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AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch
 Presents

"A Coalition for Racial Equality and Social Justice"

By Ellen Price Maloy, Diversity Chairman, and
 Dr. Bernadine Ahonkhai
 of the Lansdale PA Branch of AAUW

Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.
 ZOOM Meeting

The Lansdale AAUW branch and the Lansdale Library have formed a community coalition for racial equity and social justice. Ellen Price Maloy and Dr. Bernadine Ahonkhai would like to discuss the formation of this group and their plan of action as well as what actions the coalition has taken recently.

ZOOM instructions will be emailed in advance

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Letter from the President

“Winter is a season of recovery and preparation.”

Paul Theroux

As we await our vaccinations and plan for better days ahead, the words of Paul Theroux, travel writer and novelist, seem prophetic. I think it is safe to say that we are all pandemic-fatigued and anxious to get back to “normal.” However, it will be some time before we can conduct our lives as usual; so, perhaps, we can be inspired by thinking of these dark winter days as a time to recover from the isolation of the past year and make plans for re-starting our lives as spring and summer roll in.

Because we are still practicing social distancing, it is likely that the remainder of this year’s meetings will remain via ZOOM. We are holding out hope that perhaps we will be able to celebrate with an outdoor “banquet” in May or June. In the meantime, we are all becoming more facile in the use of virtual platforms, and the Board has been extremely supportive in assisting Anne and me as we continue to move our organization forward.

The generosity of our members in supporting our organizations has been absolutely phenomenal,

and we look forward to selecting next year’s Gateway to Equity award in the near future. Please make a nomination if you know of an organization that you feel would be worthy of our support and consistent with our mission. We are also asking for nominations for our annual awards: Member Making a Difference, Outstanding Branch Member, and Peg Anderson award (see the **VOTING FORM at the end of this Newsletter** for details on how to nominate). We have so many dedicated members that it is wonderful to recognize their service.

Our branch meeting this month will be held on February 13th at 7:00 via ZOOM and our speakers will share the work of the Lansdale AAUW and the Lansdale Library is creating “A Coalition for Racial Equity and Social Justice”. Please join us for this important presentation as it may inform future work of our branch.

We will continue to share vaccine updates as we hear of them and hope that we can all use this winter as a time to prepare for recovery of our lives as we knew them.

Stay well,

-- Janet Kane

Who can join AAUW?

-- Eva Kaufmann

This is the question coming before our members this spring. The question is, should we eliminate the college degree requirement for membership? There are several reasons why it is coming up for a vote, and in my role on the PA Board of AAUW, I have gotten some new points of view, many of them surprising.

Here are some of the issues:

1. AAUW needs to increase membership. The average age of our members is currently 72. I actually think this is a great age! Nevertheless, we need to do more to attract younger women, and most of our efforts have proven generally

unsuccessful. Our branch is exceptional in that we have not only maintained our membership numbers, but have even increased them (well, before COVID). Other branches around the state are not so fortunate and are experiencing declining membership; a few are dying out. What can we do to make our organization attractive to younger women?

2. We need to focus on our mission. Our mission is to promote equity and provide opportunities for women and girls. This is really the essence of our existence, our *raison d'être*. In today's world, (continued on next page)

Who Can Join AAUW? (continued)

college-educated women are breaking glass ceilings every day, although with a pay gap. While we recognize the need to help women who have not been as fortunate as we have been, we do not allow them to join our fight. For this reason we are seen as elitist by many younger women, both college-educated and those without a degree. They don't want to join this kind of group.

- 3. We need to expand our diversity.** Our new United States President is a great role model in choosing a diverse group to work with him in our government. We can't say that we want to include a diverse group of women who believe in our cause, but then discriminate against some of them, the ones who never finished college.
- 4. We need more funding from major foundations.** Many major foundations will no longer support organizations that have discriminatory membership policies, including ours. When funding dries up, dues increase, another unfortunate situation that we are facing. I am learning of drastic cuts that have already been made at the National office to balance the shrinking budget.

The most common rebuttal to this proposal is that AAUW actually includes "University Women" in our name. The response is that many organizations have developed, and the name changes with them. IHOP was "International House of Pancakes," but the company now uses just the initials, since they serve so much more than pancakes and breakfast food. The same for AT&T. Does it really matter that there is no more telegraph? There are numerous examples of similar name changes as companies change and grow over time.

In summary, the health of our organization is being tested. Do we want to be a group that focuses on special interests and social activities, or do we want to focus on our mission? Can we join with women from different educational backgrounds to achieve equity at all socio-economic levels? If so, we need to think seriously

about our membership policies, and allow all like-minded women to join our cause.



AAUW Pennsylvania Statement supporting AAUW open membership January 2021

*This statement is from Ann Pehle,
President of AAUW-PA*

When AAUW was founded, there were few opportunities for women to have a voice. Often it fell on the shoulders of women who were fortunate enough to have the benefit of a college education to have an impact in their communities. Times change and so should AAUW. We witness women who support AAUW's equity mission making significant contributions and impacting their communities yet unable to obtain secondary degrees for social and economic reasons often related to gender inequality. Think of those performing essential jobs during this pandemic-- EMTs, LPNs, CNAs, phlebotomists, radiographic technicians, and grocery store and restaurant employees delivering your groceries and carry-outs.

Many times, AAUW branches work in collaboration on AAUW mission-based projects with strong, committed, fierce allies in our communities yet can't extend an invitation for membership because they are not "qualified." This hypocrisy is embarrassing. We need to be an organization that, when we say we work for equity, means we offer membership equity, too. In many cases it is the women without degrees who face the most difficult obstacles to equity in our society. Opening our membership to women from all walks of life who are deeply committed to our cause will serve to strengthen our organization for the future.

A STIRRING PRESENTATION BY NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN AT JANUARY MEETING

-- Jean Speiser

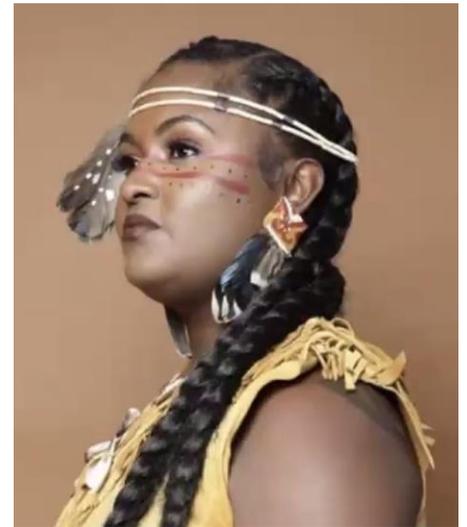
The format of our January 2021 branch meeting's presentation was unusual. Instead of a lecture, we were treated to a three-way conversation among the two presenters and the facilitator, Tonya Thames Taylor. Tonya described it as resembling a Terry Gross interview. The presenters, Chenae Bullock and Staysea Lee Hutchings-McCutcheon, are members of the Shinnecock tribe who are also Black. They talked about intersectionality – the idea that everyone has their own unique experiences of discrimination and oppression, and that in order to understand them it is necessary to consider everything that can marginalize people. Everything impacts everything else.



Chenae Bullock (top) and Staysea Lee Hutchings-McCutcheon told a compelling and stirring story on Zoom to chapter members at the January meeting.

Their tribe's reservation is situated along the southern fork of Long Island in the Hamptons. They have lived there for over 10,000 years (compare that to the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620) but have been struggling to keep their land. Starting in the late 1960's members of the tribe sought federal recognition, a process that was extremely time-consuming and degrading. It was not until 2010 that the tribe was finally recognized by the federal government.

Each person had to prove their right to be considered members of the tribe and that it deserved federal recognition in order allow their tribal laws to supersede those of the United States. It was extremely difficult because records were difficult to retrieve and family structure in this matriarchal society is not necessarily based on blood relations. Thus DNA testing may not reveal the truth about who is related to whom and in what way. Not being recognized is tantamount to being told you are not who you say you are. People whose racial and societal identity fits into more than one pigeon hole struggle to hold onto the various components of their identity. The requirements were such that families were sometimes fractured.



Chenae "Butterfly Woman" identifies herself as a "vessel for the re-creation of the world."

Growing up on the reservation, it was often easier not to acknowledge their Shinnecock heritage because of the prejudice they encountered. They walked in two worlds as both Shinnecoeks and as Blacks. "The ecosystem of oppression" required *(continued on next page)*

JANUARY MEETING (Continued)

accommodation just to survive. Attending high school in the Hamptons was a particularly fraught experience for them.

Chenae “Butterfly Woman” Bullock identifies herself as “a vessel for the re-creation of the world.” The important syllable in the phrase is “re.” She talked in terms of reclaiming, resurging, and rehabilitating the world and that all of us, not just indigenous people, reap the benefits achieved. She also identified herself as a water protector and called rivers the “placenta of the earth.” They fight for clean water but need help as they cannot do it alone.

Chenae Bullock is the national organizer, CEO, and owner of Moskehtu Consulting. Staysee Lee Hutchings-McCutcheon is Shinnecock Senior Program’s Professional Support Specialist and formerly served as the Shinnecock Tribal Enrollment Director and American Indian Community House’ Labor’s Workforce Investment.

Both of them continue to work to support their cultural heritage and are now trying to reclaim the land that comprises the 80-acre Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.

Campaigns in Indian Country



As the owner of Moskehtu Consulting, Chenae Bullock works with several campaigns for Native Americans.

They discussed other issues as well, in particular that Native American women are 10 times more likely to be murdered than their sisters of other ethnicities. For more information on this topic, you can Google **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women USA**.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

-- Anne Anderko

We are excited to report that the nominating committee led by Fran Pierce met for their first meeting to begin the process of selecting officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year starting on July 1, 2021. We have a number of open officer positions to be filled, and it is our hope that when called, you will step up and accept the nomination. Starting in February, the committee will be reaching out to members that they feel are ready to lead and assume the duties of a branch officer. If you interested in an officer position, we urge you to contact Fran Pierce at franpierce@verizon.net with any questions. With your help, we will continue to make a difference for the women and girls we represent.

WELCOME 2021 L.A.P.P. TEAM

-- Deb Liczwek

As noted in the January newsletter, our branch introduced a newly formed L.A.P.P. -- Legislative And Public Policy -- team. As all politics are local, our work will focus on statewide issues in the hope of bringing about change. The team has chosen a **Focus on Fairness in Pennsylvania:** Fair Districts in PA and Fair Funding for PA Public Education.

Both issues impact all of us in different ways. Legislative procedural control can be used to carve voting districts that are not truly representative of the broader state constituents. Unfair funding of public education not only robs children of a proper education, it impacts property values and ultimately affects the economy. The mission of the team is to educate members on the impact of each issue and provide members with a path to voice an opinion with their legislators. The LAPP members include:

- Sarah Caspar
- Marie Knox
- Barbara Lathroum
- Deb Liczwek
- Victoria Neely
- Donna Pyne
- Jean Speiser

Feel free to connect to any one of us for more details.

L.A.P.P. CALL TO ACTION: Say NO to Judicial Gerrymandering

-- Barbara Lathroum

Some legislators in the PA legislature want to pass a constitutional amendment that would effectively gerrymander our courts. This amendment would require PA's statewide judges to run for election in regional districts drawn by legislators. This would upset the separation of powers by giving legislators the power to create districts that result in more judges for their own party.

The behind-the-scenes plan is to push through this bill quickly, with votes in the House before the end of January and in the Senate in early February. This is without public hearings, without expert testimony,

without any hint of due diligence or transparent response to concerns or objections.

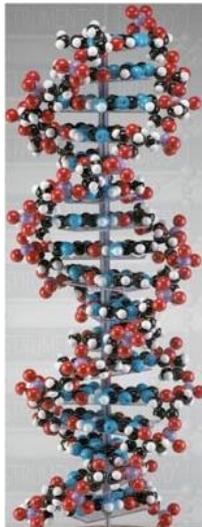
House Bill 38 is exactly the opposite of what PA voters asked for. PA citizens have demonstrated significant support for an independent citizens' redistricting commission. Bills to amend the constitution to accomplish that never got a vote. HB 38 has no documented public support yet is moved quickly through the PA legislature. PA voters want to know WHY!

Write your state representatives to vote "NO" on Houser Bill 38.

For more information, refer to the Fair Districts PA website: fairdistrictspa.com.

2020 GETT – Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology

-- Deb Liczwek and Mary Smith



The challenging year did not stop GETT! Although late, the event went on virtually and our branch participated! Dr. Amita Mohan, a National AAUW member and a plant biologist based at University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, worked with local member Deb Liczwek, retired DuPont chemist and manager, to connect the girls with the basis of life – DNA. We explained what DNA is and talked about the fact that small

changes in DNA encoding genes – defined by specific ordering of base-pairs – determine our unique traits.

Amita led them through the steps of extracting DNA from strawberries, which are octoploid – they have 8 strands of DNA compared to two strands we have. This makes it much easier to extract and see the DNA.



Finally, we personalized the experiment by asking them to view themselves in a mirror to identify certain DNA determined traits: hair

type, and color, eye color, freckling of skin, ear lobe type, ability to tongue roll, and ability to taste bitter. Then we asked that they talk to their family – grandparents, parents, aunts, and uncles – about their traits. We asked which family traits they shared? Were they the same or different? We suggested they map them on a family tree. This is a nice way to connect and engage family members virtually!

NOTE: The video was shown at the January 13 meeting. You can watch it also at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sm2lmXwOS98&feature=youtu.be>

Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) is usually an annual event in the spring for girls in grades 5-10 and their parents to learn about career opportunities in a broad scope of STEM related industries. The program is filled with exciting, enlightening and experiential activities led by successful women in STEM fields. Due to the pandemic we re-engineered GETT into a 20th anniversary video series that launched in early November 2020 with the opening ceremony, followed by a weekly video or livestream with hands-on STEM activities from our Expo organizations. This programming will run through the school year, so instead of one day, it will take place over 8 months!
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GETT (Continued)

Our AAUW branch has been involved for all 20 years of GETT and we are still going as GETT has grown from 50 girls to over 900 in 2019. Many current and past members have been involved in many different aspects. Even some husbands got in on the fun. AAUW's study in 1998, Tech Savvy, played a major part in establishing GETT; Mary Smith reports she believes you can download it from the AAUW.org website. If not, she can loan you her copy.

Mary Smith, a member of our AAUW branch, has been a GETT committee member for 20 years. She reports GETT began in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 2001 as a response to the under-representation of young women in the computer and information technology fields. Since that time, GETT has expanded its geographical footprint to include students from all around Southeastern Pennsylvania and now showcases the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

GETT is an initiative of the Innovative Technology Action Group (ITAG), a program under the Chester County Economic Development Council, and is driven by the volunteer efforts of numerous public, private, and educational organizations, along with public and private investments.

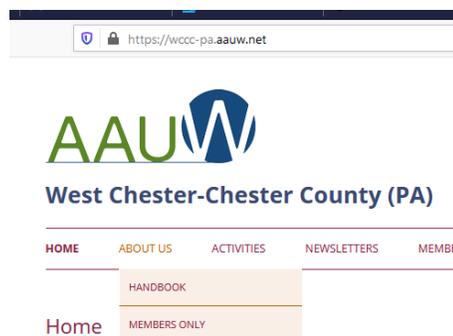
Zoom News – Need a Meeting?

Zoom coordinator Sandy Alexander is busy hosting many meetings for our branch. In addition to the monthly branch meetings, the Board, Lit I, II and III, the Stitchers, L.A.P.P. and Tutors are all meeting on Zoom. If your committee or SIG needs to meet on Zoom, please involve Sandy when selecting a day and time. One week notice is appreciated; emergency situations will be accommodated if possible.

Videos of Branch Programs Available to Stream

Did a schedule conflict or technological problem keep you from attending a branch program? You can stream recordings of the programs from our website – it's as easy as streaming on Netflix or Hulu! Here are the four easy steps to do it.

1. Just visit wccc-pa.aauw.net and click on **Members Only** under **About Us**.



2. To protect everyone's privacy, you will need to enter the password that is on the inside cover of your Handbook.
3. Click on the date of the program you wish to view and type the password on the inside cover of your Handbook one more time before clicking on **Submit**.
4. Then just click on the picture to start the video.

Don't miss out on seeing the excitement of one of the girls in the **GirlGov** program (October 14), learning about **Sheriff Fredda Maddox** and her experience as a woman of color in law enforcement, or hearing **Sinnecock Staysea Hutchings-McCutcheon** and **Chenae Bullock** discuss reservation life and the issues faced by Native American Women (November 11). Future programs will be posted the day after the meeting.

Laundromat Library League Request

The Laundromat Library League (the LLL) is in need of an attorney or CPA who could help the organization with two tasks:

1. Since its incorporation, the LLL must file a simple tax form that has been done in the past by a CPA in its network. Unfortunately, that person passed away last year. Since the LLL's annual revenue is below \$10,000, the tax form is just a postcard.
2. There is one local grant program for which the LLL would like to apply. Along with the application, the LLL must submit a letter signed by a lawyer or a CPA that states that the LLL's finances have been examined and comply with Pennsylvania law. An LLL board member can offer a sample letter.

Please contact Peggy Staarman (peggstaar@verizon.net) or Arlene Rengert (arengert@gmail.com) if you can assist the LLL with some minimal but important work for the LLL. Either of us would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Thank you so very much for your consideration.

Chester County Youth Center Gifts

-- Nancy Dore

The week before Christmas I delivered an SUV load of gifts to the Chester County Youth Center. This was made possible by the generous donations from 30 people from AAUW and Friends of Fran Pierce. Each girl received a large tote bag that contained over 20 items. Additionally there were two tote bags filled with games, puzzles, batteries, and hair care tools, and each girl received several gift cards. This year, with outside contact so restricted, the gifts were especially appreciated.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

-- Mother Teresa

MEMBERSHIP

-- Patricia Schultz & Susan Skiles

We are focusing on **RETENTION** this year but are always eager to add new members! 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 speak to them directly.

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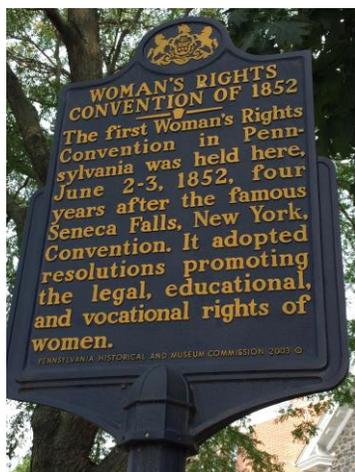
Books Donated in Memory of Members

-- Cathy Palmquist

Two books have been selected for donation to the Chester County Library in memory of Rachel Mullin and Marian Stevenson. With input from their families, we are donating *Quiet Mind – One Minute Mindfulness* by David Kundtz, which offers chapters such as Busy Days, Making Room for Life, and Remembering to Take Time, in memory of Marian. *Run to Win: Lessons in Leadership for Women Changing the World*, by Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List, and Christina Reynolds, with a foreword by Kamala Harris, is being donated in Rachel's memory.

Member News and Notes

COME, EXPERIENCE A BIT OF 1852! AAUW Members Invited



-- Arlene Rengert

In 1848 the first national women's rights convention took place in Seneca Falls, New York. Other national conventions followed, and several states also held women's rights conventions. The first one in

Pennsylvania was in 1852—in West Chester. The historic building that held it still stands, as announced by the historic marker in front of it.

The proceedings of that conference reside in the Library of Congress and have been the subject of several books. In the 1970's two members of the Theater faculty of what is now West Chester University, Bill Morehouse and Saundra Hall, adapted words used in that conference to create a "reader's script" that was performed by faculty on the main campus stage. It was performed at the university at least one other time in the decades that ensued, but otherwise the

manuscript gathered dust in library archives and occasional faculty attics.

This year, spurred by the well-publicized anniversary of women's suffrage, a group of residents at the Kendal retirement community in Kennett Square are offering a Zoom performance of the script this **February 23**. The cast of 11, directed by Larry Kirwin, don light period costuming and share the words and sentiments that capture the essence of the 2-day conference that took place in downtown West Chester on June 2-3, 1852. Peggy Draeger, as Lucretia Mott, convenes the conference. Original costuming typical of the period was designed and sewn by Susan Beach and is modeled by Susan Slaninka who reads as Mariana Johnson. AAUW member Arlene Rengert is Producer of the event.

Any AAUW member that wishes to join the Zoom audience is most welcome, but you need to register the email address and screen name you will use in advance so the Kendal Zoom Master will know to grant admission to the Zoom room. Those that register will be emailed the Zoom invitation close to the date. Registrations must be received by Saturday February 20; To register, send email and screen name you will use to kendal1852women@gmail.com.

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** to ensure the issue can be distributed on the first of the next 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*

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 is meeting virtually until further notice.

Couples Bridge

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

Mah Jongg

Contact is Kim Glavin 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.

Facebook Page

Don't forget to check our Facebook Page. It's **AAUW Chester County PA**. Thank you to Alice Lenthe for running it.

Website

Check it out at wccc-pa.aauw.net. Also, a reminder: The website and Facebook page are most effective if they have up-to-date information. It is our public face. If you are sending Toni Gorkin pictures for the newsletter, make sure to copy them to Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com and Alice Lenthe at alicelenthe@gmail.com. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!

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 three 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 virtual meetings. The schedule of books is posted on the chapter webpage. Contact: Janet Kane: jfentonkane@gmail.com or 610-399-1149. The group will discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict, on February 15.

LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Right now we are meeting virtually; contact Jean Speiser (JeanSp@Gmail.com) for the Zoom link. The

group will discuss *Circe* by Madeline Miller on February 17.

LIT III: Daytime Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

This group meets 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.

The group will discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* on February 2.

TIG (Travel Interest Group)

The Travel Interest Group is on virtual only 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).

Virtual Escapes

As winter approaches, you may be looking for a virtual escape from the confines of your home. Check out this link

(<https://www.wildjunket.com/armchair-travel-how-to-travel-without-leaving-home/>) for 45 fun ideas for how to "travel" without leaving home. Tour a museum, visit a UNESCO site, take a digital hike in a National Park, read travel-related books or blogs, learn a new language, watch travel-related shows on Netflix and more!

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

Stitchers Group

HAPPY 2021!

Patricia Schultz will send reminders each week. At present Stitchers are meeting every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon beginning: 1/21/21. Please mark your calendars and join us for creative stitching & interesting conversations! Contact Patricia to be added to the mailing list. pls@patriciaschultz.com



*We will raise this wounded world into
a wondrous one...*

*There is always light, if only we're
brave enough to see it.*

If only we're brave enough to be it.

Amanda Gorman

National Youth Poet Laureate

MEMBERS - IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

It's that time again! We have listed the 2020 recipient for reference. All of the previous winners are listed in your handbook on pages 22 and 23. Carol Haaf will send out this form in an email. Click "reply" and provide a nomination for each award. **Please e-mail your votes to Carol Haaf, carolhaaf@verizon.net and return by February 28!**

1. Member Making a Difference

Granted in recognition of recent-term contributions by an unsung member who exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. (2020 recipient: Trish Alfano)

2. Outstanding Branch Member

Awarded to a member for meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years. (2020 recipient: Eva Kaufmann)

3. Peg Anderson Award

Recognizes a long-standing member who has served in many capacities over the years and who continues to work in the background to inspire and support those who are now leaders and members. (2020 recipient: Mimi Jones)

4. Gateway to Equity Award

The award honors an individual, group, or organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

(2020 recipient: West Chester University Resource Pantry)

Briefly explain the mission of this nominee:

Website: _____



119 Llandoverly Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

February 2021 Newsletter

Coalition for Racial Equity and Social Justice

wccc-pa.aauw.net

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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