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**VOTES FOR WOMEN**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2012**

*Grove United Methodist Church*

7 p.m. Networking and Nibbles

7:30 p.m. Program

*Women who worked for women's right to vote were called: a. radical b. immoral c. suffragist d. all of these* (from the National Women's History Project website) Take the Women's Equality Day Quiz on [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

October's program will take a look at women and voting -- past and present. The road to achieving voting rights for women was long and rocky. It began in 1848 at Seneca Falls, NY with the first women's rights convention. Over the years, many courageous women such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Alice Paul worked tirelessly for women's equality. Finally, on August 26, 1920 women were given the right to vote with the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution which states: "*The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the*

*United States or by any State on account of sex.*"

**Laurie Rofini**, *Director of Chester County Archives and Record Services, Chester County Historical Society*, will highlight how women and men from southeastern PA helped get American women the right to vote. Laurie's slide illustrated presentation discusses the men and women who played a major role in the first Pennsylvania women's rights convention held in West Chester and the issues that they raised.

Women remain an important voting bloc in this year's election. AAUW has implemented a nonpartisan voter education program "**To Get Out the Vote**" so that women can be heard about issues that concern us—education, health, environment—to name a few. *It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard* is an initiative to reach women ages 18--31. AAUW Action Fund recognizes the potential of this group of women stating "...we have the opportunity to support an enormous generation of young women in establishing lifelong voting habits and to strengthen the voice of women in the 2012 elections."

**Whitley Harbold**, *AAUW-WCCC Student Honorary Board Member and Campaign Organizer for AAUW PA*, will tell us more about the initiative and give us an update about voter registration in PA including our participation in September 25's National Voter Registration Day at West Chester University. *See Page 2 for directions to Grove United Methodist Church*

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

October, 2012

It was wonderful to see many of you at our traditional kick-off Pot Luck Supper in September. It's always a great time to greet old friends, welcome new members and learn more about the many activities of our branch. I'm excited about participating in all that our branch has to offer. This year, our programs are a terrific blend of entertainment and education on the issues that concern us. I'm excited about participating in all that our branch has to offer.

While our attention is focused on this fall's election, I am reminded of the courageous efforts of the suffragettes who worked to secure voting rights for women. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26<sup>th</sup> as "Women's Equality Day" to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the constitution that gave women the right to vote. For the first time this year, "Women's Equality Day" was recognized in Chester County with a proclamation issued by the Chester County Commissioners, Ryan Costello, Terence Farrell and Kathi Cozzone. I was pleased to attend the Commissioner's meeting for the acceptance of the proclamation by AAUW West Chester-Chester County along with the League of Women Voters of Chester County and the Chester County Women's Commission. Fran Pierce accepted the proclamation on behalf of AAUW with empowering remarks recognizing women's achievements and the need to continue our efforts to advance equity for women here and around the world.

I have enjoyed attending other events on behalf of AAUW. At the Coatesville VA Medical Center Women's Equality Day Celebration, I met other women with similar concerns and goals. It's rewarding to be able to tell others about our mission and programs. Also collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Chester County has been a productive experience. Our branch joined the League in registering voters on National Voter Registration Day at West Chester University.

**Thanks to all who participated.**

I look forward to seeing you in October. Please feel free to contact me or any of the board

members to find out how you can become more involved with the branch. Helen Keller's words remind us that our strength is in coming together – "*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*"

Sincerely,  
Sandi Kwisz  
Co-President



### **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 hostess please contact Nancy Dore (610-725-0459) [4dore@comcast.net](mailto:4dore@comcast.net).

#### ***Directions to Grove United Methodist Church, 490 Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380:***

From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road; turn left and follow to the intersection of Grove Road/Whitford Road. The Church is on your left before you reach the intersection. Additional information at: [www.grovechurch.org](http://www.grovechurch.org) or 610-696-2663.



In Loving Memory

*Harriet S.  
Jarosh*

July 6, 1939

April 27, 2012

## In Memoriam: Harriet Jarosh

By Carla Grot

On May 12, 2012, a few of our members attended Harriet's funeral in Lewes, DE. Harriet was a long time and well respected member of our branch.

She was the one we would go for help or advice regarding the branch or AAUW in general. She served as vice president for membership on the PA state board, and twice as president of our branch. Harriet also participated in many national conventions, either as delegate or interested member. AAUW was a very big and important part of her life, and she supported the organization with monetary donations, ideas and service. We will miss her.

In honor of Harriet, we suggest a contribution to the Alice Lawson Fund:

Chester County Community Foundation, Inc.  
28 Market Street  
West Chester, PA 19382

RE: Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund, in honor of Harriet Jarosh

### Domestic Violence Center

Marie Dunne and Donna Golden will be collecting non-perishable canned goods and diapers at the October meeting. For November they will be collecting gifts cards from Target, K-Mart, Rite-Aid, Acme, etc. The cards should be in small denominations.

Marie and Donna will also pick up donations.

Thank you for your support.

Save the Date...

## 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 & northeast section of West Chester. The majority of the homes are within the Borough but if you travel a short distance to home #1 you will see how it demonstrates what "newer" homes are like that are being built close to the vibrant center of West Chester.

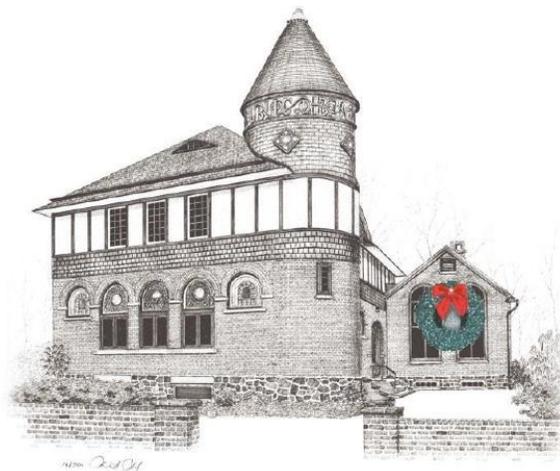
This tour features "**the old & the new,**" spanning 130 years of home building history in & around West Chester. *The homes date from 1870-2000.* Each carries with it their own special charm and history. Mark your calendar and join us as we enjoy the homes that have graciously opened their doors to benefit the West Chester Public Library's Holiday Home Tour. Tickets on sale Oct. 1, at WC Library, 415 North Church St. West Chester, PA 19380 or online at [www.wcpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wcpubliclibrary.org).

Snow date is Sunday, December 9, 2012

**For more information:**

**Contact Phyllis Dunn**

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## ***Merriment, Makeovers And Miracles: Wings For Success Partners With AAUW***

*Wings for Success*, a Chester County nonprofit organization that prepares disadvantaged women for employment by providing them with work-appropriate attire, wardrobe guidance and workshops, will hold its third annual fundraising event on October 25th from 6-8PM at the Chester Valley Golf Club in Malvern.

The AAUW, West Chester Branch, has adopted Wings for the 2012-2013 year and is a Community Partner for “*Merriment, Makeovers and Miracles*”. It will be an evening of “merriment” where attendees enjoy an evening of fun with friends, a silent auction, and great food and beverage. It also includes a makeover magazine and features miracles through the eyes of clients.

This year, Wings has created its first ever annual *Woman of Influence Award*. The Award honors those individuals who exemplify Wings for Success’ core values of commitment, community, and resourcefulness. Popular QVC Program Host, Lisa Robertson, has been selected as the first recipient.

All attendees will receive the “*Wings Makeover Magazine*”, also new this year. It features the latest tips and trends on a variety of topics such as fashion, finance, eyewear, hair coloring, career changes and more. “When we talk to people about doing makeovers for our clients, their response is often: I’d like a makeover myself!” says Mary Pat Knauss, Board President. “So, with our magazine, we’re giving them ideas they can use.”

Annually, Wings for Success prepares over 600 disadvantaged women for competitive employment primarily in hospitality, administration, retail and healthcare. By creating a professional outward image, Wings helps women grow their inner self-image to feel confident at job interviews, succeed in the workplace and become financially self-sufficient.

*Wings for Success* is a non-profit, and as such, is in need of much more than in-kind clothing contributions. There is a real and tangible need for in-kind service expertise (i.e. Marketing, Administrative, Legal) as well as financial support through monetary contributions. The “Merriment, Makeovers and Miracles” fundraiser is a way to emphasize the value and impact support makes on Wings’ clients.

For more information about “Merriment, Makeovers and Miracles” and for other ways to offer your support and expertise to the Wings mission, please contact Connie Rose, Event Chairperson at [Events@wingsforsuccess.org](mailto:Events@wingsforsuccess.org) or visit [www.wingsforsuccess.org](http://www.wingsforsuccess.org)

**Merriment, Makeovers & Miracles**

A Fun-filled Evening Featuring a Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, and Friends, both old and new!

Desserts, Wine and Beverages will be served.

– \$50 per person –

To attend this event, please register online by October 18, 2012 : [www.wingsforsuccess.org](http://www.wingsforsuccess.org)

A limited number of tickets will be available after October 18th for \$65

For check payments, assistance, or to register in person, please call us: 610-644-6323

**Monarch Sponsor**  
**QVC**

**Our Community Partners**

American Association of University Women, West Chester Branch

The Women’s Journal, Chester County

Society of Professional Women, Mainline Chamber of Commerce

**Our Mission**

To improve the employment opportunities of disadvantaged women by providing work-appropriate attire, wardrobe guidance and life skills workshops.

Proceeds from this event provide continuing support for Wings for Success, a 501 (c) 3 organization. \$15.00 per ticket is tax deductible.

*Wings for Success*



"Women's Equality Day" was recognized in Chester County with a proclamation issued by the Chester County Commissioners. From left, Commissioner Ryan Costello, Chester County Women's Commission President Idna Corbett, AAUW West Chester-Chester County Co-President Fran Pierce, League of Women Voters of Chester County Susan Carty, Commissioner Kathi Cozzone and Commissioner Terence Farrell

## Upcoming Meetings

At our January meeting the program will include a representative from *Wings for Success*. One way 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, across from D'Ambrosia's car dealership. There is special need for shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, jewelry and pantyhose.

If you have any questions, the telephone number is [610-308-7344](tel:610-308-7344).

## 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. Next board meeting is on October 2.

## 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 e-mail her at [whabig@verizon.net](mailto:whabig@verizon.net).

**Lit I, Afternoon Book Discussion:** Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. On October 25, 2012 the group will meet at Elaine Burgess's at 1:00 for refreshments. We will discuss *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. This book takes the reader back to 1953 where a unique accident changes the lives of two eleven year old boys. Please contact Elaine at [610-383-7018](tel:610-383-7018) to let her know if you plan to attend.

## Lit II Book Group

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This month's meeting will take place on October 24 to discuss the book *The Song of the Dodo* by David Quammen. The discussion leader will be Jean Speiser, and the hostess, will be 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](mailto:deaves@live.com).

## Non-Fiction Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet on October 15 at 7:00PM to discuss the book *Quiet, The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain. Please check area libraries for a copy of the book. You may call Paula McGinness for more information at 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

## 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, 610-793-2938 or [olsonfour@verizon.net](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. If interested please contact Betty Bradford at 610-363-7974; [wdbrad@comcast.net](mailto:wdbrad@comcast.net)

## 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 three to four in winter and spring 2013. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in numbers. The next trip will take place **Tuesday, October 23**. The group will participate in the Eastern State Penitentiary Historical Tour followed by lunch.

Contact person is Sue Johnston, [sueearlj@verizon.net](mailto:sueearlj@verizon.net) or 610-363-8535.

You can call Roselyn Cadoff or Sue with any questions. If you are not on our email list and would like to be or wish to be removed from the list please contact Sue.



## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our newest members!

#### *Mary Dorsey-Bunnel,*

College Administrator/Adjunct Professor/  
Academic Advisor, Neumann University

#### *Helen Giberson,* Retired VP Merrill Lynch

Welcome to our returning member!

*Carol Zabriskie,* Speech Pathologist

## 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 members for only \$24.50. State and local dues bring the total membership dues to \$45.50 for their first year of membership. Contact Jane Schultz, Membership VP, with names of potential members.

## Membership Outreach

Your Records with the National Association can be assessed by contacting:

--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). In addition, you can find your Membership Number on the address label of the *Branch Handbook* distributed at the September meeting.



September Pot Luck;

Pictures by Linda Lang

### 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 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 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 [Fran Pierce at franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:FranPierce@verizon.net).

## We need your News!

The co-editors of AAUW SUM are delighted to bring you this 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](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com). Indicate the topic and month in the subject box and cc the President. Norma and Tamara 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.

## Get Your Keystoner Online!

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### *October 2012 Newsletter*

Meeting is Wednesday, October 10.

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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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