



AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch meeting: *WOMEN OF MYTH AND LEGEND*

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

7:00 p.m. - ZOOM meeting

Cris Vitsorek and *Danielle Battaglia, Delaware Art Museum*

Once again we will take advantage of the magic of Zoom and have two presenters for our monthly branch meeting. On March 9, 2022, during women's History Month, two experienced guides (aka docents) from the Delaware Art Museum will present a topic they call "Women of Myth and Legend." Cris Vitsorek and Danielle Battaglia will enlighten us about myths and legends that have evolved around women throughout history. Art reflects the depth and lasting nature of these over time. They will look at several artworks that are based upon these myths and legends and will help us discover their stories.

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Letter from the President

During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all of the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women. Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world. So get ready, because this month is about honoring magnificent ladies, and we are ready to celebrate it to the fullest.
[\(https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-history-month/\)](https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-history-month/)

March is a very special month in the AAUW calendar. As an organization that promotes equity for women and girls, we are very much in sync with the purpose of Women's History Month. The celebration of women is exciting, exhilarating and energizing. It encourages all of us to think about the women in our lives who have cared for and mentored us in our education, careers, and relationships. I am sure that every one of us can remember a special female teacher, friend or relative who encouraged us to strive to be our very best selves. March is a time to honor these women with our appreciation for their impact on our lives.

Our branch meeting this month features a speaker from the Delaware Museum of Art, Cris Vitsorek, Senior Museum Guide. Cris is preparing a Virtual Women's History Month Tour for the public in March, and she will give a private version of it to our branch via ZOOM. Last summer, when we reached out to the museum for a speaker, we had no idea that the presentation would focus on women! This is truly a wonderful coincidence that our meeting will be dedicated to the work of outstanding women artists.

Other branch news includes our continued support of the Chester County Envirothon, which helps

students understand the natural environment and their role in it. Our support of this worthy project is through the generosity of the Harriet Jarosh family who made a memorial contribution so that Harriet's dedication to environmental protection could be passed on to future generations. Please see Eva Kaufmann's article in this Newsletter to read more about the Harriet Jarosh Fund and the Envirothon.

During February we continued our support of Home of the Sparrow through the donation of cosmetic items for the women. Once again, we received a wonderful number of gifts and are so very grateful to our generous members. We are indeed a dedicated group of women who make tangible contributions to Chester County community in so many ways.

The LAPP Committee has organized an evening of information and discussion around the topic of charter schools. To be held on March 16th at 7:30 and entitled Follow the Money to School, the program will feature prominent local leaders in a panel discussion of the impact of charter schools on local school districts in terms of student outcomes and financial concerns. See the flyer and article in the Newsletter for information on how to register for the event.

This month we will be honoring our own special women through nominations and elections for awards to be presented at the May banquet. There will be three separate ballots for nominations for Member Making a Difference, Peg Anderson Award and Gateway to Equity. Please be sure to respond to all three ballots and help us recognize the outstanding women of our branch. Through our service and commitment to our community, our branch embodies the spirit of Women's History Month...let's celebrate ourselves!!!

-- Janet Kane



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

MARCH 3 PMP, Membership Discount for New Members

-- Kim Glavin & Trish Alfano, Co-VP's Membership

A **Prospective Member Party (PMP)** will be held on Thursday evening, March 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Coffee and dessert will be served at the home of Kim Glavin, 306 Spindle Lane, West Chester. We will introduce your guest to new members who have recently joined and other members in attendance. It is a great way to get to know each other in a relaxed setting just right for building new friendships!

March is a great time for new members to join to take advantage of the **AAUW Shape the Future membership discount**. Starting March 15th, both the National AAUW & the PA State AAUW will be giving half off of their portion of the membership dues and it counts for the remainder

of this year and includes the 2022-2023 fiscal year that starts on July 1st. [National = \$33.50 (reg. \$67) + State = \$5 (reg. \$10) + Branch = \$16 for a discounted total of \$54.50]

For bringing a guest, you will be entered into a **contest for a free membership for 2022-2023**. If your guest joins and returns the application form and check by April 1st, they will also be entered into the contest for a free membership for 2022-2023 AND you will get a second entry. The winner will be announced at the May banquet.

To save a spot for yourself and your prospective member, email kimglavin@comcast.net, or call/text 484 354-9681.

FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING: FAMILY SERVICES OF CHESTER COUNTY

-- Jean Speiser



envisioning your potential.

Three speakers from Family Service of Chester County presented a comprehensive and informative program at our branch's meeting on February 9 entitled *Innovative Programs in Support of Women and Families in Chester County*. Mark Butler is the Executive Director of Family Service, Amy DeFonzo is the Director of the Exchange Club Family Center, and Johnna Goodridge is the Director of Prevention.

Mr. Butler, who came to Family Service in 2019 with 28 years' experience working with vulnerable populations in Philadelphia and in Montgomery County, started by giving us a brief overview of Family Service's history. The agency was founded in 1947 as a private non-profit to address mental health and similar issues arising after the end of World War II. Counseling was the first program and

counseling, both in English and in Spanish, continues today as its core service.

Additional services include supportive housing, support for those living with HIV, independent living skills for youth 18-21 as they transition out of care, providing transportation (temporarily suspended) to essential appointments such as to doctors' visits and other medical and social services.

Today the agency assesses emerging needs of the community, responds to needs and seeks diverse funding. For example, Family Service has recently established a partnership with the Kennett Consolidated School District to provide mental health support for youth in the district. Family Service serves all Chester County including West Chester, Coatesville, Kennett Square and Oxford.

Mr. Butler stressed three lessons he has learned in his career that he brings to Family Service. First, the importance of relationships -- with clients, with the community including outside stakeholders, and with staff. Second, utilizing trauma-informed counseling throughout a wide range of populations and shifting the essential question from "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened?" Finally, the importance of teamwork and moving (continued on next page)

FAMILY SERVICES (continued)

from good to great. He described this as getting the right people on the bus and in the right seats. He concluded by saying that his team is Family Service's greatest asset.

Amy DeFonzo is the director of the Exchange Club Family Center. This is a national program that was founded in 1911 to prevent child abuse and neglect. It came to Chester County in 1947 and quickly merged with Family Service. The program emphasizes parent empowerment by providing immediate support to families in crisis and, once families' needs are stabilized, it works on long-term goals such as mental health, counseling, drug and alcohol issues, parenting skills, and housing. The program has been very successful in keeping

families intact and preventing children from being placed outside the home.

Johnna Goodridge is the director of Prevention, a suite of evidence-based programs designed to strengthen youth with issues such as truancy and mental health. The program was initially developed for the Latinx community as a whole and individual Latinx families. Because it is not an adaptation of programs developed for the English-speaking community there is less culture clash and it is quite successful with the targeted population. In fact, the program is now being adapted for the non-Latinx community.

Family Service focuses on dignity and respect for its clients while helping them reach their full potential.

Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund and the CC ENVIROTHON

Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund

The Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund was created through a \$10,000 bequest by Harriet to our branch. She wanted the funds to be used to support environmental programs for students in Chester County. The committee, which was formed to distribute the funds in 2014, came upon the Envirothon and has donated \$1000 or more each year to this program, along with occasional donations to other environmental groups and programs.

Envirothon

The following information comes from the Envirothon

website: <https://www.chesco.org/1987/Envirothon>

Welcome to the Chester County Envirothon! The Chester County Conservation District sponsors this annual environmental educational program with Chester County Facilities and Parks, hosting it at Hibernia County Park. Each year students from public, private, parochial, and home schools, grades 3-12, celebrate months of research, exploration, and preparation with an enjoyable outdoor competition and measure of learning.

Envirothon Dates:

May 4th and May 5th, 2022



Pennsylvania Envirothon Program

The Chester County Envirothon is part of the Pennsylvania Envirothon Program, which helps students understand the natural environment and their role in it. The Envirothon provides a means for students to demonstrate what they know about the environment. It is a cumulative process that addresses the learning levels of awareness, knowledge, attitudes, and application. Students who participate in the Envirothon will demonstrate an understanding of environmental concepts, of how human activity impacts the environment, and of how people can work together as partners in conservation practices to enhance their lives and quality of life by protecting the environment.

LAPP Committee Presenting Forum on Public School Spending

PANEL DISCUSSION *follow the money...to school*

hosted by **AAUW**
West Chester-Chester County (PA) Branch

March 16, 2022 7:30-9 PM

Education is critical to our future. The majority of PA students attend publicly funded schools. These include charter and cyber-charter schools. How are they performing? How are they funded? Are our tax dollars advancing students and working for us?



Dr. James Scanlon
retired WCASD superintendent



PA Senator Carolyn Comitta
Chester County



Mr. Lawrence Feinberg
Public Education Advocate
PA Charter Change

The LAPP Committee is presenting an open forum to enlighten the public about how revenues in Pennsylvania flow to—and are spent— by all kinds of public schools: standard district by district, charter, and cyber-charter, both for-profit and not. Do the current methods help or hinder an equitable use of public funds? Join the Zoom discussion with PA Senator Carolyn Comitta, Mr. Lawrence Feinberg, Public Education Advocate, and Dr. James Scanlon, retired WCASD superintendent, on March 16 by registering at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/Zwrde6grTMqHtTmxCoTa27LzZc06D4L91zU>

The forum will be hosted by the committee members in the CCIU auditorium from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and will include a question and answer period.

Come learn how public education is being impacted. To register for this virtual, fact-based discussion click here or go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwrde6grTMqHtTmxCoTa27LzZc06D4L91zU>



-- Mary Smith
GETT 2022 will
be an
in-person event!

**Saturday, April 30, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.**

**at the Technical College High School,
Brandywine Campus, Downingtown.**

The crowd size may be smaller, but we are still planning a BIG experience for the girls to explore!
Please contact Mary Smith at

pangea49@comcast.net if you would like to help with:

Expo Outreach – Have a great idea for a company or organization to join the Expo?

Event Sponsor Outreach – With fewer events happening right now, companies are looking for opportunities to show support for community events – let's bring them to GETT!

Event Day Volunteers – As you know, it takes lots of volunteers on event day to make GETT the amazing experience it is – we hope everyone can be there to bring GETT back to a LIVE EVENT!



Alice Lawson Scholarship

The West Chester-Chester County PA Branch of the American Association of University Women offers an academic scholarship to a deserving student meeting the requirements below. This year the award is \$3000. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Copies of the application are available at

<https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/scholarships/alice-lawson/>

The deadline for application is March 31, 2022.

Scholarships are available to any student who:

- is a full- or part-time undergraduate woman who has completed at least 60 semester credits prior to the spring semester of 2022
- is at least 25 years old
- is enrolled for the 2022-2023 academic year at a four-year college or university
- resides in Chester County or attends a school in Chester County
- has a GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0).

The scholarship is given annually in memory of Alice Lawson, a lifelong member of AAUW who joined the local AAUW wherever she lived in her many moves throughout her lifetime. She earned a master's degree in human nutrition at Penn State, and had a special empathy for young women who faced financial challenges while pursuing a college degree.

AAUW Mission Statement:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our Chapter – 2021-2022:

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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**](mailto:tgorkin@gmail.com) -- **note use this email address.**

Please copy Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com, Alice Lenthe at alicelenthe@gmail.com and Melinda Hardie at melindalou@comcast.net so that your information can be used to update the Facebook page and website! 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!

New Web Content Manager Named

Melinda Hardie has graciously agreed to serve in the new position of Web Content Manager. In this role she will facilitate the flow of information to the Webmaster and ensure that all information on the website is up-to-date. While some information may still be directly sent to the Webmaster (who will keep the Content Manager in the loop), the Content Manager will reach out to the responsible parties to request the information in a timely manner. The Content Manager will also coordinate with the Webmaster on ideas for improving the website.

SETTING UP ZOOM MEETINGS: A REMINDER

Sadly, we are still at the point in the pandemic where we continue to rely on virtual meetings to conduct various forms of business. If you need to plan a ZOOM meeting for any of our branch activities/meetings, please remember to give Sandy Alexander ample notice of your need and make sure to check her availability to moderate meetings that require her presence to manage technical issues. Sandy has done a brilliant job of keeping our branch meeting virtually but, like all of us, she has multiple demands on her time!! Thank you so much for keeping her in the loop as you plan your meetings.

Board Meeting

The MARCH AAUW board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7:00 via ZOOM. All members are welcome to attend.

MEMBER NOTES

Thank You

Dear AAUW friends,

I am so lucky to have so very many wonderful friends in AAUW! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all the many, many members who sent heartfelt wishes to Bob and me. It would be impossible to exaggerate how great it felt to open card after card from all my friends back in Chester County!

I am pleased to tell you that the oncology team here at University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center is at least as wonderful as the team we had in Paoli. The lead doctor told us that her patients with Bob's disease are doing very well more than five years after beginning the immunotherapy that Bob will receive.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, all!!

Fran Pierce

RECIPES!!!

Since the February Brunch could not be held due to Covid, members were invited to submit recipes for those tasty treats we all missed enjoying in person. Here are the ones that were sent in to Program Co-Chair Jean Speiser.

Breakfast Ricotta with Berries and Maple Syrup *From the kitchen of Mimi Jones*

2 TBS unsalted butter
3 TBS sliced almonds
1/8 tsp fleur de sel (or just salt!)
1/3 cup pure maple syrup (Go for the good stuff)
2 cups homemade Ricotta (or buy it, but the homemade is worth it.)
2 TBS honey
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 [pint](#) mixed berries---raspberries, blueberries, strawberries
Toasted Brioche or Challah for serving

Melt the butter in a small pan over medium heat. Stir in the almonds and sauté, stirring frequently, for 2 or 3 minutes, until the nuts are golden. Sprinkle with the salt, add the maple syrup and keep warm. Meanwhile, combine the Ricotta, honey and vanilla and divide it among breakfast plates. Surround with berries and spoon the syrup mixture over the

Ricotta. Place a slice of toasted brioche on each plate and serve.

Homemade Ricotta

4 cups whole milk 1 tsp kosher salt

2 cups heavy cream 3 TBS white wine vinegar

Set a sieve over a deep bowl and line the sieve with 2 layers of cheesecloth, dampened. Pour milk and cream into a pot and bring to a full boil, meaning you can't stir the mixture down, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar. Allow the mixture to stand for 1 minute, until it curdles. Pour the mixture into the sieve and allow it to drain, discarding the liquid as it collects in the bowl. Drain for 20 to 25 minutes. The longer it drains, the thicker it will be. Transfer the Ricotta to another bowl, discarding the cheesecloth and the liquid. Cover with plastic and refrigerate. Can be made up to 5 days ahead.

From Ina Garten's cookbook "Make it Ahead"

Overnight Blueberry French Toast *Deb Liczwek*

Prep time ~15 minutes

Cook time ~ 80 minutes (after overnight refrigeration)

Ingredients

Day old baguette, cut into bite-sized cubes

1 pkg 8 oz cream cheese cut into ~1 inch cubes

1 Cup blueberry, [blackberry](#) or mixed berry jam

5 eggs beaten

1 Cup milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tsp cinnamon

2 tbsp brown sugar

Directions

1. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Arrange ½ the bread cubes into the dish, top with ½ cream cheese cubes.

2. Meanwhile warm the cup of jam on the stove and pour ½ of liquid-ish jam on the bread and cream cheese cubes.

3. Repeat

4. In a large bowl, mix eggs, milk, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour over the bread/cheese/jam mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

5. In the morning, sprinkle the brown sugar on top and bake at 350 cover for 30-40 minutes. Remove the cover and continue to bake until center is [firm](#) and surface is lightly browned.

6. Serve with syrup

I am not the best baker, so if it looks dry add more milk and eggs. If it looks wet add more bread. It is a forgiving recipe.

Source – internet recipe, [greatly modified](#)

Festive Sweet Treat *Cathy Palmquist*

I found this recipe 33 years ago in a magazine, when we moved here from Mississippi. It's SO easy and flexible, I've used it at both Christmas and Valentine's Day ever since!

Brownie bites (from the grocery store)

Top with whipped cream or whipped topping

Top with a fresh strawberry.

NOTE: if these won't be eaten immediately, I use white frosting between the brownie and strawberry. Also, I have used homemade (or store bought) brownies, a dollop of spreadable cream cheese, and sometimes fruit other than strawberries, such as a few blueberries or raspberries, a piece of melon or mandarin orange section.

Dutch Babies - Puffy Apple Pancakes *from the kitchen of Beryl Goldman*

2 people

450 degree oven

2 T butter

1/2 cup flour

1/2 cup Granny Smith apples

2 extra large eggs

1/2 cup milk

blueberries/raspberries

Cinnamon and sugar

Peel, [core](#) and slice apples. Place 1 tablespoon of butter in individual baking dishes, boats or ramekins. Heat in oven until butter is bubbly.

Then, place sliced fruit in the dishes and return to oven while preparing liquid. Beat egg, milk and flour together. Pour into baking dishes, dividing mixture equally. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake on cookie sheet for 20 minutes. Serve with maple syrup and garnish with fruit.

"I've had this recipe so long I don't remember where I got it"

Vegetable Frittata

Donna Eaves

1 Med zucchini, 1-inch dice
(Plus see options below)

1 Red pepper, diced

1 Yellow pepper, diced

1 Red onion, diced

1/3 C. Good Olive oil

Kosher salt & black pepper,

½ tsp garlic powder

8 ~~Xtra~~ large eggs (I combine 5 whole eggs and 3 egg substitutes if available)

¼ C Half & half or combination half & half and milk

¼ C Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1 Tbsp. Butter or oil

3 Scallions, white and green parts, chopped

3 oz (½ C.) Grated Gruyere, Emmentaler, Swiss or combo of these w/cheddar

Optional: Halved cherry tomatoes, chopped fresh spinach, mushrooms &/or asparagus tips, chopped cooked bacon or cubed ham

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Using copper or oven-proof large pot, sauté veggies (add spinach last just to wilt), sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp pepper and garlic powder....

In a large bowl, whisk eggs, half & half, Parmesan, add salt and pepper to taste.

Sauté scallions in 1 tbsp butter/oil over med heat for 1 minute.

Add scallions to vegetables, then pour egg mixture over veggies.

Cook for 2-5 mins over medium heat without stirring until slightly setting on edges.

Transfer pot to oven and bake for 20-30 mins, until puffed and set in middle. Sprinkle with Gruyere and bake for another 3 mins, until cheese is just melted. Let sit for a few minutes, then cut into 6-8 pieces and serve hot.

Makes 6-8 servings if breakfast, 3-4 servings for dinner entree.

(Adapted from Ina Garten's Roasted Vegetable Frittata)

Banana -Nut Bread

Elaine Burgess

The recipe comes from the Women's Day Encyclopedia of Cooking, a multivolume set I purchased one at a time at the Acme more than 50 years ago.

1/2 cup cooking oil

1 cup sugar

2 eggs, beaten

3 ripe bananas, mashed

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

3 T. milk

1/2 tsp. vanilla

1/2 c. chopped nuts (optional)

Beat oil and sugar together. Add eggs and banana pulp and beat well.

Ass sifted dry ingredients, milk and vanilla.

Mix well and stir in nuts.

Pour into greased and floured loaf pan (9 x 5 x 3")

Bake in preheated moderate oven (350) for about 1 hour.

Cool well store overnight before cutting. (We don't wait!)

Makes 1 loaf. Usually double recipe and make two loaves at a time.

The Bisquick Impossible Quiche Recipe

Lynn Eaton

Prep Time 5 mins. (If your kitchen has a sous chef; takes me MUCH longer!)

Bake on cookie sheet for 20 minutes. Serve with maple syrup and garnish with fruit. Total Time 40 min. Quiche Servings: 6 servings Calories: 432kcal
Author: Karlynn Johnston. (Adapted by Lynn Eaton/AAUW)

Ingredients:

12 slices of bacon cooked, drained, and crumbled. (I omit)

1 Cup Swiss cheese shredded (about 4 ounces) (Cheddar or ???)

1/3 Cup onion diced. (2/3 C. for onion lovers/Lyn Eaton)

2 Cups milk

1 Cup Bisquick (Gluten Free Bisquick available now if needed/wanted)

4 Eggs

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

Instructions:

- Preheat your oven to 400 °F.

- Lightly grease a 10-inch pie plate.

- Sprinkle the crumbled bacon, shredded cheese, and diced onion evenly over the bottom of the pie plate.

- Beat the eggs with the salt and pepper, then stir in the milk. (Immersion blend works great)

- Add in the Bisquick and beat until smooth - it must be smooth to work!

- Pour the liquid mix over the ingredients in the pie plate.

- Bake in the preheated oven for 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the quiche comes out clean.

- Let cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes.

- Slice and serve!

Notes

You can play around with the ingredients as needed! Sub in cheddar cheese for the Swiss or add vegetables instead of bacon.

Graham Streusel Cake *Suzy DeGeorge*

1 1/2 cups Graham Cracker Crumbs
3/4 Cup packed brown sugar
3/4 Cup chopped pecans
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 Yellow cake mix
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1 TBLS milk

In a small bowl combine the cracker crumbs, brown sugar, pecans and cinnamon. Stir in the butter and set aside. Prepare the cake mix according to package directions. Pour 1/2 of the cake batter into a greased 13x9x2 in baking pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 of the graham cracker mixture. Carefully spoon the remaining batter on top. Sprinkle with the remaining graham cracker mixture.
Bake at 350* for 40-45 min. or until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Combine confections sugar and milk. Drizzle over cake. From a neighbor

Crockpot Breakfast Casserole – Make the night before! *Alice Lenthe*

12 eggs
1 cup milk
Bag of frozen tater tots
1 pound of your favorite breakfast meat (bacon, sausage, turkey sausage, etc.) cooked and cut into bite size pieces
1/2 cup diced onions
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Beat the eggs well. Beat in milk, garlic powder, mustard, salt, and pepper. Set aside.
Put 1/3 of the tater tots in the bottom of a crock pot and add a little salt and pepper. Sprinkle 1/3 of the onions and 1/3 of the breakfast meat.
Top with 1 cup of cheese.
Repeat the layers two more times.
Pour egg mixture over the whole thing.
Cook on low for 7 – 8 hours.
Makes 8 generous servings
Family Recipe

Special Interest Groups



Note: emerging concerns with the Delta variant of the Covid-19 Coronavirus is impacting plans for some interest groups to meet in person. See specific notes below and be sure to stay in

contact with your group leader and watch emails for last minute changes.



Women's Social Bridge

The Bridge group is playing on the 3rd Friday of the month. We will be meeting in person or playing on BridgeBase Online. Decisions will be made on a month-to-month basis based on group preferences. We start at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Sandy Alexander contact Sandy Alexander at frau.salexander@gmail.com.



Couples Bridge

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

Mah Jongg

We continue to play MahJongg virtually the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you would like to play, contact Kim Glavin at kimglavin@comcast.net

FIG (Food Interest Group)

Food Interest Group (FIG) explores new foods through thematically planned potlucks or at a local restaurant. Partners and singles welcome Will resume monthly as COVID situation permits. 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 **via Zoom**. The list of books is published on the Branch web page.

Our next date is March 21, and we will be reading *The Island of Sea Women*, by Lisa See. Please join us for a lively discussion led by Eva Kaufmann. Pat will send a notice with the link. Contact: Patricia Schultz, pls@patriciaschultz.com, 610-436-9752

*“There is no friend as loyal as a book!”
~Ernest Hemingway*

LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

We usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month. DATE CHANGE: Due to the LAPP Forum set for March 16, **Lit II will meet on March 23, 2022, on Zoom**, at 7:00 p.m. The book will be *Finding the Mother Tree*, by Suzanne Simard. Toni Gorkin will be the discussion leader. Contact: Carol Zabriskie, nowaycjz@gmail.com.

LIT III: Daytime Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

This group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM. The list of books is published on the Branch web page. The group will meet on March 1 at 1:00 PM **by Zoom** to discuss *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Sandy Alexander will lead the discussion. Contact: carolahaaf@verizon.net.

TIG (Travel Interest Group)

Travel Interest Group (TIG) explores interesting regional sites and events via day trips. Monthly trips TBA as plans are made, possibly resuming in October, depending on Covid conditions.

Contacts are: Sandy Alexander (frau.salexander@gmail.com), Mary Marco (Mary.m.marco@gmail.com), or Jane McDowell (jlmcdowell@gmail.com).

Stitchers Group

Every Thursday by popular demand!

MARCH dates 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; a full month so you have lots of choices or join us every week! We meet on Zoom at 10:00 AM. Come join us, enjoy sharing your talents and your conversations. Notice and link to follow via email. Contact **Patricia Schultz at 610-322-0514 or pls@patriciaschultz.com**

Walkers Group

The Walkers Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. sharp at the address below. Contact: Phyllis Dunn at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com

Great Decisions

The group meets at the West Chester Diner from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on selected (2nd or 4th) Mondays; contact: Beatriz Wee at beatrizti12@gmail.com.

"Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves (1) reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book (sold annually by the Foreign Policy Association), and (2) meeting to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today."

Our group is still discussing the 2020 book topics and will skip to the 2022 book when it is published. For illustration purpose, the 2021 book topics are:

- Global Supply Chains and National Security
- Persian Gulf Security Issues
- Brexit and the European Union
- Struggles Over the Melting Arctic
- China's Role in Africa
- The Korean Peninsula
- Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic
- The End of Globalization?



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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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