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The Annual AAUW West Chester and Chester County Spring Banquet

Wednesday, May 11th
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Penn Oaks Country Club
West Chester, PA

Join us at the May Banquet for food and fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Cheryl Messere, Director of Phoenixville Women's Outreach, winner of this year's Gateway to Equity Award. This organization provides shelter for single homeless and low-income women. In addition to transitional housing, they provide support services and counseling. These services help the women to enhance or increase their skills and become self-sufficient. These efforts break the cycle of homelessness and poverty and help these residents transition form crisis to independence. The organization supports homeless and vulnerable single women in Phoenixville and bordering communities.

This will also be the occasion for honoring members who have earned our branch awards (*Branch Outstanding Woman*, *Member Makes a Difference Award 2016* and the *Peg Anderson Award*). We will also award our Alice Lawson Scholarship.

The cost of the banquet will be \$32 per person and will include entrée, salad, bread and butter, dessert and coffee. Entrée choices are Chicken Picatta or Shrimp Scampi. There will be a cash bar. See *page 11* for reservation form and additional details.

For additional details about *The House* -- Phoenixville Women's Outreach visit: http://phxvillewomensoutreach.org

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Letter from the President

Hello Members,

As I write this we are having a taste of spring/summer in early March. The invigorating weather reminding me that the AAUW State Convention is coming up -- April 15, 16 and 17. This year it is in Tannersville, a 2-hour trip from our area so is possible for one day attendance.

Our February and March programs have been excellent. Kudos to Eva and Mimi. We look forward to our April program, "Feeding the Hungry" and our opportunity to volunteer at the Chester County Food Bank on April 28th. Don't forget our May 11th Annual Meeting and Banquet. The invitation is included in this newsletter. Our speaker will be Cheryl Messere, Executive Director of Phoenixville Women's Outreach, our *Gateway to Equity* recipient.

The *Start Smart Workshop* on March 21 was a great success. Presently two of our members are trained leaders, tonya thames-taylor, and Jen Schultz. We are grateful for the time they are giving to this quest for pay equity for women. Two other members, Fran Pierce and Carolyn Comitta served on the panel discussing their experiences with pay negotiation. Volunteers from our branch served as HR negotiators to give the participants some experience. We all agree this workshop should be repeated and is a positive and active step towards pay equity.

Speaking of pay equity, we are submitting a letter to the Daily Local News on the topic. We will email you if it is published. *Pay Equity Day is April 12*.

GETT had a record breaking registration this year. This is the 16th year AAUW West Chester-Chester County has sponsored the event. Thanks to Mary Smith for all her hard work and the AAUW members who volunteer.

We have become one of the partners in addition to *League of Women Voters* etc. of a faithbased coalition sponsoring *Your Vote is Your*

Voice Campaign that was held March 11, 12 and 13th at synagogues, churches, Quaker Meetings and Muslim centers etc. The goal was to register some of the 9,000 women (among others) in Chester County who are not registered to vote.

We also are one of the sponsors of the next "Blueprint Report" produced jointly by the *Chester County Women's Commission* and the *Fund for Women and Girls*. They periodically analyze the state of women and children in Chester County. The roll out will take place in early May and they would like volunteers.

As I near the end of my year as president I want to thank all the membership and board for their support. I especially thank Barbara Lathroum for all her help and support. It has been a rewarding experience and I highly recommend it to all.

Sue

Fundraising Update

Anne Anderko & Donna Golden

Another fundraising year has ended and I welcome any ideas you may have for next year. If you liked something that we have already done, please let me know that as well. Please send all ideas, suggestions, and more to: ananderko@msn.com.

Thanks to all of you that supported our most recent fundraising event, *Pampered Chef Party*, that was held on Feb. 16. We were able to raise another \$240.00! Thanks to our hosts—Jane and her daughter, Jennifer Shultz—who opened their home, providing wonderful snacks and drinks as well as a warm and cozy atmosphere for a fun night of eating and shopping.

Please remember we continue to collect used ink cartridges so bring them to the meetings and they will be recycled in the Staples Reward Program.

Thank you for your support!

Anne Anderko & Donna Golden Fundraising Co-chairs

We need your feedback....

This year we sent out four newsletters. Now that the fourth one is out, we want your feedback about the number of newsletters. Please choose one of the following:

Four newsletters were adequate.

__ I would prefer seven newsletters (one per month).

I have another suggestion (please explain).

Please contact Sue Johnston at sjwj77@verizon.net or at 610-363-8535 with your feedback.

Chester County Food Bank

Hunger in Chester County? Impossible? Rare? If only that were true! The Chester County Food Bank was set up to address the pressing needs of our community when reliable access to nutritious food is not available.

See if you can answer these questions on the Food Bank and the people it serves. (Answers can be found below)

1) One in ____ people lack access to reliable sources of nutritious food in Chester County.

a. 14

b. 22

c. 35

d. 63

2) About _____students qualify for free or reduced lunches in Chester County.

a. 5,000

b. 8.000

c. 11,000

d. 13,000

3) The "Living Wage" for a family of 3 in Chester County is about

a. \$25,000

b. \$35,000

c. \$45,000

d. \$55,000

4) The Chester County Food Bank serves _____ partner agencies in Chester County, inleuding food cupboards, senior centers and other agencies.

a. 40

b. 70

c. 100

d. 150

Volunteer!

To help this wonderful organization, our branch is volunteering at the CCFB center in Exton to

sort and pack food in the warehouse and kitchen. If you would like to join us, go to the link below to access the registration page for volunteers. Friends and husbands are welcome! A special page has been set up just for us!

Here's the info:

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Address: 650 Pennsylvania Drive

Exton, PA 19341

To volunteer, sign up at this website: www.aauw.chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhu b.com/events/index

We can send as many as 15 volunteers that day. If the registration list is full, then contact Eva Kaufmann at ekaufmann1@gmail.com. She will add you to the waiting list. If you need to cancel your registration, then please let her know.

Answers to the questions:

1) a 2)d

3)c

4)c

For more about the Chester County Food Bank: http://chestercountyfoodbank.org/about-us/

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.



Eva Kaufman (from left), Nancy Dore, Carla Grot and Donna Golden, committee members, hold items developed with funds from the Harriet Jarosh Environmental Fund.

Race Matters is a Challenging Topic

Dr. Juliana Mosley, vice president of Student Affairs at Lincoln University and a certified diversity consultant, was the guest speaker at the AAUW February annual brunch. Dr. Mosley spoke passionately and personally on the topic race matters, challenging the large gathering to unload the baggage they carry and acknowledge and celebrate the diversity around and among us.

"Dr. J", as she is affectionately called by her students, likes speaking and helping to educate people on difficult issues in a way that lessens normal intimidation and the discomfort shared by many.



Dr. Juliana Mosley

Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund

The social duplicate group composed of both AAUW and non-AAUW members recently have contributed \$200.00 to the Chester County Community Foundation to be added to the Alice Lawson Fund. This fund was set up by Alice Lawson's family in memory of Alice Lawson—one of AAUW's active and caring members. This fund provides scholarship help to a non-traditional student studying at one of our local colleges. The deadline for application was March 30th.

Chair: Kay Philipps

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

Association for Women's Empowerment

West Chester University's Association for Women's Empowerment, an AAUW affiliated group, would like to thank the AAUW West Chester-Chester County members who donated to our feminine hygiene product drive. In total, we were able to collect 120 boxes of tampons and 55 boxes of pads. The donations were dropped off on March 1st to Friends Association shelter, which was thrilled about and very appreciative of the donations.

Association for Women's Empowerment would also like to invite AAUW members to participate in West Chester University's Alumni Association's 2nd Annual Ram Run on April 3rd. Registration starts at 9 a.m., and the race begins at 10 a.m. Participants may run or walk. The cost for alumni and community members is \$25. The 5k will be in support of sexual assault awareness, and the proceeds will benefit the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County.

All pre-registered participants will receive an official race day t-shirt! To register, please visit https://www.wcufoundation.org/2016-ram-run-registration.

Women's History Month

Cathy Palmquist represented AAUW WC-CC at the presentation of a Women's History Month Proclamation held by the three Chester County Commissioners on Tuesday the 1st of March. The proclamation grew out of the efforts of a group mostly composed of women who participated in a roundtable discussion on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day regarding needs in the county. What resulted was Faith-Based Coalition, which discovered there are over 9,000 women in Chester County who are unregistered to vote – mostly women who are single parents, low-income, elderly, minorities, etc.

We decided to incorporate voter registration as a women's history month effort with the focus on registering women. AAUW has partnered with Faith-Based Coalition, League of Women Voters of CC, Religious Council of Greater West Chester, West Chester Ministerial Alliance, United Way and others to register voters in churches, synagogues, Quaker meetings, Muslim centers, and other places of worship after services on Friday the 11th of March, Saturday the 12th of March, and Sunday the 13th of March.



We chose 3 days to include all faiths in the area, which is part of the proclamation by the 3 county commissioners. Food cupboards, non-profits, colleges and other sites will be included as we get requests/can accommodate them.

Public Policy & Legislation Empowerment Through Pay Equity

Legislative and Public Policy (LAPP) Chair, tonya thames taylor

Statements such as "This was great!," "Thank you for telling me 'I am worthy,' " and "We need more of these types of workshops" define the tenor of the evening at the pay equity workshop held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at West Chester University in Sykes Ballroom. The valuable workshop empowered over 65 students and working professionals.

The workshop, a joint effort of WCU's Association of Women's Empowerment (AWE) and our branch, had four parts: (1) Understanding Pay Equity; (2) Life Experience Panel; (3) Employer-Employee Negotiating Exercise; and (4) Impact Debriefing.

In part one, I discussed the importance of pay equity. To show impact, I explained that September 8, 2015 marked Native American women's equal pay day; the day their wages caught up to the money white men earned the

previous year. To conclude my portion, I shared a valuable website, <u>salary.com</u>; the website shares wage information in a particular area for a particular job and such information can be used as a starting point for negotiations.

Next, West Chester Mayor Carolyn Comitta, AWE liaison Fran Pierce, and attorney Fredda Maddox shared wisdom as a panel. Answering the question, *What do you want the participants to know in terms of negotiating?* Comitta stressed confidence and knowing one's worth. Pierce stressed the power of unionized environments. Maddox stressed the importance of "no" and accepting that "no" can be positive when advocating for self.

Next, the Employer-Employee exercise stressed the skills, strategies, and economics of negotiating. Because of the number of participants, we had one "employer" at a table of usually seven "employees." Each were given a scenario that incentivized negotiation and enough time to work out a strategy. Results varied with "offers" at the high, middle, and low ranges. The magic of this exercise happened at the conversation level as both sides heard the "musts" of each side.

Next, during the impact debriefing session, Jennifer Schultz reviewed the best techniques used by various participants as she shared best negotiating practices.

Concluding the event, President Sue Johnston stressed AAUW membership as a way to better inform oneself in how to bring about pay equity.

A quick review of the post-program surveys reveals participants left more empowered and knowledgeable. One of the participants summed up the program and its impact perfectly when she said, "This is how I should invest in myself more often."

Two Minute Activist

Don't forget your committment 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!

GETT 2016 Was Amazing!

Mary A Smith, STEM Liaison

The 16th year of Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology kicked off with a helicopter landing piloted by a young woman. The program was a great success with more girls, parents and educators in attendance than ever before. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at West Chester East High School brought together over 600 girls representing over 100 Delaware Valley schools and 200 parents and educators to experience STEM.

The hands-on sessions for 5th through 10th grade girls included such topics as extracting strawberry DNA, learning about flight, cyber security and designing mobile apps. Girls in grades 11 and 12 attended as 'student ambassadors' and accompanied the session leaders to take attendees to their hands-on sessions. Besides experiencing individual hands-on sessions, the girls, their parents and educators attended the popular STEM EXPO for more hands-on and learning opportunities.

Over 54 vendors from the business communities, organizations such as our AAUW branch and educational outlets packed the gym to excite the girls in different science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) hands-on events. AAUW's Jennifer Schultz and her volunteers presented a lesson in flight by making paper airplanes and explaining the dynamics of design. It was a huge success, After it ended, Jennifer already was putting together ideas for next year. For many of us, our minds just never stop working.



One of the highlights of the day was the appearance of NBC 10's Rosemary Connors during the girls lunch. She reminded the girls that they can be anything they want to be. "No matter what career you choose, you will need all these things you are learning today", she said. "It's important for women to support other women and girls." The parent and educator sessions consisted of panels about "STEM Pathways" and speakers outlining "Best Practices." The sessions ended with a "STEM Carousel" networking with STEM professionals.

The end of the day brought together all the attendees, both young and old, to wrap up another wonderful experience. One father attending the event said his one daughter was so inspired by attending past GETT events that she is now a student at PENN State in Computer Science. "GETT exposes girls to STEM in a good way and it seems more like reality than a dream," he says. This experience is what makes GETT so worthwhile.



Thank you to all AAUW volunteers for being an integral part of GETT again this year. Volunteers are such an important part of this event, and we could not be successful without you. AAUW West Chester-Chester County has been an important part of GETT for 16 years by providing volunteers, research studies, and funding. This year, our branch served as a sponsor and committed \$500 to to GETT 2016.

For more complete information and a video of this year's GETT event, you can go to http://www.GETTPA.org. Next years GETT event will be back at West Chester East High School in March. The exact date will be announced later.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Membership News

Peggy Staarman (Co-Vice President for Membership)

We would like to welcome four women who joined our chapter at our February brunch. Kate Campbell, Arlene Rengert, Diane Dougherty and Kathy Pearse are our newest members. We look forward to their participation in our activities and interest groups.

Donna Golden and I would be pleased to contact any prospective member. We continue to share information about our AAUW West Chester-Chester County Chapter with various organizations throughout the county.

We will distribute a membership update at our April meeting. Please let Peggy Staarman (peggstaar@verizon.net) know if you would like to add or change membership information by March 31.

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

About Member News

Association publication (Outlook).

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.

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Thank you for sharing!

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 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 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.

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.

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. 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, May 3rd. The location will be announced

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

<u>rosemary.macdonald@verizon.net</u> with the information

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 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 Phillipskhp65hp@verizon.net

Lit One group meets the third Monday of each month at a member's house. Each member takes a turn as leader with all members encouraged to participate in our lively and interesting discussions. We meet at 1 p.m. for refreshments and for social time. Discussion of book starts around 1:30 p.m. We welcome all and would like old and new members to try us out. Our books for the following year are chosen at our June dinner meeting.

The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

April 16th, 2016. We will discuss *A Man called OVE* by Fredrik Backman. Sue Johnston is our discussion leader. Eva Kaufmann is our hostess. Please call Eva at 610-793-3809 or e-mail her at ekaufmann1@gmail.com to let her know whether or not you will be attending.

May 16, 2016. We will discuss *Avoiding the Extinction of Humanity: A Practical Plan* by John M. Goodman. Mary Pinkney is our discussion leader. Sue Johnston is our hostess. Contact Sue at 610-363-8535 or e-mail her at sjwj77@ verizon.net to let her know whether or not you will be attending.

June 20. 2016. The dinner meeting will take place. We will choose books. leaders and hostesses for the following year.

You can find the entire schedule for LIT I for the year on our webpage. http://wccc-pa.aauw.net/files/2015/07/Lit-

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- <u>Jean Speiser@gmail.com</u>

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Lit One group meets Wednesday Evening (Lit II, monthly, 3rd Wednesday). New members are always welcome to Lit Group II's discussions. If you wonder whether you'll like the group, come try us out. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, except in December (no meeting) and June (6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday). Our discussions start at 7:30 p.m. If we have to reschedule for any reason, the make-up date will be the following Wednesday.

On May 18th, we'll discuss *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* for which the Dominican-American writer Junot Diaz won the Pulitzer prize. Our hostess is Mimi Jones. Her address is 26 Blakely Drive in Downingtown. Her telephone number is 610-269-9162. Jean Speiser will lead the discussion.. Please let both Mimi (danandmimi1@verizon.net) and Jean Speiser (JeanSpeiser@Gmail.com) know if you're planning to come.

We'll get together on June 8th for a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. (note that this is a different Wednesday and a different time) and, after lots of very good food and a friendly chat, we will get down to the serious business of selecting our books for the following year. We'll be meeting at Fran Pierce's house at 717 Hunt Club Lane in Chester Springs. Her phone number is 610-594-0625. Please RSVP both to Fran (franpierce@verizon.net) and Jean (JeanSpeiser@gmail.com).

Literature III - Nonfiction Book Group

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

Our next FIG get-together will be on **Sunday**, **June 12th at 3:00 pm** for a picnic at the home of Phyllis and Dan Dunn in West Chester. The Dunns are hoping for good weather so that we can enjoy their porch and some grilled barbecued chicken. So please mark your calendars and I will get out invitations to all by early May.

We will not be having a brunch in May as previously announced. We decided that between Mother's Day and our May banquet, it would be difficult to fit it another paid event in May.

June is the last month we have a FIG event scheduled, so please let me know if you are willing to host in the upcoming months. The dinner or brunch does not have to be in your home, and you are welcome to team up with another member to co-host.

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.



It's almost May, which means it's almost time... to renew your AAUW Membership!

Expect your membership renewal information to arrive soon!

AAUW West Chester – Chester County Spring Banquet

Join Your AAUW friends for Our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2015

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Penn Oaks Country Club

150 Penn Oaks Drive, West Chester, PA 19382

610-399-0501

Penn Oaks Drive is off of Route 202, South of Route 926 in West Chester http://www.pennoaksgolfclub.com/directions/

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Please note: Some of you will remember the difficulties parking last year. I would suggest arriving early and organizing carpools. There is a drop off point in front of the banquet hall and a parking cart that drives around the parking lot to take visitors to the facility. So far, no other function is scheduled for the 11th, so parking may not be such a problem.

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

RSVP: Send the form below by May 1st to: Barb Lathroum 305 Whistling Swan Ln, Downingtown 19335-4506.

~Deadline for reservations is May 1st. 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. *****

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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