2016 Used Book Sale Breaks Records

As many of you know, the 55th annual used book sale was a huge success. We grossed a little over $150,000 with almost 10,000 attendees to the sale. This is a huge increase in both dollars and people prior to the last year. The increases are due in part to a few changes that were made this year.

First, the sale was one week later. This allowed the book sellers and others to get hotel rooms in the area and attend the sale. We even had one individual spend over $3,000 on books this year! The second change was that the sorters and pricers ensured that only the best books were out on the tables. In the end we had less than 8% of the books remaining; that is a great number!! We also raised the price of bag day to $7. There were a few gripers but once it was explained that our costs increased most folks were just fine with the increase.

I cannot thank enough those of you who spend so much time working on the sale—the Monday night crew, the Tuesday and Wednesday ladies, and everyone else. We especially had a great group of volunteers for Move-in Night and we completed moving over 4100 boxes in about 4 1/2 hours. Another record!

The customers were first-time shoppers and book dealers from Aliquippa who said that they’ll be back next year.

Selecting a “Blind Date with a Book” was not an easy task.

Member Charlene Harrison helped ring up the largest sale ever recorded at an AAUW State College Used Book Sale—for a record $3,196.50!

Move-in Night went super-smoothly, due to superb help from Branch members, community volunteers, and many State College Area School District students working together. We finished setting up an hour earlier than previous years.

Saturday sales were especially strong, and volunteers working at the check-out honed their skills quickly.

We have not moved into our new space as of this printing but hope to do so very soon. We will plan an open house for those of you who may want to stop by and see the new digs.

Again, thank you to every volunteers who makes this sale a success.

—Donna Trapp, Overall Used Book Sale Chair
Branch Awards & Scholarship Banquet Memories

Forty-five AAUW State College members and guests attended the May 23 Awards and Scholarship Banquet held at the Nittany Lion Inn. All four scholarship recipients attended, as well as the Branch honorees: Billie Willits, Outstanding Woman; Connie Schroeder, Member Making a Difference; Del and Steve Scott, CCCHS Volunteers of the Year, and Mid-State Literacy Council, the Gateway to Equity recipient.

SCHOLARSHIP WOMEN: The Branch awarded $7,000 scholarships to each of the 2016 scholarship recipients: Briana Adams, Courtney McChesney, Hyejin Sung, and Aubrey Tallon. Perhaps Aubrey summed up the feelings of all four women best when she said that the scholarship will allow her to focus more closely on her studies, and that “organizations such as AAUW grant us the ability to catch up in a world that often pushes us behind.”

GATEWAY TO EQUITY RECIPIENT: The 2016 Gateway to Equity Award was presented to Mid-State Literacy Council for their promotion of the AAUW mission in their literacy programs. Left to right: Dave Whitmarsh, MSLC Board Chair, Sue Werner, Branch Awards Chair, and Amy Wilson, MSLC Executive Director.

LESLIE SOTOMAYOR INSPIRES: 2013 Scholarship recipient Leslie Sotomayor (right) provided some really inspiring remarks at the banquet. She is pursuing a multi-faceted journey as a Ph.D. student, teacher, mother, wife, artist, and art curator. Best wishes, Leslie, as you move forward on your journey!

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CCCHS VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR: Del and Steve Scott took a break from working a the used book workshop to enjoy the banquet.

THANK YOU
OUTGOING OFFICERS
Carol Hodes
Membership
Co-Vice President
Linda Friend
Secretary
Your time and talents were appreciated!

CHANGING OF THE GUARD: At the end of the banquet, new officers Jean Lee, Secretary, and Cindy Hall, Co-VP of Membership (center) were joined by Branch Co-Presidents Alison Franklin (left) and Billie Willits (right). Also, Sherry Crassweller will be returning for a second term as treasurer.
STEM Celebrates a Full Year

The STEM committee has completed its work for the 2016-17 year. At our final meeting, Kristin Dreyer announced that she is stepping down as co-chair and introduced Michele Crowl as the new co-chair.

The four school district programs went well. In the Bald Eagle Area GAMES program, 16 girls built solar cars with kits donated by Kid Tech. Three teams won awards at the PSU competition, which included 17 middle schools and many boys.

One BEA team won the first place trophy for Fastest Car and other categories. Congrats to them all, Maria Kuba, middle school science teacher, and committee liaison Vasu Varadan!

Summer MATHH

MATHH (Magical Adventures for Talented Heroines and Heroes) will be held this summer on July 19, July 26, and August 2, with groups beginning at 1:30 and 2 pm. Each program lasts about an hour, with the first half hour held at Schlow Library and the second half hour held at Discovery Space. These programs are geared toward elementary school children and this year's theme focuses on wellness, with activities based on the science of art, music, and nutrition. To volunteer, contact STEM Committee members Valerie Alstadt (vja113@psu.edu) or Candace Davison (ccd2@psu.edu).

August 11 Spikes Game

The STEM committee will again take part in the Spikes Ladies’ Night program on August 11. You can volunteer to be with us at the AAUW table and see the game, too! We'll have information on our STEM programs with other Branch info.

The committee will hold a celebration of the year and our departing committee members in early July. We always need new members. Please consider joining us!

Mary Dupuis and Kristin Dreyer, STEM Co-Chairs

Branch Used Book Donation Center/Workshop on the Move

Your friends know that you’re an AAUW State College Branch member. They ask how the Used Book Sale went; then they ask, “When will donations resume?” Here’s what’s happening before donations can resume.

After years of operation on East College Avenue, the Branch’s Used Book Donation Center/Workshop will move to almost 3,700 square feet of space at 176 Technology Drive, Suite 400, located in the Boalsburg Technology Park. The move was necessitated by sale of the East College Avenue building to a business that plans to occupy it. The Boalsburg space became available when the previous tenant downsized, causing building code-compliant renovations that are well underway.

More bathrooms have been built; an emergency exit has been created; heat, ventilation, and air conditioning are unique to the new space; and lots more. Before July 1, concrete pads for new donation bins need to be poured, followed by delivery of three large donation bins during the week of June 27 and installation of exterior lighting for the bins, signage, and more.

Our current landlord will prorate rent for a few days into July to enable us to move. In addition to 4,000+ empty boxes, we have tables, chairs, and sale paraphernalia to be moved to the new location. Soon after the move, the date donations will resume will be available on the workshop phone, 235-6884, and at http://www.aauwstatecollege.org.

—Charlene Harrison, Workshop Relocation Lead

Directions to New Site

- Take Business Route 322E to Boalsburg.
- Continue on Rte. 322 through the light at Routes 45/322.
- In 1/2 mile, turn right on Discovery Drive, then left on Technology Drive.
- Book donation bins will be on the right at the first entrance to the brown brick building.
Betsy Berry  
betsyberry51@gmail.com

Hi. I graduated from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn. with a BS in English, and I then earned an MLS from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Conn. I am a retired librarian and computer programmer. My career included positions at the Connecticut State Library and Travelers Insurance Company.

Facing a mid-life crisis (looking for adventure), my husband Chuck Berry and I spent four years in Japan. My hobbies include reading, dancing, studying languages, and modern Euro-games. If you have not heard of Euro-games before, many are cooperative, and they rarely include attacking opponents. The themes are often fascinating (including things such as eliminating diseases, saving a sinking island, and exploring an unknown land) and they have beautiful graphics.

I have sorted books in several other places, and realized that I love it and should offer to help out here in State College—so that is what brought me to AAUW State College.

Andrea Mastro  
a36@psu.edu

Greetings. I am currently a Professor of Microbiology and Cell Biology at Penn State University. I received my BA from Carlow University, Pittsburgh, and graduated with a Ph.D. in Biology in 1971 from Penn State. Next, I accepted a post-doctoral position with a Damon Runyon Fellowship at the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University of Wisconsin. From there, I joined the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (Cancer UK) laboratory in London.

I returned to Penn State as a Research Associate in 1975 and joined the Faculty as an Assistant Professor of Microbiology in 1981. I have mentored graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and undergraduate research students. My current research focuses on breast cancer research and bone metastasis. I’ve been married for over 40 years to William D. Taylor, a retired Professor of Molecular Biology and Biophysics at Penn State. We have three children: Maria, Dan and Tim.

While a graduate student, I was awarded an AAUW scholarship.

Surveys show that the number one reason people join a group is that they were personally invited to join by a friend or colleague. Each branch member plays a role here. When talking with your friends and colleagues, share the mission of AAUW —Advancing Equity for Women and Girls— and how our branch promotes this through our programs and activities.

The official AAUW membership year runs July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017. Dues are $67, divided as follows: $49 to AAUW, $10 to AAUW-Pennsylvania and $8 to the State College Branch. Learn more at http://www.aauwstatecollege.org/join.html, or contact Membership Co-Vice Presidents Candace Davison (ccd2@psu.edu) or Cindy Hall (cindyhall07@gmail.com).

Congratulations to Kathy Detwiler who was honored at the CCCHS Volunteer Dinner by the Central Intermediate Unit 10 for 14 years as a math tutor.

Get Well wishes to Ellen Frederick, recovering from surgery on a broken wrist.

Get well wishes to Lee Gruver, who had shoulder surgery.

Congratulations to Pat Kephart, who recently joined the AAUW-Pennsylvania board of directors as Central District Coordinator. Pat will be organize and lead the AAUW-Pennsylvania Central District meeting in October for central Pennsylvania branches.

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2016 Philanthropic Priorities and Funds Distribution

The Philanthropic Priorities and Funds Distribution Committee, co-chaired by Connie Wheeler and Talat Azhar, announces the results of the funds distribution process. In distributing funds from the 2016 Used Book Sale, the committee made sure that funding was consistent with the branch value statement and the overall mission of AAUW.

2016 Grants/Projects/Priorities  Amount

**Community Grants**
- Bellefonte Middle School  1,830
- Cen-Clear Child Services  1,000
- Central Pa. Festival of the Arts/First Night  500
- Centre County Library & Historical Museum  1,000
- Centre County Women’s Resource Center  7,500
- Centre Hall Area Branch Library  2,000
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine  5,000
- Childbirth Education Association  2,400
- C-NET  1,000
- Ferguson Township Elementary School  1,500
- Global Connections  2,160
- Houserville Elementary School Library  1,500
- Interfaith Human Services  1,000
- Jana Marie Foundation  1,000
- Leadership Centre County  3,920
- Lemont Elementary School Library  1,500
- Mid-State Literacy Council  7,700
- Park Forest Elementary School  1,500
- Park Forest Day Nursery  1,000
- Schlow Centre Region Library  2,000

**Projects**
- Cultural Empowerment for Women  1,000
- Scholarships  8,200
- STEM Projects  26,450

**AAUW National**
- Eleanor Roosevelt Fund  2,500
- Legal Advocacy Fund  2,500

**TOTAL to Grants, Projects and Priorities**  $89,620

The **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** Award honors an individual or group for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. Details: [http://www.aauw.org/resource/eleanor-roosevelt-fund-award/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/eleanor-roosevelt-fund-award/)

The **Legal Advocacy Fund** challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Details: [http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/)

**GRANT AWARDEES SUPPORT BOOK SALE**

Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania board members and staff were out in force to shop at this year’s AAUW State College Used Book Sale. Pictured left to right: Adam Salter, Linda Bailey, Allayn Beck, Michele Crowl, Pam Strouse, Tayler Croom, Sue Werner.

**Scholarship Recipient Story Inspires**

Joan Andrews, Special Scholarship Coordinator at South Hills School of Business & Technology, reports that 2015 AAUW State College scholarship recipient Michelle Miller has completed her internship as an accountant at Keystone Payroll, and has now been hired there as a fulltime employee. Michelle graduates this month.

Joan also thanked AAUW State College for generous support of a number of students at South Hills School of Business & Technology there. “You are making a big difference in the lives of countless local women through your scholarship program,” she commented.

**AAUW-Pa. Summer Retreat**

Saturday, July 16, 10 am—3 pm
Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg

Mark your calendar for our summer retreat, which will focus on membership, including recruitment, retention, diversity, and inclusion. Two members from each branch and any AAUW student members attend for free. The cost for additional members is $20. Register by July 8 at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016julyregistration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016julyregistration)

If you plan to attend and would like to carpool, contact Alison Franklin, amy125@psu.edu. This is Arts Fest weekend, but if you attend the meeting, you would be back in State College by 5:00 pm.
We continue our Centennial year with sharing highlights from the interviews done with 10 senior Branch members that were conducted in 2014 by Jackie Esposito, a Past President of the Branch and current University Archivist at Penn State. Featured here are Trudy Levine and Linda Higginson. Complete interviews with all 10 women are available at http://www.aauwsc100years.com/#!/interviews/c1lfj.

Trudy Levine
— Joined Branch 1968
— Branch President 1973-1975

Why did you join AAUW?
We arrived in State College in 1968. My husband had just accepted a job at the University and we arrived with three youngsters. I saw an article about AAUW having a meeting, went to it and was hooked! Before long I was the recording secretary, then Membership Vice-President, and became President in 1973. We had a phenomenal board.

What would you tell potential members about the group?
If you have the time for only one organization, choose AAUW. There are many ways to be involved throughout the year. Get involved. Start out with one little thing and you will find out that you want to do more.

What were the biggest challenges you faced as Branch president and/or Used Book Sale chair?
During my term as president, we had many projects, study action groups and programs, so my biggest challenge was ensuring that they all were successful. We had a travel group, a monthly radio program on WMAJ, legislative and international relations groups, and book talk lunches with Schlow Library, in addition to our monthly meetings.

When I was Book Sale Co-Chair, books were stored in members’ homes, and volunteers came to my home on Mondays, so I baked goodies for us on Sunday. The support of the business community has always been invaluable in the success of our sales. And our biggest asset has always been our college-town community which donates and purchases our thousands of boxes of books at our annual sales.

What were some of the challenges of being members of an early feminist organization?
I did not perceive AAUW as a “feminist organization” but rather as an organization of women helping other women and the community, while developing their own leadership skills in a social environment with other women graduates.

What are the next important steps for AAUW toward equity for women and girls?
Wouldn’t it be great if some day we wouldn’t have to concern ourselves and worry that women are being shortchanged? People should be treated equitably and that includes pay equity. AAUW has been advocating for pay equity for quite a while and, although it is improving, it still has a way to go.

What problems do you see with the Branch and AAUW in general?
We used to have many more meetings and study action groups, but over the years, more and more women have entered the work force. And why not? They are educated women. They are women who can contribute to society in many ways and as a result they don’t have the time for as many volunteer endeavors. There are also many single parent households, many of which are headed by women. Therefore, unlike in the past when fewer women had employment responsibilities outside of the home, today women have to limit the amount of volunteer activities in which they can be involved.

Where should the Branch head in the future?
I would like to see to see STEM education program offered even at the preschool level. Let little girls learn that they can do the same things that the little boys do and that they can excel in anything that they are interested in.

What are your last words that you would like people to know about your involvement in the Branch?
AAUW has enriched my life and I can’t imagine not having been a part of it. Even as I have aged and become less active in many of the community activities in which I used to volunteer, I still cling to it. Being an AAUW member is something that I cherish. It has helped me in and I hope I’ve helped as well.

Trudy, 2014
**Linda Higginson**  
— Joined Branch 1972  
— Branch President 1981-1985

**Why did you join AAUW?**  
I was a very young Penn State staff person in the early 1970s, working in student affairs. Marion Davison was Associate Dean of Students at the time. Marion was very active in AAUW and she invited me to an AAUW meeting. I was by far the youngest person there, but I continued to go back. To meet the women in AAUW who were wives of very distinguished professors and some who were professional women themselves was an amazing opportunity for me.

**Why have you remained committed to the group for so long?**  
It is an opportunity to give back. What I got from AAUW in the early ‘70’s was the opportunity to be a leader and the opportunity to practice and hone leadership skills. I simply decided that I was going to become a life member. What I would say to current and prospective leaders is to seize the leadership opportunities inherent in membership.

**What would you tell potential members about the organization?**  
As Branch membership has decreased and the average age has increased, there are even more opportunities for potential, particularly younger, members.

**What were the biggest challenges you faced as Branch president, and how did you address those challenges?**  
When I first joined, the Branch focus was on raising money for national projects, and providing scholarships for women to participate in higher education—that was the old guard, and I was kind of in that camp. The other Branch contingent wanted to keep the money raised from the book sale local. What we did during my time as president was really talk about the two values and how values were changing. An important accomplishment was the establishment of the Branch Endowment Fund, which guaranteed that we can give this money in perpetuity.

**What are the next important steps for AAUW locally toward equity for women and girls?**  
AAUW has missed opportunities to make connections at the University. The Center for Women Students, the Commission for Women, the Department of Women’s Studies, the Center for Leadership and Ethical Development in Student Affairs—AAUW could bring strength to these groups and would get a great deal in return. It is really sad to me that there is not a student component of our Branch.  

(Note: A Penn State AAUW student group formed in 2014 two months after this interview took place.)

**What were some of the challenges of being members of an early feminist organization?**  
I have always seen AAUW in State College as extremely mainstream. I’d like to see AAUW ratchet itself up as a feminist organization, coming out of its mainstream, safe position and becoming an advocate for gender equity, LGBT equity, and all kinds of equity.

**What needs has the local Branch addressed over the years?**  
A big need that was addressed when I was president was that of latchkey children, and we did it with the Phone Friend program. Women were returning to the workforce and kids were coming home to an empty house. AAUW members were trained to take a call from a child who got home from school and was frightened by something. It became a national model, and communities across the country called us to learn how to start their own program.

Another notable Branch project is the STEM program that Mary Dupuis got started. That is just a tremendous initiative.

**During your membership in AAUW, how has women’s role in society evolved?**  
Even into the early 1980s, most of the professional women were single women. Today, women with families and husbands represent huge proportions of the workforce—they are doing it all.

**What impact has AAUW had on women’s leadership opportunities locally?**  
On the whole, I don’t think AAUW has been very visible in terms of women’s leadership at the local level. If you look at the township supervisors, there aren’t women, and there have rarely been women. There are women on the State College Borough Council and on the school board, but the Centre Region is a lot broader than State College and the school board. I think AAUW has a place in encouraging women to become involved.
Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 165,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 800 college and university partners, AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW provides millions of dollars in fellowships, grants and awards to outstanding women from around the globe and for community action projects. AAUW also funds pioneering research on women, girls, and education. Through leadership programs, women and girls acquire the skills they need to succeed and assume leadership roles in their academic, professional, and personal lives.

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.

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Mid-State Literacy Council Needs Your Help!
AAUW State College Branch member and MSLC Director Amy Wilson is facing major surgery this summer and is in urgent need of office assistance. Three hour shifts are available. If you can help, contact Amy at 238-1809 or email: awilson@mid-stateliteracycouncil.org

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Sympathy to Myron (Micki) Pharo whose husband Larry Pharo, age 91, died on May 13 in State College.

Sympathy to Deena Ultman on the loss of her daughter Joanna Ultman, who died on June 20 in Columbus, Ohio.

Best wishes to Amy Wilson, who is scheduled for surgery on July 1.

Mark Your Calendar
AAUW-staffed Arts Fest Info Center
Wednesday, July 13—Sunday, July 17
South Allen Street near College Avenue
If you must change your shift, contact:
Jen Karch, jnkarch13@gmail.com

Used Book Workshop—July (date TBA)
176 Technology Drive Boalsburg
Days/hours to be announced

Follow the Money
September Branch Program & Potluck
Tuesday, September 13th, 5:30 pm
Foxdale Village—500 East Marylyn Avenue
2nd Floor Meeting Room
Details provided in the next newsletter.

October 16 Centennial Gala Celebration invitations will be mailed in early September.

Share Your News!
The deadline for the next newsletter is August 18th. Send news to newsletter editor Connie Schroeder, connieschroeder@gmail.com.

Personal news may be sent to Louise Tukey, Have You Heard columnist, tukey@psu.edu.

More Used Book Sale Memories

A Branch Centennial display at the book sale (in the front lobby) was created by member Sue Hiester (left) and made possible through the services of Bill Ebken (right), owner of The Frame Factory in State College.

The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.—Jane Addams

Branch member Kate Walker unpacked plenty of books on Move-in Night, and even brought several of her SCASD students to help.