



# The FORECASTER

Pennsylvania Division AAUW – Doylestown Branch

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A Platinum Branch

Carolyn Cowgill, President

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

## Doylestown Branch Meeting

7:00 p.m, Wednesday April 29, 2009

Andrews Hall, Doylestown Presbyterian Church

Let's us pull together and make the sale a success.

Help Sort and Arrange Books

## Used Book Sale



AMERICAN  
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OF  
UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN

**DOYLESTOWN BRANCH**

215- 230- 8330

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### SPECIAL JUST FOR MEMBERS

*Wednesday evening and Thursday until 3:30 p.m.*

*SPEND \$20.00 for books – get one of our blue tote bags*

*SPEND \$25.00 for books – the tote bag will be  
personalized*

*Besse has the bags and will accept money.*

Now remember the ten two letter words:

***If it is to be it is to be me!***

## SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 6, 2009

### AAUW Member Survey about the Proposed Bylaws?

We will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Acorn Room at Heritage Towers on May 6 to discuss how AAUW will change if the proposed bylaws are passed.

The delegates attending the AAUW convention in St. Louis on June 26<sup>th</sup> would like to hear your ideas, questions, and concerns about the proposed changes. Will AAUW be divided or looking forward?

You can read the proposed bylaws online at [www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org). Dot McLane made a nifty chart outlining the changes which makes them easy to think about. At [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) there is a copy of the proposed bylaws along with an excellent Frequently Asked Questions section. You can do your homework by going to the OUTLOOK magazine and reading over the Proposed Bylaws. The Public Policy Program is also included in the OUTLOOK. Your delegates to Convention will be voting on both of these items.

You are welcome to contact anyone on the Bylaws Committee: Gerry Sproesser, Louise McLeod, Paula Young, Maureen Shuster, Carolyn Cowgill.

**Old Board New Board Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2009**

**Time: 5:30PM**

**Place: Home of Carolyn Cowgill**

## Study & Interests Groups

Paula Young 215-794-8602 [pjyoung@pil.net](mailto:pjyoung@pil.net)

### Adelante Book Club

Lois Plotnick 215-343-0613 [lois.plotnick@gmail.com](mailto:lois.plotnick@gmail.com).

**May 20**, *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri.  
Hostess: Jo Ann Mcguire, 3:00pm; June 17 at the home of Betsy Smith to choose books for next year.

### Bridge

Maureen Shuster 215-348-2071 [maureen-shu@msn.com](mailto:maureen-shu@msn.com)

The group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.  
Newcomers are always welcome

### Curmudgeons (Book Sale)

Besse Brindle 215-348-4942, Amy Lancaster 215-348-9654

**May 8** and **May 15**, at 1:30pm, home of Amy Lancaster.

### Daytime Literature Review

Peggy Michaud 215-345-8470 [michaud20@verizon.net](mailto:michaud20@verizon.net)

**May 28** at Nancy Brown's where the discussion leader will be Helen Montgomery. The book is Pat Barker's LIFE CLASS. **June 25** THE GUERNSEY LITERARY and POTATO PEEL SOCIETY by Shaffer & Barrows. The meeting is at either Marda Maddox's or Mary Goldstein's and Liz Horman is leading the discussion.

### Evening Eclectics

Barbara Theiss 215-348-1145 [grandbtheiss@comcast.net](mailto:grandbtheiss@comcast.net)

**May 13** - We are discussing *Sunset Limited* by Cormac McCarthy. Bobbie Melby is hosting our meeting and Sue Martin will lead our discussion.  
June 10 - Our last meeting of the year will be the annual Pot-Luck Supper at Sue Martin's home. We will be selecting the books to be read next year.  
Also, we will sign up for the hostess and reviewer slots for each month

### Health & Nutrition

Phyllis Weir 215-345-1075 [drwpesw@verizon.net](mailto:drwpesw@verizon.net)

The Health & Nutrition group will meet on Monday, **May 4th** at Phyllis' at 3:30 pm. (Note change from 2nd Monday). We will be discussing topics that are pertinent that we have read about since our last meeting

### International Culture & Cuisine

Paula Young 215-794-8602 [pjyoung@pil.net](mailto:pjyoung@pil.net)

Final event of this season will be Sunday, **May 24** at 3:00pm, Mary Raskin will host the Hawaiian event  
Bring you sarongs and find a flower for your hair  
Please contact Mary (Donald.Raskin@verizon.net)

### Issues

Lois Plotnick 215-343-0613 [lois.plotnick@gmail.com](mailto:lois.plotnick@gmail.com)

The next meeting will be Monday, September.21, 4:00pm, location. TBA.

### Mah Jongg

Mary Lee Lieser 215-489-5577 [billtravel@msn.com](mailto:billtravel@msn.com)

The Mah Jongg group meets at a member's home on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. We will have games on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** and **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Mary Lee by phone or email if you would like to join us for one or both of the May games. New players are most

### Quilters-Broken Dishes

Emily Sippel 215-340-1579

Contact Emily for information

### Study Group Leaders

Please let me know what you have decided to do as an outreach this year...time is moving on. If you have run out of ideas we can take a group collection of either money or items to the food closet.  
Thanks look forward to hearing from you. Paula

### Hospitality

*Pamela Good*

Thank you to Lois Plotnick and her Issues and Adelante study groups for providing our April 1<sup>st</sup> refreshments. They were enjoyed by all. Our Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by the Cultural Interest Group. Please call Barbara Barney (215-345-5365) to let her know what you will provide. This is our Annual Book Sale, so we will need refreshments for the three days for many workers. Andrews Hall does have refrigerator space for our use. Any member can contribute.  
Thank you for your delicious contributions this year. It is greatly appreciated..

## President's Message

## ADVOCATING AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

For 51 years, AAUW Doylestown Branch has been advocating for public education, self-sufficiency, and individual rights for women and girls. We do this based on the national AAUW Public Policy Priorities. You can have a voice in the vote on these priorities by reading the proposed AAUW Public Policy Program on pages C8 and C9 in your colorful spring OUTLOOK, noting your comments, and discussing it at the May 6 meeting (along with the Bylaws). The new public policy points are also posted on [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org).

We can be proud of our branch advocacy 2008-9:

- EDUCATION-We have addressed Title IX, read "The Kabal Beauty School" and "Infidel", discussed charter schools and vouchers. Our AAUW Fellow Cynthia Groff spoke of Indian girls voicing their dreams in the Ashram.
- EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS-We have read about Equal Pay Day, celebrated International Women's Day, considered the UN Millennium Development Goals, heard Mary Purcell give the history of CEDAW (Convention for Eliminating of Discrimination Against Women), contributed to Mortensen's schools in Afghanistan/Pakistan.
- ECONOMIC SECURITY-Members have taken action to address the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Pay Check Fairness Act. Rich Reif presented "Health Care- -The Road Ahead."

Study groups contributed to local women.

We helped start The Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition.

- VOTER REGISTRATION

The latest OUTLOOK is exciting. It showcases advocacy. There may be changes after the vote in St. Louis, but I believe we will continue what is important-advocating for women and girls!

*Carolyn Cowgill*

## Cultural Trips

**May 8,** Those of our members who have seen the new Please Touch Museum are raving about it. Our trip to Fairmount Park for a 1 1/2 - 2 hour tour of the museum will be Friday, May 8, 2009. We are pleased that Doylestonian, Nancy Kolb, who is the CEO, will be our guide. She will share information about the history and architecture of Memorial Hall, built in 1876 for the Centennial Exposition. Cost is \$15 for admission and tour; lunch in museum. Departure from Marshall's at 8:15 a.m.

Drivers needed. Sign up with Jo Page (215-345-6719) by May 1.

**June 22, Monday, Sellersville Museum** - \$7.00, display of historic wedding dresses, tour museum with docent, Power Point presentation of local history; lunch on your own at Washington House; visit Lizzie High Shop and walking tour of historic architecture optional. Carpooling from Acme Shopping Center for Doylestown residents. Register by **6-1-09** with Jean Kraus at 215-453-1306 or [jeankraus@comcast.net](mailto:jeankraus@comcast.net). Directions to be sent via e-mail.-

**.Wednesday, July 29th** at 10 am, meeting of the Cultural Interest Group to plan next season's trips. Call Barbara Barney if you can attend, (215-345-5365).

## *Did You Know::*

*Heritage towers is having a program in May on "Three Cups of Tea". Residents are collecting coins, reading the book and having middle school students in for discussions. Bring your pennies to the special May meeting and Joan Newman will collect them!*

*Barbara Stewart received First Prize in the Pastel Division at the Doylestown Art League show.*

*Jean Stevens was named Docent of the Year by the Michener Art Museum.*

*Joe Page has had a leading role in the play Enchanted April in the Town and Country Payers first production of the year.*

AAUW DOYLESTOWN ANNUAL JUNE DINNER

JUNE 3, 2009

5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR

DOYLESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB

6:00 P.M. DINNER

Speaker: PROFESSOR DAVID DENOON: On "THE FUTURE OF US-CHINA RELATIONS"
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BUFFET MENU

Salmon with Caramelized Ginger, Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Picatta,
Special Salad with Oranges, Potatoes Au Gratin, Buttered Vegetables
Cheesecake with Berries, Coffee and Tea

Guests are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$36.00. The reservation deadline is MAY 22.

Please send checks made out to:

AAUW Doylestown Branch to: Besse Brindle, 4294 Southview Lane, Doylestown, PA 18902

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total of check @ \$36.00 for each person attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Curmudgeon Commotion-

Amy Lancaster, April 11, 2009

Sign-up to work at the Book Sale. There is a place waiting just for you. When you find it please email or call Nancy Blois nsblois@verizon.net or 215-348-3651. This will save effort for the person making telephone calls to fill the time slots. In addition, if you are to be away and unable to work, please make this known the same way. Don't think, "oh, they know I'll be there" for these are the days of ditsy blonde moments - so many they cannot all be senior ones.

The Book Sale is the sole Doylestown Branch fund raiser. In some circles the only reason for an organization is to raise money. Together we all enjoy the lifelong independent learning even if the community at large does not see this. There are many ways throughout the year that each member can contribute. As they are able, members have taken on fielding telephone calls, dispatching for pickup, picking up books -these are just some of the persistent chores all of the year. There are more, so reveal the times you are in town and select one.

As was stated again in the email blast, it is expected that each member participate at some time during the year. There are many ways. In addition, members who wish to donate to the EF Doylestown Branch Named Unit # 1670 may send checks made out that way to Besse Brindle, 4294 Southview Lane, Doylestown 18902.

There are enough books at the barn to keep members sorting for days to come. Call a buddy and have at it. Again this year, the Book Sale itself is more visible thanks to Jean Stevens' varied endeavors - paid advertisements, articles in newspapers, listings on web calendars, cards hither and yon.

We are part of First Friday in Doylestown. Carolyn Cowgill will be hostess on Friday evening. Handouts in town include a card (with a map) good for three free rack size paperbacks for adults and a bookmark with a sticker on it good for a free book for each child.

Wednesday evening has been called a party for stroking, sorting, and arranging the books to be more perfectly marketed.

## AAUW BOOK SALE 2009

## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

**At barn**

<b>1 person, 8:15 am to ???</b>	Louise McLeod
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Phyllis Weir, Martha Cleaves to collect table signs from barn and deliver them to sale at 8:30 a.m. when the tables arrive

**At gym**

**Barbara Barney**

<b>Supervisors, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm</b>	Marilyn Cook	Gerry Sproesser
<b>2 assistants, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm</b>	Emily Sippel	
<b>2 heavy lifters, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm</b>	Karen Lyon	
<b>4 assistants, 1:00 to 4:00 pm</b>	Jean Stevens	Paula Young
	Barbara Stewart	
<b>2 security people, 4:00 to 7:00 pm</b>		
<b>Supervisor, 7:00 to 9:00 pm</b>	Paula Young	

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**ALL MEMBERS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

<b>1 supervisor, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm</b>	Emily Sippel
<b>2 assistants, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm</b>	Chris Dowling
<b>2 assistants, 12:00 noon to 4 pm</b>	Bonnie Spahr
	Pat Niesenbaum

**3:30 to 5:00 pm**

<b>Cashiers</b>	Joan Worthington	Mary Goldstein
<b>Assistant cashiers</b>	Nancy Brown	
<b>Men at the door</b>	Joe Thomas Gene Brown	Brian McLeod Harvey Goldstein
<b>Attendants for individually priced books</b>	Betsy Thomas	
<b>Customer service representatives</b>	Louise McLeod	Sue Halstrick

**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

<b>Cashiers</b>	Helen Montgomery	Jean Kraus
<b>Assistant cashiers</b>	Marie von Elten	Sue Martin
<b>Men at the door</b>	Marc Horman	
<b>Attendants for individually priced books</b>		
<b>Customer service representatives</b>	Liz Horman	Louise McLeod

**7:00 to 9:00 pm**

<b>Cashiers</b>	Louan Lukens	
<b>Assistant cashiers</b>	Virginia Evanyke	Linda Kenyon
<b>Men at the door</b>	Jim Brindle	
<b>Attendants for individually priced books</b>	Marc Horman	
<b>Customer service representatives</b>	Liz Horman	Pam Good

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**Supervisors, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm**

Lois Plotnick	Shirley Yannich
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**9:00 to 11:00 am**

<b>Cashiers</b>	Jan Boe	Cynthia Leader
<b>Assistant cashiers</b>		
<b>Attendants for individually priced books</b>	Jo Page	
<b>Customer service rep.</b>	Pat von Seggern	Pamela Good

**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

<b>Cashiers</b>	Helen Montgomery	Pat von Seggern
<b>Assistant cashiers</b>	Libby White	
<b>Attendants for individually priced books</b>	Karen Nazarenko	Kimberly Underwood

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Customer service rep.	Janet Simon	Pat Niesenbaum

**1:00 to 3:00 pm**

Cashiers	Pat von Seggern	Faye Christensen
Assistant cashiers		
Attendants for individually priced books	Lutzi Fischer	
Customer service rep.	Barbara Stewart	Peggy Cronin

**3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Cashiers	Mariana Hoffman	Grace Singer
Assistant cashiers		
Attendants for individually priced books	Lyn Bauer	Becky Powers
Customer service rep.	Meg Sheketoff	Pat von Seggern

**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

Cashiers	Jean Kraus	
Assistant cashiers		
Attendants for individually priced books	Diane Paul	
Customer service rep.	Meg Sheketoff	

**7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Cashiers	Diane Paul	Mary Lee Lieser
Assistant cashiers		
Attendants for individually priced books	Kimberly Underwood	
Customer service rep.		

**6:00 to 8:00 pm First Friday**

Distribute bookmarks	Gerry Sproesser	
Publicity downtown	Lois Plotnick	

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

**9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Supervisor	Louise McLeod
Cashier	Marie von Elton
Assistant cashier	
Give-away cashier	Mariana Hoffman
Customer service representatives	Nancy Blois

**CLEAN-UP, 12:00 to 2:00 pm**

Supervisor	Besse Brindle
Robert Allison	Jean Laurence
Ken Laurence	

Scouts, Besse and Amy in communication  
Barn Vacuum during sale Barbara and Bill Ford

**BOX COUNT before and after sale**

Louise Heath and Phyllis Weir, who will set the times  
Emily Sippel, Mary Goldstein, Harvey Goldstein

**Treasurer's Report**

April 1, 2009

	OPERATING FUND	BOOK FUND
ASSETS	\$8,070.34	\$9,966.90
LIABILITIES	<u>236.00</u>	<u>3,330.00</u>
BALANCE	\$7,834.34	\$6,636.90

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**AAUW National Dues/Fees Tax Deductibility**

**Effective April 1, 2009: AAUW National Individual Membership dues for fiscal year 2010 are \$49; \$46 is tax deductible, and \$3 is not tax deductible** (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities). *Branch members should pay their \$49 national dues plus their branch and state dues through their branch as usual.*

**Note:** Branch/state membership dues are not tax deductible unless your branch/state is classified under the Section 501(c)(3) entity by the Internal Revenue Service.

Please contact Treasurer Besse Brindle if you would like documentation to support your itemed deductions.

**Doylestown Branch AAUW**

**Membership Renewal Form**

**Membership Year July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit dues by June 5, 2009*

**Member** [ ] Dues \$85.00 (National \$49; State \$10; Branch \$26)(*Of the \$49 national dues, \$46 is tax deductible.*)

**Life Member** [ ] Dues \$36.00 (State \$10; Branch \$26)  
(*Life members have paid the equivalent of 20 years national dues. Current life membership: \$980*)

**Additional Contributions to** [ ] EF \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] LAF .

Make checks payable to Doylestown Branch AAUW  
Send check to: Besse Brindle, 4294 Southview Lane, Doylestown PA 18902

Please check your information in the 2008-2009 directory for accuracy and make any changes below.  
[ ] E-mail address is correct [ ] Information is correct [ ] Following needs to be corrected

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[ ] Check here if you would appreciate a ride to meetings \_\_\_\_\_

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**Help Yourself While Helping Others**

*Lois Plotnick*

Vita Education Services is a nonprofit organization located in the heart of Doylestown that serves diverse populations. I have worked with Vita as a volunteer ESL tutor for several years helping adults in our community for whom English is not their first language. Many personal rewards have followed. Presently, I tutor a gregarious, hard-working Peruvian gentleman who manages two jobs, but relies on our sessions as a lifeline. We meet at the Doylestown library. With over 60,000 adults in Bucks County who do not have the reading, writing, or computation skills to perform effectively in their everyday lives, this may be a wonderful opportunity for an individual outreach and feel good experience. You do not need to know another language. Our special qualities for being good listeners & respecting others make us naturals for this job. A Volunteer Tutor Training Workshop is required and offered several times a year at Vita’s headquarters on 8 E. Court St. Also, a \$30 donation is requested. Many materials are supplied. A Program Supervisor helps to develop an educational plan and supports a good match for you. Small group tutoring and on-line language learning through e-mail are other options you can select. To find out more about the training sessions or other queries, call 215-345-8322 ext.103.

**Community Report**

*Nancy Blois*

At its April meeting the board voted to use the book sale funds budgeted for local projects for licensing fees for the LPN candidates in the Bucks County Opportunity Council’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Program. The \$200 fee is a significant expense for the candidates. However, having the license assures them of an immediate raise to a salary that will enable them to support themselves and their families free of public support. We are happy to be able to help these women reach the goal they’ve worked so hard to achieve

Barbara Stewart  
 5046 Valley Park Road  
 Doylestown PA 18902



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AAUW Calendar, May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April 29 Branch Meeting <b>Book Sale</b>	April 30 <b>Book Sale</b>	1 <b>Book Sale</b>	2 <b>Book Sale</b>
3	4 Health & Nutrition	5 Mah Jongg	6 Branch Meeting	7 Quilters	8 Curmudgeons	9
10	11	12	13 Evening Electics	14 Quilters	15 Curmudgeons	16 Forecaster Deadline
17	18	19 Mah Jongg	20 Adelante	21 Quilters	22	23
24 Cultural & Cuisine	25	26 Bridge	27	28 Quilters Daytime Lit	29	30
31	June 1	June 2	June 3 <b>Dinner</b>			

*Dates to Remember*

*Branch Meeting Wednesday May 6, 2009*

*Branch Dinner, June 3, 2009*

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