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AAUW West Chester - Chester County Branch Gardening With Native Plants

***Presented by Sharon Richardson
Master Gardener***

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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

Sharon will explain the importance of native plants to environmental sustainability and the value of the “environmental services” our plants provide, including clean air, pollination support, and supportive habitat for birds, insects, and other wildlife. She will explain how our current gardening practices arose and how they can be made more sustainable to benefit the environment. Sharon is a member of the PA Master Gardener Speaker’s Bureau, an Instructor at Immaculata University’s Life Long Learning Institute, author in the Garden Writers Association, a Keystone Gardener and member of the Hardy Plant Society.

Refreshments: Bridge Group, TIG, Needlework Group, and Walkers Group

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,

I returned from sunny Phoenix to sleet and snow in Philadelphia. Phyllis Dunn, I can see why you and Dan enjoy these winter months in Arizona. Let's hope that March behaves itself!

Thank you, Eva, for your leadership at our February brunch that featured a wonderful speaker, Robyn Young, who described the life of Mary Ann Shadd Cary. The February 3rd New York Times Sunday Review included an article "When the Suffrage Movement Sold Out" about the disconcerting story of the passage of the 19th Amendment. White women celebrated, but African American women continued to be defrauded by voting requirements and threatened by violence for trying to register. Mary Ann Shadd Cary admired the ideas of the National Women's Suffrage Association, but she was spurned by any association with the cause of black suffrage. The Association considered the disenfranchisement of black women to be a race problem, not a gender problem. I regret missing such an informative presentation. Thanks also go to our Program Vice-Presidents Barbara Lathroum and Terry Houle for their planning and preparation for the brunch as well as to our fundraising team of Anne Anderko and Trish Alfano who directed our successful White Elephant sale.

Our speaker this month is Sharon Richardson, a Pennsylvania Master Gardener who will talk about the importance of nurturing native plants. Our facilitator, Toni Gorkin, is an environmentalist herself. Toni's photo was included in the February 18th edition of the Daily Local News. Toni is a member of Uwchlan Township's Environmental Advisory Council. Its recommendation to transition to 100% renewable energy in line with international and national commitments to address the climate change crisis was endorsed by the Uwchlan Township supervisors. The plan will be reviewed by Earth Day on April 22, 2020. Congratulations to Toni and her team!

We congratulate another member, Octavia Warren-Ward on her efforts to encourage STEM interest by her young students. A group of AAUW members visited Octavia's classroom and were inspired by the enthusiasm and interest of her all-girl junior robotics team. Don't forget to volunteer for the annual GETT event on March 23, 2019.

The winners of the branch awards have been determined. The Gateway to Equity Award goes to Decade to Doorways, an organization that is devoted to preventing and ending homelessness in Chester County. We will invite a representative from this organization to our May banquet. Since there is no State Convention this year, the winners of the Outstanding Woman Award and the Member Making a Difference Award will be honored in the May Keystoner. We will announce these winners at the May banquet along with the coveted Peg Anderson award.

March is traditionally Membership Month for AAUW. Phyllis Dunn and Pat Schultz have done an incredible job of recruiting new members this year. Please help them by bringing your friends and neighbors to our monthly meetings, by participating in Phyllis's PMPs, and by telling your new acquaintances about the mission of AAUW and the branch activities.

Please remember the following dates:

- February 24: Mary Pinkney's 105th birthday. Send a belated card if you missed this milestone!
- March 10: Community Day Fundraiser at the Lionville/Exton Isaac's from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Consult www.laundromatlibraryleague.org for details.
- March 23: GETT at Phoenixville Area Middle School from 1:00-5:00. Information can be found at www.gettpa.org. To volunteer at our (CONTINUED on next page)

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EXPO table, contact Jenn Schultz at attorneyjenn@gmail.com.

- Equal Pay Day: April 2
- April 7: Girl Scout Tea from 1:00-3:00. The place will be determined. Volunteers who have PA State clearances will be needed.
- April 27: AHHAH 5K/1K Run/Walk for Children's Literacy in Kennett Square. For more information, visit www.AHHAH.org.
- May 8: May Banquet at the home of Carol Haaf.

We hope to see you at one or more of our many activities!

Eva Kaufmann (ekaufmann1@gmail.com)

Peggy Staarman (peggstaar@verizon.net)

Members Visit Robotics Program

-- Jean Speiser

In the early evening of February 13, some of us had the opportunity to visit member Octavia Warren-Ward's remarkable robotics program in Coatesville. Thanks to the sponsorship of a local church, Octavia is able to bring hard science to the participants at an age-appropriate level. We observed the program for the youngest participants – in this particular instance all girls – who range in age from six through ten.

After a short period of settling in, the girls donned their lab coats and got to work. They spent some time working with Legos and then returned quietly to their seats for the evening's highlight, a question and answer session via Skype with NASA engineer Dawn Myers.

Once the girls were comfortable with the format, they asked a lot of questions, among them: do the astronauts have to wear their helmets all the time? How did you get interested in becoming a scientist? Are there aliens on the moon? Do rocket ships use the same kind of fuel that powers cars? Octavia

had worked at NASA when she was younger, and we are delighted that she maintained her connections and was able to bring this presentation to her students and to us. Octavia's commitment to STEM education for girls is long-standing, and she has brought girls to GETT for many years.



AAUW members join Octavia Warren-Ward's Robotics class exchanging Q&A with NASA Engineer Dawn Myers via Skype.

Reminder: GETT (Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology) on March 23, 2019

-- Mary Allain Smith

Reminder to get ready for the 19th annual GETT 2019 – Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology – at Phoenixville Area Middle School from 1:00 to 5:00 pm on March 23, 2019. Check out videos from years past and all the information at www.gettpa.org. The organizers expect that more than 900 girls will attend. Volunteers signed up at the February brunch to help Jennifer Schultz at our AAUW EXPO table. She is doing States of Matter. Her email is attorneyjenn@gmail.com if you are interested. Even if you cannot volunteer, make a point to stop by and see the excitement.

912 girls (5th to 10th grades), 324 parents and educators attended GETT 2018 to explore 106 Expo tables, each including unique hands-on activities. We are expecting even more attendees for GETT 2019. Exciting Special Guest Emcee to be announced soon!

Robyn Young Speaks at February Brunch

“Self-Reliance is the Fine Road to Independence” was the title of Robyn Young’s talk at the February brunch. It was the story of Mary Ann Shadd Cary, 1823-1893, a very accomplished black woman who was a teacher, editor, abolitionist, and lawyer from West Chester, PA. However, the description might also have applied to Robyn herself, founder of Hera’s House and successful force as the “Marker Lady” in having at least ten historical markers placed around the area commemorating women and their achievements.



Robyn Young

With regard to Mary Ann Shadd Cary, we learned that she was born a free black in Kennett Square, and married one of the Hessian soldiers quartered there. Mary Ann’s father was an abolitionist and his family had a strong relationship with the Quakers of the area. Robyn punctuated her talk with pictures from

historic archives showing the buildings in which Mary Ann lived and taught. Mary Ann was a dedicated teacher who struggled to establish schools for black children in New York, Canada, and elsewhere. She started a newspaper, becoming the first woman publisher in North America, but using her initials to hide that she was a woman. She attended Harvard Law School, being the second woman in the U.S. to graduate. Mary Ann was principal of a school in Washington, D.C., and she spoke before Congress on women’s suffrage.

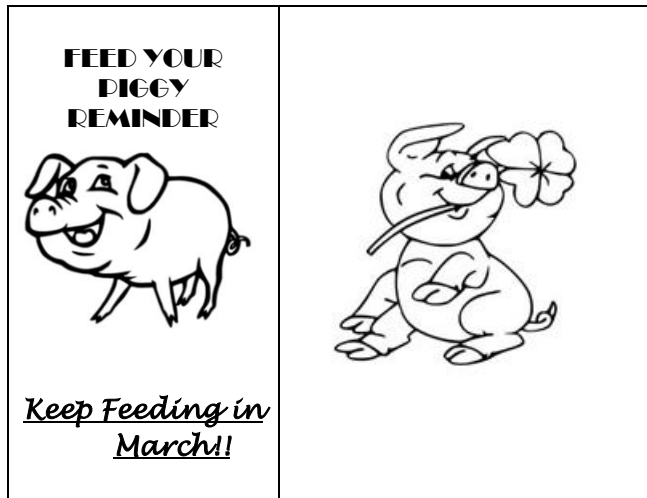
But equally engrossing to our brunch attendees was Robyn’s description of her own “road” and especially the process required for her to have a historical marker set up for women like Mary Ann Shadd Cary. Robyn has successfully gotten at least ten markers erected, with several more submitted for approval. The process takes several years for each, including deep research and documentation of the target woman, writing and submitting a petition to the Commonwealth, and if approved, raising the \$2500 required to erect each marker within two years.

Robyn described her own life, finding a career working as an assistant to lawyers, and discovering the important message that “you should value yourself and your contribution despite not having a sheepskin.” She found herself contributing to, and ultimately conducting a radio show in West Chester on historic topics. The ten approved markers Robyn has seen erected include one for the woman who named the slinky toy, and the one who made Hawk Mountain into a reserve. She was unable to raise the money in time for Mary Ann Shadd Cary’s marker, but she continues to work toward the goal of seeing two markers put up in each state for the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage next year.

Robyn has published a book describing the women she has researched, ***Women in Penn’s Woods***. It contains pictures of her markers. “Markers are like tearing a page out of a history book and putting it up on the roadside,” Robyn says, for all to see.

FUNDRAISING

Feed Your Piggy



Keep feeding your piggy to get rid of your loose change. 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. 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.

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

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.

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: A

monthly program has been set up 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.

4. GETT 2019:

volunteers are needed to assist Jennifer Schultz at our EXPO table. Her email is attorneyjenn@gmail.com. She is doing States of Matter.

Laundromat Library League Book Drive News

-- Patricia Schultz

Thanks to all who donated books and helped apply the labels for our AAUW LLL Book Drive. We collected 480 books mostly from AAUW but one box was donated by a fellow East Goshen Committee person! Mimi and Dan Jones were gracious enough to store the books in their home and rewarded our labeling with a wonderful lunch! AND they delivered the books to the West Chester Friends storage unit, which was an adventure. We will continue to accept monetary donations which can be given at the monthly meetings or mailed to me. I will make sure they are sent to Arlene.

Support Children's Literacy

-- Arlene Rengert

Laundromat Library League participants and supporters, this April 27th event is worth spreading news about. It's a 5K run, 1 K walk for children's literacy. The LLL is not directly involved, but we work with AHHAH, which is a principal organizer of it, and we certainly support what they do as they support what we do--it's all about children's literacy. Please spread the word as you are able.



Inaugural 5k/1k Run/Walk for Children's Literacy
Kicking off Kennett Square's National Healthy Kids Day Celebration!
Fresh smoothies courtesy of the Chester County Food Bank

April 27th
Anson B. Nixon Park
405 N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348

•\$25 for online registration •\$30 at the event •\$5 for children 8 & under

Pre-race registration begins at 7:30am on the day of, and ends at 8:45. The race begins at 9am.
Prizes for all age levels will be awarded at 10:30am. All participants must be off the course by 11am.

For more info, visit: www.AHHAH.org

To register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/KennettSquare/AHHAHSH>
or scan the QR code

*Online registration ends at 11:59PM on April 25th, 2019



Membership News

-- Patricia Schultz, Phyllis Dunn Co-VPs

Thanks to Phyllis and her last PMP, we have several potential new members and 3 paid new members! Keep the referrals flowing. Any new person who joins after March 15 will receive a membership that is valid through June 2020. . . a great incentive to mention join now!

The new members include Suzanne Bragg, Susan DeGeorge, Nicole Gallo, and Michele Ferguson.

Mary Pinkney turns 105

-- Eva Kaufmann and Cathy Palmquist

Long-time former member Mary Pinkney celebrated her 105th birthday on February 24th! Mary joined AAUW in 1968. Her name can be found in our Handbook as the recipient of multiple branch awards, beginning in 1982 through 2014. Until last year she participated in the Lit I group, leading discussions, drawing on her many travels and extensive reading to bring new meaning to the books.



Joining in celebrating her birthday with a luncheon at Crosslands are (seated from left) Lyn Eaton, Mary Pinkney, and Patti Fisher from Delaware a former AAUW member, and (standing from left) Cathy Palmquist, Kay Philipps, and Rosa Watson from Delaware.

Eva Kaufmann shares what Mary told her when she was a mere 102. When Eva asked how her summer had been, she told about her recent travels, including a cruise in the North Sea and (CONTINUED on next page.)

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Baltic, followed by a bus tour of the UK. She had also spent time with her family by a lake in New York. She complained of some bruises, and when asked how she had gotten them, she replied that she had slipped while getting out of the canoe! When Mary's husband Paul bought one of the first Windsurfers on the east coast and taught himself board-sailing, Mary became an expert teacher. In 1981 in Japan, Mary won first place in the Women's Master Class in the Windsurfer World Championships in Japan in her 60s.

Mary has been active in her community as well as in AAUW, advancing equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. She wrote biographies of West Chester area women of note for "*Pennsylvania Women in History, Our Hidden Heritage*," published in 1983 by the Pennsylvania Division of AAUW. Her branch activities earned her an Outstanding Woman award, and she was twice recognized with a Named Gift to the AAUW Educational Foundation.

Lyn Eaton and Kay Philipps suggest that we send Mary a card on this special birthday, including comments about any personal recollections you may have about her. Mary Pinkney, 617 Crosslands, Kennett Square, PA. 19348-2008.

AAUW at ISCC Family Night

-- *Cathy Palmquist*

Four AAUW couples recently attended Family Night hosted by members of the Islamic Society of Chester County. Warmly greeted by former AAUW guest speaker, Bushra Qureshi, and other Muslim friends, Peggy and Bill Staarman, Deb Liczwek and David Corbin, Kim and Jim Levan, and Cathy and Dick Palmquist enjoyed an evening of interesting conversation, socializing and Indian food. After a warm welcome and recognition of AAUW guests and Co-President Peggy, Ahmed Mansoor Salahuddin gave an interesting talk about astronomy and the Koran. Due to the large attendance of Muslims, people were divided into a men's dinner line and a

women's dinner line, and served a dinner of basmati rice, chicken curry, naan, and other delicious dishes.



AAUW guests in the men's dinner line

While the men dined in the main hall, the women had an opportunity to sit together, most on the floor of an adjoining room. We talked with middle school students, and then discussed the new display of colorful and festive Hijabs that just opened at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco with several Muslim women, most of whom were very modestly dressed.



Peggy Staarman dines with Bushra Qureshi

As the time drew near for the Muslims to begin their fifth and last prayers of the day, AAUW guests were given pretty bags containing a copy of the Koran and a book titled "What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam," along with a small bag of chocolates, and a note thanking us for attending. If anyone would like to borrow the books, contact Cathy, since she has received copies previously. It was a lovely evening with welcoming, generous Muslim friends.

Member Notes

Jean Speiser Receives Awards

Jean Speiser received two awards in January, recognizing her years of pro bono work representing litigants in family law cases. The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation named her its 2018 Chester County Pro Bono Award winner, and the Chester County Bar Foundation selected her as its 2019 John F. McKenna Access to Justice award recipient.

FIG Brunch Bunch



Gathering for a hearty Colombian Brunch at Mi Pals recently, arranged by Sandy Alexander (left) were Carla and Walther Grot, Bill and Peggy Staarman, Donna Eaves, Lyn Eaton Dick Palmquist, Dane and Carol Zabriskie, Suzy and Tom DeGeorge, and (not picoted) Beatriz Wee, Elaine Burgess and her granddaughter, and Cathy Palmquist. Another new and interesting FIG experience!

GunSenseUs – New Name

--Peggy Staarman

Gun Sense Chester County has changed its name to GunSenseUs. The Chairperson Ann Colby-Cummings and the Legislative Lead Starr Cummin Bright issued the following explanation for the name change and the goals of the organization.

What's New?

Gun Sense Chester County, founded in March 2017, is a group of over 770 residents committed to reducing gun violence. In the past

few months, we have made two significant changes.

1. We have changed our name to **GunSenseUs** (rhymes with consensus.) This new name helps us build on our core approach – identifying and leveraging areas of agreement, while creating a distinct identity with a short, memorable name.
2. We have created an affiliate organization **GunSenseUs Education Fund**. While Gun Sense Chester County was founded as a 501C-4 advocacy group, and GunSenseUs will continue that work, much of our focus has always been, and will continue to be education.

We want residents to understand:

- Types of gun injury and death, and the associated statistics
- Individual and civic actions that can help reduce gun violence
- Where there are areas of agreement among those who do, and do not, own guns.

What Has Not Changed

We continue to be:

- Committed to reducing gun violence
- All volunteer
- Non-partisan
- Welcoming to people with diverse views and experiences, gun owners and non-gun owners alike

Looking Ahead

During the 2019-20 Legislative Session, we will evaluate success through achieving support for three initiatives.

1. Background checks before all gun purchases
2. A Red Flag/Gun Violence Restraining Order type of bill
3. Promoting responsible gun ownership through education & safety training

We believe these ideas reinforce the concepts of:

- Ensuring only those who should be able to purchase firearms can do so
- Providing an avenue for those who see a pattern of behavior that indicates a firearm (CONTINUED on next page)

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owner may be a danger to themselves or others to get help

- Achieving responsible gun ownership by a higher percentage of gun owners through promoting basic firearm education to enhance safety for gun owners and those with whom they come into contact.

The next meeting will be on March 25 at 7:15 p.m. at Chester Valley Grange, 3285 Phoenixville Pike in Malvern. The topic will be "ABC-All About Background Checks!" You will learn about the importance of background checks and the current background check requirements.

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 or gmail account: 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. All members are invited to attend.

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).

AAUW Pennsylvania

While it may be January 2019, April 2020 is just around the corner and it will be time for the AAUW PA State Convention. So you need to mark your calendars for **April 24-26, 2020** at the Best Western Premier **The Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg.**

The link to your March issue of the AAUW-PA *Keystoner* is below. Highlights include:

- How to cast your vote in the election of AAUW Pennsylvania Board members. Your voice is your vote, so please vote.
- Learn the plans for Equal Pay Day this year.
- Be introduced to PA Schools Work and why AAUW Pennsylvania became an endorsing organization.
- Central District Meetings dates are announced.
- Learn about the updated AAUW Funds and how they support the AAUW Strategic Plan.
- And, much more.

<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2019/02/201903-Mar-HiRes-min.pdf>



Reminder as always: The AAUW Action Network (AAUW Action Network advocacy@aauw.org) continues to send out statements about the legislation under consideration in Congress. The Action Network statements explain how each piece of legislation impacts the interests of women and girls. You are encouraged to read these emails or read the statements on the AAUW Action Network website and contact your representatives accordingly.

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:

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.

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)

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. 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- (khphilips@verizon.net).

Lit Group I meets at 1:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be March 18, 2019. The group will discuss *The Elephant Whisperer*, by Lawrence Anthony.

LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

Lit Group II meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 PM. We gather in members' houses in the West Chester/Downingtown area. Lit Group II's March meeting will be on March 20th at the home of Carol Haaf in Kennett Square, near Unionville High School. We'll discuss *The Wonder* by Emma Donoghue Please get in touch with Jean Speiser (JeanSp@Gmail.com) for further information and directions.

PLEASE NOTE: Our April book is *The Stone Diaries* although we had originally scheduled *Amity and Prosperity*. We will discuss that book later when it becomes available in paperback

In the event of snow or postponement for any other reason, we'll meet the following Wednesday.

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 (jlmcowell@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 to Visit Barnes Foundation March 25 Deadline March 1.

An email went out to members with a flyer with information. We're planning to visit the Barnes on March 25th. Two options: Purchase your own 11:30 am highlights tour ticket online or RSVP with a check to Jane McDowell by March 1 and she will purchase the ticket for you. If you purchase your own ticket, let us know you are coming and we will tell you what train we're planning to take. The Barnes does offer \$20 valet parking which you can purchase online if you don't want to take the train.

We suggest that you purchase your ticket no later than two weeks in advance to make sure you get a spot on the tour.

<https://tickets.barnesfoundation.org/orders/316/tickets?eventId=59d79b57969c6d506e66658e&cdEventIds=59d79b57969c6d506e66658e&date=2019-03-25T00:00:00-0400>

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

Deadline March 22. The Curtis Symphony Orchestra is performing its third and final concert of the season at Immaculata University on at 3 pm on April 13. The program from the January concert listed Yannick Nezet-Seguin as one of the conductors, so we are arranging our tickets early than we did for the other two concerts anticipating increased demand for seats. Again, more information on flyer attached to email or at

(<https://www.curtis.edu/performances/18-19-curtis-symphony-orchestra/18-19-curtis-symphony-orchestra-immaculata/impressionists-and-romantics/>)

April - Morris Arboretum

TBA. Mary will be planning a visit to the Morris Arboretum and lunch in April. More details to follow at a later date!

Needlework Group

The Needlework Club meets regularly on the First Friday morning of each month. Many of us used to do needlework of various kinds but have to some extent forgotten how to knit, or crochet, or crewel, or embroider, etc. If you are in that category, or are an experienced needleworker who just wants a space and time to concentrate on working on a project, please

join us! There are also some among the group who have always wanted to learn one of these skills but have never had the time to do so.

Well, there is no time like the present!

PLEASE join us any time – even if you just want to see what our group is all about, you are welcome to come and experience a session to see if it's what you are interested in!

Meetings for the next several months are at the dates and homes of the members listed.

Meetings begin at 10 A.M. but scheduling may change (emails will announce) and members stay until around noon or can leave whenever necessary.

March 1 – Home of Barb Lathroum

April 5 – Home of Toni Gorkin

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.



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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.

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