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AAUW West Chester - Chester County Branch **Pot Luck Brunch and Meeting** ***Uptown Knauer Performing Arts Center***

Angela Scully, Executive Director

Saturday, September 16, 2017
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Grove United Methodist Church

Join us for our delicious pot luck brunch and an inspiring start to our AAUW branch year. Angela Scully, Executive Director will speak to us about *Uptown! Entertainment Alliance* and *the Uptown Knauer Performing Arts Center* – West Chester’s newest theater venue.

Branch Members should provide a dish to serve 6 – 8

A – H – desserts

I – P – salad or side dishes

Q – Z – entrees

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

Hi Everyone!

Every year in early August, there is a switch that turns on the cicadas' song. For me, their song has long been the harbinger of fall with new clothes and school supplies. Right now I am wishing for a reason to visit Staples, that wonderland of new pencils, paper and notebooks. My disappointment is somewhat assuaged by the prospect of a new year of programs and activities for our AAUW branch. Peggy and I are busily planning for the new year.

The AAUW National has been busy as well. They have moved to new headquarters in Washington DC and have elected a new CEO, Kimberly Churches. The public policy priorities for National are

- Gun violence, a public health crisis
- Pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits
- Policies that promote work-life balance, including quality and affordable dependent care
- Changes throughout to support diversity and inclusion, with emphasis on racial justice and updated LGBT language

The membership passed two resolutions in support of the Equal Rights Amendment and against Human Trafficking.

AAUW-PA has also set public policy priorities. Here is what's next in Public Policy:

- Lobby Corps: (a) Increase and strengthen AAUW's voice in Pennsylvania by developing relationships, a consistent presence and becoming trusted nonpartisan advocates; (b) At least one AAUW member should be responsible for each state Representative and Senator.
- Equal Pay Bill HB1243: Develop and implement a lobbying strategy.
- GOTV: Get the message out that municipal elections are important too.
- Advocacy in a Box: Education, GOTV, and Title IX kits are available.

- Support the initiative, Fair Districts PA, sponsored by the League of Women Voters.
- Around the state, support Community Conversations to discuss issues facing women: (1) Women's health and wellbeing and (2) Economic security.

As the West Chester-Chester County Branch of AAUW, we must set our own goals. Our first Board meeting of the year will be concerned in part with choosing these priorities. The first Board Meeting will occur on **Wednesday, September 6th from 6-9 p.m.** at Grove Methodist Church. During the first hour, we will define our goals for the year. The regular meeting will start at 7:00 PM. We would like to introduce Board participants to Phyllis Dunn's delightful new plan (see "PMPs" in the Handbook) to attract (and keep!) new members. Victoria Heimann has some exciting fundraising ideas for us to weigh. We will also be finalizing plans for our first meeting, a Potluck BRUNCH, on **Saturday, September 16th, from 11 AM to 2 PM.**

Furthermore, Peggy and I want to expand participation in the Board Meetings, during which a lot of branch planning takes place. ***Board meetings are open to any member.*** You do not have to be an officer or committee chair to attend. The Board welcomes your ideas and opinions. We would like encourage more dialogue and have more opportunity to hear members' concerns. Our regular branch meetings are reserved for the programs and announcements. The West Chester-Chester County Branch of AAUW is ***your*** branch, not the sole purview of a few officers.

There are all sorts of possible activities and concerns bubbling up in our Branch. Tonya thames-taylor is organizing a Women in Politics forum this fall and inviting women candidates, past and present, to discuss their experiences. It is encouraging that so many women have stepped up in Chester County to run for local offices. The forum will give us
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some idea of how to support them. The pipeline being installed by Sunoco across Chester County is a source of environmental concern to many members. The recent occurrence of a gun murder in our own backyard makes gun legislation another urgent concern. Putting pressure on legislators is an important activity that branch members can engage in through AAUW-PA. Peggy and I encourage each of you to learn the basics of lobbying. If you volunteer to be a lobbyist, AAUW-PA will train you to advocate for women in your legislators' offices. In addition, AAUW National sends daily information about pending legislation and how we can help. (See our Facebook page.) All of these activities are in keeping with part of our mission: to advocate and educate on behalf of women and girls.

Here's to a great year!

Barbara Lathroum (blathroum@gmail.com)

Peggy Staarman (peggstaar@verizon.net)

AAUW Handbook is Now Available Online!

--Sandy Alexander

Thanks to all of you for sending me pictures to be considered for the cover of the 2017-2018 Branch Handbook. I met with our co-presidents and we selected 5 pictures for this year's cover. Some of your pictures will be added to the website as well. I encourage you to keep on taking pictures to document the activities of our branch. As you do so, it would be great to have more pictures of members actually engaged in an activity, so that the pictures tell a story about our branch.

The Handbook is now uploaded on our website - wccc-pa.aauw.net. Click on "About Us" and then "Handbook" in the drop-down menu. The password is *aauwsome*. Patricia Schultz will distribute the Handbooks at our first board meeting, Wednesday, September 6th, and at the brunch on September 16 at Grove Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Introducing -- the "PMP" Prospective Members Parties

Do you have a friend or do you know someone who has voiced interest in knowing more about AAUW? If so, we now have the perfect venue to introduce them to our organization. Our *Prospective Members Parties* are just the right size to allow potential members to ask questions and casually get to know some of our current members. Just join us for any of the parties listed below.

September 26, 2017...

Sips & Sliders on the Grill

November 8, 2017...

Happy Hour @ Avalon Restaurant,
followed by the Branch Meeting at 7 pm.

January 9, 2018...

Chat & Chew... a Spaghetti Dinner!

*Watch for updates on parties to be held in April & June

To attend any of these parties simply bring a potential member with you. We will limit the size, 12-15, so it stays intimate and conducive to building friendships. To save a spot for you & your prospective member just email Phyllis Dunn at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com.

Donation to Alice Lawson Fund

-- Kay Philipps

Between September 2016 and July 2017 the Social Duplicate Bridge Group, composed of both AAUW and non-AAUW members, contributed \$286.00 to the Alice Lawson Fund

The Alice Lawson Fund provides an annual \$1500.00 scholarship to a non-traditional student from a local college or university. Eligibility requirements and application forms are available at www-pa.aauw.net under the activities tab.

For additional information see:

<https://chescocf.org/fund/alice-lawson-aauw/>

Fall Fundraiser – PECANS – PECANS – PECANS!

Due to the great success of last year's pecan sale, we are again selling pecans this fall to help raise money for our organization that supports so many worthwhile programs for girls and women. With only \$16.00 of your yearly dues going to the branch, we are forced to fund raise to meet our yearly goals.

An order sheet and information will be e-mailed soon and orders will be taken until October 20th with delivery at our November 8th meeting.

Please take a moment to look over the order sheet and get your orders in early. Let your family and friends in on the sale as well to help build sales. Like last year, we will be selling plain jumbo sized pecans for baking and all kinds of candied pecans from cinnamon, caramel, chocolate and glazed packaged in attractive gift holiday bags all ready for gift giving.

Thanks as always for your support.
Anne Anderko & Victoria Heimann

Support the WCU Resource Pantry

-- Eva Kaufmann

Our AAUW Chapter's Gateway to Equity Award winner this year is the West Chester University Resource Pantry, an organization that supports homeless students and low-income mothers who are students at the University. Our support takes the form of monthly contributions to this worthwhile organization. Tori Nuccio, the director, is asking for the following items:

- Laundry Detergent: This is something we do not get large donations of but has helped save on-campus students money
- Individually wrapped snack/on the go food: Granola bars, nuts, breakfast bars (these

items go fast because of the convenience but are hard to come by at the food bank).

- Gift cards to help cover some living expenses that have come up for these students in the past. Some good examples would be
 - Wawa for gas
 - Bed, Bath, and Beyond: For cooking supplies, bedding, dorm needs, etc.
 - Target: cooking, attire, and any school supplies we do not have
 - Amazon: same concept as BB&B & Target but can also help with textbooks.

A Change in Our Meeting Hospitality

For the past few years we have had a committee of 2 or 3 to help set up for meetings. This committee, Nancy Day, Terry Houle, and Cindy Knisely, did a wonderful job setting up and cleaning up after each meeting. Having this responsibility for every single meeting over two years became understandably a bit of a burden.

This year we would like to do something different. Starting in October, refreshments are donated by members of interest groups. Lit I is contributing and setting up refreshments for the October 11th meeting, and cleaning up afterwards. This shouldn't be too burdensome, since many of us jump in to help out in this process and will continue to do so.

Leaders of SIGs, please communicate this change to your groups when you remind them about refreshments. Make sure two people will volunteer to come early. Either Peggy or Barb will also arrive early with the necessary coffee pots and other supplies. A checklist of duties for setting up and closing down the meeting will be taped to the boxes of supplies. We appreciate your help.

Laundromat Library League Fundraiser September 12

Arlene Rengert

The LLL places "Library Boxes" in laundromats and occasional other sites. Volunteers monitor these twice a month and, when needed, pick up a (cloth) bag of replacement books to refresh the box. From time to time a "sort and sticker" session of volunteers is convened to place the LLL sticker on received books, sort them, and place them into bags for eventual use. Each replacement bag has the full range of books from toddler to teen, fiction and nonfiction.

Our Goal is to make books available to children who have little or no access to books at home.

We have created a network of laundromat libraries. Children can borrow a book, return it and take home another.

An interactive map that shows the 50-60 placements in Eastern Pennsylvania is on the website www.laundromatlibraryleague.org.

Below are coupons for a *Community Day Fundraiser to benefit the LLL* on Tuesday, September 12, at Lionville/Exton and Lititz Isaac's. Copy and bring them to dine at Isaac's to support the LLL.



JOIN US FOR OUR
Community Day FUNDRAISER for
Laundromat Library League



On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 LIONVILLE/EXTON and LITITZ ISAAC'S will be hosting a "Community Day" fundraiser benefiting **Laundromat Library League**. Enjoy an evening out with your family and friends while supporting our efforts to make children's books available to homes in which there may be few or none. We hope you will come out and support us!

WHERE: LIONVILLE/EXTON – Call 484-875-5825 for Takeout
Crossroads Square
630 W. Uwchlan Avenue, Exton 19341

AND

LITITZ ISAAC'S – Call 717-625-1181 for Takeout
4 Crosswinds Drive, Lititz 17543

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

HOW: Bring this flyer with you to Isaac's, complete the information, and hand it to your server when paying. Flyer can also be shown on phone.

This form can be used for Dine-In, Takeout &
Online Orders at www.isaacsdeli.com.

Use coupon code FUND for online fundraiser orders!

Please complete this information for your server.

Name: _____

of People in Party: ___ Cost of Meal (excluding tax): _____

In order to maximize the amount of donation for the organization, we ask our Loyalty members to kindly refrain from using their number during fundraisers. Coupons, Discounts, and Loyalty Perks are not valid during Fundraisers.

Want to help us earn even MORE? Add a Gift Card to your check and 15% of the gift card sale will be added to the fundraiser! Gift card must be used on future visit.



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Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund Supports the Envirothon

In May our branch, through the Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund, again sponsored the Chester County Envirothon, an annual environmental education program.

The Envirothon is open to all students from public, private, parochial, and home schools, grades 3-12 and is supervised by the Chester County Conservation District with Chester County Facilities and Parks, hosting it at Hibernia County Park. Each year students celebrate months of research, exploration, and preparation with an enjoyable outdoor competition and measure of learning.

For results and more information, visit their website at www.chesco.org/conservation or contact Gaye Lynn Criswell at 610-925-4920x108.

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.

Board Meeting Sept 6th: All Welcome

The first Board Meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday evening, September 6, 2017, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Grove Methodist Church. During the first hour, we will define our goals for the year. As noted in the President's Letter, **Board meetings are open to any member**. The Board welcomes your ideas and opinions. Plan to attend!

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.



Reminder: The AAUW Action Network (AAUW Action Network advocacy@auuw.org) continues to send out statements about the legislation under consideration in Congress. Read the President's Letter, at the beginning of this newsletter, for examples of National and AAUW-PA priorities. The Action Network statements explain how each piece of legislation impacts the interests of women and

girls. You are encouraged to read these emails or read the statements on the AAUW Action Network website and contact your representatives accordingly.

Membership News

Welcome new and renewed members! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the first meeting in September. We are grateful for your membership and hope you will participate in the incentive programs to introduce new members to our AAUW branch. If you have any questions please contact me.

Patricia Schultz

pls@patriciaschultz.com phone: 610-436-9752

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.

Celebrating 50 Years!



Four AAUW Chester County Branch members and spouses traveled to State College in July to help past club president Sue Johnston and her husband Earl celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Those attending (pictured from left) were Dick and Cathy Palmquist, Edward and Kay Philipps, Marge Pond, Sue and Earl, Betty and Wally Bradford. The celebration started Friday night with a picnic at the home of their daughter and her family who live in State College, and cohosted by their other

daughter and her family who came up from Maryland. The informal barbecue gave Chester County friends an opportunity to meet the Johnston's family, about whom we have heard through the years. Saturday, the Johnston's son-in-law, a professor at Penn State, gave us a wonderful tour of the large campus. That evening, about 40 family members and Chester County friends gathered in the clubhouse near the Johnston's new home for a gala 50th anniversary dinner and celebration.

Gun Sense Chester County Helps Coatesville's Gun Buyback Program

Peggy Staarman, member of Gun Sense Chester County

A coalition of groups, Gun Sense Chester County, the Coatesville Police Department, the Coatesville Area School District, and the Coatesville Youth Initiative, is supporting the Coatesville Police Department's Gun Buyback program that will occur on Saturday, September 16. A musical concert to help fund the program will take place on Saturday, September 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Coatesville High School 9-10 Center Auditorium, 1445 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville. Donations will be accepted at the door or you can donate on line at www.crowdrise.com/coatesville-gun-buy-back-benefit-concert.

Gun Sense Chester County is a non-partisan organization that tries to educate citizens about gun laws and seeks to find common ground to support sensible legislation. There have been three gun deaths in Chester County this summer. Gun Sense Chester County feels that the Gun Buyback program helps reduce the gun violence problem that particularly affects Coatesville. Past Buyback programs have reduced the number of unwanted guns in Coatesville by over 75. The program is a safe way for people to relinquish their guns if they no longer want the responsibility of owning them.

Gun Sense supports HB1400 that will close the existing background check loophole regarding the private sale of long guns. The organization urges you to question your state representative about his or her sponsorship of this legislation.

If you would like more information about Gun Sense Chester County, please contact Chairperson Ann Colby-Cummings at gunsense@gmail.com.

Mariner 2 Pipeline Arouses Local Political Action

-- Toni Gorkin

With the very visible advent of drilling for the Sunoco Mariner 2 Pipeline through Uwchlan, West Whiteland, Upper Uwchlan, West Goshen, and other municipalities of Chester County, several public forums concerning the project have attracted as many as 300 residents, including several of our AAUW Chapter members.

Sunoco, which is owned by Energy Transfer Partners LP of Texas, is building the cross-state pipeline to ship volatile liquids, ethane, butane and propane 350 miles from the Marcellus Shale deposits in West Virginia, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania to the former Sunoco refinery in Marcus Hook, Delaware County. The products will be shipped to Scotland for making plastic.

Following the fouling of several wells in West Whiteland Township and other construction missteps, horizontal directional drilling was halted by court order, statewide. An initial emergency meeting held in Lionville was followed by a meeting by the West Whiteland Township board of supervisors to address the issues of wells and water safety. Elected officials became involved at the state level, in response to local residents' voices, and drilling was temporarily halted. A hearing set for August 7 was superseded by an agreement between Sunoco and the Clean Air Council, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Mountain Watershed Association, and PA Dept of Environmental Protection, allowing drilling to resume (except in West Goshen) but requiring Sunoco to re-evaluate high-risk sites.

On August 2 an audience of about 200 concerned residents heard from an eight-member panel of Chester County emergency responders about pipeline safety at Lionville Middle School. Dozens of public officials attended the three-hour long pipeline-preparedness safety meeting moderated by county Commissioner Kathi Cozzone. For more than two hours the audience peppered experts with questions, with several voicing

strong concerns about safety because of closeness of the pipeline to their homes, schools and senior facilities, and asked for details of plans to address a potential catastrophe if the odorless, heavier than air contents of the pipeline leaked and were ignited.

Citizen groups and elected officials continue efforts to demand stronger emergency response preparations and training by Sunoco, as well as other efforts to limit additional pipeline development through this very highly congested area.

If you are interested in details, consider following these groups on Facebook (they are closed groups that you will have to request to join):

- Uwchlan Safety Coalition
- Middletown Coalition for Community Safety
- West Goshen United for Public Safety
- West Whiteland Safety Coalition
- Upper Uwchlan Residents for Safety

Consider also attending meetings of your township's Board of Supervisors and supporting other local community and municipal groups.

Special Interest Groups

Women's Social Bridge



The AAUW Chester County-West Chester Branch Women's Social Bridge meets once a month at 1:00 p.m. for two to three hours of friendly bridge. If there is one table, we play party bridge; if there are two or more tables, we play contract bridge. We meet at a member's home; locations are sent in e-mail reminders each month. All are welcome!

To have your name added to the e-mail list, contact Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com.

Remaining dates for 2017 are:

August 25

September 29

October 20

November 17

December 15

Couples Bridge

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



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 One, our daytime literature group, meets the third Monday of each month at a member's house. Refreshments and social time begin at 1:00 pm and discussion of book starts at 1:30 pm.

We read both fiction and non-fiction books which were chosen at our annual dinner meeting in June. We welcome all AAUW members to join our lively discussions. We prefer that members have read the book, but will welcome those who haven't.

Our book for September 18, 2017 is: *DEAD WAKE, The Last crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. Fran Sippel-Wetmore will lead the discussion at Carla Grot's house. Please call Carla at 610-388-6201 to let her know you are coming to her house.

The chosen books for the rest of the year are: *Stoner*, *Between the World and Me*, *Bears in the Street*, *Hillbilly Elegy*, *Just Mercy*, *Ordinary Grace*, and *The Other Einstein*.

Additional information about these books can be found on our website. Questions? Call or email Kay Philipps, Chair, at (610) 399-0697 or khphilipps@verizon.net.

LIT II: Evening Literature Group – Literature II - Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group –

Jean Speiser - JeanSp@gmail.com

Lit group II always meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month; except when we don't. And this September brings one of those aberrant meetings. We'll hold our discussion on September 13, **the second Wednesday** in September, although we'll return to the usual schedule in October.

This month we are reading and discussing *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Toni Gorkin will lead the discussion and our hostess is Terry Houle. If you want more information please get in touch with Jean Speiser (JeanSp@GMail.com). We'll read *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles in October and *Drift* by Rachel Maddow in November.



FIG (Food Interest Group)

This group dines around either at a member's home or at a restaurant. The group usually meets on a Saturday for dinner or Sunday for brunch on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles, as well as new members, are welcome.

We are looking for members who would like to host or plan a meal at a restaurant in the upcoming months. Please contact Donna Eaves if you are interested.

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. The first meeting is at the home of Jean Speiser on Friday, August 26 from 10 AM to 12 noon. A schedule of future meetings will appear shortly. Contact Barb Lathroum if interested.



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September 2017 Newsletter

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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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