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## ***Women in the Arts in Southeastern PA***

*Grove United Methodist Church*

Wednesday, March 13th 2013

7:00 pm

*“Women artists stand on the shoulders of pioneer women artists of the past.”*

Come to our March meeting and enjoy the films and information provided by Regional Council for Women in the Arts (RCWA). The Council is a truly unique and dynamic organization in our community that supports women artists and helps to raise money for important women’s issues.

RCWA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that reaches out to women in our community with many creative efforts that help to raise money for women in need. One such project, The Fabric of Peace, is currently under way. The Council’s Director and moving force, Valetta, will show a film about the project and explain its goals and relevance to our community.

RCWA recognizes the inter-connectedness of women artists, and that recognition is reflected in the Council’s history. RCWA began in 1998 when artist Valetta purchased a house in West Chester with the dream of converting it into a special kind of art center. That house is now the center of RCWA and embodies its mission . . .

“to serve and enrich the community by raising money for charities that benefit women in need, highlighting the work of the best regional women artists, providing a library for the study of women in the arts, presenting lectures and panel discussions about women’s arts issues, and providing a space for visiting artists and lecturers”.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about these special women and the organization that supports and nurtures women artists while also providing funds for alleviating the burdens of women in need.

And don’t forget to **BRING A FRIEND** with you to enjoy this wonderful presentation because once again this year, **March is Membership Month!** For each friend you bring to a meeting between now and the end of the program year in May, you will receive an entry into our Raffle for your choice of a \$50 gift certificate to the AAUW Catalogue or a \$50 reduction in your dues for next year! For each of those friends who actually joins AAUW, you will receive 2 additional entry forms. *Grove Methodist Church* is at 490 West Boot Road, West Chester.

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## ***From the Co-President***

Dear Members,

March brings me half way through my first year as co-president. It's been a fun and rewarding experience to get to know and collaborate with members. Recently, I read an article about the Myers Briggs (MBTI) personality test. The MBTI is used to measure one's psychological preferences for perceiving the world and making decisions. The article listed 16 personality types based on the test -- the Counselor, the Mastermind, the Artisan, the Visionary, and the Teacher to name a few. These brought to mind our branch and the appreciation that our success is in having members with different skills, talents, and strengths along with a willingness to share them. The nominating committee soon will be reaching out to members for openings in board and committee positions for 2013-2014. We hope you will consider running for these positions.

It was interesting to learn that the MBTI was designed by a mother-daughter team, Isabel Briggs Myers and Katharine Cook Briggs -- two of many women to celebrate this month during National Women's History Month. This year's AAUW-WC theme is Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. What a great fit with Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT), an event our branch supports on an annual basis. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual GETT event will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mary Smith if you would like to volunteer. Also, you can learn more about GETT at

<http://www.itagpa.org/index.php?id=11> and read about the development of National Women's History Month and women's contributions to history past and present on the National Women's History Museum website <http://www.nwhm.org/blog/its-womens-history-month/> and the National Women's History Project website <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/history.php>.

Our branch also has its own outstanding history. Through scrapbooks containing pictures, newspaper articles, and branch

publications, the AAUW-WC archives highlight the various activities and projects undertaken since our founding in 1959. The archives also include our charter, handbooks, and awards. We are fortunate to have a dedicated member, Donna Eaves, as our historian who keeps our archives organized and up to date. Donna would appreciate our help in clipping and mailing to her any articles you may see that pertain to the branch or branch members.

I'm anxious for spring and look forward to all it has to offer—robins, daffodils, warmth, and our spring programs. We have two great programs to welcome in the spring season: Women in the Arts in the Delaware Valley in March and Chester County Parks and Recreation in April. Also, it's not too early to register for our Annual May Banquet (Look for details and registration form in this newsletter.).

Happy Spring,  
Sandi Kwisz, Co-President

## ***Alice Lawson Scholarship***

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester Branch will again be awarding the Alice Lawson Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to an undergraduate student 25 years of age or older. We invite eligible students from *West Chester University, Cheyney University, Lincoln University, and Immaculata University* to submit an application. Eligibility requirements, application forms, and the deadline for the application are available at [wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net).

Contributions to the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund can be sent to:

Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund  
Chester County Community Foundation Inc.  
28 Market Street  
West Chester, PA 19382

Online contributions to the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund can be made at:

<http://www.chescocf.org/funds/Fund%20purpose/Alice%20Lawson%20Scholarship%20Fund.htm>.

## **Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) Conference**

**“Gender and Water Leading  
Beyond the Burden”**

Wharton School, Philadelphia  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 8am-6pm

<http://pgwi.org/conference/>

Sign up!

A conference is a wonderful  
way to educate ourselves!

## **Why Are Clean Water and Sanitation Systems Important? What Has Been/Is Being Accomplished?**

*Part 2 by Yvonne Peiffer*

*Why?*

To put this on a very personal level in relation to women and girls, one should ask how would we handle lack of clean water and sanitation? If we, our daughters and granddaughters had to walk long distances for either clean water or a sanitation system, would we worry about sexual assault or other violence on the way there and back? If our schools lacked separate facilities, would our girls quit school for fear of humiliation when they were menstruating? How would they combat diseases associated with the dirty water and bad sanitation?

Clean water and sanitation can be a vehicle through which many of the UN Millennium Development Goals can begin to be met. Those goals, presented in 2001, have targeted worldwide the need for reduction/improvement in hunger and poverty, education, gender equality and empowering women, child mortality, maternal health, diseases like HIV/AIDS and malaria, environmental sustainability and a Global partnership for Development ([unmillenniumproject.org](http://unmillenniumproject.org)).

*What has been accomplished?*

*Through the PGWI Network:* Visit our own AAUW website at <http://wccc-pa.aauw.net>

for information or go directly to <http://pgwi.org> and read the 2012 Accomplishment Report and the upcoming conference information.

*Through AAUW West Chester-Chester County:* Between 2009 and 2012, members from our branch and the League of Women Voters Chester County have 1) studied the 8 Millennium Development Goals; 2) sponsored a Water Conference in West Chester with the help of PGWI; 3) became a sponsor (AAUW-WC only) of PGWI with the blessings of our national organization; 4) written many articles for their respective newsletters and presented to interested groups what different countries were doing to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals; 5) reported opportunities for members to support the PGWI initiatives through conferences, activities, and fundraising; and 6) took a tour -- and opportunity provided by our own Travel Interest Group (TIG) – of the Fairmont Water Works Interpretive Center (the first water project like it on such a large scale).

*Learn and get involved – the rewards are great and every little bit helps!!*



**Philadelphia Global  
Water Initiative**

## ***Domestic Violence Center***

Donations needed for March for the *Domestic Violence Center* -- crib sheets (new) twin sheets (new) and twin blankets (used/clean or new). These are the same items requested last month, but it is what they can use at this time.

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Donna Golden: 610-344-0245;  
[goldendonna@verizon.net](mailto:goldendonna@verizon.net) or Marie Dunn at  
610-431-0641; [marie1227@comcast.net](mailto:marie1227@comcast.net)

## Science: Who Does it Better?

A test of 15-year-old students in 65 different countries finds that girls typically [do better in science](#) than [boys but] not in the United States and a handful of other countries, The New York Times reports. The Times notes in its interactive graphic that in Asian and Northern European countries, girls performed better than boys. Additionally, girls in Eastern and Southern Europe and [in] the Middle East did better than boys [. . . even] though the students overall had lower scores. In Western Europe and the Americas, though, boys did better than girls.

The Times suggests that culture may influence how students see science and education.

In the US, it says, there is the issue of stereotypes. "We see that very early in childhood - around age 4 - gender roles in occupations appear to be formed," says Christianne Corbett, who co-authored a 2010 report on women in STEM fields. "Women are less likely to go into science careers, although they are clearly capable of succeeding."

In other areas of the world, though, other factors may be at play. "For girls in some Arab countries, education is the only way to move up the social structure," Andreas Schleicher from Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which administers the test, says. "*It is one way to earn social mobility.*"

Source:

[http://www.genomeweb.com/node/1187041?hq\\_e=el&hq\\_m=1484634&hq\\_l=1&hq\\_v=9406127436](http://www.genomeweb.com/node/1187041?hq_e=el&hq_m=1484634&hq_l=1&hq_v=9406127436)

### Ways and Means

Our fundraising efforts include recycling *used ink cartridges*. Please bring these to the meetings. Mary Smith will be collecting these and dropping off on a regular basis. Email questions to: [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net).



## Flower Power Fundraiser

*Flower Power Fundraising* is a fun and easy way to raise funds for our branch – we earn 50% in profit on every sale. The Flower Power spring catalog features bulbs and roots that you can plant in spring for flowers that bloom from summer through fall – Grecian Windflowers, freesias, dahlias and many more. Just show the catalog of beautiful plants and bulbs to friends, relatives, and neighbors – anyone who loves to garden. Then fill out the order form. Or, if you choose, you and your friends can order directly online at:

[http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign\\_id=13971](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=13971).

Catalogs and order forms will be distributed at the March meeting. Order forms and payment (cash or checks made to AAUW-WCCC) must be returned to us at the April meeting or mailed to Molly Scott *no later than April 9th*.

However, the online order deadline is April 19th. The orders will be mailed directly to individual customers. There is a \$5.00 flat shipping charge per address.

*"Dig in" and help make this a successful fundraiser for our branch!*

*It's not too early to... mark your calendar*

The Annual Meeting and Banquet  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
West Chester Golf and Country Club

*More details to follow!*

## **Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP)**

*Ann Duerr*

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Governor Corbett introduced the 2013-2014 budget proposal for public education after two years of budgets with nearly \$1 billion in funding cuts. This year he is proposing \$90 million in new funds, leaving a gap of \$780 million.

According to school district administrators, the cuts had the following effects:

- 70% of school districts have increased class size
- 44% have cut music, art, and physical education programs
- 33% have slashed tutorial programs, especially for reading and math
- 20,000 fewer educational professionals in the schools

### *Take Action:*

- check out <http://partnersforpubliced.org>
- help Ann Duerr with the Student Advocacy Project, which was mentioned in the February newsletter

This year *Equal Pay Day* on April 9<sup>th</sup> will be especially important as 2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (originally passed in 1963). President Obama explicitly called for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in his State of the Union Address on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, our branch will support the *Women's Center and Club for their Equal Pay Day Bake Sale at West Chester University*.

### *Take Action:*

- visit our local website at [wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net) and respond to the *2 Minute Activist* to make Congress pay attention to Obama's declaration
- we need bakers and women to sell cookies and provide information regarding pay inequity at West Chester University.

To volunteer, contact *Peggy Staarman* at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net) or sign up at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **GETT 2013 to be Held on March 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Mary A Smith, GETT committee and AAUW Liaison*

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) event will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the new, state of the art Phoenixville Middle School. Planning for the one-day event is under way. Once again I will be asking for volunteers for the day of the event to staff the parent/educator event, flag ladies, lunch servers or whatever GETT may need. We are planning for over 500 girls and 150 parent/educators to attend.

On-line registration opened February 14<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.itagpa.org>. If you know of girls in the tri-county area who would like to attend, then make sure they get registered soon. I am making a list of those members who would like to be involved. Many who have volunteered in the past can attest to the satisfaction being part of such an amazing event brings them. I have been involved and am part of the original committee from 13 years ago, when we sat in a boardroom at CB Technologies with 8 other women trying to figure out how to encourage young women to get into the IT careers. Little did we know we would be creating such a long living event. It just goes to show you how one idea can spark a movement.

Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology began in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 2001 as a response to the under-representation of young women in the computer and information technology fields. GETT, a volunteer-driven SEPA regional project, has now expanded its scope, introducing the universe of technological and STEM careers to girls. GETT is an exciting, enlightening, and educational workforce development project designed for Southeast PA girls in grades 6 through 12 and their parents, teachers, and counselors to learn about careers in the dynamic fields of technology. GETT has had partner events in Philadelphia (BioScience) and in Casper, Wyoming at Casper College.

### ***Why is GETT Important?***

Although technology has a huge impact in shaping our society, the latest statistics indicate that girls shy away from technology careers. Careers in technology are financially rewarding and influential, but, unfortunately, the number of women entering these fields continues to decline. In 2003, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation Report, "Women at Work", highlighted the need for advanced education for women in the computer and information fields. Without this training, the technological gender gap will continue to grow. According to recent research from the Information Technology (IT) Association of America, women now represent barely one-quarter of IT workers.

GETT is an opportunity for parents, girls, and educators to learn the facts about how technology careers can be fulfilling, fun, and rewarding personally, professionally, and financially. GETT also provides an excellent way for girls to meet and interact with successful women and educators who are positive role models.

The American Association of University Women - West Chester Branch supports GETT on an annual basis.

If you have any contacts for funding or if you know any young women who would like to be part of the hands on break-out sessions or would like to volunteer, please let me know at [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net) or at 610-269-3375.



### ***Branch Supports STEM for Women & Asks for Your Help March 16th***

For many years (at least as far back as 1991), our branch has actively supported pay equity for women and girls throughout their lifetimes. One of our major thrusts has been to help girls keep their career options open by not closing the doors in junior high school on math and science courses, thus limiting their choices of careers in high-paying fields such as banking and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"Math is hard," said Mattel's Barbie many years ago. This perception remains true today and may be applied to science, technology and engineering. In addition, being a pre-teen/teen "girl geek" is difficult for social reasons.

You have a chance to make a difference! *Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology* (GETT) has been supported by branch volunteers and funds for 13 years. This year, the one-day event will be held in Phoenixville on Saturday, March 16. Please contact Mary Smith, branch liaison, to let her know you will help on the big day in welcoming and registering girls, parents, and educators. There are also other volunteer opportunities interacting with the GETT girls.

Research is showing that the support that can be provided by the parents, caregivers, and educators in the life of a "girl geek" can significantly influence her resolve to overcome obstacles, both academic and social, in her path. A seminar to teach caregivers and educators the skills and strategies to provide this support is a part of GETT. You can help here, also.

In addition, under the leadership of Mary Smith, our liaison to GETT; Val Connors, a new member with extensive experience in running girls summits; and Graham Boose, a past winner of an AAUW Community Action Grant, the branch has applied for a one-year AAUW grant to expand the current GETT component for parents, caregivers, and

educators. If we get this, we'll need branch support here, too. If you are interested in either GETT on March 16<sup>th</sup> or future efforts, please let Mary or Val know. Mary Smith, pangea49@comcast.net, or 610-269-3375; or Val Connors, valerieconnors@gmail.com, or 484-237-8767.

## **MMM has returned!**

... *March is Membership Month*

As a special incentive, we are encouraging each branch member to bring a guest(s) to our branch meetings. For each guest you bring, you will receive an entry ticket into our drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate from AAUW's merchandise catalog or a \$50 reduction in your dues next year! When your guest(s) joins AAUW, you will receive two additional entry tickets.

Congratulations to last year's winner, Elaine Burgess. Good luck everyone!

## **AAUW Wilmington's 44th Annual Dollars for Scholars Used Book Sale**

More than 50,000 used books will be sold at the 44th annual *Dollars for Scholars Used Book Sale*, sponsored by the Wilmington branch of the American Association of University Women, to benefit college scholarships for Delaware women.

Most items are 75 cents to \$5, with collectibles up to \$100. The sale runs Feb. 28-March 3, 2013, at Concord Mall, 4737 Concord Pike, Brandywine Hundred, DE 19803. The sale also includes DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, vinyl records, sheet music, puzzles, and ephemera. The sale starts at 10 a.m. (11 a.m. on March 3) and ends at 9:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on March 3). Of special interest -- a large donation by the local Ninth Street Book Shop after its recent move to smaller quarters and 250+ books on Jewish-related topics (religion, history, culture and literature) from the collection of a respected local lawyer.

Items are sorted into more than 50 categories on tables throughout the mall. On Sunday, the branch will sell people a bag they can fill from all categories (except for collectibles).

For more information, visit

[www.aauwwilmington.org/booksale.html](http://www.aauwwilmington.org/booksale.html), call (302) 428-0939 or e-mail

[aauwwilm@gmail.com](mailto:aauwwilm@gmail.com). The website has details about the scholarships that the sale funds and on how to make donations for future sales.

## **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. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</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. Please contact Elaine Burgess, 610-383-7018 if you plan to attend.

**Lit II Book Group:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will take place on March 20 when the group will discuss the book *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel. The discussion leader will be Peggy Staarman, and the hostess, Fran Pierce. 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).

**Non-Fiction Group:** Meets every two months. Contact Paula McGinness for upcoming readings and location information. 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work) or [pmcginness@chesco.com](mailto:pmcginness@chesco.com).

### 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 Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277) or [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).

### Great Decisions

For more information on the Great Decisions group, contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or [martin\\_page@msn.com](mailto:martin_page@msn.com).

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

On *February 1<sup>st</sup>*, we traveled to Doylestown, PA to visit the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle. Lunch was in Elkins Gallery at the museum and was be hosted by a curator. The Mercer Museum depicts everyday life in the pre-industrial age, and Fonthill is the amazing concrete castle that was the home of Henry Mercer. The cost, including lunch, is \$30.

On *April 9<sup>th</sup>* we will travel to West Chester for the WCU Travel Adventures Film "Along the Royal Inca Road" and dinner featuring foods of the area.

On *May 19<sup>th</sup>* will be a guided tour of Kennett Underground Railroad sites.

More detailed information will be sent to TIG members. All are welcome. If you are interested in being a TIG member contact Sue Johnston: [sueearlj@verizon.net](mailto:sueearlj@verizon.net) or 610.363.8535.



## Get Your *Keystoner* Online and Help the Environment

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.html>



### AAUW Mission Statement

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

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## Guidelines for AAUWsome

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 some* 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 some* via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact [Fran Pierce](mailto:franpierce@verizon.net) at [franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:franpierce@verizon.net).

## Membership Outreach

If you wish to review your records for the *AAUW National association* check out <http://www.aauw.org/> or use the *Helpline Phone* at 800-326-2289

Once you have accessed the site go to the Member Center. You will need your Membership Number to change your record information (see directions on page 35 of the branch member handbook). In addition, you can find your Membership Number on the address label of the Association publication *Outlook* or on the label of your branch handbook.

*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.

*Did you know.....*



*Eleanor Roosevelt Fund*

[www.aauw.org/resource/eleonore-roosevelt-fund-award](http://www.aauw.org/resource/eleonore-roosevelt-fund-award)



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**March 13th, 7:00 pm**

**Grove United Methodist Church**

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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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