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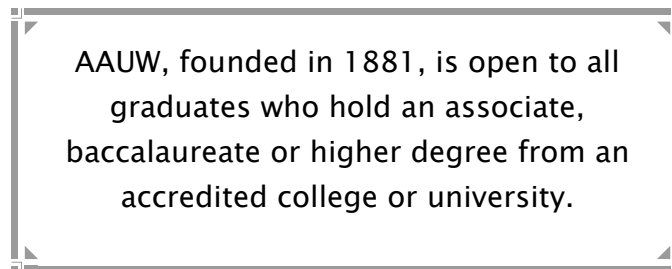
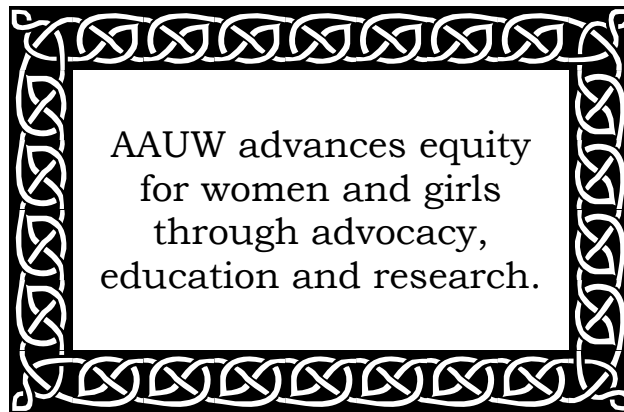
ALLENTOWN BRANCH  
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*Helping Women and Girls Realize Their Potential*



## Our Mission





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## STUDY GROUPS

### *Literature of the Past & Present*

A blending of two categories, this study group reads and reviews a broad spectrum of classics and modern novels. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

### *Recent Literature*

It's up to the members ... a list of best-sellers and interesting oddities are compiled in June for the upcoming year. Books must be available in paperback. Any member can suggest a book she has enjoyed or one that has a unique message or perspective. A super-relaxed group that meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

### *Women's Literature & Women's Literature, Too!*

Most of these books are written by or about women. They must be available in paperback and include memoirs, bodies of work, translations, fiction, and nonfiction. Feel free to join us anytime on the third Monday or Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.



## STUDY GROUPS

### *Antiques Daytime*

The Antiques Study Group visits historic sites, historic or antique collections, and entertains speakers who discuss topics of interest to those who love antiques. This group also researches and acts as a forum for members of the group. Generally, meetings take place third Tuesday of each month. Time is flexible.

### *Career Women*

Monthly meetings include topics on work and family, women in business, women's health, fiction and non-fiction book discussions, and the arts. Meetings are usually the third Tuesday evening (at 7:30 or 8 p.m.) of the month and are held either at a member's home, the speaker's place of business, or the venue for the arts (college or local theatre, auditorium).

### *Conversational Spanish*

A refresher or beginner's course, depending on your level of Spanish. Meets the first and third Thursday of each at 5:00 p.m. Native-speaking Spanish instructor. Fee: \$10 per class.

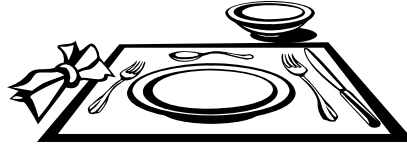




## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### *Nutrition and Health*

Meet at a local restaurant at noon the second Monday of each month to discuss nutrition and health issues.



### *Dining Out*

Enjoy occasional dinners with or without a partner. Various hostesses act as leaders for each dinner. The Committee Chair solicits recommendations for restaurants, makes the selection and announces dates and details in the “*Allentonian*”.

### *Theatre*

Attend various local community theatrical performances at group rates.





*Sister-to-Sister*, a summit for and about girls. AAUW'S international *Sister-to-Sister* summits bring together diverse girls from ages 12 to 16 to address issues that schools often cannot adequately address. The AAUW sponsors *Sister-to-Sister* summits all across the United States. Locally, this program is hosted annually by the American Association of University Women Affiliates at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

It is open to girls from our local school districts. The girls have the opportunity to get together to make new friends as well as meet other students of the Cedar Crest College campus. During the summit, there are various fun scheduled activities and educational workshops including lunch, games and sports. Girls have a chance to be heard, experience affirmation of their views, and spur them into action, sister-to-sister.



## BRANCH COMMITTEES



### *Annual Book Sale*

The first book sale was held in 1959, with profits of \$700. Deemed successfully by the members, it has continued, with a portion of the donations of the sale staying in the community to fund our Community Awards Scholarships called "Interrupted Studies Grant". These grants are gifts, not loans and are not repaid. Applicants may apply every year until they graduate.

Year 2006 marked our 47th book sale and the last several years, our profits have exceeded \$20K. The community is very supportive of our endeavors through donations and attending our sale.

Currently the five-day sale is held at The Troxell Building, on Cedar Crest Boulevard, north of Rt 22. Donations are accepted from early August through the end of September. The sale is held in October, over the Columbus Day weekend, offering books, records, audio and visual tapes and magazines. This tremendous effort is coordinated by a dedicated book sale committee that donates countless hours to sort, catalog, and price the books. Many different work shifts, along with fun times, are available both before and during the event.



## BRANCH COMMITTEES

### *Diversity Outreach*

The pressures of an increasingly diverse nation are visible in many of our most complex public issues, such as education, taxes, welfare, and immigration. They also are evident in daily life – whether in open conflict among groups, or in tensions and misperceptions that simmer beneath the surface.

The impetus of our outreach is to form connections with people of diverse backgrounds. And to nurture multicultural bonds for communication and group interaction through venues such as the Diversity Forum. Ultimately, the goals are to share lasting friendships and peer support. In alignment with AAUW's overall mission of inclusion, promoting understanding and celebrating differences are key to building the trust necessary for long-time change in the community.



#### AAUW 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.



## BRANCH COMMITTEES

### *Dictionary Project*

The dictionary project grew out of a need expressed by a third grade teacher at Central Elementary School in Allentown. When students do not have individual dictionaries to work with, it is difficult for them to be proficient in using this reference material.

The project has grown from supplying third graders at Central with members' used dictionaries of various types to buying and donating large quantities of dictionaries which are all the same.





## BRANCH COMMITTEES

### *Community Awards*

The Community Awards Committee promotes scholarships to local colleges and universities and reviews the applications, interviews candidates and makes the awards. Most of the funds (approximately \$20K) are derived from the annual book sale.

The Interrupted Studies Grants are given to women who reside in the Pennsylvania Lehigh Valley area and wish to pursue college study in Lehigh Valley institutions of higher education.



### Philosophy

Believing that “*study without action is futile; action without study is fatal*”, the Allentown branch continually seeks to translate study into action in the areas of education, community and social science, fellowships, cultural studies, and legislative action.

*To learn more ....*

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*If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed. ~ Kate Halverson*