



AAUW some NEWS

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(Re)-Introduction to the Branch **"Start the Year" Meeting**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at *6:30* P.M.

Place: Grove Methodist Church

490 Boot Rd, West Chester, PA 19380

*At this first branch meeting of the year at Grove Methodist Church, members of AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch will educate members about the history of the scholarships and awards that our branch offers including the Alice Lawson Scholarship, the Harriet Jarosh Fund, The Gateway to Equity Award and the Laundromat Library League.
Deb Liczwek will facilitate.*

NOTE: We are piloting running branch meetings as hybrid - both in person and a Zoom option. We encourage people to attend in person, but for those who are unable to attend in person this will provide an alternative way to attend. A link will be sent out before each branch meeting for the Zoom option.

Beyond September, a full program of presentations scheduled is listed in our Handbook, which will be distributed at the meeting.

Refreshments & Setup/Cleanup: provided by Lit I

Directions to Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380: From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road, turn left, and go toward the intersection of Boot Road and Whitford Road. The church is on the left before you reach the intersection. Find additional direction information at www.grovechurch.org or 610-696-2663.

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Letter from the President

My mom always said time moves faster as one ages. I don't want to admit to getting old, but – WOW – where did the summer go? I hate to have it end. In part, this is because I am handwringing about how to make a difference in our topsy-turvy political world before the mid-term elections. There seems to be a confluence of many disturbing policy changes being put forward that have and will continue to limit people's rights, especially the rights of women.

I know that most of us have lived through the time before Roe v. Wade. We may know how it felt not to be allowed to establish a line of credit. Some of us may have lost sleep over the possibility of an unwanted child. How do we share this with the young women of today, who up until June 24, 2022 had a legal right to control whether or not they choose to carry through on a pregnancy? We must work to make sure that Pennsylvania does not regulate women's bodies. Please share any ideas you may have to get the vote out – especially for young women! It is urgent!

Nancy and I hope to see you on September 14th when we return to meeting in Grove Methodist Church. Beryl Goldman and Jane McDowell have a superb line-up of speakers for the year. The first branch meeting this month will educate (or in some cases reacquaint) members about the history of the scholarships and awards that our chapter offers. And why we are focused on specific

initiatives. It is a chance to congratulate our branch on the amazing work we do! Beyond September, a full program of presentations scheduled is listed in our handbook and posted on our website. All sound engaging and interesting.

Once again, the Handbook that Trish Alfano and Anne Anderko compiled is a wonderful resource. I recommend that everyone, especially new members, take a few minutes to page through the handbook to familiarize yourself with the information it contains. The Handbooks will be available at our meeting September 14th – be sure to claim your copy.

Since the May Banquet our branch has been in the news. We hope that you saw some of the press in which our Alice Lawson Scholar, Ayana Williams was highlighted. Cathy Palmquist, and Jane Schultz's connection back to Ayana's university, did a marvelous job getting the news media to focus on this important scholarship.

As always, Toni Gorkin has been at work compiling articles of interest in this Newsletter. Share it with friends and invite them to our branch presentations. Hopefully this new year for our branch will allow us to reconnect and continue our work to making our community a better place for women and girls.

-- Deb Liczwek and Nancy Paist-Riches

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

We really want your help expanding our branch. We hope that each of you will talk to your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances about our mission to promote equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and philanthropy. Invite someone to a meeting and let them experience one of our interesting speakers and meet our extraordinary group of women. Invite a friend to attend one of our many special interest groups which is a more intimate way to get to know us. We will hold three PMP's this year so watch the newsletter for details. Feel free to contact either of us with any questions or to share potential member names and emails so that we can send them a registration form.

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Prospective Member Party (PMP) September 28th, 7:00-8:30 pm



Save the date for the first Prospective Member Party on Wednesday, September 28th from 7:00-8:30 pm. Join us for coffee and dessert at the home of Kim Glavin, 306 Spindle Lane, West Chester.

If you prefer a morning event, we will be having our second PMP on Wednesday morning, November 16th from 10-11:30 am.

We will introduce your guest to new members who have recently joined and other members in attendance. It's a great way to get to know each other in a relaxed setting just right for building new friendships!

To save a spot for yourself and your prospective members, email Kim Glavin at kimglavin@comcast.net or call or text at 484 354-9681.

Gateway to Equity Award: Family Service of Chester County

Peggy Staarman, Eva Kaufmann, Mimi Jones -- Your Community Outreach Committee Co-Chairs



We are pleased to support Family Service of Chester County this year through our annual Gateway to Equity Award. Family Service was chosen from nearly a dozen nominations from AAUW members for its work to improve and strengthen families. This work is of valuable importance to AAUW's mission of advancing the equality of women and girls. The Outreach Committee has met over the summer with Mark Butler, Executive Director of Family Service, and Amy DeFonzo, Director, to determine how we at AAUW can best meet the needs of those served by Family Service.

New Member Meet Up October 4th, 10:30 am at Wegmans

We are planning some extra get-togethers with newer members but all are welcome!! In case you feel out of touch with our AAUW branch after going through so many things on Zoom, we want you to meet one another and get you up to date with the activities and great volunteer work that our group will be doing in-person.

We will meet at the Wegmans food court in Downingtown the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. You buy your favorite beverage, and we'll purchase bakery items to share.

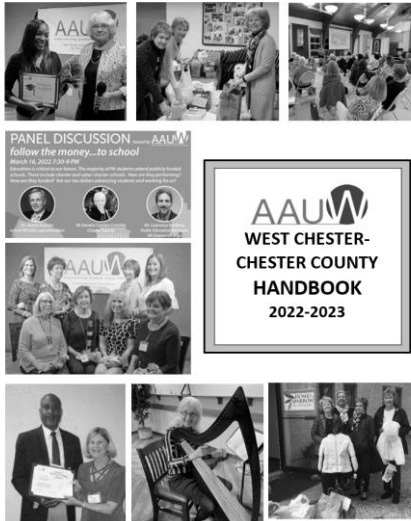
If you are interested in walking first, please join the AAUW Walkers Group at 9:00 am at the East Branch Brandywine Trail parking lot. Walkers leave promptly at 9 am and walk 3 miles on a scenic paved path. For more information, please contact Kim Glavin.

With these needs in mind, we worked with Amy DeFonzo to produce a list of monthly supplies that we can donate to Family Services. We are delighted that our branch can meet once again at Grove Church where donations can be brought to our Branch meetings.

For the month of September, we ask that members donate baby products which might include **diapers, wipes, pull-ups, children's shampoo and so forth.** Going forward, Family Service will need cleaning supplies in October, linens in November and gift cards at Christmas. Look for lists of these monthly needs in the Newsletter.

We are grateful for our generous AAUW Branch and look forward to helping Family Service with its goal to strengthen families.

2022-2023 HANDBOOK



The 2022-2023 AAUW West Chester - Chester County chapter Handbook is being completed and will be distributed at the September meeting. Be sure to read it in its entirety. Thanks to the hard work of Trish Alfano and Anne Anderko, it contains all the important and useful information you'll need for the year, including officer and committee chair contact information, the upcoming programs and board meetings, the directory of members . . . and a glimpse into past history!

Important Note About SCAMs

Over the past few weeks multiple members had their email hacked and scam notices were distributed by the hackers. As a reminder, when disposing of an old AAUW handbook with email addresses, please shred or destroy that section of the handbook.

Thanks: Thanks to TPS Graphics (705 E Union St., West Chester) for their generous discount on printing our 2022-2023 handbook. If anyone needs printing services please consider them!

Laundromat Library League

-- Peggy Staarman

Two bags of books purchased and donated by our members were provided to the Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center in honor of Juneteenth at the Festival on June 18. "LLL was pleased to be able to provide interesting and informative books to the children celebrating Juneteenth at the Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center on June 18th. Many books were purchased with a grant from AAUW for women's history month. What a wonderful collaboration among several organizations!"



PECAN FUNDRAISER

-- Anne Anderko and Marie Knox

Get ready for our annual fall pecan fundraiser. Since 2016, we have been selling candied and plain pecans ranging in price from \$9.25 to \$13.50 a bag. The gift-wrapped candied pecans make great stock stuffers and hostess gifts. We strongly urge you to share the sale with your friends and family to help boost sales. The sale begins on September 7 and final orders will be taken until October 14.


Please download the order form at the end of this newsletter that contains all the information you will need.

INFORMATION ENHANCEMENTS TO WEBSITE


-- Sandy Alexander

Special Interest Groups


Click on the image to learn more about the group.




Food Interest Group




Lit I, II, and III




Great Decisions




Mahjong




Stitchers




Travel Interest Group



Walkers



Women's Social Bridge

<div>  <div> Month at a Glance </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekend Food Interest Group (Date at discretion of hostess)	Select Mondays: Great Decisions (Date at discretion of hostess)	Every Tuesdays: Walkers 9 am 1st Tuesday: Lit III 1 pm	1 st Wednesdays: Board Meeting 7 pm 2 nd Wednesdays: Branch Program 7 pm 3 rd Wednesdays: Lit II 7 pm	1st Thursday: Stitchers 10 am 1st Thursday: Mahjongg 1 pm or 7 pm 3rd Thursday: Stitchers 10 am 3rd Thursday: Mahjongg 7 pm/Online		Weekend Food Interest Group (Date at discretion of hostess)
		Every Tuesdays: Walkers 9 am		3 rd Friday: Bridge 10 am		
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Need information about branch activities? Go to <https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/activities/> to see the Month at a Glance page. Click on any activity to see more information. Want to find more information about a Special Interest Group? Go to <https://wccc-pa.aauw.net/activities/special-interest-groups/> to see all of the groups and find a link to information. Have an idea or information for the website? Send it to Melinda Hardie, our website content manager at melindalou@comcast.net!

MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES



Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund Recognized on Heart of Uwchlan Sign

A grant from the Harriet Jarosh Environmental Education Fund was recognized on a new educational sign unveiled at the Heart of Uwchlan Wetland Garden at the Uwchlan EAC's June event, "Spring into Summer." The Heart of Uwchlan project is led by AAUW member Toni Gorkin. Its goal is to introduce native plants to the Uwchlan Township office park and to educate the public on environmentally beneficial gardening practices. The grant was made to the project in 2019 and had a significant impact in getting the gardens launched. The Wetland Garden is one of three gardens project volunteers have planted in the park. The others are a Milkweed Garden and a Streamside Garden. Members are invited to contact Toni to hear more about the project or to arrange a tour. tgorkin@gmail.com.

Toni also spoke at the West Chester Green Team's "Chester County Grows: Inspired by Doug Tallamy" event on August 27. The gala event at the West Chester Historical Society provided information on several garden projects and on the Green Team's beautification of West Chester with pollinator gardens in the city.

Lit III Enjoys Lemon Cake; Here's the Recipe

At Lit III's June 7 Planning Meeting, Carol Haaf, who hosted, served a Lemon Cake that was especially delicious. The group wanted to have the recipe shared, so here it is! Enjoy!

Lemon cake recipe from Carol Haaf

1 box yellow cake mix (I have used lemon cake mix also)
1 (3) ounce pkg lemon Jello
3/4 cup oil
3/4 cup cold water
4 eggs

Mix cake mix, Jello, oil, water and eggs. Pour in greased and floured 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Test after 30. I have found in my oven that it never takes the full 45 minutes. Remove from oven and pierce cake with a fork.

Glaze:

2 cups powdered sugar
2 and 1/2 lemons - juice and rind

Combine sugar, rind and lemon juice. Pour on cake while cake is still hot.

AAUW Mission Statement:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our Chapter – 2022-2023:

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Newsletter

The newsletter is published by the first of each month. The **deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month** to ensure the issue can be distributed on the first of the next month. Please send emails to tgorkin@gmail.com -- **note use this email address.**

Website

Check it out at wccc-pa.aauw.net. See article above about recent enhancements!!

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, Alice Lenthe at alichelenthe@gmail.com, AND Melinda Hardie at 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 SEPTEMBER AAUW board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the home of Deb Lizcwek. All other board meetings will be held via ZOOM. The schedule is published in the Handbook. 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



AAUW Pennsylvania

AAUW Pennsylvania held the first in a series of informational programs on topics that are critical to understanding an issue of grave importance to women via Zoom on Thursday, August 25. The presenter was **Sue J. Frietsche, senior staff attorney and founder and director of the Women's Law Project, Western Pennsylvania.**

Click here to read the **Keystoner** Newsletter on the AAUW Pennsylvania website. The **Keystoner** is published four times a year, this newsletter shares information about our work across the state.

This Keystoner features:

- a summary of the 2022 AAUW Pennsylvania state convention;
- update on Public Policy speaking engagements;
- recap of College/University grant awards;
- stories from seven branches on activities and events.

AAUW National

AUW supports choice in determining one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services.

Here is a link to the national AAUW position on reproductive rights: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-repro/>



Special Interest Groups

Note: concerns with 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 at

frau.salexander@gmail.com.

Dates include September 23, October 21, November 18, January 20, February 17, March 17, May 19, and June 17.

Watch your email for more details! If you have an outing to suggest, contact Mary Marco, Jane McDowell, or Sandy Alexander.

FIG (Food Interest Group)

Food Interest Group (FIG) explores new foods through thematically planned potlucks or at a local restaurant. It usually meets on a Saturday for dinner or Sunday for brunch. Partners and singles are usually welcome. For more information or to join the group, contact: Donna Eaves, FIG chair, at 610-692-5277 or deaves@live.com.

Couples Bridge

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

Mah Jongg

MahJongg play will resume in October with a hybrid schedule. The first Thursday of the month will be in person and the third Thursday will be online. The first in-person game will be October 6th at 6:45 pm at Kim Glavin's house. The online game will be October 20th at 7:00 pm. If you would like to play, contact Kim Glavin at kimglavin@comcast.net

TIG (Travel Interest Group)

Co-chairs of the Travel Interest Group plan tours of local gardens, houses, and museums, usually followed by a lunch nearby. Details are emailed to the entire branch and anyone is welcome any outing and bring a guest.

In June TIG toured the house and gardens at **Welkenweir**, followed by lunch at Ludwig's Inn. See the website for pictures.

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. The list of books is published on the Branch web page. Our first meeting of Lit I will be on **September 19** at 1:00 at the home of Janet Kane (1705 Yardley Dr. WC 19280). Martina Ossman will lead us in discussion of ***The Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles. This is a lengthy book so you may want to get a jump on reading it!! Contact: Janet Kane 610-742-5961 - jfentonkane@gmail.com

LIT II: Evening Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. The full schedule is available from the website. The group met on August 21 via

Zoom to discuss Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. The book for **September 21** is *The Reading List*, by Sara Nisha Adams. To join, contact: Carol Zabriskie, nowajcz@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 website. The group will meet on **September 6** at Sandra Harrelson's home. Her address is: 635 Glenwood Lane, West Chester, PA (540-817-5035). We are discussing *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. Sandy Alexander is leading the discussion. Contact: carolahaaf@verizon.net.

Stitchers Group

We are anxious to meet some new stitchers, quilters, knitters, crocheters or cross stitchers. Stitchers will be meeting on September 1 and the 15th from 10 am to 12. As we have in the past, **we will meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. We will meet on Zoom**, which I believe is more convenient for most of us. 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

See below: Pat finally finished her afghan!



Walkers Group

The group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am. They meet at the Trestel Bridge parking lot...or officially the Brandywine Meadows Trail...off Rt. 322 near Downingtown from January thru May, and from June through December they meet at the Sugarsbridge parking lot off route 322 nearer to West Chester. They leave promptly at 9 am. Walk as fast and as far as you would like. Lots of talking & laughter! No other emails will be sent out to remind anyone...just show up and be ready to shove off at 9am on Tuesdays. They don't walk in the rain or snow...drizzle YES...snow & rain NO! Contact: Phyllis Dunn at dunn.phyllis@gmail.com

Great Decisions

The group meets **on a date and time agreed on by a majority of our 8 members**. Contact: Beatriz Wee at beatrizti12@gmail.com.

The group will meet on **Tuesday, September 27th at 12:45 pm at the Panera in West Chester** -- at 1115 West Chester Pike (next to SHOPRITE, at its left side). The topic will be "OUTER SPACE".

"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." The group is currently using the 2022 book.



Glazed Pecans –
\$9.25 per 8 oz. bag



Cinnamon Glazed Pecans -
\$10.00 per 10 oz. bag



Pecan Caramel Clusters -
\$9.25 per 8 oz. bag

PECAN 2022 FUNDRAISER

ORDERS DUE OCT. 14



Chocolate Covered Pecans -
\$10.00 per 12 oz. bag



Extra Large Pecan Halves -
\$13.50 per 16 oz. bag

FALL FUNDRAISER PECAN SALE

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 14, 2022

Due to limited quantities of certain items, orders will be filled in the order received.

NAME
EMAIL
PHONE

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	QUANTITY	COST Per bag	TOTAL COST
16 oz. Extra Large Pecan Halves	102		\$13.50	
10 oz. Cinnamon Glazed Pecan [gift bagged]	212		\$10.00	
8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters [gift bagged]	205		\$9.25	
12 oz. Chocolate Covered Pecans [gift bagged]	203		\$10.00	
8 oz. Glazed Pecans [gift bagged]	223		\$9.25	
TOTALS:				

- **Please make your check payable to: AAUW West Chester-Chester County and mail to: Anne Anderko, 908 Pine Valley Circle, West Chester, PA 19382**
- There is no tax.
- If you have any questions, please e-mail Anne Anderko, ananderko@msn.com.
- Orders will be ready for pick up at the November 9th meeting at The Grove Methodist Church. If you cannot pick up at that time, other arrangements will be made.



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September 2022 Newsletter

Re-Introduction to the Branch

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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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