



## AAUW some NEWS

News & Views from the  
West Chester – Chester County PA  
Branch  
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### AAUW West Chester – Chester County Spring Banquet

Wednesday, May 14  
6:30 P.M.  
West Chester Golf and Country Club  
111 West Ashbridge St.

*Please join us for our Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, and Awards Ceremony.*

Join us for our end-of-the year celebration. Enjoy a delicious meal and the company of friends as we elect and install officers, recognize award recipients, and meet the recipient of the *Alice Lawson Scholarship*.

We are especially pleased to have Sr. Terry Shields and Ann Marie Jones from *Dawn's Place* to accept our branch 2014-2015 *Gateway to Equity Award*. They will speak about the remarkable work being done at Dawn's Place.

**Dawn's Place** is a residential, 501(c) 3 non-profit organization located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that helps both foreign born and American women who have been victimized by Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE), commonly known as "sex trafficking" or slavery.

**Sr. Terry Shields** is the co-founder and current president of Dawn's Place. She trained as a nurse-midwife and a certified hospital chaplain and holds a BS degree in health arts and a M.A. in religious studies. Sr. Terry Shields has extensive experience working with medical relief teams in refugee camps in Africa and various health related work in the U.S.

**Ann Marie Jones** is a graduate of Dawn's Place Program and a Peer Specialist. She is a staff member of Dawn's Place where she assists the women through the program process. She has successfully developed and facilitates a 12 step program for women who self-identify with being addicted to prostitution.

**If you have not yet responded with you reservation and a check**, please clip out the reply form found in this newsletter and send it as soon as possible and no later than May 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you at this enjoyable occasion to celebrate our accomplishments of the year!

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## ***From the Co-Presidents***

Dear Members,

The warmth of Spring finally has arrived! Come to the Spring Banquet on May 14, 2014 and help us celebrate another successful year of AAUW-WCCC. You may find the registration form in the April newsletter.

Sandi and I want to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all the talented and dedicated women whose hard work and involvement have made this a banner year for the branch! Without you, we would not have had such informative monthly programs, the delicious snacks, the many scrumptious FIG get togethers, the many card clubs to keep our members playing, the book clubs to help us discover new authors and subject matters, or the travel interest group to open our world to new adventures.

Branch members are not only involved in having fun but also are even more committed to altruistic endeavors.

Public Policy & Legislation (LAPP) has made us aware of political and unjust policies and issues such as human trafficking.

Parents/Educators Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (PETT) earned a generous grant from AAUW National to further the branch's ability to implement programs for parents and educators. The annual Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) event served to educate and to make over four hundred girls, as well as educators and parents, aware of the opportunities in technology careers. Getting involved in helping to close the pay gap fired up the membership. Members contributed monthly much-needed items to the Domestic Violence Center that were delivered by the Foundations and Giving Committee. The League of Women Voters called on us and received help to register voters.

The Alice Lawson Scholarship fund again this year awarded a scholarship. A large donation received from the estate of Harriet Jarosh will enable the branch to give scholarships next year to local schools for environmental projects.

Communication through the newsletter, the web site, and public relations kept us, and the community abreast of all branch happenings. The well-organized handbook enabled members to communicate with each other as well. The Membership Co-Presidents updated that information and welcomed new members.

The Fundraising Committee worked hard to raise funds to enable the branch to support the monthly programs and the administrative costs!

A big thank you goes out to our Public Library and College/University Outreach liaisons and our Student Representative from West Chester University. They provide the branch with a place to meet and insight to other populations.

Officers, especially the Finance Officer, allow the branch to run smoothly, and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries are indispensable. The Nominating Committee worked hard to present a capable and committed slate of officers for 2014-2015. Thank you!

I chose not to list names for fear of forgetting a name and to make the point that there are many members who often go unnoticed and who are always there to help where they can. However, a special thank you and congratulation must be recorded.

Sandi Kwisz has been an outstanding leader during her term as Co-President! She is the conscience and the defender of our branch. She takes nothing for granted and worked tirelessly to assure that whatever is supported or listed by the branch is absolutely correct. She is always willing to listen and to take on additional responsibilities. She is able to do all of this and always remain pleasant and patient! Sandi, the branch will miss your capable leadership and commitment, and I have big shoes to fill.



Thank you for all your hard work, kind words, and patience.

Sincerely,  
Dorothea Lavigne & Sandi Kwisz  
Co-Presidents

## **AAUW Membership Renewal Dues Renewal Notice**

It's time to renew your annual AAUW dues. Please continue your membership in AAUW, our vital organization for the promotion of equity, education, and self-development for women and girls. Payment of dues is for the membership period **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**.

Mail **membership renewal form** and **check** to:  
Jane Schultz  
1300 Amstel Way  
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Make **check payable** to:  
AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch  
for **\$75.00** (national life members \$26.00)

**Special Offer:** All members who pay their dues **prior to or at the May Dinner** will receive an entry into a surprise gift raffle. Don't delay, send you renewal today—the raffle winner could be **YOU!!!**  
*Membership form on page 11*

## **April Program Featuring WCU Students & Faculty**

A panel of West Chester University students and a faculty member presented a program in April about women's issues on campus. Dr. Karin Gedge of the History Department gave a brief overview of the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Some of our members expressed interest in auditing her history class "Women in America", and all enjoyed the warmth of her personality and her obvious love of teaching.

Shelby Krupka, Courtney Jackson, Natalie Sinnamon, and Emalee Lally addressed a variety of women's issues such as sexual assault and harassment, attitudes of professors and fellow students toward women in the business department, policies of the University, and the treatment of women in politics. All of our members seemed very impressed by the students' communication skills, their interest in women's issues, and their activism.

Dr. Gedge and Dr. Lisa Ruchti, a faculty member involved in the Women's and Gender

Studies Program, would like to maintain a relationship with our AAUW chapter. They want to develop a series of lectures, panel discussions, or other formats that would appeal not only to students and faculty but also to the entire community. They would like our help providing ideas and participation.

Fran Pierce, our wonderful facilitator, indicated throughout the evening's program that there is a strong connection between the students' concerns and the goals of AAUW. If you have interest in sharing your thoughts about community outreach with the professors, please contact Peggy Staarman  
([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net))

## **Alice Lawson Scholarship Winner**

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the 2014-2015 Alice Lawson Scholarship is Karen Lawson. Karen is pursuing a degree in middle grades education with a concentration in math at West Chester University. She expects to graduate in December of 2014 after completing her student teaching requirements.

Karen's persistence and determination impressed us. Despite the challenges presented by the demands of work and single motherhood, she is pursuing her education. She is also pursuing her goal of owning a center where children can have care and educational support. Karen has received several awards, and she has participated in the Student Panel for New Faculty, AmeriCorps/America Reads, and other activities while maintaining an excellent GPA. We believe that Karen will make excellent use of the scholarship.

*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>

## **Equal Pay Day – April 8**

*by Fran Pierce, WCU Liaison*

Were you tired on April 8, 2014? You should have been! Because that is how much longer the average woman had to work in order to earn the same amount that the average male worker earned as of December 31, 2013!! That's more than **three months longer** than the average male had to work to earn the same amount!

So, on that day, our branch collaborated with West Chester University Women's Center and Association for Women's Empowerment (AWE) on a project that was designed to educate students and staff at the University about the continued existence of the pay gap between men and women. Many of our members volunteered to provide baked goods, and others helped out at the table on the day of the event.

Our presence in Lawrence Center Dining Hall was well-received as over 370 people stopped at the table, most of whom voted by placing a marble into a container marked "yes," "no," or "I don't know" in answer to the question: "Do you think that gender pay equity is still an issue in the U. S. today?" The final tally was: 323 "yes", 22 "no", and 25 "I don't know."

Once they had voted, and regardless of how they had voted, all participants received their choice from the large selection of homemade goodies provided by our branch. Even students who at first seemed hesitant or uninterested left with a smile as our volunteers encouraged them and thanked them for their vote – and the baked goods were enough to make anyone smile!

We concluded the day at another table with the same activity in front of Sykes Student Union Theater where students from Women's Center performed their own skits on the subject of sexual harassment, intimidation, and discrimination. Once again, all who passed by were encouraged to vote and enjoy the treats, and we were able to distribute a great deal of information on the topic of gender pay inequity.

Everyone who participated from our branch as well as the many volunteer students from Women's Center agreed that our goal, "educating as many people as possible about the continued existence of gender pay inequity", was definitely reached!

Special thanks go to Ann Duerr, Yvonne Peiffer, and Felicia Orendorff for making the day a great success!



Ready for Equal Pay Day at West Chester University are branch members Ann Duerr, Yvonne Peiffer, and Fran Pierce along with WCU student Suelee Tang.

## **Nominations for Offices**

Below are the members 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**

*Recording Secretary:* **Nancy Dore**

### **A special thanks to our Nominations Committee:**

Kay Philipps, Chair; Patti Barker; Elaine Burgess; Jean Speiser and Carol Zabriskie.



## GETT and PETT Programs

By Mary Smith

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual **GETT Program** (Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology) and its adult program, **PETT** (Parents-Educators Exploring Tomorrow's Technology,) were held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Phoenixville Area Middle School. It kicked off with another successful helicopter landing piloted by Stacey Sheard from Sikorsky Helicopter.

Over 400 girls from grades 6 to 12, living in the Delaware Valley, attended the program, as well as over 120 parents, educators, and chaperones. The PETT grant paid for a bus to bring 35 girls and their chaperones from Southern Chester County concentrating on the girls within the underserved Hispanic community. A total of 31 sessions were offered for over 400 girls in grades 6-12. There were 20 sessions for middle school and 11 for high school covering many STEM related disciplines.



Students from Southern Chester County

We had 15 plus branch members volunteering for this GETT event and many who I spoke to had a fantastic experience and can't wait to do it again. Our Branch, through PETT, provided Pre and Post Event Evaluations to the adults. Sharon Kaufman and Valerie Connors had the task of filtering through the evaluations to compile a list of what is working and what can be improved and some that can be eliminated. We will share a full report for the PETT grant once it is formally compiled and completed.

From the adult (parent, educator, chaperone) *post*-program evaluations, comments included:  
"Exceeded expectations! Well done."  
"Love what you are doing for the girls."

"Really enjoyed the professional delivery of information and resources to help guide our daughter."

"Expectations were more than met!"

"Love this event. Keep up the good work"

"Well-managed and well-run."

"Kudos to all!"

"Extremely well-organized event."

The general consensus is to continue what we are doing while addressing suggestions to add or expand on certain sessions. We will continue to work on funding for the PETT program once the grant year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If you can identify potential donors please contact Valerie or me.



Adult registration.

At the April AAUW Conference in Gettysburg, we shared a packet of information in a STEM Panel format. In addition I have been updating the [www.aauwgirlsstemcenter.org](http://www.aauwgirlsstemcenter.org) to include summer camp information. We are developing an email database based on the adult evaluations. This will allow us to share programs and information that may assist in nurturing their girls in STEM related careers.



AAUW Display

As part of publicizing PETT and AAUW we are participating in Chester County Library's Community Day on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a Mini-Maker Fair, showcasing family oriented activities in the Arts and Sciences. We will be making Straw Rockets and will need volunteers throughout the day. Call or email if you can assist: [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net) or 484-924-9320.

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

“In times like these, we don’t give up—we double down.”

Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, expressed her frustration when the U.S. Senate voted along party lines to prevent the Paycheck Fairness Act from receiving an up-or-down vote. They failed to even debate the bill! Thank your senators if they supported the bill. If they did not, then tell them they cannot ignore women and working families any longer.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> our Equal Pay Event at West Chester University (WCU) was very successful due to the planning of Fran Pierce, Yvonne Peiffer, and the following branch bakers and workers: Anne Anderko, Nancy Day, Ann Duerr, Whitley Harbold, Mimi Jones, Sandi Kwisz, Barbara Lathroum, Patricia Schultz, and Peggy Staarman. Helpers from Association for Women’s Empowerment (AWE) included Bria Canady, Adessa Flack, Liz Ian, Felicia Orendorff, and Jacky Rice. A total of 370 students were asked if the pay gap on average between men and women is still a problem. The results: Yes—323, No—22 and Do Not Know—25. Each student was offered a free treat with pay gap information.

PA Senate Bill 75, which strengthens anti human trafficking enforcement and protection for the victims, is now in the PA House of Representatives. Please contact your Rep as soon as possible before the budget year ends in June.

Written messages do make a difference. You can send more than one! Tell your friends and neighbors. Make sure you have the latest League of Women Voter’s 2014 Legislative Directory. Pick one up at your local library.

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*Remember To Contact Your U.S. Senators  
(Equal Pay) And P.A. Representative (Sb75)!*

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What have *Dawn’s Place* women achieved? In their own words.....

Learned to believe in myself

How to achieve my goals

To trust again

Being with my family again

How to have a relationship with myself

How to be grateful

That I deserved joy

Learn more about Dawn’s Place at the May Banquet.



Philadelphia Global  
Water Initiative

## Water, Sanitation & Hygiene PGWI, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

by Yvonne Peiffer

***Is it easier to get a cell phone than clear  
potable water and effective sanitation  
systems to increase better health?***

Why don’t we hear from world news about the conflicts in the developing countries over water rights, the disparities between rich and poor in their access to sanitation, or how the migration of people to the cities (creating slums) is predicted to grow from 2.5 billion to 5.2 billion by 2050? Have you heard of “Water Mafia”? Why do Bill Gates’s projects in “developing countries” get more press than the process in conjunction with “Water for People” to take arsenic out of the wells in places like India and Bangladesh? Why are we reactive rather than proactive, curative rather than preventative? Why do we not realize that droughts and floods are becoming more prevalent and affect people worldwide?

On April 10, 2014 Ann Duerr, along with John and Yvonne Peiffer, represented our branch of AAUW (our branch is a collaborator) at the PWGI 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference entitled “Urban Water Solutions in the Developing World: Sustainable Services and Just Policies for the Poor”.

**What a conference!** We were blown away by all the experts – yes, a lot were women -- from throughout the world with amazing credentials

and expertise. They addressed the issues from the financial, technical, leadership, and management viewpoints. They spoke of women in Peru who were digging ditches for sanitation to help the Peruvian Utility to “get it done”! The women in the developing world are the ones who carry the water long distances and face sexual harassment because of it. They are the ones wanting clean water; sanitation; and educated, healthy children.

Women worldwide are the **stakeholders** who are more likely to tackle social change and to work tirelessly to see that “We the People” rather than “We the Leaders” gain access to potable water, effective sanitation systems, and good hygiene. Hmmm. Perhaps that is why there are 3 women who are heads of state out of the 55 countries in Africa. Perhaps that is why African countries have come up with their own unified goals to follow the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) that end in 2015.

By the way, the 2 MDG goals relating to water and sanitation have put many countries on the right track. The number of people gaining access to improved water sources increased dramatically. Yet many more need potable water and an infrastructure to maintain the systems built. While many received improved sanitation systems, there are many people who still defecate in the open – thus the world remains off track on the MDG sanitation target. (The target was to reduce the proportion of people without access to sanitation from 51% in 1990 to 25% by 2015. This is not going to happen!)

There are so many facts that we can’t detail them all here. However, if you are still reading, imagine having access to water only a few hours a day, needing to travel long distances to get your water, getting your water from standpipes or bore holes or truckers, and paying 15% of your income to get water that is not quality water. What if your bathrooms were latrines that you must share with hundreds of other people or if excrement was defiling what little water you had?

Yes, we in the developed countries can help. Volunteers, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), governments, for profit organizations, corporations, groups from colleges and universities, experts in every area, innovative techniques – all are already helping. However, the emphasis first must be on empowering and educating those who need the help to be in charge of the process, to do a lot of the work, and to develop and maintain the systems built. It takes the people themselves—along with money, technology and good governance—to do and then maintain what gets built or developed. One size does not fit all, and each developing country’s geography, climate, water resources, etc. must be part of the solution.

With this in mind, those attending the PWGI 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference got the chance to brainstorm with the experts and to focus on specific solutions to critical issues for the post 2015 UN Millennium Development Goals. These will be shared with the United Nations as it establishes the WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene) related Sustainable Development Goals for the post-2015 period.

*Please note that Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) has changed its name to The Global Water Alliance. The President is Mrs. Angelita Fasnacht, a Civil Engineer with 18 years experience in environmental and civil engineering with a specialization in water programs. While working in Columbia, South America, her life was threatened, and in 2000 she survived a kidnapping by the FARC—i.e., “The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia”.*

At the moment the web address for The Global Water Alliance is still: [www.pgwi.org](http://www.pgwi.org)  
They are also on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/PhilaGlobalWaterInitiative>  
and Twitter:  
<https://twitter.com/PGWI>

## Domestic Violence Center

At the May Banquet Donna Golden will be collecting items for the DVC. Gift cards are always welcome; Gift card suggestions are listed on the DVC website and include grocery stores, Target, Rite Aid, K-Mart, WaWa, and movie theaters such as AMC or Regal.

<http://www.dvccc.com/youcanhelp/wishlist.html>

*Thank you for supporting the Domestic Violence Center over the past year.*

### 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.

## 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)

## Meet Our Members

### Award Winners...



Congratulations to **Fran Pierce** for receiving the AAUW PA Outstanding Woman Award and **Ann Duerr** for the AAUW PA Branch Spotlight Award at the AAUW PA 85th Annual State Meeting.

### Welcome to our newest members!!

#### Patricia Schultz (Bill)

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cooking

## 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, May 6th.

## Special Interest Groups

### Couples Bridge

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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:** Next meeting - **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 7:00 pm, *Founding Gardeners* (NF) by Andrea Wulf, with Jean Speiser as the leader and Fran Pierce as the Hostess. **June 11th**, 6:30 p.m. (please note the change to the second Wednesday)--Potluck supper at the home of Donna Eaves. We will be selecting books for next year, so members should bring book suggestions for 2014-15. Please RSVP to Donna at 610-692-5277 or at [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).

**Non-Fiction Group:** The Non-Fiction Book Group will hold its next discussion on Monday, **May 12, 2014** at 7:00 p.m. in the restaurant at the Days Hotel at 943 South High Street in West Chester. Each participant is asked to give a mini review of a non-fiction book. You may

call Paula McGinness for more information at 610-942-4852.

### **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 group 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, June 21, 6:00 p.m.*

*(note the change to the third Saturday) -*

*Summer Solstice Picnic*, hosted by Phyllis and Dan Dunn. FIG members will receive full details via email in May. If you are interested in joining, please contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com).



FIG Spring Brunch - (left to right): Carole Valentine, Elaine Burgess, Donna Eaves, Martina Ossman, Kay Philipps, Mimi Jones and Cathy Palmquist.

### **Great Decisions**

For information on the Great Decisions group, contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or

[jacquelinepage9@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinepage9@gmail.com)

### **Travel Interest Group**

The Travel Interest Group is composed of members who like to go on day trips. We are proposing our first overnight trip in June. Trips are open to all members and guests. Some are limited in numbers.

*Upcoming trips:*

**May 16 (Friday):** Tour of Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia. The tour begins at 2:30 p.m. The plan is to arrive early and have a box lunch

on the grounds or in one of the historic buildings. The deadline to sign up is April 29. The cost for the tour is \$15, and the cost for the lunch is \$14.50 to \$15.00. We will carpool. There is no limit on number of participants.



*Bartram Gardens*

**June 5-7 or 18-20** (2-3 days and 1-2 nights):

Trip to *Johnstown* and then possibly to *Falling Water*. In Johnstown, we will visit the Wagner Ritter House, Pasquerilla Heritage Center, Johnstown Flood Museum, and Johnstown Flood National Memorial. We will then go to Falling Water for a tour and possibly to Kentuck Knob, another Wright house. We will carpool.

Please contact Sue Johnston with any questions and suggestions. If you are not on our email list and would like to be or wish to be removed from the list, also contact Sue. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any of the activities.

*On writing beautifully...*

When I first joined AAUW, I received a lovely welcome note written in exquisite handwriting from the membership chair, who at the time was Barbara Leone. Barbara has graciously offered to teach a calligraphy class to our members beginning this fall. If you are interested in learning the fundamentals of this beautiful penmanship skill, please contact Peggy Staarman at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net).

AAUW - West Chester-Chester County Branch **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM (2014-2015)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Ms/Mrs. /Miss/Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Last	First	"Maiden" Name
Preferred first name for handbook (If different from above): _____	Name of Spouse/Partner _____ (if you choose to include him/her)	

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Township \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Office or Cell \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>College/University</b>	<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Major Area of Study</b>	<b>Degree Earned</b>
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AAUW Bylaws require that you have at least an Associate's Degree. If you do but you prefer not to list your college and other information above, please check here to verify that you do have a degree. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Title/Company \_\_\_\_\_ Active? \_\_\_ Retired? \_\_\_

Volunteer Experience/ Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Will you take the newsletter via e-mail? Yes \_\_\_ use e-mail address above. No \_\_\_ use my mailing address

Need a ride? (We can't promise but we'll try) \_\_\_ Can you provide a ride occasionally? \_\_\_

Do you have computer experience? Website Design \_\_\_ Database (which one) \_\_\_ Desktop Publishing \_\_\_

Previous AAUW Member? \_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Branch? \_\_\_\_\_ Offices held? \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES, INTEREST GROUPS AND PROJECTS OF AAUW W.C. - CHESTER COUNTY**

Please check any of the following that you might like to **LEARN** more about; we will get the information to you.

Board Position _____	World Affairs _____	Girls Math Project _____
Programs _____	Finance Discussion _____	Newsletter Production _____
Membership _____	Book Club 1 (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday) _____	Newsletter Circulation _____
Scholarship _____	Book Club 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed PM) _____	Annual Handbook _____
Branch News & P. R. _____	Book Club 3 (Non fiction) _____	Branch Website _____
Fund Raising _____	Bridge (Women) _____	Girls and Technology _____
Political Issues _____	Bridge (Couples) _____	Domestic Violence Center _____
Immigration _____	Culinary Club _____	Crafts _____
Travel _____	Women's Issues/Legislation _____	Other Ideas? _____

Please complete and return this form with your dues. **If there is anything above that you wish to be kept confidential, please CIRCLE that item.** Membership Renewal is **DUE** no later than **June 30** of each year. **Make Check for \$75.00** (life members \$26.00) payable to **AAUW - West Chester-Chester County Branch**. Payment of dues is for the membership period **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**.

Return to:

Jane Schultz, Membership VP  
1300 Amstel Way  
West Chester, PA 19380-5818

Inquiries at 610-431-3628(H)  
mjschultz46@hotmail.com



*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

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I/We will attend the *Annual Spring Banquet* on *May 14<sup>th</sup>* 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 5<sup>th</sup> Please no walk-ins or add ons after this date.**



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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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