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AAUW West Chester-Chester County
 Branch
**An Afternoon Tea Party
 Annual Meeting and Awards
 Ceremony**



Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M. **Place:** Thornbury Farm

1256 Thornbury Road, West Chester, PA,

(near the intersection of Rt. 926 & South New Street in Thornbury Township)

Speaker: *Michelle E. Venema, Chief Executive Officer
 Home of the Sparrow, Gateway to Equity Award Winner*

A pre-packaged snack including tea sandwiches and a scone will be available, keeping within Covid-19 protocols. Coffee, tea and water will be provided - sorry, no alcoholic beverages permitted. To make it even more festive, please consider bringing your own (fancy) teacup.

RSVP: If you plan to attend, please contact Jean Shervais
 at jshervais@verizon.net or 610-431-9066 by Monday, May 3rd.

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AT THE TEA PARTY WE WELCOME YOU TO LOAN US YOUR DECORATED TEAPOT FROM THE 2020 FUNDRAISER TO USE AS CENTERPIECES.

This will not be a contest but the teapots will be displayed for all to enjoy. If you have your decorated teapot please contact Marie Knox [cell phone 610-496-3078 or email marieknox@verizon.net] to arrange for her to get it early so our organizing committee may use them to decorate the venue.



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Mask wearing and social distancing will be enforced, but we are thrilled to be able to meet once again in person. Come out and enjoy yourself seeing your fellow members in person.



Letter from the President

Where to begin? This past year has seen a whirlwind of changes that have restructured our lives in ways we never would have imagined. Now Spring is popping up all around us. Let it bring a smile to your face to know that better times are ahead. With the Covid vaccination program in full swing, we hope that with each passing day it will bring us closer to our “normal” lives.

Through it all, our branch has worked hard to reach our goals in a virtual world. We are in the process of completing our fourth star towards the AAUW National 5 Star Recognition Program, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in achieving those goals. We created a Covid 19 Scholarship which we renamed Pandemic Relief Scholarship and through your amazing generosity amassed \$2800 to be divided equally to two worthy students in addition to our yearly Allison Lawson Scholarship. Our LAPP committee recently held a virtual program on March 31 on Fair Districts educating our members and encouraging them to contact their state representatives on those issues. Our program vice presidents provided us with excellent monthly presentations culminating this

month with Dr. Christine Meyer who spoke on “So You’ve Been Vaccinated. Now What?”. Our membership vice presidents maintained our membership and recently added two new members to the roster. As you can see, we are really making a difference in this virtual world.

It brings me great pleasure to have our final monthly meeting at a physical location! Please plan on joining us on May 12 banquet at Thornbury Farms in their outside pavilion at 2:00 p.m. See the invitation above, and if you have not done so already, RSVP to Jean Shervais if you can make it. The committee has planned a simple get together with light refreshments, and social distancing and masks will be in effect. We will close out the year by announcing our member recognition awards and Gateway to Equity winner, scholarship winners, 2021-22 budget, and electing our new officers for the coming year. We hope you can join us so we can reconnect with members in person and help set the stage for the 2021-2022 year.

Anne Anderko

AAUW awards scholarships and Gateway to Equity Award

Three area women are receiving college scholarships from AAUW West Chester - Chester County as part of the branch's support of non-traditional women students whose education has been interrupted due to family obligations, employment, or lack of funding. In addition to the annual Alice Lawson Scholarship, providing a \$1,500 award, the branch added two Pandemic Relief Scholarships of \$1,400 each this year.

Alice Lawson Scholarship



The Alice Lawson Scholarship winner is **Jaleesa Washington** of Downingtown. Jaleesa, the mother of an 11-year-old daughter, completed an Associate of Science/Business Management

Jaleesa Washington Degree at Harcum College, with honors, in May 2020. She is currently enrolled in business administration at Bloomsburg University, with plans to continue at Temple University for a master's degree. Jaleesa has a goal of owning her own food business, which she has already named "Ja's Kitchen."

Her instructor at Bloomsburg University, Dr. Julie Ambrose, said that Jaleesa is exceptionally motivated, combining leadership skills and outstanding intellectual abilities. Dr. Ambrose writes, "After reading the biography of Alice Murphy Lawson, I believe Mrs. Lawson would have enjoyed meeting and supporting Jaleesa and her educational journey." In addition, Dr. Ambrose notes that Jaleesa is not only smart and hard-working, but also compassionate and a bit of a pioneer in her efforts to move her career forward.

Pandemic Relief Scholarships

The winners of the Pandemic Relief Scholarships are Katelyn Hollis and Nichole Carter. Funds for these two special one-time scholarships were generously donated by AAUW members as a result of the economic challenges created by the pandemic on non-traditional women students.

Katelyn Hollis, a resident of Malvern, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Ohio University in 2011. After working in education, she decided to step away from the field and moved to



Katelyn Hollis

Port au Prince, Haiti, where she became the director of an orphanage and house mother for children living there. In her three and a half years there, she says she learned about endurance from a global perspective. When she returned to the states, Katelyn discovered a special interest in becoming a registered dietician, which she believes is a result of her experiences as an educator in Haiti. She is currently enrolled at Immaculata University in the College of Adult Professional Studies, with a goal of achieving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition/Dietetics.



Nichole Carter

Phoenixville resident **Nichole Carter** is enrolled at the University of Valley Forge, majoring in Early Childhood Education. She has

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been engaged in this field for over 20 years, earning an Associate degree in 2015, and she is currently working on a Bachelor's degree at Valley Forge. One of her professors, Lorraine Fillipo, said Nichole is exceptional in many areas, such as her high level of commitment, initiative, and positive attitude. Nichole, the mother of three, said she has a passion and dedication for educating young children, and supporting the family unit. Nichole works as Lead Infant/Toddler Teacher at Mom's House of Greater Philadelphia in Phoenixville, and she hopes to continue working with children after graduation. She writes, "I look forward to changing the world...one family at a time."

The scholarship winners will be introduced at AAUW's Annual May Banquet being held at Thornbury Farm.

Gateway to Equity Award Winner: Home of the Sparrow

Michelle Venema, CEO of Home of the Sparrow, winner of AAUW's annual Gateway to Equity award, will also be introduced at the AAUW's Annual May Banquet. She will share information about the non-profit's work assisting women and children in finding stable housing and avoiding homelessness. The Gateway to Equity Award honors an 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.



Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund Supports Envirothon

-- Nancy Dore

This year we again sponsored the Chester County Envirothon from the Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund. The event was held virtually on April 14, 2021. The Envirothon is organized by the Chester County Conservation District. The current issue for 2021 was "Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions."

About the Envirothon

Hundreds of teachers and professionals throughout



Pennsylvania guide high school students through this natural resource environmental education program that combines

classroom learning and outdoor activities. This exposure to nature and seeing how humans impact the natural world provide invaluable lessons for understanding ecosystems and our environment. This year, more than 300 Envirothon participants representing 110 schools in 47 counties competed in Pennsylvania's first-ever, weeklong, online Envirothon Challenge. During each day of the Challenge, individuals completed a 20-question quiz that focused on one of the five-station topics – Soils and Land Use, Current Issues, Wildlife, Aquatic Ecology, and Forestry.

About the Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund

In honor of Harriet Jarosh (1939-2012), a long-time member of AAUW West Chester-Chester County (AAUW WC-CC), a generous gift from the Jarosh Family allowed for an environmental education fund in her name to be established. The fund provides grants to support environmental education and activities at the elementary and/or secondary level in the Chester County Public Schools. Environmental education was one of her major interests; the AAUW WCCC Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund honors Harriet's spirit and interest in the environment.

AAUW National Voting Information: Please Let Your Voice Be Heard

You may remember the last two Newsletters in which Eva Kaufmann clearly explained the move of AAUW-National to revise the bylaws to remove the membership requirement of a college degree. There are many reasons for this move, most importantly the idea that the degree requirement discriminates against women who may be highly supportive of our mission but do not have the requisite higher education. By changing the membership requirement, National hopes that we will attract a greater number of younger members as well as become eligible for funds and grants that do not fund organizations that discriminate in any way.

The board of our Branch passed a unanimous resolution in support of the change but each member has her own opportunity to make her voice heard by voting in the AAUW National

elections which are being held from **April 7 – May 17**.

Members of our Branch have received an email invitation including login credentials to vote online in the National elections, and we really hope you will participate. Unfortunately, many of the emails have been going into SPAM folders and if you have a gmail account, it will be in your Promotions folder. If you haven't already received your invitation, please go into your other folders and search for it. The sender was **Shannon Wolfe** so it might have gotten past you! The voting is very easy and takes about a minute. If National does not have a valid email for you, you should have received a paper ballot.

Thank you so much for your support of all our efforts. This is an important issue, and everyone should take this opportunity to make her views known.

MEMBERSHIP: It's Renewal Time!

-- Patricia Schultz & Susan Skiles

We are slowly overcoming a challenging year for all of us. Our branch has managed to maintain all the monthly meetings and most of the special interest groups via Zoom. Thanks to all of you who helped with this endeavor. We are all looking forward to the 2021-22 year as being one where we can see each other in person!

The renewal form has been sent out via email and is included at the end of this newsletter. You will notice a couple of changes:

- The National dues have been raised to \$62 which raises the total dues to \$88. The branch and state dues remain the same.
- Also, we are no longer asking for higher education information, which gives more space for other information. Please fill out page two regarding your Special Interests.

We always welcome new members so please don't hesitate to invite a friend (or 2!) to join. Word of mouth works!

Please send your form with your check to Patricia's address on the form. We are looking forward to "seeing" you all in September if not before!

Patricia: 610-436-9752 pls@patriciaschultz.com

Susan: 610-431-4278 whimziecieux@gmail.com

“So You’ve Been Vaccinated. Now What?” Dr. Christine Meyer Spoke at April Meeting

-- Toni Gorkin



Dr. Christine Meyer addressed the issue of Covid vaccine and safety, a matter of great concern to chapter members, at the April meeting. One

message that came out clearly was that you are very much protected from catching the Covid virus illness once you have completed vaccination and waited two weeks for it to take effect. “It’s like armor,” she stated. Depending which vaccine you receive, completed vaccination may be one or two shots. The period of two weeks after the second shot ensures the immunity develops fully in your body.

In facilitated Question and Answer format facilitated by Jean Speiser, Dr. Meyer answered many questions for members, among whom the pandemic, the availability of vaccines, and the actions required to ensure safety have been topics of conversation at our Zoom get-togethers for lit and other special interest groups. Asked about travel, Dr. Meyer said, “Go . . . go . . . go! If you are fully immunized, you are wearing a suit of armor, and you should do what gives you joy in life. These are the most effective vaccines ever.” She suggested balancing the idea that you can get there safely with the fact that some areas are still closed down, and it would pay to hold off until 2022. It is safe to exercise, i.e., to go to the Y for water exercise, once fully immunized.

When asked about variants, the doctor said the vaccines do protect against some of the variants. If other variants become a problem, the vaccine development process is great and the vaccines can be adjusted for variants if necessary. We should expect to have to get boosters at some point,

though that is unclear, as we do with some other immunizations.

About wearing a mask, for example on an airplane or a cruise ship, she encouraged continuing to wear one. Although once immunized you are protected, masks have become a symbol of following the rules and being responsible. She noted we are in a public health emergency not a personal health emergency, with measures addressing those at risk. We are moving toward herd immunity, but in her opinion, it may not need 100% vaccination. Regarding the concerns about the J&J vaccine, she noted how miniscule the risk of blood clots is, and doctors are becoming more educated about the special measures to address the few cases. And yes, it’s safe to play bridge without your mask once everyone is vaccinated. And to hug your grandchildren.

Dr. Meyer answered questions about children and the virus. She said children do well, as their strong immune systems shut the virus down; the flu has been more deadly for them. Kids need to play, she urged, and while it was proper to shut them in while the older and more vulnerable were at risk at the beginning of the pandemic, now with increasing vaccination of the older population, kids should be allowed to be active. She anticipated younger people becoming eligible for the vaccines. As for nursing mothers and those in advanced pregnancy, the baby shares the mother’s immunity passively, getting antibodies, just as with other immunity; the vaccine itself is not passed to a baby.

She noted that while case numbers may appear to be rising, this is the result of some of the opening up, especially with children returning to school. But hospitalizations and deaths are not rising, and the medical community has learned a lot about treating those who do get sick. She is a strong advocate for taking the vaccine, for personal health and for the general population’s safety, and has worked to help people get the vaccine during the time of scarce appointments.

LAPP Update Fair Districts for Pennsylvania

-- Deb Liczwek

On March 31, we held our first public event addressing redistricting in PA. Charlie Day from Fair Districts PA discussed the redistricting process, the importance of the census results and the impact of drawing appropriate districts. His presentation is available at this link:

<https://vimeo.com/531533893/7cd602e50b>

It is valuable to be educated about our legislative process and issues, but it isn't sufficient: we must ACT. If you support what Mr. Day shared, please call, email, or send post cards to your state representatives with the following information:

Dear Representative X:

As one of your constituents, I urge you to support LACRA (Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act), HB22. Many of the districts in our state are clearly carved to support legislators and not citizens. This must be remedied.

Additionally, I ask that you oppose closed-door redistricting; the citizens of Pennsylvania have a right to know what is being proposed and discussed. It is vital that redistricting be transparent.

Thank you for your consideration,
SIGN YOUR NAME
PROVIDE YOUR ADDRESS (so that they know you are a constituent)

Dear Senator Y:

As one of your constituents, I urge you to support LACRA (Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act), SB222. Many of the districts in our state are clearly carved to support legislators and not citizens. This must be remedied.

Additionally, I ask that you oppose closed-door redistricting; the citizens of Pennsylvania have a right to know what is being proposed and discussed. It is vital that redistricting be transparent.

Thank you for your consideration,
SIGN YOUR NAME
PROVIDE YOUR ADDRESS (so that they know you are a constituent)

You can find your representatives names, phone and an active link to their email:


<u>PA Representative - District</u>	<u>PA Senate - District</u>
<u>John A. Lawrence (R) - 13</u> (610) 869-1602	<u>Carolyn T. Comitta (D) - 19</u> (717) 787-5709 or (610) 692-2112
<u>Christina D. Sappey (D) - 158</u> 484-200-8264	<u>John I. Kane (D) - 9</u> (717) 787-4712 or (717) 756-1548
<u>Dianne Herrin (D) - 156</u> (610) 696-4990	<u>Katie J. Muth (D) - 44</u> (717) 787-1398 or (610) 792-2137
<u>Dan K. Williams (D) - 74</u> (484) 200-8256	<u>Timothy P. Kearney (D) - 26</u> (717) 787-1350 or (610) 544-6120 or 610-352-3409
<u>Kristine C. Howard (D) - 167</u> (610) 251-1070	
<u>Danielle Friel Otten (D) - 155</u> (484) 200-8259	
<u>Tim Hennessey (R) - 26</u> (610) 326-2626	

2021 Municipal Primary Election

**Information for WC-CC AAUW
Members: PA Primary Voting
PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 18!**

Tuesday, May 18th is our Pennsylvania Primary. While voting has always been important, the last few years demonstrated how vital it is to make your voice heard.

There are three ballot questions. This means INDEPENDENTS can vote in this primary. You do not need to be registered with a party to vote in this primary. Before voting familiarize yourself with the three referendum questions. Two affect the Governor's power to act in an emergency. The third question impacts equal rights protections within our state constitution. See next page.



PA Ballot Questions Explained

BALLOT QUESTION #1

NO means the governor can act quickly to deliver federal dollars and state aid and a two-thirds majority of the legislature is needed to end a declaration.

YES means the party in power can end an emergency declaration at any time, regardless of how severe or dangerous the emergency is.

BALLOT QUESTION #2

NO means a disaster response will continue for as long as needed to.

YES means a disaster emergency automatically ends after 21 days, even if the legislature is unable to meet and extend it.

BALLOT QUESTION #3

YES means that our state constitution would be updated to include equal rights protections based on race or ethnicity.

NO means that our state constitution would continue to lack protections for discrimination based on race or ethnicity.

USE 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

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 10th of the month** to ensure the issue can be distributed on the first of the next month. Please send emails to 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

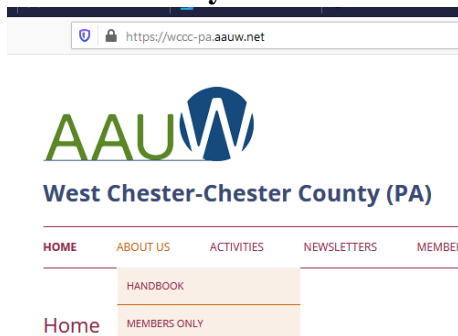
Check it out at wccc-pa.aauw.net. Also, a reminder: The website and Facebook page are most effective if they have up-to-date information. It is our public face. If you are sending Toni Gorkin pictures for the newsletter, make sure to copy them to Sandy Alexander at

frau.salexander@gmail.com and Alice Lenthe at alicelenthe@gmail.com. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!

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 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

Toni Gorkin has published her second novel on Amazon; *Rune*, an epic fantasy, is available as an ebook but also as a paperback. "Lit Groups take note," Toni says. It has already sold over 10 copies (😊). The story: a trickster-fostered tragic mistake brings Morat the High-Lord of Rune together with the Woodway maid Willow. Another such tragic trick loses her and sends him on a world-changing quest to recover her and set the frozen year turning again.



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.

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 Plum Tree* by Ellen Marie Wiseman on May 17.

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 *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cumins on May 19.

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 Red Address Book* by Sofia Lundberg on May 4.

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 (jlmcowell@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

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

Renewal Form
2021-2022

Please complete and return this form with your dues. If there is anything that you wish to be kept confidential, please **CIRCLE** that item.

Please select only **ONE** of these

- Yearly Regular Membership: **\$88.00** (national \$62, state \$10 and branch \$16) \$ _____
 - National Paid Life Membership: \$26.00 \$ _____
 - Honorary Life (50 years)Membership: \$ 0 _____
 - Optional Donation: To the Branch \$ _____
- Total:** \$ _____

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Name _____
Last First

Preferred first name for handbook _____ Name of Spouse/Partner _____
(If different from above) (if you choose to include him/her in handbook)

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Voting Township _____
(9 digit)

Telephone (H) _____ Cell _____ **Please star the preferred phone number**

E-mail _____ Birthday M/D _____

Occupation/Title/Company _____ Active? _____ Retired? _____

How did you hear about AAUW: Friend (name) _____ Other _____

Volunteer Experience/ Community Activities _____

Hobbies _____

Send newsletter via e-mail? Yes _____ use e-mail address above _____ No _____ use my mailing address

Previous AAUW Member? _____ Member # _____ Branch? _____

Offices held? _____

Comments: _____

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**ACTIVITIES, INTEREST GROUPS AND PROJECTS
OF AAUW WEST CHESTER-CHESTER COUNTY BRANCH**

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Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund	
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Book Club 2 (3 rd Wed.(EVE)	
Book Club 3 1 st Tuesday (DAY)	
Branch Facebook Page	
Branch News & Publicity	
Branch Website	
Bridge	
Community Outreach Programs	
Food Interest Group (FIG)	
Fundraising	
GETT (Girls & Technology)	
Historian	
Hospitality	
Laundromat Library League (LLL)	
Legislation & Public Policy (LAPP)	
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Membership	
Newsletter Publication	
Nominating Committee	
The Stitches	
Travel Interest Group (TIG)	
Walkers	
WC Food Cupboard	



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May 2021 Newsletter

May Banquet

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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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