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Johnstown Branch of American Association of University Women

President's Message ~~Jo Romani

1. **AARP/AAUW Partnership for Women's Long-Term Health Care Campaign**

AAUW is partnering with AARP on a campaign to educate women ages 45 to 65 about their long-term health care options and assist them with decision making. Its goals are to A. increase awareness and understanding among women of the definition and scope of long-term care, B. motivate women to assess their own and their family's long-term care needs and options, and C. empower women to take action and create a plan.

AAUW's Role: AAUW is recruiting our members to help assess and improve the effectiveness of the materials and resources that AARP has developed for this campaign, including a website with tools and resources for women to use to assist them with their long-term health care planning.

Participation: As the largest of three organizations partnering with AARP in this campaign, we need to involve a minimum of 250 AAUW member volunteers, from at least five geographic areas, to participate in four sessions of one to two hours each, conducted by a facilitator (an AAUW member trained by AARP), either via webinar or in a local meeting. In addition, area facilitators will be available off-line for consultation and will facilitate community engagement. This opportunity to participate in a project that will empower women to plan for their long-term health care is open to all AAUW members ages 45-64. Do not miss this chance to help protect yourself, your family, and millions of women in the future.

Project Details: Participation requires members to commit to engagement in four webinars or live meetings. (Materials will be downloadable and printable, so that those facing Internet access challenges will be able to participate solely by phone.)

Meeting #1 (2 hours) — Participants will take a baseline survey to determine their understanding of and preparedness for long-term health care planning. Participants will then be introduced to the first section of the tool kit.

Meeting #2 (1 hour) — Participants will review the second section of the tool kit.

Meeting #3 (1 hour) — Participants will review the third section of the tool kit.

Meeting #4 (2 hours) — Participants will review the fourth section of the tool kit and conclude by retaking the baseline survey to assess changes in knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and readiness for personal long-term planning. Throughout, participants will be provided opportunities to express opinions that could help to improve the communication modalities, such as suggesting alternative language and additional resources, recommending additions and deletions, and so on. Your participation will be instrumental in making this campaign an effective tool to help women make important long-term care choices to protect their futures.

2. Register to participate in the AARP/AAUW Partnership for Women's Long-term Health Care Campaign: (If you have previously indicated your interest and provided contact info, there is no need to send additional information).

Please include: Name, City, State

AAUW membership (Please include all that apply and provide the name of your state and branch if applicable):

National State Branch, State Name (if applicable), Branch Name (if applicable), Age

Check the category for which you are applying: Participant Facilitator

(If you are interested in being a facilitator, we will contact you within the next few weeks about a webinar with additional information.)

Times of the day that you are available (include all that apply): All day, 1-3 ET, 3-5 ET, 5-7 ET, 7-9 ET, or Weekend days only

We are pleased to announce that Loretta Ciupak is the 2010 recipient of the branch Educational Foundation Honors Award.

Loretta has been a member of the Johnstown Branch since 1993. She has served admirably as Treasurer, Hospitality Chair, and Program Chair. Loretta participates in the bridge group and is a worker at the annual book sale.

Loretta was previously honored by the branch as Outstanding Woman in 2007.

~~~submitted by Ann Furlong, EF Chair

### ~Public Policy News~ Submitted by Barbara Procko



#### SUPREME COURT ISSUES RULING ON CAMPAIGN FUNDING

In a special session, the Supreme Court issued a 5-4 ruling in the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission campaign finance case. According to the New York Times, the Court ruled that the government cannot impose spending limits on corporations, labor unions, or special interest groups in candidate elections. Overruling two previous decisions, the majority of the Court felt that the decision reinstated the First Amendment rights of such organizations. Opponents of the ruling, however, expressed concern that the ruling would open the flood gates to special interest money, and therefore power, in elections. President Obama issued a statement, calling the decision “a green light to a new stampede of special interest money in our politics.” Democrats vowed to pass new legislation to put new spending limits into place.

#### PERCENTAGE of WOMEN BREADWINNERS RISE, BUT PAY INEQUITY REMAINS PREVALENT

The Pew Research Center released a report on the affects that women’s advancement on college campuses and in the workplace has had on various aspects of marriage. Women, Men, and the New Economics of Marriage analyzed demographic and economic data and found that more men in 2007, compared with men in 1970, were married to women whose education and income exceeded their own. The report found that in 2007, 22% of men were married to women who made more money than they did compared to just 4% of men in 1970.

While AAUW celebrates the fact that women have made remarkable strides in education and the labor force during the past four decades, these gains have yet to translate into full equity in pay – even for college-educated women who work full time. Women continue to make, on average, just 77 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts. Research released in April, 2007, by AAUW shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field.

**ACTION:** The current recession, where job losses have hit men harder than women, is also responsible for propelling the number of women breadwinners to unprecedented numbers. In these tough economic times, when more and more families are counting on a women’s salary to make ends meet, fair pay is even more critical, not simply to family economic security but also to the nation’s economic recovery. Urge your senators to take the next critical step in the fight for pay equity by quickly passing the PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT (S.182).

## Book Sale ~ Lee Rager

October collection provided us with a garage full of books for this year's sale. Thanks to all of you who made the daily pick-ups for the month, and thanks to those of you who worked feverishly to get them sorted and packed before the winter set in.

Wanda Keller was able to arrange for students from the Johnstown High Honor Society to move the books from my front porch into the garage. And not a moment too soon as the weather turned bad shortly after the move. About a day's worth of packing remains to be done there as we look forward to the May collection and sorting for the June sale.

Please save your plastic grocery bags for the sale. Bring them to any meeting. ....And mark **June 15 to 19** on your calendar for set-up and sale. We will need your help!

### IDEAS FOR STORAGE NEEDED

Would you all start thinking of a storage place for our yearly book collection? As the years pass, I am not sure of the length of time I will remain at my present address, and we don't want to make a mid-year change in storage location. Coming home to find book donations on my porch has become not only annoying, but also inconvenient and burdensome.

Renting a storage space is expensive and would be inconvenient. A space has to be easily available to those who wish to bring their donations and also a safe, dry and reasonably warm place for our members to sort and pack the books.

Think about it please!~~~~Lee Rager



February Luncheon

RSVP by February 6

Featuring: Dr. Daniel Santoro

checks payable: **Johnstown Branch AAUW**

February 13, 2010

mail to: Wanda Keller, 830 Fernwood Place

Johnstown, PA 15905

Menu: Grilled Parmesan Chicken or Salmon (pick one entrée)

Salad

Dessert

Name of Member Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon

Make sure it is in the mail so that it reaches Wanda by February 6th.

Questions can be addressed to Loretta Ciupak at 814-255-4148.

## Around the Corner, in the ..... Membership Corner...with Kathy Howanek

It is my pleasure to use this edition of the Membership Corner to introduce the newest member of Johnstown AAUW, Doris Layton. A lifelong resident of Johnstown, Doris is married to Larry and has three grown children. Her oldest son lives in Taipei and just received his PhD; her second son lives in Johnstown and has four sons of his own; and her daughter lives in Pittsburgh and also has a son.

Doris graduated from Mt. Aloysius in 1982 with an AD in Nursing. She spent her career at Conemaugh, mainly in the ER where she was assistant head nurse, and was nurse manager at Express care before retiring. Although retired from full-time employment, Doris works part-time and describes knitting as “almost an addiction.” She also loves to read and travel, having been to 47 of the 50 states, as well as Hong Kong and Taipei.

I'm sure that you all join me in welcoming Doris to AAUW Johnstown!

### Upcoming Events / Second Tuesday Study Group



Alcott

March 9 hosted by Kay Kusibab at the Westmont Presbyterian Church. Blonde Roots by Evaristo.



Shakespeare

April 13th Covered Dish at 12:00 Noon, at the home of Ann Furlong, 1120 Menoher Blvd. The Help by Stockett.

May 11 at the home of Faye Lear, 656 Russell Ave. A Reliable Wife by Goldrick.

A total of \$155 was collected for Victim Services at the December Luncheon!

### March/April/May Programs

March is National Red Cross Month. We will be hosting Georgia Lehman the Director of Emergency Services of the American Red Cross who will speak on being “All Choked Up.” It will be at Westmont Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm, March 23rd.

The April meeting is open to the public. It will be held at the Heritage Center and will feature a speaker from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

Our last meeting of this year will be the covered dish dinner on May 25th, at the Westmont Presbyterian Church. Don't forget it will start at 6:00, followed by a presentation of “Antique Road Show” by Reverend Wilbur Boerstler. This evening will also be the installation of new officers and awards.

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First Class Mail

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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equality and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting lives of women and girls.