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The Great Outdoors Close To Home

Chester County Parks and Recreation Department

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Grove United Methodist Church
 Wednesday, April 10th, 2013
 7:00 p.m.

Warmer temperatures and longer daylight motivate us to spend more time out of doors. Chester County offers a variety of scenic, natural, and historical resources as part of Chester County Parks and Recreation Department. This department manages 4,600 acres of parks as well as 3 regional trails.

The parks include Hibernia, Nottingham, Warwick, Wolf's Hollow, Springton Manor Farm, and the Black Rock Sanctuary. Chester Valley Trail, Schuylkil River Trail, and the Struble Trail comprise the trail network. Each park and trail is unique and together offer numerous resources for camping, boating, fishing, and picnics as well as a variety of educational programs for all ages.

Brian Delphus, a ranger at Warwick Park, will present a program on Chester County Parks and Recreation Department at our April 10 meeting. He is an outdoor enthusiast and is glad his job involves close contact with nature. In describing his background, Delphus writes: "The outdoors has always been my passion and I've been involved with several different conservation-related organizations. That love for the outdoors is what inspired me to become a park ranger. As a park ranger I work with a team responsible for the safety and satisfaction of visitors to the parks and trails in Chester County. We patrol each park and trail daily making sure that they are being used in the way that they were intended and are benefitting the greatest number of users. In this area our most-used facility is the Chester Valley Trail." In addition to his role as a park ranger for Chester County, Delphus works for the Pennsylvania chapter of the Audubon Society.

So get ready to enjoy spring by learning about Chester County's parks and trails. Plan to attend and bring a friend. *Grove Methodist Church* is at 490 West Boot Road, West Chester.

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From the Co-President

Dear Members,

If things keep going this way, we might have to find a bigger meeting hall! That's really just a joke, but we have been fortunate this year to have our membership grow by more than 15% already and it is only mid-March as I write this letter!

Very little of that growth, as I am sure you know, is due to luck. The bit of luck involved is that we have a membership chair, Jane Schultz, who has set high goals for the branch and for herself and who continues to seek new ways to attract vibrant women who share the mission, vision, and goals of AAUW. Her drive (no pun intended!) this year has allowed us to make the strides we have been working toward for many years.

But a larger membership is both good news and bad; first is the good news. Our branch can enjoy more financial support as well as a greater diversity of talent and abilities with a broader membership, and more members will be available to take leadership positions in the future. And the bad news is really not so bad - we will require leaders who can guide a larger and more diverse membership until such time as the new members have gained the experience to take on those leadership roles.

I always have believed that good leadership is the key to any successful body of human beings whether that body be countries, states, towns, schools, churches, organizations, or even families. It is defining what good leadership looks like and identifying good leaders that are the difficult tasks! That is why I encourage each and every one of you, regardless of your own opinion of your leadership abilities or aptitude, to take the chance here, in the very safe setting that is AAUW West Chester-Chester County, to test your leadership skills.

Perhaps it will begin with just a stint as a Special Interest Group chair or as a project chair or perhaps you will be asked to serve as an officer or co-officer. Without giving the opportunity a chance, you may never fully

realize that you have the ability to be part of our marvelous garden of women who bloom together and help each other to blossom, too. We need the talents of all of you no matter how small you might believe those to be! I know in my heart that the right combination of women will agree to share the duties needed to tend our garden and allow it to continue to grow and influence our surrounding county in ways that will improve the lives of women and girls. We are all relying on YOU!!

Sincere thanks!

Fran Pierce
Co-President

*Mark your calendar...
Annual Meeting & Spring Banquet
May 8th
See Page 8 for details*

And the Nominees are...

Submitted by Fran Pierce

Thanks to all of you who sent in nominations for our annual awards that will be announced at the banquet on May 8 at the West Chester Country Club. Here are the nominees for our 2013 awards:

Outstanding Woman – Awarded to a member for meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years.

- Donna Eaves
- Norma George
- Nancy Rumfield
- Mary Smith

TEAL Award - Granted in recognition of recent-term contributions by an unsung member who exemplifies the spirit of AAUW.

- Sandy Alexander
- Valerie Connors
- Ann Duerr
- Tamara Hollins

Peg Anderson Award – Recognizes a longstanding member who has served in many

capacities over the years and who continues to work in the background to inspire and support those who are now leaders and members.

- Donna Eaves
- Norma George
- Yvonne Peiffer
- Mary Smith

Gateway to Equity – Given to an organization in the community that has advanced equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research.

1. Chester County Fund for Women & Girls
2. Girl Scouts of Southeastern Pennsylvania
3. Mommy’s Light

Nominations for Offices

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

Co-President - Dorothea LaVigne

Co-Vice President of Programs

- Peggy Staarman

Co-Vice President of Membership

- Carol Habig

A special thanks to our Nominating Committee: Molly Scott, Kay Philipps, Sue Ciorletti, Roni Mullen and Elaine Burgess.

Makers: Women Who Make America

If you missed this remarkable documentary on PBS, you can view it online at <http://www.makers.com/documentary/>. It tells the story of the impact women have made over the past 50 years. The AAUW website declares, “The interviews are insightful, personal, often funny, and reflect the wide variety of experiences and perspectives relating to feminism, women’s rights, and success. With so many groundbreakers and leaders at both national and community levels, it is not surprising that there are many faces familiar to AAUW among the MAKERS cast.”

To read about the AAUW fellows who are part of the documentary, go to <http://www.aauw.org/2013/02/25/meet-your-makers/>.



Flower Power Fundraiser

Flower Power Fundraising is a fun and easy way to raise funds for our branch. The 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. If you are not a gardener but like flowers, take a look at the Dahlia Mixture (Item 90064) that grows in patio containers too! Surprise your friends with spring gifts wrapped in earth-friendly gift wrap infused with wild flower seeds that they can plant (Item 90084). There is something for everyone.

There are two ways to place orders:

Catalog Sales - After browsing through the Flower Power catalog distributed at the March Program Meeting, fill out the order form that was included with the packet. Place the order form and payment (cash or checks made to AAUW-WCCC) in the provided envelope and return to us at the April Program Meeting. If you cannot attend the April Program, orders may be mailed to Molly Scott but must reach her no later than April 10th. **The deadline for catalog sales is April 10th.** **Online Sales** - Browse the catalog and order directly online at http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=13971 or click on the “flower” on the homepage of our website - <http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/>. Once you are on AAUW-WCCC account page, just follow the step by step directions. **The deadline for online sales is April 26th.**

AAUW-WCCC receives 50% profit on every sale. Funds will be used for programs, scholarships, GETT, and other activities. “Dig in” and help make this a successful fundraiser for our branch!

Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP)

By Peggy Staarman

Fifty years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women are still feeling the effects of unfair compensation from college to retirement. After factors known to affect earning such as college major, grade point average, hours of work, and occupation, the pay gap narrows but doesn't disappear. About 7% of the gender pay gap cannot be explained by any of these factors. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received about 30,000 complaints of sex discrimination.

In 1996, the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) created "Equal Pay Day" as a public awareness event to highlight this gap in wages between men and women. Since the Census Bureau didn't release wage figures until August or September, the leadership decided to select a Tuesday in April as Equal Pay Day. NCPE selected Tuesday to emphasize how far into the work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week. The April date also avoided religious and other holidays. (Please visit the NCPE website for additional information: www.pay-equity.org.)

To publicize Equal Pay Day and our concern about the lack of pay equality, our AAUW branch is continuing its partnership with West Chester University by holding a Pay Equity Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 9, this year's "Equal Pay Day". The event will be held at the Sykes Student Union Lobby on Rosedale Avenue, West Chester from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The proceeds will benefit the Women's Center and Association for Women's Empowerment at the University. If you volunteered to bake, please deliver your items to Peggy Staarman (307 Benning Lane, Downingtown) by 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 7. If you volunteered to help on April 9, please arrive at the Sykes Student Union at your designated time.

The League of Women's Voters is looking for volunteers to register voters on Saturday, April 6 between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Exton

Mall. Please call Mary Lou Dondero at 610-692-3299 if you can help.

Our committee will join forces with larger groups promoting public education support involving students. Please contact a LAPP committee member for more information. Finally, President Obama signed into law the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act. He said, "The law strengthens the criminal justice system's response to crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assaults, and trafficking." AAUW worked hard for the passage of this bill.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members!

Jennifer Schultz

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Interests: gardening, travel, reading

Member Update!--New Information

Mary Dorsey-Bunnell

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Upper Chichester, PA 19061

Laura LaBuda

Home Address: 26 Bluff Road
Thorndale, PA 19312

AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues Renewal Notice (see page 10)

It's time to renew your annual AAUW dues. Please continue your membership in AAUW, our vital organization for the promotion of equity, education, and self-development for women and girls.

Payment of dues is for the membership period **July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.**

Mail the attached **membership renewal form** and **check** to: Jane Schultz

1300 Amstel Way
West Chester, PA 19380-5818

Make **check payable** to:

AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch
for **\$75.00** (life members \$26.00)

Special Offer: All members who have paid their dues **prior to** or **at the May Dinner** receive an entry into a surprise gift raffle. Don't delay. Send your renewal today. The raffle winner could be YOU!

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.

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, April 2nd.

Special Interest Groups

Couples Bridge

Meets the 3rd 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.

Lit I, Afternoon Book Discussion: Meets on the 4th Thursday. Please contact Elaine Burgess, 610-383-7018 if you plan to attend.

Lit II Book Group: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will take place on April 17 when the group will discuss the book *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. The discussion leader will be Lyn Eaton, and the hostess, Marie Dunne. 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.

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.

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.

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 2nd Saturday of each month. If interested please contact Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277) or 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.

TIG (Travel Interest Group): AAUW TIGers

On April 9th, 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 19th, there will be a guided tour of Kennett Underground Railroad sites. More detailed information will be sent to TIG members. If you are interested in being a TIG member contact Sue Johnston: sueearlj@verizon.net or 610.363.8535.

Update...Read Your *Keystoner* Online

The *Keystoner*, the State AAUW Newsletter, has recently switched to online delivery. All members with e-mails are currently signed up to receive The *Keystoner* online. The most recent edition was sent in February in an emailed notice from the mailbox of the co-president (SandraK98@aol.com). The e-mail contains a table of contents and a link to a downloadable copy. Just click on the link and enjoy reading about AAUW news and issues from branches in PA. For your convenience, here is the link to February's issue – <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2013/02/AAUW-PA-Keystoner-E-News-February-2013.pdf> If you are interested in reading past *Keystoner* issues, just click on <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/about-us/keystoner/>.

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 10th 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 25th 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** at 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*, 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.

Domestic Violence Center

Our April donations for the Domestic Violence Center will be:
Clorox Wipes
Swiffer wet or dry refills
Women's bathrobes

Contacts: Donna Golden: 610-344-0245; goldendonna@verizon.net or Marie Dunn at 610-431-0641; marie1227@comcast.net



Support "Wings for Success"

Once again, our branch is stepping up to support *Wings for Success* with a donation drive during the month of April. *Wings for Success* is a nonprofit organization located in Frazer, PA. It has benefited 6,500 women by providing essential clothing and accessories to help local women secure employment. Serving southeastern Pennsylvania, *Wings for Success* provides work appropriate clothing that not only prepares each woman for her interview and workplace, but also gives her hope and confidence in her future.

Items will be collected at the **April Program Meeting.**

Ideas for Donations:

- Costume Jewelry, nice handbags and business dress shoes
- New body shapers and bras
- Scrubs in sizes M, L, XL, XXL, or plus
- Youthful styled black dress pants in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18
- New trouser socks, knee-high stockings, and pantyhose

Please contact Laura La Buda with any questions at [610-888-9509](tel:610-888-9509).

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
-Anne Frank, *Diary of Anne Frank*

“As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way.”
-Mary Anne Radmacher

“When you learn, teach, when you get, give.”
-Maya Angelou



Please Join
AAUW West Chester-Chester County
 For Our
**Annual Meeting &
 Spring Banquet**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Place: West Chester Country Club
 111 West Ashbridge Street*
 *Corner of North High & Ashbridge Streets

Cost: \$28 per person -- Same as last year!

RSVP: Send the form below by **Thursday, April 25, 2013** to:

Phyllis Dunn
 1035 North New Street, West Chester, PA 19380

-OR-

email her at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com

Join your AAUW friends for our Annual Meeting, Awards Ceremony, and another exciting program featuring a discussion of women musicians.

Don't forget to BRING A GUEST and receive a free entry
 in our Membership Development Raffle!

 I/We Will Attend the *Annual Spring Banquet* on *May 8* at the West Chester Country Club

Dinner Choices -- Chicken Capellini: Boneless breast sautéed with garlic, sundried tomato and spinach, tossed with angel hair pasta
Salmon Filet Imperial: Salmon with a Dill Buerre Blanc Sauce

Name _____ **Chicken** **Salmon**

Guest _____ **Chicken** **Salmon**

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ **@ \$28 Per Person** **Check Number** _____

Send a check made out to: AAUW, West Chester, Chester County Branch to Phyllis Dunn, 1035 North New Street, West Chester, PA 19380 or you can pay at the door with exact cash or check but you MUST reserve your spot by May 1 (NO DROP-INS!) by contacting Phyllis at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com.

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 th Thursday)	_____	Newsletter Circulation	_____
Scholarship	_____	Book Club 2 (3 rd 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** (life members \$26.00) payable to **AAUW - West Chester-Chester County Branch**. Payment of dues is for the membership period **July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**.

Return to:

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April 10, 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.

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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