



## AAUW some NEWS

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### AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch Presents "So You've Been Vaccinated. Now What?" Dr. Christine Meyer

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
ZOOM Meeting

Facilitated by Jean Speiser

ZOOM instructions will be emailed in advance

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## Letter from the President

*"Spring drew on...and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that Hope traversed them at night, and left each morning brighter traces of her steps."*

– Charlotte Brontë

We are, indeed, living in the spirit of Spring hopefulness as more of us score a precious vaccination and post-pandemic life begins to slowly open. Our branch members have been amazing in their support of all our efforts this year, especially adapting to our online meetings and supporting our community outreach efforts. However, the time has come for us to attempt an in-person event. As you know, our May banquet (May 12th) is a very special event at which we celebrate honors for our dedicated members and elect officers for next year. I am delighted to tell you that a good number of our members, as expressed in an online survey, are willing to attend the banquet if it is modest in scope, outdoors and follows all Commonwealth guidelines for capacity, masking, and social distancing. Stay tuned for details coming via email very soon.

I would like to call your attention to AAUW National's proposed amendment to its by-laws which will require a vote of all members. For many reasons, our National officers are recommending that AAUW revise its membership requirements to eliminate the requirement of a college degree. The rationale for this is clearly explained by Eva Kaufmann, our Eastern PA Regional coordinator, in her article this month. Our branch board members have voted to support the change and encourage you to read the rationale and VOTE between April 7th and May 17th. You will be receiving emails from AAUW National with further information on how to make your voices heard.

Barb Lathroum and Jean Speiser have done a terrific job with programs this year and I invite you to our April 14th meeting which will feature Dr. Christine Meyer speaking on: "So You've Been Vaccinated. Now What?"

Best wishes for a Spring filled with the hope of life beyond the pandemic.

--Janet



## **MAY 12th Banquet – Save the Date!**

From our survey monkey, we learned that many of you agreed to an in person gathering for our May 12<sup>th</sup> Banquet get together. Jean Shervais will chair this event. We are still in the early planning stages. What we do know is it will be held at Thornbury Farms outside pavilion. Masks and social distancing will be in effect for the event. An invitation will be coming out soon via e-mail so we can plan accordingly. We are very excited to have this opportunity to celebrate the end of this unprecedented year.

## **2021 Covid-19 Special Scholarship**

-- Deborah Liczwek

Last month, the Board asked our members to consider supporting a one-time additional scholarship to address this economic impact of Covid-19 on women scholars. You, our branch members, are spectacular! Because of your generosity, we have amassed \$2700 in support of this one-time award. This is far beyond any of the Board members' expectations.

In order to avoid overshadowing the Alice Lawson Scholarship, which is a \$1500 award, the Board will discuss the best way to use these funds and will endeavor to divide the money in such a way that no additional recipient receives more than the amount of the on-going Alice Lawson scholarship award.

And thank you for your generosity! You truly meet the mission of supporting and empowering women.

## ***Our Chapter: Nominating Report***

Thank you to our Nominating Committee chaired by Fran Pierce along with Peggy Staarman, Mimi Jones and Donna Eaves. A very special thank you to our chair, Fran Pierce, who after many years overseeing the committee is stepping down. We appreciate all the time and energy she has given to ensure that our branch nominated candidates have had the skills to serve as our officers.

The 2021 Nominating Committee has completed its work of identifying branch members who have agreed to stand for election for the following offices. According to our Branch Bylaws the election must take place at the **Branch Annual Meeting** which is set for **Wednesday, May 12**. We thank all of the members that have agreed to stand for election and look forward to another excellent year.

**Co-President – Janet Kane** – Will stand for election this year for her second, 1-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022.

**Co-President – Deb Liczwek** - Will stand for election this year for her first, 1-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022.

**Co-Vice President for Membership Accounting – Trish Alfano** - Will stand for election this year for her first, 2-year term that will expire on June 30, 2023.

**Co-Vice President for Membership Promotion – Kim Glavin** – Will stand for election this year for her first, 2-year term that will expire on June 30, 2023.

**Co-Vice President for Programs – Beryl Goldman**– Will stand for election for her first, 2-year term that will expire on June 30, 2023. **Jean Speiser** will fill the last year of Barb Lathroum's 2-year term which will expire on June 30, 2022 because Barb is moving to New England this summer. Jean does not need to run for election.

**Co-Secretary – Patricia Schultz** – Will run for her first, 2-year term to serve as **Corresponding Secretary**. Her term will expire on June 30, 2023. **Diane Dougherty** – Will continue into the second year of her term as **Recording Secretary** with support from Jean Shervais. Her term will expire on June 30, 2022.

**Treasurer – Suzy DeGeorge** – Will run for a second term but is not committed to remaining in that office for more than one year, until June 30, 2022. She will decide about a second year of her term next year, 2022. Suzy is open to helping another member learn the Treasurer position.

## ***AAUW Membership question***

-- *Eva Kaufmann*

Do you have a friend that would be a perfect fit for AAUW? Someone who believes passionately in equity for women and girls and would love to work toward that goal? But you can't invite her to join us because she doesn't have a degree?

I've spoken to many friends in our club, and most have said they have such a friend. The mission of our organization is to provide equity for all women, not just those who have had an advanced education. At one time the issues for college-educated women were different. Women with degrees were unable to get credit and unable to make a variety of financial decisions without the approval of their fathers or husbands. Certain

careers were off-limits. Female doctors, engineers, and lawyers were extremely rare. Think of the battles of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to be taken seriously. Educated women banded together to lobby for change.

Today we still face glass ceilings, although many have been broken. Pay equity is elusive, and overall, women are paid less than their male counterparts. Think of the struggle by women soccer players, who earn a fraction of what their male counterparts get for their accomplishments. Our focus has shifted to include the struggles of all women. In doing so, our *(continued on next page)*

## **Membership Question (continued)**

organization finds itself in the awkward position of demanding change for women that we refuse to accept as members. It's no wonder we are seen as an elitist club by prospective members and by wealthy foundations that once supported us.

It's time to invite these women into AAUW. Let's embrace diversity and welcome women of all

walks of life into our group. The criteria for membership should not be whether someone has had the good fortune to attend college, but whether they want to join with us to promote opportunities for women.

AAUW National will ask for your vote on this membership issue this spring. I urge you to vote for change in our membership requirements!

## **Membership Vote: More Info from AAUW-PA**



Between April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> of this year, AAUW membership has the opportunity to

vote on removing the education requirement currently in place for women to be members of AAUW. This would be a change to AAUW, and as such, there is lots for you to consider prior to voting. AAUW-PA wants to support all AAUW members in our state to make sure you have the resources you need to participate in this important decision. Between now and the end of the voting period, stay tuned in with AAUW-PA to receive resources, announcements, and information on the membership vote. You may also find the following information helpful as you begin to think about voting.

### **April Small Groups**

If you want to have further conversation with other members about the change, or have questions, register for a small group session during the month of April, conducted by Jordan Glover, AAUW-PA Diversity & Inclusion Chair. These sessions will be small and interactive, and require advance registration.

Tuesday, April 13th 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
([registration link](#))

Friday, April 16th 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
([registration link](#))

Monday, April 19th 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
([registration link](#))

Wednesday, April 21st 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
([registration link](#))

### **Online Resources**

AAUW National has already been creating resources specifically for members to use around the membership vote. If you haven't already, check out the Open Membership Toolkit found [here](#). As we get closer to the voting timeframe, expect to see more information come out from National. AAUW-PA also has information on Facebook [here](#), and Twitter [here](#).

## **Also from AAUW-PA\***

A flyer for a \$15 Minimum Wage event. The top section is green with white text: '\$15 MINIMUM WAGE' and 'Who Needs It and Why Should I Care?'. Below this is a green box with white text: 'Jacqui Rogers', 'AAUW PA Public Policy Chair', 'will share the latest economic data, the myths about minimum wage, and current legislation to make the minimum wage a livable wage in Pennsylvania.', 'April 14, 2021', '7:00 pm', 'Registration Required for this Zoom event', and a button that says 'Click here to register'. At the bottom is a smaller flyer titled 'Who benefits from a higher minimum wage?' with a table comparing 'WHAT PEOPLE THINK' and 'THE REALITY'. The table shows that people think teenagers work part-time, live with parents, and spend money, while reality shows they are 16 years old, 88% are not teens, 31% are 40 or older, 90% are women, 28% have children, 51% work full time, and on average they earn more than half of their family's total income. The bottom of the flyer has the URL 'go.epl.org/raisethewage' and 'ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE'.

\* Go to the AAUW-PA website to register. This is a picture of the flyer and link is not active.



## **March Branch Meeting: The Art Scene in Chester County**

-- Jean Speiser

### **Jeff Schaller, Chester County Artist**

I create textural art pieces which incorporate representational form with the printed word. In essence, the visual and written symbols merge to create a unique aesthetic language that is both provocative and whimsical. My multiple-image pieces, with images ranging from polka dots to popular culture, evoke emotions and memories in the view. The combination of images tells a story and provokes a personal exchange between the art and the audience.



Jeff has always been interested in promoting the work of local artists and conceived of opening artists' studios to the public one day a year. This year 144 artists are participating at 59 studios. Although most of the works are flat things you can hang on a wall, there is also sculpture, jewelry, and furniture.

Jeff Schaller, Chester County artist and art enthusiast, spoke at our branch meeting on March 10 about visual arts in Chester County. He started with a very brief explanation of the most commonly used media: oil, acrylic, encaustic, and watercolors. After a nod to the artists whom he referred to as "the big three," meaning Andrew Wyeth, Horace Pippin, and Harry Dunn (although his name may be less familiar to the public than Wyeth and Pippin, Jeff credits Harry Dunn with designing the NBC peacock), he told us about Chester County artists who are not so well known.

Jeff first mentioned artists who have achieved some recognition: Tom Bostelle, Adrian Martinez, Robert Jackson, and Teresa Haag. They paint in a variety of styles and techniques ranging from whimsical to realistic to experimental.

### **Chester County Studio Tour May 15-16**



### **Meet The Artists**

*Chester County Studio Tour • May 15th & 16th*  
[www.countystudiotour.com](http://www.countystudiotour.com)

There is no charge to visit any or all of the studios and art prices start at \$75.00. Even if you are not interested in buying, the tour provides an intimate glimpse of studios that would not otherwise be open, and an opportunity to see a remarkable range of artists and their works in a short time. It's also enjoyable simply to visit the studios and to drive through parts of Chester County that may be unfamiliar. Some are in the artist's house, some are in separate buildings, and some are in a Spring City location designed specifically for artists.

Studios are located throughout Chester County with the heaviest concentration in West Chester and nearby areas. The Studio Tour also provides the possibility to buy original art at a fairly low price and to support local artists. All works are framed and ready to hang. The Tour this year is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and

16. For more information, to see a little of each artist's work, and for directions, go to <https://www.countystudiotour.com/> or google Chester County Studio Tour.

Finally, Jeff identified a number of galleries in Chester County that are open to the public independent of the Studio Tour. He named Sunset Hill Jewelry, Church Street Gallery, David Katz Gallery, *(continued on next page)*

## ***Chester County Art (continued)***

The Art Trust, and the Chester County Art Association, all in West Chester, as well as Gallery 222 in Malvern, the Square Pear Gallery in Kennett Square, and the Street Road Gallery in Cochranville.

Jeff is passionate about promoting local artists and it was a pleasure to have him share that with us. His motto might well be Shop Local, Buy Local.



## ***Laundromat Library League Update***

*-- Peggy Staarman, LLL Board Member*

Our West Chester-Chester County Branch of AAUW has been a supporter of the Laundromat Library League (LLL) for many years. As you may know, one of our members, Arlene Rengert, is a co-founder of the LLL. Our branch has sponsored book drives and fundraisers for which the LLL has been extremely grateful. The LLL's mission is to supply books to children who may have few or no books at home. We place decorated boxes of books in laundromats so that children may read them there, take them home, and share them with others. Each book has a sticker in English and/or Spanish affixed to the front cover that says, "Read It. Love It. Pass It On."

Despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic, most of our sites have been maintained. We have encouraged all stewards of the sites to continue serving the laundromats only if they were comfortable. In addition, we have added new laundromats including eleven new sites in our area. We have also had inquiries and successes from other places in Pennsylvania such as Lancaster and Lebanon and other states.

Recent book drives have replenished our supply of books. Of course, our own branch donated 422 books and \$495 towards the purchase of new books this past fall. Boyertown Library donated 899 books, Montessori Schoolhouse in Springfield, IL gave the LLL 258 books, the BlackRock Corporation in partnership with the Wilmington Library donated 200 books, and a Downingtown East High School Student through his SOAR (Spread of Active Reading) podcast collected 1600 books for the LLL. We appreciate these book drives so much because the demand for books is constant with over 200 sites in over 30 states. We especially value the donation of monetary funds that allow our teacher teams to search for special promotions that offer books under \$2.00 in Spanish and/or with multicultural themes.

We treasure your enthusiasm and support for the LLL so much. Our hope is that many young children will enjoy the books and develop a lifelong love of reading.

## ***MEMBERSHIP***

*-- Patricia Schultz & Susan Skiles*

**Attention: National Dues are now \$62! The state (\$10) and branch (\$16) dues stay the same, therefore the total renewal for 2021-2022 is \$88.** We are focusing on **RETENTION** this year but are always eager to add new members! **The fee for new members is \$57.00. Still a great deal! This is applicable after March 15, 2021 &**

**anyone joining after that date her membership will be extended until June 30, 2022. 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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## 2021 Municipal Primary Election

**ANY REGISTERED PA VOTER CAN VOTE ON THE BALLOT QUESTIONS IN THE MAY 18th PRIMARY ELECTION.**

### BE PREPARED for the MAY 18, 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

EMPOWERING OUR VOTERS and GOTV (Get Out The Vote) are the most important priorities of the League of Women Voters.

**Election Day is Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and IT IS NOT TOO EARLY to make sure that you are prepared.**

USE [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) (PA's OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION WEBSITE) to:

1. Register to Vote
2. Confirm your registration
3. Make any needed changes
4. Find your polling place
5. Apply for a mail-in ballot
6. Check status of your mail-in ballot
7. Access more voter information

GO TO [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) TODAY and be prepared to vote on May 18th.

PA is a closed primary state. You must be a registered Democrat or Republican to vote for a candidate in a primary. All voters, however, are permitted to vote for a ballot question in the May 2021 primary.

Pass this information on to others.  
Thank you for helping to empower other voters.  
[www.lwvccpa.org](http://www.lwvccpa.org)  
[www.facebook.com/LWVofChesterCounty](https://www.facebook.com/LWVofChesterCounty)  
610-644-5960

## THE AAUW PROGRAM

### 5-Star Recognition Update

We just achieved our third star, see below for all the details! We are currently working on the Public Policy & Research star. The LAPP committee completed a March 31<sup>st</sup> virtual program "All About Redistricting to fulfill this goal. Thanks to everyone who has helped to achieve the stars for our branch.

*Dear AAUW West Chester-Chester County (PA) Branch,*

*I hope this finds you all safe and well! Your branch achieved a star for the Governance & Sustainability area of the Five Star Recognition Program. Congratulations! AAUW West Chester-Chester County is a 3-star branch.*

*It will take all of us working together to achieve the change that we want to see on behalf of women and girls especially during these uncertain times. Thank you for your commitment to the future of your branch in the fight for gender equity and your strategic plan that demonstrates your unwavering support of AAUW's mission to ensure a future where women and girls are afforded equality of opportunity.*

*Your branch will be added to the AAUW national website as a 3-star branch and recognized in the March 2021 national Membership Matters News Hub. AAUW West Chester-Chester County also earned a Five Star achievement badge that I hope you will proudly display on your website and social media accounts.*

*Thank you for your participation in the Five Star Recognition Program and all that you do for AAUW's mission. I look forward to your continued Five Star success.*

*All the best,*

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

The newsletter is published by the first of each month. The **deadline for submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month** to ensure the issue can be distributed on the first of the next month. Please send emails to [tgorkin@gmail.com](mailto:tgorkin@gmail.com) -- **note change in email address**. 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 running it.

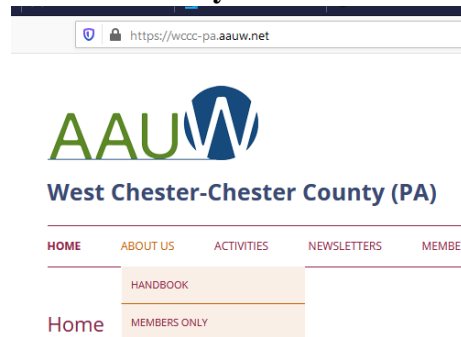
### **Website**

Check it out at [wccc-pa.aauw.net](https://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](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com) and Alice Lenthe at [alicelenthe@gmail.com](mailto:alicelenthe@gmail.com). Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!

### **Reminder: 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](https://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.



## **Zoom Reminder – 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.

## **MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES OF INTEREST**

### **Our Voice Should Be Heard**

*Submitted by Peggy Staarman*

Black Women of Chester County in Action is partnering with Chester County Marching Forward again to continue their nonpartisan effort to empower underserved women in Chester County. The steering committee has identified three goals this year:

1. Empower voting Many underserved women are unfamiliar with the voting process and need information about the mechanics of voting such as eligibility, election dates, the difference between a primary election and the general election, polling locations, the procedure of voting, and so many other issues.
2. Education Voters should know who the candidates are, their position on issues, the ballot composition, the impact of local elections on their lives, and other matters.
3. Encourage participation Participating helps increase knowledge of the voting process. Voters should be urged to be election volunteers and, ultimately, to run for office.

The steering committee led by Cheryl Miles recently invited representatives of community organizations to share ideas to expand and achieve the three goals. Representatives from the NAACP, Chester County Food Bank, the Maternal and Child Health Consortium, the League of Women Voters, Alianzas de Phoenixville, Volunteer English Program, and West Chester-Chester County Branch of AAUW were just some of the community organizations who joined the Zoom meeting. There were also some Chester County officers who participated such as Clerk of Courts Yolanda Van de Krol and

Sheriff Fredda Maddox as well as interested individuals from the community.

After another steering committee meeting, participants will be asked to join a future Zoom meeting to discuss the presented ideas and to formulate an action plan. **If anyone in the branch would like to join this initiative**, please contact Peggy Staarman, a member of the steering committee, at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net).

### **ERA Advocates Focus on Senate and First 100 Days**

*by AJ Conroy, ERA Illinois,  
submitted by Arlene Rengert*

At the start of 2020, Virginia became the final state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The resolution went to the National Archivist for certification. This ministerial task is proscribed by federal statute and this process was followed by Nevada, Illinois, the archivist and every state that ratified the “Madison Amendment” in the 90s. This time, a lawsuit prevented that from happening.

Although the original lawsuit, brought by Alabama, South Dakota, and Louisiana, was voluntarily dismissed in March, legal wrangling continues with two parallel lawsuits against the Archivist—one brought by private parties and the other between states. Meanwhile, The US House of Representatives voted to remove the time limit for ratifying the amendment.

At this point, there are three possible outcomes:  
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## **ERA Advocates Focus (continued)**

- Congress votes to remove the time limit, and the Supreme Court defers to Congress using the political question doctrine.
- The Supreme Court acknowledges the 28th Amendment as proper through Article V.
- The Supreme Court decision dismisses the case, and advocates must restart the ratification process.

**What can advocates do now?** Email your senators about the resolution to remove the deadline. SJRes1 is co-sponsored by Senators Lisa Murkowski and Ben Cardin.

Stay up-to-date by following Facebook pages for ERA Coalition, VoteEqualityUS and ERA Illinois (@ERAillinois).

## **Uwchlan Township EAC Education Series on Sustainable Gardening**

*-- Toni Gorkin, member Uwchlan EAC*

The Uwchlan Township Environmental Advisory Council is pleased to announce a series of education virtual events on environmentally sustainable practices. The events will be Zoom



events using the Uwchlan Township Zoom. No registration is required; the events will be run just like the Township's other public meetings. A link will be posted to the Township web-page close to the event date. Look for it on the Uwchlan Township EAC page, at

<http://uwchlan.com/262/Environmental-Advisory-Council> and click the Zoom session link to join when it is posted. The sessions will be recorded for later replay. For more information contact the EAC using the icon on the EAC page.

### **SESSION 1: Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m. -- GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER? How and why to create a year-round buffet and habitat for our pollinators**

Join PA Master Gardener and PA Master Naturalist Sharon Richardson as she explains why our pollinators are in trouble. Learn what we can each do to invite pollinators to a full buffet of meals year-round and provide a healthy habitat for our pollinators. It's not just about pretty anymore; it's about using productive plants to save our pollinators. In creating your own homegrown national park, you will quickly notice how many more species of birds, butterflies and bees visit your garden.

**SESSION 2: TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m. -- NATURE'S BEST HOPE: DOUGLAS TALLAMY**  
Co-sponsored with the Pennsylvania Master Naturalists, Uwchlan EAC will present a replay of a recording by renowned ecologist Douglas Tallamy, founder of Homegrown National Park.

### **SESSION 3: TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m. -- SUBURBAN YARD TO NATIVE LANDSCAPE: CONNIE SCHMOTZER**

Connie Schmotzer, noted Master Gardener and head of the Penn State Pollinator Friendly Garden Certification Program, will share how she and her husband converted a typical ½ acre suburban lot into a landscape with over 200 species of native plants, 3 rain gardens, a small woodland and meadow gardens. Come away with ideas and a general roadmap for your own gardens.

### **And by the way ...**

You can join Toni Gorkin in planting a third garden at Uwchlan Township park in May, adding to the Milkweed Garden and Streamside Garden for the Heart of Uwchlan project she leads. Contact her at [tgorkin@gmail.com](mailto:tgorkin@gmail.com) if interested.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:jfentonkane@gmail.com) or 610-399-1149. The group will discuss *A Woman of No Importance*, by Sonia Purnell, on April 19.

### 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](mailto:JeanSp@Gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. The group will discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett on April 21.

### 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](mailto:carolahaaf@verizon.net). The group will discuss *The Yellow House*, by Sarah M. Broom, on April 6.

### TIG (Travel Interest Group)

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

### 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](mailto:dunn.phyllis@gmail.com)

### Stitchers Group

Patricia Schultz will send reminders each week. Stitchers meet every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please mark your calendars and join us for creative stitching & interesting conversations! Contact Patricia to be added to the mailing list. [pls@patriciaschultz.com](mailto:pls@patriciaschultz.com)



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#### **AAUW Mission Statement**

The AAUW advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

#### **AAUW Vision Statement**

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

#### **AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch Vision Statement**

The West Chester-Chester County Branch will

- Actively recruit members who support Association goals.
- Nurture these members through active Interest Groups, through monthly meetings with intellectual and social merit, and through member support.
- Sponsor at least one project per year with volunteers and with funds to promote Association and branch goals.
  - Sponsor at least one local scholarship per year for a nontraditional student
- Support programs for training and self-development of branch members to promote Association goals.
- Raise funds through community projects and member gifts to support Association goals.

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Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW contributes to a more promising future and provides a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored.

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