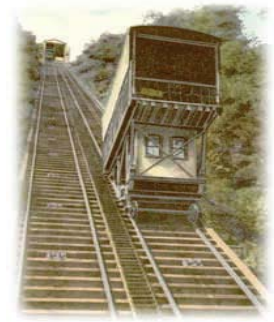




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## Educational Foundation Celebrates 50th ~ ~Barbara Procko

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the AAUW Educational Foundation. AAUW Educational Foundation was founded in 1958 as part of AAUW's commitment to provide support to education and educators through fellowships and grants both nationally and globally. Since its inception, the AAUW Educational Foundation has distributed millions of dollars in support of women's scholarships, funding more than 8,000 fellowships, grants, and awards. The Foundation remains one of the world's largest funding sources for graduate women and has become the source of AAUW's landmark research reports. More recently, it has given rise to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Many of the country's most successful women have received fellowships and support from AAUW including a Nobel Prize winner, a US cabinet member, and a world-famous astronaut. You can learn more about the success stories of AAUW Educational Foundation by checking out the online museum that includes a portrait gallery of these distinguished women, and explore the entire 50th Anniversary Celebration webpage.

### AAUW Mission

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.

### September and October Programs

The September meeting will kick off this season with Rita from Tea Fancies, which is her own tea business in the Moxham section of Johnstown. She will give an overview of all the various types of teas, as well as provide a tea tasting for all members who are present. Don't miss this one!

In October, our program will focus on retirement planning. Nancy Harris, our speaker, spent many years locally in banking before joining Edward Jones Investments in 1999. Her information should be helpful to those planning to retire—no matter what your age—as well as those who are already enjoying retirement.

Martha Banda and her husband, Nick, traveled to Georgia this year. As it has been in the news lately, she has volunteered to present a 15—20 minute presentation with slides from this country to our members. If you would be interested in our Program Committee scheduling this presentation, either scheduled following a regular meeting or as an additional evening or afternoon session, please contact Amy Noon at amy4aauw@gmail.com or call 814-288-1853. Please indicate your choice for how this presentation is scheduled. Members will be notified in the newsletter for date and time.

### She Said/He Said

Wednesday, September 17th, Sunnehanna Country Club, hosted by Chamber of Commerce's Women's Information Network.

Registration and Breakfast begin at 8:30am, program from 9:00 to 11:00. Registration Required. Call 536-5107. Chamber member \$25, Non-member \$30.

Keynote Speaker: Sandy Queen, founder of Lifeworks, Inc. The developer of innovative programs for stress reduction, humor and self-esteem. Her philosophy is lighten up, this is the only life you have. Don't miss your opportunity to explore the lighter side of the topic of men and women language and how they each approach life.

## ~Public Policy News~ Submitted by Barbara Procko

### PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Thanks to all the tireless work of AAUW members and supporters for more than a decade, the House of Representatives passed (247-178) the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1338) immediately prior to their break. All Democrats present voted for the bill, and 14 Republicans crossed the aisle to vote yes in favor of equal pay. Thank the representatives who supported the Paycheck Fairness Act. Express your extreme disappointment to those representatives who voted against the bill, and urge them to support pay equity legislation in the future.



### PRESIDENTIAL POLL

The third week in August had Lifetime Network announcing the results of a national poll of likely women voters that sheds light on women's impressions of Senators McCain and Obama. The poll also identifies economic worries as the dominant issue driving women to the polls, and indicates who Senator Hillary Clinton's primary voters now support; as well as how they believe her candidacy will affect future presidential races. The poll was conducted by republican pollster Kellyanne Conway of the Polling Company, Inc. and Women Trend and Democratic pollster Celinda Lake of Lake Research Partners.

Neither McCain nor Obama have secured a clear majority of women voters. McCain has 38% to Obama's 49%. Six percent of those women said that they were only leaning toward a candidate. Ten percent of the women polled remain firmly undecided, leaving the race for the women's votes very tight. The majority of women polled said that putting a woman on the ticket would not sway their vote either way. While 47% of Hillary Clinton's primary voters said that they would be more likely to vote for Obama if he chose a woman running mate, 59% would be unmoved by a woman on McCain's ticket. More women attribute Hillary's loss not to sexism in the presidential campaign, but because of the way she ran her campaign (34% vs 21%). Jobs and the economy remain the most important issues to women this election (41%); and when asked which issues women want to hear the candidates talk more about, those polled again chose jobs/the economy by 47%.



## 2008 / 2009 Budget

1	Johnstown Branch AAUW Budget	
2	4 Honorary 1 Lifetime members	
3	2008-2009 Budget	
4		
5	Income	
6		
7	5% discretionary account	500.00
8	bank interest	10.00
9	carryover	2871.48
10	dues	3120.00
11	membership sustaining fund	507.00
12	transfers	2000.00
13		
14	total receipts	9008.48
15		
16	Expenses	
17		
18	5% discretionary account	500.00
19	bonding	275.00
20	coventions/dist meeting	1600.00
21	efp memorial	30.00
22	efp per capita	57.00
23	historian	25.00
24	hospitality	150.00
25	insurance	260.00
26	membership sustaining fund	507.00
27	miscellaneous	920.48
28	national dues	2499.00
29	newsletter	350.00
30	program	150.00
31	publicity	125.00
32	room rental	300.00
33	safety deposit box	20.00
34	state dues	520.00
35	website	120.00
36	yearbook	100.00

37		
38	Officers Expenses	
39	President	50.00
40	VP Program	50.00
41	VP Membership	100.00
42	Treasurer	75.00
43	Recording Secretary	50.00
44	Corresponding Secretary	25.00
45	Presidents Fund	150.00
46		
47	Total expenses	9008.48

Please review the budget as we will vote on the budget at the September 27th meeting.

<b>2009 BOOK SALE</b>	JUNE 10-13, 2009	<b>THE GALLERIA</b>
BOOK DONATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008		
CALL 255-6560 FOR DETAILS.		

## 2008—2009 Meeting Schedule

September 27 at Community Arts Center  
Saturday, 1:30 pm  
All About Teas— Tea Taste Test

October 20 at Westmont Presbyterian Church  
Monday, 7:00 pm  
Retirement for all Ages

November 17 at Westmont Presbyterian Church  
Monday, 7:00 pm  
Drumming for Health

December 13 at Sunnehanna Country Club  
Saturday, 12:00 noon  
Christmas Chorale

February 21 at Boulevard Grill  
Saturday, 12:00 noon  
Field of Dreams—Neuroscience Research in Johnstown

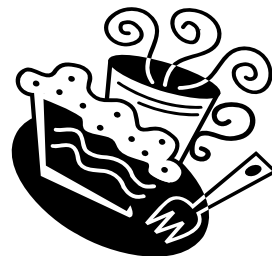
March 21 at Westmont Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, 1:30 pm  
Women in Today's Workplace

April 2009 at Bottleworks Arts Center  
Time and Date to be announced  
PA Humanities Council

May 18 at Westmont Presbyterian Church  
Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Master's Puppets Dinner Theater

## Branch Meeting 2007-2008 Program Hospitality Reminder

9-27-08	Connie McClain, Kathy Howanek
10-20-08	Mary DePra, Marilyn Sandusky
11-17-08	Anne Fattman, Mary Lou Wyandt
12-13-08	Dorothy Glass, Vera Leidy
2-21-089	Amy Noon — Checks made out to Wanda Keller
3-21-09	Wanda Keller, Kristine Olsen
4-2009	Maryann Minahan, Kay Kusibab
5-18-09	Dottie Glass, Carole Schrum, Barbara Swanson Covered Dish

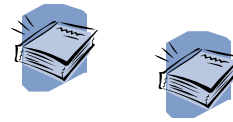
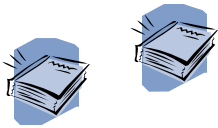


**MEMBERS / FRIENDS of AAUW move into 21st Century** Please provide your email address so that we can send out as many newsletters via email as possible. Contact Amy Noon to add your email or a friend's email to the list. Email: amy4aauw@gmail.com

### BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 3, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Jo Romani, 660 Russell Ave.

**NOTICE:** There is a filing cabinet on the third floor of the Cambria County Library which contains the history of AAUW. It is available to anyone who wishes to go to the library and take a look.



It hardly seems possible. Seems as if we just finished the last book sale, but we are back in business for the 2009 sale—our 52nd. My garage now has about 75 boxes sorted and packed for next year. Donations continue to come in.

We will again be collecting in the Westmont Bi-Lo and the Richland Giant Eagle during the month of October. On a personal note, I must tell you that I will be having carpal tunnel surgery on September 15th, which means that I will need lots of help with the book pick-ups in October. I will also need help picking up boxes at Em's on Scalp Avenue. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting or call me (Lee) at 255-6560 to volunteer.

**2007 to 2008 Distribution of Booksale Funds**

25 % Sustaining Fund	2000.00	Cambria County Literacy Council	500.00	TOTAL: 9920.00
5% membership Sustaining Fund	500.00	Johnstown Tribune	180.00	
5% Discretionary Fund	500.00	Cambria County Library	1200.00	
Educational Foundation	500.00	Highland Community Library	1000.00	
Student Scholarships	2000.00	Woman's Essays	190.00	
Freedom Train	1000.00	YWCA	350.00	

Think you missed something? Well, ladies, don't let it BUG you!

For a complete listing of ALL the activities of the Johnstown Branch of AAUW, visit our website at:

**[www.aauw.johnstownpa.com](http://www.aauw.johnstownpa.com)**

**Upcoming Events / Second Tuesday Study Group**



*Alcott*

This group meets in a member's home the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm to discuss the book for that month. The schedule of upcoming meetings is as follows:

September 9 at the home of Vera Leidy, 112 Pilot St., Mineral Point. The book will be Bridge of Sighs by Russo.



*Dickens*

October 14 at the home of Ann Furlong, 1120 Menoher Blvd. The book will be Thunderstruck by Larsen.

November 11 at the home of Anne Fattman, 1408 Coventry Rd. The book will be The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Chabon.

December 9 at the home of Lee Rager, 502 Edward St.. The book will be Three Cups of Tea by Mortenson.



*Stowe*

January 13 or February 10 at the home of Anne Desimone, 870 Thermal Ave. The book will be Loving Frank by Horan.

March 10 at the home of Faye Lear, 656 Russell Ave. The book will be A Thousand Splendid Suns by Hosseini.



*Shakespeare*

April 14 which will be a luncheon, destination to be announced. The book will be The Zookeeper's Wife by Ackerman.

May 12 at the home of Mary DePra, 135 Breck Lane. The book will be Playing for Pizza by Grisham.

### Johnstown Symphony Orchestra

Performances are held at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. Saturdays.

September 20th at 7pm Annual Opera Festival.

October 11th at 7:30pm, Journey to the Stars.

For tickets or more information, visit their website: [www.johnstownsymphony.org](http://www.johnstownsymphony.org)

### Pittsburgh Opera

Performances resume in October with Sampson and Delila.

October 18, 21, 24 at 8pm

October 26 at 2pm

Performances held at the Benedum Theater

For tickets or more information, visit their website at: [www.pittsburghopera.org](http://www.pittsburghopera.org)

### Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

Performances begin again with Abbamania on September 13th.

Nunsense on Friday, October 28th, at 7:30.

For tickets or more information, visit [www.upj.pitt.edu](http://www.upj.pitt.edu)

### Community Arts Center

September 14, 2008. Here Comes the Bride TEA at Sunnehanna Country Club at 12:00 noon. Celestial Brides will provide bridal fashions. On display, three generations of Vintage Bridal Gowns. \$25. September 18, 2008, Meet Nick Jacobs reception and book signing 6pm to 7:30 pm "Taking the Hell out of Healthcare."

For more information and to view their calendar of events, visit the website at: [www.cacc.org](http://www.cacc.org). or call 814-255-6515.



### River City Brass Band

Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

September 7th, 3pm, "Shall We Dance?"

October 12th, 3pm, "Anthem for America"

For tickets or more information, visit the website: [www.rcbb.com](http://www.rcbb.com)

### Pittsburgh Symphony

Johnny Mathis will perform on July 11th at 8:00pm and on July 12th at 8:00pm. Performances will be held at Heinze Hall.

The regular season begins in September.

For tickets or more information, visit their website at: [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org).

### Mountain Playhouse

September 17th to the 28th "The Road to Washington"

October 1st to the 12th "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)"

## Upcoming Events / Dining Around the World

Rita King is organizing some **Food Tasting Events**. She would like you to contact her if you are interested in joining her and other members as they sample various cuisines at area establishments. They are held the last Thursday of the month. Call Rita at 266-8493 if you would like to be included and to receive a schedule of the dining dates and venues.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE NOTIFY: Amy Noon [amy4aauw@gmail.com](mailto:amy4aauw@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events Bridge Special Interest Group



All levels of Bridge playing ability and experience are welcome. Meets last Wednesday of the month.

First of this year will be at Italian Oven on September 24th. October 22 place will be announced.

If you would like to join us, please contact Mary DePra at 266-1712 / [mdepra@aol.com](mailto:mdepra@aol.com) or Judy Papineau at 255-3591.

**Membership Corner...with Mary Lou Wyandt**

Program year 2008-2009, is about to get underway. Everyone should have received the new blue membership directory. If you haven't received the directory, PLEASE let me know as soon as possible, and I will get a copy out to you. Also, if I mailed your directory to you, the mailing should have included your 08-09 membership card. If you are missing anything, let me know.

Now, I want everyone—as you are reading this article—to get your directory in front of you. Why? You ask. The reason is that the directory contains the programs for the year. Turn to pages 9/10. Listed there are the programs. Notice that it gives you everything you need to know. Now get out your calendar. Mark your calendar so that you will know each month when and where you are to be for the meeting. Does this mean that we will not have phone callers? NO, but this gives you a heads-up as to when the meeting is coming up and you won't schedule anything else.

I would also like to introduce three new members who are listed in the new directory. They are Tina Honkus, Doris Leidy, and Lynne Weakland. Hopefully, all three will be with us on September 27th at the Community Arts Center when we kick off the year with Rita of Tea Fancies. At that time, I will do a more formal introduction.

Now, talking about new members, we are off to a new year and hopefully more new members. Recruitment should always be part of what you do all year, but now you are able to invite perspective new members to a meeting so that they can share in activities and meet other members. Get started immediately and bring a friend to the September 27th meeting so that they are introduced to the membership early.

Finally, and most importantly, use your new directory. Jo Romani spends a lot of time getting the information into it so that everyone has the information before the start of the program year. It should answer most of your questions, but if not, you'll know who to get in touch with to get the information you need. Also, besides thanking Jo for her work on the directory, I would like to thank Amy Noon, Program Chair. The programs promise to be entertaining, informational and relevant for everyone. The April program subject will be announced as soon as Anne Fattman gets a response from the PA Humanities Council. Notice, the program once again will be at the Bottleworks. Last year, this proved to be a good match for the program as well as for attendance, so the decision to have at the Bottleworks seemed a wise one.

Remember, use your DIRECTORY for your information and bring a friend to each meeting.

I hope to see everyone at the September meeting as we begin the new year.

**President's Perspective**

Dear Fellow Members:

Yes, it is that time again—the beginning of a new year for the Johnstown Branch. I hope you are pleased with this year's programs. There seems to be something to suit each one of us. Remember that we cannot make everyone happy all of the time, but we try! This is Amy's first year at the helm, and she has presented us with a varied program, so please try to attend the meetings and bring along a friend.

You will find our web site filled with news of the branch, and the minutes of the last board meeting are posted there ([www.aauw.johnstownpa.com](http://www.aauw.johnstownpa.com)). Accessing the website will allow you to view our future plans as well as providing you the ability to give the board members feedback. The Executive Board really wants each of us to own all or a part of the Proceedings in order to insure a viable future for the Johnstown Branch.

You may have noticed that we are no longer using the entire name of the organization, but only the initials AAUW. National feels that this change will make us more visible, and eventually remove all confusion about our name—that we are educated women, not women who work for universities.

Remember that this is a Presidential Election Year, and please go vote! One vote can make a difference. If you don't vote, you don't have a right to complain. We must all exercise that precious gift of casting our ballot for whom we think would lead our Nation for the next four years. Make sure your friends, neighbors, family members all cast their vote. See if you can accompany someone to the polls, or help them get an absentee ballot which must be postmarked before election day.

I hope you all had a good summer, are rested and ready to get involved in our activities again. See you at our meeting on September 27th.

~~your President, Jo Romani

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