



## AAUW some NEWS

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### AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch meeting: *Staying Secure Online and in Person in 2022*

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022

7:00 p.m. - Grove Methodist Church



#### Speaker: Michelle Swanter

A retired Pennsylvania State Trooper, Michelle will tell us how to detect security threats to ourselves and to our online presence and how to combat such threats.

#### Also note: *A Spring Soirée Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony*

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30-8:30 P.M.

Place: McKenzie Brew House

240 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355

Banquet Cost: \$35.00 per person

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend, you must return your check  
and the form included at the end of the newsletter by Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>



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## Letter from the President



*What do you say when it's raining chickens and ducks on April Fools Day?*

### *FOWL Spring Weather*

After 2 significant months – Black History, and Women's History – I am at a loss for an inspirational message in April! I'd love to say "time for silliness" but world news tells me otherwise. However, it's important for all of us to take a break and reset, just as nature is restarting and resetting with the coming of spring.

First, we will be holding our first FACE-to-FACE meeting this month on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Grove Church! It's been 2 years, which is unbelievable. It will be great to see everyone. The April presentation is "Staying Secure Online and in Person in 2022". Michelle Swanter, retired OPA State Trouper, will share guidance on how to detect security threats to ourselves and to our online presence and most importantly how to combat such threats. Sadly, this could become even more crucial with the potential for cyber-warfare.

April brings GETT to life. While the format will be modified to support tamping down Covid, GETT will be held in person on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our branch is a sponsor and will host a table. Our activity – strawberry DNA extraction! Please

come out for a few hours to help. If you want to join in the fun, email Nancy Paist-Riches ([nancy.paistriches@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.paistriches@gmail.com)). We will schedule a dry run to train anyone who wants to help with the hands-on activity.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the March Zoom presentation on "Women of Myth and Legend". The Delaware Art Museum is a trip located in Wilmington, Delaware. Perhaps the Travel Interest Group would consider a trip to this local gem?

The LAPP committee's public forum, Follow the Money to Schools, was a success. While we had over 95 registrants, 64 joined the forum to hear a fact-based discussion about how public schools are funded, how performance is accounted for, and what might be done to improve public education in Pennsylvania. We were fortunate to have 3 outstanding panelists: Senator Carolyn Comitta, Mr. Lawrence Feinberg, and Dr. James Scanlon. Thanks to Cathy Palmquist, Eva Kaufman, the LAPP team, Sandy Alexander and Alice Lenthe, to name a few, who all helped to "advertise" the event leading to the hearty number of participants.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the latest Laundromat Library League's effort to collect children's books that feature significant women in history in honor of Women's History Month. It's being extended a few weeks so anyone who is a procrastinator (as I am at times!) can still make a contribution. Contact Peggy Staarman ([peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net)) or bring your contribution to our meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see the article about this book drive in the newsletter.

Deb Lizcwek



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

### MARCH 3 PMP, Membership Discount for New Members

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

We had another successful Prospective Member Party (PMP) in March. Eleven ladies attended including five guests. We enjoyed coffee and desserts while meeting new friends and sharing our AAUW experiences. We would like to welcome our four new members, Robbe Healey, Vicki Huff, Steph Mitman, and Robin Paragone. In addition, two other new members have joined: Laura Labuda and Karen Simmons. Look for brief bios in the next newsletter.

If you know of a friend who might be interested in joining AAUW, this is the time! Invite them to attend the April 13th meeting, which will be in-person at the Grove Methodist Church. There is still time for new members to join to take advantage of the AAUW Shape the Future membership discount. Starting March 15th and continuing through April, both the National



AAUW & the PA State AAUW will be giving half off of their portion of the membership dues. Membership includes the remainder of this year and includes the 2022-2023 fiscal year that starts on July 1st. The discounted rate for new members is \$54.50.



**12:00 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**Chester County Technical College High School**  
**Brandywine Campus, Downingtown**

- Attend this exciting event designed just for girls in grades 5-10.
- Explore hands-on activities in the GETT Expo to connect your passion for STEM with your dream career!
- Interact with women in STEM careers – ask your questions – YOU CAN BE ANYTHING!

### GETT 2022

-- Mary Smith

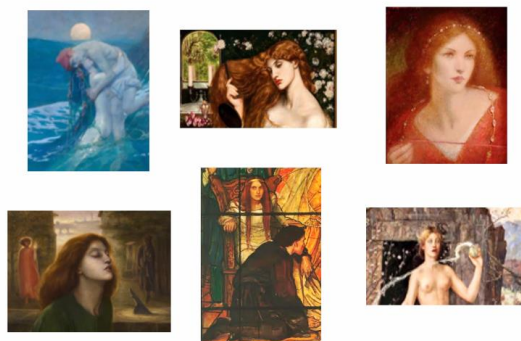
GETT stands for Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology started in 2000 by educators and businesswomen seeing the need for more girls to get into the technology fields. First GETT, 50 girls attended; 950 girls attended in 2020. It has been a great opportunity for girls and their parents to get a head start on thinking of their daughter's future. Our branch has been part of GETT every year, I was fortunate to sit at that table 22 years ago as our branch president and an educator.

This year at the EXPO, not only is AAUW a sponsor, but we also will have a table, once again with a hands-on event. Deb Liczwek will be in charge of "Extracting DNA" from strawberries. This is usually a very popular experiment. If you have not already, please sign up to help the day of. Contact me, Mary Smith at [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net), Deb at [Liczwek@gmail.com](mailto:Liczwek@gmail.com) or Nancy Paist-Riches at [nancy.paistriches@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.paistriches@gmail.com). Do not worry if you have no background in this, Deb will have a training session the week before. Come out, see the girls and have some fun!



## MARCH BRANCH MEETING: WOMEN OF MYTH AND LEGEND

### Women of Myth & Legend



### Women Artists Who Broke Barriers

At our March 9<sup>th</sup> branch meeting, two experienced docents from the Delaware Art Museum, Cris Vitsorek and Danielle Battaglia, presented artwork of and by “Women of Myth and Legend.” Using artwork from the museum’s collection, they led participants in the Zoom meeting in discussion format, asking and fielding answers to questions about the women depicted and the artists. They led us to the understanding of the changing ways in which women were depicted and how women artists expressed their emotions, struggled against barriers in the art world, and even as suffragettes took on political and social action.



They started with Dante Gabriel Rossetti’s painting of “Lilith”. In this painting, they pointed out how the image showed the power modern Victorian women could exert over the male mind if they wished. Not at all “Victorian,” the image was interesting to suffragists. *Left: “Lilith”.*

Other paintings from the period they discussed included “Replica of Beata Beatrix,” by Charles Fairfax Murray; “Council Chamber, 1872-1892,” by Edward Burnes-Jones; and “Rosamond the

Fair, 1915,” by Lizzie McComber. Discussion explored the situations of the women depicted. Using two images of mermaids, “The Mermaid, 1910” by Howard Pyle and an enamel on copper piece by Ernestine Evans Mills, the docents opened the discussion to the duality of women’s roles in society.



Commemorative plaque, for the Brackenbury women, Hilda, Georgina, and Marie



Votes for Women – worn by women to identify themselves as a suffragette (colors – purple, green, white)

*Above: Mills used her art for political purposes, to support the suffragettes and express outrage at how they were treated.*



*Activist Violet Oakley believed art could create social change.*

The discussion also talked about the artist Violet Oakley, who broke barriers as a muralist in a male-dominated field.

The docents talked about Abstract Expressionist artist Grace Hartigan, who was one of the Ninth Street Women, “Five Painters and the Movement That Changed Modern Art.” The discussion also included modern artist Faith Ringgold, an activist and voice against racial injustice for 89 years, using painting, performance art, sculpture and quilting.

The meeting concluded with an invitation to visit the Delaware Art Museum, explore its collection, and hear from its docents. See <https://delart.org/whats-on/month/2022-03/>

## **Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund: About Harriet Jarosh**

Harriet Jarosh, 1939-2012, was a long-standing and active member of our branch. Born in Laurel, Delaware, Harriet attended Lasell and Simmons Colleges in Massachusetts, then completed her Master's in library science at Villanova University. She lived in West Chester with her husband, John Jarosh, and worked at several Chester County Library branches. She later married Bill Hickman.



the finance officer at that time), Lyn Eaton, Eva Kaufmann, and I served on the committee. We decided that the money should go to the study of the environment. We contacted several Science departments of the Chester County schools but did not get any reply from them. Sandy Kwisz alerted us to the office of the Chester County Envirothon. Nancy and I visited them and decided to fund them with \$1,000 per year. We knew that this would be in Harriet's interest.

Harriet was an active member in the West Chester branch of AAUW and served as its president twice, first from 1981-83, and again from 1991-93. She was awarded Outstanding Branch Member in 1981. Passionate about the environment, Harriet founded the West Chester Recycling Center, which was later taken over by the city. She also supported the Sierra Club and Planned Parenthood.

Her obituary says she liked dining out, traveling, and animals of all kinds. She "was known for her sense of humor and passionate opinions."

Harriet and Carla Grot were good friends and attended many AAUW functions together. It was a difficult time to be in leadership, as AAUW declared a pro-choice position in 1977. The result was a furious battle between members, and ultimately many left the organization to express their opposition.

After her passing in 2012 the branch received a donation in her memory, which was used to establish the **Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund**.

Here are Carla's memories of Harriet: Harriet's son, William Hickman, who sent the check of \$10,000 to our branch, did not specify in any way how the money should be spent. The year was 2013, and Sandy Kwisz was the president. She called a committee to decide what to do with the money. As I remember, Nancy Dore (I think she was

She was a very intelligent and accomplished person and I think she left a mark on our branch. She and I attended many state and national conventions where she represented our branch. I think the Envirothon is an appropriate tribute to her ideas.

*With gratitude to our historian Donna Eaves and to Carla Grot for information on Harriet.*

### **Envirothon May 4th and May 5th, 2022**



The following information comes from the Envirothon

website: <https://www.chesco.org/1987/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. The Chester County Envirothon is part of the Pennsylvania Envirothon Program, which helps students understand the natural environment and their role in it.



## Summary of March 16<sup>th</sup> LAPP Committee Forum: “Follow the Money -- to Schools” on Public School Spending

-- Deb Liczwek, Jean Speiser

On March 16, our branch hosted a public forum on publicly funded education. The three panelists included, PA State Senator Carolyn Comitta, Mr. Lawrence Feinberg, and Dr. James Scanlon.

Based on this forum, we have attempted to summarize the state of education in Pennsylvania:

- Pennsylvania does not sufficiently support education; we rank 45<sup>th</sup> in the share the state pays for funding schools.
- Distribution of educational money to districts is not fair or equitable. A proposed fair funding formula would allocate funds according to need, and those districts with the highest need (Coatesville and Oxford in Chester County) should be able to get more money from the state.
- Charters and especially cyber-charters are getting more funding than they require for services needed for their students. (Example: a child needing speech therapy costs significantly less than an autistic child needing an aide. While traditional schools are required to pay for service, charter and cyber charters can “charge” the district with a flat fee that, such that they are getting funds required for a high cost special needs child even for a lost cost child needing speech therapy.)
- When charters have an excess of funds it is illegal for them to return excess funds to the district.



They addressed 5 general questions before addressed questions submitted by attendees.

1. At the state level, how is performance measured and compared at all types of schools?
2. How does the state of Pennsylvania oversee publicly funded schools?
3. Which PA state regulations impact education and how?
4. What ways is education is funded and what would you propose for future funding?
5. Propose a regulatory “gold standard” to make education equitable and excellent for all students.

If you missed this forum, please watch our recording at <https://vimeo.com/689105543>

The password is: aauwsome.

## Laundromat Library League Drive: Women's History Month

-- Peggy Staarman, LLL Board Member

March is Women's History Month, a month to reflect on and celebrate the often-overlooked contributions of women to history, culture, and society. It would be wonderful to offer children the opportunity to learn about the accomplishments of these women. In the most recent collection of almost 400 books benefiting the Laundromat Library League (thanks to Alice Lenthe's AAUW Facebook page), only one book featured a woman, Helen Keller. The LLL has compiled a list of books that would be appealing to children. the list is separated into categories such as Latina Women, African American Women, and Women's Rights Activists. It contains (*CONTINUED on next page*)



### **LLL Book Drive (Continued)**

the price of each book that the LLL can purchase at a discount. All of the books are under \$5.00. It is only a partial list of the many children's books that honor significant women.

I hope that you might consider donating \$5.00 to buy one of these books. You can send cash or a check made out to the Laundromat Library League. However, you may prefer to go to a bookstore to purchase one of the books or a book of your choice. Another option is to order through Amazon and have the book sent to me. Except for toddler board books, the LLL prefers paperbacks because they fit better into the book boxes, and they are much cheaper than hardcover books. My address is 307 Benning Lane, Downingtown 19335. If you buy a book, you can take it to my house or to the home of Anne Anderko, 908 Pine Valley Circle, West Chester 19382. The drive will last through the middle of April.

Thank you very much for your consideration. A big thank-you goes to the members who have already sent monetary donations or who have provided books. I hope you will support this effort to educate and inspire children about the achievements of women.

### **AAUW Women's History Book List for LLL**

The following titles are from a flyer prepared for this LLL drive. It is a representative sampling of resources available when a donation is made to the Laundromat Library League (a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit). LLL can purchase these and other similar books to be placed in laundromats. The prices listed do not represent an offer to 'sell' books, but are listed for example purposes only.

#### **Latina Collection**

*"Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos"*

Monica Brown (English or Spanish) \$5

*"I Am Sonia Sotomayor"*

Brad Meltzer (\$3.50)

*"Dancing Hands" (Teresa Carreno pianist and composer)* Margarita Engle (\$5)



*"Side by Side – The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez"*

Monica Brown Bilingual (\$5)

#### **African American History Collection**

*"Rosa"* Nikki Giovanni (\$5)

*"The Youngest Marcher –*

*The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, Civil Rights Activist"* Cynthia Levinson (\$4)

*"The Story of Ruby Bridges"* Robert Coles (\$3.50)

*"I Am Harriet Tubman"* Brad Meltzer (\$4.50)

*"Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride"*

Andrea Pinkney (\$4.50)

#### **Childhood of Women Who Persevered to Excel in Their Field**

(Great for younger children)

*"Mae Among The Stars"* (Mae Jemison, Astronaut)

Roda Ahmed (\$4.50)

*"The Dr. With An Eye for Eyes"* (Dr. Patricia Bath)

Julia Finley Misco (\$4)

*"The Quickest Kid In Clarksville"* (Wilma Rudolph)

Pat Miller (\$4.50)

*"Clara and Davie"*

(Clara Barton)

Patricia Polacco (\$5)

#### **Women's Rights Activists**

*"Ida B. Wells – The Truth Be Told"*

Walter Dean Myers

(\$5)

*"Elizabeth Leads the Way"* Elizabeth Cody Stanton and the Right to Vote - Tanya Lee Stone (\$5)

*"Standing on Their Shoulders"*

Monica Clark-Robinson (\$4)

*"RAD American Women A to Z"*

Katie Shatz (\$5)

*"You Should Meet Ruth Bader Ginsburg"*

Laurie Calkhoven and Illustrated by Elizabeth Vukovic (\$3)

*"Malala Yousafzai"*

Jodie Shepherd (\$3.50)



**For more information, go to  
[www.laundromatlibraryleague.org](http://www.laundromatlibraryleague.org)**



## Home of the Sparrow Fundraiser

-- The Community Outreach Committee

Our Gateway to Equity organization, Home of the Sparrow, is hosting a Black and White Gala on Friday, April 29 at the Drexelbrook Ballroom and Special Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA. The proceeds from the Gala will help Home of the Sparrow fulfill its mission of preventing homelessness for women and children in Chester County.

There will be silent and live auctions. Each ticket includes an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a seated dinner, music, and dancing. An individual ticket costs \$150. To join the fun and embrace the theme, Home of the Sparrow suggests attendees "wear black and white outfits to let their personal style shine." If you have questions, please call 610-647-4940 or email [djnutter@homeofthesparrow.org](mailto:djnutter@homeofthesparrow.org). Tickets are available at [www.homeofthesparrow.org](http://www.homeofthesparrow.org). Thank you for your support.

## 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 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 use this email address.**

## Website

Check it out at [wccc-pa.aauw.net](http://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 articles and pictures for the newsletter, **make sure to copy them to Sandy Alexander at [frau.salexander@gmail.com](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com), Alice Lenthe at [alicelenthe@gmail.com](mailto:alicelenthe@gmail.com), AND Melinda Hardie at [melindalou@comcast.net](mailto:melindalou@comcast.net)** so that your information can be used to update the Facebook page and website!



### **Facebook Page**

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

### **Board Meeting**

The MARCH AAUW board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 7:00 via ZOOM. All members are welcome to attend.

### **SETTING UP ZOOM MEETINGS: A REMINDER**

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.

## **MEMBER NEWS and NOTES**

### **Alice Delduco**

-- *Carla Grot*

Alice Delduco, a longtime member of our branch, passed away February 27, 2022. She was born March 15, 1929, in Philadelphia. Alice was a graduate of Douglass Women's College, which is now part of Rutgers University. She majored in Food Science and worked for many years as a food inspector until she married. She raised four boys and a severely handicapped daughter. Later in life she travelled the world, especially to satisfy her lifelong interest in birds. Alice belonged to AAUW for more than 60 years. she worked on our book drive and the education committee. She was a strong supporter of our goals. We will miss her.

### **Carol Habig to Exhibit Work at Local Art Show**

Our member Carol Habig has had one of her pieces selected as part of an exhibition called Natural Treasures. This art show is presented by the Philadelphia Society of botanical illustrators. It will be held April 1 through May 22 at the Delaware Center for Horticulture, 1810 North Dupont St., Wilmington, DE.

### **Music To My Ears: Pat Bove**

-- *Cathy Palmquist*

It never ceases to amaze me how many ways that AAUW members make so many kind but often unheralded contributions to the community. When returning to the lobby of the Chester County Hospital after having some x-rays recently, I heard soft, calming, joyous music playing throughout the lobby as patients came and went. Looking around to find the source of the music, I saw our own Pat Bove, off to one side, playing her harp. When we recognized and greeted each other, I asked about Pat's presence, and she told me she volunteers to play her harp two days a week for one and a half to two hours each day. What a joy to hear her! Thanks, Pat for sharing your talent with those who may be having a stressful or even a good day. What may seem like a small contribution by Pat is truly a gift. It certainly made my day brighter!



## Advocacy Day Sponsored by CeaseFirePA

-- Peggy Staarman

GunSenseUs partners with other groups that have the same aim to reduce gun injuries and deaths. CeaseFirePA is organizing an Advocacy Day in Harrisburg on April 26. The day will feature meetings with lawmakers and a rally. Participants will join small group meetings with individual legislators or their staffs in their Capitol offices. The rally will take place on the Capitol Steps. Lost and stolen firearms reporting, investing in community violence prevention programs in the state budget, ERPO (extreme risk protection orders), training prior to first gun purchase (HB1846 and SB855), and universal background checks will be topics of conversations with law makers.

Participants must be vaccinated and wear a mask on buses that are provided free of charge. Buses will leave early to ensure participants are at the Capitol by 8:00 am. Departure from Harrisburg will be at 3:00 pm. Buses from Chester County locations have not been arranged yet. Individuals can travel on their own, but they must still register so

CeaseFirePA can schedule meetings with their legislators, reserve materials, and provide lunch vouchers. CeaseFirePA strongly recommends wearing masks in the Capitol Complex. CeaseFire will comply with all CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines.

CeaseFirePA will offer five different days for virtual training to help you address your state legislator in the most effective way. When you register for the day, you can sign up for one of those five training sessions. You can register at <https://secure.everyaction.com/u1PTByVLxEiWv177d2SSBg2>. If you have particular questions about the event such as bus reservations, departure places, virtual participation, and/or training, please contact CeaseFirePA at [info@ceasefirepa.org](mailto:info@ceasefirepa.org). You can also contact Peggy Staarman, a GunSenseUs member, for general information at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net).

## AAUW STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

**Voting for AAUW Pennsylvania FY22-24 officers** ends April 13, 2022. View the candidates and scroll down for links on how to vote: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/about/nominations/>.

**The AAUW Pennsylvania Annual Meeting** is Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 10 am -- Noon via Zoom. Members will vote on proposed Bylaw changes and the 2022-2024 Public Policy Priorities. Review the proposals and find the Zoom registration link on page 5 of the March Keystoner (<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/02/2022-March-Keystoner.pdf>).

Right: Information about the **2022 AAUW PA Convention**.

### 2022 AAUW PA Convention

June 3-5, 2022

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

**Disruption as Opportunity  
It's a Woman's World**

This broad theme gives us the opportunity to explore all the opportunities for women—business, health, economic, political, education—as we emerge from the pandemic. We don't want to "get back to normal" because normal wasn't the best for women and girls. Many have written that the pandemic needs to have an impact on society like the industrial age, world wars, or the digital age—all disruptors. We hope to explore what good will come from the COVID disruption and how can we leverage change to improve issues impacting women and girls.



**Featuring** (but there will be SO much more!)

Alicia Petross, Chief Diversity Officer—The Hershey Company

Gloria L. Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer—AAUW

Presentations from Community Action Grant Winners

Friday Night Meet and Greet with a Hershey Theme  
(And we know what that means! Chocolate!)

Fund raising Silent Auction

ACTUAL real-life, face-to-face (with appropriate social distancing) interaction with friends, old and new!

**Important Details** (so you can start planning NOW)

Registration

Full Conference: \$145

Saturday & Sunday: \$120

Saturday only: \$110

Accommodations at the Central Hotel

\$133.14/night, double occupancy

Watch for Registration Information and more by email around March 15!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kimglavin@comcast.net)

### TIG (Travel Interest Group)

Plans for the Travel Interest Group are on hold until the COVID pandemic reaches a level where most of us feel safe to venture out again. In the meantime, you may wish to check out the annual New York Times article listing 52 places to visit in 2022. This year's list features spots where visitors can be part of the solution to problems like overtourism and climate change. Here's the link:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/10/travel/a-different-kind-of-52.html>

### 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](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 **via Zoom**. The list of books is published on the Branch web page. Our next date is April 18, and we will be reading *The Home Place, Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair With Nature*, by J. Drew Lanham. This book was a Longwood Gardens Community Read selection for 2021. Toni Gorkin will lead the discussion. Pat will send a notice with the Zoom link. We are hoping to meet in person for the June meeting.

Contact: Patricia Schultz,  
[pls@patriciaschultz.com](mailto:pls@patriciaschultz.com), 610-436-9752

### LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

We usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month. We will meet on April 20 to discuss *The Home Place, Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair With Nature*, by J. Drew Lanham.

Contact: Carol Zabriskie,  
[nowaycjz@gmail.com](mailto: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 April 5 at 1:00 PM **by Zoom** to discuss *Eleanor* by David Michaelis.

Contact: [carolahaaf@verizon.net](mailto:carolahaaf@verizon.net).



### **Stitchers Group**

Every Thursday in April, 10AM to Noon. Please join us for some good conversations & working on our stitching projects. Hopefully, we can meet in person in May.

Contact Patricia Schultz at 610-322-0514 or

[pls@patriciaschultz.com](mailto: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](mailto:dunn.phyllis@gmail.com)

### **Great Decisions**

The group meets at the West Chester Diner from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on selected (2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>)

Mondays; contact: Beatriz Wee at [beatrizti12@gmail.com](mailto: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."



' West Chester-Chester County Branch  
***A Spring Soirée***  
***Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony***



**Date:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022

**Time:** 5:30-8:30 P.M.

**Place:** McKenzie Brew House

240 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355

(On Rt. 30, approximately 2¼ miles East of the intersection of Rt. 202)

**Speaker:** ***2022-2023 Gateway to Equity Award Winner***

Join Us. Come out and enjoy an evening of good food  
and spending time with your fellow members in person.

We will raffle off a Spring Surprise assortment.

Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Banquet Cost:** \$35.00 per person

Dinner is a buffet with several hot entrees. There will be soft drinks & Cash Bar.

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend, you must return your check  
and the form below by Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Shervais at [jshervais@verizon.net](mailto:jshervais@verizon.net)  
or 610-431-9066

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You may return this at the April 13<sup>th</sup> branch meeting at Grove Church  
OR

Mail this section & your check for \$35.00 made out to AAUW WC-CC

To: Suzy DeGeorge, 922 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_





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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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