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**American
Association of
University
Women**

**Annual Holiday Tea
Sunday, December 8
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sharon Chirgott's Residence**



Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
No RSVP required.



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"Advancing equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research".

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The President's Message

As I write this on November 7, the windows and main doors are open because it is a delightfully pleasant day for November as it has been off and on since the beginning of the month though I would like to have a rainy day or two. On Halloween, I was able to sit outside without a jacket as I handed treats out to various princesses, ghouls, goblins, and untold numbers of movie characters, only some of which I recognized. My weekly grocery store trip revealed that not only was the Halloween candy on sale, but the Christmas candy had moved in. More to my disappointment, eggnog was in the dairy section. Disappointed because I am a fan of eggnog around Christmas and New Year's when it seems to no longer be available. Now I see why. Yes, I could try to buy it now and refrain from opening it for nearly two months but ...

Let's talk books and how dangerous the ideas within them can be to our equilibrium. Many of you know that I taught science in the school system for 30+ years. My side or summer jobs were often science or technology-based jobs as well. For that reason, I guess, my non-fiction reading was in the field of science and education for 30 plus years. Fairly late in my career as a teacher, a principal at one of our schools recommended I read Barbara Ehrenreich's Nickel and Dimed in America. It was eye-opening. Since then, I have read books by Jared Diamond, Malcolm Gladwell, Thomas Friedman, several black writers, and other writers in the socio-political genre that have widened my perspective. This past year, I have enjoyed books by Native American writers Robin Wall Kimmerer and Stephen Charleston

Why mention this now? I have come to realize that I grew up with a limited understanding of our country's history, culture, government, and economy. It is not surprising. While my elementary classes were as diverse as they could be for a "community" school, as I progressed into "advanced classes" in high school, and then on to college and graduate school, I "left" behind huge swaths of people who lives and experiences were very different from mine. Only when I started teaching certain groups of students and, more recently, participated in various non-profit service projects, have I become aware of how limited my circle of acquaintances was. Now when I suspect I have more elections behind me than in front (unless I live to 120 years of age), I try to think about what is best for most Americans, not only myself and the people like me. That is what the suffragettes did. They set aside their own comfort and safety to fight for our future.

I am currently reading The Good Ancestor by Roman Krznaric. I have only begun, but the basic tenet of the book is that we must "trade shortsightedness for long-term thinking." I was going to bombard you with several analogies, but I will close with a simple one. Many years ago, I was a Girl Scout. We had a rule when leaving a camp site – "leave it in better shape than you found it." I hope to do that for my community and my country.

Books can be so dangerous

Charlotte



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Afternoon Literature Schedule 2024-2025

Afternoon Lit meets the third Monday at 1:30 at members' homes. This year the hostess is also the presenter, reviewing a book of her choice. Light refreshments are served. Call Judy Thompson if you have questions.

November 18	Judy Chaney
There will not be a December meeting.	
January 20	Meet for lunch and share a book, TBD
February 17	Georgi Kauffman
March 17	Judy Chaney & Carole Myers
April 21	Suzanne Beckwith
May 19	Vivian Michael

Evening Literature Schedule 2024-2025

Evening Lit meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 at members' homes.				
Date	Host	Book	Author	Reviewer
Nov. 26	Judy Chaney	Empires of Light	Jill Jonnes	Judy Chaney
No meeting in December				
Jan. 28	Restaurant TBD	Share a book and plan for the remainder of the year		

Second Friday Lunch

The next lunch will be on **Friday, December 13, Branded Chophouse**, 7704 Old National Pike, Boonsboro at 12:30 p.m. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending by the end of Wednesday, December 11 so a reservation can be made.



Mark your calendars for future lunch dates:

January 10, Jenny's Restaurant, 808 Noland Dr., Hagerstown

February 14, The Grill at Runways, 18421 Henson Blvd., Hagerstown

March 14, Panagiota's Taste of Greece, 115 E. German St., Shepherdstown

April 11, The Sycamores at Stonebridge, 1959 Golf Course Road, Martinsburg

Ideas for future lunch sites always NEEDED!

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Recipe of the Month

Tater Tot Breakfast Casserole

Contributed by Denise Fry

In a 9x13 inch baking dish, layer 1 bag of frozen tater tots, ½ pound of ham, chopped, 1 C shredded Cheddar cheese, and 1 C mozzarella cheese.

Combine 8 eggs, ½ C milk, small carton of plain yogurt, and pour over the layered ingredients. Top with ½ C shredded Cheddar cheese. Refrigerate overnight. Bake 45 minutes at 375 degrees.



What is Veterans Day? Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States, observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. In 2024, Veterans Day will be observed on Monday, November 11.

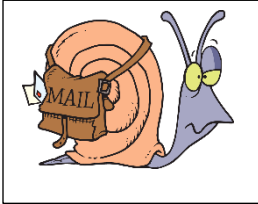
What Does Veterans Day Mean? Veterans Day is an important day set aside to honor and show appreciation for all who have served in the United States military—in wartime or peacetime, living or deceased. In Canada, November 11 is called Remembrance Day. This day, more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day, honors veterans who have died in service to their country.

What's the Difference Between Veterans Day and Memorial Day? On both Veterans Day and Memorial Day, it's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country's history. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

- Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all who have served, living or deceased, but in particular the living veterans among us.
- Memorial Day specifically commemorates the men and women who died while serving their country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

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Proposed Calendar of Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Hostess</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mon. Nov. 18	Afternoon Lit.	Judy Chaney	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 26	Evening Lit.	Judy Chaney	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 8	Holiday Tea	Sharon Chirgott	2:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 13	2nd Friday Lunch	Branded Chophouse	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 6	Board Meeting	Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 10	2nd Friday Lunch	Jenny's	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 20	Afternoon Lit.	TBD	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 28	Evening Lit.	TBD	7:00 p.m.

