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May Banquet

Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m.

Timothy's of Exton

120 Eagle View Blvd., Exton, PA

6:00 p.m. Social Time and Cash Bar

Menu:

Salad: Tossed Mixed Greens

Buffet includes:

Filet Tips Burgundy

Oven-roasted Potatoes

Penne Primavera Pasta

Grilled Chicken Breast

Dessert Bar

Coffee and Tea

\$32 per person

A "Pampered Spring Basket" will be raffled off

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Letter from the President

Barbara Lathroum

After a glorious April weekend of sun and warm weather, a blast of cold air in Amesbury, Massachusetts reminds me that warm weather is fickle this time of year. My spring fever must now give way to focusing on branch business.

First and foremost, do not forget to sign up for the **May Banquet** which will take place on May 10 at Timothy's of Exton. We need a count by May 1st. You can pay at the door but please email me or Anne Anderko (ananderko@aol.com) that you plan to attend ASAP.

Second, **membership renewal** time is here. The renewal form is reprinted on the last page of this newsletter. Dues for 2017-2018 are still \$75: \$49 for National, \$10 for the State, and \$16 for our branch. (I will warn you that there are rumblings that National will be raising its dues by \$10 next year; the raise comes up for a vote at the National Convention this summer.) Please send in your renewal dues as early as possible.

Coming up on May 16 are the primary elections for many county, township, and local offices. Please encourage your friends to vote. Government at the local and county level is what affects us most in our daily lives. Electing good candidates at the local level influences the choices voters have at the state and national levels. Participating in government by voting in the off years for local offices strengthens our democracy.

In Chester County we have a number of women running for county office and local boards of education. On Sunday, May 21st from 3-6 pm, our branch of AAUW will be sponsoring a **Women in Politics Forum** at West Chester University, organized by Dr. tonya thames-taylor. A panel of women who have run for office, both successfully and unsuccessfully, will discuss their experiences as candidates and offer suggestions for a support system for

women candidates. The event is free. What we branch members can do to make this event a success is encourage members of the other organizations to which we belong to attend the Forum.

The 2016-2017 year for our branch has gone by so quickly. We will install new officers at the Banquet. Peggy Staarman and I will serve as co-presidents. Mimi Jones and Terry Houle will serve as 1st VPs for Programs. Patricia Schultz and Phyllis Dunn will serve as 2nd VPs for Membership. Anne Anderko will continue as treasurer and Eva Kauffman as secretary. At the combined Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, we will make plans for the 2017-2018 year.

Please be thinking about serving as a co-chairman of the Fundraising Committee, the Media Committee (Facebook, website, publicity), or the Hospitality Committee.

Project Dawn - World Premiere at People's Light

Philadelphia is home to a revolutionary court designed by a passionate and shockingly funny group of women. Every day these lawyers, judges, parole officers, and staff work to transform the lives of women repeatedly convicted for prostitution. In this daring and vital new play in which seven actresses portray multiple participants and members of the court, Karen Hartman probes the thin lines between freedom and slavery, activism and obsession for women on both sides of the law.

Inspired by Hartman's extensive first-hand research inside Project Dawn Court, this play is the first world premiere from our nationally renowned New Play Frontiers Residency & Commission program at People's Light (NPF). See email from Barbara Lathroum for details on afternoon matinees from June 7 to July 9 or check the People's Light and Theatre website at www.peopleslight.org.

GETT 2017 Was Epic!

-- Mary Smith



The 17th year of Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology was a great success with more girls and parents and educators than ever before. Saturday, March 25, 2017 at West Chester East High School brought together over 833 girls, representing over 140 schools, from 9 PA counties and New Jersey and 300 parents and educators to experience STEM.

This was a year of change for GETT as we started at noon instead of 8:30 in the morning and we allowed the girls to come and stay as their schedules allowed. We still had an opening kick-off as well as a closing keynote speaker with many prizes awarded to those who stayed.

Besides experiencing the possibility of attending 4 different individual hands-on sessions, the girls and their parents and educators got to attend the popular STEM EXPO for more hands-on and learning opportunities. Over 81 vendors from the business communities, organizations such as our AAUW branch and educational outlets packed the main gym, auxiliary and wrestling 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 on The Science of Origami. It was a huge success and after it ended Jennifer already was putting together ideas for next year. For many of us our minds just never stop working.

The end of the day brought together all the attendees, both young and old, to wrap up another wonderful experience. Some of the comments included: "Now I know I can do anything, I should never give up and always be with people that support me, and ignore or stay away from the people that doubt you or bring you down," from Lauren, Age 12. A parent said, "I forgot to drop off my survey but since I thought the event was exceptional, I felt compelled to submit it. This was our 2nd year at GETT. The breakout sessions were fantastic! Very informative and on point, and it's possible I got as much out, or possibly more, out of the conference as did my daughter. Great job, thank you!"

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 17 years, providing volunteers, research studies, and funding, and has continued our successful history this year. Our branch was a sponsor and committed \$500 to GETT 2017.

For more complete information and a video of this year's GETT you can go to <http://www.GETTPA.org>. Be on the lookout for next year's GETT to continue to be amazing.

Kara Rahn, Chester County Department of Voter Services, Speaks to April Meeting

Our guest speaker for the April 12 chapter meeting was Kara Rahn, Director of the Chester County Department of Voter Services. Kara offered detailed insight into the many complex tasks performed by her department before, between, during, and after elections that take place in Chester County.

Kara noted that of about 500,000 residents in Chester County, 345,000 are registered; her office works with information from other agencies, including the Departments of Health and Transportation, the Post Office, and obituaries to maintain the accuracy of the roles. As of 2015, online registration allows for quicker verification of information.

She pointed out that PA has a four year election cycle, with odd years being municipal based, and even years Federal. PA primaries are closed, so that voters can only vote in them if they are registered with a party, an issue that is important presently, when interest in local elections is rising. Her office is busier in municipal election years, because more individuals file petitions for more positions on a more extensive ballot.

Her office encourages voting, without stepping into the political arena, and works with the League of Women Voters. It maintains archives of past election results, often used by students doing research. It works to ensure that campaign finance spending is reported correctly. It secures the voting locations and manages the equipment. Equipment is a major issue, and new equipment is needed.

During an election, her office is responsible for reconciling the votes when the polls close; they manage provisional ballots, conduct an audit of the election within one month, which is open for the public to view, and ultimately ensure the vote is certified. This year her department was involved in two recounts.

When asked what would help her office most in the future, Kara noted that it is a challenge to

get the 1500 poll workers required, that a better process for signatures would help, and election equipment is an urgent need.

Reported by Toni Gorkin

Start Smart Pay Equity Workshop Held at WCU

-- Corrine Marchese



On Monday April 3rd, West Chester University had their annual AAUW Start Smart Pay Equity Workshop to teach young women how to negotiate job salaries and sell their brand.

The workshop was hosted by Dr. tonya thames-taylor and sponsored by WCU's Association for Womens Empowerment, the Womens and Gender Studies department, African American Studies, and AAUW West Chester-Chester County. The event went from 5:30-8 p.m., and included many speakers and activities.



Students were very receptive to the workshop. Samantha Boughton, a third year student stated, "I honestly thought it was going to give me basic information that I already knew, but it was actually really helpful and I learned a lot." Meredith Marchese, also a third year student, explained, "The speakers made me realize that when the time comes for me to negotiate a salary and benefits it will be realistic, I feel a lot more equipped to graduate next year and enter the job force." Hopefully with workshops like these, women will one day achieve pay equity and close the gender pay gap.



On a rainy Thursday, April 6th, Peggy Staarman, Mary Smith and Barbara Lathroum attended the *Annual Women in Networking Fashion Show* sponsored by The Spring Ford Chamber of Commerce at the Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown. Half the proceeds from the event benefited The House, last year's Gateway to Equity winner.



Cheryl Messer of the House, recently named Citizen of the Year by Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce and Women in Networking of The House spoke at the event.

After a delicious lunch, Cheryl Messere and Lana Ringer from the Phoenixville Women's Outreach spoke about *The House* in Phoenixville, its mission and training program. Homeless women are admitted to the residential facility while working toward financial independence. At *The House*, they receive support, education, and training for 6 to 18 months before moving into their own apartments.



Barbara Lathroum, Peggy Staarman, and Mary Smith attended the Fashion Show benefitting *The House*.

Spring fashions were featured in the show, with oranges and blues as the current seasonal hues. Clothing was supplied by *The Dress Barn* and *Weitzenkorn's* and the models were volunteers from the *Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce*. The winner of a 50/50 drawing was announced at the conclusion of the fashion show. Half the funds collected for the 50/50 went to *The House*, a sum of over \$300.

The WCCC-AAUW branch is proud to have made donations to *The House* over the last year.

Follow-Up to Women's March: It's a New World of Communication Opportunities

Cathy Palmquist hosted 14 women from AAUW WC-CC, LWVCC, and others for wine and cheese at her home to hear Susan Carty, PA President of the League of Women Voters, on March 29. Susan had spoken to our branch meeting prior to the November election. She was an attendee at Philadelphia Councilwoman Brown's meeting at City Hall, which included members of NOW, Women's Way, the League of Women Voters, and other Philadelphia based organizations. At that event the question of "what's next" after the Women's March was discussed.

Susan reported that the groups discovered that they were more connected than they had thought, especially through technology and social media, which expands interaction beyond personal conversations and small meetings. She identified a general concern of about environmental impacts of energy development in Pennsylvania. As a result of this networking Susan was able to meet with Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition, along with other possible partnerships.

The group agreed that while technology may increase positive communication it may also increase misinformation. It is important for individuals to self-manage all of the information, integrating social media with traditional techniques to find like minds, make a louder voice, and spread wider the sense of community.

AAUW and the Girl Scouts: a Speakers' Bureau

A few months ago Barbara Lathroum, Mimi Jones, and Eva Kaufmann met with The CEO, the Community Outreach Director and a Board member of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania to find areas of mutual interest. Since our mission of providing opportunities for women and girls are almost identical, we found many areas in which we could collaborate. The Girl Scouts were excited about many of the projects we support, including the Laundromat Library Project, the Gateway to Equity recipient, the Envirothon, GETT, and the CC Food Bank. They are interested in collaborating with us on all of these.

In return, they asked for us to share some of our amazing expertise with their girls. They would love to have women who would volunteer to go to troop meetings to discuss topics of interest. If you have a talent that you would like to share, consider volunteering! What is your talent? Origami? Gardening? Math tricks? Yoga? Bowling? Animal rescue and care? A craft? How to make your favorite appetizer? How to build a bridge with spaghetti? (That is actually the topic of a local elementary school science club!) I'm sure you can think of many creative and fun ideas!

We plan to establish a Speakers' Bureau with the talents of our members! Think of a topic you would like to offer, and sign up. Feel free to explain what age group you would like to speak to, and if you have travel limitations, (only Chester County?) You can contact me or sign up at the next meeting. I'd like to get at least ten members to sign up.

The Girl Scouts are excited about working with us, and this could be the beginning of a fruitful collaboration!

Eva Kaufmann
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Reminder: The AAUW Action Network (AAUW Action Network advocacy@auw.org) has been sending out statements about the legislation under consideration in Congress, for example, the American Health Care Act, stating AAUW's position. These statements provide useful information on the impacts specifically to women and girls by the legislation. You are encouraged to read these emails or read the statements on the AAUW Action Network website and contact your representatives accordingly.

Immigration Forum sponsored by League of Women Voters

Attorney Ted Murphy, a highly respected Immigration attorney in West Chester, will present a Forum on Immigration on behalf of the League of Women Voters at West Chester Borough Hall on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This will be the first in a series of seminars on Immigration that the League will sponsor. This first one will be geared toward educating the public regarding Immigration Policy through the years. The target population will be U.S. citizens who may or may not have relatives who are undocumented.

Following is the immigration position of the League of Women Voters: "Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status."



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Laundromat Library League is Taking Off

- Arlene Rengert

April 22nd was the 5th annual *Chester County Single Mothers' Conference and Expo*, and the Laundromat Library League was much present in two ways: volunteers from the LLL did "story hour" reading to the children in the several child care rooms (over 100 children) during the event, and the LLL also had an exhibit in the Expo area in which they handed out free children's books appropriate to the ages of the children whose mother stopped by the table. They also handed out flyers asking for participation in finding laundromats to host Library boxes.

Earlier in April Connie Nesbitt, with assistance from a few others, prepared over 25 sets of 50-60 books, some in bags to replace books in existing Library Boxes and some in totally new (decorated) Boxes going to new sites. Preparing these inventories involves sorting the books to cover the range of toddler-level through teen, and putting "book stickers" on the outside cover of each book. Each book sticker has the name and website of the Laundromat Library League, and permission concerning the book to "Read It. Love It. Pass It On." If anyone would like to participate in a "sort and sticker session" be in touch with Terry Houle or Arlene Rengert.

Some of the April Library Boxes went to newly recruited laundromats in Camden, one new one in Norristown, several in North Carolina, and (are you ready for this??), one in Arkansas. Replacement supplies went to the 4 laundromats in the LLL New York branch, the 3 in Virginia, and the many in this area. Replacement books get transferred in cloth grocery bags, by the way -- and although the LLL asks to have those returned that often doesn't happen. So if you have a stash of them you'd like to have a home for we'd be happy to provide it. A recent Facebook post on the Laundromat Library League has pictures of these filled bags awaiting pick-up.

Check out the www.laundromatlibrary.org and see a map of all this new growth!!! Eventually that map will be interactive such that a picture of the laundromat will pop up when you click on the dot representing it.

Soon the LLL hopes to have laundromats in Delaware aboard. The Delaware Theater Company started its run of *Hetty Feather* April 19th and during that run is inviting patrons to bring in children's books to donate to the Laundromat Library League. They are promoting this in their eblasts, and inviting those interested to be in touch via laundromatlibrary@gmail.com

Thanks for AAUW for helping to spread the word!!! And, know that (member) Arlene Rengert has a 30 minute (can be shorter) slide presentation she will share with any group within a reasonable distance.

Laundromat Library League Fundraiser

You can support the Laundromat Library League by dining at Snap Pizza on May 25th and presenting the coupon below on your phone when you pay your bill, or printing it and handing it in. Note that the hours are 4-8 p.m., and that the **LLL will receive 50% of your bill**. This will be the last LLL restaurant fundraiser until September.



Dine at SNAP Custom Pizza and present this coupon or display it on your smart phone when you pay for your meal.

SNAP Custom Pizza will donate 50% of the proceeds to:

Laundromat Library League

WHERE: Snap Custom Pizza
291 Main Street, Exton PA 19341
(Near Barnes and Noble at Exton Main Street)
484-875-5800

WHEN: Thursday, May 25, 2017, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

In addition to signature and custom pizzas, the menu offers a variety of interesting signature and custom salads and 'grain bowls' (e.g. quinoa).



The NPE Toolkit: School Privatization Explained

Fran Pierce, who spoke to our chapter in February about charter schools and private schools, has pointed out for those interested in the controversy over charter schools that the Network for Public Education (NPE) has published the NPE Toolkit: School Privatization Explained. It can be found at <https://networkforpubliceducation.org>.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Guidelines for AAUW some

1. Deadline for articles is the 10th of the month prior to publication – e.g., October 10, December 10, January 10, etc.
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. Be sure to provide names of the people and description of the happening in the photo.

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.

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!

Note: AAUW (and numerous other organizations we may belong to, such as National Audubon Society and Sierra Club) are making it easy to send letters to your senators, using links on their websites and pre-authored sample letters expressing opinions about issues at the forefront today. Be sure to check the websites of your favorite organizations.

Membership News

Peggy Staarman (Vice President for Membership)

Our newest member is Rachel Snyder who joined at our April meeting. Rachel has several friends in the branch, but I know all of you will welcome her and invite her to join our many activities. Rachel graduated from Widener University and retired from a career in social service. She enjoys gardening, hiking, water exercising, and politics.

When you send in your check for the May banquet, it would be a perfect time to enclose a second check for your annual dues that are due July 1. You can send your check made out to AAUW-WCCC for \$75 to Anne Anderko, 908 Pine Valley Circle, West Chester, PA 19382. I will also provide membership renewal forms and new member forms at the banquet. You can access the membership forms on-line at our branch website: wccc-pa.aauw.net.

Only the small amount of \$16 of the annual dues goes to our West Chester-Chester County Branch. To cover operating expenses, to host monthly programs, and to support our service projects, the branch needs to raise money each year. It's very difficult to find appropriate and effective fundraisers and any fundraiser requires a great deal of planning and time. Some members may prefer monetary donations in place of fundraisers. Please send any suggestions for fundraising to Peggy Staarman at peggstaar@verizon.net

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).

Member Special Notes

The newsletter editors continue to include news about our AAUW chapter members in this newsletter.

Many of our members are involved in other projects that also support women's issues, support our community, or express their passion and creativity. This is an opportunity to tell us what you are doing, and where appropriate, to share involvement. Please see the *AAUW* some guidelines for sending your articles and information to the newsletter's gmail account --aauwsumnews@gmail.com.

Board Meetings

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The Board will meet at West Chester University, **Sykes Room 257**.

A Joint Board Planning Meeting will be held June 7.

A questionnaire was handed out at the April meeting asking for feedback on programs. Please contact Mimi Jones or Terry Houle with suggestions for next year's programs.

Special Interest Groups

Couples Bridge

A chair is needed. Please contact Barbara Lathroum blathroum@gmail.com if interested.



Women's Social Bridge

Women's Social Bridge meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third or fourth Friday of the month. Upcoming 2017 dates are April 28 and May 19. Please email Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com if you'd like to be on the email mailing list. All are welcome! This group meets monthly and is composed of both AAUW and non-AAUW members. Contributions received go toward the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund provided to a non-traditional student.

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

Our daytime Literature group meets the third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. for refreshments followed by discussion beginning at 1:30 p.m. We read both fiction and non-fiction.

At our April meeting, Dorothy Von Gerbig lead a very interesting and lively discussion in April on *The Children's Act* by Iam McEvan, a book recommended by Mary Pinkney. She brought up many ideas that we had not thought about--one of the best reason for joining a book club. On May 15, 2017 Carla Grot will lead us in the discussion of *The Dream Lover*, by Elizabeth

Berg. We will meet at Eva Kaufmann's house at 1:00 p.m. for refreshments with the discussion starting at 1:30 p.m.

We are a daytime Lit Group and welcome others to join us. Please let your hostess know if you plan to attend. Our final meeting of the year will be a supper on June 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Kay Philipps's home to choose our books for next year. Each person is to bring a salad to share and books that we might choose to discuss next year.

Questions? Call or e-mail Kay Philipps, Chair, at (610) 399-0697 or khphilipps@verizon.net.

Lisa Scottoline's Open House

Lisa Scottoline is a well-known local writer, an author of mysteries that often are set here in Chester County. She and her daughter also write a column for the Sunday Inquirer called "Chick Wit." It's a humorous column that focuses on life from a woman's point of view. For the past few years Lisa has invited her devoted fans to her home in Chester Springs for an Open House. She serves hors d'oeuvres, spends time with each guest, and talks about her life and her writing. She says the event is her way of thanking the book clubs that include her books in their reading lists. The event has become hugely popular!

Last fall the Lit I group attended this event, and despite some initial skepticism, came back with enthusiastic comments about a fun occasion. Lisa's Open House this year will be on October 7th and 8th. In order to get an invitation, we need to get a picture of our group, each person holding the book *One Perfect Lie*. It can be a copy from the library, an audio version, or a Kindle version of the book. We send the picture to Lisa with an application form.

If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to attend the Lit I meeting on the third Monday of May at Eva Kaufmann's home. Bring your book and get in the picture! Contact Eva Kaufmann at ekaufmann1@gmail.com

LIT II: Evening Literature Group –
Literature II - Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group -
Jean Speiser - JeanSpeiser@gmail.com

Focusing on fiction with occasional non-fiction thrown in, Literature II meets on the third Wednesday of each month for lively and often opinionated discussion.

We always welcome new members. Snow and some of our members' schedules have brought about a change in our May plans. We will be reading *The Husband's Secret*, by Liane Moriarty. Phyllis Dunn is our hostess. RSVP to Jean Speiser (JeanSp@Gmail.com) if you're planning to attend.

Lit II will have our annual potluck on the **second** Wednesday in June at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Fran Pierce; that's when we select the coming year's books, so start thinking about recommendations (make sure your recommended book is easily available in paperback, ebook, or the Library).



FIG (Food Interest Group)

This group dines around either at a member's home or at a restaurant. The group usually meets on a Friday or Saturday for dinner, or Sunday for brunch or dinner, on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles, as well as new members, are welcome. We have no events currently on the FIG calendar and are looking for members who would like to host or plan a meal at a local

restaurant in the upcoming months. Please contact Donna Eaves, 610-692-5277 or deaves@live.com, if you are interested in hosting, want additional information or wish to join the group.

Great Decisions

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

TIG (Travel Interest Group)

The Travel Interest Group is composed of members and their guests who like to go to interesting places and often enjoy a meal together before or after. We usually do something 7 or 8 times a year.

Also, please contact Barbara Lathroum if you want to be on the list for future events. Being on the list does not obligate you to attend any trips. Anyone is welcome to coordinate an event or trip they are interested in. Examples are historic house tours, museums, interesting collections (e.g., we enjoyed a collection of women's costumes in 19th century Chester County at the Chester County Historical Museum).



Needlework Group:

This group includes all forms of needlework – *knitting, crochet, embroidery, applique, quilting, needlepoint* and any other needlework members would like to share.

AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch

Date: _____

NEW MEMBER / RENEWAL FORM (2017-2018)

Name (Ms/Mrs. /Miss/Dr.) _____
Last First

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

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Voting Township _____
(9 digit)

Telephone (H) _____ Cell _____ Office _____

FAX _____ E-mail _____

Birth Date (Optional): _____

<u>College/University</u>	<u>State/Country</u>	<u>Major Area of Study</u>	<u>Degree Earned</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

AAUW Bylaws require that you have at least an Associate's Degree. If you do, but you prefer not to list your college and other information above, please check here to verify that you do have a degree. _____

Occupation/Title/Company _____ Active? _____ Retired? _____

How did you hear about AAUW _____ friend (who) _____ Other (where) _____

Volunteer Experience/ Community Activities _____

Hobbies _____

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

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

Do you have computer experience? Website design _____ Database (which one) _____ Desktop Publishing _____

Previous AAUW Member? _____ Member # _____ Branch? _____ Offices held? _____

ACTIVITIES, INTEREST GROUPS AND PROJECTS OF AAUW WEST CHESTER-CHESTER COUNTY BRANCH

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

Board Position _____	World Affairs _____	Newsletter Production _____
Programs _____	Finance Discussion _____	Newsletter Circulation _____
Membership _____	Book Club 1 (3 rd Mon Day) _____	Annual Handbook _____
Scholarship _____	Book Club 2 (3 rd Wed PM) _____	Branch Website _____
Branch News & Publicity _____	Bridge (Women) _____	GETT (Girls & Technology) _____
Fund Raising _____	Bridge (Couples) _____	PETT (Parents/Teachers...) _____
Political Issues _____	Crafts _____	Domestic Violence Center _____
Immigration _____	Culinary Club _____	OTHER (Please describe) _____
Travel _____	Great Decisions _____	

Please complete and return this form with your dues.
If there is anything above that you wish to be kept confidential, please CIRCLE that item.

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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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