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News & Views from the
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Branch

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Women's Programs At Local Universities

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Grove United Methodist Church
490 West Boot Road
West Chester, PA

7:00 PM Networking and Nibbles
7:30 PM Program

We will hear from a panel of women students attending local universities. We have asked them to talk about topics that interest them concerning their experiences at school and anticipate a wide-ranging variety of subjects. They will be joined by Dr. Karin Gedge, Professor of History at West Chester University.

Emalee Lally, a Political Science Major at West Chester University, will talk about her experiences at last year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Emalee was a 2013 NCCWSL recipient and was featured along with other PA recipients in the February PA Keystoner. Emalee credits NCCWSL with giving her "ideas, lessons and inspiration to keep learning and growing."

Fran Pierce, our West Chester University Liaison, will facilitate the program. Fran has been coordinating activities with our WCU student liaison, Felicia Orendorff from the Association for Women's Empowerment (AWE). AWE is a club of WCU's Women's Center. The mission of the Women's Center is to promote a campus community that values the safety, equality, and intellectual advancement of women at West Chester University. ([http://www.wcupa.edu/ services/stu.wce/](http://www.wcupa.edu/services/stu.wce/))

Come and learn about issues and education that today's young women encounter in college whether as part of a formal program or not.

Refreshments will be served by TIG.

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 or [610-696-2663](tel:610-696-2663).

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From the Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

Spring is here! And our March Program with Lisa Roper from Chanticleer Garden was a wonderful way to give us a head start into the spring season. I'm looking forward to visiting this lovely and whimsical garden.

I recently came across a picture of a group of women standing in front of a banner with the words - "Equal Pay for Equal Work Regardless of Sex." The picture was taken at a San Diego, California Labor Day Parade. The date - 1910! Women continue to earn on average 77% for every dollar a full time male worker earns. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2012) AAUW is at the forefront of advocating for pay equity.

Pay Equity Day is April 8th and our branch will join the West Chester University (WCU) Women's Center and the Association for Women's Empowerment (AWE) at West Chester University for a day of fun activities to educate students about the continuing pay gap between men and women. The color of the day is **RED** to symbolize that women are still in the red compared to men's wages. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact Ann Duerr. Many thanks to Fran, the LAPP Committee, AWE and the Women's Center for organizing this event.

Dorothea and I are looking forward to the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting in Gettysburg, PA. We are excited that Mary Smith has been invited to be part of a STEM initiative panel to speak about PETT and Ann Duerr will share the highlights of our focus on Human Trafficking at a Public Policy Session. We'll share more details about the Annual Meeting in our May newsletter.

As I write this letter, we are into the search for elected and appointed officers for the next program year. If you are asked to serve as an officer on the board or to chair a committee, Dorothea and I hope you will consider taking advantage of this new opportunity. With your talents, ideas, creativity, organization and commitment, the branch will continue to grow,

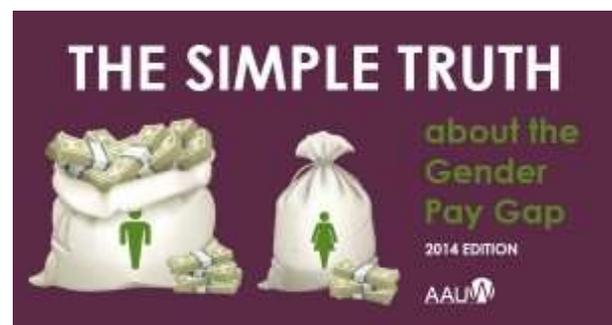
and together we can make a positive difference and improve the lives of women and girls.

Sincerely,
Sandi Kwisz & Dorothea Lavigne
Co-Presidents

Named Gift Honoree

The Board is happy to announce **Mary Pinkney** as our *Named Gift Honoree*! The named gift honoree program honors members for their contributions to the mission of AAUW. Mary is a long-standing member who has participated in many AAUW activities and continues to be an active contributor to the Great Decisions and Literature One Group. At 100 years old, Mary continues to be a role model and inspiration for all!

We were able to select a *Named Gift Honoree* based on the amount of our 2013 contributions to AAUW Funds from both the branch and individual branch members. AAUW Funds is the umbrella name for the philanthropic opportunities within AAUW that support the 501(C)(3) work. The Funds include: the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls. Each \$500 contributed per year to AAUW Funds entitles a branch to select a Named Gift Honoree. Our total for 2013 was \$975!



Join Us for *Equal Pay Day – April 8*

Equal Pay Day this year has been calculated to be Tuesday, April 8. This is the date when women in the U.S. will have earned what men earned by December 31 of 2013, since it takes women an extra 38 days to earn the same amount that men earn in a year!

This year we will once again partner with West Chester University in our efforts to educate citizens about the continued pay inequities in this country. On April 8, we will have an interactive tabling event at Lawrence Dining Hall on the campus of WCU. Together with the student group, AWE (Association for Women's Empowerment) we will conduct an interactive survey by asking students and staff if they believe that equal pay for women is still an issue in the U.S. today. In order to answer this question, participants will take a marker and place it into a plexi-glass beaker, indicating "yes" or "no."

Participants will be given a free treat – provided by our branch – if they participate in the survey. Attached to the treat will be a short bit of information about the continued existence of gender pay inequity, which we hope will help to raise the consciousness of the campus community about this issue.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact Ann Duerr at waduerr@verizon.net to volunteer to staff the table or to donate treats.

April 26 - New York City Bus Trip Fund Raising Trip

Spring is around the corner so why not join us for a fun day in New York City, April 26th. Please see attached form on *Page 8* with all the details. The bus holds 56 passengers, so it is first come first serve. Don't wait to reserve your seat! Your friends and family are also invited.

Legislation and Public Policy (LAPP) By Ann Duerr

Hurrah for Lilly Ledbetter's quote: "Giving women my Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act without the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving them a nail without the hammer."

Lilly's fight began when after almost 20 years of working at Goodyear, she received an anonymous note that she, the only female supervisor, was paid 40% less than male peers. She filed a gender discrimination lawsuit in 1998 that went to the US Supreme Court. In 2007, the Court said she had been paid unfairly long enough to make it legal! She joined AAUW to lobby Capital Hill for a legislated fix that took place in 2009 when President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Pay Act, restoring employee's right to sue for discriminatory paychecks.

In the last five years, Lilly has traveled the country urging members of Congress to act on fair pay and elect those who will act. She serves as honorary public policy chair for AAUW in her home state of Alabama.

She never received a dime of back pay owed by Goodyear; her retirement benefits are 40% less than they should be. She urges young people to learn from her struggle." Make sure you start your employment history getting what you're entitled to. You'll never get it made up".

Be a 2 Minute Activist (check branch website) and follow Lilly's lead for the long stalled Paycheck Fairness Act which protects employees from retaliation if they share information about their wages or ask about employers' wage practices. It implements stronger deterrents to prevent discrimination in the first place.

On April 5, Dress for a Good Cause takes place at the Westtown School. Contact Carol Metzker at echmetzker@aol.com if you can donate jewelry, gently worn gowns or dressy clothes. Proceeds benefit survivors of human trafficking locally and globally.

Dawn's Place, our Gateway to Equity Award winner to be honored at the May banquet, has an informative newsletter, New Beginnings. Visit them at (www.ahomefordawn.org)

Contact your PA Rep. regarding SB 75. April 1 is Advocacy Day in Harrisburg to gain support for the anti human trafficking bill. A sample letter is available at wccc-pa.aauw.net.

LWV will have table at Exton Mall April 12 to register voters for the upcoming primary election. Let LAPP committee- Mary, Mimi, Linda, Jean, Peggy- know if you can help.

Nominations for Offices

Here is the list of those who have graciously offered to run for offices for the next program year.

Co-President: **Sue Johnston**

Co-President: **Dorothea Lavigne**

Co-Vice President for Program: **Eva Kaufmann**

Co-Vice President for Membership: **Barbara Lathroum**

Finance Officer: **Anne Anderko**

A special thanks to our Nominations Committee: Kay Philipps, Chair; Patti Barker; Elaine Burgess; Jean Speiser and Carol Zabriskie.

Chester County Fund for Women and Girls' Event

Our 2013 *Gateway to Equity Award* recipient, Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, will be hosting its 9th Annual Making a Difference Luncheon celebrating a 2014 Milestone – more than \$2 million in grants for programs that provide important services to women, girls and families in Chester County. It will be held on Friday, May 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Malvern, PA. The featured speaker will be Taunya English, Senior Health Writer at WHYY. Tickets are \$75. More details can be found at <http://ccwomenandgirls.org/may-2nd-2014-annual-making-a-difference-luncheon/>.

A Message from AAUW Easton Branch

Hello AAUW members,

AAUW Easton Branch is having its first ever Authors' Luncheon on May 3. We are trying many different fundraisers this year with the thought that eventually either our members will be unable to do the work associated with our annual Book Fair, or so many people are reading e-books that a Book Fair is not the best use of our time and energy.

I've attached the brochure for our luncheon and hope that you will inform your members about this worthwhile event. It is also posted on our website so the registration form can be downloaded from there. Here is the link to our website and the luncheon:

<https://easton-pa.aauw.net/>

Best regards,

Toni Hoffman

Co-President

AAUW Easton Branch

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/>

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

The following items are requested for the month of April: twin size blankets, pillows, or sheets (new), shampoo and or hair conditioner, soap, hand sanitizer, any food donations, Children's board games or coloring books, gently used women's clothing, and finally pots and pans. Thanks, Marie Dunne

Meet Our Members

Welcome to our newest members

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Retired Founder

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Interests: reading, walking, yoga, aquatics,
gardening, travel

AAUW Membership Renewal

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Renewal Forms will appear in the
May newsletter

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
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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.



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.

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.



Did you know?

- When President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay act in 1963 women's earning were about 59 cents to each dollar earned by men for similar work.
- Today women's earnings are about 81 cents compared to each dollar earned by men.
- Statistics on Women's Earnings nationally and by region can be found at the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.
For the Philadelphia Region:
<http://www.dol.gov/equalpay/regions/2014/philadelphia.pdf>
- Women have earned more than 10 million college degrees than men since 1982 -
<http://www.aei-ideas.org/2013/05/stunning-college-degree-gap-women-have-earned-almost-10-million-more-college-degrees-than-men-since-1982/>

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, April 1st.

Special Interest Groups

Couples Bridge

Meets the 3rd Saturday evening each month 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) if you are interested.

Lit II Book Group: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next group meeting will be April 16th *Rules of Civility* (F) by Ammor Towles, with Donna Eaves as the Leader and Mimi Jones 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.

Non-Fiction Group: The next discussion is on 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 or Dorothea (484-315-8651) 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 - **Sunday, April 13** at 12:30pm-- Brunch hosted by Kay Philipps and Martina Ossman, at the home of Kay and Ed Philipps

Interested in joining? Contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at deaves@live.com.

Great Decisions

For 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 composed of members who like to go on day trips. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in number.

- On April 26 we will join the fund raising bus trip to New York City. See form on page 8.
- 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.



Bartram Gardens

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).

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, including gratuities, is \$40.00.

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

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

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP Saturday, April 26, 2014

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

Anne Anderko
908 Pine Valley Circle
West Chester, PA 19382

Name _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Cell _____



AAUW West Chester –
Chester County Spring Banquet

Join Your AAUW friends for
Our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: West Chester Golf and Country Club
111 West Ashbridge Street

*Located at the corner of North High Street and West Ashbridge Street.
Parking is available in the upper lot near the entrance to Club or the
lower lot near tennis courts*

Menu Choices:

Francais Chicken with Tomato-Caper Concasse

or

*Salmon with Dijon Mustard, Fresh Herbs & Panko Crust
with Beurre Blanc Sauce*

Cost: \$30 per person

Don't forget to invite a guest to join in on the fun!!

RSVP: Send the form below by **May 5th** to: Phyllis Dunn,
1035 North New Street, West Chester, PA 19380

I/We will attend the *Annual Spring Banquet* on *May 14th* at the West Chester Golf and
Country Club.

Please circle your dinner choice.

Name _____ Chicken Salmon

Guest _____ Chicken Salmon

Enclosed is \$_____ \$30 per person Check Number _____

Send a check payable to *AAUW West Chester-Chester County (AAUW- WCCC)* to Phyllis
Dunn, 1035 North New Street, West Chester, PA 19380. For additional guests, please
attach additional form with names. Thank you.

~Deadline for reservations is **May 5th Please no walk-ins or add ons after this date.~**



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April 2014 Newsletter

April 9th – Women’s Programs at Local Universities

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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.

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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