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A Journey About a Photographer

Wednesday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m.

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

We are delighted to welcome local artist Darcie Goldberg as the guest speaker for our March meeting. Darcie has had a distinguished career as an artist and as the Executive Director of Chester County Art Association as well as the manager of the center's recent reconstruction project. Last year Darcie was honored with an invitation to be a TEDx speaker at West Chester University.

The following is from TedxWestChester at <http://www.tedxwestchester.com/speakers/darcie-goldberg/>: "Darcie Goldberg is a professional photographer with over 30 years of experience. Goldberg has traveled extensively which has fueled her strong, award-winning black and white photographs that have been featured in solo exhibitions, as well as in public and private collections.

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, Goldberg studied photography at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh before going to work for United Press International. After several years of freelance work and teaching black and white film and darkroom technique courses, she completed her Masters in the Creative Arts at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. She was the Executive Director of the Chester County Art Association for 18 years.

Goldberg continues to pursue her fine art photography, using her specialty—black and white, handmade, silver gelatin prints—to strikingly document her travels to familiar and exotic locations. She was a founding partner as well for *The 24/7 Project* with ceramic artist Rhoda Kahler. Inspired by recent trips to Cuba, Goldberg plans to pursue documentary and street photography expanding her repertoire by working now with digital images and reproductions, as well as with medium format film and photographs."

Eva Kaufmann, Co-Chair for Programs

For more information on the *The 24/7 Project* see: <http://www.24-7project.com>

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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Letter from the President

Hello Members,

Our December Holiday Party at the home of Carol and Dane Zabriske was an enjoyable and beneficial event. We collected \$290 for Legal Aid Society of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Thank you all for your generosity and, specifically, thank you to Carol and Dane.

Our next event is brunch on February 13th. We hope to overflow the room as we hear that "Race Matters". Bring a friend and don't forget the fifty/fifty.

As I was preparing for the January meeting, I was intrigued by those who were nominated for the Title IX Champions Awards on the AAUW web site. It has been 40 years since Title IX was passed to ensure gender equity in education. I urge you to look at the accomplishments of the nominees. It will make you realize that we still have much to do. Is there an idea for a branch project? Look under "Programs in a Box" on the AAUW web site to get an idea of resources available.

Something exciting is coming up March 21. tonya thames-taylor (yes, lower case) has become certified to lead an AAUW workshop on negotiation skills called Start Smart for women entering the workplace and Work Smart for women in the workplace. She will be presenting the workshop at West Chester University. The workshop is open to all, so spread the word.

It is time to think about the nomination of officers for the 2016-17 year. When the committee calls, please give its request consideration. Being part of the leadership of this organization is very rewarding. I have found such great support from the Board and other members as well as state and national resources. (See page 3.)

One article in the latest Keystoner was about the Women in Leadership Development (WILD) Book Group that I think would be of interest to many of you. The recommended book for this year is Leadership the Eleanor

Roosevelt Way by Robin Gerber. The book will be discussed as a group at the April state convention.

Keep up with your Board of Directors and read the minutes published on the web site. Don't forget to send photos for the newsletter, including photos depicting activities of the special interest groups.

Happy New Year to all and best wishes for a productive 2016.

Sue

Annual February Brunch! Saturday, February 13th at 10:00 AM

AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch
Join us for our February celebration of food and fellowship. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, fruit or breads to share along with plenty of good conversation and then be inspired by a timely presentation by our guest speaker Dr. Juliana Mosley, Vice President for Student Affairs at Lincoln University.

Dr. Mosley earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Miami University in Ohio. She has served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Edward Waters College in Florida, Marygrove College in Detroit and Philander Smith College in Little Rock. Her research interests include Black women's leadership and racial identity attitudes of Black students among many other issues relevant to today's concerns.

In 2011, Dr. Mosley presented "Unconscious Racism in a World of Diverse Cultures" during a workshop at Marywood University in Scranton, and she has continued to inform her audiences about current issues in the Black community.

At this Annual Brunch, we will be supporting Legal Aid Society. A basket will be available for anyone who wishes to donate a suggested amount of 5 dollars to the Society. Of course, any donation will be much appreciated. We are pleased that Barbara Kennedy, our 2015 Alice Lawson Scholarship winner, will be

joining us for the brunch, and we look forward to hearing about her academic progress. Our brunch will be held at Grove United Methodist Church at 490 West Boot Road in West Chester on Saturday, February 13, 2016 beginning at 10 a.m.

Mimi Jones, Co-Chair for Programs

Nominate a Member for 2016 PA and Branch Awards

It is time again to honor the members who have worked hard to make our branch so great. Please think about whom you will nominate for each of the awards below. You don't need the permission of the nominee for this – these are not jobs, just AWARDS.

The deadline for all nominations is February 2, 2016. Past awardees are listed in the handbook.

The recipients of Branch Outstanding Woman Award and Member Making a Difference 2016 Award will be announced at the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting in April and recognized at our May Banquet along with the recipients of Peg Anderson Award and Gateway to Equity Award.

Branch Outstanding Woman Award: This honor is awarded to a member for meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years. The honoree might be someone who has served quietly for years and soon will be completing her term, or it could be someone who worked for the branch in past years but has never been honored. Last year's honoree was Donna Eaves.

Member Making a Difference Award 2016 (formerly Branch Spotlight Award): This award is granted in recognition of recent-term contributions by an unsung member who exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. The honoree could be someone who is either a new member or who only has been active for a year or two. The honoree could even be a new member who embodies the mission of AAUW and is supportive and enthusiastic about its activities.

Last year's Spotlight Award honorees were Anne Anderko and Peggy Staarman.

Peg Anderson Award -- our special branch award: This award recognizes a longstanding member who has served in many capacities over the years and who continues to work in the background to inspire and support those who are now leaders and members. Last year's honoree was Mary Smith.

Gateway to Equity Award: The award honors an individual who or a group or organization that has promoted through action and philosophy the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. Think about recent news reports or someone who is just "always there" when women and girls need help. The honoree also could be someone who has worked for many years to improve the status of women and girls but whom we have not officially recognized. The winner of this award will be invited to attend our May banquet. If the honor is awarded to an organization, then we will work to assist that organization for one year. Our 2015 recipient was The Legal Aid Society of Southeast Pennsylvania.

Please complete the form below and mail to Barbara Lathroum, 305 Whistling Swan Lane, Downingtown, PA 19335 or email nominations to blathroum@gmail.com. The deadline for all nominations is February 2, 2015. Nominations with a postmark or computer date after February 2 will not be counted.

My nominees for the awards are:

1. *Branch Outstanding Woman:*

2. *Member Making a Difference Award 2016:*

3. *Peg Anderson Award:*

4. *Gateway to Equity Award:*

Thank you for your nominations!

In Memorium ~ Stanli Choc Cushman 1947 - 2015

A few months ago we lost a long-time and valued member of our branch, Stanli Cushman, after a valiant struggle with cancer. Stanli served as President of our branch from 1999 to 2000 and was honored with a named gift to the Educational Foundation in 2003. Stanli was an active member from the time she joined AAUW, participating in the Finance Group, the Food Interest Group, attending branch meetings regularly and supporting many of the branch fundraisers.

Born in London, England, Stanli immigrated to the United States as a child with her brother, sister and Czech parents. She was always proud of her Czech heritage and returned to that country on several occasions to visit family members there. She received a BA in Social Sciences at West Chester University and spent 23 years as a social worker for Chester County, first at the Dept. of Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and later at the Dept. of Aging, where she made many life-long friends.

After her retirement, she remained an advocate for seniors, volunteering as an ombudsman and guardianship monitor. She was also active in the prayer shawl ministry and other committees of her church. Her other interests included the book club and knitting.

Our member Paula McGinnis remembers car-pooling with Stanli to AAUW meetings, touring NYC together on bus trips and solidifying their friendship over their mutual love of knitting, when Stanli joined Paula's knitting club a few years ago. Stanli became very skilled at knitting and other crafts, and donated many of her prayer shawls to church members who were ill or elderly.

Stanli will best be remembered as a very intelligent, strong, caring and compassionate person who was devoted to her family and always thought of others before herself. She was a caregiver for her mother and her

husband, Stephen, to whom she was married for 47 years, both of whom survive her. She is also survived by two daughters, their spouses and two grandchildren.

Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester-Chester Branch will be awarding \$1,500.00 from 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 30, 2016. Eligibility requirements and application forms are available at wccc-pa.aauw.net under the *Scholarship/Grants* tab.

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

On line contributions can be made at:
<http://www.chescocf.org/funds/Fund%20purpose/Alice%20Lawson%20Scholarship%20Fund.htm>.

Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund

In 2016, the first disbursements from the fund will be made to sponsor Chester County Envirothon and to purchase a Watershed Model to be used by schools in Chester County. Both projects are through the Chester County Conservation District.

The Envirothon includes competitive games that are open to all schools in Chester County at the elementary, middle and high school levels. The winning high school team will compete at the state level.

The Watershed Model is rotated among schools. Approximately 5000 children each year will utilize the model to learn about the interaction of the various components of a watershed.

Association for Women's Empowerment

West Chester University's Association for Women's Empowerment, an AAUW affiliated group, will be collecting donations of feminine hygiene products for the women and girls at Friends Association during the month of February. Friends Association helps homeless and near homeless families rebuild their lives. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer DeSimone-Jewell at JD832298@wcupa.edu. Donations may be packaged boxes of products or packaged individual products.

Also, on March 21st at 7 p.m., the Association for Women's Empowerment will be hosting a *Start Smart – Work Smart* pay equity seminar led by AAUW member Dr. tonya thames-taylor and sponsored by AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch. Members of AAUW are welcome to the event, which will be held in West Chester University's Sykes Student Union ballrooms.

Empowered by the Information: Attending Villanova's WorkSmart Workshop

Hurrying east on Lancaster Avenue to Villanova University in my silver Ford Edge, my thoughts are everywhere: attending the WorkSmart Workshop, remembering my entry into the workforce, obeying traffic rules, and estimating the travel time to another meeting I have after the WorkSmart workshop.

In this labyrinth of thoughts, one emerges as a dominant one: *why didn't I negotiate my salary when I got the offer from my current job?* The answers are simple: I did not know how to negotiate and I was/am grateful for a job with benefits. Before entering college, most of the women I know professionally work as administrative assistants, receptionists, teachers, nurses, domestics/nannies, or clerks. Never do I hear any of them share stories of negotiating their salaries. Therefore, I wrongly

surmise and act on the premise that the art of negotiating salaries serves the hyper elite not average workers.

"*Do you know your worth?*" asks facilitator Dr. Cheryl Carleton, Professor and Director of Villanova's Women's Professional Network. Adhering to the ground rule of "being present" established at the beginning of the WorkSmart workshop, I discuss this question openly and honestly with Anne, another workshop participant. I find myself sharing an unguarded perception of my worth with a total stranger; each word empowers me because I am grappling with concepts I never conceive because I never asked myself: *what is my professional worth?*

Yes, my demographic—black woman—earns 63% of the white man's dollar and 90% of the black man's dollar. Yes, I am aware that, as Linda Babcock's *Women Don't Ask* explains, I am among the 55% of women who are apprehensive about negotiating salaries.

Yet, *pay equity is more than a conversation about salary*. Beyond the statistics and policies, this workshop helps me to better understand that **my labor is worth negotiating!** My inalienable right is the ownership of my labor; the fruits of my labor are prized and worth negotiating. I leave this workshop more knowledgeable about how to determine what my labor is worth.

Working with the student branch of AAUW at West Chester University on Monday, March 21st, at 6:00 PM in Sykes Ballroom, my hope is that we—the West Chester/ Chester County Branch—can empower women the way that an AAUW workshop on a Sunday in November empowered me.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact me, tonya, Chair of LAPP, at tonya@tonyathames.com



GETT and PETT

GETT Ready for GETT 2016!

Can you believe it has been 16 years since I sat around a table at CB Technologies representing AAUW and discussing how and why we should encourage girls to pursue IT as a career choice?

The 16th year of Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology -- is in the planning stage. *GETT will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at West Chester East High School.* Registration will open on February 14th, 2016. Mark your calendars and set aside those days to be a part of the best GETT ever.

We are opening the event to 600 girls in grades 5-10 for the hands on sessions, with the hopes of encouraging girls in grades 11-12 to attend as *student ambassadors*. Last year's EXPO was so successful that we are expanding it. Because of last year's feedback, the EXPO will be in the gym at WC East. AAUW had a great table last year with Donna Golden and her *Volunteers** making polymer balls. We are invited back again this year and will be calling for your help for the event itself as well as for help at the EXPO table.

If you are not familiar with GETT, it is a one day event held within Chester County to encourage girls and their parents and educators to pursue careers in STEM. It is, and has always been, a hands-on venue to show girls that they can be anything they set their mind to do. For more complete information and a video of last year's GETT, you can go to <http://www.GETTPA.org>. AAUW West Chester-Chester County has been an important part of GETT for 16 years, providing volunteers, research studies, and funding

AAUW's branch board has, once again, pledged \$500 to GETT 2016.

I will be stepping back as lead chair on the *Parent/Educator Committee*. Instead I will mentor and assist the new chairperson. In upcoming meeting I will ask for volunteers. If you have questions regarding GETT or suggestions for a hands-on activity that we can provide at the EXPO you always can contact me at pangea49@comcast.net.

Note for Volunteers:

Pennsylvania has implemented a new law regarding any volunteer who has contact with children. Certain individuals, in order to work or volunteer with children, are required to obtain clearances that may include the following:

PA Child Abuse History Clearance
PA State Police Criminal Record Check
FBI Criminal Background Check

To learn which clearances you need to volunteer or work with children go to <http://www.KEEPKIDSSAFE.pa.gov>.

Be prepared if you ever are asked to work with children. Background check fees have recently been waived for volunteers. For employment purposes the fee has been reduced from \$10 to \$8.

Individuals seeking clearance can go directly to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home> to create an individual account and apply for their child abuse clearance electronically. Organizations also can manage PA Child Abuse History Clearances online for their employees and volunteers at the same website.

I am researching how to manage clearances as an organization, since we have other opportunities that may occur in the future.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Mary A Smith, STEM Liaison

Fundraising Update



Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Please mark your calendars for February 16th for our Pampered Chef Fundraiser. The snow date is February 23rd. This fundraiser will be hosted by Jane and Jennifer Schultz. You should have received your invitation by now via e-mail. Due to limited seating, we ask that you RSVP to Anne Anderko, ananderko@msn.com by February 10th.

We look forward to a fun get together. If you cannot join us, please check out the website at <https://pamperedchef.com/go/gWmsAq>.

Any purchases that you make at through this website will help benefit your AAUW branch. We strongly encourage you to share the link with your friends and family so this fundraiser will be a great success.

Ink Cartridge Recycling!

Have you been tossing those dried up or exhausted ink cartridges? Hang on to them! Just in case you forgot -- over the past several years we have been collecting used ink cartridges and we continue to do so. Bring them to the meetings. You will be recycling, as a responsible citizen should, and at the same time helping our AAUW branch through the Staples Reward Program.

Thank you for your support!

*Anne Anderko & Donna Golden
Fundraising Co-chairs*

Two Minute Activist

Don't forget your commitment 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!



Author Ilene Gregorio signing a copy of her book, "None of the Above" for Peggy Staarman.

Online Reading of Interest:

After the Blizzard, the Only People Who Showed Up for Work at the U.S. Senate Were Women <https://www.good.is/articles/us-senate-women-blizzard>

President Obama Issues New Action to Close the Gender Pay Gap
<https://www.good.is/articles/president-obama-issues-new-action-to-close-gender-pay-gap>

How a Browser Add-On Aims to Help Women in the Workplace Stop Selling Themselves Short
<https://www.good.is/articles/just-im-sorry-actually-im-no-expert-chrome-browser-extension>

This Gmail Plug-in for Chrome highlights words that diminish the users confidence and ability to communicate with authority.

New Video Shows 80 Years of Subtle Sexism in 2 Minutes <https://www.good.is/articles/subtle-sexism-isnt-so-subtle-over-a-lifetime>

'Baby Brain' Could Actually Make Women Smarter <https://www.good.is/articles/baby-brain-could-actually-make-women-smarter>

Membership News

AAUW has designated January, February, and March as recruitment months. The national organization is challenging the local chapters in a recruitment phonathon to encourage former members to rejoin AAUW. Donna Golden and I already called lapsed members about renewing their memberships during early fall in 2015, so we decided we would try other ways to increase the number of members. In addition to placing information about AAUW in the local library branches and giving literature about AAUW to realtors and to organizations such as Newcomers and Wings for Success, we also chose to solicit names of prospective members from our own membership.

Special encouragement for the submission of names of protective members will be given as part of the 50/50 raffle at our February brunch. We will sell tickets during our social time and draw the winning ticket at the end of the meeting. Proceeds will be divided evenly between the winner and our chapter. Each ticket will sell for one dollar, or you may buy five tickets for four dollars. It is not necessary to be present to win.

For each prospective member's name and contact information that you give to Donna Golden (goldendonna@verizon.net) or Peggy Staarman (peggstaar@verizon.net), you will receive a free ticket. We will place your tickets into the drawing. You do not need to wait until the meeting.

Please e-mail or call either of us immediately with the name of a friend, co-worker, relative, or acquaintance who may be interested in joining our chapter. We will contact each person and give her information about our AAUW chapter.

We welcome any suggestions you may have to retain members and to increase our membership.

Did you know?

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 – Rosemary MacDonald rosemary.macdonald@verizon.net with the information.

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).

About Member News

If you have news that you would like to share with our organization, we would love to hear about it. This may be your accomplishments, research, performances, etc. Please send detailed information to the newsletter editors: aauwsumnews@gmail.com.

Thank you for sharing!

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 and President Elect. 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.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Lyn Eaton has resigned as proof reader for the newsletter. We appreciate her help and will miss her expertise.

Guidelines for AAUW *some*

1. Deadline for articles is the 10th of the month prior to publication – October 10, January 10 and March 10 for 2015 – 16.
2. Board will develop outline/plan for newsletter.
3. Copies of each newsletter article must be sent to the President and the President Elect.

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 President 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.

Help AAUW Save Money

Each year our editors put together 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 \$6.00 per member per year. For several years, most of our 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 Sue Johnston, sjwj77@verizon.net.

Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and are held at a West Chester location to be designated. 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 1st. The location will be announced.

Special Interest Groups

Couples Bridge

A chair is needed. Please contact Sue Johnston, sjwj77@verizon.net if interested.

Women's Social Bridge

Do you want to spend some time with fellow AAUW members by playing social bridge once a month? We are in the process of choosing a day and time. Please contact Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com or [610-363-7467](tel:6103637467) for more information or to be added to our email list.

Book Groups:

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 two book discussion groups meeting in the day and in the evening at different times of the month.

LIT I: Daytime Literature Group –

Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group- Kay Phillips- khp65hp@verizon.net

Lit. I meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The discussion starts at 1:30 p.m. Newcomers always are welcome. During the first half of 2016, we will be reading mostly fiction. Our non-fiction book will be discussed in May.

February 2016 thru June 2016 - The dates, books, and locations (the home of the host) are as follows:

February 22nd: *The Transcriptionist* by Amy Rowland at Martina Ossman's house.

March 21st: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamont. The discussion leader and place will be decided at our January meeting.

April 16th: *A Man called OVE* by Fredrik Backman at Eva Kaufmann's house.

May 16th: *Avoiding the Extinction of Humanity* by John M. Goodman at Sue Johnston's house.

June 20th: Dinner and select books for next

year at Kay Philipps's house.

If you have questions, contact Kay Philipps, Chair, at khphilipps@verizon.net

You can find the entire schedule for LIT I for the year on our webpage.

http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/files/2015/07/Lit-I_III_Fall_2015.pdf

LIT II: Evening Literature Group –

Literature II - Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group-Jean Speiser- JeanSpeiser@gmail.com

Lit. II meets on the third Wednesday Evening of the month. New members are always welcome! No commitment is required. Come to a meeting and see if we're a good fit for you. We mostly read fiction, but we include a few non-fiction books each year.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, except in December (no meeting) and June (second Wednesday). Our discussions start at 7:30 p.m. The snow date is the following Wednesday. Jean Speiser sends out reminders about a week in advance; if you'd like to be included in the reminders, let her know by contacting her via email at JeanSpeiser@gmail.com.

On *February 17th*, we will discuss *Americanah* by the Nigerian author Chimanda Ngozie Adichie. Amazon describes the work as "a powerful, tender story of race and identity" (<http://www.amazon.com/Americanah-Chimamanda-Ngozi-Adichie/dp/0307455920>). Barb Lathroum will lead the discussion at Peggy Staarman's house in Downingtown. Please let both Peggy ([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggsthaar@verizon.net)) and Jean Speiser know if you're planning to be there.

On *March 16th*, we will discuss *Routes of Man* by Ted Conover. The book is about the benefits and burdens of the roads that connect us. Mimi Jones will lead the discussion at Donna Eaves's house in West Chester. Please let both Donna (deaves@live.com) and Jean Speiser know if you're planning to be there.

On *April 21st*, we will discuss *The Forgotten Seamstress* by Liz Trenow. Amazon describes it as a work that "weaves together past and present in an unforgettable journey"

<http://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Seamstress-Liz-Trenow/dp/1402282486/>

Terry Houle will lead the discussion at Carol Zabriskie's house in West Chester. Please tell both Carol (no-way@verizon.net) and Jean Speiser if you're planning to be there.

Literature III - Nonfiction Book Group

This group meets Monday Evening (Lit III, every 2 months, starting in Sept., 3rd Monday)

The next meeting of the Non-Fiction Book Discussion group will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, *March 28, 2016* at Timothy's Restaurant, Parkway Center, West Chester. The book title is to be announced. Please call or e-mail Paula McGinness for more information at 610-942-4852 or at pmcginnness@verizon.net.

FIG (Food Interest Group)

This group dines either at members' homes or in restaurants. The group usually meets on the second Saturday or Sunday of the month. Couples (unless otherwise specified), singles and new members are welcome to join us.

Next event: *Saturday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.* – Casserole and salad dinner at the home of Gail and Les Silberman. FIG members will receive email invitations. For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves at 610-692-5277 or at deaves@live.com.

Great Decisions

For information contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887 or jacquelinepage9@gmail.com

TIG (Travel Interest Group) –This group needs a leader. If you are interested in coordinating trips, please contact Sue Johnston at 610-363-8535; sjwj77@verizon.net

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. Please contact Jean Speiser at JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com or 610-738-3363 for additional information.



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February 13th – Brunch

March 9th – A Journey About a Photographer

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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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