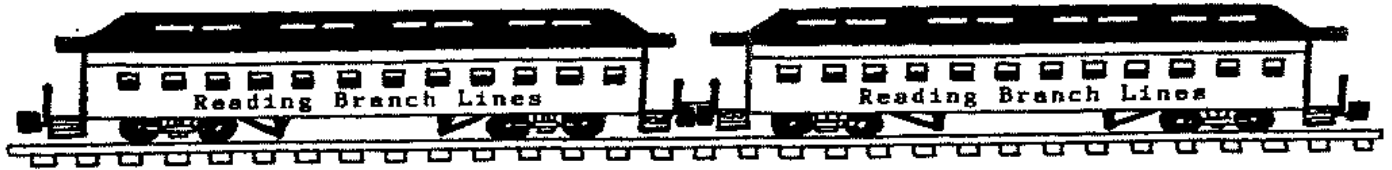
Saturday, April 26, 2025 9 am

Women's Recognition Breakfast.

Alvernia University McGlinn Center

Cost for AAUW members TBD

Recognizing the scholastic achievement of High School Seniors and Scholarship recipients.



Interest Groups

January

Cultural Arts –schedule varies by activity
Contact: Ellie Hunt

Fine Arts – No meeting

Home Arts – No January meeting
See other members at the branch tea on January 12.

Literature – Monday, January 27, 1:30 PM
Program – What Are You Reading?
Hostess – Janet Neel
Coordinator – Virginia Schulze-Johnson

February

Cultural Arts – schedule varies by activity
Contact: Ellie Hunt

Fine Arts – No event this month

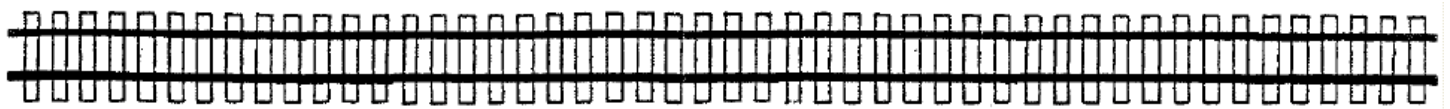
Home Arts: - Wednesday, February 11, 12Noon
Lunch – For location Contact Judy
Contact : Judy Druckenmiller

Literature I –February 24, 1:30 PM PM
Program: Review of My Dear Hamilton by Eliza Schuyler Hamilton
Hostess: Virginia Schulze-Johnson
Reviewer: Karen Parish
Coordinator: Virginia Schulze-Johnson

Condolences: Sincere sympathy to the friends and family of Karen Waldren. She will be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

Save The Date

The date for the Berks County Chapter NSDAR Famous Ladies Tea this year is April 27, 2025. More information will follow in February.




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From Judy Ellsworth

Hello to all our new and returning volunteers! I hope that you are fully recovered from our Mini Sale and aren't too frazzled as we head into the holidays.

Lots has been going on behind the scenes since our sale and I want to bring you all up to date on what has been happening.

First off our sale was a tremendous success - far better than we thought it would be. And this is due to all our volunteers and the wonderful community that we live in which supported us all the way - from making copious donations to coming out in droves on the sale days. Our Book Bonanza Board has been able to support our two nonprofit organizations (Berks County Public Libraries and the Reading Branch of the AAUW) to the tune of \$20,000 each!!! And this is from a sale that from start to finish was less than 4 months. You all deserve a pat on the back. 

Now, once we get through the holidays, we can begin to turn our attention towards our 2025 sale. This sale will return to our regular time frame and will take place in July. This will give us almost 6 months to collect, sort, and display our items. We've had a dry run in our new home space. We will make a few changes in how we set up for the sale, but things shouldn't be so frantic.

Here is the important information for you to have:

We will begin accepting donations on Monday, January 6, 2025, at our Mohnton location. At least for January and February we will be accepting donations only on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00-12:00. There will be no Wednesday donations during this time because it is both cold and dark - and we don't want our volunteers to be subjected to this. We will revise the days/times once Daylight Savings Time resumes.

Also please note that we will NOT accept donations on Monday holidays.

Also we will NOT be accepting donations on days that Gov. Mifflin School District is closed for weather related issues (you can check this out on the Mifflin website - gmsd.org)

We have no idea what the volume of the donations will be in the beginning, so you do not have to feel you need to come out at once. Even if there are no donations at first, we still have lots of straightening up to do with the books that remained after our last sale. We will have guidelines for new sorters to help you get started, and there will always be board members, genre leaders, and prior sorters to give you support. So come when you are able to, as much or as little as you want, and we will always find something for you to do.

Enjoy your holidays - and we will see you in the new year.

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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

We still have lots of jewelry to sell. Please let Karen Parish know if you hear of any good places that we might be able to sell some jewelry.

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 Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 2:30 PM.