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## **Chester County Library System**

*Join Us at the November Meeting and  
 Keep the Library Conversation Going*

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 7:00 P.M.  
 Struble Room at the Chester County Library  
 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA 19341

A key to the advocacy efforts of the Chester County Library System (CCLS) is the priority placed on keeping the conversation going whether it is by offering information so that people can better understand the value of libraries or by reconnecting with updates.

On **Wednesday, November 14, 2012 @ 7:00 PM**, members of AAUW – West Chester/Chester County Branch will have the opportunity to **reconnect** with the CCLS at its meeting in the **Struble Room at the Chester County Library, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA 19341**.

At this meeting Peggy Wadsworth, Staff Development and Community Advocacy Coordinator, will share with us how the CCLS has been responsive to the changing needs of the community. While the libraries of Chester County still have books (lots of books and eBooks), they are more than just books! The libraries act as guides through the “universe” of information, providing access for those who don’t have it any and collaboration for those who do. The library also provides support through offerings of programs, classes, author conversations, book discussion groups, small business workshops; through the development of children’s literacy skills and more....

CCLS libraries play an essential role in the context of five 21st Century literacies. These are:

- Basic Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Civic and Social Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Financial Literacy

Learn more about how the libraries are advancing these literacies through their many resources and services.

Join us at the Chester County Library on November 14, 2012 for a lively presentation and tour and reconnect with the CCLS so you can help keep the conversation going.

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

November, 2012

Dear Members,

Time seems to be flying faster than the leaves that are falling! It is nearly Thanksgiving, and we are definitely thankful that so many of you have joined AAUW West Chester-Chester County already this year. We were fortunate to have begun the program year in September with 83 paid members, and we have already added a few more names to our membership list.

You might well ask, as we did, what benefit it is to have more members? Well, none, unless it means we also have more attendees at our programs, more participants in our Special Interest Groups, and more people committed to improving equity for women and girls. Don't forget that in addition to all of the enjoyable programs and outings we sponsor, there are also several ways you can get involved at AAUW with helping women who need our support in order to improve the conditions in their lives.

So whether you are new to our group or have been a supporting but inactive member for years, now is the time to get involved! This edition of our newsletter contains information on all our upcoming events for this month and next as well as all the book club, discussion group, and travel group announcements. I'm confident that if you take a look, you'll find something that interests you. We look forward to seeing you at one of our activities very soon.

Sincerely,  
Fran Pierce, Co-President



### **Domestic Violence Center**

Donations this month may include non-perishable food items such as canned goods or dry pasta. Questions? Contact Donna Golden: 610-344-0245; goldendonna@verizon.net  
Thank you for your support.

## **Holiday Party: Progressive Dinner**

The Holiday Party, our December program, will be in the form of a Progressive Dinner this year. Our branch has had such dinners off and on in the past. We begin together with cocktails at one home. Then we break up into groups of about 8 people for dinner at various homes. Finally we regroup at one home for dessert.

To have such a dinner requires hostesses. We need a hostess for cocktails and several hostesses for dinner. The number of people who can attend depends on the number of hostesses. If you are willing to serve as a hostess, please contact Nancy Dore (610-725-0459/[4dores@comcast.net](mailto:4dores@comcast.net)).



### **Saturday, December 8, 2012 West Chester Public Library's Holiday Home Tour**

The Library is proud to present a Holiday Home Tour of 10 beautifully decorated homes in the northwest and northeast section of West Chester. The majority of the homes are within the Borough, but if you travel a short distance to home number 1, you will see how it demonstrates what "newer" homes that are being built close to the vibrant center of West Chester are like. This tour features "the old & the new", spanning 130 years of home building history in & around West Chester. The homes date from 1870 to 2000. Each carries its own special charm and history. Mark your calendar and join us as we enjoy the homes whose owners have graciously opened them to the public in order to benefit the West Chester Public Library's Holiday Home Tour. Tickets go on sale October 1st at the Library located at 415 North Church St. West Chester, PA 19380 or online at [www.wcpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wcpubliclibrary.org).

**The snow date is Sunday, December 9, 2012.**

## Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP)

Submitted by Ann Duerr

Our objectives for the 2012-2013 year include:

- support legislation regarding funding for public education
- promote participation in activities that support public libraries
- cooperate with LWV Chester County to increase voter registration and inform women of the issues at stake

We continue to support the *Equal Pay Day Bake Sale* with the West Chester University Women's Club and the Association for Women's Empowerment.

All members who indicated an interest in Political Issues, Public Policy, **and/or** Women's Issues/Legislation (on membership forms) will be contacted by e-mail and also invited to attend an organizational meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. at Peggy Staarman's home.

The present LAPP Committee includes: Ann Duerr, Peggy Staarman (Co-chairs), Kathy Neary, Linda Lang, Mary Dorsey-Bunnell, Elizabeth Zaayenga and Jean Speiser.



## Upcoming Meeting

At our January meeting the program will include a representative from *Wings for Success*. This organization assists women "facing the challenge of securing sustainable income." One way of many ways to support this organization is through donations of clothing and accessories. *Wings for Success* accepts donations on the 2nd Saturday each month from 9:00 AM to noon. They are located on Route 30 in Frazer and across from D'Ambrosia's car dealership. There is special need for shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, jewelry and pantyhose.

For additional information call [610-308-7344](tel:610-308-7344) or check <http://www.wingsforsuccess.org/>.



## Getting Out the Vote

Thanks to all those who participated in Voter Registration Drives at Cheyney University, Exton Square Mall, Valley Forge AAUW Book Sale, and West Chester University.

Ann Duerr  
Barbara Lathroum  
Dorothea Lavigne  
Lynette McGrath  
Hlonipha Myambo  
Fran Pierce

Marie Dunn  
Donna Eaves  
Donna Golden  
Whitley Harbold  
Sandi Kwisz  
Linda Lang  
Mary Smith

## Donation to the Alice Lawson Fund

Kay Philipps's *Social Duplicate Group* donated \$241.00 to the Alice Lawson Fund, which provides a scholarship to a non-traditional student at a local college/university. The donated funds were received from February 2011 through October 2012. The duplicate group consists of both AAUW and non AAUW members. Participating AAUW members are Betty Bradford, Carol Habig, Cynthia Fischer, Jane Schultz, Martina Ossman, Mary Smith, Roni Mullen, and Kay Philipps. This group meets once a month during the day. Members interested in joining should call or e-mail Kay Philipps 610-399-0697; [khp65khp@verizon.net](mailto:khp65khp@verizon.net)

To make a donation:

<http://www.chescocf.org/funds/Fund%20purpose/Alice%20Lawson%20Scholarship%20Fund.htm>

## 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 7:15 pm, are over by 9, and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month.

## Special Interest Groups

### Couples Bridge

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening monthly at a member's home. We are a social group and welcome all who like to play. Contact the Chair, Carol Habig, at 610-431-9987 or [whabig@verizon.net](mailto:whabig@verizon.net).

**Lit I, Afternoon Book Discussion:** Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Please call Elaine Burgess at 610-383-7018 to let her know if you plan to attend.

**Lit II Book Group** meets on the third Wednesday of the month. This month's meeting will take place on November 28 when the group will discuss the book *My Dream of You* by Nuala O'Faolain. The discussion leader will be Fran Pierce, and the hostess will be Lynn Eaton.

### Non-Fiction Group

You may call Paula McGinness for more information at 610-942-4852 (home) or at 610-273-3303 (work).

New members are always welcome and can join the group by contacting Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277) or at [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.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. For information contact Leslie Olson at 610-793-2938 or at [olsonfour@verizon.net](mailto:olsonfour@verizon.net).

### FIG (Food Interest Group)

The group dines at various locations that usually include a member's home. Each member brings a dinner item. The group is co-ed, and singles are welcome. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. If you are

interested, then contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).

### Great Decisions

For more information on the Great Decisions group, contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or [martin\\_page@msn.com](mailto:martin_page@msn.com).

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

The Travel Interest Group is composed of those who like to go on day trips. We will plan several trips before the end of the year as well as 3 to 4 in the winter and the spring of 2013. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in numbers.

The contact person is Sue Johnston ([sueearlj@verizon.net](mailto:sueearlj@verizon.net) or 610-363-8535). You can call Sue or Roselyn Cadoff with any questions. If you are not on our email list and would like to be or wish to be removed from the list, then please contact Sue.



## AAUW'S 130th Anniversary Campaign

Please continue to spread the word! Although this ended June 30, 2012, the rates have been extended through November 30. Graduate students can join for \$18.81.

## Shape The Future Membership Campaign Continues For 2012-2013

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



## Membership News

Welcome to our newest members!

*\*\*These members' information do not appear in the branch handbook.*

### **Cynthia (Cindy) Dufour**

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Interests: reading, knitting, boating,  
cooking

## Membership Outreach

If you wish to review your records for the  
*AAUW National*, then check out  
<http://www.aauw.org/> or use the *Helpline*  
*Phone* at 800-326-2289

Once you have accessed the site, go to the  
Member Center. You will need your  
Membership Number to change your record  
information (see directions on page 35 of the  
branch member handbook). You can find your  
Membership Number on the address label of  
the Association publication (*Outlook*).

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

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## Guidelines for AAUWsome News...

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 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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Copies should include the Circulation Manager, Person who distributes the e-mail version, and, if requested, other named designees.

## Help AAUW Save Money

Each year our editors put together eight informative, attractive, and news-filled issues of our *AAUWsome* 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 *AAUWsome* via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact [Fran Pierce](mailto:FranPierce@verizon.net) at [franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:FranPierce@verizon.net).

*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) Indicate the topic and month in the subject box and cc the President. This is a shared share 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 12th of the preceding month. Please provide all necessary information with your submission.

## Get Your *Keystoner* Online and Help the Environment

The *Keystoner* is the State AAUW Newsletter - switch to receiving it online. You will receive an e-mail notice of the posting with a table of contents and a link to a downloadable copy.

Help the environment and the state organization while avoiding waiting for delivery. Archived issues also are available. To sign up, just fill in the blanks at: <http://www.aauwpa.org/keystoner.html>



*Did you know...it has been less than 100 years since women in the U.S have had the right to vote?*



## **19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Women's Right to Vote**

Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle; victory took decades of agitation and protest. Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Few early supporters lived to see final victory in 1920.

Beginning in the 1800s, women organized, petitioned, and picketed to win the right to vote, but it took them decades to accomplish their purpose. Between 1878, when the amendment was first introduced in Congress, and August 18, 1920, when it was ratified, champions of voting rights for women worked tirelessly, but strategies for achieving their goal varied. Some pursued a strategy of passing suffrage acts in each state—nine western states adopted woman suffrage legislation by 1912. Others challenged male-only voting laws in the courts. Militant suffragists used tactics such as parades, silent vigils, and hunger strikes. Often supporters met fierce resistance. Opponents heckled, jailed, and sometimes physically abused them.

By 1916, almost all of the major suffrage organizations were united behind the goal of a constitutional amendment. When New York adopted woman suffrage in 1917 and President Wilson changed his position to support an

amendment in 1918, the political balance began to shift.

On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the amendment, and 2 weeks later, the Senate followed. When Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment on August 18, 1920, the amendment passed its final hurdle of obtaining the agreement of three-fourths of the states. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby certified the ratification on August 26, 1920, changing the face of the American electorate forever.

This article is from the National Archives at <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=63> At this site you can also view a photograph of the original amendment document.

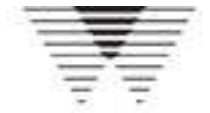


## **National Museum of Women in the Arts Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

“The idea for the National Museum of Women in the Arts grew from a simple, obvious, but rarely asked question: Where are all the women artists? Located in the heart of Washington, D.C., the National Museum of Women in the Arts is the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to recognizing the achievements of women artists. “

On November 4, 2012, legendary singer/songwriter Melissa Etheridge will receive NMWA’s Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts at this year’s event benefiting the Shenson Chamber Music Concerts, NMWA’s annual series showcasing women musicians. Melissa Etheridge’s impressive contributions to American rock and roll have placed her among the musical greats celebrated in the museum’s current exhibition, *Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power*.

This information is from their website – for additional information: <http://www.nmwa.org>.



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Meeting is Wednesday, November 14th

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#### AAUW Mission Statement

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

#### AAUW Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

#### AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch Vision Statement

The West Chester-Chester County Branch will

- Actively recruit members who support Association goals.
- Nurture these members through active Interest Groups, through monthly meetings with intellectual and social merit, and through member support.
- Sponsor at least one project per year with volunteers and with funds to promote Association and branch goals.
- Sponsor at least one local scholarship per year for a nontraditional student
- Support programs for training and self-development of branch members to promote Association goals.
- Raise funds through community projects and member gifts to support Association goals.

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Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW contributes to a more promising future and provides a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored.

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