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**Brandywine Valley Association**  
*Protecting Our Water And Our Quality Of Life*

**Wednesday, April 11th**

7 p.m. Networking and Nibbles

7:30 p.m. Program

***Grove United Methodist Church***

Water, the precious substance of life, is the focus of our April 11 branch meeting. Robert Struble, Jr., watershed conservation director of the Brandywine Valley Association, will speak on the conservation and water protection projects of the BVA, explaining the history and emphasizing the critical need for this organization and its work in preserving the safety of water in Chester County through research and education. The Brandywine Valley Association began in 1945, the first small watershed association of its type in the U.S. Clayton Hoff, a local environmentalist, was concerned about the deteriorating quality of the Brandywine. Soil erosion runoff and wastewater discharge into the Brandywine were choking out aquatic life and diminishing water quality along its 60 mile course. In 1948, Dr. Ruth Patrick of Philadelphia, a scientist from the Academy of Natural Sciences, conducted the first stream monitoring of the Brandywine. This monitoring continues today, making the Brandywine, the longest continuously monitored stream in the world. Today the Brandywine provides water for household, commercial, and industrial use to an estimated 300,000 residents and businesses in Coatesville, Downingtown, West Chester and Wilmington. It is also a stream of great aesthetic and historic significance, as well as an important recreational facility.

The Brandywine Valley Association conducts many hands-on outdoor educational programs at its Myrick Conservation Center in Pocopson. Each year in spring, the annual Brandywine Creek Clean Up yields tons of assorted trash. It also works to maintain walking trails and supports over 565 acres of sustainable land management practices in the watershed region. Come and learn more about this important local organization. Invite a friend to attend with you – earn a free chance in our drawing!

***Grove United Methodist Church***, 490 W. Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380; 610-696-2663. From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road; turn left. Grove United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of West Boot Road and Grove Road. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.grovechurch.org>

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## *From the President*

Dear Members,

I think you will agree that AAUW West Chester-Chester County is a wonderful organization that has provided each of us with opportunities for learning, making new friends, and participating in enjoyable leisure events. As I explained in my last letter, March was Membership Month! Only by bringing new members to our branch can we hope to grow and continue to thrive in the years to come!

But even in April, we are still in the midst of our Membership Drive, and are still offering that great deal: \$45.50 for a new membership that will last through June of 2013! It is a deal that can really help a new member get a feel for what our branch is all about before making the decision whether to renew a year from now!

I also want to point you to the "Help Wanted" article in this newsletter. This is a column in which all of the "little" tasks we need to have done are listed, explained and given an honest assessment of time commitment involved. If you can help just one-half hour a week, you might be able to do something that will help AAUW thrive in years to come. Please take a look and take the plunge – offer to help! Even if it is just for one small project, once a year, it will make a difference to us.

As spring arrives, I always want to try to end our program year with a positive surge toward new ways of accomplishing our goals. This year, I met several members who expressed to me that they would attend more meetings if they were not mostly in the evenings. Others say that they wish meetings could be more centrally located, or that they had a regular car-pool friend to ride with.

Please give some thought to these questions and when I send out an email questionnaire soon, you will be able to respond and let us know what would help you to attend more meetings, and what ideas you might have for next year's programs.

As I put down the gavel on my two-years as a solo president this June, and become a Co-President helping to educate a new leader. I know that our membership numbers are climbing and our branch is vibrant and growing. We can't do it without you – reach out and bring a friend to this month's meeting! You can still earn a free chance in our drawing for a lovely AAUW item. The topic is one that is very popular now: environmentalism! I am sure you can think of a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who is passionate about the environment – what a great way to bring her on board to experience AAUW!

Thank you for all your efforts to help grow our branch into a sturdy tree!

Sincerely,

Fran Pierce



Fran Pierce

Mark your calendar!



### ***May Banquet***

Wednesday, 5/9/2012 at 6:30 PM

West Chester Golf and Country Club  
111 West Ashbridge Street  
West Chester, PA

*Details in this newsletter!*

### **Domestic Violence Center**

At the April meeting Sue Ciorletti will be collecting new *packaged* women's briefs, large sizes or ballpoint pens for the office. Questions? Contact Sue at 610-344-0245. Thank you for your support.

### **AAUW Mission Statement**

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

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### **Guidelines for AAUWSUM**

1. Deadline for articles is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month unless noted in newsletter.
2. Board will develop outline/plan for newsletter.
3. Copies of each article must be sent to the President.
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.
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. Circulation Chair 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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Copies should include the Circulation Manager, Person who distributes the e-mail version, and, if requested, other named designees.

### **Help AAUW Save Money**

Each year our editors put together eight informative, attractive, and news filled issues of our AAUW SUM newsletter. At current prices, printing and mailing costs exceed \$1.50 a piece per issue, costing over \$12.00 per member per year. For several years, many AAUW members have received their copies via e-mail. Through e-mail they receive the news as soon as it is published. By eliminating the paper copy, they are also making a contribution to a greener environment. If you are not already receiving AAUW SUM via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact **Fran Pierce** at [franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:franpierce@verizon.net).

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

The co-editors of AAUW SUM, are delighted to bring you this issue of the AAUW SUM 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. Norma and Nancy share access to this account, it keeps their work mailboxes from getting filled and makes the process of collaborating easier.

Remember that articles for a given month of the newsletter are due on the 12th of the preceding month. Please provide all necessary information with your submission.

### **Get Your Keystoner Online!**

The **Keystoner** is the State AAUW Newsletter - switch to receiving it online. You will receive an e-mail notice of the posting with a table of contents and a link to a downloadable copy. Help the environment and the state organization, plus no waiting for delivery. Archived issues also. To sign up just fill in the blanks at: <http://www.aauwpa.org/keystoner.htm>

## Membership

*Welcome to our newest member!*

Dr. Lynette McGrath  
Retired Professor

513 W. Nields St.  
West Chester, PA 19382

E-mail: lfmgrath@earthlink.net  
Interests: Scholarship Committee,  
Book Group I, Food Interest Group

## ***Voices of Immigration in Chester County to be presented on April 26<sup>th</sup>***

What is the fuss about? We are a nation of immigrants. Our national ethos proclaims "Give me your tired, your poor..." Immigrants fill lower and higher skilled jobs, fuel our economy and enrich our lives with a diversity of ethnic traditions. Yet a third of the 41 million foreign born live here without documentation, bureaucratic snafus abound, and national politics and policies seem to focus on issues of exclusion and border security.

What are some different perspectives on this particularly human dilemma in Chester County?

*"We do not hire undocumented workers because I am not interested in going to jail.... That said, if illegal immigrants were expelled from Chester County, our economy would stop."*

Mushroom Farm General Manager,  
Kennett Square

*"I think our country still affords great opportunity to people from other lands, but this opportunity is endangered by barriers to those who wish to study and work here."*

Naturalized Citizen from India,  
Unionville

*"My practice includes a huge backlog of families who can't join their families in the US.... The current system neither unites families nor enforces policies respectful of*

*basic human rights. It also fails to meet the needs of businesses."*

Immigration Attorney,  
West Chester

*"I hope that the Dream Act will pass, providing a path to legal status, benefitting thousands of undocumented college students like me. Barring that, I pray for permanent residency through my family or employer."*

Director of Social Services in a  
Kennett Square Parish

*"One bill under consideration by Pennsylvania legislators mirrors the Arizona law before the Supreme Court. It would allow local law enforcement to screen and report immigration status of anyone they have stopped or arrested. Another would do away with birthright citizenship for children born to undocumented immigrants in our country. Are we an anti-immigrant state?"*

Spokesperson, PA Immigration  
and Citizenship Coalition

A poll released this month by the Pew Charitable Fund reports that *"Philadelphia is adapting to its changing faces.... Among college graduates and Hispanics at every education level, more than 60% expressed 'pro-immigrant' views.... However, long-term resident or those with less education are most likely to see immigrants as a burden."*

*Philadelphia Inquirer, 2/27/12*

**What can be done?** Attend the discussion at the Borough Hall, 401 E. Gay Street in West Chester on Thursday, April 26th from 7-9 pm. Bring friends and questions along. Need a ride? AAUW members please contact Linda Lang, 610-738-9678; LWV members contact Betsey Cullen, 610-793-4664.



## GETT of 2012 – Another Great Success!!

AAUW was front and center this year at GETT (Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology). At least a dozen of our volunteers – including several young women from West Chester University – participated on both Friday evening and during the event on Saturday, March 24.

On Friday evening we stuffed almost 400 GETT backpacks with items donated by businesses and organizations throughout the county and on Saturday we performed every type of task, from registration to guiding the participants to their sessions.

We also had a great location for our display table and spoke with quite a few moms and teachers about AAUW. There are still so many great women out there who don't know who we are or what we do – but that will change!

GETT also drew over 100 parents and 35 educators and one of the most informative adult sessions ever. One of our brand new members, Dr. Tammy Russell from WCU spoke to parents and teachers about encouraging girls in pursuit of non-traditional careers.

During the program day, groups of about 23 girls got to experience 4 different, hands-on workshops. Some of these were such things as how to code for computer programming, surgery using laparoscopy, aviation and aeronautics, aquaculture and a virtual learning environment.

At the end of their day, participating students completed a questionnaire about their experiences and the response of one young woman was especially poignant. She wrote:

*GETT broadened my cope of ideas on careers and encouraged me to pursue what I like in any subject. I really appreciated how encouraging and helpful everyone was. I feel more confident about pursuing my dream career, following my dreams, and knowing that I can be successful if I work hard. Before I came to GETT, I was questioning myself: Can I do it?*

*Can I really follow my dreams and become a writer? I feel better now."*

Two renowned speakers book-ended the day: Gayle Laakmann McDowell, author and also CEO of CareerCup, a company she founded that provides interview prep for candidates interviewing with tech companies such as Google and Microsoft. The end of the day featured speaker Karen Cantrell-Borda, the founder of GETT who has wide experience in many technical fields and with a variety of companies.

AAUW is committed to GETT because our mission so closely allies with its purpose – to open worlds of learning and career possibilities to girls and young women! We hope to continue to grow our involvement and contribute even more to the success of GETT in the future! We will do that with the help and involvement of YOU – our members!!

All photos by Linda Lang



Measuring vital signs



Every girl should know how to check her tire pressure



That's my DNA.

## Legislation & Public Policy

(LAPP) By Ann Duerr



### *Impact of Funding cuts on PA school Districts*

Although all school districts are feeling pain from cuts, the Associated Press found that low income schools lost more than three times the money per student as more affluent districts.

In order to help Pennsylvanians better understand the impact of the funding cuts for public education in individual school districts. There is a posted *School Funding Cuts Calculator* on [www.savepaschools.org](http://www.savepaschools.org).

For up to date information contact:

- [partnersforpubliceducation.org](http://partnersforpubliceducation.org);

- For legislative updates and community projects: [www.psea.org/enough](http://www.psea.org/enough)  
*LAPP continued*

- PA Cable Network (PCN) Channel 9 (Verizon) offers excellent coverage of state government meetings.

- Kathy's LAPP ALERT e-mails

### *Pay Equity Bake Sale*

On **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** AAUW West Chester-Chester County joins the WCU Women's Center and Club for their fun and informative Pay Equity Bake Sale from 11-2 PM at Sykes Student Union Lobby. Members are still needed to help the students inform visitors about equal pay for equal work. AAUW maintains that an essential part of the economic recovery is creating opportunities and training that promote equal pay for women.

*Bakers:* Please label your donation and note any ingredients which may cause an allergic reaction. Ann Duerr ([waduerr@verizon.net](mailto:waduerr@verizon.net) or 610-873-8409) will contact bakers regarding pick up or deliveries on Sunday, April 15 or Monday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### *Elections:*

Please remember to vote on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Help Wanted!!

Please take a look at the tasks listed below. I know we are all very busy, but without more help we cannot continue to have a branch that will provide all the things you have learned to enjoy. Even just ½ hour a MONTH can make a difference! Please think about how you can contribute to the health of our branch.

### **A One Time Project – *The Handbook:***

- 1 hour reading and checking accuracy of directory updates – or
- 1 hour to email all SIG chairs and collect their updated information –or
- 1 hour affixing mailing labels, taking handbooks to post office.

### **Newsletter:**

- ½ hour per month sending emails from home to a fixed list (provided for you) reminding folks to send their articles in –or
- 1 hour per month reading the final copy for typos –or
- 1 hour per month picking up the printed copies (only 15) and affixing 15 mailing labels and stamps, and depositing in the mailbox.

### **Program Assistance:**

- ½ hour per month sending emails or doing other tasks to assist the program vice-presidents – or
- ½ hour per month helping with set up at the meetings and greeting members - **or**
- ½ hour per month setting out name tags, pens and handouts at programs.

### **Outreach to Community and Media:**

- 1 hour per month writing up the details of next month's meeting and emailing it to a provided email list of local media –or
- ½ hour per month contacting women's organizations by email to get names of possible future members –or
- *One time task* of designing a flyer for our branch that promotes membership, and then

printing and/or sending it by email to requested sites –or

- *One time task* of doing an inventory of Chester County groups for use by membership promotion.
- *Occasional visit or coffee with prospective members* who would like to meet with someone to talk about the branch.

Can you spare just one-half hour a month for your branch? Please think about what you can offer. Most of these tasks can be done from the comfort of your own home!

Please email President Fran Pierce at [franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:franpierce@verizon.net) if you are willing to help!

## Marcellus Shale Update

*By Peggy Staarman, LAPP Committee Member*

On Feb. 14, 2012, Governor Corbett signed Act 13 to implement an impact fee on oil and gas companies who are drilling in the Marcellus Shale region. The impact fee is below the average per well paid in other states with natural gas drilling. The fifteen-year fee will fluctuate with the price of natural gas, and in 2013, inflation. It could generate about \$180 million the first year. Sixty percent of the revenue will go to local governments that can use the money for emergency preparedness, road and infrastructure projects, water and storm sewer projects, tax reduction, social services, and other concerns. If a county declines to impose a fee, then one half of the municipalities in that county can elect to impose it. The remaining forty percent is the state share that can be used for projects such as acid mine cleanup, plugging of oil and gas wells and sewage treatment. One half of the state share goes to the Commonwealth Financing Authority that provides money for large projects. The Pennsylvania Utility Commission will collect and distribute funds.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that federal regulators who approved a thirty-nine mile natural gas pipeline in northern Pennsylvania relied on Central New York Oil and Gas Company's assurances that it would minimize the use of eminent domain. However, after the

company won approval, it immediately began condemnation proceedings against nearly half of the landowners along the route of the pipeline. The landowners are now in court saying that the company didn't negotiate in good faith.

Greg Vitali, a Democratic state representative from Delaware county, claims that Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling is a significant source of air pollution, so he has introduced legislation that would require the DEP to collect and publish air-emissions data, would require air pollution permits for most Marcellus drilling well-head activity, and would increase air-emission permit fees to increase staffing in the DEP's air-pollution control program. Please continue to let your legislators know your concerns. The websites of the League of Women Voters, Penn Environment, Marcellus Shale Watch, and Earth Justice may be helpful.



Image from:

[http://www.cleanair.org/program/outdoor\\_air\\_pollution/marcellus\\_shale](http://www.cleanair.org/program/outdoor_air_pollution/marcellus_shale)

## Ways and Means

**Recyclables** -Don't forget to bring your old ink cartridges to meetings. We have made over \$100 to date through this endeavor and it is *Green*. To participate in any of our fundraisers, please contact Leslie Wachob at 610-458-1837 or [rbs857@yahoo.com](mailto:rbs857@yahoo.com)

**TIG's – dinner and film**

**East African Safari Travel Adventure**



## Pennsylvania Library Association Seeks Level State Funding for 2012-13

A Letter from Glenn Miller, Executive Director,  
Pennsylvania Library Association

Dear Library Advocates,

As we head into the busy season for the next state budget, the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) asks that you be in touch with your state legislators and the Governor to urge their support for *level funding for library services next year*.

We recognize that it has been a difficult few years for our nation's economy and for Pennsylvanians in need of work. No group understands this better than our libraries whose staff and volunteers have done their level best—even in the face of reduced budgets—to meet the increasing need for services, especially for people searching and applying for work or job training. Just consider that between 2006 and 2010, increased demand for library services showed:

- Library visits, up 4%
- PA Library Association cont'd*
- Number of books and DVDs lent, up 6%
  - Attendance at library programs, up 9%
  - Computer searches in library databases, up 50%
  - Number of reference questions answered via "Ask Here PA," up over 400%

This year, we do not seek full restoration of funding, even though the case for restoration is strong. We recognize that the effects of the recession persist in PA and that the state budget is out of balance. At the same time, *having lost more than 35% of state support since just 2008*, librarians and library workers (those still working and those who were laid off) have already shared fully in the fiscal pain of this recession.

Today we simply ask that the consequences of the funding losses since 2008 not be worsened by an additional 5% loss. Instead we respectfully request that library funding be

maintained at 2011-12 levels so that libraries can strive yet again to meet increased demand, and continue to provide the best quality services possible despite funding that has already been cut more than 35%.



Please visit

<http://www.capwiz.com/ala/pa/home/> for more information and a sample email message that you can edit and send to your state senator and state representative, as well to the Governor. We know that we can make a big difference when we join together in a common mission and message.

Thank you for your great support for libraries and for your help in spreading the word and contacting your elected officials.

### AAUW Pics...February Brunch





## ***Voices of Immigration in Chester County***

**Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>  
West Chester Borough Hall  
Council Chamber  
7:00 -9:00 pm**

*What are the experiences of Immigrants who have settled here in Chester County?*

*What is happening in Harrisburg and Washington with proposals for immigration reform?*

*A Joint Program of ---*

**The Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition  
The Chester County League of Women Voters  
&  
AAUW West Chester-Chester County**

The United States has made little headway on immigration reform in recent years. Individual states have passed laws severely limiting immigration and dealing harshly with illegal immigration. Here in Pennsylvania, several anti-immigration laws have introduced at many levels of government. Candidates for public office are continuing to debate how people from other lands should be treated – especially those without documentation.

Too often, the voices of individuals are lost in the fiery rhetoric and high emotion that this subject often generates. This program will feature immigrants, both legal and undocumented, along with an immigration attorney who represents clients throughout Chester County. Learn about the proposals that are currently before our legislature and about the countless issues that make this topic so complex, difficult and controversial.

***Don't Miss This Fascinating Panel Discussion!***



# **AAUW Annual Banquet**

**Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm**

**West Chester Country Club  
111 West Ashbridge Street  
West Chester, PA 19380**

**(Corner of North High & Ashbridge Sts.)**

Join your AAUW friends for our Annual Election, and this year’s exciting program featuring an exhibit of art by three of our own branch members, PLUS a presentation by “10,000 Villages,” an organization that helps women in developing countries to support themselves and their families by providing a fair market for their crafts and artwork.

Don’t forget to *Bring A Guest* and receive a free entry in our Membership Development Raffle!

Select from the following two entrees:

- *Chicken Italiano*—boneless breast stuffed with prosciutto, roasted red pepper and provolone cheese. Served with balsamic reduction.
- *Salmon Filet Imperial*—with dill buerre blanc

Entrees will be accompanied by salad, sautéed mixed seasonal vegetables, rosemary roasted potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee or tea, and chocolate mousse for dessert.

*Total Cost:* \$28.00 per person, which includes meal, tax, and gratuity. Alcoholic beverages will be extra and available at the bar adjacent to the banquet room.

Please feel free to bring a guest. The deadline for RSVP to Lyn Eaton is Thursday, **May 3, 2012**. See reservation form below. Please contact Lyn [wleaton2@aol.com](mailto:wleaton2@aol.com), or 610-696-3172 if you have any questions.

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## **Reservation for May Banquet**

*Deadline is May 3, 2012*

*Please send your RSVP to:* Lyn Eaton, 1389 Station Place, West Chester, PA 19380-1333

Checks should be made out to: AAUW, West Chester, Chester County Branch

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

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$28.00 per person x number of reservations)

## Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and this year will be held at the Women's Center at West Chester University. Meetings begin at 7:15 pm, are over by 9, and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Upcoming: Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Upcoming Meeting

### May Banquet

The May banquet will be in a new location this year - **West Chester Golf and Country Club**. The program will be a 3 member-artists show and a representative from *10,000 Villages*. Also, at this meeting we will install officers and present the scholarship award. More information and a registration form can be found in this newsletter. We hope you will join us!

## Special Interest Groups

### Couples Bridge

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening monthly at a member's home. We are a social group and welcome all who like to play. Contact the chair, Carol Habig, at 610-431-9987 or e-mail her at [whabig@verizon.net](mailto:whabig@verizon.net).

**Lit I, Afternoon Book Discussion:** Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. The Lit I book group will meet on April 26th at 1:00 pm for refreshments and to discuss *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Bai Sijie. This book tells the story of two city boys exiled to a remote mountain village for retraining during China's Cultural Revolution. The hostess is Sue Johnson, 610-363-8535. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

For the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, the group will meet for refreshments to discuss *Tinkers* by Paul Harding. *Tinkers* is an elegiac meditation on love, loss, illness, faith, and the fierce beauty of nature. The hostess is Elaine Burgess, 610-383-7018. Please let Elaine know if you plan to attend.

**Lit II, Fiction and Non-Fiction:** Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

For the April 18th meeting, 7:00 pm, the book selection is *The Quest of the Silver Fleece* by W.E. DuBois. Leader: Fran Pierce; Hostess:

Jean Speiser. For the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the book selection will be *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain and/or *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway. Leader: Phyllis Dunn; Hostess: Ann Boochar.

New members are always welcome, and can join the group by contacting Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277) or [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).

### Lit III, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group will hold its next discussion Monday, May 14, 2012 at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, at 7:00 PM. The discussion book is *Nothing Daunted; The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West* by Dorothy Wickenden. Please check area libraries for a copy of the book and note the change to the second Monday of the month. You may call Paula McGinness for more information, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

### Finance Discussion Group

The Finance Discussion Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Participants are invited to bring related articles. For information contact: Leslie Olson, 610-793-2938 or [olsonfour@verizon.net](mailto:olsonfour@verizon.net).

### FIG (Food Interest Group)

Dining around, usually at a member's home. This group is co-ed, singles welcome. Each member brings a dinner item. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. If interested please contact Betty Bradford at 610-363-7974; [wdbrad@comcast.net](mailto:wdbrad@comcast.net).

### Great Decisions

The Great Decisions meets monthly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1:00 pm. For more information contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or [martin\\_page@msn.com](mailto:martin_page@msn.com).

### TIG (Travel Interest Group): AAUW TIGers

The Travel Interest Group is composed of those who like to go on day trips. Trips are open to all members and guests; space may be limited. Please call or email Sue Johnston (610-363-8535, [sueearlj@verizon.net](mailto:sueearlj@verizon.net)) if you are interested.



**West Chester-Chester County PA Branch**  
717 Hunt Club Lane, Chester Springs, PA 19425

***April 2012 NEWSLETTER***

Meeting is Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

[wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net)

**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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