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Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Extraction

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

7:00 pm

Grove United Methodist Church

7 p.m. Networking and Nibbles

7:30 p.m. Program

If you have been reading about Marcellus Shale and want to know more, come to our AAUW meeting on October 12, 2011. Roberta Winters, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, will present a program entitled “Rock and Roll.”

What does “Rock and Roll” have to do with natural gas extraction?

First, Marcellus Shale is not a new “rock” group. After being buried underground for eons, the potential of this sedimentary rock as an abundant source of natural gas is now becoming realized in our Commonwealth. In response to this development, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania conducted a yearlong study. An understanding of the extraction process, sometimes known as “fracking,” is fundamental to the public.

Second, the men, money, and machines that are pouring into our State generate the “roll” of natural gas extraction. The League’s study addresses the economic and environmental impact of such industrialization. As advocates for good government and civic participation, the League summarizes issues of permitting, regulation, and taxation of natural gas extraction from Marcellus Shale.

Roberta Winters, who coordinated the Marcellus Shale study by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, will provide an overview of their study. Come and learn more about to this key issue that will shape the Commonwealth for decades to come.

Grove United Methodist Church, 490 W. Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380; 610-696-2663. From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road; turn left. Grove United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of West Boot Road and Grove Road. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.grovechurch.org>

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From the President

Dear Members,

AAUW has recently mourned the loss of one of our oldest and most faithful members, Peg Anderson. But to say that Peg is no longer with us would not be correct because the joy and meaning that infused Peg's life were a part of what she brought with her when she attended our branch meetings, participated in our events and supported our issues.

A part of Peg's legacy was her example to all of us of how a woman should live her life. As a woman of intelligence, education and ability she understood the responsibility that accompanied those gifts and she found the courage to use her gifts at a time when women were not encouraged, and were even criticized, for speaking their minds or living up to their beliefs.

As AAUW members in 2011, we are extremely fortunate to have the kind of freedom that women in Peg's early adulthood could not even imagine! What a shame it would be if we, with all our gifts and abilities as well as the freedom to express ourselves, would not live up to the beautiful example that was the life of Peg Anderson!

This year our Board members have developed goals for the branch that, I hope, will spur us to grow our membership, increase our treasury, reach out to encourage and mentor young women from West Chester University, and stretch ourselves and our abilities. We will ask many of you to help us achieve those goals – I ask you to remember the legacy of Peg Anderson when considering whether or not to commit to helping the branch!

I look forward to working with many of you this year!

Fran Pierce
President



Fran Pierce

Panel Discussion on Issues Facing Public Schools - the League of Women Voters of Chester County

The League of Women Voters of Chester County (LWCC) invites the AAUW members to attend a LWVCC event sponsored by its Education Committee. We will be holding a panel discussion on the current serious issues facing our public schools today. Three highly qualified speakers will present brief overviews of the current legislative issues, financial funding issues and real life board issues.

Our hope is also to include a speaker with a background on the legal impacts of these legislative concerns as well. All speakers will be representing non-partisan research organizations and will provide the audience with additional reference materials.

The event will be held at the East Goshen Township Building on Paoli Pike in East Goshen on October 21st from 7:00-9:00. There will be a brief period for Q & A at the end, and we hope there will be at least a short time to socialize and become acquainted with our members.

The LWCC sincerely looks forward to having some of our members attend. Please contact LWVCC Vice President, Susan Carty with any questions or for directions to the township building.

Branch News

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Guidelines for AAUWSUM

1. Deadline for articles is the 10th of the month unless noted in newsletter.
2. Board will develop outline/plan for newsletter.
3. Copies of each article must be sent to the President.
4. Articles should be less than 340 words (1 column in 12 pt.) and sent as .doc (Word) files whenever possible.
5. Program information should be available for publication in the month prior to the event.
6. SIG information should be specific (when, where, leader, contact info., program or book).
7. Photos should be sent in .jpg format and should be the best quality possible. Leave cropping to the editors when possible.

8. Editors must keep newsletter to 10 pages or less (5 printed front and back).

9. Editors must consult with President or designee if newsletter is too long.

10. Circulation Chair will determine number of copies to be printed.

11. Board will review and decide list of Friends who receive printed copies.

12. The newsletter should go to the printer by the 25th of the month. Copies should include the Circulation Manager, Person who distributes the e-mail version, and, if requested, other named designees.

Help AAUW Save Money

Each year our editors put together eight informative, attractive, and news filled issues of our AAUW SUM newsletter. At current prices, printing and mailing costs exceed \$1.50 a piece per issue, costing over \$12.00 per member per year. For several years, many AAUW members have received their copies via e-mail. Through e-mail they receive the news as soon as it is published. By eliminating the paper copy, they are also making a contribution to a greener environment. If you are not already receiving AAUW SUM via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact Elaine Burgess at danb@chesco.com.

We need your News!

The co-editors of AAUW SUM, Norma George and Nancy Rumfield, are delighted to bring you the October issue of the AAUW SUM newsletter, but ... *We continue to need input from members!!* Please send *articles* as Word documents. Forward your news articles to the *gmail account*: aauwsumnews@gmail.com, indicating the topic and month in the subject box and cc the President. Norma and Nancy share access to this account, it keeps their work mailboxes from getting filled and makes the process of collaborating easier.

Remember that articles for a given month of the newsletter are due on the 12th of the preceding month. Please provide all necessary information with your submission.

Membership Outreach

Your Records and Communication With the National Association

Helpline Phone: 800 326 2289

Internet and email: The website for national AAUW is <http://www.aauw.org/>. Once you have accessed the site go to the Member Center. Have your Membership Number available to change your record information (see directions on page 35 of the branch member handbook). Type in your Membership Number and set up a password. Make a note of your password for future communications. In addition, you can find your Membership Number on the address label of the Association publication, *Outlook*, or call either Carol or Barbara (Co-Membership VPs).

Membership News

Welcome new member!

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Education: Endicott College, MI; BA

Journalism; Sacred Heart, CT; BS in English

If you know of a recent college graduate, invite them to join under our special "Give A Grad A Gift" program. This is for a free 1-year National membership. If you pay \$26, they can become a branch/state member.

Get Your Keystoner Online!

The *Keystoner* is the AAUW-PA Newsletter. Switch to receiving the *Keystoner* online. For each issue, you will receive an e-mail notice of the posting with a table of contents and a link to a downloadable copy of the issue, which can be printed or read on the computer screen. Getting the *Keystoner* online helps the environment and saves the state organization money and no waiting for delivery. To sign up just fill in the blanks at:

<http://www.aauwpa.org/keystoner.htm>

Members can check the archived issues online at the same site. *Kathy Quinn, Keystoner Editor*

Domestic Violence Center

The center had a big flood on their lower level, and is in need of pillows, twin sheet sets, toilet paper and baby wipes. Sue Ciorletti will collect these items in October and November, and gift cards in small denominations in December.

Public Policy and You

The group coordinating Public Policy is presently still in formation mode, and benefitting from the excellent direction of Yvonne Peiffer and her leaders from the last several years. Our goal continues to be "Being informed and taking action"

Possibilities for the Branch's Public Policy Focus for the 2011-2012 year include:

- Funding for public education and social programs
- Chester County Library advocacy
- Equal Pay
- The Power of One Vote (LWV) - Project Vote Smart
- Marcellus Shale/ clean water

All interested AAUW members are invited to join the group. A meeting to increase input and firm up our focus areas will be held mid October. Further information will be forthcoming shortly from Ann Duerr.

We're nuts about pecans!!



Pecans Are Coming

We will be arriving the first week of November! Call Leslie Wacomb to go dancing with these stars.

Ways and Means

Pecans and candy will be arriving the 1st week of November so please have your orders ready or buy at the November meeting. Leslie Wacomb will send out order forms to everyone when the pecans come in.

Please continue to bring your old ink cartridges to meetings. We have made over \$100 to date through this endeavor!

Book Fair & Sale takes place on Tuesday, November 15th at Chester County Book and Music Company. Items, which may be purchased, include books, gift-wrap and cards. You may preorder your books and pick them up that day. Bring a friend. Use the specially marked register or ask for assistance. This is a great time to do your holiday shopping and support our group at the same time. We receive 15% of receipts for our scholarship fund.

Please contact Leslie Wacob at 610-458-1837 or rbs857@yahoo.com
Thank you Leslie!

Photos from the Potluck!



Elaine Burgess getting ready.



Laurie Yeandel and others.



Roni Mullen and Donna Eaves

Member Notes and News

Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and this year will be held at the Women's Center at West Chester University. Meetings begin at 7 pm, are over by 9, and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Upcoming: Tuesday, November 1st.

Upcoming Meeting

November 9th, 7:00 PM (Wednesday)

Our program for the November 9th meeting will be a presentation by the Volunteer English Program of Chester County. Linda Grosse, the Executive Director of the program will be speaking well as Sandy Kwisz, a member of AAUW and a tutor for the VEP, and her student Elizabeth Kwisz. The website for the VEP is www.volunteereenglish.org. Linda Grosse can be reached at the same web site or at 610-918-8222.

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.

Book and Discussion Groups

Lit I, Afternoon Book Discussion: Meets on the 4th Thursday. For additional information contact: Martina Ossman, 610-793-1469; ossman1072@verizon.net.

Lit II, Fiction and Non-Fiction: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

October 19th, 7:30 pm - Last Call: The Rise & Fall of Prohibition by Daniel Okrent: Leader: Lyn Eaton, (h) 610-696-3172, wleaton2@aol.com; Hostess: Peggy Staarman
November 11th, 7:30 pm - Room by Emma Donoghue: Leader: Peggy Staarman; Hostess: Donna Eaves; 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.

Lit III, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group— The Non-Fiction Book Group will hold its next discussion Monday, September 19th at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, at 7:00 PM. The discussion book is *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larsen. Please place a hold at area libraries for a copy of the book. You may call Paula McGinness for more information, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

Great Decisions

This group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. If you are interested please contact Jacky Page: 610-359-9887 or martin_page@msn.com

Finance Discussion Group

The Finance Discussion Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Participants are invited to bring related articles to share. For more information contact: Leslie Olson, 610-793-2938 or olsonfour@verizon.net.

FIG (Food Interest Group)

Dining around, usually at a member's home. This group is co-ed, singles welcome. Each member brings a dinner item. The group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. If interested please contact Betty Bradford at 610-363-7974; wdbrad@verizon.net

TIG (Travel Interest Group): AAUW TIGers

The Travel Interest Group is composed of those who like to go on day trips. Trips are open to all members and guests; space may be limited. *October 9th, 2:30 pm* Rainbow Dinner Theater in Lancaster. Dinner starts at 2:30, and the show, *John Loves Mary*, will be from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. The group price for the entire event is \$44.00 per person; space limited to 20. If interested, send a check for \$5.00 per person, to hold your reservation. Send ASAP, payable to Roselyn Cadoff, 2419 Copper Creek Rd., Chester Springs, PA, 19425. Phone: 610-458-8813 or email: racadoff@verizon.net. You can also contact Sue Johnston at 610-363-8535, or at sueearlj@verizon.net. Carpools may be arranged once we know who's going.

The Travel Interest Group is planning two events in December. These trips are open to all members and their guests. On *December 11* we will attend the Vox Ama Deus presentation of The Messiah at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli with a potluck brunch at the home of Graham and Barry Boose before the concert. Cost is \$25 adult and \$20 senior or less depending on attendance. Deadline for sign-up is *November 10*. Email or call Sue Johnston.

We will tour two of the Fairmount Park Houses that will be decorated for Christmas. The cost for each house is \$8 and each tour takes an hour. We are open to lunch suggestions. Date is *Friday, December 2*. Email or call Sue Johnston if you want to be included.



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October 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meeting is Wednesday, October 12th, 7:00 pm

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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