

## **AAUW some NEWS**

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## *A Spring Soirée Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony* Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30-8:30 P.M.

Vednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30-8:30 P Place: McKenzie Brew House 240 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355 Banquet Cost: \$35.00 per person



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.

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 included at the end of the newsletter** by <u>Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup></u> If you have any questions, please contact Jean Shervais at <u>jshervais@verizon.net</u> or 610-431-9066

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## Letter from the President

When I'm 60, maybe, I'll look at my pile of papers and wonder, What really happened that year? -- Christa McAuliffe

We are rapidly approaching the end of our AAUW year as we prepare for a lovely Spring Soirée banquet at which we celebrate the contributions of our members and install new officers. As I ponder the words of Christa McAuliffe, educator and astronaut who tragically died in the space shuttle Challenger disaster, I am drawn to reflect on my own pile of AAUW papers and what they represent for the progress and accomplishments of our branch this past year.

It has been a year of excellent programs for our branch meetings. Topics ranged from the training of service dogs to programs to support Native American girls to a fascinating discussion of women and myth in art. We heard about the mission and work of a local social service agency and how to protect ourselves from internet fraud. Despite the challenges of having to hold most meetings via ZOOM, there was great attendance at all the programs.

Despite the constraints of COVID, our membership team held three prospective member parties and added fifteen new members bringing out total membership count to 98! Several of our newer members are jumping right in to provide support for several of our committees. The communications team has kept AAUW front and center in the press as well as on social media. Several articles have been published in the local newspaper and our web and Facebook pages are up to date. With the aid of our ZOOM manager we have managed to weather the Omicron variant of COVID without missing a beat. When I look back at the Newsletters, I am impressed by the professionalism of our publication; with the creative graphics and pictures, some of them are almost works of art.

In addition, the LAPP Committee created a wonderful opportunity for our branch to extend its reach as well as its mission though its panel discussion on school funding. Our return to an inperson Girls Exploring Technology Together (GETT) further demonstrates fidelity to our mission of supporting education for women and girls.

Since we did not have many in person meetings, the hospitality committee had a little less work this year. However, they are making up for that by putting extra effort into planning a lovely evening at McKenzie's in Malvern on May 11<sup>th</sup> for our Spring Soirée. I hope to see everyone there!

So, to answer the question posed earlier: What really happened this year? A LOT!!!

The social outreach committee, with the support of our generous members, has provided tremendous support for Home of the Sparrow. They collected coats, gift cards, and cosmetics and participated in a fashion show. In addition, many new books were added to the Library Lending League collections through your kind donations.



-- Janet Kane

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

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

We are delighted to announce that we have 98 members. We want to thank you for referring twelve of our seventeen new members.

This year we announced a new program to promote recruitment of new members by holding a raffle for one free 2022-2023 membership. We are happy to report that we have earned three free memberships from State/National this year, so we have decided to raffle off two free memberships. One free membership will be given to a new member and the second one will be given to a member who made a referral. The third free membership will be awarded to the winner of the Outstanding Branch Member as an extra bonus for that award this year and in the future. All winners will be announced at the May Banquet!

## **Introducing New Members**

#### **Robbe Healey**

Robbe Healey renewed her membership and is glad to be back. She is a Founding Member of Aurora Philanthropic Consulting, working with nonprofits on a variety of topics. She earned a BS in Education from Northeastern University and MBA from Villanova University, where she is an adjunct member of the Master of Public Administration faculty. She is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise, Past President and current Secretary of the Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Foundation Board, Chair of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund Board, and Board member and Secretary of the Housing Partnership of Chester County. She sings alto in the Westminster Choir. You will find her serving with the "Natural Lands Force of Nature" team every chance she gets.

#### Vicki Huff

Recently retired from The College of Graduate Studies at Immaculata University, Vicki moved from Colts Neck, N.J. to be closer to one of her sons. Vicki and her late husband owned a business in N.Y.C. until his passing in 2013. She married her husband Jim in 2019. They have four boys and five grandchildren between them and spend the summer boating on the Chesapeake Bay. Vicki enjoyed 16 years as a board member and fundraiser for the Newcomers Club Charter of Holmdel and Colts Neck (a social, civic, and charitable organization).

#### Laura Labuda

Laura is a past member of AAUW and is excited to rejoin the organization. Laura has previously worked in both private/ public companies in Human Resources leadership roles.

#### **Steph Mitman**

Steph's sister-in-law, Cathy Wilson, introduced her to AAUW. Steph's life has taken twists and turns and has brought her to her happy home next to White Clay Creek. As a teacher for 6 years, she taught on the Navajo reservation and northern Washington and witnessed Mount St. Helen's explosion. She worked in computers and finished a career as an Information Security employee of DuPont and Wilmington banks. She has enjoyed travel to Europe and Asia and is now retired. She now has a small Reiki business. Steph loves animals of all kinds, composing music, art, writing and conversations over tea. She is a swimmer, a hiker/now walker, and has been a boater and bass fisherwoman.

#### **Robin Paragone**

Robin is neighbors with Anne Anderko, Trish Alfano and Randi Shellenbarger. She worked in sales and management training for Xerox for most of her career. Robin is a lifelong learner and spends her time golfing, playing pickle ball, woodworking and traveling. (This year a trip to Sicily is planned for October). She has the most fun playing with her two grandchildren.

## APRIL BRANCH MEETING: SAFETY FOR EVERY AGE



Safety for every age

Members met in person on April 13 at Grove Methodist Church and enjoyed fellowship, snacks, and a very stimulating talk on personal and online safety by Sonia Trudeau. Ms Trudeau, a police officer



in Claymont, Delaware, spoke from her twenty-three years of experience in law enforcement. She described "the perfect storm" that results in a crime from the intersection of a victim, a suspect, and opportunity, and stressed her purpose to help us remove the opportunity and avoid becoming a victim.

#### **Personal Safety**

Ms Trudeau provided several pointers for being safe in several types of circumstances. In general, for personal safety, she encouraged not to carry cash or go to an ATM alone at night. Stay alert and cautious and move with self-confidence to appear less vulnerable; have a "command presence." Train yourself to be prepared, rehearse mentally what you would do if someone grabbed you, and plan ahead. Plan to surrender any property rather than risk harm. And if any situation doesn't look right, leave.

#### In a vehicle

You should keep doors locked, and never open the window enough to allow a hand to squeeze through. Keep your cell phone handy and all valuables out of sight. While stopped in traffic, ask yourself if you can see the wheels of the car in front of you reaching the ground -- to avoid a "bump and rob" where a criminal backs into you or hits you from behind to initiate a carjacking. Put your local police phone number in your phone so you can get a quicker

response in your area. Always be aware of your exact location, including landmarks and street names, so you can provide detailed information. Never go with anyone or lead anyone to your home; always go to a safe location--police station, mall, brightly lit store.

## At Home

To promote safety in and around your home, scan the area before leaving the safety of your home; look outside. Be aware of anyone sitting in a car in front of your home; check for wildlife, too. Have your keys in your hand, held to also be a weapon. Have your fully charged cell phone accessible with an unlocked screen. Know your neighborhood and be aware of anything unusual or not typical.

## Walking

Walk in a group. Evaluate risk factors, i.e., late at night, early in the morning, deserted locations. Don't hesitate to request an escort, such as mall security, to walk you to your car. Walk confidently, look around, be aware of your surroundings, including behind you. Know your route, let people know where you are going. Be prepared to activate your prepared plan if needed. If approached, remember your plan, stay focused and breathe, don't freeze. Make noise, best to yell "fire". Activate 911 with your one touch activation and leave the line open, using "coded messages," mentioning location, type of threat, etc., to buy time.

Most of all, Ms Trudeau urged, watch out for each other! And don't be afraid to call the police! They are there for you!



## Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund

In the past few months you have heard about the status of the Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund, which was established in 2014 from a bequest to our branch by Harriet and her family. Originally the committee handling this fund considered it to be a short-lived effort to help students in Chester County learn about environmental issues, but over time we have realized the increasing importance of this subject.

The Community Outreach Committee is helping out with this Fund in lieu of donating to the Home of the Sparrow for the remainder of the fiscal year, since they have made no specific requests for donations.

The fund began with an endowment of \$10,000, and made major contributions to the Envirothon, plus smaller donations to other programs for students. The account now has about \$1800. We would like to replenish this account to enable us to make donations every year, perhaps with a lesser amount per year. We are exploring ways to grow the account with requests for donations, regular fundraising, and transfers of unused branch funds to add to the total. We are also interviewing fund managers for investment opportunities. Here is the status of the account right now. The numbers are approximations.

Remaining in the original account: \$1800 Anticipated transfer of funds from our treasury: \$1500, perhaps a little more when the budget figures are finalized in June. Total: \$3300

Our goal is \$5000 as a beginning point for our investment.

If you believe that environmental education should be a priority for the students in Chester County, then please consider a donation to this fund! We began collecting beginning at our meeting on April 13th, and will continue through May. Our branch is a 503c non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to AAUW WCCC and indicate Harriet Jarosh fund in the notation line. Send checks to Treasurer Suzie DeGeorge.

Regards,

The Community Outreach Committee Chairs Eva Kaufmann, Peggy Staarman, Mimi Jones

## Laundromat Library League

As usual, our AAUW Branch responded very generously to the LLL's latest book drive. In the effort to honor Women's History Month, the LLL requested donations of books that feature significant women or monetary contributions that would allow the LLL to buy these books at a discount. Members donated 25 biographical children's books that highlight the achievements of women such as Wilma Rudolph, Ida B. Wells, Frida Kahlo, Katherine Johnson, Harriet Tubman, and so many more. In addition, members contributed \$540 that will enable the LLL to purchase more than 100 books! Children and, perhaps, their parents and guardians will have the opportunity to learn about these remarkable women.

Thank you so very much for your outstanding and continuing support of LLL's mission to provide books to children who may have few or no books at home. We know these books will entertain, educate, and inspire young emergent readers.



See the list of books ordered with the members' contributions on next page.

#### Laundromat Library League (continued) Books Ordered with the \$540 AAUW Donation

Ordinary Women Change the World Series:

- 7 I Am Harriet Tubman
- 7 I Am Helen Keller
- 7 I Am Jane Goodall
- 7 I Am Sonia Sotomayor
- 7 I Am Sacagawea
- 6 Who Is Malala Yousafzai
- 5 Mae Among the Stars
- 5 You Should Meet Katherine Johnson
- 5 You Should Meet Mae Jemison
- 5 You Should Meet Women Who Launched th Computer Age
- 5 Amazing Scientists: The Dr Who Had Eyes For Eyes
- 5 Amazing Scientists: The Girl With a Mind for Math
- 8 Dancing Hands
- 8 Side by Side
- 8 Frida Kahlo y Los Animalitos
- 8 Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos
- 5 The Youngest Marcher
- 5 Ruby Bridges Goes to School
- 5 Standing on Her Shoulders
- 5 My Name Is Truth

- 5 Simon Biles
- 7 The Quickest Kid In Clarksville
- 7 When I Grow Up Misty Copeland
- 5 When I Grow Up Sonia Sotomayor
- 5 You Should Meet Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- 1 Elizabeth Leads The Way
- 1 Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride

Total 154 books

Additionally we will get a collection of 40 Spanish language books as a premium.



## West Chester Area School District Members Temporarily Removed from Office Over Mask Mandate

-- Deb Liczwek, LAPP Committee

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Honorable William Mahon of the Chester County Court of Common Pleas removed five of the nine school board directors from the West Chester Area School District, in response to a suit brought by a parent in the district.

The suit asked for their removal on the grounds that they had voted in August 2021 to continue to make masks mandatory in the district's schools. The complaint relied on a little-known provision in the Pennsylvania School Code that allows ten residents to petition for removal for refusal or neglect of duty. The complaint alleges that the school directors' vote for mandatory masking provisions serves as grounds for removal under this provision of the School Code. Judge Mahon did not hear the suit on the merits but removed the directors on a procedural issue. A few days later the Judge reinstated the directors temporarily, pending a full hearing that will probably take place before the start of the new school year in the fall.

Our branch's Legislation and Public Policy Committee (LAPP) is following this case closely and will keep the membership updated when there are new developments. LAPP encourages you to educate yourself about this issue by attending school board meetings and following developments in this and similar cases. In addition, you can make your views known by communicating with your school board and other elected officials, by writing to local and regional newspapers, and speaking up when you have the opportunity.

## 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 <u>tgorkin@gmail.com -- note use</u> <u>this email address</u>.

#### Website

Check it out at <u>wccc-pa.aauw.net</u>. 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** <u>frau.salexander@gmail.com</u>, **Alice Lenthe at** <u>alicelenthe@gmail.com</u>, **AND Melinda Hardie at** <u>melindalou@comcast.net</u> 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, May 4, 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.

## AAUW STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

#### Upcoming Webinar - Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4 p.m. ET Exploring Tough Policy Issues through an AAUW Lens: The Student Debt Crisis

Join AAUW's Public Policy team as they and guest speakers explore the realities and possible misconceptions about student debt. Women hold around two-thirds of the country's \$1.7 trillion of student debt, according to AAUW's report, *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*. Because of the gender pay gap, they have less income with which to repay their loans. Student debt erodes economic security and is particularly burdensome for women of color. Our panelists will discuss their research and efforts to help borrowers and halt abuses by the student loan industry.

Panelists include **Katherine Welbeck**, director of advocacy from the Student Borrower Protection Center, and **Natalia Abrams**, president and founder of the Student Debt Crisis Center.

**REGISTER NOW** 

**Below:** 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 S0 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.

#### **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 <u>kimglavin@comcast.net</u>

#### **TIG (Travel Interest Group)**

TIG is back! Save the Date: Friday, June 3rd at 10 am. We're planning a tour of the house and gardens at **Welkenweir**, followed by lunch at Bloom (new restaurant in the Eagle Tavern building). Watch your email for more details!

## 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 May 16, and we will be discussing Hamnet, by Maggie O'Farrell, presented by Beryl Goldman. Please join us for a lively discussion. Reminder and link to follow by email. 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. We will meet on May 18 to discuss *Klara and the Sun*, by Kazuo Ishiguro. Contact: Carol Zabriskie, <u>nowaycjz@gmail.com</u>.

#### 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. We meet on May 3rd at 1 PM at Sarah Caspar's home. The responses that I received were unanimously in favor to meet in person and inside. Our book for the month is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Sandy Harrelson is leading the discussion. It will be good to actually 'see' everyone!

Sarah's address is: 525 Hopewell Road Downingtown 610-873-1237 (home) 610-405-4760 (cell) Contact: carolahaaf@verizon.net.

#### **Stitchers Group**

\*\*Every other Thursday starting May 12 & 26!\*\*

We are anxious to meet some new stitchers, quilters, knitters, crocheters or cross stitchers. We meet on Zoom at 10AM. Come join us, enjoy sharing your talents & your conversations. Reminder & link to follow via email. Contact Patricia Schultz at 610-322-0514 or *pls@patriciaschultz.com* 

Find ecstasy in life; the mere sense of living is joy enough. - Emily Dickinson

#### **Walkers Group**

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

#### **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.

"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."

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# 2022-2023 Membership Form – Renewal West Chester-Chester County Branch

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Bridge – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 10AM											
Community Outreach Programs											
Food Interest Group (FIG)											
Fundraising											
GETT (Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology)											
Great Decisions (discussion group)											
Historian											
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Legislation & Public Policy (LAPP)											
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Membership											
Newsletter Publication											
Nominating Committee											
The Stitchers – Weekly Thursday 10AM											
Travel Interest Group (TIG)											
Walkers – Weekly Tuesday 9AM											
OTHER INTEREST IDEAS THAT YOU MIGHT SUGGEST											



West Chester - Chester County Chapter 119 Llandovery Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

May 2022 Newsletter

A Spring Soiree - Banquet & Award Meeting wccc-pa.aauw.net

#### **AAUW Mission Statement**

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

#### AAUW Vision Statement

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

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

The West Chester-Chester County Branch will

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

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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. www.aauw.org www.aauwpa.org wccc-pa.aauw.net