



**AAUW SUM**  
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## **Annual Meeting and End-of Year Banquet**

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

West Chester Country Club  
111 West Ashbridge Street, West Chester  
6:30 p.m.

This year we're at a new location – the *West Chester Country Club*, on North High Street and Ashbridge Avenue in West Chester. We will elect our new officers and you will be able to enjoy a wonderful exhibit of art created by three of our own AAUW members!

**Roselyn Cadoff** has been an artist for many years, and her paintings reflect her personal responses to life and events around her. They are also inspired by the colors and forms found in nature or a reaction to a landscape, perhaps in an unusual perspective. Art has always been an important part of Roselyn's life and is a passion that gives her great joy, whether she is sharing it with others or not – but the opportunity to share it adds an extra dimension of pleasure! Come and share that experience with her.

**Carol Habig** is a botanical illustrator and has studied under Joan Frain at Longwood Gardens, Louisa Rawle Tine at the Chanticleer Gardens, and Anne-Marie Evans in England. Her work has been exhibited at Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia Flower Shows, the Morris Arboretum and various plant and flower shows throughout the country. Carol says that her botanical drawing has given her an increased affection and respect for plants, and that the only negative aspect of her work is that she is inspired to paint many more plants than she ever has time for!

**Dr. Nancy Rumfield** is a photographer and professor. She studied photography at Moore College of Art and Design and has continued her passion for photography and art through her teaching and her work. Nancy processes her own film-based black and white prints and works with a digital camera for color imagery. Her photographs depict places she has traveled, and events such as Mardi Gras as well as abstracted images. In addition she works with compositing images digitally.

We will also welcome "10,000 VILLAGES," a retail store that helps women in developing countries by nurturing their artistic native crafts and helping to market them at fair trade prices. This enterprise allows them to provide some support for their families and build a better life for themselves and their children. There will be items from the local store in Exton for you to peruse and purchase if you wish.

If you have not yet responded with your reservation and a check (just \$28 for a complete dinner!) please clip out the reply found in this newsletter and send it as soon as possible. You may also email Lyn Eaton at [wleaton2@aol.com](mailto:wleaton2@aol.com), or call her at 610-696-3172.

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## *From the President*

Dear Members,

Is it possible that May has arrived and with it our last regular membership meeting of the program year? It seems as though I was just writing a welcome letter to all of you in September! And if time is flying for us, imagine how quickly the life of a girl can be affected, even by little things that we might not appreciate right now.

This was brought home to me even more vividly at our recent GETT event when an eighth grade girl on my team commented that she had never before understood what work an engineer does – but after helping her group design a roller-coaster, she really wants to learn more about all the things engineers get involved with. What a thrill that was for me, and I hope for her, too!

It is experiences such as that one that make me recommit my energies to AAUW. If even one girl is opened to new career possibilities; if even one woman is encouraged to speak out; if even one young woman is helped through a funding crisis – then this small piece of my contribution has been so very worthwhile!

Part of our success as an organization is in working to ensure that AAUW continues on and grows stronger as well. Our *March is Membership Month* campaign was an integral part of our efforts to grow our branch and I am happy to report that it has resulted in at least 3 new members already, with possibilities of 3 more very soon! I am confident that we can end this year with membership growth that is sustainable into the next several years.

Our *Pay Equity Bake Sale* on April 17 was another great success, not only because we helped the WCU Women's Center, but also because we attracted several university staff women to our table to discuss AAUW, and also recorded the contact information of several who may be interested in joining. We also signed-up 10 undergraduate women who are interested in being affiliate members, and engaged dozens of young men and women in

discussions about the continued existence of a Gender Pay Gap. One young man found it difficult to believe that Pennsylvania does not have an equal pay law until I was able to show him the voluminous, well documented research provided by AAUW.

Little victories are the foundation of bigger victories, and I count myself lucky to be on the front line of this battleground with AAUW as my supply chain. I hope that many more of you will be able to some day enjoy the thrill of experiencing the opening of a previously closed mind!

I look forward to working with all of you and with our new leadership to continue to move the AAUW forward!

Fran Pierce



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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 May meeting Sue Ciorletti will be collecting small denomination gift cards. 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. Tammy Russell  
Assistant Professor and Academic Advisor  
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Interests: Fundraising, GETT

## Nominations for Offices

Here is a list of those who have graciously offered to run for offices for next year.

- Co-President - Sandra Kwisz
- Co-Vice President: Programs - Jean Speiser
- Vice President: Membership - Mary Jane Schultz
- Treasurer - Molly Scott
- Bylaws Chair - Jean Speiser

## Students Today for a Better Tomorrow

Since 1996 *Chester County Futures* has provided academic, mentoring, and scholarship support to hundreds of highly motivated and deserving public high school students of limited means. *Chester County Futures* provides a helping hand to students so that they may succeed in high school and beyond into post-secondary education.

Over the years *Futures* has grown exponentially, from initially serving only two school districts expanding to five: Coatesville, Oxford, Kennett Square Consolidated, West Chester and Phoenixville. *Futures* recently implemented a middle school initiative, "Futures Ahead" at West Chester Fugett, Kennett and Phoenixville Middle Schools. *Futures* is proud to be currently serving over 500 students, 421 from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and 113 in college. The success of the program is evidenced through their 90% college entry rate.

The program consists of after school classes with grade specific curriculum focusing on college access and valuable life skills. Through the program, students are exposed to SAT prep, college research, college application process, financial aid information, college visits and other meaningful activities to assist with the complete college access process.

Mentoring is another component of the program, and is offered in several ways. One-to-one mentoring, matching a caring adult volunteer with a student on a one to one basis; or Talent Bank Mentoring, involving individuals who work with students in a group setting to discuss career fields or other areas of expertise. In addition, *Futures* recruits volunteer adult tutors to help students who may be struggling in a particular subject. If you are interested in volunteering with our worthwhile organization, please be in touch – my information is listed below.

*Futures* is excited to be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year of helping youth in Chester County to achieve their goals and follow their dreams for a better tomorrow.

Mary Bienkowski  
Mentor Recruiter/Coordinator  
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Exton, PA 19341

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*Preventing Poverty Through Education*



Students at *Futures* Expo

## Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP)

By Ann Duerr

AAUW believes a strong, free public education system is the foundation of a democratic society. Voters also rank education as an extremely important election issue.

But the current state budget slashes spending for public education by hundreds of millions of dollars and Governor Corbett has proposed tens of millions in additional cuts for the budget that starts July 1.

The Chester County Coalition for Public Education, a nonpolitical group working to find solutions and support legislation that improves public schools and institutions of higher learning, plans a massive rally in May as the legislature moves into budget negotiations.

Contact [www.psea.org/enough](http://www.psea.org/enough) for a sample letter to send to your legislators; includes facts regarding the budget.

**Chester County Library** provides access to the Consumer Health Complete database through PA Public Libraries. The helpful staff will assist you in finding quality, relevant and reliable online health resources. Mark your calendar for May 20 from 1pm-4pm to celebrate Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies at Community Day held at Chester County and Henrietta Hankin Branch Libraries. Share your positive library story with your legislators, friends and neighbors.

The LWV Legislative 2012 Directory covers representatives in Washington, DC, Harrisburg and West Chester. If you want a copy that contains information about Chester County legislators, please let me know. **Project Vote Smart** and **FactCheck** websites provide information to keep up on US and state candidates, ballot issues, legislation and checking the facts.

According to AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman, the wage gap hasn't moved significantly in nearly a decade, with the average for women at

just 77 percent of what their male counterparts earned last year. The AAUW booklet, *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*, examines racial and ethnic (SP) differences. White and Asian women earn, respectively, 82 percent and 88 percent of white men's earnings. African American and Hispanic women earn much less—just 70 percent and 61 percent on average.

Check out AAUW Websites:

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

[www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org)

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

## Equal Pay Day Sale

By Ann Duerr

On Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> AAUW West Chester-Chester County helped the WCU Women's Center and Association for Women's Empowerment (AWE) celebrate Equal Pay Day by hosting a successful bake sale at the Sykes Student Union Lobby. Many customers were educated by selecting a ticket from a bowl which indicated payment for the baked goods according to discrepancy in the pay earned by the indicated group. Hispanic women earn only 60% of what a white male earns on average, so by selecting a ticket marked Hispanic women, baked goods cost only \$.60 as compared with the ticket marked white male costing a \$1.00. On average women earn \$.77 for every dollar men earn. The money raised, \$90, goes toward university membership with AAUW. Much information was provided through conversation, handouts, signs, banners pointing out the history of the inequality, and the booklet, *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*.

Thank you to Commissioner Kathi Cozzane, Stephannie Beemer McLimans and Deb Woolson representing Senator Dinniman's office for attending and providing support.

Thank you to the supporters from the Women's Center and Association for Women's Empowerment: Dr. Adale Sholock, Diana Colon, Zuri Stone, Josh Bills, Kelly Crodian, Suelee Tang, and Whitley Harbold.

Many thanks to the AAUW bakers and supporters: Fran Pierce, Peggy Staarman, Mary Dorsey-Bunnell, Marie Dunne, Marge Reid, Patti Barker, Mimi Jones, Elaine Burgess, Molly Scott, Nancy Dore, Sandy Alexander, Cathy Palmquist, Leslie Wachob. Sandi Kwisz, Sue Johnson, Donna Eaves, Nancy Rumfield and Ann Duerr.

## **Libraries Have the Power to Move PA Forward**

By Peggy Wadsworth

Americans are increasingly concerned about their health and wellness. Baby Boomers began turning 60 in 2006, and with that came a surge in the need for information both about staying well and battling disease.

In this edition of AAUW SUM we are focusing on **Health Literacy**, one of the five 21<sup>st</sup> Century literacies identified in the Pennsylvania Library Association's **PA Forward** initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to highlight that given the right support, libraries would continue to be the community centers of information, technology and learning that would fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.

The member libraries of the Chester County Library System (CCLS) play a critical role in providing both access to information and information expertise to health-conscious consumers looking for accurate and often hard-to-locate information about health decisions. The CCLS envisions a community in which residents are empowered to be effective partners with their healthcare providers and live longer and more productive lives.

Having accurate information is a key factor in a person's ability to achieve and maintain good health. The Pew Foundation's Internet & American Life Project reports that more and more people are turning to the Internet for health information – more than 75 million people are seeking health information online each year. However, only 25 percent are using good research techniques to ensure that the

information they find is accurate, timely and trustworthy.

Trained staff is available at the libraries to help customers with their health-related research needs. Free computer classes offered at the libraries can help customers become more skilled in using the Internet effectively, and to find the information they need to live healthier lives.

Many of the libraries offer health-related programs. For instance the Chester County and Henrietta Hankin Branch Libraries, in an effort to provide the community with access to information and community resources related to healthy lifestyles and fitness, launched a **Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies** initiative.

As part of this initiative, the Libraries will be celebrating **Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies** at Community Day on May 20, 2012 from 1-4 p.m. with a FREE fun filled afternoon of healthy activities, snacks and information. The initiative continues through the year with programs about choosing healthy foods, increasing physical activity, reducing stress, nurturing a connection to the outdoors, etc. Pick up a program at the Chester County or Hankin Branch Libraries or download at [www.ccls.org/healthy](http://www.ccls.org/healthy)

The Chester County Library System is committed to building a healthier future for its community through better access to information and understanding about prevention, medical conditions, and medications.

So let's move **FORWARD** together with the rest of Pennsylvania, so that we can continue to be the healthiest, wealthiest and wisest County in the Commonwealth. The Chester County Library System is here to partner with you; **READ, CONNECT, DISCOVER** what we have, and help us spread the word.





## Marcellus Shale - Where To Find The Latest Information

By Peggy Staarman

The League of Women Voters' website and the Philadelphia Inquirer are the sources for the following information about Marcellus Shale:

- Ecological surveying and permitting takes about nine months for a Marcellus well. After the well has been drilled and fracked, companies must reclaim sites and have a new vegetation inspection by the DEP.
- An Act 13 lawsuit has been filed by 7 municipalities along with a Monroeville doctor and members of the Delaware Riverkeepers Network. The lawsuit that sues the state claims the new drilling law hinders their ability to protect residents by restricting how they craft zoning rules for gas drillers. The case will get a hearing on April 11.
- A preliminary report from Ohio's Department of Natural Resources claims that a deep injection well caused a 4.0 earthquake .
- A leaking gas pipeline inside a Williams Energy gas compressor station linked to at least 10 Marcellus Shale wells in Susquehanna Company probably caused a March 29 explosion that ripped off the roof of the station. A gap in federal law keeps the station exempt from oversight. Apparently a gas safety inspector from the PUC was not allowed to continue his investigation into possible violations of gas safety rules because the station was in a rural area known as Class 1, outside of its regulatory reach. The gas industry has worked tirelessly to defeat repeated attempts by Congress and safety advocates to eliminate that exemption. The DEP is conducting its own investigation, but it does

not enforce gas safety regulations; it oversees emissions standards. Apparently, the DEP told Williams not to restart the compressor without its permission, but the company began running it anyway a day or two later. The agency hasn't determined if it will fine Williams. Williams has applied for permits to build three more compressor stations nearby.

- Because natural gas prices have plummeted from their high levels a few years ago, the legislature's delay in imposing impact fees may generate less revenue than expected.
- Matt Damon will be starring in an anti-fracking film entitled Promised Land. Josh Fox is making a follow-up documentary, Gasland 2, about the possible dangers of hydraulic fracking.



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

Image

## 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)

### Did you know....

*Recycling Services Inc. in Pottstown* – A non-Profit that recycles almost anything and even sells items made from recycled materials:  
<http://www.recyclingservices.org>

### Chester County Hazardous Household Waste 2012 Events:

<http://www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/405>



(Please bold this line) **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 Meeting 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)

AAUW - West Chester-Chester County Branch **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Ms/Mrs. /Miss/Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred first name for handbook (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ "Maiden" Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
(if you choose to include him/her)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Township \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Office or Cell \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**College/University** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Country** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major Area of Study** \_\_\_\_\_ **Degree Earned** \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Bylaws require that you have at least an Associate's Degree. If you do but you prefer not to list your college and other information above, please check here to verify that you do have a degree. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Title/Company \_\_\_\_\_ Active? \_\_\_ Retired? \_\_\_

Volunteer Experience/ Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Will you take the newsletter via e-mail? Yes \_\_\_ use e-mail address above. No \_\_\_ use my mailing address

Need a ride? (We can't promise but we'll try) \_\_\_ Can you provide a ride occasionally? \_\_\_

Do you have computer experience? Website Design \_\_\_ Database (which one) \_\_\_ Desktop Publishing \_\_\_

Previous AAUW Member? \_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Branch? \_\_\_\_\_ Offices held? \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES, INTEREST GROUPS AND PROJECTS OF AAUW W.C. - CHESTER COUNTY**

Please check any of the following that you might like to **LEARN more** about; we will get the information to you.

Board Position _____	World Affairs _____	Girls Math Project _____
Programs _____	Finance Discussion _____	Newsletter Production _____
Membership _____	Book Club 1 (4 <sup>th</sup> Thur Day) _____	Newsletter Circulation _____
Scholarship _____	Book Club 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed PM) _____	Annual Handbook _____
Branch News & P. R. _____	Book Club 3 (Non fiction) _____	Branch Website _____
Fund Raising _____	Bridge (Women) _____	Girls and Technology _____
Political Issues _____	Bridge (Couples) _____	Domestic Violence Center _____
Immigration _____	Culinary Club _____	Crafts _____
Travel _____	Women's Issues/Legislation _____	Other Ideas? _____

Please complete and return this form with your dues. **If there is anything above that you wish to be kept confidential, please CIRCLE that item.** Membership Renewal is **DUE** no later than **June 30** of each year.

**Make Check for \$75.00** payable to **AAUW - West Chester-Chester County Branch.**

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## Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and are 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, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm, 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 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: Marie Dunn.

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 will meet on May 12, 1:30 p.m. The topic is *Cybersecurity*. Leader: Carla Grot. 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.

**It's Time to Renew!**

*Unless you are a brand new member who joined AAUW since January of this year, **your membership will expire on June 30th!** Don't miss out --- please fill out the enclosed renewal form and return it with your check as indicated.*



West Chester-Chester County PA Branch  
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**May 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Meeting is Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
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**It's Time to Renew**

Don't let your membership lapse –  
see form and other information enclosed !

**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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