



## AAUW some NEWS

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### Lisa Roper Chanticleer Garden Gardener

Grove United Methodist Church  
490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Lisa Roper, our March speaker, has been the Ruin and Gravel Garden Horticulturist at Chanticleer for 23 years. She will speak about the garden’s artistry that combines design, sculpture, texture, and form; programs offered by Chanticleer; and the education of the gardeners.

Ms. Roper has a BFA from the Cooper Union in NYC where she focused on photography, printmaking and painting. Initially she began her career as a photographer, but later switched to horticulture, studying and working at Longwood Gardens in their Professional Gardener Training Program. In 1990 Lisa was hired at Chanticleer, before the garden was open to the public. She is one of 7 full time horticulturists and is responsible for the design and maintenance of the Ruin and Gravel Gardens. Before designing the Ruin Garden, she spent eleven years in the Asian Woods Garden. In addition to her horticultural responsibility she also serves as the staff photographer.

Adolph Rosengarten, Sr. and his wife Christine built their country retreat on land along the Main Line in Wayne early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The house was converted into a year-round residence in 1924. The estate was named after *Chanticleer*, the estate in Thackeray’s 1855 novel *The Newcomer*. Since the name means rooster, there are numerous rooster motifs throughout the landscape. Mr. Rosengarten’s son Adolph, Jr. left the entire property for the enjoyment and education of the public after he died in 1990. The garden opened to the public in 1993. Visitors have called *Chanticleer* one of the most romantic and imaginative gardens in America.

After Lisa’s presentation, you will look forward to visiting Chanticleer’s 35-acre public garden area when it opens on April 2, 2014.

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 can be found at [www.grovechurch.org](http://www.grovechurch.org) or [610-696-2663](tel:610-696-2663).

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## From the Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

My tendency is to hibernate in snowy and cold weather, but on an extremely cold January evening, I ventured out. Along with other branch members, I attended the *Girl Rising* film and discussion. The film tells the remarkable stories of 9 girls from developing countries, who overcame obstacles and the role education played in their lives. Throughout the film, statistics emphasize the difference education makes in a girl's life. For example, "A girl with an extra year of education can earn 20% more as an adult" (*The World Bank* 2011). I'm glad I ventured out; the inspirational stories of the young girls warmed my heart. For a short synopsis of *Girl Rising*, see the official trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJsvkIXhYaE>.

February did not get any warmer, and we crossed our fingers that February branch activities would not have to be canceled. It worked! We were able to hold our board meeting and Membership Program! Our members are resilient and in spite of power outages, many were able to attend to hear Carolyn Comitta's presentation on women in politics. Carolyn, branch member and West Chester Mayor, shared reflections about her journey to public office, the number of women in government, and collaborations with West Chester University. Carolyn also touched on the importance of educating girls and how education can benefit them, their families, and the economy. Thanks, Carolyn, for engaging us in an interesting and inspiring talk.

Along with the delicious food, another highlight of the February Brunch was the celebration of Mary Pinkney's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Kay Philipps provided a beautiful cake and members serenaded Mary with a chorus of "Happy Birthday to You". We are all inspired by Mary's accomplishments, and it was wonderful to celebrate her birthday together.

March is Women's History Month and AAUW celebrated last year with stories in 4 categories: "Women in Combat", "Women in STEM", "Women on Screen", and "Women and the Wage Gap". You can read these interesting

stories at: <http://www.aauw.org/2013/03/01/celebrating-womens-history-month/>. You may also be interested in reading *Half the Sky - Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Although the stories are often difficult to read, they are inspiring and reiterate the premise that if girls receive education and other assistance, lives can be transformed. (AAUW website has a resource guide and other information pertaining to *Half the Sky*.)

Spring is in the air, and there are several annual events that we look forward to each year. March brings the Annual GETT event for girls and March is Membership Month (MMM) followed by the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) Conference in April. Please be sure to read about these activities on our website (<http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/>) and in the newsletter. Also, it's not too soon to mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting and Banquet in May.

We hope to see you in March. The March program is sure to cure the winter blues – Chanticleer Gardens with Lisa Roper. See you then.

Sincerely,  
Sandi Kwisz & Dorothea LaVigne  
Co-Presidents



Chanticleer Gardens - Think Spring!

### **Save the Date**

We are planning a spring bus trip to New York City on *April 26, 2014*. This trip will be a branch fundraiser! See page 8 for information and reservation form.

## Leadership Opportunity!

“Women need to shift from thinking- *I'm not ready to do that* to thinking *I want to do that* and *I'll learn by doing that*” – Sheryl Sandberg

The **Nominating Committee** has begun its search to fill available board positions. If you are interested in a board position, contact Kay Philipps at [khp65khp@verizon.net](mailto:khp65khp@verizon.net) or Sandi Kwisz at [SandraK98@aol.com](mailto:SandraK98@aol.com).

## 2014 Branch Awards

We are pleased to announce the recipients of our Branch Awards:

*Outstanding Woman Award* - **Fran Pierce**

*Branch Spotlight Award* - **Ann Duerr**

*Peg Anderson Award* - **Graham Boose**  
(posthumously)

*Gateway to Equity Award* - **Dawn's Place**

We look forward to recognizing the award recipients at our Annual Meeting and Banquet in May. Outstanding Woman Award and Branch Spotlight Award Recipients also will be recognized at the *AAUW Pennsylvania 85<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting* in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: April 11 – 13, 2014. See AAUW PA website <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/> for more details about the meeting.

## Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP) By Ann Duerr

### *Spring Into Action!*

Senate Bill 75, which will improve and better define human trafficking laws to protect victims and prosecute offenders, was unanimously passed by the Pennsylvania Senate in December. The bill now is awaiting consideration before the House Judiciary Committee. Write and/or call your Representative to support this bill. Go to [www.senatordinniman.com](http://www.senatordinniman.com) to find a section on human trafficking that will provide updates on

the bill's status, alerts for advocacy, and a link to all the House and Senate addresses. Tell the President to act on equal pay. Go to our branch website, [wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net), and become a 2 Minute Activist. In the State of the Union address, President Obama pledged to sign an executive order raising the minimum pay rate for federal contractors. He should also take steps to make pay for woman and their families more equal, too. Urge the President to ban retaliation against employees who ask about wage practices or share personal salary information by starting with companies that do business with the federal government.

Jean Goerth reminds us about the LWVCC Civil Liberties Committee Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Room 234 in the West Chester Borough Building at Gay and Adams Streets in West Chester. Members and guests are invited to attend any LWVCC event. The Committee is partnering with LWV Concord-Carlisle in Massachusetts to prepare a power point presentation against the Supreme Court's 2008 Citizens United decision which overturned over a hundred years of legislation and Supreme Court precedent that banned corporate money in our elections.

We invite all members to contribute, comment, and/or suggest ideas of interest to Mary Dorsey- Bunnell (Co-Chair), Mimi Jones, Linda Lang, Jean Speiser, and Peggy Starman.

## AAUW Makefield Area (PA) Fundraiser

*Antiques Appraisal Event*

Featuring Freeman's Auctioneers and Appraisers of Philadelphia.

Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m.

Lower Makefield Township Building  
1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067

Admission at the door: \$15/person includes appraisal of two hand held items; additional items are \$5 each. For further information, call 215-949-2489.

## **GETT 2014 – March 15th**

By Mary Smith, GETT Committee member and AAUW Liaison

Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The GETT program began in Chester County in 2001 as a response to the underrepresentation of young women in the computer and information technology fields.

GETT, a volunteer-driven SEPA regional project hosted by Innovative Action Technology Group (ITAG), has expanded its scope, introducing the universe of technological and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers to girls. GETT is an exciting and educational workforce development project designed for Southeast PA girls in grades 6 through 12 and for their parents, teachers, and counselors to learn about careers in these dynamic fields.

Contact Mary Smith, at 484-924-9320 or [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net) to volunteer.

## **PETT/AAUW sponsors Chester County Library's Community Day Mini Maker Fair!**

The Mini Maker Fair will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Chester County Library in Exton. The fair will showcase all kinds of incredible projects. Our branch, along with PETT, will host a "Make Your Own Straw Rocket and Launch" table. We will supply the materials and will need volunteers for the day to help with this venture. You need not be technically gifted to help.

The Mini Maker Fair is a one-day, family-friendly event celebrating arts, crafts, engineering, food, music, science and technology projects, and the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) mindset. We are excited to be a part of this event to showcase AAUW and PETT to the Chester County Community.

Check out last year's Maker Fair at:

<http://celcommunityday.wordpress.com/about-2/>.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Smith at [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net) or call [484-924-9320](tel:484-924-9320).

## **Seventh Annual Philadelphia Global Water Initiative Conference**

*"Urban Water Solutions in the Developing World Sustainable Services and Just Policies for the Poor"*

Date: April 10, 2014

Venue: Drexel University  
Behrakis Grand Hall  
Creese Student Center  
3210 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA

Reception following at Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center

Tickets for the Conference are now available through:

<http://pgwi.ticketleap.com/conference2014/>

Perhaps many of you remember that AAUW West Chester-Chester County became a collaborator with PGWI in January 2010. This followed the November 14, 2009 "Water Conference" here in West Chester, PA that was sponsored by the Chester County League of Women Voters and our AAUW Branch. (For further background information, go to our AAUW website [wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://wccc-pa.aauw.net) and click on the February, March, and May 2013 Newsletters.) This year's conference will feature a diverse gathering of informed leaders thinking on a global level about how to tackle some of the biggest worldwide water and sanitation crisis challenges. The conference will build on the success of last year's conference on gender and water. Do join Ann Duerr and me (Yvonne Peiffer) for this interesting, worthwhile conference. If potable water and sanitation occur, women also can help move education, women's rights, and other UN Millennium Development Goals forward. That's a worthy goal for all people everywhere.

PGWI

Philadelphia Global Water Initiative  
[www.pgwi.org](http://www.pgwi.org)

## **Alice Lawson Scholarship**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester Branch will be awarding \$1500 from the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund to an undergraduate student 25 years of age or older. Eligibility requirements, application forms and the deadline for applying are available at: <http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/activities/scholarships/>

Eligible students from *West Chester University, Cheney University, Lincoln University, and Immaculata University* can apply.

*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>

## **Domestic Violence Center**

This month Donna Golden and Marie Dunne will be collecting gift cards for DVC. Gift card suggestions are listed on the DVC website <http://www.dvccc.com/youcanhelp/wishlist.html> and include local supermarkets, Target, Rite Aid, K-Mart, WaWa, and movie theaters such as AMC or Regal.

## **Meet Our Members**

### **Updated Membership Information**

*New Contact Information:*

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(also subject to change)

## **MMM has returned! March is Membership Month**

Introduce your friends and associates to *AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch!* Throughout the year, we have been encouraging branch members to bring guests to our branch meetings. With only a few meetings left consider inviting someone to the next meeting! For each guest you bring, you will receive an entry ticket into our drawing for payment of your 2014-2015 national membership dues (a \$49.00 value)!

When your guest joins AAUW, you will receive an additional entry ticket. All new members joining at this time will receive a membership bonus. Dues payments of \$45.50 received during this time cover a sixteen-month period (3/2014-6/30/2015)!

Good luck, everyone!

## **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/>.  
You'll need your membership number, which can be found on the address label of the Association publication (Outlook).

## **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. 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](mailto: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 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 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 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.



*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), 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.

## **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, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Interested in a Craft Group?***

A number of our members have indicated they enjoy doing crafts, so the board would like to encourage the formation of a new *Special Interest Group* focusing on crafts and/or hobbies. The group could work on one craft such as quilting, jewelry making, or calligraphy or the group may want to incorporate a number of crafts. If you are interested in joining or leading this type of interest group, please contact Peggy Staarman ([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net)).

## **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 4th Thursday. Please contact Roni Mullen [610-436-0912](tel:610-436-0912) if you are interested.

**Lit II Book Group:** Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next group meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, *The Swerve* (NF) by Stephen Greenblatt, with Fran Pierce as the Leader and Marie Dunne as the Hostess. 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 next discussion is on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the restaurant at Days Hotel, 943 South High Street, West Chester. The discussion book is *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff. Please request a copy at area libraries. Contact Paula McGinness - 610-942-4852- for more information.

### **Finance Discussion Group**

This group is currently not active – if you are interested please contact Sandi (610-793-3135) [SandraK98@aol.com](mailto:SandraK98@aol.com) or Dorothea (484-315-8651) [dlav43@aol.com](mailto:dlav43@aol.com)

### **FIG (Food Interest Group)**

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

Next Event - **Saturday, March 8** -- A St. Patrick's Dinner will be held at the home of Mimi and Dan Jones.

Interested in joining? Contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).

### **Great Decisions**

For information on the Great Decisions group, contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or [jacquelinepage9@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinepage9@gmail.com)

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

The Travel Interest Group is composed of members who like to go on day trips. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in number.

- The March 11, 2014 trip to *The Royal Moscow Ballet* has been cancelled. The Royal Moscow Ballet will not be doing their planned spring tour.
- March 25 (Tuesday evening) we will attend West Chester University's Travel Adventure *Madagascar: Land of Unique Wildlife, People, and Pirates*. You can sign up for a theme dinner in addition to the travel movie.
- On April 26 we will join the fund raising bus trip to New York City. Contact Anne Anderko for further information.
- In May, we plan to arrange a tour of Bartram Gardens.

We have had positive feedback about an overnight trip to Johnstown Flood Museum in June, so will continue with plans for the trip.

Contact Roselyn Cadoff (610-458-8813) or Sue Johnston (610-363-8535) for additional information and to be added or removed from the email list. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any of the activities.

# NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

## APRIL 26, 2014

The fund raising committee for AAUW West Chester -Chester County Branch has planned a wonderful day trip to New York City. We will leave from **The West Chester Park and Ride** adjacent to West Goshen Shopping Center (just off Route 202, Paoli Pike exit), at **7:15 on Saturday, April 26, 2014**. After our arrival in the city, you can choose your own itinerary: restaurants, theater, museums, shopping, exploring. Half price tickets to many major shows are available at the first stop in New York, Times Square, where the TKTS booth is located and an additional stop is also made at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We will board the bus at 7:30 pm for the return trip to West Chester around 10:00 p.m.

**The cost of the trip is \$40.00, which includes gratuities.**

The trip gets sold out early, so send your reservation today and mail no later than April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Call or e-mail Anne Anderko (484-885-4943) [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com) with any questions.

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### NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

#### Saturday, April 26, 2014

Make checks payable to **AAUW West Chester-Chester County**  
**and mail no later than April 18<sup>th</sup> to:**

Anne Anderko  
908 Pine Valley Circle  
West Chester, PA 19382

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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*March 12th - Lisa Roper - Chanticleer Garden Gardener*

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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.

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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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