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AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch

Planned Parenthood: What Now?

Presented by Dayle Steinberg

President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast PA

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Grove United Methodist Church

At a time when many states have curtailed services for women's health, including abortion, what action is Planned Parenthood taking to restore and to protect these services? How can we help?

Refreshments: Lit Group I

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 President

60th Anniversary of West Chester-Chester County Branch

We are excited to announce that a branch committee is working diligently on creating a noteworthy celebration to commemorate our 60th branch anniversary. We will start out with an anniversary themed cake in November before our general meeting. We will follow up with a separate anniversary party March 29th at William Penn Lounge. All additional details will be shared as soon as everything is finalized. Please save the date.

So how did we get here? The AAUW National roots go way back to 1881 when the founders, Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards, met in Boston with 15 alumnae representing eight colleges to discuss the needs of college educated women. Since then, AAUW has grown nationally to more than 170,000 members with 1,000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners like our own West Chester University. They have always focused on the hard questions, delving into educational, social, economic and political issues. In preparation for this article, I read up on National AAUW milestones from its infancy. Take a moment and explore our history on line and you will see the dynamic organization from which we are descended.

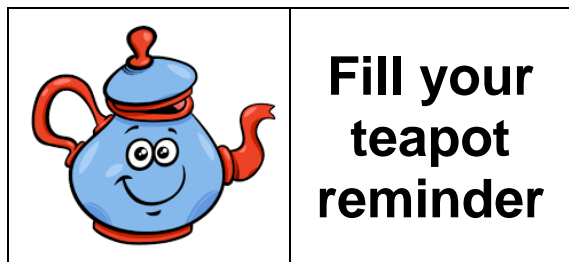
Our branch, the West Chester Branch, was established in 1959. President Charles S. Swope of West Chester State College pressed to have a branch of AAUW created for the West Chester area. An organizational meeting was held in the lounge of Old Main and it was unanimously voted into existence. A ceremony was held on Feb. 2, 1960 for the signing of our charter with 43 members. It was the fiftieth Pennsylvania branch of AAUW.

From that inauguration, we continue to promote equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and philanthropy through the many programs we sponsor. We are currently 88 members strong and continue to grow with a goal of reaching 100 by the end of our 60th year anniversary.

Remember when we all come together, it is amazing what we can accomplish! I think this quote sums up this sentiment very well: “The five separate fingers are five independent units. Close them and the fist multiplies strength. This is organization.” James Cash Penney

Anne Anderko/Co-President
(ananderko@msn.com)
November 2019

Fundraising Update: Teapots



We started the new “Fill Your Teapot” Campaign by handing out porcelain “teapot planters” to all members who attended the October meeting. You are invited to get rid of your loose change in the next seven months. 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 four 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 November meeting or you may also contact the Fundraising Co-chairs: Trish Alfano & Marie Knox.

Dr. Ireland: An Inspiring Example of Weaving Life and Art



Dr. Carol Ireland shows one of her many fine pieces of weaving.

At the October meeting our Chapter members enjoyed a fascinating presentation by Dr. Carol Ireland. In her talk, “Textiles, Travel, and Upcycling,” Dr. Ireland, who holds a PhD in Chemistry, described how she discovered the art of weaving and wove it into her life as a scientist. She discovered the art of weaving when a graduate student, and upon retirement from Dupont, she founded a traveling group of weavers who have explored techniques of weaving and natural dyeing in far-flung places like Thailand, Peru, and Oaxaca.



Dr. Ireland showed examples of yarn dyed with natural materials, including black walnuts, flowers, and indigo. She showed examples of very detailed weavings using a technique called ikat, showing works she had collected from various cultures around the world, as well as the very fine weavings she did herself. She also

described how her interest expanded into hand-spinning and dyeing yarns with natural dyes. She also introduced the concept of upcycling, showing her works using scraps and unusual materials – even plastic bags, bicycle inner tubes, and a deconstructed cashmere sweater – in her weaving works.

Dr. Ireland is a member of WARP (“Weave a Real Peace”), which fosters a global network of enthusiasts who value the importance of textiles to grassroots economies. Through WARP she has explored indigenous weavings from around the world and helped bring women’s work to market. She has seen Syrian refugees find a market – and peace – through their weaving, and seen rejuvenation of traditional basket weaving in Kenya.

Membership News

-- Patricia Schultz & Susan Skiles

Wow! We now have 88 members! 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 12 to go!

Prospective Member Party November 12

The November PMP is scheduled at the Green Street Grille in Downingtown, November 12 from 10-12 AM. 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.

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CWYA (Community, Youth, & Women's Association)

-- Elaine Burgess

CWYA (Community, Youth, & Women's Association) is the organization our AAUW chapter is supporting for November through our Gateway to Equity award to Decade to Doorways.

CWYA (Community, Youth, & Women's Association), located at 423 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, has a long history of helping community residents in the Coatesville area. Their services include a homeless shelter for women and children; drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs for women; a community food cupboard; and family casework programs.

The Gateway Shelter offers emergency housing to women and children. At present there are eight women residents; the number of children varies, as does the length of stay. The Samara House program provides drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. The length of stay for participants varies, based on their insurance coverage. There is also a follow up program for clients who have returned to the community after stays in the CWYA shelter. The goal of CWYA is to eliminate economic, spiritual, and moral poverty in the area. CWYA endeavors to promote life stability.

Turkey Trot for Safe Harbor

As Thanksgiving approaches, we shoppers often have coupons entitling us to a free frozen turkey. For many of us, dealing with one turkey is plenty. If you fall into this camp, please consider bringing your extra turkey to **Safe Harbor**, one of the homeless shelters we are supporting through Decade to Doorways this year. Their address is 20 North Matlach St., West Chester, Pa., and turkeys can be dropped off any time between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm Monday through Saturday. There are parking spaces for Safe Harbor next to the shelter. The people at Safe Harbor will be delighted to receive your turkeys!

In addition CWYA offers several community outreach programs. Twice a month they serve a community dinner. Clothing and household items are distributed periodically. A food cupboard also serves residents in the area. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the community programs. Contact Melissa Lopez, executive director at CWYA at (610) 384-9591 for more information.

Items currently needed are:

- Infant needs - diapers of all sizes, formula, baby food, wipes, baby items, bottles
- Personal items - soap, body wash, soap, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, hair products, feminine hygiene products, mouthwash, washcloths, razors
- Cleaning supplies - paper towels, dish liquid, bleach, Lysol, 30 gal. trash bags, toilet paper, dust pan, broom, buckets, mops, buckets
- Towels of all sizes, sheets and comforter in twin size, storage bins, curtains
- School supplies - writing tablets, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, stickers, coloring books. Also clothing of all sizes is needed throughout the year.

Safe Harbor Donations

-- Peggy Staarman

Kim Levan and I want to thank the Branch members so much for their very generous donations to Safe Harbor, an organization that provides shelter, meals, and access to supportive services for homeless men and women in Chester County. In 2013, Safe Harbor joined Chester County's Decade to Doorways initiative to end homelessness in ten years. Monetary donations, the most pressing need for Safe Harbor, totaled \$510. Donated goods included kitchen supplies, laundry detergent, clothing, undergarments, and personal items such as shampoo, conditioner, and toothbrushes. Safe Harbor proclaims that "it truly takes a village to care for the people who are most vulnerable in our society." Safe Harbor thanks you for being part of that village.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WATCH THIS SPACE!

- **West Chester Food Cupboard:**

One of the groups that lends a hand to the needy in West Chester is the Food Cupboard, located at 431 Bolmar Road. AAUW plays an active role with this worthy organization that provides food and supplies to some 600 families in the school district. Our members are encouraged to volunteer there on the last Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30. Tasks include stocking shelves, bagging produce, separating large items into smaller containers, or doing any number of other tasks as needed. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about a truly worthwhile cause, please contact Jean Shervais at jshervais@verizon.net or call 610-431-9066.

- **Gateway to Equity/Decade to Doorways** (see related article): For November, donations will go to the **CWYA (Community, Youth, & Women's Association)**. Please see the donation list in the related article.

- **Turkey Trot:** see related article about donating turkeys to **Safe Harbor**, another of the Decade to Doorways organizations we are supporting.

- **Laundromat Library League:** Thanks for bringing books to the October meeting. Please bring any children's books to the November meeting. Books in Spanish and those focusing on girls are in demand. Monetary donations (cash or checks) are needed as well to give the LLL the opportunity to purchase books at discounted prices. Your help is greatly appreciated.

- **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 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 3rd 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.

I know that women, once convinced that they are doing what is right, that their rebellion is just, will go on, no matter what the difficulties, no matter what the dangers, so long as there is a woman alive to hold up the flag of rebellion.

Emmeline Pankhurst

Public Policy & Legislation Group (aka LAPP)

-- Ann M. Tomalavage

The following information from our chapter's LAPP Committee was handed out at the October meeting. The committee's first focus is Pay Equity. If you were at the meeting, you know you have homework to do prior to the November meeting (items 1 and 2). Links to the bills are included below; you won't have to google them. We'll do item #3 at the November meeting. Hope to see you then! And, no, the ninja did NOT make your homework disappear!

Branch Goal #2: Political Issues

Our first focus is **Pay Equity**. There are two bills, one in the PA Senate (SB 721) and one in the House (HB 850). The bills are comparable! Yay! These bills need to be passed by December 31, 2020, or we go back to the beginning. Here's what **you** need to do as a Chester County Branch Member:

1. Read each of the bills. Find out the sponsors and co-sponsors.
 - a. SB 721
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?syear=2019&sind=0&body=S&type=B&bn=0721>
 - b. HB 850
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2019&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=850>
2. Thank the co-sponsors. If your legislators are not co-sponsors, call or write them to ask for their support.
3. We'll write postcards at our November meeting.

Doesn't This Make You Angry?

The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, March 31, 2020. This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

Equal Pay Dates in 2019 in Pennsylvania

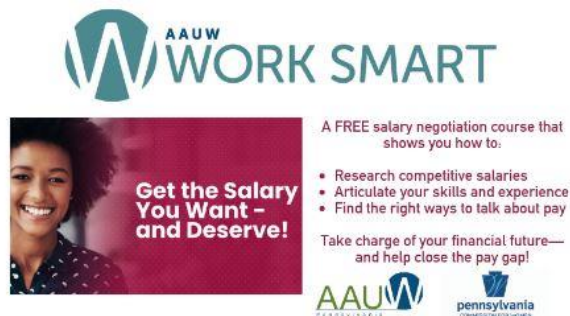
- Asian American Women's Equal Pay Day — Tuesday, March 5 (Asian Women v. White, non-Hispanic Men – \$0.85)
- All women's Equal Pay Day — Tuesday, April 2 (Women overall v. Men overall – \$0.80)
- White women's equal pay day — Friday, April 19: (White, non-Hispanic Women v. White, non-Hispanic Men – \$0.77)
- Moms' Equal Pay Day, usually the end of May or early June (will be determined at a later date)
- Black Women's Equal Pay Day — Thursday, August 22 (Black Women v. White, non-Hispanic Men – \$0.61)
- Native Women's Equal Pay Day — Monday, September 23 (Native Women v. White, non-Hispanic Men – \$0.58)
- Latinas' Equal Pay Day — Wednesday, November 20 (Latinas v. White, non-Hispanic Men – \$0.53)

Oxfam Report – Best and Worse States to Work in America

- PA ranked 24th overall
- PA ranked 36th in wage dimension relative to a living wage
- PA ranked 37th in worker protection such as paid family leave, protection from sexual harassment, equal pay, sick leave, fair scheduling, and pregnancy protections, and the right for breastfeeding mothers to pump in the workplace.

StartSmart / WorkSmart Workshops and Activities

Take the Work Smart Workshop (1 Hour, Available online)



AAUW State has made Economic Security and Equal Pay one of their goals for the coming year. They will be promoting the Work Smart program as the integral part of this plan. This is one of our branch goals for this year so we are asking all of our members to acquaint themselves with the WorkSmart program. Even if you are retired, think of all the times you use negotiation skills in your everyday activities.

Following is a link to the AAUW Pennsylvania web page Empowering Working Women in Pennsylvania: <https://salary.aauw.org/PA/> This Page shows the workshops being given in the commonwealth. At the bottom is the following link, <https://salary.aauw.org/salary-negotiation/> to the AAUW site where you can register to take the one hour online WorkSmart workshop.

At WCU: EqualiTea! Why the Life of Frances Watkins Harper Matters


AAUW members were invited to a program presented by AAUW member tonya thames taylor of the Center for Women and Gender Equity at West Chester University on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The program was part of the Suffrage commemoration programming tonya is kicking off this semester, and the invitation to AAUW members was to highlight our partnership with the Center for Women and Gender Equity at WCU. Several Chapter members were able to attend.

Also at WCU: Start/WorkSmart Planned for WCU November 10.

Tonya thames taylor created the following [link for our Start/WorkSmart](#) workshop, “Don’t Leave Money on the Table,” to be conducted at West Chester University on November 10. AAUW members are asked to circulate the link widely and to volunteer to assist tonya.

AAUW Members Invited to Do Work-Equity Survey

In addition, tonya thames taylor has the support of the AAUW Executive Board Leadership to conduct an informal Work-Equity survey. She would like 20 of our AAUW Chapter members to participate in the survey (electronic or paper). If you want a paper copy, email tonya at tonya@tonyathames.com and she will send you a self-addressed envelope with a paper survey. “The survey will give us grounds for AAUW grants,” says tonya. “Also, we will be able to produce a meaningful report about our attitudes that will benefit us now and those after us.”

 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 that 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.

We Must Do MORE than just Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

-- Fran Pierce

Throughout the Delaware Valley, women's organizations are well into their planning for a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote. The long struggle for that right began in the mid-1800s and lasted until 1920 when the Amendment to the United States Constitution finally passed.

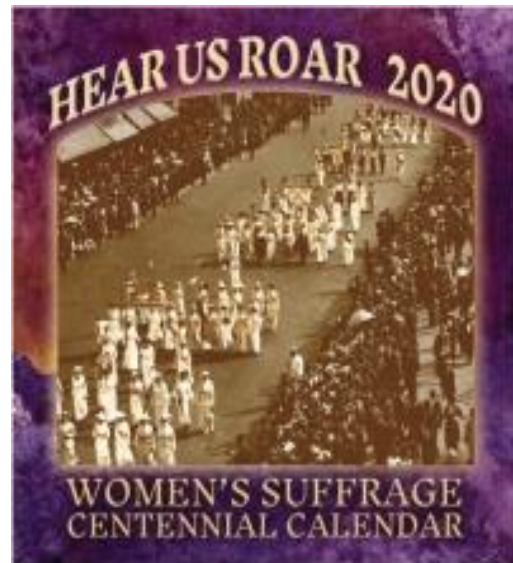
The upcoming year, 2020, will be a time of several celebrations: our branch will celebrate its 60th Anniversary with visiting dignitaries, speeches, and celebratory food. We could do the same kind of "celebration" for the upcoming 100th Anniversary of Suffrage, but we should do more! We who have had the benefit of a full education are the ones who should know, beyond any doubt, the importance of teaching others about this momentous time in U.S. History and about the women heroes who brought about this victory.

AAUW West Chester-Chester County is collaborating with several other women's organizations right here in the West Chester area to provide learning experiences about this absolutely critical passage of our right to vote. We who are members of the branch already know the importance of that passage, but many of the people with whom we come in contact have never heard the Women's Suffrage Story. Barbara Lathroum and Fran Pierce are working with other women's groups and we want to know:

- Who are the people you reach through your involvement in our branch?
- Have they ever heard the **whole, true** story of the fight for women's suffrage?
- What ways can you and your group think of to teach this important history?
- How can we make an impression on those who don't know this history so that the precious **right to vote** can hold new meaning for them?

At next month's meeting, Fran and Barb will be asking your Special Interest groups or committees what ideas you might have come up with. What ideas will you think of that could help to educate women and men, girls and boys, old and young, on the sacred struggle to vote?

2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Calendar on Sale



Featuring original artwork, archival photos and graphics, **Hear Us Roar!** celebrates and honors the 72 year-long movement that women waged to win the vote. The calendar amplifies the ignored or suppressed voices of women of color and working class women. It acknowledges that the struggle for true equality and liberation is ongoing. 12x12", hundreds of historical dates included.

Fran Pierce is coordinating ordering of this calendar for our AAUW Chapter. Cost is \$20 each. Deadline to order is November 22 for delivery at the AAUW Holiday Party. Order form will be passed around at the Branch Meeting of November 13. Or email Fran Pierce at franpierce@verizon.net.

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

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Woman is learning for herself that not self-sacrifice, but self development, is her first duty in life; and this, not primarily for the sake of others but that she may become fully herself.

Matilda Joslyn Gage

Newsletter

The newsletter is published by the first of each month. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month. Please send emails to 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 is being reprinted. 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. Due to traffic problems at WCU, we have decided to hold meetings at Board members' homes. The **November 6 board** meeting will be at the home of Barbara Lathroum at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

National AAUW 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). See also instructions in the Chapter Handbook.

Member News and Involvement / Items of Interest

Pat Bove: Harpfest November 17



The West Chester Harp Festival, directed by Gloria Galante will be performing on November 17, Sunday, at 3 p.m. in the Madeline Wing Adler Theater Performing Arts Center. The group is comprised of harp majors at WCU and Community School harpists. They recently toured Austria performing in Vienna.

Moon Rise Magic: AAUW Walkers



AAUW Walkers gathered on the evening of October 14th to walk along the East Brandywine Trail through woods and meadows for a respectable three miles. The walkers then left the Trail and met at Star Farm Park where they helped themselves to well-deserved goodies and lifted a glass of cider, or wine or

hot chocolate to the harvest moon rising over the fields. It was a splendid moon and wonderful fun and all of it orchestrated by Phyllis Dunn, our most imaginative leader. Thank you Phyllis!

Milkweed Seeds Still Available



Toni Gorkin presented a Milkweed Seed Planting Workshop on Saturday, October 19, at the Uwchlan Township grounds. The program, sponsored by the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, showed how to sow seeds to ensure they receive the cold "stratification" required to grow. Milkweed is the host food of Monarch butterfly caterpillars. Toni still has a handout and seeds if you are interested in supporting these beautiful butterflies in your garden and helping the environment.

Picture: Lyn Eaton, Uwchan BOS Mayme Baumann, Toni Gorkin

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. ... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.

Susan B. Anthony

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.

The dates for 2019-2020 are:

November 15

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

For more information or to join the group, contact Donna Eaves, FIG chair, at 610-692-5277 or 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 November 18 meeting the group will read *Unsheltered*, by Barbara Kingsolver. The meeting will be at the home of Carla Grot.

Any questions? Contact Janet Kane:

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) for more details. For the November 20th meeting we are reading *Braiding Sweetgrass – Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It's a fascinating, heart-warming read, especially for those who care about the environment. Toni Gorkin will lead the discussion, and Lyn Eaton is our hostess.

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.

Stitchers Group

The “Stitchers” meet the first Friday of each month at 10:00 am. **In connection with the 4 shelters that we are sponsoring this year we have discussed making hats or scarves for the homeless.** Patricia Schultz has an easy crochet pattern for both and 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.

Please contact Patricia Schultz at 610-436-9752 if you have any questions or would like more details about the upcoming meetings.

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 to be added to the email contact list.



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Planned Parenthood: What Now?

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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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