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AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch
 2020 Virtual "MEETING"
 to be held **September 9 at 7:00 p.m.**
 Chyna Hart
 from the West Chester University Resource Pantry,
 our Gateway to Equity winner
 ZOOM instructions will be emailed in advance



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Letter from the President

Where to begin? First and foremost, Janet and I hope that you and your families are well and finding ways to enjoy this unusual summer. I don't think any of us will get used to the new normal, but I know our branch will find ways to work around the obstacles that confront us. Janet and I have worked throughout the summer to plan for the upcoming year trying our best to anticipate the challenges ahead.

For our seasoned members, it will come as no surprise that our 2020-2021 fiscal year will not resemble anything from the past. We will rely on virtual platforms, ZOOM, and various modes of communication to stay connected and keep our branch focused on our mission to advocate for women and girls. During this unprecedented time, we ask that all of us remain flexible and share any opportunities that further our mission statement.

To help us with this task, we held a past president round table discussion on August 12 with nine past presidents in attendance to discuss possible goals for the coming fiscal year. It was an excellent meeting offering many viable options; please see accompanying article. The board will meet on September 2 to finalize the goals. We will have our monthly meeting on September 9th on ZOOM at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Chyna Hart from the West Chester University Resource Pantry, our Gateway to Equity winner. Specific information about the meeting will be e-mailed to you the week before.

Since we are relying on ZOOM as our primary communication tool, we have appointed Sandy Alexander as our ZOOM administrator to schedule our meetings, act as hostess for the meetings, and help answer any technical questions you may have. We understand that for many of us this is new technology. Please reach out to Sandy with any questions at frau.salexander@gmail.com.

The presidents thank all of you that renewed your membership during this unparalleled time. We currently have 90 members. I especially thank the new members and look forward to meeting you in person, hopefully soon. We encourage everyone

to check out our many special interest groups; please see accompanying article. We are happy to report that many are now available through virtual programs. Since we will not be holding in person meetings, the handbooks produced by Trish Alfano will be mailed out the beginning of September by our membership chairs, Pat Schultz and Susan Skiles. Please use this valuable reference guide throughout the year.

Finally, I know our branch will succeed and find ways to overcome the complications that have been put in our way. We all need to pull together like never before. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either me or Janet.

Anne Anderko

Past Presidents' Round Table Meeting – August 12

On August 12th we held our first ever past presidents' round table meeting on ZOOM. The purpose of the meeting was to utilize our presidents' past experiences to help determine the goals for the coming 2020-2021 year during this unprecedented time. With nine past presidents participating, we had a robust discussion that covered a wide array of subjects. The following past presidents were in attendance: Lyn Eaton, Jane Schultz, Mary Smith, Cathy Palmquist, Sandi Kwisz, Barbara Lathroum, Peggy Staarman, Eva Kaufmann, and Martina Ossman. Also present were current presidents Anne Anderko and Janet Kane, Sandy Alexander, ZOOM administrator, and Diane Dougherty, recording secretary.

We covered a lot of ground. We discussed the coming election and voting importance, Public Policy issues including women's healthcare, climate change and charter/public schools to mention just a few, education challenges with on-line learning, community outreach projects and the PA AAUW 5 Star Program. These excellent suggestions for possible goals will be forwarded to the board for our September 2 Board Meeting. They will determine our goals for this fiscal year keeping with our branch mission of advocating for women and girls.

Jennifer Schultz Bids Farewell to AAUW



Jennifer Schultz grew up hearing about AAUW at the dinner table. Her mother, Jane Schultz, is a long-time branch member. Jane even enlisted Jennifer to help with branch activities while she was still in

grade school – working in the children’s corner at May Day in Everett Park, among other events. In 2013, Jane was leading a membership drive and convinced Jennifer to formally join us.

Since then, Jennifer has been an active member of AAUW. For the past four years, Jennifer organized the AAUW table at the GETT Expo. Her selected activities were engaging, and many years the girls would seek out our table to get the cool take-home items. In 2016, Jennifer collaborated with dr. tonya thames-taylor on the annual Start Smart program, where she created a hands-on break out session for the participants to practice their salary negotiating skills. Jennifer also created a student loan seminar which she presented to WCU students in 2017 and 2018. She reprised the seminar at the 2018 statewide AAUW conference, as well as for the Lansdale Branch later that year. We recognized Jennifer’s contributions to the branch in 2017 when we honored her with the “Member Making a Difference” award.

Jennifer was also an active participant in the Lit II group, Food Interest Group (where she coordinated an outing to a local Indian restaurant), as well as being a founding member of the Mah Jongg group. A hobbyist cook, she could always be counted on to add an interesting flare to our holiday gatherings and branch potlucks.

Many of you have been following and supportive of Jennifer’s career as she has pursued her goal to

serve as a Judge in Philadelphia’s Court of Common Pleas. After two close primaries in 2015 and 2017, third time was the charm for Jennifer. She took the bench in January 2020 and is serving in the Trial Division hearing criminal cases. Unfortunately, Jennifer’s new role requires her to step back from her membership with AAUW.* We are sad to lose her as a member, but we know that she will continue to make us proud as she serves the community in this new role.

* Our organization’s mission to advocate for advancements in women’s rights is at odds with the rule that judges cannot participate in advocacy.



Eva Kaufmann Named District Coordinator of PA AAUW

Eva Kaufmann has been named District Coordinator (East) of Pennsylvania AAUW. She joins Paula Tomko, who will be West District Coordinator. The announcement was made by PA AAUW President Ann Pehle, who notes they are “well suited to the District Coordinator role, joining forces with Sue Johnston, who innovated the concept of district meeting, and their selection will lead to refreshing the role to reflect current needs and circumstances.”

In her introduction letter to the AAUW PA Board, Ann notes that as a new branch past president, Eva was wondering how she could continue her AAUW leadership work. She notes Eva taught German and French in middle school and high school at Marple Newtown and in retirement still teaches one class online in the College of Adult Professional Studies. She notes Eva’s was one of the first courses offered in the online college curriculum so “she is comfortable building virtual relationships. Eva told me she enjoys mentoring and coaching.”

Gateway to Equity: the WCU Resource Pantry

This fall West Chester University is having all of its classes virtually, like most other colleges in the area. There will be students on campus: the Promise Program students, who are the ones for which the Resource Pantry was originally developed. Most of these students have aged out of foster care and have no homes off campus. Some are homeless for other reasons. There are several hundred students in this program. They are being housed on-campus and are getting grab-and-go meals from the dining hall. Some have jobs; others don't. During this time the Resource Pantry is providing essentials such as school supplies and personal care items. These are the kinds of items that we have donated to the Pantry in the past, and that we plan to provide this fall.

Our first AAUW program in September will focus on the Resource Pantry, and we will get more details about their services to the Promise Program students. With the virtual format for meetings, we will have to change our collection methods. We will designate donation stations at the homes of several of our members, where members can drop off supplies at their convenience. More details will be provided at the meeting.

We hope to offer significant assistance to these deserving students this year!

Membership

- Patricia Schultz & Susan Skiles

We now have 90 members! We got so close to reaching our goal of 100 members in honor of the 100th year of the suffragists who won the right to vote for women in 1920! The virus has changed all our lives and the way we gather but we are eager to speak with anyone you know who may be interested in joining. The fee for new members is **\$55.50. A great deal!** We hope that each of you will talk to your friends about our branch and send us their contact information so we can reach out to them. Watch for more recruiting options.

Thank you from Domestic Violence Center

Susan DeGeorge shares this letter from Dr. Dolly Wideman-Scott, Ed.D., Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, thanking our AAUW Chapter for its support. The DVCCC was one of the agencies that we supported through Decade to Doorways as our 2019-2020 Gateway to Equity recipient.

“On behalf of everyone at the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, staff, and the survivors of domestic abuse we serve, I’d like to sincerely thank you and all of the ladies of your organization for your tireless efforts in addition to your final gifts of \$380.00 and \$126.66, which were made on May 25 and May 26, 2020. I can’t recall a more critical time for your support as we face this unprecedented time, and especially the intensified threats that it poses to those in need of our services. Your generosity allows us to answer every hotline call, to care for every survivor in need of our services, as we work together toward a world with less victims and greater consciousness. These words are from a former participant: *“What happened to me can happen to anyone . . . I never thought I would find myself in a situation like the one I was in. The DVCCC is a crucial resource for the women of this community. I am truly grateful for the support and assistance provided.”*

Our mission is to provide intervention, programs, outreach and advocacy to prevent, reduce and remedy family and intimate partner violence in Chester County. Thank you for all of your efforts in helping to make this mission a reality. Please know that I am wishing peace and health to all of you in this bewildering time.”



Keeping in Touch - Virtually

-- Sandy Alexander

Women's Social Bridge is meeting Fridays at 10 am on the bridgebase.com website. If you are interested in joining us for some mental stimulation and some social time (via conference calling), please contact Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com.

The MahJongg group is meeting Thursdays at 7 pm on the myjongg.net website. If you are interested in joining one of the weekly games, contact Kim Glavin at kimglavin@comcast.net.

Looking for an interesting read? Check out the Lit I, II and III group reading lists on our Branch website at <https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/activities/special-interest-groups/>. Discussions are being held virtually on Zoom. To join the mailing list, email Janet Kane at jfentonkane@gmail.com for Lit I, Jean Speiser at jeansp@gmail.com for Lit II and Carol Haaf at carolahaaf@verizon.net for Lit III.

TIG Armchair Travel Tip

-- Sandy Alexander

Someday soon we may be able to meet for some outings to nearby gardens, historical houses and museums. In the meantime, we've Facetimed and Zoomed, binged movies and shows on Netflix, Hulu, Disney+ and On Demand is no longer able to meet our demands. What else is available from the safety of our homes? According to a recent AAA article, Google Arts and Culture "contains digital galleries from more cultural institutions than Amazon has movies." On the Google site, you can explore the works of 12,175 artists and 119 art movements or learn more about 531 historical events or 7,212 historical figures. If a rainy day has cancelled your outdoor plans, visit collections of the Hermitage in Russia, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Museu do Amanhã in Brazil or the Israel Museum in Jerusalem to name just a few. Explore all this and more at <https://artsandculture.google.com/explore>.

Have you pulled out an unfinished needlework project while staying home during the Covid 19 pandemic? Join the AAUW Stitchers for a Zoom and Stitch session every Thursday morning from 10 am to noon. Join us for some social time with fellow stitchers. Contact Pat Schultz at pls@patriciaschultz.com to be put on the mailing list.



Pat Schultz just completed this afghan; we've been watching progress in the Stitchers ZOOM meeting every Thursday morning.

West Chester Food Cupboard

-- Jean Shervais

The West Chester Food Cupboard has served food-challenged residents of the West Chester School District for years. They have remained open throughout the pandemic, willingly serving many from beyond the district in these chaotic times. Although AAUW has traditionally provided a core of volunteers serving on a monthly basis, we have decided to postpone our monthly volunteering until sometime in 2021. There are currently sufficient daytime volunteers at the Cupboard, so there is no need for any of our members to put themselves at personal risk.

However, there is still a need for monetary donations as the Food Cupboard continues to serve unprecedented numbers on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Any AAUW member who would like to make a monetary donation may do so by sending a check directly to the Food Cupboard at the following address: 431 S. Bolmar Street, West Chester, PA 19382. Please make the check out to West Chester Food Cupboard and place AAUW in the memo line.

Laundromat Library League

-- Peggy Staarman

Yes, the Laundromat Library League is still collecting books. Some of our laundromat sites are still open and have stewards that are willing to oversee the book boxes. In addition, the LLL is exploring and finding other ways to distribute books to children. For example, the Melton Center in central West Chester recently received LLL books to send home with children who attended the Center's week-long summer camp. The books were carefully selected for each child. In Chester, PA, teachers organized porch-drops of packets of school materials to students. The LLL provided books to add to the packets.

You recently received information in an email from Anne Anderko about the **Kellogg's Feeding Reading program**. If you buy any participating Kellogg's product through September 30, 2020, you can receive credit for a book of your choice to donate to the LLL. You just need to take a picture of your receipt, go to FeedingReading.com, and register. Detailed instructions are on each Kellogg product.

Please take book donations from this program or from your own collection to Anne Anderko's house or to Toni Gorkin's house. Anne and Toni would appreciate notification so that they can be sure to place their collection boxes outside of their homes. I will take the donated books to the LLL storage location. Contact Anne at ananderko@msn.com and 484-885-4943 and Toni at tgorkin@comcast.net or 484-868-1872.

The LLL has over 200 sites in 29 states. Pennsylvania has 95 of those participating sites. More than 106,000 books have been donated since its inception in the fall of 2014 and 607 volunteers now support the goals of the organization. With the restrictions placed on businesses and schools because of the pandemic, the LLL wants to find as many ways as possible to serve our children. The need for books continues. The LLL thanks AAUW members for the tremendous support they have given and continue to give.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

PECAN SALE

Greetings from your "virtual" fundraising committee!

Since all of the 2020 Fall meetings will be held using a Zoom format, this year we will have added difficulties for our fundraising endeavors. Because it has been a proven winner in the past few years, we do plan to continue with our Pecan Sale. However, since we will not have a November monthly meeting scheduled at Grove United Methodist Church, there will be other arrangements for getting all of the candied favorites and plain pecans for cooking to you in November for holiday gift giving and baking. Current possible options include items to be picked up from Trish Alfano at her home in West Goshen Township or setting up a pick-up location and date at a central point such as the parking lot at Grove United Methodist Church where we normally have our meetings. An order form is included in this newsletter with a section to indicate how you would like to get your pecans. We will also be sending out an email form with all the information so please forward it to your family and friends who may be interested in some tasty pecans.

By participating in these fundraisers, we are able to raise the funds to support the worthwhile programs for young girls and women. We thank you for your continued support. Fundraising Co-chairs: Trish Alfano & Marie Knox

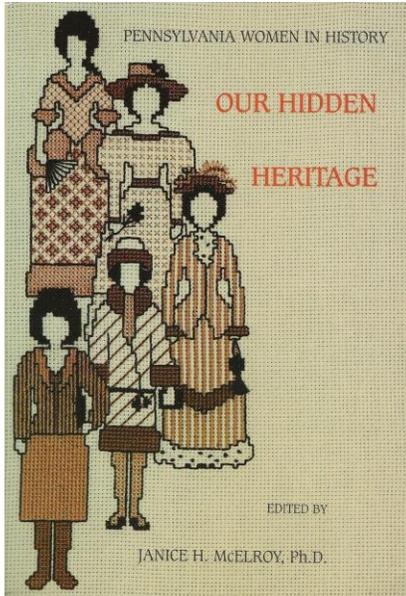
TEAPOTS



Despite not being able to have our anticipated banquet and Teapot decorating contest in May 2020, our members stepped up once more and contributed over \$1,500 for our 2019- 2020 Gateway to Equity fundraiser. Hang on to your teapots. We will schedule a belated best decorated teapot contest when we are able to meet again in person.

A Look Back in Branch History

-- Sandy Alexander



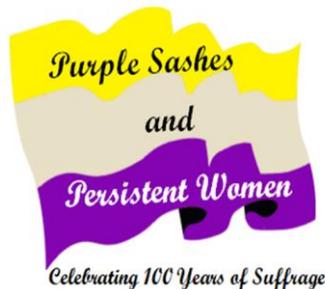
This year we celebrate the centennial of women's right to vote. In 1981, the Pennsylvania Division of AAUW undertook a project to salute a different milestone – the Pennsylvania Tricentennial. Chairpersons

Our Hidden Heritage: Pennsylvania Women in History.

All five biographies researched by Claire C. Etherton and written by West Chester Branch Chairperson Mary S. Pinkney were published in the book. Rebecca Pennock Lukens is the only woman included as one of the nine “founding fathers” of Chester County because of her successful management of the Brandywine Slitting Mill. Anne Preston, M.D. overcame obstacles to become a doctor and helped to establish a hospital for women and children with a training course for nurses. Isabel Darlington was the first woman lawyer in Chester County and the first women to practice before the Pennsylvania Superior Court and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Sara Louisa Oberholtzer was a poet who promoted the school savings bank program. Ida Jones, also known as Chester County’s Grandma Moses, earned enough money from the sale of her artwork to provide for her independence. The biographies in the book chronicle the lives of women throughout 300 years of Pennsylvania history. Editor Janice H. McElroy writes in the preface that these biographies document “the struggles that women have gone through to maintain their families, develop their communities, gain access to education, win their political rights and obtain admission into various fields of work.”

The counted cross-stitch cover design was created and stitched by Barbara Zinck Mendola, a certified craftsman of the Embroiderers' Guild of America. The five figures illustrate the change in women's costumes over the 300-year span of Pennsylvania history. [1681-1981]

from 55 of the then 78 AAUW Branches in Pennsylvania led efforts in their respective branches to research women in their communities who made significant contributions at the local, state or national level. The 259 biographies they wrote were submitted to a selection committee who chose the 165 biographies featured in a book,



Suffrage Centennial Celebration Information

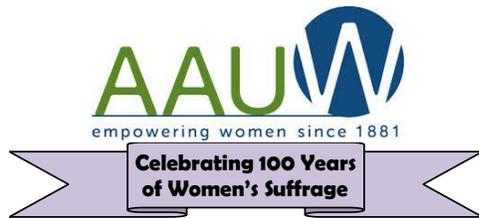
The Suffrage Centennial celebration has been extended to August 26, 2021!

Because of the interruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the National Women's Historical Center has extended the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment that granted suffrage to women in 1920.

Many events are still taking place during the current year, but virtually, and you can enjoy them at your leisure. For more information about events visit the national suffrage websites listed below.

[Women Win the Vote Gazette](#)
[Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission](#)

[Women's Vote Centennial Initiative \(WVCI\)](#)
[National Votes for Women Trail](#)



This book has been donated to the Chester County Library System to commemorate the historic passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
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AAUW West Chester-Chester County Successfully Launches "All Chester County Reads About Women's Suffrage"

Our branch has successfully reached out to all of the public libraries in the county library system through our volunteer liaisons. Together with the Chester County League of Women Voters, we established personal contacts at each library who will help to support our education effort for this important historic event.

The branch purchased a copy of our designated book, *Why They Marched* by Susan Ware, for

each of the 14 libraries, while the LWV purchased a selection of the recommended children's books. After affixing an AAUW Bookplate (See design at left) we distributed the books using a non-contact method – we packaged the books in paper bags and placed them in a box on the porches of three branch members: Pam Gray, Eva Kaufmann, and Fran Pierce. Our liaisons then picked up their books on their own schedules and delivered them to the libraries.

The liaisons also supplied each library branch with an electronic copy of the flyer that announced the reading event so that each library can send the information out with any electronic communications they have with their patrons. Our valuable volunteer liaisons are: Elaine Burgess, Pam Gray, Elaine Greaney, Carol Haaf, Mimi Jones, Barb Lathroum, Jane McDowell, Nancy Paist-Riches, Mary Smith, Jean Speiser, tonya thames-taylor, and Dot von Gerbig. Liaisons from the League of Women Voters included Lorraine Deisinger, Kathy Gastinger, Jenn Jones, Susan Mano, and Judy Menzel. (continued on next page)
Next steps will include scheduling book discussions at each of the branches with a leader from either AAUW or LWV; discussion leaders are needed so please volunteer if you are able to assist.

CALL FOR COMMENTS: One of our special interest groups has suggested we supplement the Suffragette Celebration information with stories of our own. Do you have a story to share about your mother or grandmother voting, perhaps for the first time? Or a story about a strong woman in your family? If so, write it up and send it to the editor, Toni Gorkin, at tgorkin@comcast.net.

"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult."

-- Charlotte Whitton

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 except for the summer months. 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 keeping the chapter Web Page updated 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.



League of Women Voters of Chester County
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www.lwvccpa.org

VOTING INFORMATION FOR PA VOTERS

Go to www.votespa.com

(This site has translate button top right corner)

- REGISTER TO VOTE AND/OR MAKE ANY CHANGES
 - CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION
 - FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE
 - MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION
 - TRACK STATUS OF MAIL-IN BALLOT
- ACCESS MORE VOTING INFORMATION



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PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION

www.vote411.org

CHESTER COUNTY VOTER SERVICES

www.chesco.org/election

610-344-6410

FIND MY PA LEGISLATOR

www.legis.state.pa.us

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE. MAKE IT COUNT !



AAUW State and National News Stay Involved from Home

AAUW-PA: Support the Family Care Act

Our friends at the Family Care Act Coalition have asked that we reach out to state senators on the Senate Labor and Industry Committee to ask for passage of SB 580 out of that committee. Anne Anderko forwarded to our branch an email from Barbara Price and Jacqui Rogers, AAUW PA Public Policy Chairs, with suggested language for emailing senators you wish to target. Emails to them should be sent with a cc to their chief of staff, who are listed in the Senate Labor & Industry attachment included in the email. Also send as an attachment, the Family Care Act One Pager PDF file that was included in the email. Talking points on the Family Care Act were also attached to this email, which can be used to add to your email; however, do not send the talking points file to the senators. Only send the one pager. Let the Public Policy Chairs know when you have sent the email, and if you get any feedback

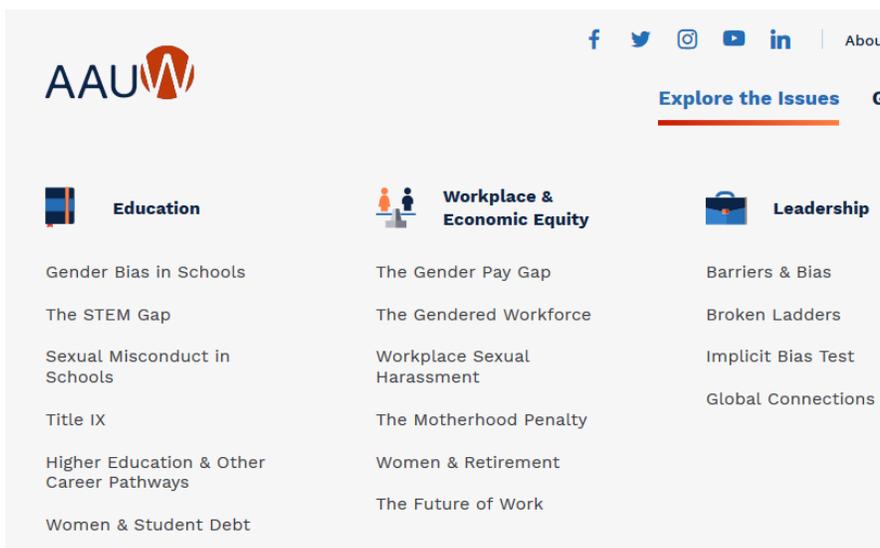
2020 AAUW Pennsylvania Convention Webinar Series

The second convention webinar will be held on **Voting in Pennsylvania: 2020 and Beyond, on Wednesday, September 2, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** The webinar will bring to you virtually speakers who were scheduled for the in-person cancelled 2020 AAUW Pennsylvania State Convention. Suzanne Almeida, Interim Executive Director, Common Cause Pennsylvania, will share updates on all the voting topics relevant today -- redistricting reform, mail-in voting, and the November 3rd general election. Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_edF-w87pQh6xKPLHU6R5Zw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Learn about the first webinar of the series at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>

AAUW National and Public Policy



Do you know what issues are a priority for our national organization? There is a wealth of information available on the National website –

<https://www.aauw.org/issues> .

Explore the issues, resources and action steps.



Special Interest Groups

Note: Because of the Covid-19 Coronavirus Stay-at-Home/Safe Distancing orders, meetings have been cancelled, but some groups are using virtual meeting options.

Women's Social Bridge

To have your name added to the e-mail list,



contact Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com.

The social bridge group will not be meeting

until further notice.

Couples Bridge

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

Mah Jongg

Contact is Kim at kimglavin@comcast.net

FIG (Food Interest Group)

On hiatus until further notice. Contact: Donna Eaves, FIG chair, at 610-692-5277 or deaves@live.com.

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 one 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. Lit I is using Zoom for a virtual meetings. The schedule of books is posted on the chapter webpage. Contact: Janet Kane: jfentonkane@gmail.com or 610-399-1149.

LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

Lit Group II is using Zoom for virtual meetings. The schedule is posted to the chapter internet page. Contact: Jean Speiser at JeanSp@gmail.com.

LIT III: Daytime Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

This new group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The schedule is also posted on the chapter internet page. Contact: Carol Haaf 610-793-5086 or carolahaaf@verizon.net

TIG (Travel Interest Group)

The Travel Interest Group is on hiatus until conditions improve. Contacts are: Sandy Alexander (frau.salexander@gmail.com), Mary Marco (Mary.m.marco@gmail.com), or Jane McDowell (jlmcdowell@gmail.com).

Stitchers Group

Stitchers is meeting via ZOOM every Thursday @ 10AM. Please join us for creative stitching & interesting conversations! Contact Patricia Schultz 610-436-9752 for details.

Walkers Group

The group is not meeting as a group for now, but Walkers are encouraged to walk on their own and use safe distancing practices. Contact: Phyllis Dunn at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com



Glazed Pecans –
\$9.00 per 8 oz. bag



Cinnamon Glazed Pecans -
\$10.00 per 10 oz. bag



Pecan Caramel Clusters -
\$9.00 per 8 oz. bag

**PECAN 2020
FUNDRAISER**
ORDERS DUE OCT. 16



Chocolate Covered Pecans -
\$10.00 per 12 oz. bag



Extra Large Pecan Halves -
\$13.50 per 16 oz. bag

FALL FUNDRAISER PECAN SALE

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 16, 2020

Due to limited quantities of certain items, orders will be filled in the order received.

NAME
EMAIL
PHONE

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	QUANTITY	COST Per bag	TOTAL COST
16 oz. Extra Large Pecan Halves	102		\$13.50	
10 oz. Cinnamon Glazed Pecan [gift bagged]	212		\$10.00	
8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters [gift bagged]	205		\$9.00	
12 oz. Chocolate Covered Pecans [gift bagged]	203		\$10.00	
8 oz. Glazed Pecans [gift bagged]	223		\$9.00	
TOTALS:				

- **Please make your check payable to: AAUW West Chester-Chester County and mail to: Trish Alfano, 1004 Pine Valley Circle, West Chester, PA 19382**
- There is no tax
- If you have any questions, please e-mail Trish Alfano at ba1004@comcast.net or call 610-431-4545.
- Orders will be distributed in **November [date and time to be announced later]** **Please indicate possible delivery option(s):**
- I would be able to pick up from Trish – 1004 Pine Valley Circle, West Chester 19382
- I would be able to pick up at Grove United Methodist Church parking lot [date TBD]
- I am able to make arrangements for another member to pick up my order
- Other request: _____



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Virtual Meeting Sept 9: WCU Resource Pantry

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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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