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# Where Do We Go From Here? Election Reform

**Susan Carty**

*President of the League of Women Voters of Chester County*

Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Grove United Methodist Church

Susan Carty, president of the League of Women Voters of PA, and immediate past president of the League of Women Voters of Chester County, will speak about election reform.

Susan started her professional career as a life insurance underwriter for Prudential and National Liberty Insurance Companies, and then, became a science teacher in the West Chester Area School District (WCASD), retiring after 20 years of teaching. Before retiring from her career in science education, she was a Teacher at Sea, and established a pilot program for Teacher Training at the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine.

Susan is a board member of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, a previous chair and member of East Goshen Township Planning Commission, previous chair of East Goshen Comprehensive Plan Task Force, Chester County Regional Planning Commission, is a Certified Master Planner, and previous director on the WCASD school board.

She believes that gaining knowledge and experience in life is a never-ending process. What one does with that knowledge is the key.

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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## Letter from the President

Hello Members,

Thank you all for making our annual Potluck Dinner meeting so successful! What a great way to begin the year. Kudos to Mimi Jones, Nancy Day, and Cindy Knisley for setting everything up and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to everyone for helping to put tables away and repositioning chairs.

Barbara Price, co-chair of PA AAUW's Public Policy Committee, spoke to us about how AAUW members "spread the light".

Barbara Price also encouraged us to help get out the vote by helping to register prospective voters. The importance of the election goes beyond choosing the next President of the United States. We need to help make prospective voters aware that the state and local elected officials have the greatest impact on our lives. There will be a **Voter Registration Drive** at Exton Mall on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The drive is organized by the Chester County League of Women Voters. Our AAUW branch has traditionally helped staff the drive. If you can spare even one hour on that day, contact me at (484) 995-2008 or by email, blathroum@gmail.com.

Last week at the Board Meeting, we realized that some members are not quite sure what the members of the Board do. In the Newsletter, we will be spotlighting members of the Board so that our more recent members can picture the jobs we do. In addition, please check out our branch website ([wccc-pa.aauw.org](http://wccc-pa.aauw.org)) for the minutes of the Board published each month after they are approved. The minutes from our September 7th Board meeting will be posted after they are approved and corrected at our October 5th Board meeting. There will also be copies of the minutes available for pick-up at the October 12th general meeting.

Do not forget to give your **PECAN** orders to Anne Anderko by October 7th. You will receive your pecan orders on November 16th

just in time for holiday baking and gift giving. Remember that only \$16 of our dues goes into our branch treasury. In order to continue giving the Alice Lawson scholarship, supporting the big G.E.T.T. event, and providing interesting programs, we need to raise these additional funds.

**TIG is back!** Thanks to Sue Johnston, we enjoyed a trolley tour of Philadelphia murals and lunch at an English Pub on Sept. 17th. A trip to hear the **Curtis Symphony Orchestra** at the Kimmel center is scheduled for **Sunday, October 9 at 2 p.m.**, preceded by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Look for more details in Sue's article. Since she is moving to State College in October, we need someone to take her place so these fun outings can continue. Beyond making a few phone calls to arrange for tickets or tours, Sue says the job does not require much time. And the ideas come from the members! Anytime you learn of an exhibit, an interesting house, concert, movie or garden that you would enjoy seeing, let the TIG leader know. Husbands and friends are welcome to attend these events too. Let me or Sue know if you are interested in becoming the TIG leader.

Kudos to Nancy Rumfield, Norma George, and Toni Gorkin for the September Newsletter. The Newsletter staff would like to include more member news in the newsletter. Such items might include community functions you are supporting, awards received by members, a need for volunteers, and other member events.

*Barbara Lathroum*

## 2016 - 2017 AAUW Handbook

The 2016-2017 *AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch Handbook* is now available. Members who attended the September Potluck Dinner meeting have already received their handbook. If you missed that meeting contact Peggy Staarman for your copy or let her know if you plan to pick it up at the October meeting.

## **Public Policy & Legislation: Spreading the Light**

*Barbara Lathroum*

Barbara Price, the new co-chair of AAUW Pennsylvania's Legislative and Public Policy committee, spoke to Branch members at the Potluck on Wednesday, September 14, at the Grove United Methodist Church. Her theme was "Spreading the Light."



*Barbara*

*Price spoke on "Spreading the Light" in reference to several issues important to women.*

She spoke about the power AAUW has had in "spreading the light" about issues affecting women. For example, legislators working on pay equity found AAUW's research so thorough and reliable that their arguments for pay equity had greater impact.



Barbara also talked about spreading the light in the Get Out the Vote (GOTV) initiative to register voters. The "How To GOTV" card she distributed provides ways we as branch members can carry out this mission: (1) attend a webinar on voter registration; (2) identify a group in your area such as the League of

Women Voters to hold a voter registration event; (3) reach out to low income clients using the Voter Toolkit; and (4) use the AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record available on the internet to find out how your Senator or Representative voted on AAUW issues. She noted that these materials are posted on the state AAUW website.

Voter Toolkit is at:

<http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/policy/resources/gotv/voter-toolkit>.

The Voting Record is at:

<https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/>.

Check registration or register to vote at  
[www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com).

*Registration deadline is October 11.*

To close her speech, Barbara compared the endurance of an AAUW branch to that of a flock of geese flying together in a familiar V-formation. The flock uses the strength of a lead goose to break the head wind. Each goose in the formation directs air back to keep the goose behind aloft, allowing the flock to stay together. When the lead bird tires and needs rest, another bird moves up to take its place so that the flock can keep going. Their distinctive honking is how the geese encourage every bird to keep moving forward. As with a flock of geese, the willingness to lead and members' support of each other is what sustains each AAUW branch.

Spirited discussion on voter registration followed Barbara's presentation. Members noted the importance of reminding those who believe they have registered to check their status and if necessary, to update their registration if they have moved or have had a name change. Checking one's registration is especially important for young voters who may have changed their college address or for people who have not voted in many years.

## **Public Policy & Legislation: Know Before You Go: Pay Equity**

Dot McLane, our AAUW-PA President, will be speaking on pay equity on this nonpartisan panel discussion on key issues for women in this campaign season on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry.

This panel will be moderated by Barbara McIlvaine Smith, former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Barbara will open the discussion sharing insights from her own time in elected office, and will ask questions to other panelists as appropriate, and then move through the topics with prepared questions that will be shared in advance of the event.

Light breakfast and networking will be from 8:30-8:45 a.m. The program is from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. The CCFWG is at 1600 Paoli Pike | Malvern, PA 19355. This panel will be focusing on 1) engagement and representation of women in politics, 2) violence against women, 3) equal pay, and 4) reproductive freedom. The other panelists include:

- Kathy Boockvar, ED of Lifecyle WomanCare (i.e. The Birth Center)
- Carole Rubley, Environmental Services Consultant and Former state rep
- Beverly Mackereth, Secretary of Human Services in Corbett's administration
- Susan Carty, League of Women Voters

For more information, contact **Fran Pierce** at [franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:franpierce@verizon.net) or go to [www.ccfwg.org](http://www.ccfwg.org). You can RSVP directly for the event at [Katherine@ccfwg.org](mailto:Katherine@ccfwg.org) or (484) 356-0940.

### **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!

## **Fall Fundraising – Pecans!**

It is that time again to raise money for our organization! As I have mentioned in the past, only \$16.00 of your dues goes back to the branch. With that said, I hope you will take the time to look at the *Pecan Sale* that we are running this fall. Remember, the money we raise will go to support so many worthwhile programs for girls and women!

Back in 2011, we sold pecans and due to its success, we are bringing this fundraiser back. You will be able to choose from plain jumbo sized pecans for baking and all kinds of candied pecans from cinnamon, caramel, chocolate and more packaged in attractive gift giving bags ready for the holiday season.

An order sheet and information was e-mailed and orders will be taken up to Oct. 7. I will distribute orders at the Nov. 16 meeting. I encourage you to offer your friends and family the opportunity to support this fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

*Anne Anderko & Donna Golden  
Fundraising Co-chairs*



## **The Laundromat Library League is 2 years old!**

*Arlene Rengert*

The LLL (Laundromat Library League) is an organization that seeks to give children access to children's books primarily by placing them in decorated "Library Boxes" in laundromats with invitations in Spanish and English to take

*Laundromat Library cont'd.*

a book, read it with a child, take it home, and return if and when convenient.

In September 2014 there was but one placement in one laundromat, with donations and developmental interest coming from 5 participant organizations. AAUW joined as a participant organization later that fall—practically a founder!



The LLL has now grown to have 12 participant organizations and many unaffiliated individuals, and has placed Library boxes in over 40 laundromats. Most are what we call “fully participating,” which means we make twice monthly deliveries to refresh the box with new inventory. Seven others have less regular deliveries, usually because they are farther away (e.g., Northeast Philadelphia, Ewing NJ, Newton PA). We also have given “starter boxes” to some more distant laundromats (e.g., Jersey City) and coached the owner or other interested party in how to find local sources of donated books. On any given day, this means that some 2000 books are “out there” and available to children who are likely to live in homes without them.

Where do the books come from? We are fortunate in having many sources of donated used books—schools, libraries, various organizations that have used book sales ... over the two years we have received some 16,000 books! We also have used donated money to purchase books in Spanish, which are less likely to be part of the donations. And we have been recipient of Board Book drives by several organizations since Board Books (cardboard books for toddlers) also are less likely to be donated. (And, yes, we can use more funds for books in Spanish and board

books!! If you are interested in donating be in touch with Terry Houle, AAUW’s contact to the LLL ([thehoules2004@yahoo.com](mailto:thehoules2004@yahoo.com)), or with Arlene Rengert (arengert@gmail.com; [610-696-2282](tel:610-696-2282)).

The LLL uses laundromats as regular distribution sites. But when there is a known population of children likely to lack books we have been generous: to the 130 campers at Camp Dreamcatcher, a local summer residential camp for children aged 6-16 affected by HIV/AIDS; to two agencies that nurture homeless families to independence, one in Bucks County and the other in southern Chester County; to AH HAH, an organization in Coatesville that ambitiously places “POP UP” Libraries of children’s books in a variety of sites that include groceries, police stations, and parks; and to the West Chester Area Refugee Resettlement Project so that each of the 5 Congolese children that arrived here last summer could have age-appropriate books awaiting them in their new home.



Several AAUW members participate by delivering to one or more laundromats. Others assist by locating new laundromats and getting in touch with the owner to obtain permission for the placement of a Library Box there. This latter is the biggest need: is there a laundromat near you, or near the residence of a family member or friend, that you can help us reach out to? If so, PLEASE BE IN TOUCH!

Interested? Terry Houle, AAUW’s contact to the LLL ([thehoules2004@yahoo.com](mailto:thehoules2004@yahoo.com)), or Arlene Rengert (arengert@gmail.com; [610-696-2282](tel:610-696-2282)).

## **West Area Refugee Settlement Project**

*Arlene Rengert*

This is an amazing grass-roots achievement that AAUW members will want to know about. The Project is a coalition of 14 (mainly) faith communities that within the past year have raised funds, researched, planned, and set up a structure to sponsor the placement of a refugee family in this area and to do what was necessary to ensure its transition to a successful American life.

They learned that the term ‘refugee’ in the American context refers only to people that have been in official U.N. refugee camps for a lengthy period, who have been vetted extensively, and who would be brought to the U.S. by one of several U.S. approved international agencies. They learned that once approved they would be "assigned" a family which they could accept or reject.

By early 2016 the coalition was working with one of those U.S.-approved international agencies, Church World Services, based in Lancaster. They had collected over \$15,000 toward staking the economic needs of the project, and had active subcommittees working on locating appropriate affordable housing, employment possibilities for adults that probably would lack both English and schooling, collecting household items anticipated to be needed, and learning what they could of educational and medical bureaucracies that they would be helping the family to navigate. Then in mid-summer they learned of “their family”—about 3 weeks before they arrived! It is a family of 7: two parents and 5 children ranging in age from 9 to 20. They fled violence in one of the central African countries in 1998, and most recently have been in a refugee camp in Tanzania. Some have some schooling. They speak Swahili and (in one case) French.

As of September 1, 2016, all children were attending school and the father had a full time job! Thanks to the “village” some 50 people have been tutoring, driving to and from needed

appointments, teaching the ways of American shopping and dress, and otherwise enabling the beginning of a successful transition.

Challenges continue. The government refugee subsidy lasts but 6 months. The father’s job is but minimum wage, and he must walk to work. The mother continues to seek work, but even when there are two wages coming in the family budget will be very fragile. And, the children are coping with learning biology and algebra without yet speaking the language of the teacher and the textbook.

People that have participated feel blessed to have the opportunity to be a small part of this amazing project. There is room for more—might you consider joining them? More people are needed to be “homework helpers,” and to participate in transportation provision.

Can you offer a few hours a week? If so, contact AAUW member Arlene Rengert at [arengert@gmail.com](mailto:arengert@gmail.com) or [610-696-2282](tel:610-696-2282) to discuss specifics.

*(To protect family privacy and safety, there is to be no print mention of family names or dwelling location, but most needs are in the greater West Chester area.)*

*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.



*Phoenixville Women's Outreach*

*Housing and Support for Women*

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

Cheryl Messure reported at the September AAUW meeting about progress being made by *The House* in its mission to provide transitional housing for homeless, low-income, single women.

**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.

The House sold \$5 Boscov's shopping passes for October 18 at the September meeting. The pass entitles you to up to 25% off your purchase. AAUW member Mary Smith is our contact member.

### **AAUW Mission Statement**

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

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## **Membership News**

*Peggy Staarman (Vice President for Membership)*

The branch presently has 75 members. At the *Branch Retreat* held at Grove Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 7, membership growth, retention, and participation were the focus. Among other ideas, plans were made to prepare a three-fold flier for members to use in introducing AAUW to interested people. Also please contact Peggy Staarman ([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net)) with your ideas. Thank you so much!

## **2016-2017 Handbook**

The 2016-2017 AAUW West Chester-Chester County Handbook is being distributed. It was handed out at the September meeting. Contact Peggy Staarman for your copy or plan to pick it up at the October meeting.

## **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).

## **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.
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.

## **Member Special Notes**

As mentioned in Barbara Lathroum's President's Message, *the newsletter editors would like 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 instructions above for sending your articles and information to the newsletter's gmail account -- [aauwsumnews@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com).

*Toni Gorkin*

### **Arlene Rengert**

Arlen Rengert is a new member and in August, after seeing our newsletter she volunteered to write an article on the Library Laundromat League, which is featured on pages 4 - 5. Additionally she also mentioned the West Area Refugee Settlement Project, which follows the LLL article. Does this enthusiasm show that she was a high school and college newspaper editor? A special *Thank You* to Arlene for sharing her journalism skills and informing the Branch of other important activities in our area.

**Toni Gorkin**

Toni Gorkin received a Merit Award for her handmade paper piece, "Koi Pond," exhibited at the Biennial Exhibition of the National League of American Pen Women. The exhibit of about 50 pieces of art was held at the Womens National Democratic Club in Washington, D.C. in May, as part of the NLAPW biennial meeting. Toni also had an etching accepted into the exhibition.

## **Board Meetings**

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30-8:30 pm at the Grove United Methodist Church, room 204, following the Afternoon Retreat from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. (See article.)

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 pm. 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**

The Social Duplicate Bridge Group contributed \$131.00 toward the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund. Our Branch provides an annual \$1500 local scholarship to a non-traditional student. The Social Duplicate Group is composed of both AAUW and non-AAUW members who meet once a month. Our funds came from play between March and July.

*Kay Philipps*

Women's Social Bridge meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third or fourth Friday of the month. Upcoming dates are October 21 and November 18. 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 Phillips- [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)

Seven Members of our Lit Group will be attending Lisa Scottoline's Book Club Party on Sunday October 2, 2016. We are discussing her book "Most Wanted" at our September meeting. Eva Kaufmann will have led our discussion.

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'll be reading *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 *Black Noir*, edited by Otto Penzler, a collection of mysteries by black writers.

### **FIG (Food Interest Group)**

This group dines around either at members' homes or at restaurants. The group meets on weekends, usually on Saturday evening or Sunday for brunch. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles, as well as new members, are welcome.

There are currently no events on the FIG calendar. Please contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com) if you are willing to host or co-host an event at your home or at a restaurant. If you are not currently a member of FIG and wish to be placed on the email invitation list, please contact Donna.

### **Great Decisions**

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

### **TIG (Travel Interest Group)**

*Sue Johnston*

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 September we went on a Mural Arts Tour in Philadelphia.

October's event is a Curtis Institute Symphony Orchestra performance on Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m. The group rate is \$10 for Orchestra seats. We will schedule brunch before for those who are interested. Contact me if you are interested, Sue Johnston at 610-363-8535; [sjwj77@verizon.net](mailto:sjwj77@verizon.net)

Also, please contact me if you want to be on the list for future events. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any trips. Since I will be moving from the area in October or November we need someone to coordinate this group. 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:**

In the past there was some interest in a knitting group, but it never materialized. This proposed group would include all forms of needlework – *knitting, crochet, embroidery, applique, quilting, needlepoint* and any other needlework members would like to share. Meetings could be work sessions or members could share their work and techniques with others.

Note: several members will meet at the home studio of Toni Gorkin on the evening of September 29 to try out hand papermaking.

If you are interested in any forms of needlework or have some ideas on starting this group, please contact Norma George [ngeorgester@gmail.com](mailto:ngeorgester@gmail.com) or Toni Gorkin [tgorkin@comcast.net](mailto:tgorkin@comcast.net).

### **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.



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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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Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW contributes to a more promising future and provides a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored.

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