

# **STATE COLLEGE, AAUW**

## **Highlights, Causes, and Accomplishments 1926-1955**

### **1926**

- Clara Phillips was appointed the first woman trustee for PSC, and with her appointment, the school received its AAUW accreditation. The other two requirements; to have a director of physical education for women students, and a female on the faculty with full professor status, had already been met.

### **1927**

- Three Branch members were appointed to study the establishment of a town library.

### **1929**

- With the Great Depression underway, the Branch helped provide a community safety net, including child care, protecting senior citizens, and aid to foreigners displaced by international upheaval.

### **1930**

The Branch sponsored a group meeting to listen to the radio broadcast of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, which resulted in Branch members' efforts to provide a wide variety of educational resources to area children.

### **1933**

- A movie ticket fund-raiser raised funds for fellowships.
- Branch supported national legislative proposals for a
  - 1) Federal Department of Education,
  - 2) U.S. participation in Permanent Court of International Justice, and
  - 3) adequate appropriations for Women's and Children's Bureaus.

### **1935**

- Branch conducted a joint survey with the PTA to study Kindergarten needs.
- The Branch sent letters to Congressmen supporting passage of the Pure Foods and Drug Act, favoring non-partisan emergency relief, arguing against an appropriation bill cutting the funds for the Bureau of Home Economics, and disapproving a cut in appropriations for the Mother's Assistance Fund.
- Aided State College Welfare Fund.
- Planned musicale fundraisers.

## 1937

- Economic and Legal Status of Women Group formed.
- Co-sponsored exhibition of Pennsylvania female artists.
- Offered a program on Entrance of Women into Science.

## 1938

- Sent representatives to Girl Scout Council and Safe Driving Training School Committee.
- Supported request for funds for Centre County Library.
- The International Relations Group addressed the needs of British refugee children.

## 1939

- Sponsored exhibit at State High of Works Progress Administration art pieces.

## 1942

- Members bought War Bonds to support the war effort, and a representative was sent to the State College Council of Defense.
- Raised funds for Centre County Bookmobile.
- Created Loan Fund in memory of Lucretia Simmons.

## 1945

- Supported Equal Rights Amendment.
- Formed Ex-GI Nursery School to help women stay in or return to the work force.

## 1946

- Appointed representative to Citizen's Committee on Atomic Energy.
- Offered programs on Centre County's Welfare Needs, Fair Employment Practices Commission and Employment for Peace.
- Created Vocational Education Guide.

## 1947

- Supported Centre County Hospital Building Drive.

## 1950

- Branch sponsored radio and TV program that led to local public television.

## 1951

- Lobbied State College Borough Water Authority to add fluorine to the water.
- Established a Graduated Fellowship.

## 1952

- Distributed study of local government.
- Offered program on Women and Money in a Man's World.

## 1954

Initiated many fundraisers for Fellowship funds, including the sale of calendars, knives, playing cards.

## 1955

Status of Women study group sponsored money management programs.  
Issued handbook for parents of Junior High School children, compiled by education group.