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Books of 1863 – Would They Be Your Cup of Tea?

Wednesday, October 9, 2013
Grove United Methodist Church
490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA
7 p.m. *Networking and Nibbles*
7:30 p.m. *Program*

October's presenter, Linda Clark, found her passion for books and the Civil War through a book her third grade teacher recommended. Now a retired elementary school librarian and an emeritus licensed battlefield guide, Linda enjoys researching the times and reading habits of people living in Gettysburg and the wider world during the Civil War. In this program she will explore the literature available to women and children of the times and will highlight the reading choices of: Mary Lincoln of Washington, D.C.; Mary Chesnut of South Carolina; and Salome Myers of Gettysburg. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln believed a woman wrote a book that started the Civil War?

Linda has been featured in articles about the "Women Behind These Walls" project, whose objective is to educate Gettysburg visitors about the role of women civilians during the battle of Gettysburg. She has also written books of her own about Gettysburg during the Civil War, which will be available for purchase after her presentation.

Refreshments will be served by Lit Group 1

Project Remembers Civil War Era Women

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2013/06/project_remembers_civil_war-er.html

New Project Remembers Women of the Civil War

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/New-Project-Remembers-Women-of-the-Civil-War-209835831.html>

Directions to Grove United Methodist Church at 490 Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380: From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road; turn left and follow toward the intersection of Grove Road/Whitford Road. The Church is on your left before you reach the intersection. Additional information at www.grovechurch.org or 610-696-2663.

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From the Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

We were happy to see so many of you at our *Welcome Back Potluck Supper*. It was a fun evening with great food, conversation, and information. We heard from Lisa Hancock, *Development Director for Chester County Fund for Women and Girls*; branch member and *PETT* Co-Director Valerie Connors; and our committee chairs. As Lisa talked about the Fund, it was clear why we chose it as our Gateway to Equity Award Winner. We hope you were as motivated as we were by Valerie's informative *PETT* presentation and the human trafficking information, provided by *LAPP* Chairs Ann Duerr and Mary Dorsey Bunnell, to become involved with these very worthwhile initiatives.

Although the official 2013 - 2014 program year started with our *September Welcome Back Program*, the board and committee members got off to a great start at the August Leadership Retreat. It was a great opportunity to brainstorm ideas and set goals for our branch. Our efforts focused on 3 areas - Membership and Outreach, Fundraising, and Legislation and Public Policy (*LAPP*). Each group developed an action plan with goals and objectives. In the coming weeks at our program meetings and in the newsletter and on our website, members will be provided with information from each group. With your help we can continue to grow our membership, increase funds to support scholarships and projects, and support issues that make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

Please take a look at your handbook on pages 7 and 8 for the many interesting programs for the year, then mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Also, save the date for the always enjoyable *Holiday Get Together* on **Sunday, December 15**. We look forward to seeing you at the next program meeting on **Wednesday, October 9th**: *Books of 1863--Would They Be Your Cup of Tea?*

Sincerely,
Sandi Kwisz & Dorothea Lavigne
Co-Presidents



Calling All Gardeners

Now is the time to plant bulbs for beautiful spring flowers. Our Flower Power fundraiser offers many choices. The fall catalog features bulbs and roots you can plant in fall for flowers that bloom in the spring-- daffodils, tulips, alliums, hyacinths, Mariposa Lilies, and many more. You are sure to find something for your garden or a gift for a friend. Our branch receives 50% on every sale.

There are two easy ways to order. For online sales, go to our branch website at wccc-pa.aauw.net and click on the Flower Power logo at the top of the page. It will take you directly to our account. Then follow the step-by-step directions to place your order. The deadline for catalog sales is October 22.

If you prefer making purchases by mail order, just complete your order on the form provided at the September meeting. Include payment (cash or checks made to AAUW-WCCC) and return both to the October Program Meeting. If you will not be at the October meeting, you can mail the order form and payment to Molly Scott no later than October 11th.

Don't forget to invite friends and family to make a purchase, too. With your help we can reach our goal of \$400 and get our fundraising efforts off to a good start.

Domestic Violence Center Contributions

We would like to share part of a letter we received from the *Domestic Violence Center of Chester County* (DVCCC) thanking us for all of our donations in the past year. Terry Moody, Director of Development, stated: “It is through the ongoing generous support from members of our community like AAUW that we are able to continue to help victims and their dependent children not only to meet essential daily needs as they overcome their situations of abuse [. . .] but also to help them become self-sufficient. Together we can ensure that every victim of domestic violence in our community can find a safe refuge, someone to call for help, and the ability to live free of violence and abuse....Thank you for helping to make this mission a reality.”

For the October program meeting, Donna Golden and Marie Dunne will be collecting the following items: twin size comforters and thermal blankets in addition to towels. For health reasons items need to be new. for health reasons. Gift cards to local stores are also always appreciated.

AAUW Research

Why do women graduate to a pay gap? This question and others are answered in AAUW’s 2012 research publication *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation*. You can download a copy by going to our branch website at <http://wccc-pa.aauw.net>. The publication can be found in the Activity section under Public Policy.

Also, this publication as well as other AAUW research on issues that matter in the lives of women and girls are available to members at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research/>.

New for 2013 is *Women in Community College: Access to Success*. In this report are recommendations for policies and practices to help women succeed in community colleges.

Publications can also be ordered at the AAUW store at <http://aauw.source4.com> for the cost of shipping and handling.

AAUW-PA East District Meeting

Saturday, October 26, 2013

11:00 Am -3:00 Pm

Doylestown Hosptial, Doylestown, Pa

The Doylestown Hospital was established by women and is owned by the Doylestown Women’s Club. An interesting history of the hospital will be provided.

The following program speakers will provide valuable insights into human trafficking:

State Senator Greenleaf, chairman of the Senate’s Judiciary Committee, will highlight where Pennsylvania stands on trafficking laws and the status of legislation.

Carol Hart Metzker, West Chester activist and author of “Facing the Monster, How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery” will share stories about her personal engagement with victims and action to be taken.

Attorney Shea Rhodes, serves on the boards of Dawn’s Place and New Directions for Women and is also an instructor for the Philadelphia Police Department. She developed a Human Trafficking Working Group consisting of various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies working to collaboratively investigate and prosecute allegations of human trafficking in Philadelphia.

The more you know, the better you will be as an activist in helping to eliminate human trafficking locally and worldwide. Also this is a great way to socialize with fellow PA AAUW members.



Alice Lawson Scholarship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester Branch will again be awarding the Alice Lawson Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to an undergraduate student 25 years of age or older. We invite eligible students from *West Chester University, Cheney University, Lincoln University, and Immaculata University* to submit an application. Eligibility requirements, application forms, and the deadline for the application are available at wccc-pa.aauw.net.

Contributions to the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund can be sent to:

Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund
Chester County Community Foundation Inc.
28 Market Street
West Chester, PA 19382

Online contributions to the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund can be made at:

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

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. 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 some* via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact Sandi Kwisz at SandraK98@aol.com

Read The Keystoner Online

AAUW PA The Keystoner, is a quarterly newsletter published by AAUW PA serving AAUW branches throughout Pennsylvania. It is available by online and paper delivery. All branch members with e-mails are currently signed up to receive The Keystoner online. Members who indicated on their membership form that they would prefer to receive a paper copy of our monthly branch newsletter will also receive a paper copy of The Keystoner. The Keystoner will be sent from the mailbox of the co-president (SandraK98@aol.com). If you did not receive the summer Keystoner sent in mid August, please contact SandraK98@aol.com.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Guidelines for AAUW some

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



Shape The Future Membership Campaign Continues for 2013-2014

Individuals who have not previously been an AAUW member 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 their first year of membership. Contact Jane Schultz, Membership VP, with the names of potential members.



Give A Grad A Gift

AAUW members can give recent college or university graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership within two years after graduation at no cost to you or them.

- Expose a graduate to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 165,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equality and education for women and girls.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on events and people that affect their life as they receive Mission & Action, AAUW Outlook, Action Network Alerts, and more.
- Increase their buying power with access to member-only discounts.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest member!

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Alice DelDuco

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Information Update:

Mary Smith

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West Chester-Chester County Branch Membership Recruitment Incentive

Introduce your friends and associates to *AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch*! Each time you bring a prospective member to a branch meeting, your name will be entered into the **Membership Recruitment Incentive Raffle**. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the May banquet. The winner will receive a free one-year national membership renewal. Entry tickets will be available at the October branch meeting.

Membership Outreach

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

--Helpline Phone (800) 326-2289 or

--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 29 of the branch member handbook). In addition, you can find your Membership Number on the address label of the Association publication (Outlook).



Wings for Success - Last Year's Gateway to Equity Award Winner

Save the date for Wings big fall event: *Merriment, Makeovers, and Miracles*, which will be held on Thursday, October 24th at the Chester Valley Golf Club. QVC host Albany Irvin will be the emcee for the evening. You can register online now on Wings' web site at www.wingsforsuccess.org. Tickets are \$50 when purchased before October 20th and \$65 after that date.



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) with the necessary information.

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 7:00 p.m., are over by 9 p.m., and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 1st. November's meeting will be on a Wednesday (mark the date), November 6th.

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.

Lit I, Afternoon Book Discussion: Meets on the 4th Thursday. Please contact Roni Mullen [610-436-0912](tel:610-436-0912) you are interested.

Lit II Book Group: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will take place on October 16th when the group will discuss the book *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. The discussion leader will be Peggy Staarman, and the hostess will be Jane Schultz. 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.

Non-Fiction Group: For information on the Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group, contact Paula McGinness, at [610-942-4852](tel:610-942-4852) or [610-273-3303](tel:610-273-3303).

Finance Discussion Group

This group is currently not active – if you are interested please contact Sandi (610-793-3135) SandraK98@aol.com or Dorthea [610-429-4520](tel:610-429-4520) dlav43@aol.com

FIG (Food Interest Group)

This group dines at members' homes or at restaurants. The group usually meets on the second Saturday or Sunday of the month. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles welcome.

Upcoming events are: *Sunday, Oct. 13, 3:00-5:00pm--Ladies Only - Afternoon Tea* at the home of Jane Schultz and *Sunday, Nov. 10--Sunday Brunch* at the Drafting Room in Exton, hosted by Marguerite Pond. Email invitations will be mailed to FIG members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Donna Eaves at [610-692-5277](tel:610-692-5277) or at deaves@live.com.

Great Decisions

For more information on the Great Decisions group, contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or jacquelinepage9@gmail.com

TIG (Travel Interest Group): AAUW TIGers

The Travel Interest Group is a group 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 2014. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in numbers.

The next trip will be to the Michener Museum on Friday, November 15 at 2pm. We will have a docent for the special *Grace Kelly Collection*, which will take about an hour. We can then tour the rest of the museum on our own. Lunch plans will be announced.

The cost is \$16 per person plus a \$25 (total) fee for the docent for 20 people. If more than 20 then we will need two docents. Since a \$100 deposit is needed to hold the reservation, please respond as soon as possible. We need to have at least 10 participants; others can be added later.

If you are interested and are fairly sure you are going, then please let me know this week if

possible. We can add people later, but I want to make sure we have at least 10 participants. Contact Sue Johnson if you are interested. Email: sueearlj@verizon.net or h: (610) 363-8535 c: (484) 467-7640

If you are not on our email list and would like to be or wish to be removed from the list, contact Sue (numbers above) or Roselyn Cadoff (610-458-8813). They will also be happy to answer any questions about the group. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any of the activities.



<http://www.michenermuseum.org/exhibition/from-philadelphia-to-monaco-grace-kelly-beyond-the-icon>

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, 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.



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October 9th, Grove United Methodist Church

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AAUW Mission Statement

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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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