



## AAUW some NEWS

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## AAUW West Chester – Chester County PA Holiday Party

Sunday, December 15th at 2 p.m.  
At the home of Phyllis and Dan Dunn  
1035 North New Street, West Chester, PA 19380-3835  
\$10 per Guest

Please join us for this year's Holiday Party at the home of Phyllis and Dan Dunn at 1035 North New Street in West Chester, PA 19380 (Parking is on the grass to the right of the driveway. Carpooling is encouraged.)

As always, members are welcome to bring guests, significant others, friends, and/or potential new members. This event is a fundraiser for our branch. The cost is \$10 per person. Raffle tickets for two very special baskets – “Pamper Yourself Basket” and “Restaurant Basket” — will be on sale, and the drawing will take place near the end of the event.

Members with last names beginning with A through L should bring desserts and members with last names beginning with M through Z should bring appetizers. Please choose a dish that will not need to be reheated and remember to bring serving utensils for your dish. Beverages – wine and non-alcoholic — will be provided.

Please use the provided tear off form provided with the invitation in the newsletter to RSVP. Send a check payable to AAUW-WCCC and the form to Jean Speiser at 809 Denbi Court in West Chester, PA 19382 by December 7th.

**January Meeting** - *Wednesday January 8, 2014 -- Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Human Trafficking* - see Page 8

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## ***From the Co-Presidents***

Dear Members,

As I begin writing this letter, I am just back from the AAUW-PA East District Meeting that I attended along with over 75 other PA members. It was held at Doylestown Hospital, a community hospital with a wonderful history. In 1923 the Village Improvement Association (VIA) founded the hospital. The VIA was started in 1895 by a small group of women with big dreams who recognized a need for public health initiatives in their community. The V.I.A. continues to be recognized as the only Women's Club that owns and operates a community hospital. As we listened to Marianne Chabot, President of the Doylestown Women's Club, narrate the role of women in the history of V.I.A., we were uplifted by the power of women to get things done.

The topic of the district meeting was human trafficking. *Human Trafficking* and *Violence Against Women (VAW)* are the priority advocacy efforts of the AAUW-PA Impact Grant. We heard the perspectives of several speakers on the issues related to human trafficking. State Senator Stewart Greenleaf gave an update on Senate Bill 75, which would update and strengthen existing law in the areas of the "three Ps": prosecution of traffickers, prevention of human trafficking, and protection of victims, many of whom are women and girls. Attorney Shea Rhodes and author Carol Hart Metzker related their experiences with survivors and talked about solutions to fight human trafficking. I have heard Carol Metzker speak on several occasions and am impressed by her knowledge and dedication to the issue of human trafficking. I am looking forward to her presentation at our January 8th program.

Also, earlier this fall, I attended a Women Talk discussion at the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, our 2013 Gateway to Equity Award Winner. The focus of the discussion was Sheryl Sandberg's book - "Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead", which "addresses why women's progress in achieving leadership roles has stalled, explains the root causes, and offers compelling, commonsense

solutions that can empower women to achieve their full potential". It was a lively discussion about challenges, choices, the perception of women in leadership positions, and the importance of mentoring in the workplace. Although everyone did not agree with all the points of the book, all agreed that by reading it, we are encouraged to "lean in" and, as Sandberg states, "to change the conversation from what women can't do to what we can do."

We are fortunate to have a branch with members who have "leaned in" to fill leadership positions and take on projects to make our branch successful. We have a wonderful way to recognize those individuals with our state and branch awards. To meet the February deadline of AAUW-PA, we are asking for nominations by January 8th so we can choose award recipients by February 8th. Please take a few minutes to read about the awards, and then submit your nominations. All the details are in this newsletter under "Nominate a Member for the 2014 AAUW-PA and Branch Awards!!"

This month's newsletter also brings you our holiday party invitation with reservation form and details of the holiday fundraiser. If you haven't bought your raffle tickets, you can still contact Anne Anderko or purchase them at the party. Dorothea and I look forward to seeing many of you at the holiday party on December 15th and again at our January 8th program with State Senator Dinniman and Carol Metzker.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a happy new year!

Sincerely,  
Dorothea Lavigne & Sandi Kwisz  
Co-Presidents



*Interested in Crafts? See Page 8 for information on a new SIG.*



## Get Your Holiday Raffles!

Tickets for the "Restaurant Basket" and "Pamper Yourself Basket" can be purchased up to and including December 15 at Our Holiday Party at the home of Phyllis Dunn. Remember that tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, so please reach out to your friends and family to make this a successful fund raiser. You will have a chance to win two jam packed baskets, "Restaurant Basket" and "Pamper Yourself Basket". If you would like tickets, please contact Anne Anderko at [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com) so arrangements can be made for you to receive your raffle tickets. The drawing is not until Dec. 15, and you need not be present to win! Thanks to all of you who helped with donations for the baskets.

## Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP)

By Ann Duerr

The Senate passed national Human Trafficking Awareness Day in 2007 and it is observed each January 11. AAUW/PA approved our mini-impact grant plan written by Mary Dorsey Bunnell to educate our members and greater communities and to inspire them to reduce the existence of human trafficking/child slavery. At the January 8th branch meeting, Carol Hart Metzker, author and activist, will provide personal experiences, ways to identify traffickers, and an action plan to reduce slavery. Senator Dinniman will provide a brief update of the progress of Act 75, which better defines human trafficking so law enforcement will be more effective.

An important way to become involved right now is to be familiar with Fair Trade products, ones that are not funding exploitative labor practices either at home or abroad. There are 27 million slaves in the world today. Many of them contribute to the supply chains that end

up in the products we use. To determine how many slaves could be making your life easier, visit <http://slaveryfootprint.org/>; pay close attention to the facts they include on the survey pages.

Award winning musician Kelly Clarkson traveled to a coffee farm in Peru with Green Mountain Coffee. Fair Trade certification gives farmers a fair price for their beans with a guaranteed minimum, which they can invest in their crops, their communities, and their future. Check her out at [ChooseFairTrade.com](http://ChooseFairTrade.com).

Locally you can find Fair Trade products at Trader Joe's (cocoa, coffee, chocolate, sugar); in West Chester at the Great Pumpkin and Carlino's; Pete's Produce—"our own"—in Westtown; Wine and Spirits in West Goshen Shopping Center, and Ten Thousand Villages in Exton. When in doubt, ask your favorite stores if they carry brands of fairly traded items. If they don't, ask them to start. It's only fair! Also, on the internet, check out [equalexchange.com](http://equalexchange.com) and Fair Trade Your Supermarket ([fairtradeyoursupermarket.org/brands-to-look-for](http://fairtradeyoursupermarket.org/brands-to-look-for)).

Media, PA is the first fair trade town in the USA. Now there are 32 more fair trade towns in USA and 16 in Canada. To qualify as a fair trade town, a certain percentage of retailers and institutions must sell and use fair trade products and offer ongoing promotion of fair trade. Find more information at <http://firstfairtradetownusa.org/>

The Two Minute Activist, which appears on the AAUW branch website at [wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net), has four categories to match your interest for political action: Education, Economic Security, Civil Rights, and Title IX. TAKE FIVE minutes each week to respond to your legislator. PERSISTANCE leads to ACTION and CHANGE.

The LAPP committee includes Ann Duerr and Mary Dorsey Bunnell (Co-Chairs), Mimi Jones, Linda Lang, Jean Speiser, and Peggy Staarman. We welcome all interested members.

## Generous Donation!

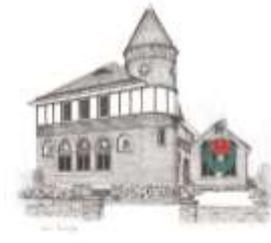
Our branch recently received a very generous donation of \$10,000 from the family of *Harriet Jarosh*. Harriet was a past branch president (1981-1983; 1991-1993) who was admired for her calm and wise leadership of the branch. She also was very interested in environmental issues and initiated a recycling project in West Chester.

In a conversation with Harriet's son, Bill Hickman, he spoke of how important AAUW was to Harriet and also about her interest in the environment and its influence on him. The board kept this in mind as we considered the best use of this generous gift. We hope to honor Harriet's spirit and interest in the environment by establishing an environmental education fund in her name. The fund will provide grants to support environmental education and activities at the elementary and/or secondary level in the Chester County Public Schools. With this fund, we will be able to reach many young people who are interested in making a positive difference in the environment.

The next step is to form a committee to administer the fund. Responsibilities would include setting up guidelines for the fund, establishing the application process, contacting schools, and choosing the recipients. If you are interested in being part of this exciting and worthwhile new project, please contact Sandi Kwisz or Dorothea Lavigne.



Because our members are so important to us, we want to keep in touch. Do you know of a member who needs to receive a get well note or card of support? Please contact our Corresponding Secretary Laura LaBuda ([labudalaura@aol.com](mailto:labudalaura@aol.com)) with the necessary information.



## Holiday Home Tour in West Chester to Benefit the 125 Year-old West Chester Public Library

On December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the West Chester Public Library (WCPL), which is celebrating its 125 Anniversary this year, will present 11 beautiful and historic homes for its Holiday Home Tour. The homes are located in the southwestern side of the West Chester Borough and will be open to tour visitors for the holidays.

Seven of the homes are nestled around the beautiful and historically preserved Everhart Park, the borough's 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest park, and those seven homes are all within easy walking distance of one another. The homes this year were built between 1787 and 1959, each with its own special charm and history. As a bonus, "Tanglewood", the home of West Chester University Presidents, will be open. Also, the West Chester University Alumni House will be open for you to tour and enjoy refreshments.

Birthday cake will be served at the WCPL as part of the Library's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, for tour participants. Tickets are on sale now at the West Chester Public Library at 415 N. Church St. in West Chester for \$30. On the day of the tour, the tickets will be available at the library for \$40. Tickets also can be purchased at the Chester County Book Company in the West Goshen Shopping Center in West Chester. Online ticket purchases: <http://wcpubliclibrary.org/>

For more information contact:  
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## WCU Student Representatives - Goings and Comings

*By Fran Pierce*

Whitley Harbold, our excellent student representative to our Board of Directors in 2012-13, graduated from West Chester University in May of 2013. I recently spoke to Whitley, who told me that her official major was Political Science with a minor in Geography and Planning.

Whitley began her studies for a Master's in Public Administration at West Chester University while she was still in her senior year and is in a "fast track" program to earn this 2-year degree in a little over a year. Her M.P.A. degree will give her a certification in Urban and Regional Planning, a field that has grown quickly in recent years. She also won a Graduate Assistantship that will pay for 9 credit hours while she works at the university 15 hours per week. She is a busy young woman, but she has agreed to assist us with organizing the student e-membership and the faculty membership drive this year!

Whitley began an internship at WaWa, Inc. in the summer while she also attended classes for her master's degree and is still working for WaWa, Inc. 20 to 30 hours a week in their department of Government Relations and Sustainability. Her employer likes her so much that her employer has offered her a position with the company once she graduates, but she is not really sure what she wants to do once she has her degree. Whitley said, "it's been good to have a corporate perspective on sustainability and legislative issues, but I don't know if that's what I would want to do for my whole career – I'll see how I feel when graduation comes around."

Having worked with Whitley this past year and a half, I know exactly why WaWa would like to keep her around! Her dedication, intelligence, hard work, and loyalty will make her a star employee for any organization or company in the future!

We have been lucky for the past few years to have an eager young woman willing to serve on our board; this year is no exception! No sooner was Whitley in graduate school than our newest board representative was already hard at work!

Felicia Orendorff, a junior Communication Studies major with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies at West Chester University, attended her first AAUW board meeting in September and has already worked with Fran Pierce and Whitley Harbold to craft a work plan to help get e-student members signed-up with AAUW.

Felicia is from Gettysburg, PA and has spent her summers working at the KOA Campground in her hometown. She is definitely an outdoorsy type and loves to garden, hike, and just be in the outdoors as much as possible. At WCU, she is the Vice President of the Women's Center Club called Association for Women's Empowerment or AWE. The goals of AWE this year are member retention and community connections, so she has really welcomed a partnership with AAUW. Felicia says she is pleased to be able to have an inside view of a women's advocacy group, which her spot on our board will provide for her.

I have met with Felicia several times already, and I feel completely confident that she will pick up where Whitley left off and do a wonderful job for AAUW at WCU. Welcome to our group, Felicia!!

### Domestic Violence Center

At the Holiday Party Donna Golden and Marie Dunne will be collecting gift cards. Gift card suggestions are listed on the DVC website (<http://www.dvccc.com/youcanhelp/wishlist.html>) and include grocery stores, Target, Rite Aid, K-Mart, WaWa, and movie theaters such as AMC or Regal.

## **Alice Lawson Scholarship**

As the season of giving approaches consider making a contribution to the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund. Each year the American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester –Chester County Branch awards the Alice Lawson Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to an undergraduate student 25 years of age or older. Eligible students from *West Chester University, Cheney University, Lincoln University, and Immaculata University* can apply. Scholarship information for 2014 will be available in January, but it's not too early to share the site with possible candidates.

Information can be found at:

<http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/activities/scholarships/>

*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>.

## **Membership News**

Member Update:

*Marguerite Pond*

New Email Address: [mpond321@comcast.net](mailto:mpond321@comcast.net)

## **Shape The Future Membership Campaign Continues for 2013-2014**

Individuals who have not previously been an AAUW member can join AAUW National as a new member for only \$24.50. State and local dues bring the total membership dues to \$45.50 for their first year of membership. Contact Jane Schultz, Membership VP, with the names of potential members.

## **Give A Grad A Gift**

*Don't forget December Grads* -- AAUW members can give recent college or university graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership within two years after graduation at no cost to you or them.

- Expose a graduate to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 165,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equality and education for women and girls.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on events and people that affect their life as they receive Mission & Action, AAUW Outlook, Action Network Alerts, and more.
- Increase their buying power with access to member-only discounts.

## **West Chester-Chester County Branch Membership Recruitment Incentive**

Introduce your friends and associates to *AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch!* Each time you bring a prospective member to a branch meeting, your name will be entered into the **Membership Recruitment Incentive Raffle**. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the May banquet. The winner will receive a free one-year national membership renewal. Entry tickets will be available at the November branch meeting.

## **Membership Outreach**

Your Records with the National Association can be assessed by contacting:  
--Helpline Phone (800) 326-2289 or  
--Internet and email: The website for national AAUW is <http://www.aauw.org/>.  
You'll need your membership number, which can be found on the address label of the Association publication (Outlook).

### AAUW Mission Statement

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

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## Guidelines for AAUW some

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 Co-Presidents.
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. Editors and Co-Presidents 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. If you are not already receiving AAUW *some* via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact Sandi Kwisz at [SandraK98@aol.com](mailto:SandraK98@aol.com)

## December Keystoner

*The Keystoner* is a quarterly newsletter published by AAUW-PA and serves AAUW branches throughout Pennsylvania. December's edition was sent to you via an e-mail. You can download a copy by clicking the link in the e-mail. It can also be found on the AAUW-PA website: <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>. Our branch was one of the highlighted branches in "Branch Bits and Pieces" for receiving a \$7,000 Community Action Grant from AAUW national to fund a new initiative: Parents-Educators Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (PETT). We also were listed as one of the branches receiving a public policy mini grant from AAUW-PA. Awesome! If you did not receive the Keystoner link, please contact [SandraK98@aol.com](mailto:SandraK98@aol.com).

## 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 7:00 p.m., are over by 9 p.m., and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Interested in a Craft Group?

A number of our members have indicated they enjoy doing crafts, so the board would like to encourage the formation of a new *Special Interest Group* focusing on crafts and/or hobbies. The group could work on one craft such as quilting, jewelry making, or calligraphy or the group may want to incorporate a number of crafts. If you are interested in joining or leading this type of interest group, please contact Peggy Staarman ([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net)).

## 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 4th Thursday. Please contact Roni Mullen [610-436-0912](tel:610-436-0912) if you are interested.

**Lit II Book Group:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next group meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup>, *The Light Between Oceans* (F) by Margot L. Stedman, with Jane Schultz as the Leader and Dorothea LaVigne as the Hostess. 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:** Next meeting is Monday, January 20 at Days Hotel. For information on the Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group, contact Paula McGinness, at [610-942-4852](tel:610-942-4852) or [610-273-3303](tel:610-273-3303).

### Finance Discussion Group

This group is currently not active – if you are interested please contact Sandi (610-793-3135) [SandraK98@aol.com](mailto:SandraK98@aol.com) or Dorothea (484-315-8651) [dlav43@aol.com](mailto:dlav43@aol.com)

### FIG (Food Interest Group)

This groups dines around either at members' homes or restaurants. The group usually meets on the second Saturday or Sunday of the month. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles are welcome. The upcoming event is as follows:

**Sunday, January 12:** Barbara Lathroum will be hosting a brunch at her home in Downingtown. FIG members will receive details with their invitations via email in mid-December. Due to the branch brunch on February 8, there will not be a FIG event in February.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277) or at [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 [jacquelinepage9@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinepage9@gmail.com)

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

The Travel Interest Group is composed of members who like to go on day trips. We will plan several trips before the end of the year as well as 3 to 4 in winter and spring 2014. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in number. Upcoming trips are:

- December 13, 2013 (Friday): Weihnachts Market in Bethlehem, PA. It is an outdoor holiday market (in tents) recognized by Travel and Leisure Magazine as one of the top holiday markets in the world.  
<http://www.christmascity.org/>



- January 26, 2014 (Sunday) at 3 p.m.: Curtis Institute of Music, Curtis Symphony Orchestra. We will hear music by Glinka, Bartok, and Shostakovich. The cost is about \$20 each (if we have 15+ attending)
- March 11, 2014 (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m. We will journey to West Chester University to see The Royal Moscow Ballet present Sleeping Beauty. The cost will be \$20.



- March 25 (Tuesday evening): We will attend a West Chester University Travel Adventure to Madagascar: Land of Unique Wildlife, People, and Pirates. You can sign up for a theme dinner in addition to the travel movie.

We are considering an overnight trip to the Johnstown Flood Museum in June. Feedback on this is welcome.

Contact Roselyn Cadoff (610-458-8813) or Sue Johnston (610-363-8535) with any questions. If you are not on our email list and would like to be or wish to be removed from the list, then please contact Sue. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any of the activities.

*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.



### **Save the Date: February Brunch**

Our February Program Meeting will be **Saturday, February 8 at 10 a.m.** It will be held at Grove United Methodist Church. Branch member and West Chester Mayor Carolyn Comitta will speak about Women in Politics. This is always a great opportunity to bring a guest who may be interested in joining AAUW. Look for details in the February newsletter.

## Nominate a Member for the 2014 AAUW-PA and Branch Awards!!

It's time again to honor the members who have worked hard to make our branch so great. Please think about who you will nominate for each of the awards below. You don't need the permission of the nominee for this – these are not jobs, just AWARDS!!

Our recipients of the *Branch Outstanding Woman Award* and the *Branch Spotlight Award 2014* will be announced at the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting in April, and our branch will recognize them along with the recipients of the *Peg Anderson Award* and the *Gateway to Equity Award* at our May banquet.

*Branch Outstanding Woman* – Who from our branch do you think should be honored by this award for meritorious service to the branch and to the community over multiple years? This might be someone who has served quietly for years and will soon be completing her term, or it could be someone who worked for the branch in past years but has never been honored. (Last year's honoree was Mary Smith).

*Branch Spotlight Award 2014* (formerly TEAL Award) – This is an AAUW-PA award that honors a member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. The nominee should be someone who is either a new member or who only has been active for a year or 2, or it could even be just a new member who embodies the mission of AAUW and is supportive and enthusiastic of our activities. (Last year's TEAL Award recipient was Sandy Alexander).

*Peg Anderson Award* – This is our special branch award that recognizes a longstanding member who has served in many capacities over the years and continues to work in the background and to inspire and support those who are now leaders and members. (Last year's honoree was Donna Eaves).

*Gateway to Equity Award* – Look around – outside our branch. This award goes to a group, organization, or company from outside of our branch that has worked to “advance equity for women and girls.” Think about recent news reports, perhaps, or about someone who is just “always there” when women and girls need help. It also could be someone who has worked prominently for many years to improve the status of women and girls but whom we have not officially recognized. The winner of this award will be invited to attend our May banquet, and we will work to assist that organization for one year. (Our 2013 recipient was Chester County Fund for Women and Girls).

Please complete and return to the January 8th Program Meeting or mail it to Sandi Kwisz at 1133 St. Finegan Drive in West Chester, PA 19382. You can also e-mail your nominations to SandrK98@aol.com. The deadline for all nominations is January 8, 2014.

*NOTE:* You can nominate someone in just 1 category or all 3.

My nominees for the awards are:

Branch Outstanding Woman \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Spotlight Award 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

Peg Anderson Award \_\_\_\_\_

Gateway to Equity Award \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your nominations!

***January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month  
Join us to learn more about child slavery and human trafficking***

**Introductory Remarks by State Senator Andrew Dinniman**

**Presentation by Carol Metzker**

***Facing the Monster:  
How One Person Can Fight Human Trafficking***

Wednesday, January 8, 2014  
Grove United Methodist Church  
490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA  
7 p.m. — Networking and Refreshments  
7:30 p.m. — Program

Carol Hart Metzker is an author, speaker, and volunteer at Dawn's Place, a nearby home for survivors of human trafficking. She has a master's degree in social and organizational learning from George Mason University. Carol lives in Chester County with her husband and two children, all of whom often help with projects that aid survivors.

In "*Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery*", Carol calls attention to the plight of the world's children who live a life of modern slavery. She tells how an unexpected encounter with an eleven year old girl led her into the dark world of human trafficking, forced sex trade, and child slavery. Carol's quest to find hope, to help end slavery, and to aid survivors took her as far as children's shelters in remote villages in India and as close as a special home just miles from her front door in Pennsylvania.

Carol will answer our questions about human trafficking, share her experiences, and provide us with action items to make a difference. Hear true stories of local survivors of human trafficking and how you can take action against modern slavery. You can learn how to be the eyes, ears and voice of our community by identifying what is suspicious activity, what you should do, and how you can help best by using scenarios adapted from real cases that will be presented during "Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Human Trafficking."

Carol Metzker's book is available at the library and at Amazon as a paperback and a Kindle e-book. Signed copies also will be available after the program.





*You Are Invited to Attend  
AAUW West Chester's Holiday Party*

*At the home of:  
Phyllis Dunn  
1035 North New Street  
West Chester, PA 19380-3835*

*On: Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m.  
Drawing for the Holiday Raffle Basket  
will be at the end of the party.*

*Cost: \$10 per Guest*

*This event is a fundraiser for our branch activities and projects.  
Beverages are included in your ticket price.*

*If your last name begins with A through L, please bring a dessert.  
If your last name begins with M through Z, please bring an appetizer.*

**For Parking details**, see the article in this newsletter.  
RSVP by sending the completed form with check payable to AAUW-WCCC to:  
Jean Speiser at 809 Denbi Court, West Chester, PA 19382.

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*I/We will attend the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 15.*

*Member's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Guest(s)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is \$* \_\_\_\_\_ *(\$10 per person)*

*Make checks payable to AAUW-WCCC*



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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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