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West Chester – Chester County PA
Branch

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AAUW West Chester – Chester County PA February Brunch

Grove United Methodist Church
490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA
Saturday, February 8th 10 am.

Our branch's *February Brunch* is one of our most anticipated events. This year's date is Saturday, February 8 starting at 10 AM, and we will be meeting at the same location where we have most of our monthly evening meetings – the Grove Methodist Church at 490 West Boot Road, West Chester. There is plenty of free parking at the church. If the program has to be cancelled due to bad weather, we will send notice to members with e-mail addresses; it will also be posted on our website - wccc-pa.aauw.net. We will call members without e-mail to let them know if there is a cancellation. If cancelled, there is no snow date available.

We ask all members to bring a dish suitable for brunch that will serve six to eight people. Please be sure to bring whatever serving utensils you need and bring your food at the right temperature to serve it. We cannot heat up what you bring. No need to sign up in advance. Admission is \$5.00 a person. Proceeds will benefit Dawn's Place, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support women affected by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and its abuse, by providing services to women, raising awareness through education, and generating prevention, public policy reform and community collaboration. Dawn's Place works to improve the lives of women trapped by, or at risk for CSE, by providing housing, trauma recovery services, vocational training and other services. To read more about Dawn's Place, click on <http://ahomefordawn.org/index.php>

Please invite a friend or two who might be interested in learning more about and possibly joining AAUW. New members who join in February or later may be eligible for reduced-rate membership in the year that they join.

Directions to Grove United Methodist Church at 490 Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380: From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road; turn left and follow toward the intersection of Grove Road/Whitford Road. The Church is on your left before you reach the intersection. Additional information can be found at www.grovechurch.org or [610-696-2663](tel:610-696-2663).

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From the Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

A Warm Greeting in the New Year!

Although the weather has tried to slow things down, the board has been very busy planning fun events and enriching programs for everyone to **look forward to and to enjoy**.

The board and especially, Sandi and I know very well that without all the talented and committed women of AAUW-WCCC, the branch could not offer such a diverse array of activities and programs.

The highlight of the season was the **Holiday Party** so graciously hosted by *Phyllis Dunn and family*. A warm and heartfelt thank you goes out to Phyllis for being a hostess “extra ordinaire”. Their beautifully decorated home set a **warm and festive ambiance**. Guests were made to feel welcome, starting at the driveway. *Phyllis’ husband and son* had worked hard all morning to clear the mounds of freshly fallen snow. Many thanks to both for making certain **that we were all safe!**

Jean Speiser and Peggy Staarman organized the **delicious food** and variety of drinks. Branch members prepared the delicious morsels. Thank you for filling our tummies and quenching our thirst with warmth!

The highlight of the party was the **raffle draw!** *Anne Anderko and Valerie Connors*, fundraising co-chairs did a fantastic job!!! **The baskets** were beautifully wrapped and contained valuable prizes. Anne, one of our newer members worked diligently to make this fundraiser such an outstanding success. Please, read her report for the details. A big thank you also goes to Anne’s employer, **The Print Shop, Inc.**, who so generously donated the printing of the raffle tickets. The **beautiful and festive paper goods** were generously donated by *Jane Schultz*. Many thanks!

At the January meeting, *Carol Metzker*, a well-known activist against “**Human Trafficking**” and *PA State Senator Dinniman*, co-sponsor of **Senate Bill 75**, informed the audience about

the world-wide problem of Human Trafficking and how each individual can do his/her part to help to stop Human Trafficking, right here in Chester County! The LAPP Co-Chairs Anne Duerr and Mary Dorsey Bunnell organized this very successful January program.

We ask all members **to read** the monthly branch **newsletter**, so ably prepared by *Norma George, Tamara Hollins and Nancy Rumfield*, and to visit our branch web-site wccc-pa.aauw.net expertly maintained by *Sandy Alexander*, for all information and to read about branch happenings in detail! We look forward to seeing you at the February brunch meeting!

Sincerely,
Dorothea Lavigne & Sandi Kwisz
Co-Presidents



Our Member -- Our Mayor!

Anyone who has been active in the West Chester community over the past ten or fifteen years knows Carolyn Comitta on sight! Now the Mayor of West Chester Borough, Carolyn has held many other roles and performed countless services not only for the citizens of West Chester but for people and organizations nationwide.

Her commitment to a better life for the people of West Chester manifests itself in both her work and her volunteerism. As a member of Borough Council from 2006 through 2009, Carolyn served as chair of the Public Safety Committee, served on the Parks and Recreation Committee, and served on the Environmental Protection Committee among many others.

She reaches out beyond her busy job as mayor, her association with the PA and National Leagues of Cities, and her membership on the steering committee for leadership training of both organizations. Carolyn has been a board member of *World Information Transfer, Inc.*, which is a non-profit, NGO, educational organization at the United Nations.

Mayor Carolyn Comitta has graciously agreed to make time to come and speak to us, her sister members of AAUW, at our Annual Saturday Brunch on February 8 at Grove U.M. Church. (Find the details about the brunch in this newsletter!)

Mayor Comitta is a perfect example of why we need more **women** in positions of political leadership. Her vision, leadership, and dedication should inspire all of us to double our efforts in working for women who will be our future leaders and to support those women once they achieve their leadership positions.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Mayor Comitta talk about her office, her political struggles, and her work to help others around the world.

*Submitted by Fran Pierce
Facilitator for Comitta's program on
February 8th*

PETT Event At Pennocks Bridge TCHS

The PETT (Parents-Educators Exploring Tomorrow's Technology) Committee, held their first event on Dec. 5, 2013, utilizing funds from the grant awarded recently by AAUW national. Committee chair Mary Smith and members Ann Anderko, Donna Eaves, Donna Golden and Sandi Kwisz set up a display table and spoke with students and parents attending a parents' Open House at the Technical College High School, Pennocks Bridge Campus, in West Grove. The purpose was to outreach to parents of incoming female students, targeting Hispanic parents whose children comprise a large minority at the school, to encourage their interest in the STEM fields of study.

TCHS offers areas of study, which are STEM related or non-traditional for females, such as computer information, HVAC/Refrigeration technology, carpentry, electronic systems technology and automotive service technology. One of the goals was to emphasize with parents that these fields of study offer excellent career potential for women. The school staff and Chester County Intermediate Unit were eager to partner with AAUW in an effort to increase female participation in these courses. We were successful in speaking with many parents and students about the advantages of studying STEM subjects at the TCHS.

We distributed AAUW brochures "Why So Few?" and "Graduating to a Pay Gap", as well as flyers developed by the committee, such as "Support Strategies for Engaging Girls in STEM". Katrina Camp Sele of the CCIU translated hand-outs into Spanish and was present at the Open House to assist us in communicating with parents who are non-English speaking. We also distributed information promoting the GETT (Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology) event on March 15th in Phoenixville and have offered to provide transportation for girls and their parents from southern Chester County to GETT, using funds from the grant. We hope to partner with La Comunidad Hispana, TCHS and other organizations in an on-going effort to outreach to parents and educators in southern Chester County on the importance of encouraging girls' interest in STEM.



Get Ready for GETT 2014

By Mary Smith, GETT Committee member and AAUW Liaison

Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) is scheduled for March 15th, 2014 and is in need of volunteers. You have a chance to make a difference! GETT has been supported by branch volunteers and funding for 14 years. GETT began in Chester County in 2001 as a response to the underrepresentation of young women in the computer and information technology fields.

GETT, a volunteer-driven SEPA regional project hosted by Innovative Action Technology Group (ITAG), has now expanded its scope, introducing the universe of technological and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (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 for their parents, teachers, and counselors to learn about careers in these dynamic fields.

AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch has been an integral part of GETT since 2001 and continues to be so. Please contact Mary Smith, branch liaison, at 484-924-9320 or pangea49@comcast.net to volunteer on the day of the event --welcoming and registering girls, parents, and educators. There are also other volunteer opportunities -- interacting with the GETT girls and the Parent and Educator (PETT) sessions. We will have an on-line sign up and call for volunteers. Once the site is up and ready to go, Mary Smith will send an email to those interested.

On-line registration will open on Valentine's Day, February 14th to girls in grades 6-12 in the tri-county area. If you know of girls who would like to attend, make sure they get registered early at <http://www.itagpa.org>. If you know of any companies, businesses, or private parties that would like to donate, please contact Mary Smith and she will forward the information to the proper person.

Thank you to AAUW for all it does to promote women and girls and for the support the members give when asked to be a GETT or PETT volunteer. It is appreciated...



Holiday Fundraising Raffle A Success!

During the holiday party held Dec. 14th, three winning raffle tickets were drawn. The baskets were full of gift certificates and prizes valued over \$400.00!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Holiday Basket Raffle fundraiser, we were able to raise \$602.00! We could not have achieved this wonderful goal if we had not had the support of our members who both purchased tickets and helped to secure donations. A special *Thank You* to Marie Dunne, Donna Golden, and Ann Duerr for their help with soliciting donations.

Please remember to patronize the following businesses that generously provided the gift certificates and products for the three baskets: Anytime Fitness, Applebee's, Boscov's, Café Fiorello's, Cosabella Hair Salon, Core De Roma, Curie Hair Salon & Spa, Doc Magrogan's, Georgio's Restaurant, La Spina Hair Salon, Longwood Gardens, Mane Image Hair Salon, Massage Envy, Olive Tree, Panera Bread, Starbucks, and Three Little Pigs.

A special *Thank You* to *The Print Shop, Inc.* for printing the raffle tickets at no charge.
Fundraising Co-Chairs: Anne Anderko and Valerie Connors

Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP)

By Ann Duerr

January, 2014 was National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Our January 8th meeting with Carol Hart Metzker, local author and activist, and PA Senator Andy Dinniman focused our attention on understanding the issues regarding awareness, prosecution of traffickers, support for survivors, and prevention of slavery.

Carol's passion for alleviating trafficking and sex slavery, especially among children, is well noted in her book, *Facing the Monster*. Attendees of the January 8th meeting got a small glimpse of this extraordinary woman who has received a Service Above Self award, the Rotary International's highest award for individual humanitarian service. As a local activist, she shared her personal experience regarding exploited gardeners. She also shared her experience as a global activist in India where she met Maina, an eleven-year old girl who had been rescued from the circus in which Maina had been enslaved. Carol reminded us when we try on inexpensive clothing to check on where it was made and to shop for Fair Trade items such as coffee and chocolate. Emphasis was placed on recognizing where prostitutes were being forced into service by pimps who should be arrested. "Fire Drills", real scenarios of local trafficking, were used in her presentations to make people aware of possible situations where 911 (immediate danger) and 888-373-7888 (general/suspected Human trafficking) should be called. Sample "Fire Drills" will be on our branch website wccc-pa.aauw.net. *What Would You Do In Each Situation?*

PA Senator Andy Dinniman stated that Philadelphia is one of the major hubs of human trafficking in America. On December 10th, the PA Senate unanimously passed SB75, the first piece of a three part battle (Senate, House, Governor) in the legal fight against human trafficking. The bill can be broken down into what the legislators call the "3 Ps"-prosecution, prevention, and protection. Prosecution

provides definitions of the different felonies identified in the bill. Under prevention, the bill establishes the PA Council for Prevention of Human Trafficking in the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Sections of the bill that denote protection encompass nondisclosure of victims' names during prosecution as well as restitution and forfeiture of all assets of the individual involved in or the organization used in the violation. Now SB75 is being moved to the House of Representatives, and Sen. Dinniman *requests our support in writing, emailing, and/or calling your representative now.*

How about practicing *Sister Advocacy*? You and another member/friend can state what each will do to eliminate human trafficking and check the items completed. Some suggestions include: (1) contact Rep regarding SB75; (2) tell others to do the same; (3) buy, rent, or borrow *Facing the Monster* to learn much more than could be contained in Carol's 45 minute presentation; (4) learn more about Dawn's Place, a safe and secure residence for victims of commercial sex exploitation; (5) submit articles/ideas to Sandy Alexander for our branch website; (6) visit 10,000 Villages in Exton; (7) read the fall 2013 "AAUW Outlook" article; (8) buy fair trade coffee and/or chocolate; (9) find out where your inexpensive clothing is made.; and 1(10) join LAPP Committee with Mary Dorsey Bunnell (Co-Chair), Mimi Jones, Linda Lang, Jean Speiser, and Peggy Staarman.

Domestic Violence Center

At the February meeting Donna Golden and Marie Dunne will be collecting items for the DVC. The following items are requested:

- twin blankets and comforters for winter
- kitchen sponges
- detergent - H.E. brand
- hair conditioner
- gift cards -- Gift card suggestions are listed on the DVC website and include grocery stores, Target, Rite Aid, K-Mart, WaWa, and movie theaters such as AMC or Regal.

<http://www.dvccc.com/youcanhelp/wishlist.html>



45th Annual AAUW Wilmington fundraiser

The Wilmington branch of the American Association of University Women has scheduled the area's largest sale of gently used books. The 45th annual Dollars for Scholars Used Book Sale, to benefit college scholarships for Delaware women, runs *Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 27-March 2, at Concord Mall, 4737 Concord Pike, Brandywine Hundred, DE 19803.*

Most items are \$1 to \$5 with collectibles up to \$100. Items are sorted into more than 50 categories on tables throughout the mall. The sale also includes DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, records, sheet music, puzzles, and ephemera. The sale runs 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 2. Starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1, most items are half-price. *On Sunday, March 2, people can buy a bag for \$10 and fill it* (certain categories are excluded).

For more information, visit <http://wilmington-de.aauw.net/booksale>, call (302) 428-0939, or e-mail aauwwilm@gmail.com. The website has details about the scholarships that the sale funds and on how to make donations for future sales.

Alice Lawson Scholarship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester Branch will be awarding \$1500 from the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund to an undergraduate student 25 years of age or older. Eligibility requirements, application forms and the deadline for applying are available at: <http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/activities/scholarships/>

Eligible students from *West Chester University, Cheney University, Lincoln University, and Immaculata University* can apply.

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>.

Meet Our Members -- Did You Know?

Mary Pinkney
by Kay Philipps

Mary Pinkney, a member of our AAUW Branch since 1967, will turn 100 years old on February 24th, 2014. Prior to joining our branch, Mary participated in the Memphis, Tennessee and Wilmington, Delaware Branches. She exemplifies long-standing members who remain active throughout their membership years. Her activities include serving as Program Chair, serving as State Convention Attendee, serving as an original member of the Finance Group, and participating in the Gourmet Dinner Group and in the Second Hand Book Sales. Currently, Mary is an ongoing and active contributor to the Great Decision and Literature One Groups. Participants in the latter group appreciate the knowledge Mary brings to our discussions gleaned from her years of traveling. She also participates in the social duplicate bridge group that donates to the Alice Lawson Fund.

Volunteering has been a way of life for Mary. During her parenting years, Mary served as an Elder in a Presbyterian Church and led a Girl Scout Troop in which she taught Camping and Leadership Skills. An active member of the Wilmington Trail Club, Mary and her husband Paul taught white water canoeing and frequently led canoe trips. She also was active in the Wilmington Ski Club and encouraged

several branch members to ski with her in the Poconos. After her husband retired from DuPont, Mary and Paul headed the East Coast Mid Atlantic Fleet of Windsurfers. One could often find them at Marsh Creek where Mary taught others how to windsurf. One year Mary won the International Senior Windsurfers Championship in Okinawa, Japan. Closer to home, Mary volunteered at The Chester County Historical Society as a guide, in the society's library, and at the society's Green Sales for which she made beautiful Christmas Wreaths. Her most rewarding volunteer experience was introducing to patients from Pennhurst the joys of participating in outdoor activities.

Mary grew up in Nebraska where she spent many happy summers on either her grandparent's farm or ranch. She attended University of Nebraska and received her Masters degree in English at the University of Illinois. She briefly taught English and Speech at Cheyney University. Mary and Paul traveled extensively. She continues to travel frequently with one or more of her three children. Mary has resided at Crosslands Retirement Community for approximately 20 years where she continues her strong interest in gardening. As you can see, Mary has led not only an active life but also one that has enriched all those lucky enough to know her. *Our best wishes to Mary on her 100 Birthday!*

Carol Habig

Congratulations to our member Carol Habig. Carol, branch Co-Vice President for Membership, who was recently highlighted in the Daily Local News in an article called *Good Art, Good Food*. Carol's botanical illustrations were displayed at the Green Street Grill in Downingtown. Carol has been painting for 17 years and has won many awards for her work. Carol is working now on paintings for the Philadelphia Flower Show. You may remember seeing Carol's work at our May 2012 Banquet. Carol was featured along with two other members who are also accomplished artists – Nancy Rumfield, photography professor at WCU, and Roselyn Cadoff, painter in acrylics and oils.

Updated Membership Information

Welcome to our newest member!

Mary Lou Yarosewick (Stan)

607 Foothill Drive

West Chester, PA 19382

Retired Educator

New York State University (Potsdam), BA

610-696-6333 (h)

smjy@comcast.net

Interests: reading, walking, art museums, films, history, travel

Change of Address:

Leslie Wachob

201 West Evergreen Avenue Apt. 314

Philadelphia, PA 19118-3829



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) with the necessary information.

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).

Guidelines for AAUW some

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 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 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. 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

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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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 7:00 p.m., are over by 9 p.m., and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 4th.

Save the Date:

We are planning a spring bus trip to New York City on *April 26, 2014*. This trip will be a branch fundraiser! Watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

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).

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 Roni Mullen [610-436-0912](tel:610-436-0912) if you are interested.

Lit II Book Group: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next group meeting will be February 19th, *Andrew Wyeth: A Secret Life* (NF-Bio) by Richard Meryman, with Mimi Jones as the Leader and Lyn Eaton 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.

Non-Fiction Group: 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 or Dorothea (484-315-8651) dlav43@aol.com

FIG (Food Interest Group)

This group 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.

February--no FIG event

Saturday, March 8--A St. Patrick's Dinner will be held at the home of Mimi and Dan Jones. Invitations will be sent to FIG members in early February.

Interested in joining? Contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at deaves@live.com.

Great Decisions

For information on the Great Decisions group, contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or jacquelinepage9@gmail.com

TIG (Travel Interest Group): AAUW TIGers

The Travel Interest Group is composed of members who like to go on day trips. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in number.

- 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.

Interested in an overnight trip to the Johnstown Flood Museum in June? Let us know!

Contact Roselyn Cadoff (610-458-8813) or Sue Johnston (610-363-8535) for additional information and to be added or removed from the email list. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any of the activities.

Interested in submitting an article or have information to share?

Forward your news articles to the *gmail account*: aauwsumnews@gmail.com, indicating the topic and month in the subject box and cc the President. Guidelines are listed in past newsletters.



Branch Awards Ballot – Please Vote

Thank you for sending in your nominations to honor the members who have worked hard to make our branch so great. Please take this opportunity to vote for a member (or organization) in each of the Award categories. To meet the February deadline of AAUW-PA, we are asking you to complete the ballot and return at the **February 8th** Brunch. You can also mail the ballot to Sandi Kwisz, 1133 St. Finegan Drive, West Chester, PA 19382 or e-mail at SandraK98@aol.com. All ballots must be received by **February 8th**.

Please choose one name in each category. Thank you. (For a more complete description of each award, see the Dec./Jan. Newsletter or branch website – wccc-pa.aauw.net)

Outstanding Woman Award awarded to a member for meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years. Nominees are:

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norma George | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Leone | <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Palmquist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fran Pierce | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Pinkney | <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Schultz |

Branch Spotlight Award awarded to a member who made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. Nominees are:

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|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Anderko | <input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Connors | <input type="checkbox"/> Ann Duerr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Schultz | <input type="checkbox"/> Peggy Staarman | |

Peg Anderson Award awarded to a longstanding member who has served in many capacities in our branch and continues to work hard, often in the background, to inspire and support current leaders. Nominees are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Graham Boose (posthumously) | <input type="checkbox"/> Betty Bradford | <input type="checkbox"/> Elaine Burgess |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Lang | <input type="checkbox"/> Yvonne Peiffer | <input type="checkbox"/> Kay Philipps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fran Pierce | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Pinkney | <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Schultz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Smith | | |

Gateway to Equity Award awarded to an outside group that embodies the work of our mission “to advance equity for women and girls.” Recipient will be invited to our May Banquet to explain the organization, and will be our designated partner organization for next year. Nominees are:

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County - provides intervention, education, outreach, advocacy and programs to prevent, reduce and remedy domestic violence in Chester County. To find out more, go to www.dvccc.com.

Dawn’s Place - supports women affected by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and its abuse by providing services to women, raising awareness through education, and generating prevention, public policy reform and community collaborations. To find out more, go to www.ahomefordawn.org.

ITAG Innovative Technology Action Group – host of GETT for the past 14 years and also a major sponsor of Girl Rising, film and discussion, at Penn State, Great Valley. To find out more, go to www.ITAGPa.org.

League of Women Voters of Chester County - a non partisan, political organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences government through education and advocacy. To find out more, go to www.lwccpa.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NOMINEES!!



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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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