



## AAUW some NEWS

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# ***The United State of Women Summit***

## **Tammy Williams**

*Wednesday, November 16, 2016*  
*7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

Grove United Methodist Church  
490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA

Tammy Williams is the founder and Chief Life Transformation Partner of “She’s It.” A writer and speaker, she is an activist for women and small business.

Ms. Williams is one of the founders of the “Your Vote Is Your Voice” faith-based coalition, sponsored by local organizations including AAUW. This organization was founded to provide voter registration, when it was discovered that over 9,000 women in Chester County are not registered to vote. She strives to motivate women with thoughtful leadership, straightforward advice and her witty tongue. She is a former radio host, and covered the Republican and Democratic Conventions in 2004. She has been named one of the 25 Most Prestigious Black Women in Business by The Networking Journal and Mobil Oil. She will share her experience at the first *United State of Women Summit* in Washington D.C. in June of this year.

For additional information on The United State of Women access: <http://www.theunitedstateofwomen.org>

Directions to Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380: From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road, turn left, and go toward the intersection of Boot Road and Whitford Road. The church is on the left before you reach the intersection. Find additional direction information at [www.grovechurch.org](http://www.grovechurch.org) or 610-696-2663.

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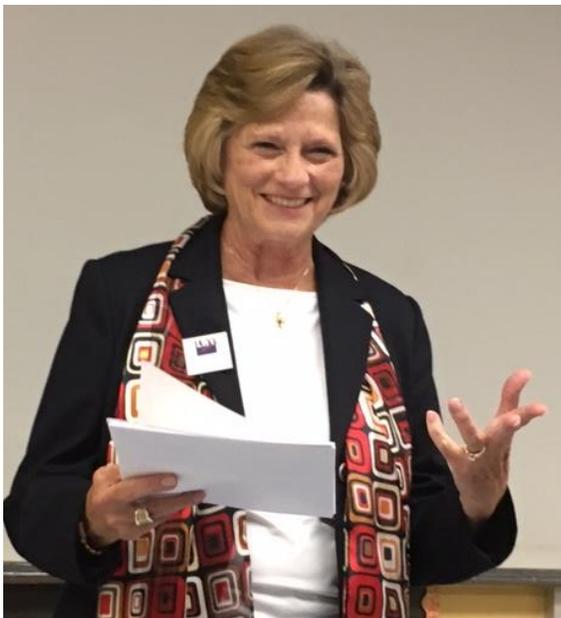
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## Letter from the President

Hello Members,

The uppermost leaves of the maple in front of my house are aflame, and I hear the trumpeting of geese as they prepare to land on Marsh Creek Lake down the road. What a perfect fall afternoon! I have just returned from canvassing my neighbors to vote on November 8th. This crazy election is on all our minds. If you are like me, I am ready for all the hoopla and uproar to be over. On **November 16**, when the WCCC Branch meets again, the election *will* be over, for better or worse.

The meeting held on October 12 was well-attended. We listened to Susan Carty, President of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters, speak about the role of the non-partisan League in protecting citizens' right to vote and in taking positions on issues affecting everyone in the Commonwealth. The League of Women Voters (LWV) was formed in 1920 to "help women take a larger role in public affairs as they won the right to vote."



*Susan Carty speaks to AAUW about the League of Women Voters*

While officially non-partisan, the League supports a variety of progressive public policy positions arrived at only after detailed study of the issues by League specialists. To influence legislators, the League often joins forces with

other groups like AAUW, State Voices, Fair Districts PA, and the Women's Health Coalition. The League was important to the Pennsylvania Voter-ID case in 2012-2014, successfully arguing that requiring photo ids infringed upon "ease of access" for voters.

After Susan Carty's presentation and our many questions, we conducted a business meeting, the minutes for which have been sent to each of you. These minutes and those of the September Board Meeting will be posted on the branch website ([wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net)).

Donations: Thanks to all of you who contributed items to The House. Mary Smith delivered three bags of paper products, hair supplies and other items. Our Basket of Change yielded about \$17 which we will donate to the Laundromat Library League. The LLL is still seeking gently used Board Books for its laundromat boxes. Let Terry Houle know if you have some to donate. Remember Dawn's Place, our Gateway to Equity winner three years ago? Karen Hartmann has written a play based on the Dawn Project Court called "The Dawn Project". It will open at People's Light on June 7, 2017.

Sadly, one of our members, Samia Rishi, has lost her husband recently. I sent a card from our branch expressing our condolences.

I would also like to acknowledge Sue Johnston's move to State College, PA this month. We appreciate her past service to our branch and will miss her friendship. I am so grateful to her mentorship last year while she was President. Her enthusiasm and conscientiousness provided us all with a great model of effective leadership.

At our next branch meeting, on **November 16**, Tammy Williams, owner of "She's It" and a local activist, will report on the United State of Women Summit which she attended in June at the White House. **Please note the change of date: November 16, not November 9th.**

*Barbara Lathroum*

## "GETT" Ready for GETT 2017!

*Mary A Smith, STEM Liaison*

The 17th year of Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (can you believe it has been 17 years since I sat around a table at CB Technologies representing AAUW discussing how and why we should encourage girls to pursue IT as a career choice?) is in the planning stage. For those not familiar with GETT, it is a one day event held within Chester County to encourage girls and their parents and educators to pursue careers in STEM. It is, and has always been, a hands-on venue to show girls that they can do anything they set their mind to do. For more complete information and a video of last year's GETT you can go to <http://www.GETTPA.org>.

AAUW West Chester-Chester County has been an important part of GETT for 17 years, providing volunteers, research studies, and funding, and we will be continuing our successful history this year. Our branch board has, once again, pledged \$500 to GETT 2017. We will still be having Parent/Educator sessions along with drop in hands-on sessions for the girls in designated rooms.

GETT will be **Saturday, March 25, 2017** at West Chester East High School and registration will open February 14th, 2017. Mark your calendars and set aside that day to be a part of the best GETT ever. This year we are enhancing the GETT model by allowing more girls to come to an afternoon of STEM EXPO even if they cannot come for the full sessions. They will still be encouraged to pre-register. We will be holding the EXPO and fixed hands-on sessions so it will allow the girls to spend more time listening and learning with hands-on EXPO experiences. We are opening it to girls in grades 5-10 and hoping to encourage girls in grades 11-12 to attend as 'student ambassadors'. Last year's EXPO was so successful that we are expanding and adding the secondary gym at WC East to accommodate more EXPO tables.

AAUW had a great table last year with Jennifer Schultz and her volunteers in "Taking Flight",

making and flying paper airplanes, and we are invited back again this year. Jennifer is in the process of working with new ideas for this year's EXPO table. We will be calling for volunteers in the near future for the event itself as well as helping at the EXPO table.

The biggest change this year will be the time change of the event itself. We will be setting up on that Saturday from 10:00-1:00. From 11:45-12:15 we will be greeting and serving lunch to girls arriving by bus. (We will need volunteers to help with this). 12:30-1:00 will be the Opening Ceremonies for bus and first time attendees. The EXPO will open from 1:00-4:30 as well as the Break-Out and Parent/Educator Sessions. Closing ceremonies will be from 4:30-5:00.

I will be asking for volunteers in the upcoming meetings, but you can always contact me at **pangea49@comcast.net** if you have questions regarding GETT or suggestions for a hands-on activity we can provide at the EXPO. Looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

## Fall Fundraising – Pecans!

*Anne Anderko*

Thanks again to all of you that have ordered pecans for our 2016 fundraiser. To date, we still have some inventory left so if you want to increase your order or place a new order, just e-mail me the quantity and send me a check. We have 14 of the 10 oz. extra large pecan halves at \$12.50, 7 of the 10 oz. cinnamon glazed at \$9.00, 3 of the 12 oz. chocolate covered and 1 of the 8 oz. glazed pecans. Remember to make your checks out to AAUW West Chester County/Chester County Branch.

I will have your orders at the November 16 meeting; however, if you cannot make the meeting, other arrangements will be made. My address is 908 Pine Valley Circle, West Chester, PA 19382 and e-mail is [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com).

*Interested in submitting an article or have information to share?*

### ***We need your News!***

The co-editors of AAUWsome News, are delighted to bring you this issue of the newsletter, but ... *We continue to need input from members!!* Please send *articles* as Word documents. Forward your news articles to the *gmail account: [aauwsumnews@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com)*, indicating the topic and month in the subject box and cc the President. This is a shared account, so the co-editors can access your email and keep their work or personal mailboxes from getting filled. It also makes collaborating easier.

Remember that articles for a given month of the newsletter are due on the 10th of the preceding month. Please provide all necessary information with your submission.

## **Voter Registration**



*On October 1st, Barb Lathroum of the WCCC branch and Nancy Walsh of the Valley Forge branch of AAUW participated in a League of Women Voters registration at Exton Mall. Peggy Staarman and Dot von Gerbig also helped with this event.*

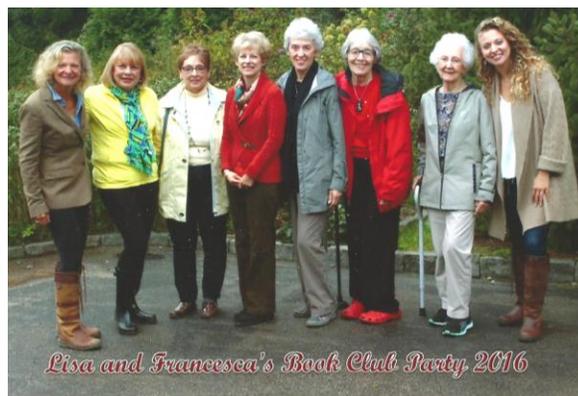
### **Two Minute Activist**

Don't forget your commitment to be a frequent *Two Minute Activist*. Make your voice heard in Congress regarding education, economic security, and civil rights. Using our website (under AAUW Links) is so easy!

## **Lisa Scottoline Book Club Bash**

*Kay Philipps*

Literature One members accompanied by two friends attended Lisa Scottoline's Book Club Party on Sunday afternoon October 2, 2016. And what a party it was!! We were royally greeted by Lisa and her daughter, Francesca with hugs and well wishes. Martina and I had the luxury of being driven in a golf cart from the parking lot to the festivities.



*Left to right Lisa Scottoline (author and hostess), Cynthia Davies (guest), Carol Larkin (guest), Peggy Starrman, Sue Johnston, Kay Philipps, Martina Ossman, Francesca Serritella (author and hostess)*

Following a delicious and gourmet lunch all three hundred of us gathered in a huge tent. We were entertained by Lisa and Francesca who kept us laughing for an hour and a half with anecdotes from their lives. Lisa then signed the books we brought with us including "Most Wanted," our September Lit One choice. Several members bought other books including "The Perfect Lie" which will be published in April. Those of us who bought "The Perfect Lie" or "Damaged" received the paperback book "Does this Beach Make Me Look Fat?" written and signed by Lisa and Francesca. Despite a very cloudy day, we had a wonderful time enjoying the grounds and her house. Everyone was helpful and pleasant. We hope others will enjoy this day next fall.

## Phoenixville Women's Outreach: *The House*



Members brought items to the October meeting to support *The House* in its mission to provide

transitional housing for homeless, low-income, single women. \$5 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes for October 18 were also sold at the meeting. The pass entitled the shopper for up to 25% off your purchase

**Here's a reminder about how our branch can help.** The House appreciates donations as listed below:

- Gift cards to Giant Food, Redner's, Staples, Target or K-Mart
- Laundry detergent, Dawn dish detergent, dryer sheets
- Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels
- Hair Spray, hair products (including those designed for black hair), lotions
- Hair brushes and combs
- Folger's coffee, flash drives for computers, printer ink (Brother LC101 black, LC103 color)
- Tall kitchen plastic bags, one-gallon Ziploc bags, Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Stamps, flashlights, light bulbs (40, 60, 3-way)

*When you see a 2-for-1 sale on any of these items, think of The House and bring the items to the next meeting*

### Did you know?

Because our members are so important to us, we want to keep in touch. Do you know of a member who needs to receive a get well note or card of support? Please contact our Secretary – Eva Kaufmann, [ekaufmann1@gmail.com](mailto:ekaufmann1@gmail.com), with the information.

### AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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### Guidelines for AAUW some

1. Deadline for articles is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication – e.g., October 10, December 10, January 10, etc.
2. Board will develop outline/plan for newsletter.
3. Copies of each newsletter article must be sent to the President and the President Elect.
4. Articles should be less than 340 words (1 column in 12 pt.) and sent as .doc (Word) files whenever possible.
5. Program information should be available for publication in the month prior to the event.
6. SIG information should be specific (when, where, leader, contact info., program or book).
7. Photos should be sent in .jpg format and should be the best quality possible. Leave cropping to the editors when possible. Be sure to provide names of the people and description of the happening in the photo.

*Guidelines Cont'd.*

8. Editors must keep newsletter to 10 pages or less (5 printed front and back).
9. Editors must consult with President or designee if newsletter is too long.
10. Editors and President will determine number of copies to be printed.
11. Board will review and decide list of Friends who receive printed copies.
12. The newsletter should go to the printer by the 25th of the month. Copies should include the Circulation Manager, Person who distributes the e-mail version, and, if requested, other named designees.

## **Membership News**

*Peggy Staarman (Vice President for Membership)*

We now have 75 members in our AAUW Branch. I am hoping that number will increase during the year by reaching out to local national members, publicizing our meetings and events, and distributing literature to libraries, community centers, and other public facilities. Eva Kaufmann and Toni Gorkin have developed an attractive tri-fold flyer to help with publicity. Each of our members will receive several of these flyers to give to friends or acquaintances. Some funds are available in our Members Helping Members Fund. If you are aware of anyone who would like to join our Branch, but does not have sufficient funds, please contact me or Anne Anderko.

If you have not picked up your handbook by the November meeting, I will mail it to you. Mailing costs precious dollars, so please try to get your handbook as soon as possible. We attempted to edit our handbook information carefully, but unfortunately some mistakes were made. *Please correct or add the following information:* Yvonne Peiffer's graduate school listing is incorrect. She received an MSW from the University of Pennsylvania. Nancy Rumfield received a PhD from Nova Southeastern University. I apologize for the error and omission and will include these corrections and add listings for

any new members in an addendum before the end of the year.

The address of AAUW's national headquarters changed this summer. The new address is 1310 L Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005. The telephone number and website address are unchanged.

## **Life Members**



*Our Life Members: Martina Ossman and Cathy Palmquist*

At the October meeting, Cathy Palmquist and Martina Ossman received congratulatory letters and certificates from National AAUW to acknowledge their Honorary Life Memberships. In order to qualify for an Honorary Life Membership, you must be a member of AAUW for fifty continuous years or more. We congratulate and thank these two active members for their strong support of and many contributions to our Branch.

## **Membership Outreach**

Your Records with the National Association can be accessed by contacting:  
--Helpline Phone (800) 326-2289 or  
--Internet and email: The website for national AAUW is <http://www.aauw.org/>.  
You'll need your membership number, which can be found on the address label of the Association publication (Outlook).

## **Member Special Notes**

*The newsletter editors continue to include news about our AAUW chapter members in this newsletter.*

Many of our members are involved in other projects that also support women's issues, support our community, or express their passion and creativity. This is an opportunity to tell us what you are doing, and where appropriate, to share involvement.

Please see the AAUW *some* guidelines for sending your articles and information to the newsletter's gmail account -- [aauwsumnews@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com).



### **Sandy Alexander: Rose Tree Pops Orchestra Concert November 20**

Sandy Alexander, member of the Rose Tree Pops Orchestra, has invited us to attend the Fall 2016 concert, "New vs. Old Worlds" (and beyond) on Sunday, November 20th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Marple Presbyterian Church in Broomall, PA. There is no admission charge.

Dr. Roberta Winemiller will conduct: Franz Von Suppe – Overture to "Poet and Peasant"; J.S. Bach – Fugue in C Major; D Cimarosa – Concerto for Two Flutes; Gustav Holst – The Planets, IV "Jupiter"; Klaus Badelt – "Pirates of the Caribbean"; Heather Holcome – Johnny One Note; and selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein "The Sound of Music."

The church is at 105 N. Sproul Rd, Broomall; directions are: Rte. 476 to Exit 9, west on Rte. 3 (West Chester Pike) toward Broomall, north on Rte. 320, left at first traffic light, church is on the right. Check [rosetreepops.org](http://rosetreepops.org) or contact Sandy for more information.

### **Phyllis Dunn: December 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Home Tour will benefit West Chester Public Library**

Phyllis Dunn reports that on December 3, 2016, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the West Chester Public Library and CTDI will present 8 beautiful homes in the northwestern quadrant of the WC Borough dating from 1851 to 1984. Also featured will be a "Hard Hat" tour of the historic Armory, the future home of the Uptown Entertainment Alliance. The Chester County Historical Society will be open that day and free admission will be granted to those who purchase a Holiday Home Tour ticket.

The highlight of the tour is the Greek Revival mansion known as the "Mayfield Mansion" built in 1851. The Mansion stands restored among towering pine, chestnut, linden & sycamore trees. Three of the Bauhaus style town homes that surround the Mansion, built in the 1980's, will also be on the tour.

Tickets are on sale now at the West Chester Public Library, 415 N. Church St. in West Chester for \$30. On the day of the tour tickets will cost \$40. Online ticket purchases are available at [www.WCPublicLibrary.org](http://www.WCPublicLibrary.org). For more information contact Phyllis at 610-696-1079 or [dunn.phyllis@gmail.com](mailto:dunn.phyllis@gmail.com).

### **Arlene Rengert: The Barclay Grounds in West Chester—an Amazing Grass Roots Success**

AAUW member Arlene Rengert reports on [SaveTheBarclayGrounds.org](http://SaveTheBarclayGrounds.org). Named after the nursing home that once occupied the site, the Barclay Grounds are the park-like lawn in front of the historic Hartshorne mansion, bounded by N. High, W. Marshall, and N. Church Streets. One of the few undeveloped plots in West Chester, it contains many historic specimen trees, some dating back to the 1860's. The *Save The Barclay Grounds* movement went into action in 2013 when a developer *Barclay Grounds Cont'd.*

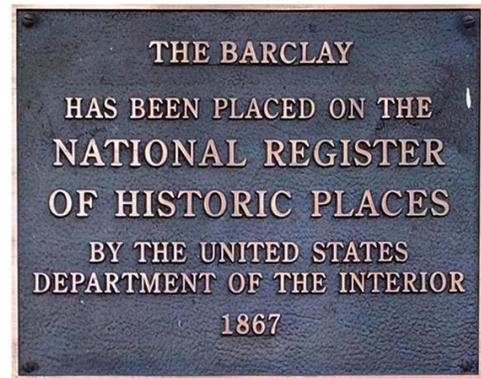
obtained permission to raze the trees and put up houses. John Cottage, a marketing executive, led the campaign and the establishment of the *Barclay Grounds Preservation Alliance* (BGPA), a 501c3 nonprofit. AAUW member Arlene is one of its officers.

Lawn signs for *SaveTheBarclayGrounds.org* quickly attracted supporters, and a petition to save the grounds garnered 2,000 signatures. The only hope of saving the land was to buy it. Members of borough council were sympathetic, but the borough didn't have funding. Mayor Carolyn Comitta, also an AAUW member, was one of several elected officials who took leadership roles in connecting the borough to funding sources. BGPA promised to raise \$200,000 toward the land acquisition. As 2013 drew to a close, BGPA delivered on the first part of its promise, \$20,000 needed for the down payment. The rapid progress was boosted by the support of State Senator Andy Dinniman and State Representative Dan Truitt. It took two years instead of one, but the borough secured two state grants and one from the county, along with BGPA's promise of \$200,000 of donations, and was able to complete the purchase. To bridge the gap by the deadline the BGPA took out a loan for what had not been secured.



On April 22, 2016, Earth Day, all the players who worked to save the Barclay Grounds came together for a symbolic ribbon-cutting to formally open the park. The Chester County Historic Preservation Network announced it was giving its 2016 "Grace Under Fire" award to the BGPA, in recognition of "what citizens can do to preserve significant resources within

their community." And in October of 2016 the West Chester Downtown Preservation presented the BGPA with its 2016 historic preservation award.



But the story isn't over. The BGPA is still raising funds to repay the loan that was part of its \$200,000 share of the total cost. Donors giving \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a plaque in the park. An *Adopt-A-Tree* program is planned to allow other donors to sponsor each of the trees. There is also the "Give a Little, Get a 'Lot'" program, where small "virtual" lots are being sold to grateful supporters of the park's preservation. What is remarkable about this success story is the public-private partnership between the citizens of BGPA, the Borough of West Chester, the Commissioners of Chester County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

More information is available at: [www.SaveTheBarclayGrounds.org](http://www.SaveTheBarclayGrounds.org).

## **Board Meetings**

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Except for September and January, the Board will meet at West Chester University, **Sykes Room 257**. The board will meet at Grove United Methodist Church in January.

## Special Interest Groups

### Couples Bridge

A chair is needed. Please contact Sue Johnston, [sjwj77@verizon.net](mailto:sjwj77@verizon.net) if interested.

### Women's Social Bridge

Women's Social Bridge meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third or fourth Friday of the month.

Upcoming dates are November 18, December 16, and January 27. Please email Sandy Alexander at [frau.salexander@gmail.com](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the email mailing list. All are welcome!

### Book Groups:

*AAUW branches are known for their book groups, and membership in a group often encourages continuing membership. The West Chester-Chester County Branch currently has two book discussion groups meeting in the day and in the evening at different times of the month.*

### LIT I: Daytime Literature Group –

*Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group- Kay Philipps-  
[khp65hp@verizon.net](mailto:khp65hp@verizon.net)*

Lit One meets the third Monday of the month during the day at member's houses. We read both fiction and non-fiction.

Our daytime group will meet on Monday October 17, 2016 at Carla Grot's house at 1:00 p.m. for goodies and socialization and 1:30 p.m. for our discussion of "The Door. Trans by Len Rix" by Magda Szabo. Discussion will be led by Carla. Please let Carla know if you will be attending. Her phone is [610-388-6201](tel:610-388-6201) and e-mail is [carla.grot@gmail.com](mailto:carla.grot@gmail.com). Questions? Contact Kay Philipps at [610-399-0697](tel:610-399-0697) or [khphilipps@verizon.net](mailto:khphilipps@verizon.net)

Members of our Lit Group attended Lisa Scottoline's Book Club Party on Sunday October 2, 2016 (see related article).

You can find the entire schedule for LIT I for the year on our webpage.

[http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/files/2016/07/LIT\\_ONE\\_AAUW-2016-2017.pdf](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/files/2016/07/LIT_ONE_AAUW-2016-2017.pdf)

### LIT II: Evening Literature Group –

*Literature II - Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group -  
Jean Speiser - [JeanSpeiser@gmail.com](mailto:JeanSpeiser@gmail.com)*

Lit Group II meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for conversation and nibbles, with the discussion starting at 7:30. We usually read fiction but also occasional non-fiction.

We always welcome new members so please join us to see if we're a good fit for you. There's no commitment. Jean Speiser sends out reminders about a week in advance, so let her know if you are interested in getting those reminders. You can reach her at [JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com](mailto:JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com).

In October we read *The Millionaire and the Bard* about Henry Folger and his relentless pursuit of the Shakespeare First Folio.

**Note:** the November 2016 meeting will be held on the **9<sup>th</sup> of November** not the third Wednesday. We will read *Black Noir*, a collection of mysteries by black writers edited by Otto Penzler.

### FIG (Food Interest Group)

This group dines around either at a member's home or at a restaurant. The group usually meets on a Saturday for dinner or Sunday for brunch on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles, as well as new members, are welcome. **Next event: Sunday, November 13 at 12:30pm** –Harvest Brunch at the home of Donna and Bob Eaves. FIG members will receive email invitations. For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves, #610-692-5277, or [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com). We are looking for members who would like to host or plan a meal at a restaurant in 2017. Please contact Donna if you are interested.

### Great Decisions

For information contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or [jacquelinepage9@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinepage9@gmail.com)

**TIG (Travel Interest Group)**

The Travel Interest Group is composed of members and their guests who like to go to interesting places and often enjoy a meal together before or after. We usually do something 7 or 8 times a year. In October the group went to a Curtis Institute Symphony Orchestra performance. A visit to the Christmas Market in Philadelphia is being considered for November. Contact Barbara Lathroum at 610-321-9783 if interested; [blathroum@gmail.com](mailto:blathroum@gmail.com).

Also, please contact Barbara if you want to be on the list for future events. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any trips. Anyone is welcome to coordinate an event or trip they are interested in. Examples are historic house tours, museums, interesting collections (e.g., we enjoyed a collection of women's costumes in 19<sup>th</sup> century Chester County at the Chester County Historical Museum).

**Craft Group:**

Work on your own project or join us as we create items for the children at the *Domestic Violence Center*. Members could also knit or crochet hats or blankets for the children at the shelter. Please contact Jean Speiser at [JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com](mailto:JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com) or 610-738-3363 for additional information.

**Needlework Group:**

This group includes all forms of needlework – *knitting, crochet, embroidery, applique, quilting, needlepoint* and any other needlework members would like to share. Barbara Lathroum will host a meeting at her home on Tuesday, November 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to her at 610-321-9783 or [blathroum@gmail.com](mailto:blathroum@gmail.com) or Toni Gorkin at [tgorkin@comcast.net](mailto:tgorkin@comcast.net) if you wish to attend; plan to bring something you are knitting or stitching; we will chat and have tea while we work.



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*November 2016 Newsletter*

**November 16, 2016 - Meeting**

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#### **AAUW Mission Statement**

The AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

#### **AAUW Vision Statement**

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

#### **AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch Vision Statement**

The West Chester-Chester County Branch will

- Actively recruit members who support Association goals.
- Nurture these members through active Interest Groups, through monthly meetings with intellectual and social merit, and through member support.
- Sponsor at least one project per year with volunteers and with funds to promote Association and branch goals.
  - Sponsor at least one local scholarship per year for a nontraditional student
  - Support programs for training and self-development of branch members to promote Association goals.
- Raise funds through community projects and member gifts to support Association goals.

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