



## AAUW some NEWS

News & Views from the  
West Chester – Chester County PA  
Branch

wccc-pa.aauw.net

### **A Journalist's View: Women in Pennsylvania Politics**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
Grove United Methodist Church  
7:00 PM

Amy Worden is a political and government reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer. At our Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> branch meeting, she is going to discuss the role of women in Pennsylvania politics, one of her favorite topics. Amy's columns include reports on Voter ID, Philadelphia schools, the governor's race, and the "ghost job aide," former PA Education Secretary Ron Tomalis. Her poignant front-page article on September 8<sup>th</sup> featured her reflections after viewing artifacts from Flight 93 at the National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Museum.

In 2009, Amy created a pet blog "Philly Dawg" that has a special emphasis on animal welfare issues in Pennsylvania and beyond. In her blog, she identifies herself as a "lover of all creatures, old buildings, politics and government, and the blues." She also writes for Commonwealth Confidential, a blog that gives regularly updated coverage of the state legislature, the governor, and the workings of the state bureaucracy.

She often appears with other journalists on PA Newsmakers where she has addressed topics such as Voter ID, Marcellus Shale taxation, the texting ban, redistricting, and gerrymandering.

Karen Heller, who is no longer with the Philadelphia Inquirer, highly recommended Amy as a very knowledgeable and respected reporter. We are so pleased that Amy will share her insight about women in Pennsylvania's political arena.

Directions to Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380: From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road, turn left, and go toward the intersection of Boot Road and Whitford Road. The church is on the left before you reach the intersection. Find additional direction information at [www.grovechurch.org](http://www.grovechurch.org) or 610-696-2663.

#### **Contents**

<i>From the Co-Presidents</i>	2		4	<i>Mission</i>	5
<i>STEM</i>	2	<i>Community Outreach Donations</i>	4	<i>Board Meetings</i>	7
		<i>Harriet Jarosh Family Grant</i>	5	<i>SIG's</i>	7
<i>Legislation &amp; Public Policy</i>	3		5	<i>Fundraising Alert</i>	8

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

Dear Members,

The delicious potluck supper with a fantastic program was a wonderful beginning to the AAUW year. Seeing old friends and meeting new members made the evening especially nice. Kudos to Peggy Starrman and Eva Kaufman for coming up with the program idea and carrying it out so well. To quote Eva “to plan the future, it’s important to understand the past”. What an inspiring past we have. Speaking of the future, some save the date reminders: Chester County Library Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, December 6, and our branch Holiday Party on Sunday, December 14 at the home of Carol Zabriskie.

On October 18 the West Chester-Chester County branch is hosting the AAUW District East Meeting at the historic Uwchlan Meeting House on Route 113. There will be a panel led by Ms. Susan Gobreski of Education Voters PA and Mr. Ivan Gavigan from Education Law Office of Philadelphia. The issue is vital to the success of mission and vision of the AAUW. The registration form was sent by email or you can be accessed in the AAUW-PA Keystoner. Registration is due by October 12.

We are still in need of Legislation and Public Policy chair or co-chairs. There is a willing committee but they need a leader or leaders. This is an important committee to help carry out the advocacy part of the Mission of AAUW.

Don’t forget to tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers about AAUW and all the interesting and stimulating opportunities with a great group of women. If you bring a guest to a meeting and they join on the spot the yearly dues for the first year is only \$45.

We hope to see you at our branch meetings, activities and special interest groups. We are looking forward to a productive, educational and fun year.

Sue Johnston

## **Public Policy:**

### **October Highlights**

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- *October 1* – Second PA Gubernatorial debate. Get issues include Equal Pay law, core curriculum, school funding, and fracking. Contact debate moderator Larry Kane at <http://www.larrykane.com/contact-us/> with your questions.
- *October 6* – voter registration deadline in Pennsylvania
- *October 8* – Third PA Gubernatorial debate. Contact moderator Sally Wiggin at [Swiggin@hearst.com](mailto:Swiggin@hearst.com) to submit your questions for the candidates.
- *October 11* – International Day of the Girl
- *October 14* – Public hearing on PA Core Standards
- *October 18* – East, Central, and West District Meetings – the district meetings will build awareness of the debate around Public Education Funding issues in addition to highlighting the resources available on the AAUW-PA website. Learn more about the gender pay gap as well. Network with AAUW members from other branches in your district.

Information about the district meetings and reservation forms can be found at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>

#### **Domestic Violence Center:**

For October we will be collecting pillows and Gift cards to Target, K-Mart, Staples, etc. For additional information contact Donna Golden at 610-429-0944 or via email [goldendonna@verizon.net](mailto:goldendonna@verizon.net)

#### **Ongoing - Wings for Success**

Department store shopping bags are needed, as well as accessories (scarves, jewelry, hosiery, undergarments, black handbags) For additional information contact Laura LaBuda at 610-888-9509 or via email – [LaBudaLaura@aol.com](mailto:LaBudaLaura@aol.com)

## STEM, then and now...

by Mary A Smith, STEM Chair

As the STEM chair, I would like to share how I became interested in what we call STEM and the development of GETT. I sort of fell into the issue of girls not being integrated into technology fields due to negative stereotypes while I was the president of West Chester-Chester County Branch of AAUW in 2000.

At the time, I also was an employee of the Chester County Intermediate Unit working in a Perkins Funded program. I was invited to sit in on a committee of local women interested in encouraging girls to take an interest in technology as a career. Karen Borda, COO of CB Technologies and chair of the Information Technology Action Group (ITAG) <http://www.cceconomicdevelopment.com/industry-partner/itag/> had noticed that that women were not applying for positions during the hiring period. This led to an interest in promoting women in STEM.

At that point, we zeroed in on Information Technology because STEM was not the buzzword it is today. ITAG was reinvented as the Innovative Technology Action Group. STEM was introduced in the 1990's but used the acronym "SMET" for Science, Math, Engineering and Technology. Obviously, the acronym did not catch on until it was changed to STEM, a close second to "SMUT"!

I shared a copy of "Tech Savvy" (one of AAUW's first studies regarding girls and technology) with Karen. She read it and Girl's Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) was born. GETT was introduced to address the need to encourage women to move into IT. Fifty girls attended "Take Your Daughters to Work" day, and a girl break dance group kicked off the meeting. Our budget was "home-made" brownies and \$50. Fourteen years later with a \$45,000 budget, over 400 girls, 85 parents and 20 educators in attendance, GETT is going strong. There were 31 hands-on sessions and over a 100 volunteers at this year's event. We are in the process of planning our

15th year and hope to use Pi day, 03.14.15 as the date of next years' GETT.

We held events for educators and parents as well as girls during the GETT event, but many educators and parents voiced the need for information beyond the one-day event. Parents and educators need to encourage and lead their girls into the future. AAUW grants were available for a new concept, so Graham Boose (a long time AAUW member who passed away in September of 2013), Valerie Connors and I collaborated to apply for a Community Action Grant for Parents-Educators Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (PETT). We received a \$7,000 grant for 2013-2014 and thus had the opportunity to concentrate on giving parents and educators a full day of events at this year's GETT event. Additionally, funding enabled the development of a website ([www.aauwgirlsstemcenter.org](http://www.aauwgirlsstemcenter.org)) by Valerie Connors, which is an ongoing project of our branch.

Furthermore, the grant provided funding to partner with Technical College High School for Back to School Night and with the Chester County Library to make straw rockets during their Community Day event. The grant funded transportation for Latina girls from southern Chester County and girls from the Strawberry Mansion section of Philadelphia to attend GETT as well as equipment to be used during upcoming events.

This year we will also continue with GETT and begin discussing future PETT events, projects and sponsorship. While many of our committee will be returning, we welcome women who are committed to being involved – providing input and planning events that will include parents and teachers of young women and girls. After reading this you know that I had no background in STEM; I only had a desire to help young women and girls to succeed in careers in where they can become successful and self-sufficient. Consider becoming part of our team and contact me with your interests, areas of expertise and availability. You may email me at [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net) or call me at [484-924-9320](tel:484-924-9320).

## Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP) By Ann Duerr

With only a month before the November 4th elections, dates to remember are *October 6<sup>th</sup>* to register to vote and the *28<sup>th</sup>* to apply for a civilian absentee ballot. The last day for the County Boards of Elections to receive votes via civilian absentee ballots is *October 31*.

As mentioned in the September newsletter, the Project Vote Smart –the interactive website link is [votesmart.org](http://votesmart.org)- was available September 15<sup>th</sup>. It introduces:

*Political Galaxy* - name any politician, any issue and instantly arrive at every fact related to that person on that issue.

*Vote Easy* - enter your position on a dozen of the most pressing issues facing our nation, then watch as your politician's yard sign advances toward you or recedes based on their public records.

*My Vote Smart* - register any politician and any issue of interest to you. Any time that politician makes a public statement, votes or receives money or a new rating on that issue, you'll receive an instant update.

*I Spy* - examine files that expose any politician's key votes, biography, issue positions, special interest ratings, public comments and endorsements or call 888-VoteSmart/888-868-3762 and talk to your own personal researcher.

**ACTION** - try it out and let us know your comments!

Governor Corbett is calling for public hearings on the state's Pennsylvania Core, a modified version of the Common Core standards regarding reading and math that have attracted criticism. The PA Department of Education should have its website available October 14th, which will explain how the standards apply to classroom instruction with sample test questions.

**ACTION** - attend the AAUW District East Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> and hear where the State is headed on the Common Core issue.

**ACTION** - contact your US Senator and Representative regarding paycheck fairness and campaign finance reform (which failed a procedural vote). We need to keep up the drumbeat. Tell your elected officials that every citizen is supposed to have the same power at the ballot box: their vote, not their money.

*Join the LAPP team (Patricia Schultz, Jennifer Schultz, Mimi Jones, Bonnie Friedman) in advancing equity for women and girls.*

*Be a 2 Minute Activist (check branch website)*

**Join the Women's Center and Women's and Gender Studies as we host the first "Women In..." speaker on Wednesday, October 1 at noon in Sykes 115!**

Co-Hosted by Women's and Gender Studies and the Women's Center



**WOMEN IN...**

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE	THE MILITARY	STEM CAREERS
Wednesday, 10/1/14 12-1pm, Sykes 115	Wednesday, 11/5/14 12-1pm, Sykes 115	Wednesday, 12/3/14 12-1pm, Sykes 115
		
Dr. Erin Hurt (English) highlights her activism with Planned Parenthood and opportunities for involvement on campus.	Colonel Vanessa Barron (Alabama) will share her experience serving in the army and as regional director of the Troops to Teachers program.	Dr. Lisa Marano (Math) talks about her experience as a woman in the male dominated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) field.

## Update: Common Core

As many of you may be aware, September has been a month of developments in Pennsylvania related to *Common Core*. In short, Common Core is in-flux. Pennsylvania remains by law a Common Core state. On-going efforts to repeal the law have been reported. Over the past three years, a set of Pennsylvania Core Standards has been developed with a PA Core Pennsylvania System of State Assessment implementation, grades 3-8 planned for 2014-2015.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Governor Corbett's Office called for public hearings on these Pennsylvania Core Standards; the first of these was held on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the second will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Whatever its status at the present time, *Common Core* is about the critical issues of educational standards and expectations, subject matter content, and assessments. As such, these issues remain ones about which we encourage AAUW-PA branches and members to be engaged. To quote from recent correspondence with Deb Swerdlow, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator: *"The time has come for a facts-based discussion on Common Core content, instruction, and assessment—and AAUW is a trusted messenger capable of convening and participating in those discussions national wide."*

Do you tweet? Would you like to? If enough members across the state are interested in learning about Twitter and tweeting, we could set up a webinar with Liz Owens from national.

Toni Hoffiman & Susan McNamara  
AAUW PA, Public Policy Co-Chairs

### **Membership Outreach**

Your Records with the National Association can be accessed 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.

Norma George  
610-872-7567

Newsletter Co-Editor  
[ngeorge@cheyney.edu](mailto:ngeorge@cheyney.edu)

Tamara Hollins  
610-399-2256

Newsletter Co-Editor  
[thollins@cheyney.edu](mailto:thollins@cheyney.edu)

Nancy Rumfield  
610-399-0388

Newsletter Co-Editor  
[nrumfield@gmail.com](mailto:nrumfield@gmail.com)

Newsletter email

[aauwsumnews@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com)

Sue Johnston  
[610-363-8535](tel:610-363-8535)

Branch Co-President  
[sjwj77@verizon.com](mailto:sjwj77@verizon.com)

Dorthea Lavigne  
484-315-8651

Branch Co- President  
[dlav43@aol.com](mailto:dlav43@aol.com)

Eva Kaufmann  
[610-793-3809](tel:610-793-3809)

Program Co-Vice-President  
[ekaufmann1@gmail.com](mailto:ekaufmann1@gmail.com)

Peggy Staarman  
610-269-4866

Program Co-Vice-President  
[peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net)

Barbara Lathroum  
[610-321-9783](tel:610-321-9783)

Membership Co -Vice-President  
[blathroum@gmail.com](mailto:blathroum@gmail.com)

Carol Habig  
610-431-9987

Membership Co -Vice-President  
[whabig@verizon.net](mailto:whabig@verizon.net)

Nancy Dore  
610-7250-459

Recording Secretary  
[4dores@comcast.net](mailto:4dores@comcast.net)

Laura LaBuda  
610-888-9509

Corresponding Secretary  
[labudalaura@aol.com](mailto:labudalaura@aol.com)

Anne Anderko  
[484-885-4943](tel:484-885-4943)

Financial Officer  
[ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com)

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

## 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 [Dorothea Lavigne, dlav43 @aol.com](mailto:Dorothea.Lavigne,dlav43@aol.com)

*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.

### **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.



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.

### **Member News**

*Welcome new members!*

Please welcome **3** new members to our branch:

**Taj Nero** and **Octavia Warren-Ward** accompanied Hagar Nero to the September meeting and joined on the spot! Taj is a chemical engineer, and Octavia teaches science in Coatesville.

**Dr. Lauri Hyers**, associate professor of psychology at WCU, has joined at the suggestion of Fran Pierce.

Look for their membership information in an update to the Handbook, available at the October meeting.

### **Drawn to the Details**

Join branch member, Carol Habig, at an art show in which she will participate at the Jenkins Arboretum from Oct 3- 26th. The opening is on Oct 3rd from 6-8pm. For more information, please visit:

<http://artplantaetoday.com/2014/09/23/botanical-art-exhibit-at-jenkins-arboretum/>

## 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, November 4th.

## Special Interest Groups

### Couples Bridge

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening each month 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).

AAUW branches are known for their book groups, and membership in a group often encourages continuing membership. The West Chester-Chester County Branch currently has three book discussion groups meeting in the day and in the evening at different times of the month.

**Literature I:** Our daytime group reads both fiction and non-fiction. We will be discussing *Picking Cotton* by **Jennifer Thompson-Cannino** on **Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 1 p.m.** Our hostess is Elaine Burgess's home at 15 Wild Flower Court, Gordonville, PA 17529; 717-768-0706. Kay Philipps will lead the discussion. All are welcome!! Call Elaine if you plan to attend. Questions: Call Kay Philipps, Chair, at 610-399-0697 or email her at [khp65khp@verizon.net](mailto:khp65khp@verizon.net). *We will car pool to Elaine's: A beautiful ride in the country!*

**Lit II Book Group:** Lit Group II is reading *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigri for our October 15th meeting. Amazon calls it "a breathtaking multigenerational love story that spans two continents." The Shoemaker's Wife is replete with the all the page-turning adventure, sumptuous detail, and heart-stopping romance that has made Adriana Trigiani, "one of the reigning queens of women's fiction." Our hostess is Donna Eaves (502 Todd Way, West Chester 19380

Phone: 610-692-5277). We start at 7:00 p.m. For more information and directions, contact Jean Speiser at 610-692-3227(o), 610-738-3363(h), or [JeanSpeiser@gmail.com](mailto:JeanSpeiser@gmail.com).

**The Non-Fiction** discussion group started a number of years ago for those who like reading non-fiction of all types. The group meets in alternate months on the third Monday of the month in the restaurant of the Days Hotel on the edge of West Chester. Members choose discussion books based on interests and topics for discussion. Members interested in knowing the titles and dates of upcoming discussions are invited to contact Paula McGinness at 610-942-4852 or [pmcginness@verizon.net](mailto:pmcginness@verizon.net) to be put on the notification list. It is not necessary to attend every meeting. You must be a member of the Branch to join.



*Non-Fiction Discussion Group*

### 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)

On Saturday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m., we will be dining out at the Royal India Restaurant in Malvern. We will be enjoying a buffet of Indian and Indian-Chinese food at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Cathy and Dick Palmquist will be our hosts and have offered to guide us through the menu for those unfamiliar with Indian cuisine. FIG members will receive details via email. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277), or at [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).

## Great Decisions

For 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 presently without a chairperson/leader. There are members who are willing to arrange a single event and are willing to work with anyone interested in being the chairperson. Contact Sue Johnston at [sjwj77@verizon.net](mailto:sjwj77@verizon.net) for more information.

## 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 610-269-4866 or [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net).

\*\*\*\*\*

## Fundraising Alert

October Report

Why do we need to do fundraisers every year? Unfortunately, only \$16.00 of the dues we collect from each member goes to our branch. The balance is sent to national and state. With this said, we need additional funding to support all the worthwhile programs we advocate. If each of our members participates in the two fundraisers explained below, we can meet our monetary goals. So please take the time to look at what we are offering and support your AAUW branch.

The Yankee Candle Sale is in full swing, and you have until Nov. 14 to get your orders in. You will receive your orders about two weeks later—in plenty of time for holiday gift giving. Don't just buy for yourself—include your family and friends. **Remember, we earn 40% on everything we sell!** You can order online at [www.yankee.candlefundraising.com](http://www.yankee.candlefundraising.com), but you need to register our group number 990065987. Remember that all orders under \$100 will incur shipping charges, so send your orders to Donna Golden, 1302 Eagle Rd., West Chester, PA 19382 (610-429-0944 or [goldendonna@verizon.net](mailto:goldendonna@verizon.net)) along with your payment, and arrangements will be made for deliveries.

We also are repeating the raffle basket fundraiser. “Restaurant Basket” and Pamper Yourself Basket” are back after last year’s successful debut. We handed out contribution sheets at the September 10 meeting asking members to solicit their favorite vendors for contributions. If you were not present, the vendor contribution sheet is attached at the end of this newsletter. We will be selling tickets at the October 8th meeting. If you need tickets, have questions on contributions, please contact Anne Anderko at [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com) or 484-885-4943.

Last, please continue to save your used ink cartridges and bring them to the meetings for the Staple recycle program.

Co-Chairs,  
Anne Anderko  
Donna Golden

## Holiday Basket Raffle

Due to the great success of last year's holiday basket raffle, which raised \$602.00, we are repeating this successful fundraiser. We need your help again this year to meet our fundraising goals. The money we raise will help to fund the *Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund*, *AAUW Funds*, *NCCWSL-National Conference of College Women Student Leaders*, *GETT* and *PETT*. Did you know that from your \$75.00 dues, only \$16.00 is put into our operating budget? The remaining balance goes to AAUW national and state budgets.

**Raffle Drawing:** December 14, 2014

**Where:** December Holiday Social at the home of Carol Zabrislke

**Purchase:** Raffle tickets will go on sale starting at the Oct.8 meeting, \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. You can sell to your family and friends. You do not need to be present to win.

**What you win:** Raffle of 2 Baskets – “*Pamper Yourself Basket*” – includes gift certificates from your favorite hair, nail, spa salons, and more totaling at least \$150.00 or more in value.

“*Restaurant Basket*” – includes gift certificates from your favorite restaurants, coffee shops, delis totaling at least \$150.00 or more in value.

**What can you do:** When you go to your favorite business to get your hair done, eat out at your favorite restaurant, take a moment to ask if they can donate something towards the holiday gift baskets. **Deadline for donations is Dec. 5.**

**Please contact Anne Anderko, 484-885-4943, [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com) with any questions.**

---

*If you can help us, please fill out the bottom half of this sheet and return it to Anne Anderko.*

**\*All donations need to be finalized by December 5th.**

I will try to get a donation from:

Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee Shop \_\_\_\_\_

Deli \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Salon \_\_\_\_\_

Nail Salon \_\_\_\_\_

Spa \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you would like to donate an item for the baskets that would also be much appreciated.*

*Thank you so much in advance for your contribution towards this worthwhile “fun”draising project!*



1133 St. Finegan Dr., West Chester, PA 19382

## October 2014 Newsletter

*October 8, Women in PA Politics*

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

### **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.

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