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 West Chester – Chester County PA Branch

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BACK TO OUR OLD LOCATION!!

POTLUCK SUPPER

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Grove United Methodist Church
490 W. Boot Road, West Chester

Our Pot Luck dinner has become the traditional way to kick off the program year. It is a great way to reconnect with old friends, meet new AAUW members and guests, and share some delicious homemade dishes. There will also be some fun activities after dinner including get acquainted exercises and interest group updates. *Please note that the new members are guests and do not need to bring a dish.*

We have moved the dish donation assignments again so you can share a new type of dish. Here's the schedule for the Potluck Supper:

Please Bring A Quantity To Serve Five People

Members with last names beginning with "A" through "H" should bring a dessert
 Members with last names beginning with "I" through "O" should bring a hors d'oeuvre or salad
 Members with last names beginning with "P" through "Z" should bring a casserole

RSVP no later than September 7, 2011 to Nancy Dore at (610) 725-0459 or via email:
4dores@comcast.net

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 and Friends,

It is once again time for us to begin a new program year! I am very pleased that we have several new officers and board members, and a thriving partnership with the West Chester University Women's Center to start off our year.

New Program Vice President, Nancy Dore, has worked with her Co-Vice President Elaine Burgess to plan a fabulous year of programs for our monthly branch meetings. You will find all that information in your Annual Members Handbook that will be handed out at our first meeting in September. If you cannot attend, your handbook will be mailed to you, but you really **do not** want to miss that first meeting! I know that many of you will be very happy to know that our Pot-Luck Supper returns to Grove United Methodist Church this year for our opening meeting on Wednesday, September 14! You can read all about it elsewhere in this newsletter, but make sure to put it on your calendar so you won't miss an enjoyable and informative evening.

We also welcome a new Secretary this year as Helen Reid has fulfilled her maximum terms and Linda Lang takes over that role. I hope you will join me in thanking Linda for taking on this position – I know she will do a wonderful job because everything she does, she does well.

Last but not least, we are very fortunate to have filled the position of College & University Liaison, a spot that has not been filled since Graham Boose finished her term. The new C/U Liaison is Valerie Connors, an energetic, knowledgeable and dedicate young woman who brings us her knowledge and skills from her previous branch in Florida where she led her college group in a grant-winning project for girls. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish here.

I look forward to seeing all of you again, and meeting new members at our upcoming meetings. Please spread the word – AAUW West Chester-Chester County is a vibrant, fun-

loving and committed branch that is a great organization for women who want to share that spirit!

Sincerely,

Fran Pierce, President



Fran Pierce

Branch Member Roselyn Cadoff to Host Art Exhibit

Roselyn Cadoff will be exhibiting drawings and paintings at the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library on Windgate Drive in Chester Springs, from Sept. 11th through September 30th. Her work reflects personal responses to life and events around her, but is also often inspired by color and form found in nature, or may be a reaction to a landscape in an unusual perspective.

Art has always been an important part of Roselyn's life, and is a passion that has given her great joy. Although this is true whether it is shared with others or not, the opportunity to share extends the pleasure. Roselyn invites her friends and hopes they will come and share at this exhibit.



Branch News

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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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 information, 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.

Send us your News!

The co-editors of AAUW SUM, Norma George and Nancy Rumfield, are delighted to bring you the September issue of the AAUW SUM newsletter. *We continue to need input from members.* Please send *articles* as Word documents. It is most helpful if you 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

We are off to a flying start with 10 new branch members! Contact them and invite them to meetings and SIG groups. Please extend a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Sandra Alexander	SLAlexander@msn.com
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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.

Welcome

New Members and
West Chester University

West Chester University is now an Affiliated Branch!

As of July 1, West Chester University is now an official college/university affiliate of AAUW! The WCU Women's Center served as the home base for our outreach to the students who very quickly became interested in the goals of AAUW, and developed an interest in working with our branch.

Without a doubt, the establishment of an honorary seat on our board of directors for a student leader was instrumental in gaining the interest of the other students. From her seat on the board, West Chester student Jennifer Halligan gained first-hand insight into what it is that makes AAUW tick. Jenn said that she really could identify with our mission and found that our activities and projects aligned well with the goals of the WCU Women's Center.

The center advisor, Dr. Adale Sholock, assisted with coordinating the student involvement in AAUW. Our first project together was a discussion at our February brunch meeting in which several students joined two of our older members, Peg Anderson and Sue Ciorletti, to share with the audience their experiences as college students. Peg had everyone laughing with her tales of hitchhiking in the late 1920's! The current college students brought some notes of sober realism as they told of obstacles to their education in the forms of unsupportive families, insufficient funds and lack of health insurance – all things that were not of much concern to Peg and Sue.

In April, we again coordinated with the students as we marked "Women's Equality Day." The students arranged for a sale table in the student union and created signs to convey the message that women are still only earning an average of .77 to every \$1.00 earned by men. Members of AAUW West Chester-Chester County provided the baked goods that were sold to women for .77 and to men for \$1. The day was a great success and helped to fund the affiliation membership cost for the university to AAUW. We look forward to more collaboration and activities with the young women from WCU.

Peg Anderson - Our Member, Friend, and Neighbor

My path and Peg's first crossed, I believe, about twenty-five years ago at a meeting of the West Bradford Historical Commission, which made us, as Peg so freely said, "neighbors." Peg didn't limit neighbor to the next house or same street, it included the whole township and more, even most of Chester County. I came to realize eventually that to Peg, everyone was a "neighbor" or "practically a neighbor."

In more recent years, Peg and I connected at an AAUW function. Peg enjoyed the meetings, both the social aspects and the educational component of the programs, and as "neighbors" suggested that we should carpool to meetings. She also said I should definitely join her lit group, which I could see was her passion. "We have so much fun," I remember her saying. Like "neighbor", I learned that "fun" was an important part of the way Peg described many things in life. When someone mentioned an activity of any sort, Peg often replied, "That sounds like fun." So I started attending the lit group with Peg, thinking that if Peg, then at nearly 90 could read and discuss literature, I should also. But in truth, I went, and invited Peg to various other events, because I looked forward to her company even more than the scheduled activity.

Along the way, I learned so much. Peg was always full of stories. Every object, every individual, every activity and route and house along the way had a story. Most entertaining were stories of her college years, working in Philadelphia, and moving to her "farm" as a young bride. She stayed at her beloved "Anderlea" seventy years, the rest of her life. She participated in more than fifty Elderhostel programs and traveled extensively, both independently and with others her whole life. Everywhere we went she met people she knew, as well as their parents, grandparents, and "neighbors." Peg's friends and "neighbors" spanned all ages and backgrounds. She was truly happy to see them and remembered their life stories.

Peg inspired me with her attitude and her actions. She valued education, equality, and opportunities for all people, working in numerous volunteer capacities to make that happen. She treated all people respectfully and graciously and was thrilled when they came to see her. Still she never considered that anything she did was especially remarkable. In 2007 PA-AAUW honored Peg with the Susan K. Nenstiel Humanitarian Award. When notified of her selection, she seemed puzzled and deflected praise by commenting. "I don't know why they are so interested in me. So many others have done so much more."

Peg's love of learning, interest in others and spirit of determination and independence continued her entire life. She was always accepting and friendly, practical and outgoing. Peg had been with us for so many years--so active and engaging--it seemed like she would always be here. Certainly that is what we all wanted.

We will miss you, Peg, so much. You left us with so many memories and stories, and we thank you for that.

Written by Elaine Burgess, September 6, 2011.
Peg passed away on Monday, September 6, at the age of 95.



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*

May 2011 Banquet Photos



Scholarship recipient Krystyna Lockley (center), with her father and Dr. Norma George.



Krystyna Lockley and Susan Johnston.



Guest speaker, Andrea Baldeck

The highlight of the evening was Dr. Baldeck's sharing of her spectacular black and white photographs of her many travels.

Member Notes and News

Norma George Receives Doctorate of Modern Languages

Congratulations to branch member, Dr. Norma George, who recently received her Doctorate of Modern Languages from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. Her research focused on the life and work of Haitian feminist, author and educator Marie-Thérèse Colimon Hall.



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, October 5th.

Upcoming Meeting

October 13, 7:00 PM (Wednesday)

Habitat For Humanity -- Local And Global Outreach. Presenters are Eliza Bernardini, Volunteer Coordinator and Abby Schaefer, Director of Marketing, both of the Chester County Habitat Humanity. They will discuss affordable housing needs and initiatives in Chester County, including the *Women's Build* program. Grove Methodist Church, 40 W. Boot Road, West Chester, PA.

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.

September 21st, 7:30 pm – Possession by A. S. Byatt; Leader: Jean Speiser; (h) 610-558-8269, JeanSpeiser@gmail.com;

Hostess: Phyllis Dunn (h) 610-696-1079, dunn.phyllis@gmail.com

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

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. *September 10*, 10:00 am Mural Trolley Tour of Center City Philadelphia with lunch at City Tavern, Contact person is Sue Johnston, sueearlj@verizon.net or 610-363-8535.

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.

December 11, 4:00 pm - Messiah by Vox Ama Deus at Daylesford Abbey with hors d' oeuvres and desserts afterwards at Graham Boose's home. Contact person is Sue Johnston (see above).



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September 2010 NEWSLETTER

Meeting is Wednesday, September 14th, 6:30 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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