



## AAUW some NEWS

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# AAUW West Chester - Chester County Branch The Girl Scouts Today: Successes and Challenges in a Changing Society

**Kim Fraites-Dow**  
CEO, The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

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

Kim will speak about some of the amazing projects that Girl Scouts have initiated. She will also discuss how the organization has changed over the years to meet the current interests and needs of girls.

## ELECTION DAY is November 7<sup>th</sup> **Don't Forget to Vote**

See articles on pages 3 - 4 for key voting issues.

Refreshments: FIG

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](http://www.grovechurch.org) or 610-696-2663.

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## Letter from the Presidents

Dear Members,

November and December are bursting with upcoming branch and community events that will fill up the pages of the newsletter. I will try to shorten my message this month. With the welcome return of cool, crisp fall air, we will experience a surge of energy to contend with all the issues and events crowding our calendars.

- Election 2017: November 7 is the day for electing municipal and county officers. An election held in the “off” or odd years does not inspire much voter participation, despite the fact that school district, township and county officers have the greatest impact on our daily lives. Encourage your friends and neighbors to vote.
- The Rise of the Women: AAUW is a progressive, non-partisan organization. In 2016, they produced research showing the low proportion of women in government positions, and since have encouraged women to run for office. County residents, many of them women, have stepped up to oppose the incumbents in local offices. We now have four superbly qualified women running for county row offices. They are Margaret Reif (County Controller), Christina VandePol (County Coroner), Paula Maisano (County Treasurer), and Yolanda Van De Krol (County Clerk). Yolanda Van De Krol is competing for the county clerkship against the female incumbent, Robin A. Marcello.

After the election, keep an eye out for Chrissy Houlihan as she campaigns around the county to oppose Congressman Ryan Costello in 2018. Houlihan is another superbly qualified woman who speaks out against some of the regressive legislation coming out of Washington supported by Costello.

- Fair Districts PA: AAUW is one of the 20 or more organizations working to end gerrymandering in Pennsylvania under the umbrella of Fair Districts PA. At the polls, there will be members of this non-partisan group asking voters to sign petitions supporting an amendment to the state constitution changing the method by which the legislature reapportions representation every ten years. The hope is to exert pressure on the chairmen of two State Government committees to allow legislators to vote on HB 722 and SB 22. Our Branch will be holding a public information event on this topic next spring. Please spread the word about the anti-democratic effects of gerrymandering. (see website: [fairdistrictspa.org](http://fairdistrictspa.org))
- Save the Date: On November 12 (a Sunday afternoon), our AAUW branch along with our WCU student affiliate Association of Women’s Empowerment (AWE) will stage a public forum of woman candidates, successful and unsuccessful. They will discuss their experiences as women running for office and the challenges of their campaigns. The objective of the forum is to formulate a plan of support for women candidates. (See more in the Public Policy article.)

With the advent of the holidays, our calendars will become increasingly crowded. Make room on December 11 for our annual Holiday Party. Tom and Terry Houle will again host this gathering. Look for more info in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Barb Lathroum  
Peggy Staarman

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# VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

*Peggy Staarman*

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 is Election Day! The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Remind your neighbors and friends that this election is very important!

- There are excellent candidates for county row offices (Treasurer, Controller, Coroner, and Clerk of Courts), township offices, school boards, and magisterial district judgeships. For more information on local candidate, check out [www.chescodemns.org](http://www.chescodemns.org) and <https://.republicanccc.com>.
- Judicial elections occur in odd-numbered years. Justices and judges may serve an unlimited number of terms until they reach the mandatory retirement age of 75 and retained or re-elected by the voters. Judicial candidates are running for one Supreme Court position, for four Superior Court posts, and two Commonwealth Court positions. Two Justices of the Supreme Court and one Judge of the Superior Court are each recommended for retention. Voters will vote yes or no for retention. See the PA Voters Guide prepared by the League of Women Voters at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).
- There will be a ballot question about real estate taxation. Affirmation of the question would allow local taxing authorities to exempt full value of each "homestead" from taxes. Arguments for the measure say that it provides residential property tax relief and enables people to stay in their homes. Opponents contend that schools, police, and other essential services must be funded. This measure could lead to a rise in the personal income tax, an increase in the sales tax, and/or a tax on items not presently taxed. As the law is currently written, groups can be

exempted from or have real estate taxes reduced without a constitutional amendment. The ballot question would enable legislation such as SB76 to shift the tax burden from corporate entities to ordinary citizens.



## November 7, 2017 Election: Key Issues and Information

The general election takes place on Tuesday, November 7, with polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Many AAUW chapter members have been involved in researching and communicating information about candidates and ballot questions. PLEASE VOTE!!

Also consider become educated about key issues and communicating your support of initiatives to your state and national representatives.

## Candidates Running

There are many excellent candidates running for county row offices, township offices, and judgeships. There are several well-qualified women candidates. Also, some candidates have come out in support of issues that concern AAUW members, for example gerrymandering, equal pay for women, and safety concerns over the Mariner 2 pipeline being constructed through local counties.

Review their bios and cast an informed vote for the people who will be our government officials! For more information and biographies, you can contact Peggy Staarman, at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net).

## Ballot Question HB 1285 re: Real Estate Taxation

It is important to educate yourself on this ballot question, as the wording is not clear. A YES vote would amend the PA constitution such that property taxes *could* be eliminated. While it sounds good in theory to eliminate property taxes for home owners, this would necessitate raising *other* taxes to fund schools, police and other essential services. The ballot question would enable legislation that would shift tax burden from corporate entities to ordinary citizens, and leave it up to local communities to make up the funding for educational needs.

Voting NO for this ballot question means the formula for taxation could not be altered without further change in the PA Constitution, a much more stable condition in light of the current legislative deadlock over budget.

For more information, see website  
[https://actionnetwork.org/campaigns/november-7th-ballot-question-vote-no?source=direct\\_link](https://actionnetwork.org/campaigns/november-7th-ballot-question-vote-no?source=direct_link).

## Fair Districts PA and Gerrymandering

Fair Districts PA is a committee of the League of Women Voters working to alter the way in which our legislative districts are drawn after the 2010 census, making districts more independent and fair. The legislative districts in PA are among the worst gerrymandered in the US. Fair Districts is working to have districts drawn by a bipartisan board rather than by the party in power the year of the census. Find out about Fair Districts PA at <https://www.fairdistrictspa.com/about>.

Bills are in both the PA Senate (SB22) and PA House (HB722) Government Committees. Both bills have Democratic and Republican co-sponsors, but are being held in committee. The bills must be passed by both houses in 2018 and 2019 to become a Ballot Question in

2020 to amend the PA Constitution, change the means of creating legislative districts after each census to a board of balanced political composition. Consider urging your representatives to add their sponsorship and to move these bills to a vote.

## Gun Sense --- Chester County

*Peggy Staarman*

Following the aftermath of the Las Vegas shootings, Gun Sense of Chester County held a meeting on October 3. It was a discouraging week, but the meeting brought together gun owners and those who disdain firearms, Republicans and Democrats, and existing members and guests. All agreed that sensible legislation could prevent many gun deaths and that citizens need our elected officials to have the courage to act. Those who are concerned about gun violence need to contact their legislators multiple times. State Representatives Comitta, Kampf, Lewis, Milne, and Roe as well as State Senators Dinniman and Killion all support House Bill 1400 and SB209 that provide for universal gun purchase background checks. State Representatives Lawrence, Hennessy, Corbin, and Barrar and State Senator Rafferty do not support HB 1400 and SB 209.

There will be a program called Guns Around Town at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 121 Church St. in Phoenixville on November 6 at 7:15 PM. The program features an overview of gun violence in the U.S and current regulations pertaining to the purchase and carry of guns in PA. There will also be a brief review of proposed regulations. Another education session will be held on Nov. 12 in Downingtown. The location has not been determined yet. On Nov. 30 there will be a Members and Interested Guests Meeting. Details will be announced soon. Please visit [www.gunsensecc.com](http://www.gunsensecc.com) for upcoming meetings and information.

## Mariner 2 Pipeline Continues to Arouse Local Activism

-- Toni Gorkin

An article in the September issue of our AAUW Chapter newsletter outlined how 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, led to the formation of several public forums to express concern about the project. Citizen groups and elected officials continue efforts to clearly identify the hazards, to demand stronger emergency response preparations at all levels (locality, county and schools), as well as to limit additional pipeline development through this very highly congested area.

While a meeting of the **Uwchlan Safety Coalition** on Wednesday, September 27, at the Marsh Creek Community Church was focused on Uwchlan Township, it attracted people from the surrounding municipalities as well. The meeting began with a review of the Uwchlan municipal activity, of legal activity related to the pipeline and local ordinances, and of other initiatives members have been forwarding related to safety and community protection at the local and state level. A breakout session then took place, around the "Four Roles Relating to Change," by George Lakey and social activist Bill Moyer. Members grouped themselves into "Helpers," "Advocates," "Organizers," and "Rebels," and identified desired actions by their own team and support from the others. Participants left the meeting committed to follow-up within their teams as well as to the next meeting. Several key points and action items are as follows, in case any AAUW members are interested in following the activity or becoming involved.

- *Next meeting of the **Uwchlan Safety Coalition** is October 24th 7 PM at Marsh Creek Community Church. Website: <https://uwchlansafetycoalition.org/>. There is also a Facebook page and a Facebook group.*
- The lack of a clear *hazard assessment* is adversely impacting efforts by municipalities and specifically the schools located within potential danger range of a pipeline accident to develop emergency response plans that are specific to this pipeline. Existing plans are developed more on the general model of a "9-11" type emergency; these may not reflect the specific hazards of a pipeline in close proximity to schools, senior centers, and homes that will carry multiple hazardous hydrocarbon substances under pressure that are heavier than air, may accumulate, and may be triggered to explode by common activities.
- **PA Statute Title 35 Chapter 77 initiative:** constituents are asking Governor Wolf and other elected officials to follow this state code to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public, especially demanding a hazard assessment. On October 17, a rally in Harrisburg will be held to deliver post cards and letters, to Governor Wolf, as well as the Petition "Governor Wolf: Protect Our Schools and Communities Under PA Health and Safety Statute" can be found at <https://goo.gl/3txLU9>. Senator Andy Dinniman is assisting with this effort.
- **Uwchlan Township:** two *Board of Supervisors* seats are up for election on November 7. Two candidates, *William J. Miller and Mayme Baumann*, have pledged to pursue action on *zoning ordinance: 2014-06*, to add specific regulations related to hazardous liquid and/or gas pipeline, pipeline impact radius, and other specifics. This is follow-up to *Resolution N0. 2017 – 25*, passed in August, "regarding laws, ordinances, regulations, policies, and procedures for public utility projects and specifically interstate and intrastate pipeline projects." The full

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- text of the Resolution is available from a link on the website of the Uwchlan Safety Coalition, <https://uwchlansafetycoalition.org/>. **Food & Water Watch** has endorsed Bill & Mayme; a meet and greet for USC members was held October 5.

If you are interested in further details about the Mariner 2 pipeline and community concerns and actions related to it, consider following these groups on Facebook (they are closed groups that you will have to request to join):

- Uwchlan Safety Coalition (see web page)
- Middletown Coalition for Community Safety
- West Goshen United for Public Safety
- West Whiteland Safety Coalition
- Upper Uwchlan Residents for Safety

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

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE III: CORRECTIONS, PROBATION, PAROLE & RE-ENTRY**

The *Criminal Justice Conference III* will be held on Thursday, November 9th, 6:00-9:00 PM at Cornerstone Christian Church, 424 W. Gay St, West Chester, PA. The conference is sponsored by: *The League of Women Voters of Chester County and Justice Rain Inc.*

Speakers:

- John Wetzel, Secretary, PA Department of Corrections
- Christopher Murphy, Chief of Probation, Parole & Pretrial in Chester Co.
- Keisha Hudson, Esq., Deputy Chief Public Defender, Montgomery Co.

Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 PM. The event is FREE, but a free will offering is appreciated.

Register online at: <http://lwvccpa.org/pre-register> or email [http://pag172@aol.com](mailto:http://pag172@aol.com).

## **Support the WCU Resource Pantry**

-- Eva Kaufmann

The Resource Pantry formally opened its new facility on October 13, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside of Commonwealth Hall, which houses its new office. With speeches by Tori Nuccio and Jodi Roth-Saks, as well as by the president of the University, Dr. Fiorentino, the Pantry is officially open for business. Barbara Lathroum, Peggy Staarman and I attended the festivities.



*The Ribbon-Cutting for the Resource Pantry! Dr. Fiorentino, President of WCU holds the scissors.* Tori, a financial aid officer at the school, had personally been trying to meet the needs of homeless and financially disadvantaged students by keeping a supply of snacks in a box under her desk. She decided that her efforts were insufficient to help these students, and began to engage the help of Jodi and of the West Chester University Foundation. Sponsors donated the seed money to begin the project, which was first housed in a back room off the dining hall, where I found them last spring. At that time, they were serving just a few dozen students.

The facilities have grown, the networking has grown, and the finances have grown. Currently the center greets about 20 students per week, and offers not just food, but also academic support, cooking classes, instruction in financial literacy, and just plain friendliness. The West Chester Food Bank supplies much of the food. Students can take "field trips" to Wings for Success for advice in dressing professionally, and they leave with a bag of clothes appropriate for their jobs.



*In the kitchen: a well-stocked larder. A refrigerator (not seen) holds fresh produce from the Chester County Food Bank.*

At the entrance to the new offices is a design that focuses on the many aspects of this endeavor. Featured prominently on the wall is the certificate that AAUW presented to the center last year when we awarded them our Gateway to Equity Award, of which they are very proud.

I have delivered to the center two months of contributions from our members, including laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, and the most popular item at the center -- toilet paper! Gabby Singh, a VISTA volunteer who runs the daily operations, was very grateful for our donations, and promised to keep us informed of their needs. One thing that they will soon need is winter coats and jackets, for both men and women. Gabby just sent us an updated list of the Pantry's needs.

It's wonderful to help out such a meaningful, well-organized program



*Tori Nuccio shows clothing available to students.*

## **Resource Pantry Needs List:**

### *Clothing*

Coats, Jackets and other Winter wear for both men and women.

### *Personal Care:*

Tissues  
Toilet paper  
Women's deodorant  
Women's razors  
Toothpaste  
Lotion  
Shampoo & Conditioner

### *Other supplies:*

Paper towels  
Small bottles of laundry detergent  
Reusable Shopping Bags

### *School Supplies:*

Notebooks

### *Also consider:*

Individually wrapped snack/on the go food, such as Granola bars, nuts, & breakfast bars

### *Gift cards* such as:

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.

## **Reminder: A Change in Our Meeting Hospitality**

Starting in October, refreshments are donated by members of interest groups. FIG is providing refreshments for November meeting.

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.

## "PMP" Prospective Members Parties

--Phyllis Dunn



Four prospective members attended the Sips & Sliders PMP on September 26th. Left to right...Susan Skiles, Lyn Wildrick, Peggy Starrman, Sandy Alexander, Glen Sweet & Janet Vokoun.

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. The next PMP will be held on Nov. 8th, 5-7pm (prior to our branch meeting) at Avalon Bar & Restaurant, 116 East Gay Street in West Chester. Just bring a prospective member, buy a glass of wine (\$6) and have some fun. Hope to see you there. Contact Phyllis Dunn, [dunn.phyllis@gmail.com](mailto:dunn.phyllis@gmail.com) to rsvp.

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](mailto:dunn.phyllis@gmail.com).

## Fall Fundraiser – PECANS – PECANS – PECANS!

Pick up your pecans at the next meeting or contact Anne Anderko -- e-mail

[ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com).

As always, we appreciate your support.

Anne Anderko & Victoria Heimann



## Laundromat Library League

-Arlene Rengert & Terry Houle

We now have over 80 sites for the Library Boxes!!!! And we are growing. I don't think I've reported the 4-5 sites in or near East Stroudsburg PA, but they are up and running. Eventually there will be pictures on the Facebook page.

The Laundromat Library League is having a fundraiser on December -- the LLL will receive FIFTY PERCENT of what supporters spend on food and beverages from 5 to 9 when they turn in this flyer or show it on a device when they pay. Come and support this worthy cause!!!

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*See the last page of this newsletter for an event in December that will benefit the Laundromat Library League!*

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### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, November 1, etc. 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, except for the January 3 meeting, which will be held at Grove UMC. Meeting location will be announced as needed.

### 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@aauw.org](mailto: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.

### 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* at [pls@patriciaschultz.com](mailto: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](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com).

### WCU Harp fest XXVII

To celebrate 30 years of the Harp Program at West Chester University, *Professor Gloria Galante*, Director and Founder, invites you to a concert of harp music on November 12, 2017 at 3 PM.

The program features the WCU Harp Ensemble and Katherine Chmelko, Director of the Nazareth Academy Choir. The concert is FREE and will take place in WCU's Asplundh Hall, 700 S. High Street in West Chester, PA. Our own *Pat Bove*, a musician but new to the harp, is part of the Harp Ensemble.

### Congratulations Jenn Schultz

Jennifer Schultz has just heard that she was chosen by AAUW-PA to do a presentation at the AAUW state conference in April. Jenn pitched her student loan program as something that could be replicated in other branches – both as an informational tool, and as a membership recruitment opportunity. As you may recall, Jenn spoke about Student Debt last year to members of AWE, our WCU affiliate.

If you did not have a reason before to attend the state convention in Seven Springs, PA, you do now! We must all sign up and Jenn on!

## 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!

Remaining dates for 2017 are:  
November 17 & December 15

To have your name added to the e-mail list, contact Sandy Alexander at [frau.salexander@gmail.com](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com).

### Couples Bridge

A chair is needed. Please contact Barbara Lathroum [blathroum@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:khp65hp@verizon.net)

Lit I: Monday Afternoon Book Group This group meets on the third Monday of the month to discuss books of both fiction and non-fiction. The month's meeting is on Monday, November 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at Sandy Alexander's house, 308 North Snowden Court, Exton. The

group will discuss Ta-Nehisi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*.

Contact Sandy (610-363-7467) or Kay Philipps (610-399-0697).

The chosen books for the rest of the year are: *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](mailto:khphilipps@verizon.net).

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

Jean Speiser - [JeanSp@gmail.com](mailto:JeanSp@gmail.com)

Lit group II always meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month.

On November 15 we will discuss *Drift: the Unmooring of American Military Power*, by Rachel Maddow. Peggy Staarman will lead the discussion, at the home of Carol Zabriskie. If you want more information please get in touch with Jean Speiser ([JeanSp@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 group will meet on the last Friday of the month; time and location will be emailed. Contact Barb Lathroum if interested.





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#### **AAUW Mission Statement**

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

#### **AAUW Vision Statement**

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

#### **AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch Vision Statement**

The West Chester-Chester County Branch will

- Actively recruit members who support Association goals.
- Nurture these members through active Interest Groups, through monthly meetings with intellectual and social merit, and through member support.
- Sponsor at least one project per year with volunteers and with funds to promote Association and branch goals.
  - Sponsor at least one local scholarship per year for a nontraditional student
- Support programs for training and self-development of branch members to promote Association goals.
- Raise funds through community projects and member gifts to support Association goals.

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