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## The Ancient Art of Feng Shui

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

#### 7:00 p.m.

Grove United Methodist Church 490 West Boot Road West Chester, PA 19380

Feng Shui is an ancient Chinese art involving the use of the energy forces around us. For our March 11th program, we have invited Marge Richards, director of the Awareness Group, to speak about Feng Shui and how we can use its principles to maximize the positive impacts of this energy.

This is how Marge describes her program:

"In this program, the principles of Feng Shui are brought into a contemporary framework. We'll look at how what you have in the home, as well as how it's arranged, can affect health and well-being. When the chi (energy/life force) is moving too slowly, life can become dull and stagnant. If it moves too quickly, life can become frenetic or scattered. This program will help you to identify the type of chi present in your space and then offer adjustments. We'll look at ideal placement for bed, desk and stove – the three most important pieces in your space. This program will have you looking at your space with a new perspective – a fresh and healthy one!"

As part of the Awareness Group (www.theawarenessgroup.com), Marge Richards is an inspirational speaker and workshop leader. She is a Feng Shui consultant who has developed numerous programs for both the public and the professional. She is the former Executive Vice President of Meyer Design, Inc. and a former board member of the International Feng Shui Guild. She co-authored a 5-day certification program for Feng Shui Interior Redesign. We're looking forward to a thought-provoking program! *Eva Kaufmann, Vice-President of Programs*.

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

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## From the Co-Presidents

At the time this newsletter arrives, there will hopefully be definite signs of spring. Even though it is a very cold February day as we write this, we began the day with a warm and friendly brunch at Grove Methodist Church. The food was exceptional, the company enjoyable, and the program amazing. Three West Chester University seniors, Felicia Orendorff, Jacinda Arellano, and Andrea Koch spoke about their experiences with various organizations helping women to become leaders and overcome issues that confront young women. They are articulate and inspiring women.

March is AAUW membership month. Bring a potential member to our branch meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will present information about the ancient art of Feng Shui. a way to organize our environment for better health and peace. On March 21st, the annual STEM event (GETT/PETT) will take place. This important event seems to attract more young girls and women each year, thanks to the hard work of Mary Smith and her committee. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Conference of the Global Water Initiative will be held on Thursday. March 26. See Yvonne Peiffer's article in this newsletter. Clean water is a basic need for all of us, and it is amazing how many in the world do not have access to it.

Be sure and save the date for the May Banquet on Wednesday, May 13 at the Penn Oaks Golf Club. It is a wonderful way to end the branch program year.

The nominating committee of Donna Eaves, Lyn Eaton, Cathy Palmquist, Jean Speiser and Sandi Kwisz will be working in March to nominate officers for next year. Please consider accepting an office when they call. Being involved gives you a greater appreciation of AAUW.

The AAUW-PA 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in State College on April 10-11, 2015. All members are invited.

There are many informative articles in this newsletter. Please read and enjoy.

Sue and Dorothea

## The 8th Annual Water Conference

Thursday, March 26, 2015 Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ann Duerr and Yvonne Peiffer recommend this conference to all members based on their own attendance each year and the fact that our AAUW branch became a collaborator with Philadelphia Global Water Initiative in January 2010.

Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) has been renamed Global Water Alliance (GWA). For more details and to conduct your own research, check them out on Facebook or Linked In. GWA has the same goals as PGWI. They state their purpose using these words: "GWA is a network of interested organizations and individuals committed to helping to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals for water/sanitation throughout the world. By utilizing the resources and expertise of the Philadelphia Region and beyond, we work to increase global access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services." WASH in this year's conference title is the acronym for Water + Sanitation + Hygiene.

This year's conference is "WASH Projects in Developing Countries: Lessons Learned". Keynote addresses will be delivered by Vanessa Tobin, Senior Technical Advisor for Water Supply, Sanitation and Water Resources Development for Catholic Relief Services and by Martha Newsome, Global Director of Health, Nutrition, and WASH, World Vision International. There will be representatives from the United Nations, World Bank, USEPA, International Water and Sanitation Leaders, and Major NGOs.

For a list of sponsors, speakers, the schedule, and to register to attend go to http://globalwateralliance.wix.com/gwa2015. If you have further questions, you can e-mail Alexandra Nawrot, Project Manager GWA at globalwateralliance@gmail.com. Always identify yourself as an AAUW member of our Branch. By the way, the cost of attendance is \$10 for a students, \$40 for an NGO (nongovernmental organization), and \$60 for general admission.

Women worldwide are a large part of the success of all projects undertaken and benefit all persons served by enabling better education, health, and women's rights. **Do consider attending!!** 

Don't forget to Mark your calendars! Equal Pay Day 2015 Tuesday, April 14th. Other Resources: www.aauw.org/tag/equal-pay/



## GETT -- Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology March 21, 2015

The AAUW - West Chester / Chester County Branch annually supports GETT. Members who are interested in volunteering for this event can do so at http://gettpa.org/volunteer/. *Everyone who plans on volunteering at GETT on March 21st must sign up using this link. Members signing up must mention AAUW and then email Mary at* pangea49@comcast.net *so Mary can add their names to her list of volunteers.* 

If you are interested in *assisting Donna Golden at the EXPO table,* you must mention this when volunteering so you will not be scheduled elsewhere during that time frame.

#### Fundraising

Please continue to save your used ink cartridges and bring them to the meetings for the Staples recycle program. Thank you!

## Nominating Committee:

Members of the nominating committee will meet this month to fill vacant Elected Branch Offices. Please consider serving on the Board of Directors or as a Committee Chair. The list of offices can be found in the handbook. You are welcome to volunteer for any position in which you are interested by contacting any of the following nominating committee members:

Donna Eaves at <u>deaves@live.com</u>, Sandi Kwisz at <u>sandraK98@aol.com</u>, Cathy Palmquist at <u>cathyp@neoethos.com</u>, Lyn Eaton at <u>wleaton2@aol.com</u> or and Jean Speiser at jeanspeiser@gmail.com.

## Alice Lawson Scholarship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester Branch will be awarding \$1,500.00 from the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund to an undergraduate student 25 years of age or older. We invite students from West Chester University, Immaculata University, Cheyney University, and Lincoln University to submit an application. The deadline for applying is March 28, 2015. Eligibility requirements and application forms are available at www-pa.aauw.net under the activities tab.

Contributions to the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund can be sent to: Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund Chester County Community Fund West Chester, Pa. 19335

Online contributions can be made at: http://www.chescocf.org/funds/Fund%20purpo se/Alice%20Lawson%20Scholarship%20Fund. html

#### **Two Minute Activist**

Don't forget your New Year's Resolution to be a frequent *Two Minute Activist*. Make your voice heard in Congress regarding education, economic security, and civil rights. Using our website (under AAUW Links) is so easy!

## AAUW Funds Cheyney University-Based Project to Address Stereotypes and Biases

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania is one of 11 student-led teams selected to join a nationwide effort to fight stereotypes and biases. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) awarded a \$5000 grant to Cheyney for a campus project as part of AAUW's ongoing collaboration with Pantene, a hair care brand owned by Proctor & Gamble. The 2014–15 AAUW Campus Action Project (CAP) grants, sponsored by Pantene's Shine Strong campaign, are one way the brand is supporting women.

Each year, the AAUW CAP grants provide funding to teams of students and faculty to create community-based solutions to some of the far-reaching problems explored in AAUW research, which includes the real-life effects of biases and stereotypes. In the past few years, the AAUW research reports Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation and Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success have addressed how stereotypes harm women's educational opportunities and salaries.

"We are very excited about being awarded the AAUW Cap Grant and the creative and educational programs that our students are organizing for the campus and local community with the theme #MyLifeMyLabel. We are offering a speaker series with presenters focusing on career fields in which women are historically under-represented and the development of confidence and self-esteem. There will also be a series of panel discussions on how black women are portraved in the media, a visual campaign celebrating several famous women in recent history and some local women who are great role models for our young women. We'll bring the project to a close with a Women's Empowerment event on April 25th. All of the events leading up to the Women's Empowerment event are open to the community free of charge. The event on April

25th is also open to the public, but at a minimal charge," stated Dr. Cherita G. Weatherspoon, Executive Director of University College and AAUW CAP Grant Project Director.



Kelly Rancifer, 1st Officer US Airways Express, speaks on "My Life, My Label, My Future" as part of a AAUWfunded project to address stereotypes and biases

"Despite all of the progress that we have made as a society, negative and harmful stereotypes about women persist, affecting nearly every area of life," said Kate Farrar, vice president of AAUW Campus Leadership Programs. "We are pleased that Pantene is joining our effort to empower college women so they can be voices for change."

According to Dr. Weatherspoon, the first event, held Tuesday, February 3, featured Kelly Rancifer, 1st Officer US Airways Express, who flew in from Atlanta, GA to speak on *My Life*, *My Label, My Future*. "Her message was wellreceived and the students felt empowered and encouraged to be who they define themselves as and not the labels that others place upon them," Weatherspoon said. "This was the goal, so I am very pleased about the impact this first event had on participants."

The next event, open to the entire Cheyney and outside communities, was held on Tuesday, February 17th at 7 pm in Burleigh Hall Conference Room. Dr. Weatherspoon feels that both sexes can benefit from the discussions. "Even in 2015, women are still viewed as less than men in many ways. We are stereotyped as sex symbols. We are used, abused, degraded and discarded in our homes, in the workplace, and in social settings," she acknowledged. "In situations where we come to the table with the exact same qualifications as our male counterparts, we still seem to not measure up. In the same situation where a man is labeled an expert, a woman might be labeled a know-itall; he is labeled as assertive, while she is labeled aggressive or an expletive. This project will help ignite the conversation at Cheyney about how we view women, and in particular black women. Our approach to addressing this issue, while aligning with the grant goals to reduce the stereotypes of women and the resulting biases, is a bit unique in that we are primarily targeting how our young women view themselves, view the possibilities available to them, and motivating them to define for themselves who they are and their value in society. However, the information that will be shared through our speaker series, visual campaign and panel discussions are relevant for the entire campus and local community."

In addition to Cheyney University, the 2014–15 CAP grantees include teams from Clemson University in South Carolina; the College at Brockport in New York; Murray State University in Kentucky; Napa Valley College in California; Pacific Lutheran University in Washington; Sierra College in California; the University of Dubuque in Iowa; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; and West Virginia Wesleyan College.

With Pantene's support, one member from each CAP team will also present on their project at the 2015 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, hosted by AAUW and NASPA–Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. This annual conference, which is held at the University of Maryland, College Park, gathers college women from across the country to address important and contemporary leadership issues.

## Voting for PA State Officers -Deadline April 3, 2015

By now you should have received a separate e-mail or hard copy with complete instructions for voting. AAUW-PA 2015 Election Voting Instructions: Barbara Price, AAUW-PA Nominations Chair If you are coming to the State College annual meeting, you will vote there. Otherwise vote via either of the options below:

#### **Option 1: Online Voting**—

Online voting is available now through midnight, April 3, 2015. Instructions: Click on the link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAUWelect ion2015 or paste into your browser. Clicking this link will bring up an initial screen that will include instructions and three boxes asking for voting confirmation information: 1) first name, 2) last name, and 3) branch. This information will not be connected to your vote. Voter names and branch affiliation are required only to verify that you are 1) a current paid AAUW-PA member and 2) that you are not voting multiple times.

# *Reminder --* Ongoing Monthly Donations

Each month, the branch identifies one of the organizations from the past *Gateway to Equity Award* winners and collects much needed donations for that group. Here are the organizations we support and the name of the branch member who will collect donations at the general meetings.

#### For March:

Dawn's Place: Sandi Kwisz

Items will be collected for Dawn's Place. The following suggestions are from the Dawn's Place Wish List:

*Household Items* – large trash bags, toilet paper, tissues, napkins, laundry and dish detergent, dryer sheets and disinfecting wipes; *Nonperishable Food* – coffee, sugar, cereal, cereal bars, creamer and tuna fish; and *Office Supplies*. Gift cards to Staples and Target are also appreciated. For a complete list, fundraising events, and other ways to help check out Dawn's Place website at: www.ahomefordawn.org

#### April

**Domestic Violence Center:** *Donna Golden* Pillows (new) and gift cards to Target, K-Mart, Staples, etc.

#### May

#### Wings for Success: Laura LaBuda

Department store shopping bags, accessories (scarves, jewelry, hosiery, black handbags), and undergarments.

#### A Thank You from Dawn's Place:

We received a letter from Sr. Terry Shields, President of Dawn's Place, thanking our members for the \$200 worth of gift cards to Target and Staples that were donated by members at our branch holiday party. Here is an excerpt from Sr. Terry's letter:

"Be assured that it will be put to very good use and assist us in our efforts to eradicate human trafficking and restore dignity to its victim/survivors. ....

"Thanks for considering the Women of Dawn's Place and your concern regarding the issue of human trafficking and its devastating impact on women. Our work is challenging, but oh so rewarding when we see women who have been treated as a commodity, respond to respect, loving care and the opportunity to realize and explore their potential. Your kindness and concern helps to make that possible. "

## International Women's Day

International Women's Day is March 8<sup>th</sup>, however there are many events and activities through the month. Below you will find links to International Women's Day website and some interesting articles – all of which are a quick, but highly informative read. Also, there is a link to some great quotes about Gender Equality.

International Women's Day http://www.internationalwomensday.com/defau lt.asp#.VPxYjlo9Xww

A great site for resources, events,

5 Reasons For Optimism This International Women's Day

http://www.forbes.com/sites/moiraforbes/2015/ 03/06/5-reasons-for-optimism-thisinternational-womens-day/

International Women's Day Shows Awareness Is Not Enough: Here are four areas where women have made progress since 1995 http://time.com/3734862/internationalwomens-day-progress-action/ Also included here is History's Seven Most Rebellious Women.

International Women's Day Quotes: 37 Powerful Sayings About Gender Equality http://www.idigitaltimes.com/internationalwomens-day-quotes-37-powerful-sayingsabout-gender-equality-420246



## Upcoming Events: Save The Date...

#### Pennsylvania State Annual Meeting April 10-11, 2015

Members interested in attending can visit the AAUW-PA website to get details and to register.

AAUW-PA 86th Annual Meeting April 10-11, 2015 Ramada Conference and Golf Hotel 1450 South Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801 (814) 238-3001, www.ramadasc.com

# Civil Rights + Voter's Rights + Women's Rights

*Information links:* Click <u>here</u> for an agenda and to register. Click <u>here</u> for hotel registration information.

#### Pay Equity Event – Wednesday April 22, 2015.

Fran Pierce and Felicia, student representative from West Chester University, are busy planning activities for this event!



### Annual May Banquet –

Wednesday May 14, 2015 This year's banquet will be held at the Penn Oaks Golf Club, just off Route 202 and south of Route 926 (Street Rd.) Dinner will include a house salad, a choice of Chicken Marsala and Shrimp Scampi over angel hair pasta, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea, and lemonade. Watch for a separate e-mail in March with more details and reservation 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.

## Membership Outreach

Your Records with the National Association can be accessed 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).

#### 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  $10^{th}$  of the month unless otherwise noted in newsletter.

2. Board will develop outline/plan for newsletter.

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3. Copies of each article must be sent to the Co-Presidents.

4. Articles should be less then 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.

## 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 <u>SandraK98@aol.com</u>

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 information.

## **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 7th.

## **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 <u>whabig@verizon.net</u>.

AAUW branches are known for their book groups, and membership in a group often encourages continuing membership. The West Chester-Chester County Branch currently has three book discussion groups meeting in the day and in the evening at different times of the month.

Literature I: Our daytime fiction and nonfiction book group. On Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss the book *Behind the Beautiful Forever* by Katherine Boo. Leader: Mary Pinkney and Hostess: Eva Kaufmann; Refreshments at 1:00 p.m. Discussion at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Eva Kaufmann if you plan on attending. Our group welcomes all who would like to participate in lively discussions. Chair: Kay Philipps

**Reminder**: Please bring short story selections that we may want to read for our May selection. Short stories need to be available from the library. Voting will take place at our March meeting. New members are always welcome. Questions? Call Kay Philipps at 610-399-0697 or e-mail her at khp65khp@ verizon.net.

#### LIT II-Book Group

The March book for the Lit II group is Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*, a fictionalized account of Sarah Grimké, a southern-born abolitionist and early suffragist. The story follows Hetty "Handful" Grimke, a Charleston slave, and Sarah, the daughter of the wealthy Grimké family. The novel begins on Sarah's eleventh birthday when she is given ownership over Handful, who is to be her handmaid, and follows the next thirty-five years of their lives. Join us on **Wednesday**, **March 18, starting at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet at Peggy Staarman's house at 307 Benning Lane in Downingtown, PA 19335. New members are always welcome. Please call Jean Speiser at <u>610-738-3363</u> or e-mail her at <u>JeanSp@Gmail.com</u> for more information. The snow date is Wednesday, March 25.

#### **Non-fiction Book Discussion Group**

The next discussion will be on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Phillips at 248 Greentree Drive in West Chester. The book being discussed is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This book has been chosen by Longwood Gardens for discussion. Watch for their programming. Copies of the book are available at Chester County libraries. Please 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) <u>SandraK98@aol.com</u> or Dorothea (484-315-8651) <u>dlav43@aol.com</u>.

#### 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), singles, and new members are welcome. On **Sunday, March 15,** we will be meet from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the home of Mary and Walt Smith for an hors d'œuvre party. FIG members will receive email invitations. For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves at <u>610-692-5277</u> or at <u>deaves@live.com</u>. For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at <u>deaves@live.com</u>.

#### **Great Decisions**

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

TIG (Travel Interest Group) Travel to India with West Chester Travel Adventures Tuesday, March 17, 2015 Dinner 5:30 p.m. Sykes Auditorium, WCU Campus. Dinner Cost: \$35.00 Buffet dinner includes: Mango and mint paneer with pita and naan bread, mushrooms with feta cheese and tandoori spices, vegetable samosas with curry yogurt sauce, tandoori chicken with lemon dahi and mild spices, lamb curry stew with baby potatoes and root vegetables, murgh biryani saffron rice with chicken, tumeric potato cake with scallion and sesame, mango yogurt mousse water / iced tea / wine / coffee /tea

**Program 7:00 p.m.** Presented by Rick Ray in Sykes Auditorium, WCU Campus. **Program Cost: \$10.00** *Tables will be reserved for attending AAUW members.* 

Make checks payable to WCU Foundation. Mail payment to Elaine Burgess by March 9, 2015 --

15 Wildflower Court, Gordonville, PA 17529 (717) 768-0706



#### Special Interest -- Craft Group :

Work on your own project or join us as we create items for the children at the *Domestic Violence Center*. Members could also knit or crochet hats or blankets for the children at the shelter, and we're contemplating making a group baby quilt to be finished by Mother's Day. You need only minimal sewing skills for the quilt project. We are asking participants to be responsible for just one 10 ½ square and you don't even need to buy supplies. Please contact Jean Speiser at JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com or 610-738-3363 for additional information.

## **Theater Update**

By Peggy Staarman



The trio of theater representatives gave informative, enthusiastic, and energetic presentations about the plays, missions, and community outreach of their theaters. Christine Robinson from the Barley Sheaf Players (810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville, PA 19353, 610-363-7075, barleysheaf.org) and Kathy Buterbaugh from Wilmington Drama League (10 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802, 302-764-1172, wilmingtondramaleague.org) told us of the dedication and achievement of volunteers who not only produce plays but also host programs to encourage the dramatic arts in the region. Wendy Bable from People's Light and Theatre Company (39 Conestoga Road, Malvern, PA 19355, 610-647-1900, peopleslight.org) would like to include our AAUW in their "New Play Frontiers" effort. The theater has partnerships with such organizations as the Chester County Food Bank in Exton, Historic Yellow Springs, Project Dawn Court, and Gathering Hope. The theater hopes to create new stories that address the concerns of community members and it wants to provide a forum for discussion of important issues. Please contact Peggy Staarman if you have an interest in forging a relationship with the theater on behalf of AAUW.

I have attended many plays at all three theaters and am continually amazed at the professional quality of the community theaters as well as the excellent productions of People's Light. All three theaters are within easy driving distance. The remaining plays for this season are the following:

Barley Sheaf Players:

Feb. 7 The 2015 One-Act Festival
Mar. 6-28 Titanic: The Musical (produced by Christine Robinson)
Apr. 24-May 9 Enchanted April
June 5-27 The Secret Garden
Wilmington Drama League:
Jan. 23-Feb.1, Smokey Joe's Café
Feb. 6-8 Leaves
Mar. 20-29 Lips Together, Teeth Apart
Apr. 24-May 3 The Civil War, the Musical
June 5-14 Wonderland, the Musical
Aug. 1 Jeff Walker Youth One-Act Festival
People's Light and Theatre Company:
Feb. 11-Mar. 1 The Cherry Orchard
Mar. 12-Aprl 4 Jason and the Argonauts
Apr. 29-May 24 Biloxi Blues
June 3-28 How to Write a New Book for the Bible
July 15-Aug. 23 Stella and Lou



1133 St. Finegan Dr., West Chester, PA 19382 March 2015 Newsletter March 11<sup>th</sup> – The ancient Art of Fung Shui wccc-pa.aauw.net

#### **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. www.aauw.org www.aauwpa.org wccc-pa.aauw.net