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**February Brunch and Meeting:
“Local Birds, Butterflies, and Other Creatures that Fly from A to Z”
Bob Pierce**

Saturday, February 17, 2017

Note: corrected date

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a delicious brunch, and welcome spring early as Bob Pierce, bird watcher, teacher, and photographer introduces us to flying creatures he has met and photographed in our area. Bob’s background includes an Associate’s Degree in Photography, a BA in English from Ohio Wesleyan University, and an MA in English from West Chester University. He taught in the Downingtown School District for 25 years and was given the Teacher of the Year Award in 2007. That same year Bob was named Coach of the Year for the Chester County Academic Contest. Bob is



currently the Recording Secretary for the West Chester Bird Club and an active member of the Birding Club of Delaware County. He has taken trips to Costa Rica, Kenya, Belize, and other fascinating places where he has taken wonderful photographs of birds and animals in their natural habitat. He has presented this program on the “Locals” as well as ones on Kenya and Costa Rica to bird groups and other local organizations in the area. We are delighted to welcome Bob and hear his expertise on our local flying creatures as we take a break from winter and share a wonderful meal.

Branch Members should provide a brunch dish to serve 6 to 8 people. Please provide a serving utensil if one is required.

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

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Letter from the Presidents

Dear Members,

As I write this, I am looking at the lacework of snow-covered trees in Massachusetts, as I imagine you are in Pennsylvania. I love the quiet on a snowy day, punctuated by the coos of my newest granddaughter whom I am babysitting.

Good News! Our Branch is growing! Since October, we have gained eleven new members! The PMPs (Prospective Member Parties) organized by Phyllis Dunn and assisted by Pat Schultz have been a huge success. On January 9th, Phyllis entertained 26 women at her house for spaghetti and conversation. We had great fun meeting with some dynamic women eager to find out more about what we do. Our new members are Patricia Alfano, Mary Jo Baldino, Fran Baliotti, Anne Kahn, Mary Marco, Jane McDowell, Susan Skiles, Ann Tamalavage, Cathy Wilson, Lynn Wildrick, and Gwenn Knapp. Let's give them all a warm welcome at the February Brunch.

By the time, you read this newsletter a number of our members will have participated in Philadelphia's Women's March slated for January 20, 2018 to protest the recent attacks on democratic institutions, health insurance coverage, a free press, the rights of voters, and the rights of immigrants. What we fear is that these attacks have become "normalized" with constant repetition in the far right media. To those marching, these attacks will never be viewed as "normal".

The Annual February Brunch occurs this year on February 17th at Grove Methodist Church from 10 AM to 1 PM. Members should each bring a breakfast casserole, a bread, or a salad to share, enough for 8 people. Bob Pierce will speak on birds in a talk entitled "Local Birds, Butterflies, and Other Creatures That Fly from A to Z". At the brunch, we will select members for three awards bestowed by our branch each year in May: A Member Making a Difference, The Outstanding Branch Member, and The Peg Anderson Award. In addition, we

need to decide on the recipient of The Gateway to Equity Award. Look for an article on these awards in this newsletter. **Please submit your nominations by February 15 to Barb Lathroum or Peggy Staarman.**

Looking to volunteer this spring?

Check these opportunities out:

- (1) **GETT (Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology)** will hold its annual STEM exploration day for girls at Phoenixville Middle School on **March 17th**, 12:30 – 5:00 PM. You could volunteer to show participants how to make a lava lamp in a test tube and to explain how it works. Contact Jenn Schultz if you are interested in helping. If you wish to serve GETT in other capacities, check out their website <http://www.gettpa.org/>.
- (2) **Girl Scout Tea:** This month, Maureen Mayer (Director of Community Outreach at the Southeastern Council of Girl Scouts), Eva Kaufmann, Mimi Jones, Peggy Staarman, and Barbara Lathroum will be finalizing plans for the tea on **April 8th**. We will need volunteers to bake cookies, to serve at the tea, and to talk with the girls about the value of giving back to one's community. The middle school-aged Girl Scouts attending will be working on service projects toward their Silver Awards and may seek advice on their projects.
- (3) **START SMART**, a program designed by AAUW to teach job-seeking young women negotiation skills, will take place on **April 9th** this year. Dr. tonya thames-taylor, Associate Professor of History and Women Studies at West Chester University and a member of our branch, will organize this program. We *(continued on next page)*

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need volunteers to help the young women practice negotiation skills and donations of snacks and bottled water. Contact tonya.thames-taylor if you wish to help out.

Other News

After the October Branch meeting, a number of our members expressed interest in a series of lectures and discussions on Islam presented by the eloquent Dr Ifkesar Hussain. So far only five members have expressed interest. If you would be interested in such a series, please contact Peggy or me ASAP.

Carolyn Comitta has asked to speak to us before the main program at the March meeting.

Members Hear About Arts, Literacy and Mindfulness for Children

Jan Mitchener, the founder and Executive Director of Arts Holding Hands and Hearts, Inc, spoke to our chapter on January 10 about the non-profit organization she founded and its projects to empower Chester County's most vulnerable youth using arts, literacy, and mindfulness.

She explained how, working with youth in Chester County's Youth Detention Center (CCYC), she came to realize the need to reach back into the pre-school age group with a trauma-informed, comprehensive approach to break the cycle of poverty,



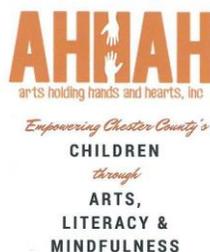
Jan Mitchener began her presentation on AHHAH by taking members through a mindfulness exercise like those incorporated in her programs.

She has just been appointed by Governor Wolf to an advisory board on women's issues and has news to share.

Finally, although our national leadership seems to be thwarting advances in equity for all, the women in our chapter continue to strive to fulfill our AAUW mission and prove that women can effect change through their advocacy, leadership and power.

Barb Lathroum
Peggy Staarman

illiteracy, and low expectations.



AHHAH serves youth and families in marginalized communities in Chester County, with its primary focus on Coatesville. Since 2013, this organization has been guided by the goal of making sure that all children in Chester County will have the tools and opportunities they need to reach their potential.

Jan believes experiences in the arts stimulates brain growth, promotes healing, and connects the head and heart. Literacy, so important to a child's future success, is fostered by the Family Story Time Yoga that brings seniors to read to pre-schoolers and by community Pop Up Lending Libraries. She explained how yoga, mindfulness, and arts are infused into all programs, from Head Start through CCYC.

Jan appealed to members to help her meet her need for more volunteer seniors to read to the Story Time.

Women's March January 20, 2018



LEFT: Mary Smith was among several chapter members who participated in the 2018 Women's March on January 20.

RIGHT: Toni Gorkin, Nancy Krablin, Mary Smith, and Peg Staarman carried signs at the march. Eva Kaufmann also went.



The crowd was huge, the mood was positive and inspirational, and we were impressed by the range of people – so happy to see so many young women, and so many men supporting the women in their lives.

"GETT" Ready for GETT 2018!

-- Mary A Smith, STEM Liaison

The 18th year of Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (can you believe it has been 18 years since I sat around a table at CB Technologies representing AAUW discussing how and why we should encourage girls to pursue IT as a career choice?) is in the planning stage. For those not familiar with GETT, it is a one day event held within Chester County to encourage girls and their parents and educators to pursue careers in STEM. It is, and has always been, a hands-on venue to show girls that they can be anything they set their mind to do. For more complete information and a video of last year's GETT you can go to <http://www.GETTPA.org>.

AAUW West Chester-Chester County has been an important part of GETT for 18 years,

providing volunteers, research studies, and funding, and we will be continuing our successful history this year. Our branch board has, once again, pledged \$500 to GETT 2018. We will still be having Parent/Educator sessions along with hands-on sessions for the girls in designated areas.

GETT will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2018 at Phoenixville Area Middle School and registration will open February 14th, 2018. Mark your calendars and set aside that day to be a part of the best GETT ever.

We are continuing the GETT model by allowing more girls to come to an afternoon of STEM EXPO even if they cannot come for the full sessions. They will still be encouraged to pre-register. We will be holding the EXPO so it *(continued on next page)*

GETT 2018 (continued)

will allow the girls to spend more time listening and learning with hands-on EXPO experiences. We are opening it to girls in grades 5-10 and hoping to encourage girls in grades 11-12 to attend as "student ambassadors". Those student ambassadors we have named, "STEMilies" (clever, huh?). Last year's EXPO was so successful that we are expanding and adding an "Innovation Zone."

AAUW had a great table last year with Jennifer Schultz and her volunteers, who presented Origami in science and engineering. We are invited back again this year. Jennifer is in the process of working with new ideas for this year's EXPO table. She is compiling information on making "Lava Lamps" using test tubes so participants may take them with them. We will be calling for volunteers in the near future for the event itself as well as helping at the EXPO table.

The biggest change this year will be the time change of the event itself. We will be setting up on that Saturday from 10:00-1:00. From 11:45-12:15 we will be greeting and serving lunch to girls arriving by bus. (We will possibly need volunteers to help with this). From 12:30-1:00 will be the Opening Ceremonies for bus and first time attendees. The EXPO will open from 1:00-4:30, and Parent/Educator Sessions will be scheduled within that time frame. Closing ceremonies will be from 4:30-5:00.

I will be asking for volunteers in the upcoming AAUW chapter meetings, but you can always contact me at pangea49@comcast.net if you have questions regarding GETT or future suggestions for a hands on activity we can provide at the EXPO.

Looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

WCU Resource Pantry

-- *Eva Kaufmann*

The West Chester University Resource Pantry is growing every week to provide more resources to more students. Here are some of the statistics that they just released about their operation and growth.

- In 2016-17, 82 students took advantage of the Pantry with a total of 260 visits.
- So far in 2017-18 (as of early January), 266 students have used the pantry with a total of 664 visits. The current average is 113 visits per month.
- In terms of gender, 20% of the students are male and 80% female. The managers of the Pantry are puzzled by the disparity. They decided to hire a male student or intern next year to help run the place, as it is staffed by only women right now. The manager hopes to make the male students more comfortable..
- 62% of the students live on-campus.
- The Pantry distributed 2,517 pounds of food since the beginning of the school year. The Chester County Food Bank is the primary source of food. Fresh food is available through various sources, including from a greenhouse on campus.

Other organizations like ours contribute much-needed supplies such as personal care items, laundry supplies, and paper products. These items "fly off the shelves" as soon as they become available, and are greatly appreciated.

One surprising thing is that the students' most common request is for "clickers." These gadgets are used by some professors to tabulate attendance and to monitor class participation. They are generally considered optional, but students who don't buy them (about \$30 apiece at the University book store) will lose points in class.

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Resource Center (continued)

The staff at the Pantry is working to connect needy students to state and federal programs that provide long-term assistance, such as SNAP.

Thanks for all of your contributions for this important project!

TUTORS for WCU Resource Pantry Users

-- Eva Kaufmann

A few members of AAUW have inquired about offering tutoring services to the students who use the Resource Pantry. The organizers are very interested in setting this up since the campus tutoring services are inadequate to meet the needs of so many students, and there is a long waiting list. If you are interested in offering your services, please contact me at: ekaufmann1@gmail.com with the following information:

Name

Contact info (phone and e-mail)

Subject area you would be interested in tutoring (consider study skills and writing papers as possible topics)

Availability (day(s) of the week and time of day. Would you be available every week, every other week, etc.)

Thank you!

“PMP” Prospective Members Parties Continue

--Phyllis Dunn

See the President's Letter for a report on how successful our PMP parties have been in bringing new members to our chapter.

In February & March, because of the unpredictability of the weather, there will not be any PMPs. But mark your calendars for a **"POP UP Happy Hour" on April 23**. Three days prior to the event (to be held in or near West Chester), I will email the Happy Hour location to all who have responded. If you like living on the edge, not quite sure what will

Girl Scouts and the Laundromat Library League (Two of our favorite organizations!)

On April 2, our branch will collaborate with the Girl Scouts to provide books for the Laundromat Library League. It would be great if each member of our branch could provide at least ONE BOOK to this wonderful cause. Books in Spanish are especially in demand.

Keep an eye out for good children's books! We will be collecting them at our March meeting!



happen, then the April 23 Happy Hour is for you. We will be sure to have some fun!

On **May 9th**, the AAUW May Banquet will take place. 1-1 1/2 hours prior to the banquet, we will have a **mixer** before we attend the banquet. Let me know if you would like to attend and I can send out the Banquet form to you. More on that to come.

To save a spot for you & your prospective member, just email Phyllis Dunn at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Guidelines for AAUWsome

1. Deadline for articles is the 15th of the month prior to publication.
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!

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.

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.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. They are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at West Chester University in Room 257 of the Sykes Student Union Building at 110 W. Rosedale Ave., West Chester. Changes in meeting location will be announced as needed.

Membership News

-- Patricia Schultz

Thanks to Phyllis Dunn's extraordinary recruitment efforts and hospitality, plus the referrals from current members, we have added eight new members this year and it's only January!

Patricia (Trish) Alfano was referred by Anne Anderko. Trish is a QA Regulatory Affairs Manager at CyberDerm, Inc. She likes crafting and is interested in the FIG group.

Frances Baliotti was referred by Nancy Day. Frances is a retired Social Sciences teacher, whose interests include reading, travel, crocheting, and Bridge.

Susan Skiles was referred by Phyllis Dunn. She is retired and holds a BS in French. She has an interest in the Domestic Violence Center and in joining TIG and Lit Group 2.

Ann Tamalavage was referred by Alice Lenthe. She has an MS in Civil Engineering and is President of Malarkey Consulting, Inc., MS in Civil Engineering. She is interested in political issues, our Scholarship programs, and Lit Group 2.

Cathy Wilson was referred by Phyllis Dunn. She is a retired Attorney. She is interested in our programs, political issues, TIG, World Affairs, and Legislation and Public Policy.

Lynn Wildrick was referred by Sandy Alexander. She is retired, and she is interested in Programs, Scholarship, Fundraising, Immigration, TIG, the Lit Groups, Finance, Women's Bridge, and Needlework.

Anne Dutlinger Kahn was referred by Carol Haaf. Anne is a retired Professor of Graphic Design and Art History. She is interested in Scholarship, Political Issues, TIG, World Affairs, Lit Groups, Needlework, newsletter production, and GETT.

Gwenn Knapp was referred by Phyllis Dunn. Gwenn is a fine artist and business owner and a retired Magisterial District Judge in the PA Courts. Gwenn is interested in Legislative and Public Policy, the Domestic Violence Center, and Great Decisions.

Welcome to all of these interesting and talented women. We look forward to your contributions to our group.

An update with the new member's contact information will be distributed at the next meeting.

If you have any questions please contact me, Patricia Schultz at 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).

Opportunities for Involvement

Chapter members are often involved in organizations and initiatives that are important to our community. This section brings to your attention some of those opportunities should you wish to expand your involvement.

Gun Sense Chester County

-- Peggy Staarman

Gun Sense Chester County, a non-partisan organization that seeks to help enact sensible gun legislation and reduce gun violence, will host a meeting featuring our branch member Carolyn Comitta, a Pennsylvania State Representative, who will give an overview of the PA legislative process. The meeting will be held on **Monday, January 29** at 7:15 at the Church of the Loving Shepherd, 1066 S. New Street in West Chester.

Carolyn will explain how the legislative process works. She will address how a bill is created, how sponsors are attracted, who decides if hearings are held, and how the bill receives a vote. Representative Comitta's presentation will be followed by a brief overview of pending legislation.

Gun Sense also intends to publish an election guide for contested primaries to highlight the position each candidate takes on gun legislation. The organization will not endorse any candidate, but it wants to give voters information about the candidates' views.



AAUW Annual PA Conference Scheduled for April 13-15



89th Annual Meeting
April 13-15, 2018
Seven Springs Resort

You have probably received the email announcing the AAUW PA state Annual Meeting for April. Many of the topics are likely to be of interest to our chapter members. Here are a few info tidbits:

- April 13: AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches will speak on “Changing the Conversation and Moving Forward.”
- April 14:
Concurrent sessions: “Small Branches: Big Ideas,” “Tears We Cannot Stop,” “Hate Crimes and Hate Prevention.”
“Women in Local Politics”
“Closing the Gender Wage Gap”
Concurrent sessions: “STEM Programs, Step by Step,” “Build Global Citizens: Great Decisions Program Fosters Local Discussions,” “Reaching Out: Student Loan Solutions for College Students”
“AAUW-PA Student Advisory Council on Intersectional Feminism”
Branch District Meetings
Career Development (students only)
Awards and Dinner: Women’s Law Project
- April 15:
“Gerrymandering: Taking Away Our Voice”

Registration options:

- Online: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meeting-registration/>
- Paper or electronic in February 2018 AAUW-PA Keystoner newsletter



Reminder: The AAUW Action Network (AAUW Action Network advocacy@aauw.org) continues to send out statements about the legislation under consideration in Congress. 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.

Member Special Notes

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

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.

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!

Dates for 2018 are:

February 23
March 23
April 27
May 18
June 22
July 27

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

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: The daytime Literature Group will meet on Monday Feb. 18th, 2018. In February, Janet Kane will lead us in a discussion on *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance at Martina Ossman's house. We meet at 1:00 pm for refreshments. Discussion starts at 1:30pm. Please let your hostess know if you will be attending.

The chosen books for the rest of the year are: *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 Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

Jean Speiser - JeanSp@gmail.com

Lit Group II meets at 7 PM on the third Wednesday evening of the month in members' houses in the West Chester-Downingtown area.

We are discussing *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner on February 21, *The Sellout* by Paul Beatty on March 21, and *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren on April 18.

If the weather forces a cancellation, we'll meet the following Wednesday. Please get in touch with me, Jean Speiser, if you want to know more. Phone (610) 738-3363, email JeanSp@Gmail.com.

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.

Next event: Sunday, March 18, 5:00pm –St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by Mimi and Dan Jones. Please note: the date was changed from March 17th as previously announced due to conflict with GETT. Invitations will be emailed to FIG members, but all branch members are welcome. For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves, #610-692-5277, or deaves@live.com.

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

A couple of trips are in the works. New member Anne Kahn would like to put together a trip to the **Philadelphia Flower Show**, possibly on the weekend of March 10-11. If interested, email Anne at anndut@gmail.com.

Also, in conjunction with Lit II's reading of **Lab Girl by Hope Jahren**, several chapter members are planning to attend a talk by the author at **Longwood Gardens on Saturday, March 24**. Hope Jahren is selected by Longwood Gardens for their celebration of women in horticulture in 2018, and her book is selected for Longwood's Community Read. Learn more at longwoodgardens.org/community-read.

Our group is planning to attend the **"Community Conversation with the Author"** in the evening, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This talk is free with Gardens admission; registration is required. (Note: this event is now wait-listed,) Several of us are members of Longwood, and

may be able to take guests. If interested, email Toni Gorkin at tgorkin@comcast.net.

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

Please join us if you would like to join others as we all work individually on various kinds of needlework projects! Some are knitting, some doing quilting or crewelwork, so anything you are doing or would like to learn, we are probably doing some of that!

All meetings are on the first Friday of each month, beginning at 10:30 A.M.

Needlework Group Meeting locations for 2018:

February 2 - Toni Gorkin, 119 Llandoverly Drive, Exton, PA

March 2 - Cindy Knisley, 173 Chaps Lane, West Chester, PA

April 6 - Pat Schultz, 235 Chatham Way, West Chester, PA

May 4 - Toni Gorkin – Same as above

June 1 - Fran Pierce, 717 Hunt Club Lane, Chester Springs, PA

Please email your hostess to let us know if you are coming.



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Brunch and speaker:

Local Birds, Butterflies and Other Creatures that Fly from A to Z

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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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