



**Election Day November 8, 2022**

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## AAUW some NEWS

News & Views from the  
West Chester – Chester County  
PA Branch  
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### **Program: Training Educators in Developing Nations and War Zones** Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. Place: Grove Methodist Church 490 Boot Rd, West Chester, PA 19380

*Steve Swymer, former Principal in the Great Valley School District, will share reflections and stories about the training of educators in developing nations and war zones. He will describe refugee camp and third world orphanage schools and the significance of establishing schools in these places. He will emphasize that the most important thing about these schools is their ability to provide hope to families who have lost everything.*

**NOTE: The branch meetings are being conducted 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.**

Mark your calendars! Our holiday gathering will be held on Sunday December 11 at the Ellerslie House at Crosslands in Kennett Square. Details to follow.

**Refreshments & Setup/Cleanup: provided by Lit III**

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](http://www.grovechurch.org) or 610-696-2663.

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## ***Letter from the President***

*Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside ourselves will affect us.*  
— Stephen Covey

It's election month. Many issues important to AAUW and women across the Commonwealth will be determined in the upcoming election. It is crucial for all of us to spend time learning about the candidates and getting out to vote. Please encourage your friends, neighbors and family members to do the same.

AAUW is going through challenging times. National membership has declined dramatically. Perhaps this is due to the fact that many women felt that life had changed; situations were improved and women's rights were established. We all need to work to reinvigorate this great organization. AAUW and your support for it make a difference for women and girls. As Vice President Kamala Harris said, "When you lift up women, you lift up families, you lift up communities, you lift up economies – and you lift up America." We need to continue our work lifting up women.

Our October speaker, Reverend Keeling, and his organization certainly are working to accomplish lifting up women. The work of this organization is truly inspiring and very aligned with AAUW's

mission. Those who can practice the mission that we espouse always inspire me.

As we lean in together to support women, I share a Google calendar that captures activities across all eastern district branches, created by the new AAUW Eastern District Coordinator, Kathy Quinn. The calendar is interesting to peruse to see what other branches are doing. And while our Perspective Member Party gatherings aren't on this calendar, I encourage you to come out for the November 16 Brunch from 10-11:30 am. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member; the gatherings are always delightful.

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=477ai6284bi5ej2vf8llm90ac4@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=477ai6284bi5ej2vf8llm90ac4@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York)

Finally, November also brings Thanksgiving, a time to rejoice with family and friends and to give thanks for all that we have. Nancy and I thank you for your generosity. You continue to support our branch through the Pecan sale, contributions to establish a permanent fund for the Jarosh Environmental Education fund, and continued contributions to our Gateway partner, Family Services of Chester County. May you and your family be blessed with health and happiness.

Deb Liczwek and Nancy Paist-Riches

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

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

Our branch really needs your help finding new members! Sadly, we had to cancel our first PMP because we had no signups. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our organization, please reach out to them and invite them to a monthly branch program, a Special Interest Group, a member meet up at Wegmans Café, or invite them to our PMP scheduled for Wednesday Nov. 16th at 10:00am.

Trish and I are exploring other recruitment ideas and we welcome any ideas or suggestions you might have. Please call, text, or email us with your ideas.

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Trish Alfano 610 431-4545 [BA1004@comcast.net](mailto:BA1004@comcast.net)

### **Member Meet Up at Wegmans Café in Downingtown - Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am**

We are starting something new this year to give members the opportunity to meet socially without having a connection to a specific Special Interest group. You buy your favorite beverage and we'll purchase a bakery item 😊. Please contact Kim Glavin 484 354-9681 if you have any questions.



**Prospective  
Member Brunch -  
Wednesday,  
November 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 – 11:30am.**

Please mark your  
calendars for the Prospective Member party.  
Current members please bring a potential member

with you and enjoy a continental breakfast at my  
house @ 306 Spindle Lane, West Chester. We  
will introduce your guest to new members who  
have joined in the last year and other members in  
attendance.

We're hoping to see you and a potential new  
member on the 16<sup>th</sup>! Please RSVP to Kim  
Glavin [484 354-9681](tel:4843549681) [kimglavin@comcast.net](mailto:kimglavin@comcast.net) by  
November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Family Service of Chester County: Cleaning Supplies Delivered November: Collecting Linens

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



The Community Service Committee thanks our members who  
donated household goods to Family Service of Chester County.  
On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, our committee delivered three  
carloads of items to a very appreciative staff who knows their  
clients will be so grateful. Pictured below is Amy DeFonzo

and her assistant receiving the many donated household items at Family Service on  
Matlock Street in West Chester.

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## Family Service (continued)

Amy, the Exchange Club Family Center Director of Family Service and the liaison to our AAUW committee, sent the following thank-you to our branch for the household items:

*"I just wanted to thank you and all of the women at AAUW for the generous donation of the cleaning supplies for the families. It is so important for every child to have a safe and clean home. These cleaning items are expensive and often get put at the bottom of the list. It is so great that you were able to provide them! It will make such a difference in so many homes. As you can see from the photos, we were able to organize the items and pack each bag with paper towels, sponges, laundry and dish detergents as well as household cleaners for the kitchen and bathroom! Thank you so much!"*

In early October, Amy also sent a note of thanks for the numerous and varied baby supplies our members donated:

*"Please share with everyone how grateful we are for the baby products. Our closet was running very low on baby products prior to your donation, and it is now full again! We just made a delivery yesterday and mom was so happy to have diapers that fit well and are the correct size for her 3-month-old baby. She also got lots of wipes and some baby shampoo that were so needed. We have 2 moms that are expecting in the next 2 months who were thrilled to be able to start stocking up their nurseries with diapers, wipes, and some new clothing! With so many families struggling with high and rising prices and food, clothing, and other household items this is such a blessing!"*

If you access the website of Family Service, you will see that the organization posted a photo of the committee delivering the baby supplies. Pictured below are photos that Amy sent to us of the storage closet filled with baby items and of three AAUW members who helped deliver the donations.



## NOVEMBER: Linens

In November we have promised to donate **linens** such as **new sheets, towels, washcloths, bathmats, dishcloths, dish towels, and placemats**. Twin-sized sheets are desirable for families with children. Double and Queen-sized sheets are also welcome. You can use Amazon to deliver items to Eva Kaufmann, take your

donations to anyone on the committee, or bring them to the next general branch meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. You have been so generous to this organization that serves our community. Thank you so much!

Mimi Jones, Eva Kaufmann, and Peggy Staarman

## **PECAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE and DELIVERY**

*-- Anne Anderko and Marie Knox*

Thanks to all of you for your support of this year's pecan fundraiser. You will be able to pick up your pecan orders at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Grove Methodist Church. If you are not able to pick them up, please contact me [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com) and other arrangements will be made.

## **Laundromat Library League Took Part in Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser October 19**

The Laundromat Library League (LLL) participated in the Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser that was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Many AAUW members bought Bosco's shopping passes prior to the sale to help the LLL raise money. Branch member and LLL President Arlene Rengert recruited LLL volunteers to sell tickets at our LLL table on the day of the sale. Branch members Mary Smith, Donna Pyne, and Peggy Staarman were among those volunteers.

The sale of the passes gave the LLL a profit of \$610, almost \$100 more than last year! As you know,

these funds will enable the LLL to buy board books, Spanish language books, and books that feature minority characters. The request for these books is considerable.

The LLL appreciates the enthusiastic support and service of our West Chester-Chester County Branch. Thank you for your dedication to the LLL mission to provide books to children who may have few or no books in their homes.

*Peggy Staarman  
LLL Board Member*

## **----- MAKING A DIFFERENCE! -----**

*In past issues (several years ago), we had this section in the newsletter to provide information to members looking for ways to help with the many problems that we see in today's society. As new opportunities are emerging, your editor is bringing back this special section.*

### **West Chester Food Cupboard**

*-- Jean Shervais*

Good news! AAUW will finally resume our volunteering at the West Chester Food Cupboard once a month. Before the pandemic we met at 7 o'clock on the last Monday of the month. Any AAUW member who is interested in volunteering should contact Jean Shervais at [jshervais@verizon.net](mailto:jshervais@verizon.net). The Food Cupboard is located at 431 S. Bolmar Street in West Chester.

### **Community Warehouse Project**

*-- Anne Anderko*

The Community Warehouse Project collects donated furniture and household items and redistributes them to families and veterans who have been pre-screened to CWP through various agencies. Please go to [communitywarehouseproject.com](http://communitywarehouseproject.com) to see the complete list of items that can be donated. If you have furniture, please contact [gbrion@communitywarehouseproject.com](mailto:gbrion@communitywarehouseproject.com), 484-473-4360 with a picture and she can give you further instructions. If you have small household items, you can drop them off at my house, 908 Pine Valley Circle, WC, [ananderko@msn.com](mailto:ananderko@msn.com) and Anne will get them to the warehouse.





## MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

### ***TIG Went to New Castle, Delaware***

AAUW Members Sandra Harrelson, Carol Zabriskie, Mary Marco, Jane McDowell and Sandy Alexander enjoying lunch at Jessop's Tavern in New Castle, Delaware. The day included tours of three historic houses -- The Dutch House, Amstel House, and Reed House -- a walk by the water, and lunch at the historic Jessop Tavern.

Have an idea for a destination? Contact Mary Marco, Jane McDowell or Sandy Alexander and we'll research it. Consider joining us on our next outing!



### ***Lit I Enjoyed Discussion of Nigeria – and Popovers!***



Elaine Burgess took some pictures of the October Lit I group's meeting. They discussed Abi Dare's *The Girl with a Louding Voice*, which is set in Nigeria. Elaine dressed the part and we all took a pre-quiz to test our knowledge of this sixth most populous country on earth. A tradition of Lit I's visit to Elaine's are the popovers her husband bakes for us every year.

### ***Calling All AAUW WCU Alumni***

If you are a graduate of West Chester University, our new WCU Liaison, Ann Colgan, requests that you join Ram-Nation. Ram Nation is the University's official online community where you can give back by serving as a resource to fellow grads and current students by sharing your own professional experience.

- Head to [ramnation.wcupa.edu](http://ramnation.wcupa.edu) to get started
- Select 'Join our community'
- Create an account using your personal email or by connecting to your LinkedIn profile

**STUDENTS – PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR WCU ID# IN CORRESPONDENCE.**

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## ***Ahoy! Cindy Knisley's Sailing Adventure on the Kalmar Nyckel***

(abridged from an article by Cindy)

It was a blustery day in January 2022 when the message popped up on my screen.

"Volunteers needed. Help sail a 17<sup>th</sup> century squarerigged ship. No experience necessary!" I decided to inquire and quickly became hooked, attending weekly training sessions, both on zoom and at the shipyard in Wilmington, DE. But wait .... Let me explain. The subject of this story is a tall ship known as the Kalmar Nyckel, a Dutch armed merchant vessel that in 1638 sailed from Kalmar, Sweden, to the Christina River, not far from the present-day skyscrapers of Wilmington. Here the sailors established the colony of New Sweden. The sailors befriended the local Lenape Indians and engaged them in the exchange of metal tools, duffel cloth, and beads for beaver pelts, much needed in Europe at the time. After four successful trans-Atlantic crossings, the original Kalmar Nyckel sank in a battle off the coast of Scotland.

Three hundred years later, in 1938 President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the park known as Fort Cristina, honoring the Swedish queen at the time. As interest grew, a recreation of the original ship was designed in 1995 and constructed in the Wilmington shipyard. Thus began the work of the Kalmar Nyckel Educational Foundation.

Well, back to that January day in 2022 . . . Crew training was a challenge, from tying more knots than I had ever imagined to figuring out the eight miles of running rigging on the ship. We even had midterms and finals on seamanship. A few times I

wondered whether this endeavor was a good fit for me after all, but I didn't give up. Finally, we trainees completed the requirements and received a blue shirt, plus the privilege of signing up to volunteer! I quickly found my bliss in the ed sail department, teaching small groups of school children about "Setting the Mizzen on the Quarterdeck" or "Life of a Sailor," among other topics.

A unique opportunity unfolded and I signed up for a summer voyage. This adventure included climbing onto and off the ship on narrow exterior steps, sleeping in a tiny berth where my belongings for the week were also stowed, pulling mooring lines, and cleaning the floors when assigned to "sweep and swab." I loved the education events during public sails in New London and Mystic Harbor, Conn., and smile today just thinking of my pirate costume and the marlin spike and knife dangling on my belt. The most amazing feat of the voyage was hauling our beloved ship into dry dock for routine maintenance. That's a story for another time! But rest assured, she is in "ship shape" condition and back at home in Wilmington, sailing and teaching guests about a by-gone era.

Thanks for sharing a bit of my recent volunteer adventure. More information about this fascinating educational foundation can be found at [www.kalmarnyckel.org](http://www.kalmarnyckel.org). Hope to see you at the shipyard!

## ***LAPP Committee Provides Bulletins Focused on Upcoming Elections***

The Branch's Legislation and Public Policy Committee has prepared Bulletins heavily focused on the upcoming elections. Three Bulletins published in the October issue of the newsletter are:

- Voting Post Redistricting
- PA Governor Candidates Education Platforms
- PA Senate Bill 106 - 5 Proposed Amendments

Additional Bulletins were written in October. Because of the upcoming election, we have included them in this newsletter:

- PA Governor Candidates – Election Integrity Platforms
- PA Governor Candidates – Economic Platforms

- PA Governor Candidates – Reproductive Rights Platforms
- PA Governor Candidates – Crime Platform
- PA Governor Candidates – Taxes Platform

## LAPP Bulletin

**Date:** October 1, 2022

**Subject:** *PA Governor Candidates – Election Integrity Platforms*

**Context:** Understanding the candidates' platforms on Election Integrity is helpful in preparing for the November general election. This information was gleaned from the candidates' websites.

**Summary:**

*Mastriano:*

1. Eliminate no excuse mail voting and ballot drop boxes.
2. Enact universal voter ID for those who go to the polls.
3. Increase the number of poll watchers.
4. Immediately end all contracts with compromised voting machine companies.
5. Appoint a Secretary of State with experience in securing elections from fraud.
6. Ban the use of private funds to influence elections.
7. Make millions of registered voters register again.

*Shapiro:*

1. Veto any efforts to restrict mail voting.
2. Expand early voting.
3. Set up automatic voter registration.
4. Make funds available so that every county can conduct a post-election analysis through a risk-limiting audit
5. Allow counties to pre-canvass mail ballots before election day to reduce delays in reporting election results.

**What You Can Do:**

1. Continue to follow the PA Governor race on education and other issues
2. Make sure your Pennsylvania family, friends, and neighbors VOTE!

**For More Information on This Issue:**

1. <https://joshshapiro.org>
2. <http://www.doug4gov.com/>
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## LAPP Bulletin

**Date:** October 1, 2022

**Subject:** *PA Governor Candidates – Economy Platforms*



**Context: Understanding the candidates' platforms on the economy is helpful in preparing for the November general election. This information was gleaned from the candidates' websites.**

**Summary:**

**Mastriano:**

1. Expand natural gas extraction efforts in the Marcellus shale region
2. Withdraw from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a consortium of 11 states that aims to cap and reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the power sector.
3. Lift regulations, taxes, and fees that impact drilling and mining for fossil fuels.
4. Reduce regulations that are hurting the state economy.

**Shapiro:**

1. Create hubs that connect businesses, universities, and research institutions as a way to create jobs.
2. Expand Manufacturing PA Initiative – train a skilled workforce by embedding students with local manufacturers and provide technical support to PA Manufacturers.
3. Cut corporate tax rate to 4% by 2025.
4. Aggressively push to make PA the home of a new regional hydrogen hub and grow carbon capture, utilization, and storage industry.

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**Date:** October 1, 2022

**Subject:** ***PA Governor Candidates – Reproductive Rights Platforms***

**Context: Understanding the candidates' platforms on reproductive rights is particularly critical for women and girls and helpful in preparing for the November general election. This information was gleaned from the candidates' websites.**

**Summary:**

**Shapiro:**

1. Committed to veto any bill that would restrict abortion rights
2. Expand access to reproductive care.
3. As Attorney General has supported protection or expansion of abortion rights and argued against the Trump administration gag rule that barred funding for clinics that made referrals to or informed patients about abortion providers.

**Mastriano:**

1. Supports instituting a full ban on abortions without exceptions for rape, incest, or instances where the mother's life is jeopardized by the pregnancy.
2. Would sign a "heartbeat bill" that would ban abortion at 6 weeks.
3. End state funding to Planned Parenthood
4. Support funding for counseling and for adoption services.
5. As a state lawmaker, introduced his own "heartbeat bill".

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**Subject:** **PA Governor Candidates – Crime Platforms**

**Context:** Understanding the candidates' platforms on crime is helpful in preparing for the November general election. This information was gleaned from the candidates' websites.

**Summary:**

**Shapiro:**

1. Stop imprisonment for technical rule violations. Reinvest money spent on that imprisonment into initiatives and programs to get violent criminals off the streets.
2. Fund legal representation for indigent Pennsylvanians in first budget (PA is the only state in the country that allocates \$0 to public defenders' offices).
3. Oppose mandatory minimum sentences and that those convicted of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony murder are not given life sentences.
4. Support bills that create opportunities for elderly prisoners no longer deemed as threats.
5. Advocate to abolish death penalty and legalize recreational marijuana.
6. Focus on funding local police.

**Mastriano:**

1. No published plan to lower crime on his website although has stated it is too high.
2. Minimum sentence of 25 years in prison for fentanyl dealers whose sales lead to overdose deaths.
3. Protect police from "social justice warriors" so law enforcement personnel won't be prosecuted for a "split second decisions"
4. Send state police to round up undocumented immigrants and take them to President Biden's Delaware home.

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**Date:** October 1, 2022

**Subject:** **PA Governor Candidates – Tax Platforms**

**Context:** Understanding the candidates' platforms on taxes is helpful in preparing for the November general election. This information was gleaned from the candidates' websites.

**Summary:**

**Mastriano:**

1. Eliminate property taxes for all homeowners
2. Establish working groups to slash gas tax and reduce the corporate net income tax rate.
3. Create teams at each state agency to cut statewide regulations by 55,000 in the first year.
4. Pass legislation that would automatically review all regulations with a cost of more than \$1 million, eliminate two regulations for every new regulation created, increase transparency for permit process and expedite reviews.

**Shapiro:**

1. Issue gas tax refunds for every personal passenger registered in the commonwealth (up to 4 per household).
2. Eliminate state gross receipt and sales tax on cellphone service (11%).
3. Expand property tax and rent rebate program by increasing maximum rebate to \$1,000 and expanding eligibility to 275,000 more people.

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**Diversity Note**

November 25-26: Day of the Covenant, a Baha'i holiday celebrating the appointment of Abdúl-Baha as the faith's successor.

**AAUW Mission Statement:**

**To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.**

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**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 OCTOBER AAUW board meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. The schedule is published in the Handbook. All members are welcome to attend.

**Newsletter**

The newsletter is published by the first of each month. The **deadline for submissions is the**





## 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](mailto:frau.salexander@gmail.com).

Dates include November 18, January 20, February 17, March 17, May 19, and June 17.

### Couples Bridge

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

### Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg play resumed in October with a hybrid schedule. In person - November 3rd at 1:00pm at Janet Kane's house. Online - November 17th 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)

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.

### 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](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. The list of books is published on the Branch web page. At the meeting on **November 21** the book will be *The Girl With Seven Names*, by Hyeonseo Lee. Contact: Janet Kane 610-742-5961 - [jfentonkane@gmail.com](mailto: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 Branch website. The book for the **November 16** meeting is *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson. To join, 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 website. The group will meet on **November 1** at the home of Melinda Hardie to discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Melinda's address is 310 Norwich Lane, Landenberg, PA 19350 (610-314-1231). Lit III will not meet in December. Contact: [carolahaaf@verizon.net](mailto:carolahaaf@verizon.net).

### **Stitchers Group**

Stitchers will be discontinued until January. Hopefully we can increase the attendance during the winter months. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Patricia Schultz, [pls@patriciaschultz.com](mailto:pls@patriciaschultz.com)

### **Walkers Group**

The group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am. They meet at the Trestle 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](mailto: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](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." The group is currently using the 2022 book.



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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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