



## AAUW some NEWS

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### **The MATERNAL CARE COALITION**

**SPEAKER: Lonnese Bodison**

**November 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Grove United Methodist Church**

Since 1980, the Maternity Care Coalition has assisted more than 100,000 families throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, focusing particularly on neighborhoods with high rates of poverty, infant mortality, health disparities, and changing immigration patterns. The mission of MCC is to improve maternal and child health and well-being through the collaborative efforts of individuals, families, providers, and communities.

*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

*“Democracy is essentially an act of faith.”*  
*John Hope Franklin*

Dear Members,

Many are sounding the alarm that this election is the most important one of our lives.

According to Nancy MacLean’s book ***Democracy in Chains***, our country’s voter turnout is 138<sup>th</sup> of 172 democracies in the world. Within two years of the 2010 midterm elections, legislators in forty-one states introduced 180 bills that would restrict who could vote and how they would vote. MacLean also asserts that “America has not witnessed such a burst of limits on voting rights since the calculated mass disenfranchisement instituted by the southern states a century ago.” The plan to thwart democracy must be stopped. Here are some ways we have been addressing voter turnout:

- The AAUW Action Fund has developed new voter education resources including updates to the Congressional Voting Record, the Voter Issue Guide, and the Get Out the Vote Toolkit. AAUW encourages members to help turn out the vote by making sure your friends and family know where and when to vote. More information can be found at [canivote.org](http://canivote.org). If you or anyone you know experiences a problem or witnesses one at the polls, AAUW wants you to call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE to report it.
- I know many of you have been registering voters with members of the League of Women Voters, helping with candidate forums sponsored by the LWV, volunteering for your political parties, working on specific campaigns, and holding and attending fundraisers. Our member Carolyn Comitta is hoping to win reelection as a PA Representative. There are other strong women candidates running for state and federal positions.

- Some of you belong to Chester County Marching Forward, a partisan group of women who are determined to “Get Out the Vote.” This group has produced an informative trifold, helped to register voters, contacted area high schools to distribute registration forms and non-partisan information about the election, painted those blue Vote Rocks, made and distributed signs, and visited Zone leaders. Regardless of political party affiliation, it is truly inspirational to see what a group of determined women can accomplish. I’m not sure of their plans after November 6, but I do see them “Marching Forward.”

Besides November 6<sup>th</sup>, there are a few other dates to remember. Please note that the May Banquet will be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>!! However, December is approaching quickly, so please plan to attend our Holiday Party that will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the lovely Ellerslie Farmhouse, part of the Kendal-Crossland Community. Please look for more information in the next newsletter.

I know all of you will vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Let’s all make an effort to persuade others that being an educated voter determines the strength of a democracy. I’m placing Vote Rocks on top of my neighbors’ mailboxes!

Best Wishes,  
Eva and Peggy

Peggy Staarman ([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net))  
Eva Kaufmann ([ekaufmann1@gmail.com](mailto:ekaufmann1@gmail.com))



## Large Turnout Hears from a Muslim Neighbor

--Jean Speiser

Bushra Quereshi, a friend of Cathy Palmquist's, spoke to a large turnout of members at our October meeting on the topic of "Getting to Know Your Muslim Neighbor." Indeed it felt like a friendly get-together over coffee with a neighbor or friend.



*Facilitator Cathy Palmquist and visitor Bushra Quereshi prepare for presentation to a large turnout of members at the October meeting.*

Ms. Quereshi told us that she had come to the United States in 2000 when her husband accepted a position at West Virginia University. Ms. Quereshi, a native of Pakistan, had not worn a headscarf in Pakistan. But once she arrived here she had the time and the inclination to read the Quran in her own language, rather than in Arabic, and decided to wear the hijab. She explained that although she read Arabic well enough to read the Quran in Arabic, it took on a new meaning and importance once she read it in her first language.

In addition, she was able to become active in her local mosque for the first time because in Pakistan women did not attend the mosque. But in the United States she met Muslims from many different countries with different traditions and customs and one of them included having women participate in the mosque.

Her family moved to Chester County after a few years and she has lived here ever since.



*Bushra Quereshi tells us about her family's life here in the United States.*

She feels very much an American and considers being here a blessing. Her children are Americans in every sense of the word. She acknowledges that raising a teenage girl (her daughter is 17) is difficult for any family but is perhaps more of a challenge for Muslim parents who must also make sure that their daughter is dressed modestly and in accordance with their religion. That means no shorts, no bare tummies, no clingy clothing. This is less of a problem with her two younger sons.

The family has rarely encountered racial bias or religious prejudice, although shortly before the 2016 election someone threw a rock through her daughter's bedroom window. The community rallied behind the family and Ms. Quereshi was very touched by the support.

## Events for 2018-2019

While the year's meetings, with details about topics and speakers are in the new Handbook, we are listing out the schedule for the entire year of meetings here in the newsletter to help you mark your calendar to hold space for them. Look it over, and consider inviting guests to topics of interest to them. Here goes . . .

- November 14: **The Maternal Care Coalition**, speaker Lonnesse Bodison
- December 9: **Holiday Party** at the Ellerslie Farmhouse at Crosslands Retirement Community, Kennett Square
- January 9, **Gerrymandering in Pennsylvania: What Now?** Speaker Carol Kuniholm, Director of Fair Districts

- February 9: **Self-Reliance is the Fine Road to Independence:** Mary Ann Shadd Cary, 1823-1893, speaker Robyn Young
- March 13: **Gardening with Native Plants**, speaker Sharon Richardson, Master Gardener
- April 10: **Improving the Care of Mothers and Children in Uganda and Zimbabwe**, speaker Dr. Chiwonesco Tinago
- **May 8: Annual Meeting and Banquet** (Picnic Style) at home of Carol Haaf

PLEASE NOTE the correction to the date for the Annual Meeting and Banquet – it will be held on **Wednesday, May 8, 2019.**

## FUNDRAISING – Piggies and Pecans

### Pecans Pecans Pecans

Thanks to all of you who made this year's pecan sale a success. As of this writing, we only have 7 bags of the plain extra large pecans left at \$13.50! I increased the order from last year to include an additional 48 bags of candied pecans and they all sold! Next month, I will be able to report our final profit numbers, but thanks again for your support. I will have your pecans at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, and if you cannot make it, other arrangements will be made.

Thanks for your support,  
Trish Alfano & Anne Anderko

### Remember PMP's - Prospective Members Parties

-- Phyllis Dunn

Do you have a friend or do you know someone who has voiced interest in knowing more about AAUW? If so, our PMP's are a perfect venue to introduce them to our organization. The 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:

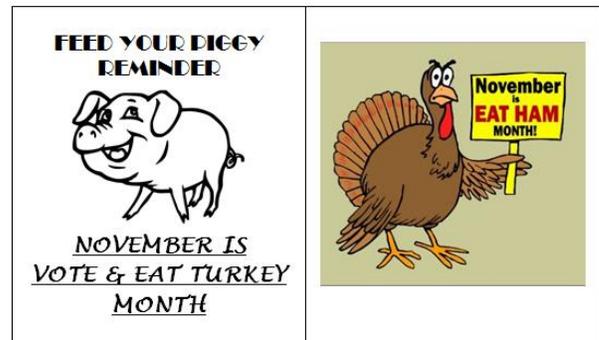
**November 13, 2018**

**Mix & Mingle at The Social 5-7pm**

**January 10, 2019**

**"Souper Dinner"...soup & salad**

### Feed Your Piggy



We started the new "Feed Your Piggy" Campaign by handing out porcelain piggies to all members who attended recent meetings. You are invited to feed your piggy to get rid of your loose change in the next nine months. It may seem like an insignificant amount to you, but when we combine the contents of all the banks, we'll have a nice sum to add to our treasury. If you did not pick up your piggy bank yet, they will be available again at the next meeting on November 14th.

At our May 8, 2019 pulled pork/BBQ feast you will return your "filled" pig and we will have a contest for the best decorated pigs.

# WCU Resource Pantry

*Eva Kaufmann*

There's good news and bad news.

The good news is that the West Chester University Resource Pantry is reaching many students. The data says that in the 2017-18 school year the number of students using the Pantry increased to 487 students, an increase of 600%. The Pantry distributed more than 9,000 pounds of food. In just the first few weeks of this 2018 fall semester, they have had 271 students come for 636 visits and pick up 2,200 pounds of food as well as 1,835 personal care items.

This past summer the Pantry had a renovation project. New shelving was built for the food and personal care items, and the room with the clothing was given a make-over, now resembling a department store. It's a small space, but offers a variety of professional clothing.

There are several new sponsors for the Pantry. Westminster Church has begun a major effort to support the Pantry with donations and cash. The Chester County Food Bank has upgraded the Pantry to provide dairy products and additional fresh vegetables. Aramark Dining Services is working with the Pantry to provide donations of food and vouchers for meals for desperate students.

Yes, there are desperate students. One story told of a shy Freshman boy from a low-income family who came to WCU in August with an academic scholarship and paid housing. He did not get a dining plan, and didn't know how to ask for one. He suffered in silence for three weeks until he admitted to his parents that he was very hungry. Many phone calls later, he now has a dining plan, provided in part through the Pantry and Aramark. (Cost of a dining plan: about \$1500 per semester, more than I paid for tuition for all 4 years. I know; I'm really showing my age here!)

The bad news is in staffing. Currently Catherine Pillings is the director of the daily

operations of the Pantry. Her salary is funded through an Americorps/VISTA grant. She is the third and last person to hold this one-year position. Next July her contract will end, and there will be no funds to hire a new person in this job. The directors of the Pantry, Kate Colyer and Tori Nuccio, will request new funding for this purpose from the University. Keep your fingers crossed that the University will agree!

More bad news: the major source of funding has been a charitable foundation that has now decided to fund a different University project. This makes donations by groups like ours even more vital. We have recommended that the Resource Pantry apply for the AAUW Community Grant, which has a max of \$7000. The encouraging thing here is that Kate has experience with grant-writing, and she has lots of data on the benefits of the program. It would be great if AAUW could help in this way.

## Laundromat Library League

Arlene Rengert announced at the October meeting that the Laundry Library League continues to grow; in just four short years it has 120 sites in twelve states and has distributed over 52,000 books!

## Book Drive Planned for LLL

It was noted at our October meeting that since this is the season when libraries are having book sales, buying appropriate books for the LLL at those sales would not only be a good way to pick up books to donate inexpensively, but would also support the local library.

Eva Kaufmann notes that this year our branch is planning a book drive to benefit the Laundromat Library League. She suggests that while you're out shopping this holiday season, you should keep an eye out for children's books. Second hand stores and yard sales are also a great source of gently used books! We will be collecting the books at our January meeting.

## Update on the Laundromat Library League's Grant Application

-- Peg Staarman

Our AAUW branch had hoped to help the Laundromat Library League secure an AAUW Community Action Grant. Unfortunately, the grant requires a specific measurable outcome. Because the LLL seeks mainly to encourage literacy at a fundamental level with free books, it does not do extensive research or keep statistical data that would be needed to fulfill the requirements. The company that oversees the grant applications, International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Incorporated, offered

suggestions to our inquiry about the feasibility of an LLL application. The company's representative recommended partnering with local school boards, so that the school systems can provide data regarding reading level to judge the effectiveness of the LLL's program to combat illiteracy. However, the board and LLL decided that the grant requirements were beyond the scope of and not compatible with the mission of the League. Thanks are due in any case to the members who offered to assist with preparing the grant application.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WATCH THIS SPACE!

*Editor's Note: We instituted this column as a regular feature in the newsletter to keep you informed about opportunities to become involved in activities that support our community. So watch this space!*

### 1. West Chester University Resource

**Pantry:** This organization is our Gateway to Equity Award recipient for a second year. This organization assists poor and homeless students at WCU. You can help by contributing supplies for the Pantry at our monthly meeting.

Watch for an email before the each meeting with an update on needed items. See related article above.

2. **West Chester Food Cupboard:** Donna Eaves has set up a monthly program to help out at the Food Cupboard that is located on Bolmar Street. Volunteers will spend an hour after the Food Cupboard has closed its doors for the day to sort through donations and to stock shelves. Contact Anne Anderko (ananderko@msn.com) if interested in helping.

3. **Laundromat Library League:** LLL places library boxes of children's books in laundromats as a way to get books into homes that may have few or none at all. Book donations are important, and LLL has frequent fund raisers. For more info see [www.laundromatlibraryleague.org](http://www.laundromatlibraryleague.org).

### 4. NEW OPPORTUNITY: Camp Dreamcatcher

Camp Dreamcatcher provides no cost therapeutic and educational programs to HIV/AIDS impacted youth and their families. The Camp's mission is to foster an atmosphere of tolerance, compassion, respect, and understanding through volunteer opportunities, services, and expanded community outreach.

Each year, Camp Dreamcatcher sponsors an "adopt a family" program for the holidays. In 2017, ninety-seven percent of the families receiving services from Camp were classified as low income. This program allows caregivers to provide their children with holiday gifts.

**This year the Chester County-West Chester branch of AAUW will sponsor a donation box for Camp Dreamcatcher.**

Anyone wishing to contribute a dollar or two to Camp Dreamcatcher's Adopt-a-Family Program may do so at the **November meeting**. The funds collected will be used to purchase needed gift cards for youth.

See next page for MORE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

## MORE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

5. **NEW OPPORTUNITY: GIST program at the Helicopter Museum:** GIST (Girls in Science & Technology) is a bi-weekly science-based enrichment program that meets for two hours on Saturdays at the Helicopter Museum in West Chester. This program offers girls the opportunity to learn science through hands-on activities and experiments mentored by female college students mentoring in STEM disciplines. The program, now in its 9th year, has a demonstrated track record of success, with large percentages of alumni reporting it was an important factor in encouraging them to pursue a STEM career.

Paul Kahan, Educational Programming Manager at the Helicopter Museum, has opportunities to help in three areas:

- 1) public speaking on your career;
- 2) mentoring / guidance to the college students conducting the program, and
- 3) monetary donations.

If interested, contact Paul Kahan at [pkahan@americanhelicopter.museum](mailto:pkahan@americanhelicopter.museum) or (610) 436-9600.

**AAUW Mission Statement:** *To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

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### Newsletter

Please let your editor know if you are interested in any of the tasks we need help with for our media or have other ideas. Contact me at [tgorkin@comcast.net](mailto:tgorkin@comcast.net).

**About timing:** The newsletter comes out on the first of each month. While I have been able to accept articles up to the last week of the month, it helps to have them by our “official” deadline of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

How to submit: Please send your articles as MS Word documents to me, Toni Gorkin, at [tgorkin@comcast.net](mailto:tgorkin@comcast.net) or gmail account: [aauwsumnews@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com).

### Facebook Page

Have you checked our Facebook Page? Thank you to Alice Lenthe for getting it up and running.

## Chapter Web Page

And check the Web Page at <https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/>. Thank you to Sandy Alexander for managing it.

## Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. They are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Generally they are held 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 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 that can be found on the address label of the Association publication (Outlook).

## Member News

-- Patricia Schultz/ Phyllis Dunn

Welcome to our newest members.

**Mary McCloskey** is the Assistant Zone Leader for the East Goshen Democrats and is very interested in AAUW and the programs we have planned and especially our community outreach and other activities. She is energetic and eager to volunteer after the election. Mary is referred by Patricia Schultz.

**Donna Pyne** is referred by Arlene Rengert. She is very active in LLL and her expertise in that endeavor will be of great use to our branch. She also has contacts with Grove Church and is interested in TIG.

I will have an addendum of new members at the next branch meeting. Make sure you pick one up at the Membership table.

Happy November!

## Member Notes

*In this section we feature activities in which our members are involved, with information how you can become involved too, if relevant.*

## Thank You Postcards



At the October meeting Mary Smith suggested members send postcards of support to Dr. Christine Blasey Ford

for courageously testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee. She distributed postcards for those members who wanted them. Mary had plans to collect the postcards be so that they could be sent altogether for convenience. However, it was suggested in a related email to the chapter that postcards should be sent individually because of potential mail screening for toxic substances.

## Rose Tree Pops Concert

The Rose Tree Pops will present its annual fall concert on November 11 at 3 pm. In recognition of Veteran's Day, the orchestra will perform a program of American music. Program highlights include Aaron Copland's Variations on a Shaker Melody, Richard Rogers' Victory at Sea, selections from George Gershwin's American in Paris, a tribute to Louis Armstrong, and Morton Gould's Yankee Doodle. The concert will be at the Marple Presbyterian Church, 105 North Sproul Road in Broomall, PA.

Come out and support **AAUW member Sandy Alexander**. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

## Gun Sense Chester County

-- Peggy Staarman

There was good news for those who want stronger gun laws. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the PA Senate passed the first successful anti-violence firearms legislation in more than a decade. The bill orders people in PA convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence or subject to final restraining orders to surrender their guns within 24 hours. It also eliminates the ability of the abuser to turn over his or her guns to family or friends. There have been 78 domestic violence-related homicides this year. The status of other PA gun legislation can be found on Gun Sense's website ([gunsensecc.com](http://gunsensecc.com)).

Gun Sense offers on its website a 2018 General Election Canvassing Kit to help educate voters about candidate positions on gun violence related issues. Also, the organization has published a Voter's Guide that gives candidates' answers to gun violence questions and a "common ground" rating that is based on each candidate's alignment with six positions held by a majority of those who do and do not own guns:

- Enacting a background check for every gun purchase
- Establishing a minimum age of 21 for gun purchases
- Banning bump stocks
- Enacting Emergency Risk Protection Order legislation
- Opposing the arming of teachers
- Requiring a permit for a concealed carry

On Tuesday, November 27 at 7:15, there will be a meeting at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on 101 Worthington Rd. in Exton to share ideas, strengthen the Gun Sense community, and to celebrate the vision of a future free of gun tragedies. The facilitator will be Bonalyn Mostellar, an organizational development professional who helps non-profit organizations create and implement plans.



Reminder as always: 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.

## AAUW NEWS



### Work Smart Online

AAUW introduces [Work Smart Online](#) — a *free* salary negotiation course to help women earn the pay they deserve! This easy, engaging e-tool will teach how women to:

- Learn the market value of your skills and experience
- Determine an equitable "target salary" based on your experience and skills
- Ask for — and get — the pay you deserve.

In surveys with participants, nearly all reported having more confidence and better negotiating skills after taking the class. AAUW urges you to urge your family, friends and followers to take [AAUW Work Smart Online](#) course and, if they like it to share it with their networks.

### Vote on November 6!

The [AAUW Action Fund](#) has developed new voter education resources in advance of the 2018 midterm elections, including updates to the Congressional Voting Record, Voter Issue Guide, and Get Out the Vote Toolkit. Help to encourage turnout in your community by making sure your friends and family know where and when to vote and what they need to do so. This information and more can be found at [canivote.org](http://canivote.org). If you or anyone you know experiences a problem or witnesses one at the polls, call the [Election Protection Hotline](#) at 1-866-OUR-VOTE to report it.

## Special Interest Groups

### Women's Social Bridge



The AAUW Chester County-West Chester Branch Women's Social Bridge meets once a month at 1 pm 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!

The dates for 2018-2019 are:

November 16

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

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 one of the presidents if interested.

### 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, November 11 at 12:30pm** – Brunch ordered from the menu at Side Bar and Restaurant, Second Floor, 10 East Gay St., West Chester. **RSVP by Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** to the host, Donna Eaves, [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com) or 610-692-5277.

FIG members will receive invitations by email. For more information or to join the group,

contact Donna Eaves, FIG chair. We are looking for members who would like to host or plan a meal at a restaurant in 2019. Please contact Donna if you are 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 Group I meets at 1:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be November 19, 2018. The group will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles.

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

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

Lit Group II meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday evening of the month in members' houses in the West Chester-Downingtown area. On **November 28** the group will discuss *The Trials of Nina McCall*, by Scott W. Stern. Please note the **special meeting date** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Jenn Schultz will lead the discussion at the home of Lyn Eaton.

For further information please get in touch with Jean Speiser at [JeanSp@Gmail.com](mailto:JeanSp@Gmail.com).



Of course *To Kill a Mockingbird* won. By the way, if you were following PBS's Great American Read – or even if you were not – you may find the list of 100 favorite

books interesting! Prep for June, when the Lit groups plan reads for the coming year.

## Great Decisions

We work with a book produced by the Foreign Policy Association called *Great Decisions* (cost \$30 ). It contains 8 topics and questions for discussion. Some topics this year include China's geopolitics, Turkey, and Global Health Issues. One person leads and all look for additional material. We meet at the West Chester Diner at 2:00 pm and generally spend approx. 2 hours. The first half hour is social. We usually meet on the second Monday in the month, but since we are a very small group we can be flexible. We would welcome new members. 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. Please contact Sandy Alexander ([frau.salexander@gmail.com](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com)), Mary Marco ([Mary.m.marco@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.m.marco@gmail.com)), or Jane McDowell ([jilmcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:jilmcdowell@gmail.com)) 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.

## TIG Outing to Winterthur

Join TIG on **December 12** for a Yuletide tour of Winterthur followed by lunch at Buckley's Tavern. Check your email or the branch website for the sign-up sheet. We need 15 participants to get the \$19 group ticket price. Deadline to sign up is November 14th.

Upcoming event - **January 23**: TIG outing to the Museum of the American Revolution. \$31 includes museum admission, a lecture entitled "Revolutionary Women: Writing about War" and a box lunch from Brûlée.

## 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 are 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.

The group will meet on **Friday, November 2** at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Carol Zabriskie.

The **December 7** meeting will be at the home of Patricia Schultz. The **January 4** meeting will be at the home of Jean Speiser.

For more information, contact Fran Pierce at [franpierce@verizon.net](mailto:franpierce@verizon.net).

## Walkers Group

On October 23, the Walking Group launched its new season by meeting at the Trestle Bridge Trail (officially the Brandywine Meadows Trail) off Rt. 322 near Downingtown.

The group plans to meet on Tuesdays at this location; parking is in the lot near the Trestle Bridge. They will leave promptly at 9 A.M. You can walk as fast and as far as you would like. Expect lots of talking and laughter. No emails will go out; just show up and be ready to shove off at 9:00 A.M.

"We don't walk in the rain or snow," says organizer Phyllis Dunn; "drizzle, yes . . . snow and rain, NO! No other emails will be sent out to remind anyone," she adds, "just show up and be ready to shove off at 9am on Tuesdays. Don't worry if you miss a walk; just show up the next Tuesday."

Contact Phyllis Dunn at [dunn.phyllis@gmail.com](mailto:dunn.phyllis@gmail.com) to be added to the email contact list.



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#### **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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