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Improving the Care of Mothers and Children in Uganda and Zimbabwe

***Presented by Dr. Chiwoneso Tinago
WCU Associate Professor of Public Health & AAUW International Fellow***

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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

Chiwo will discuss her work in Africa advancing the care of mothers and babies. The Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation recently awarded a grant to Chiwo to continue her work.

Refreshments: The Board

Directions to Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380: From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road, turn left, and go toward the intersection of Boot Road and Whitford Road. The church is on the left before you reach the intersection. Find additional direction information at www.grovechurch.org or 610-696-2663.

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Letter from the Presidents

Hello Members,

Welcome spring! Ahhh, warm afternoons, and the first blooms of the season!

Our branch has been very busy, and this month will be no exception. We had an outstanding speaker in Sharon Richardson, a master gardener, who explained why pollinators are a link in the web of life. It may be hard to get used to the idea that insects in the garden chewing on plants is a welcome sight, but when viewed in the context of the life of butterflies and birds, the picture becomes clear. It was a fascinating presentation and was well-received by our group!

This month has also seen GETT, with more than 950 girls descending on Phoenixville Middle School to learn about STEM. The Expo has hand-on activities, designed to engage the girls, and the program overall focuses on careers for girls in math and science. Thanks to Jenn Schultz and her team of volunteers who offered an activity on the topic of States of Matter.

In a few days we will have our second Leadership event with the Girl Scouts of Eastern PA. We will be hosting about 30 girls, age 12-14, to hear about community service, and with the aid of our branch volunteers, will brainstorm ideas on creating their own community service project, which will be the basis for their Silver Awards. Many thanks to Mimi Jones for organizing this event!

This month at our regular meeting we will hear from one of our own members, Chiwoneso Tinago. The Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation recently awarded her a grant to continue her work helping mothers and babies in Uganda and Zimbabwe. We're looking forward to hearing about Chiwo's important work.

At this meeting we will also be collecting items for the Resource Pantry. It will be our last

collection for this wonderful organization, so let's make it a generous one!

Your officers are exploring some collaboration opportunities involving the Eastern Delco branch of AAUW, beginning with a way to recognize high school juniors for their efforts in community service. We will be discussing if this is a program we might begin in our branch next year.

Fran Pierce and her team are looking for candidates for branch officers for the coming year. We will vote on the nominees at our May meeting. If you would like to suggest a candidate, or if you would like to be considered for an office, contact Fran!

Enjoy the lovely spring weather and the many activities that AAUW offers you this time of year!

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WCU Resource Pantry

Our branch is completing its two-year support of the WCU Resource Pantry through the Gateway to Equity Award. This was the first time that the award was given to the same organization for two years in a row. When we began our support, the Pantry served a few students a week, and now it serves about 100 a week, not only providing food and personal supplies, but also counseling for academics as well as for financial independence upon graduation.

Our April meeting marks our last collection for this wonderful organization. Let's overwhelm them with generous contributions! They always appreciate paper products, such as napkins, paper towels, tissues and TP. They also love shampoo, dish detergent and laundry detergent. A list of acute needs will be e-mailed before our next meeting.

Thank you to all of our members for your generous support of this wonderful program!!

GETT 2019: A Huge Success

Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology, GETT, was a huge success! Held at Phoenixville Middle School, this year's event attracted more than 957 girls and about 315 parents and educators.

Our branch had a hands-on activity table at the Expo on the topic of States of Matter, organized by Jenn Schultz. Suzy DeGeorge's kitchen was "transformed by Jenn and her team, who made hundreds of cups of Ooblek, a mixture of corn starch and other materials, that has the unusual ability of being able to change from solid to liquid and back to solid. The table attracted hundreds of curious girls during the day, all of whom loved playing with the goopy stuff, as well as checking out the other cool activities at the table.



Jenn Schultz explains states of matter, using "ooblek" mixture that changes from a liquid to a solid when pressed.

In addition to the Expo table, we had a table for parents to offer information on AAUW. Many parents who stopped by expressed their

appreciation for our work to promote opportunities for women and girls. Several were interested in attending one of our meetings.



Above: AAUW volunteers engage girls in states of matter discussion. Below: Girls check out more information about states of matter. And play with ooblek.



Many thanks to Mary Smith, one of the organizers of the event, as well as our members who volunteered to work at the table with Jenn: Sandy Alexander, Jane Schultz, Anne Anderko, Trish Alfano and Janet Turner.

Master Gardener Speaks on Gardening for Pollinators

-- Jean Speiser

Sharon Richardson, a certified Master Gardener, spoke to us at our March branch meeting. She discussed the importance of preserving and supporting the native landscape in order to keep the air we breathe clean and our grounds free both from drought and flood. She started the presentation with a short and very informative video from Doug Tallamy, whom she described as the most articulate speaker in the field, on the importance of keeping our pollinators and how best to do that.

Almost all pollinators – a term that refers to insects and birds but, surprisingly, also to some rodents such as voles – have evolved to depend on a very specific diet and very specific plants. If those plants disappear so does the species. For example, Sharon explained that the monarch butterfly eats milkweed and nothing else. Milkweed used to be widespread. As suburban development and the idea of the neat and tidy lawn have grown, it has become increasingly scarce because it isn't a neat and tidy plant. Its decline has created a concomitant decline in the monarch butterfly population. She strongly urged all of us to plant at least five milkweed plants, and sit back and watch the butterflies return.

Pollinators require shelter, food, water, and habitat preservation. Providing and preserving all of these requirements go a long way to supporting what both speakers referred to as the “food web.” The concept of a “food chain” is too linear to describe the interdependent relationship among plants and pollinators. For example, certain plants not only feed the small rodent population, but their seeds also require passage through the rodent's intestinal tract and then are dropped on the ground, often at some distance from the parent plant, in order to germinate. Thus “network,” not “web.”

She also discussed the concept of thinking about layered plantings in order to feed the various pollinators near us. Some birds and

insects feed on the upper canopy of tall trees, others on plants close to the ground, still others on plants between the two extremes. Trees can support an amazing variety of pollinators. Oaks may support more than 500 species of desirable birds and insects per tree.

One of the best things we can do is to select native plants to support our pollinators since aliens do not provide food for our native pollinators. A burning bush may look lovely in the autumn to humans, but where it grows looks like a desert to a native bird. However, even if we lack space to plant everything she suggests, even a few pots of herbs will help. Shelter, water, food, habitat preservation, native plants – cheaper and less work!

Ten Things You Can Do to Make a Difference

--Sharon Richardson

1. **Plant ‘productive’ plants**, which means mostly native. Remember that ‘a productive plant’ is one that supports biodiversity either as a food source or habitat. Plant for succession through the seasons – even winter!
2. **Provide a water source.**
3. **Provide habitat.** This may mean being less neat in the winter, leaving some dead trees/stumps for habitat.
4. **Remove invasive plants** – even if they are pretty, they are choking/smothering out productive plants.
5. **Avoid using pesticides.** Remember that 97% of the insect population consists of ‘beneficial bugs’.
6. **Support local bees and beekeepers.**
7. **Conserve all of our resources;** use less and reduce your impact. (continued on next page)



Ten Things You Can Do (continued)

8. **Reduce the amount of lawn purposefully.** Remember that an expansive lawn is part of the problem, not part of the solution. Lawns do very little to support biodiversity or prevent storm run-off which pollutes our fresh water sources. Use it for play areas, paths, etc.
9. **Support the work of groups promoting science based, practical efforts for pollinators.**
10. **Reach out to others: inform and inspire.** Keep in mind that National Pollinator Week is June 17-June 23, 2019. Certify your pollinator garden as a way to inform/educate your neighborhood

More Information about Sustainable Gardening

-- Toni Gorkin



As follow-up promised at Sharon Richardson's presentation, here are some additional sources of information about gardening to support pollinators and sustain the environment.

The handouts provided at the meeting will be emailed to the membership; they include "Best Plants for Bees," "Best Plants for Birds," and Best Plants for Butterflies" (from American Beauties Native Plants, abnativeplants.com) and "Native Pollinator Plants Arranged by Bloom Time," from the Penn State Extension.

Books:

- *Bringing Nature Home*, by Doug Tallamy
- *The Living Landscape*, by Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy
- *Planting in a Post-Wild World*, by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West
- *Native Plants of the Northeast*, by Donald J. Leopold

- *Attracting Native Pollinators*, by the Xerces Society
- *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants*, by Christopher Kline

Places to Visit

- The Meadow Garden at Longwood Gardens (lots to see all year long)
- Mt. Cuba Center in Hockessin (see the trilliums in early spring!!)
- Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve in New Hope (wonderful in early spring)

Websites

- Check out the plant database and blog at Audubon's website: www.audubon.org/Native_Plants/Da-tabase

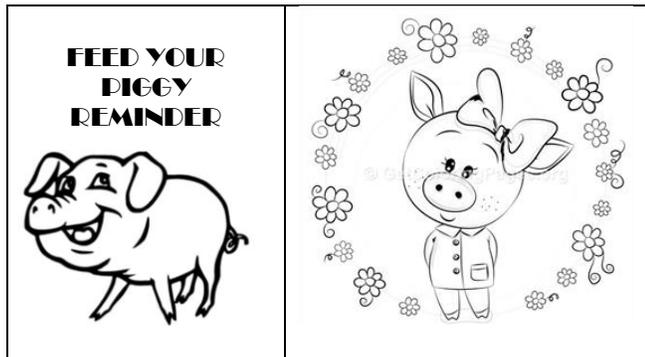
Plant Sales

There are several plant sales the first and second weekends in May that will have native plants.

As a member of the **West Chester Garden Club**, Eva Kaufmann would like to invite you to their annual plant sale! It will take place on **May 3rd and 4th** at the Landhope Farms parking lot at the corner of Rt 926 and Rt 82. We will have a large variety of plants, including flowers, herbs and vegetables! Native trees will be available only on Saturday, May 4th. Check the website to place your order for native trees in advance of the sale: westchestergardenclub.org

Check out the **Uwchlan Women's Club Garden Class Plant Sale** on **Saturday, May 4**, at the **Uwchlan Meeting House**, on Rte 113 in Lionville, **from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

FUNDRAISING Feed Your Piggy



At our May 8, 2019 pulled pork/BBQ feast, you will return your "filled" piggy and we will have a contest for the best decorated pigs. Please bring your piggy in a bag or box to turn in at the display tent*. We want to keep secret who belongs to each pig to help make the voting process fair.

*If you can't make it to the May banquet, you may also return your filled and decorated pig at the April meeting or send along with another member and we will include it in the contest. [If you don't have lots of change around the house we will also accept paper bills or checks. Make out checks to AAUW- West Chester - Chester County Branch.

All of the Feed Your Piggy money collected will be donated to the Laundromat Library League.

Come Paint Your Pig

-- Fran Pierce

You are invited to join a group of branch members on Thursday, April 18, at "The Pottery Place" in Downingtown to decorate your AAUW Piggy Bank. "The Pottery Place" is located inside the "United Sports" complex which is on Marsalton-Thorndale Road in West Bradford Township, just outside of Downingtown. It is one of the little shops

inside the sports center, and it is owned by my sister, Chris. She will provide us with a comfortable place to sit to paint our piggies along with all the ceramic paint and supplies we need, and will then fire the piggy banks for us if we wish. All this for just **\$5 per person!**

We can gather there as early as 6:30 if anyone wants to grab something to eat at their little cafe' -- then we can go into the shop and get some tips from Chris on painting and decorating our banks until around 8:30 to finish our "artwork."

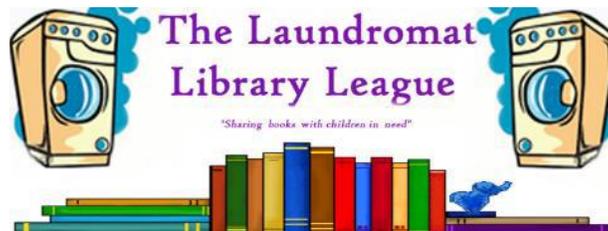
If you are interested in attending, you can pay at the shop, but **I must know how many will attend** in order to tell Chris how many seats to have and how much paint to have on hand. You can RSVP to Fran Pierce anytime up until Friday, April 12. Just send me an email with the words "Piggy Bank" in the subject line and you can just leave the message, "yes I will attend" or "no I can't attend." I hope we can get a good group to join in this fun activity! But seats are limited, so sign up early!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WATCH THIS SPACE!

1. **West Chester University Resource Pantry:** This organization has been 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. Keep an eye out for an up-dated list of their needs, which will be e-mailed to members in the coming week.
2. **West Chester Food Cupboard:** For those of you that would like to volunteer just once a month for an hour to help out the West Chester Cupboard located at 431 Bolmar Street, please e-mail Anne at ananderko@msn.com. We normally meet the last Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 getting things ready for the next day -- no heavy lifting. We usually

have 10 volunteers to help but we can take more. We are getting into the summer months when many of you may have conflicts with vacations so now is the time to let me know if you want to be put on the list. I send out a notice a week before and ask if you can help or not. Hope you can join us. It is a great cause. Thanks to all of you that are already helping out.

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. See also related articles in this issue and flyer for Isaac's fundraiser at the end.



Fundraiser Set

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

The flyer to bring is included at the end of this newsletter.

WHEN: Sunday, May 5, 2019, **11:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

WHERE: LIONVILLE/EXTON—Call 484-875-5825 for Takeout Crossroads Square, 630 W. Uwchlan Avenue, Exton 19341 **AND LITITZ ISAAC'S** – Call 717-625-1181 for Takeout -- 4 Crosswinds Drive, Lititz 17543

HOW: Bring the flyer with you or show it on your phone and hand in when paying. If you do not have the flyer, please make sure to tell your server you are there to support the fundraiser for Laundromat Library League. This form can be used for Dine-In, Takeout & Online Orders at www.isaacrestaurants.com. Use coupon code **FUND** for online fundraiser orders!

P.S. The next fundraiser after this will be June 20th at Snap Pizza, 4:30-8:30 (Exton only).

Laundromat Library League Fast Facts

As of January 1, 2019:

- **4 12 years**=Total years in existence.
Founded Fall 2014
- **137**=Total number of participating sites with Library Boxes of children's books
 - **85**=Participating sites in Pennsylvania
 - **19**=Participating sites in New Jersey
 - **33**=Participating sites in **10** other states (AR, AZ, CA, CT, DE, ID, NC, NY, OH, VA)
- **60**=Number of children's books in each Library Box: includes books for toddlers through teens
- **Over 68,000**=Total number of donated children's books. (Additional books purchased as needed.)
- **350**=Number of volunteers in the LLL network who support the goals of the operation.
- **\$3,000**=Annual operating budget (not including purchase of books)

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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.

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 10th. How to submit: Please send your articles as MS Word documents to me, Toni Gorkin, at tgorkin@comcast.net.

Facebook Page

Don't forget to check our Facebook Page. It's **AAUW Chester County PA**. 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.

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).

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. All members are invited to attend.

NOTE: Because of the Junior Recognition Night sponsored by the Eastern Delaware County Branch of AAUW being held April 3, the April board meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Eva Kaufmann, 717 Isaac Taylor Drive in West Chester.

Member News and Notes

Arlene Rengert Attended Literacy Summit

Arlene Rengert recently attended the LaundryCares Literacy Summit, held March 19-20 at Chicago's Union League. Three organizations sponsored the event, the LaundryCares Foundation, an outreach arm of the national organization of Coin Laundry Owners; the "Too Small To Fail" initiative within the Clinton Foundation; and the nonprofit Libraries without Borders. Representatives from over 35 organizations concerned with children's literacy presented and/or spoke on panels, including Arlene who represented the Laundromat Library League. Keynote speakers included Chelsea Clinton, who also did a demonstration story-reading to children in a Chicago laundromat.

Arlene notes that "The best part of all this for me was the networking. There are lots of AMAZING people and organizations that care about children's literacy and closing the gap between children who come to kindergarten "ready" and those who are way behind before they even start."

Chester County Marching Forward

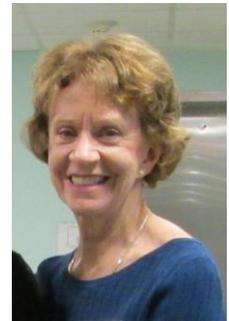
-- Peggy Staarman

A group of concerned women continues to meet at Panera's in Exton each Monday night. The group is one of many activist women organizations that have emerged across the region. The women are very committed to increasing voter engagement and enfranchisement in Chester County. Although the group is partisan, it has published an updated trifold to educate citizens about the May 21st primary. It includes a history of the primary system, lists the offices that are being contested, informs voters who can and cannot vote in a primary, and gives the website (VotesPA.com) that allows a voter to register, update information, change party affiliation, request an absentee ballot, and to get instructions for military and overseas voting. If you are interested in obtaining a trifold, please contact Peggy Staarman at peggstaar@verizon.net.

Farewell to Terry

-- Cathy Palmquist

Sixteen AAUW friends gathered recently at Bonefish in Exton to say goodbye to Terry Houle, our wonderful co-vice president of programs for our branch. Terry and her husband, Tom, have moved to California. Before she got away, we all wanted to thank Terry for



her many contributions to our branch. Not only did she work tirelessly with Mimi Jones and Barbara Lathroum on monthly programs, she and Tom hosted a holiday party, several branch activities, she helped decide on projects with board members, and participated in most events. Terry was one of our friendliest members, and always greeted guest speakers and members alike with a warm smile. She will be missed here, but perhaps she will join another AAUW branch near her new home, and share her many talents with other AAUW members. Thanks so much, Terry! We wish you and Tom the very best in your new home.

GunSenseUs – Overview of PA Gun Laws

--Peggy Staarman

In light of the tragic shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, branch members may want to know the current gun laws in Pennsylvania. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced a national ban on all military-style automatic weapons, all high-capacity ammunition magazines, and all parts that allow weapons to be modified into the kinds of guns used in the attack. GunSenseUs gives an overview of gun purchase laws in Pennsylvania on its website. The following information is taken from that overview:

- If you would like to buy a handgun in the state, you must be 21 years old, purchase the gun through a federally licensed firearms dealer, and pass a background check by paying a fee and completing a form. The background check consists of a three-page form that is run through the PICS, the PA background check system. Most checks take just minutes.
- There are certain people who cannot buy handguns ranging from convicted felons sentenced to a term of over one year to those convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

For a long gun, you must be 18 and complete a background check IF you buy one from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

However, you can buy through a “private purchase” where there is no background check. It is up to the seller to determine the legitimacy of the sale. Long guns include hunting rifles, shotguns, and semi-automatic guns.

You can buy as many guns as you would like during a purchase.

Pennsylvania is an “open carry” state.

- Any legal gun owner can carry a gun in plain sight in any location except within a Class One City (Philadelphia).
- Carrying a concealed gun requires a Concealed Carry License. Pennsylvania is also a “shall issue” state that means the Sheriff “shall issue” the license unless the sheriff finds a good reason why the

applicant is not suitable. This license allows the gun owner to carry a concealed weapon onto any private property unless the owner has posted “no firearms” or told the gun carrier that guns are prohibited. Exceptions include U.S. Post Offices, schools, military bases, and some courthouses.

- The loaded firearm may be carried in the cabin of the owner’s vehicle.

The House of Representatives has passed a Universal Background Check Bill (HR8). The US Senate is considering the companion bill (S42). Senator Casey is a co-sponsor of the bill. If you are concerned about sensible gun legislation, please call Senator Toomey to ask him to co-sponsor this bill and urge him to request his fellow senators to do the same.

AAUW IN WASHINGTON and the STATE HOUSE



Gear Up for Equal Pay Day

This year’s Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 2. Equal Pay Day symbolizes the day when women’s earnings “catch up” with men’s earnings from the previous year, and is a powerful occasion to raise awareness about the gender pay gap in your area. You can [check out these resources for tips on organizing advocacy activities for Equal Pay Day](#). Across the country, many AAUW advocates tie their state lobby days to Equal Pay Day, visiting their legislators to talk about the importance of closing the gender pay gap and encouraging them to pass strong policies. AAUW has lots of materials to help you make your case. They include state-specific roadmaps on the [Gender Pay Gap by State and Congressional District](#) and our research report, [The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap](#). Reminder as always: The AAUW Action Network (AAUW Action Network advocacy@auw.org) continues to send out statements about the legislation under consideration in Congress.

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 2019 are:

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.

Couples Bridge

A chair is needed. Please contact one of the presidents if interested.

Mah Jongg

For anyone interested in joining the Mah Jongg group, contact Jennifer Schultz at attorneyjenn@gmail.com for details. Newcomers are welcome - we can teach you how to play.

FIG (Food Interest Group)

Next event: Sunday, April 28— A soup dinner at the home of Eva and Al Kaufmann. FIG members will receive invitations by email in early April. 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 during the remainder of the year. 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- (khphilipps@verizon.net).

The afternoon Lit Group will meet on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 1pm for refreshments and at 1:30pm for discussion at Cindy Knisley's house. Dorothy von Gerbig will lead the discussion of *A House Made of Dawn* by N. Scott Momaday. Please call your hostess at 610-864-9201 if you plan on attending. Any questions? Call chair Kay Philipps at 610-399-0697.

LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

Lit Group II meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month; in April we meet on the 17th at Mimi Jones's house in Downingtown. Our book is *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields with Barb Lathroum leading the discussion. Please get in touch with Jean Speiser (JeanSp@Gmail or 610-738-3363) if you have questions or want more information. And if you plan to attend, make sure that Mimi knows to expect you: danandmimi1@verizon.net

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

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), Mary Marco (Mary.m.marco@gmail.com), or Jane McDowell (jlmcdowell@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.

April 13 – 3:00 p.m. Curtis Symphony concert at Immaculata University

Curtis Symphony at Immaculata University on April 13th: Impressionists and Romantics. You should have submitted your reservation and \$\$ to Jane no later than March 22.

April showers bring may flowers, so we have decided to move the visit to the Morris Arboretum to Tuesday, May 21st. More information to come soon!

Preview of coming attraction in September:
Costuming the Crown exhibit at Winterthur!

Needlework Group

The Needlework Club meets regularly on the First Friday morning of each month. Meetings begin at 10 A.M. but scheduling may change (emails will announce) and members stay until around noon or can leave whenever necessary.

April 5 – Home of Jean Speiser
NOTE CHANGE of location.

Please contact Fran Pierce if you have any questions or would like more details about the upcoming meetings. franpierce@verizon.net

Walkers Group

The group plans to meet on Tuesdays at the Trestle Bridge Trail (officially the Brandywine Meadows Trail) off Rt. 322 near Downingtown. 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! Don’t worry if you miss a walk; just show up the next Tuesday.” Contact Phyllis Dunn at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com to be added to the email contact list.



Join us for our
Community Day Fundraiser
benefiting
Laundromat Library League

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, **LIONVILLE/EXTON** and **LITITZ ISAAC'S** is hosting a "Community Day" fundraiser benefiting **Laundromat Library League**. Enjoy a meal out with your family and friends while supporting our efforts to make children's books available to homes in which there may be few or none. We hope you will come out and support us!

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

AND

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

WHEN: **Sunday, May 5, 2019. 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

HOW: **Bring this flyer with you or show it on your phone and hand in when paying. If you do not have the flyer, please make sure to tell your server you are there to support the fundraiser for Laundromat Library League.**

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

Use coupon code **FUND** for online fundraiser orders!

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

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



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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.

www.aauw.org www.aauwpa.org wccc-pa.aauw.net