



## AAUW some NEWS

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### AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch

Join us for

## A HOLIDAY PARTY

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 PM**

**Ellerslie Farmhouse at Crosslands, Kennett Square**

**COST: \$15.00 per person**

See Holiday Party sign-up form at end of newsletter.

**MENU:** Bring an appetizer to share for 10-12 people

The Board will provide desserts. Wine, coffee and tea will be available

**GIFTS:** We are collecting \$10 gift cards to Giant, Target, Wawa to benefit Decade to Doorways shelters. Cash donations are also welcome.

**FUNDRAISER:** Buy **RAFFLE TICKETS** to win a **Festive Holiday Basket**  
Filled with items celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right to Vote: calendar, books, RBG doll PLUS two bottles of wine and several kinds of chocolate

#### **DIRECTIONS to Ellerslie:**

From West Chester take 202 South. Turn West on Rte 926. Go approximately 6 miles. Turn left into Crosslands. Take first left. Turn into parking lot 9. Go up hill and Ellerslie is the brick farmhouse at the top of the hill.

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## ***Letter from the President***

Happy Holidays, everyone!

In this season we focus our attention to our families, decorating our homes, and socializing with friends. Wreaths, cookies, presents under the tree, happy smiles of children make the season warm despite the evidence on the thermometer.

Our branch will celebrate the season with a party on December 8th, when we gather at Ellerslie, a beautiful, stately home at Crosslands in Chadds Ford. It will be a relaxing event, an opportunity to mingle with friends and get to know those who are new to our organization. Many thanks to Kay Philipps for making these arrangements for us.

We are also acutely aware that many in our community face circumstances that make the season especially difficult. In this newsletter you will find several measures that we are taking to make the season brighter for these folks. Please support these efforts, which make such a difference!

Enjoy the holidays, and be sure to make time for yourself to enjoy the music, the color, and the joys of the season!

Warm wishes,  
Eva Kaufmann, Co-President  
(Ekaufmann1@gmail.com)  
December 2019

### ***Recognition: 60th Anniversary as an AAUW Branch***

-- Jean Speiser

We started our November branch meeting at Grove Church with recognition of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a branch. We celebrated with a remarkable cake that Jessica Moyer, a friend of Pat Bove's, made for the event. Pat donated the cake. We will have a separate and more formal event to commemorate our anniversary on March 29, 2020.

As part of this celebration, long-time members are giving a short presentation at each meeting about branch history. Lyn Eaton described about our involvement in the TeenAge Parent Program (TAP) that allowed teen girls to continue their education, even though they had to drop out of school when they became pregnant. TAP began serving teens in January of 1970 with AAUW members volunteering at the very beginning as tutors. TAP ended with the school year in June of 1994. That fall the Intermediate Unit began countywide services to pregnant teens.

### ***Postcard Writing Initiative***

This meeting inaugurated our postcard-writing initiative to our legislators – a project that we anticipate will continue. Ann Tomalavage prepared posters to help us identify who represents each of us and also handed out postcards for us to use. We sent over 50 postcards to our elected officials, addressing the inequity of the gender pay gap, asking them to support the Equal Pay Act bills before both the Senate and House."



*Anne Anderko and Eva Kaufmann show off the beautiful – and delicious -- AAUW WC-CC 60th anniversary cake made special for us by Jessica Moyer, a neighbor of AAUW member Pat Bove. Displayed behind Anne and Eva is the congratulatory PA Senate citation we received from Senator Andrew (Andy)Dinniman.*

## **Planned Parenthood: What Now?**

*-- Jean Speiser*

Dayle Steinberg, the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania, was our speaker at the November meeting. Ms. Steinberg started her presentation with a long and impressive list of statistics. Every month the 600 Planned Parenthood clinics throughout the country see 8000 clients who are seeking health care, sex education, birth control, and cancer screening in addition to abortions. Planned Parenthood, now 102 years old, was founded in controversy and it seems as if very little has changed in that regard.

Planned Parenthood's current health care services include Pap smears, breast cancer screening, sexually transmitted infection treatment and education. Over its more than 100-year history the mission of providing compassionate care has not changed, but technology has expanded the ways in which that care can be delivered. Not only does Planned Parenthood offer one-on-one services, but it also utilizes video, phone and internet technology to reach its clients. For example the facilities overall receive 10,000 texts a month.

As well as providing its traditional services, Parenthood now offers limited primary care services for clients who test HIV positive, gender-affirming care to clients who are transitioning, including hormone treatment, and a safe meeting space for LGBTQ youth.

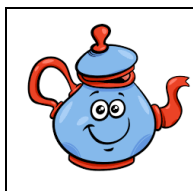


*Guest speaker at the November meeting was Dayle Steinberg, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southeast PA, speaking on "Planned Parenthood: What Now?"*

In talking about abortion, Ms. Steinberg stated that "Reproductive health care is being marginalized as a woman's issue" and that abortion bans have nothing to do with public health and everything to do with control and misogyny. She pointed out that even if the composition of the current Supreme Court were to change with a concomitant change in the Court's stance about abortion and family planning, there are so many state courts with so many anti-choice justices, that a woman's right to control her own body may be eaten away bit by bit, and the rights that women fought so hard for in the past 102 years will continue to be eroded. We need to be vigilant to keep current protections in place.

## **Fundraising Update**

### **Teapots**



### **Fill your teapot reminder**

We started the new "Fill Your Teapot" Campaign by handing out porcelain "teapot planters" to all

members who attended the October/November meetings. You are invited to get rid of your loose change between now and next May. It may seem like an insignificant amount to you, but when we combine the contents of all the donations, we'll

have a nice sum which will be donated to the 4 shelters we are sponsoring this year. At our May 13, 2020 banquet you will turn in your donation and your decorated teapot and we will have a contest for the most creative teapots. Teapots will be available again at the January meeting or you may also contact the Fundraising Co-chairs: Trish Alfano & Marie Knox

### **Pecans**

Many thanks to all who participated in the annual Pecan Fundraiser. We anticipate a profit of approximately \$900.00. *Trish Alfano & Marie Knox*



## ***AAUW Members Support Decade to Doorways Event***

-- Peggy Staarman and Cathy Palmquist

Our Gateway to Equity Award winner for 2019-20, Decade to Doorways (D2D) hosted a "Connect and Collaborate Cocktail Reception" in November at the Downingtown Country Club. The date commemorates the annual *National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week*. The event was to engage and network with Chester County community residents and human service organizations.

A brief video featured the services provided by D2D partners to four homeless individuals. These county residents were extremely grateful for the vital assistance they received to address their needs, and help them on a path to security and independence. After the video, D2D Administrator Rob Henry, who attended our September branch meeting, and other D2D staff, stressed that the D2D Partnership needs a tremendous amount of help and resources to continue necessary services.

Although Chester County is one of the wealthiest counties in Pennsylvania with a median annual household income of \$99,119, there are still many people who are suffering. Federal, state, and local resources alone have not eliminated homelessness in our county. Significant progress has been made to prevent and eliminate homelessness since D2D's inception in 2011, but substantial work still needs to be done. Volunteering, providing housing, advocating, and donating are the main ways to achieve the goals.

Twelve members from our AAUW Branch attended and helped with the event by registering attendees, supervising the volunteer sign-up table, and offering support through their attendance. Cathy Palmquist deserves special recognition for the beautiful flower arrangements she created and transported to the reception. D2D greatly appreciated our contributions to the success of this event. (Note: this is just one of several activities to which our branch members are providing assistance.) Dolores Colligan, Assistant Director of the

Chester County Department of Community Development, which administers the D2D program, expressed her appreciation for the "AAUW Super Stars!"



*Suzy DeGeorge, Donna Eaves, and Mimi Jones staffed the check-in table at the D2D event.*



*Mary Smith helped D2D staffer, Lauren Baker, at the table where attendees put their comment cards in specific baskets and received a Be theKey cup*



*AAUW members who either helped or attended (from left) Susan Stearn, Peggy Staarman, Mary Smith, Anne Anderko, Trish Alfano, Carol Barkovsky, and (front) Marie Knox and Kim Glavine.*

## Membership News

-- Patricia Schultz & Susan Skiles

Wow! We now have 89 members with a potential of one more this month! Our goal for the next year is 100 members in honor of the 100th year of the suffragettes who won the right to vote for women in 1920! Only 10 to go! The November PMP at the Green Street Grille in Downingtown was a success! We hope that each of you will talk to your friends about our branch. Bring someone to a meeting as a guest & let them meet our group. Invite a friend to attend a special interest group with you, it's a more intimate way to get to know us. Feel free to contact either of us with any questions. Watch the newsletter and your email for the next PMP in January!

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## CYWA Donations

-- Peggy Staarman

A heartfelt thank you to all the generous women who donated to the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) in Coatesville at our AAUW branch meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The CYWA is one of the neediest of the shelters we are supporting this year through Decade to Doorways. Tamara Lyons, CYWA's volunteer coordinator, and her staff were delighted with the boxes of baby care diapers and wipes, as well as personal care items including shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and skin cream, to name a few. We also sent household needs such as paper towels and clothes detergent, bed spreads, sheets, and towels, items too extensive to list them all. CYWA was so grateful, and they send their heartfelt thanks!

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WATCH THIS SPACE!

- **NEW: Christmas Gifts for Girls at Chester County Youth Center**

-- Nancy Dore

For many years Fran Pierce has coordinated collecting Christmas gifts for the girls at the Chester County Youth Center. This year Fran has asked me to coordinate collecting the gifts. Over the years many members of AAUW have contributed to this project by purchasing items on the wish list. This year we are putting together gifts for 6 girls in the shelter and 6 girls in the detention center. Generally the age range is 14-18. A list of the items we are collecting has been provided in an email to the chapter. If you would like to help with this project, please let me ([ncdore@gmail.com](mailto:ncdore@gmail.com)) know what you would like to provide. **Do not purchase any items until I have confirmed your selection.** I will send out further information on wrapping and delivery.

- **West Chester Food Cupboard:**

We continue to encourage members to volunteer at the West Chester Food Cupboard at 431 S. Bolmar Street on the last Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30. Volunteers are needed to

complete tasks like stocking shelves, bagging produce, separating large items into smaller containers, or doing whatever is needed. Our volunteer number increased a bit last month, but additional volunteers are always welcome. Members who are interested in volunteering or who would like more information about this truly worthwhile cause should contact Jean Shervais at [jshervais@verizon.net](mailto:jshervais@verizon.net) or call 610-431-9066.

- **Laundromat Library League:**

-- Patricia Schultz

Thanks for bringing books to the November meeting. 300 more books were donated in November in addition to 153 in October, for a total of 453 books! Also, we received \$85 in checks and cash donations! Thanks everyone! The children and their parents will be very happy.

- **Volunteers Needed for LLL Barnes and Noble Fundraiser**

-- Peggy Staarman

The Laundromat Library League will hold a fundraiser at the Main Street Barnes and

Noble, 301 Main Street in Exton, on **Sunday, December 22**. The LLL needs volunteers to gift wrap purchased items. Barnes and Noble will supply all the wrapping materials. A donation box will be available for shoppers to show their appreciation. I will be coordinating the event that will take place between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. Each volunteer will work a two-hour shift with members of the LLL and others. I do need lots of help! If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Peggy Staarman at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net) or 610-269-4866.

## • **Community Warehouse Project of Chester County (CWP)**

Founded by the Rotary Club of West Chester, this 501c3 organization's mission, "Helping Us Turn Empty Houses into Homes" works with individuals and/or families coming out of a shelter program, suffering from poverty or other hardship who are unable to afford new or used furniture. CWP collects and redistributes donated furniture and household items to needy folks in the county. The CWP is located in Downingtown, and drop-off day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. For further information about donating items or funds, directions to CWP or volunteering, **call 484-473-4360**. To have someone come to your home and advise you on items, contact Jeannie McGinn, 484-343-4577. NOTE: Bed frames are **always** needed.

## **Act Against Homelessness**

*-- Mimi Jones*

On Sunday, November third, Grove Methodist Church presented a panel of representatives from four local agencies who are working to eliminate homelessness in our community. Three of our members, Kim Levan, Cathy Palmquist and Mimi Jones attended the discussion presented by Rob Henry from Decade to Doorways, Jennifer Lopez from Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children, Jessica Pendergast from Home of the Sparrow and Judy Jeffords-Homitz from Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor and Friends are two of the four organizations under the umbrella of Decade to Doorways we from the Chester County AAUW are supporting this year as our Gateway to Equity partners. Rob Henry and representatives from the other shelters we are supporting spoke to the branch at our September meeting.

Each of the shelters working with the homeless has its own unique mission. Safe Harbor helps single men and women, Friends works to find homes for families, and Home of the Sparrow works to help women leaving the shelter program. This organization also has help for homeless women between the ages of 50 to 64. Decade to Doorways is beginning a Street Outreach program this year as well as a Call Center to direct people to the right shelter for them.

The challenges facing these organizations are daunting, but all of these groups remain optimistic about the progress they are making, and, indeed, they are doing remarkable work. When asked what they needed most, there were some specific requests and some general needs. Home of the Sparrow needs items you cannot buy with food stamps, Friends need money, a car, gift cards from Wawa and Giant and household supplies, and Safe Harbor needs money, new winter coats but no socks! In general, all saw the need for safe affordable housing. In Coatesville, a two-bedroom apartment that rented for \$700 last year now is \$1000 a month, putting it out of reach for many people.

To help the homeless, all the representatives asked that citizens advocate with politicians to provide affordable housing in their communities by attending Borough Council meetings and writing and calling their representatives. Pressuring politicians to provide a livable wage for workers is also vital for them to be able to find a home near where they are employed. There are currently three bills in the PA House and Senate that will support the homeless, House Bill 955, Senate Bill 30 and Senate Bill 31. Please consider researching and supporting these bills.

We at AAUW will continue to support the homeless in our area through our Gateway to Equity partnership with Decade to Doorways.



## CYWA Rebirth Open House Invitation

As part of our Decade to Doorways community outreach program, we are supporting CYWA in Coatesville. If you would like to learn more about this organization, attend the CYWA Rebirth Open House on Thursday, December 12, at noon. The address is 423 Lincoln Highway East, Coatesville, 19320. Please RSVP to Debbie Bookman at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cywa-rebirth-open-house-tickets-83488553511>

## At WCU: Pay Equity Workshop Planned for December 7.

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, dr. tonya thames taylor will be in Anderson 215 from 2-4 PM. She will lead a pay equity workshop, **#TeamNegotiate: Don't Leave Money on the Table**. All are invited to attend. Quality learning and light refreshments will be available. Bring yourself, bring a friend. Registration is not required but is suggested. Link to register is here: <http://cglink.me/r524454>.

## AAUW Mission Statement:

**To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.**

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### Newsletter

The newsletter is published by the first of each month. The deadline for submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send emails to [tgorkin@comcast.net](mailto:tgorkin@comcast.net). Thank you to everyone who contributes to these issues; it can't be done without you! -- Toni Gorkin

### 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

Thank you to Sandy Alexander for updating the chapter Web Page at <https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/>. NOTE: Be sure to share your photos with Sandy to keep the content fresh and inviting!

### Trifold Brochure

The trifold brochure that describes our chapter has been updated and has been printed. It's a good tool to use when exploring interest with potential new members.

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Board members' homes. The next board meeting will be **THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2020**, at the home of Cathy Palmquist, at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

## AAUW National Largest Ever Gift Match

AAUW's Board of Directors has donated the largest matching gift in our organization's 138-year history. Gifts made by members to the year-end Fight for Our Future campaign by December 31 will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$68,800, doubling impact of your tax deductible gifts. If you are considering donating to AAUW, this is a good time to do so.

### ***Member News and Involvement / Items of Interest***

#### **GunSenseUs**

-- Peggy Staarman

GunSenseUs is a group that seeks common sense solutions to address gun violence. The organization recognizes all citizens' rights and responsibilities to work to reduce gun violence and to assure safe gun ownership. Members have crafted a three-part agenda entitled "Your Best B.E.T. for Gun Safety." The agenda has three goals:

(B) Background checks for every gun purchase

(E) Extreme risk protection order, a tool to enable family or law enforcement to request the temporary removal of a firearm

(T) Training before first firearm purchase, enhancing safety for the gun owner and those who will be exposed to the gun

Gun regulation occurs both at the state and federal level. Therefore, taking action requires knowing what legislation is being proposed and

the position of your specific elected officials. The U.S. House has passed both H.R.8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and H.R. 1112, the Enhanced Background Checks Act. Senator McConnell has blocked both bills from a vote. I am the organization's liaison to Chrissy Houlahan who supports both bills and has urged Senate action.

The Pennsylvania legislature also has pending bills addressing the B.E.T goals: (B) HB 673, SB 88; (E) HB 1075, SB 90; (T) HB 1753. Many of our local legislators are sponsors of these bills. Please check with your legislator. Direct contact with your legislator is more effective than signing generic petitions. Please visit the organization's website [gunsenseus.org](http://gunsenseus.org) for more information about B.E.T. and the activities of GunSenseUs.

## **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. We play contract bridge

and change partners after 6 hands. We meet at a member's home; locations are sent in e-mail reminders each month. All are welcome!

To have your name added to the e-mail list, contact Sandy Alexander at

[frau.salexander@gmail.com](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com).

The dates for 2019-2020 are:

January 17

February 21

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

### **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 or dinner on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Couples (unless otherwise specified) and singles, as well as new members, are welcome.

**Next event: Sunday, January 26, 5:00 PM** – A Mexican themed dinner, hosted by Carol and Dane Zabriskie. FIG members will receive invitations by email. For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves, FIG chair, at 610-692-5277 or [deaves@live.com](mailto:deaves@live.com). We are also looking for members who would like to host or plan a meal at a restaurant in the upcoming months. Please contact Donna if you are interested.

### **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 Lit I Book Group meets at 1:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. For the **January 20** meeting the group will read *State of Wonder*, by Anne Patchett. The meeting will be at the home of Pat Bove and Eva Kaufmann will lead the discussion. Any questions? Contact Janet Kane: [jfentonkane@gmail.com](mailto:jfentonkane@gmail.com) or 610-399-1149.

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

Lit Group II welcomes new members. Please get in touch with Jean Speiser ([JeanSp@Gmail.com](mailto:JeanSp@Gmail.com)) for more details. Lit Group II will not meet in December. We hope to see most of you at the Holiday Party on December 8. We'll resume in January when our book is *Empty Mansions*. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

### **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 ([jlmcdowell@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Stitchers Group**

The "Stitchers" meet the first Friday of each month at 10:00 AM. We will be meeting at Patricia's house on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>. In connection with the 4 shelters that we are sponsoring this year we have discussed making hats or scarves for the homeless. I have an easy crochet pattern for both & Carol Zabriskie will help with those who knit. If you wish to make blankets or afghans for children that's fine too. We bring our stitching projects to work on as we chat. We welcome your skills, whatever they may be. Please join us, it's an enjoyable morning. Watch your email for location. Contact: Patricia Schultz 610-436-9752.

## **Walkers Group**

The group meets 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 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. 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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Please RSVP promptly to Susan DeGeorge Email: [suzydegeorge@yahoo.com](mailto:suzydegeorge@yahoo.com)

or

Phone: (724) 712-1650 Checks payable to AAUW-WCCC Branch.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, plan to attend the **Holiday Party**.

Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$15.00.

Checks payable to AAUW-WCCC Branch.

Send your check and this slip, to Suzy DeGeorge,  
922 Sage Road, West Chester 19382.



119 Llandoverly Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

*December 2019 Newsletter*

*Holiday Party*

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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.

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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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