



## AAUW some NEWS

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## Program: Central Baptist Community, Wilmington, DE

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

Place: Grove Methodist Church

490 Boot Rd, West Chester, PA 19380

*Rev. Terrence Keeling will describe the Workforce Development, Housing and Nutrition programs offered by the Central Baptist Community. He will share how the agency makes a difference in opening doors for women to achieve their career goals and attain life milestones.*

**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.**

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

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***

Hello Ladies and Happy Fall and all that is pumpkin!

Our branch has officially started our 2022-23 year with our first meeting held in September as a hybrid meeting. We are hoping this option allows for members unable to physically join and still have the connection with the branch as they listen to the meeting and generates a process for members who would like to join but are unsure about the meeting time and/or date. This meeting was a re-introduction to West Chester-Chester County AAUW as members described the history of our awards and scholarship our branch offers. If you were unable to attend the meeting it was recorded and can be found on our web page. Our October meeting is also a hybrid meeting. We look forward to seeing you either in person or on zoom. Reminder - the zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

Hopefully you have received your handbook, as it is a treasure of information about our branch happenings and of course our SIGs. Excitement is running high as some groups start back from a summer break, some meet in person for the first time in what seems like forever, and some are simply enjoying each other's company as they engage in like-minded endeavors. New members please contact the person listed for each group, found in the handbook, to learn more. And check out our web page, Sandy Alexander and Melinda Hardie have done a spectacular work on making it informative, attractive and user friendly. Remember, anyone can propose a new SIG so don't hesitate with an idea.

A schedule for monthly donations to our Gateway to Equity winner Family Service of Chester

County has been announced and for the month of October we are requesting cleaning supplies. We are also sharing information about other organizations or social services requesting assistance through volunteering or donations. It is a pleasure to be a part of an organization with caring, generous community members. Which brings us to the Pecan sale. Orders are due by October 13th and benefits our branch.

Speaking of the AAUW community, we hope you have received the email from the LAPP committee highlighting talking points or bulletins on important issues impacting Pennsylvania and look for the big news from the LAPP committee in this newsletter, about an event on October 20th.

Another shout out for reading and perusing is the September Keystone newsletter. This is from AAUW Pennsylvania and is full of information about various state committees and news from other branches. We want members to be informed and participate in AAUW advocacy efforts across Pennsylvania. Which circles us around to, follow me here, expanding our membership and inviting women to several of the meet and greets set up by our Membership chairs Kim Glavin and Trish Alfano. Dates are listed in the handbook and the newsletter! They are starting something new this year with meet and greets on Tuesdays at Wegmans. First one is October 4th at 10:30am, please stop by and bring a friend!

*"Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". -- Margaret Mead*

Nancy Paist-Riches and Deb Liczwek  
Co-presidents

## ***WC-CC AAUW LAPP October 20 Public Forum Announced: "Yes, Your Vote IS Safe"***

**Speaker: Karen Barsoum, Director of Voter Services, Chester County PA  
October 20, 2022, 7:00 PM -- Zoom Public Forum, registration required.**

Our LAPP team is bringing forward a timely forum on voting safety! Details will be sent to all members in a separate email. Registration is required. This presentation will be shared beyond our branch.

## Reverend Dr. Terrence S. Keeling to speak at October Meeting About the Central Baptist Community Development Corporation in Wilmington



Reverend Keeling is Pastor of Central Baptist Church and President/ Chief Executive Officer of the Central Baptist Community Development Corporation in Wilmington Delaware's Eastside. His community-based application of the gospel focused on "whole" as opposed to just "soul salvation," along with his business experience, has resulted in innovative and effective community outreach programs through The Central Baptist Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Under his leadership the Corporation has established Urban Acres LLC, which provides locally grown produce to communities designated as food deserts, Eastside Career Development Center and Testing services which provides trainees with the soft and technical skills that will ensure that trainees are job-ready, Eastside Employment Services LLC, which provides placement of those trainees as well as case management focused on removing the barriers that may hinder applicants' success.

Dr. Keeling is also Chairman of The Eastside Blueprint where their asset-based approach has resulted in the community developed plan known as Eastside Rising. The plan, implemented by the community through the CDC, has empowered the Eastside community to provide opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship, affordable housing along with a new sense of pride to the Eastside Community.

Dr. Keeling is a graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary where he earned his Master of Divinity and his Doctor of Ministry degree in Metro-Urban Ministry.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

Our first Prospective Member Party originally scheduled for September **was rescheduled** to Wednesday, November 16th from 10:00 – 11:30am.



**Prospective  
Member Party  
(PMP)  
November 16,  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
Continental  
Breakfast!**

Save the date for the Continental Breakfast PMP on Wednesday, November 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Kim Glavin, 306 Spindle Lane, West Chester. We will introduce your guest to new members who have recently joined and other members in attendance. It'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](mailto:kimglavin@comcast.net) or call or text at 484 354-9681.

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

Please join us for a Member Meet Up on October 4th at 10:30 at the Wegmans Café food court in Downingtown. All members old and new are welcome! This will be a monthly event on the first Tuesday of the month. You buy your favorite beverage, and we'll purchase a bakery item 😊.

If you are interested in walking first, please join the AAUW walkers group at 9:00 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.

We hope you will be able to join us for one of these events!

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## New Members Biographies

### Karen A. Simmons

Karen A. Simmons' first day on the job as President/CEO of the Chester County Community Foundation in West Chester was 9/11/2001. Starting from that fateful day, Simmons has overseen endowed fund growth from \$8 million to \$100+ million, with another \$75 million in the planned gift pipeline. Additionally, \$54 million has been granted out to nonprofits throughout the region. Now, more than 400 individual, family and nonprofit charitable endowed funds are housed under the Community Foundation's 501c3. Karen's job is to connect people who care with causes that matter, so their legacies make a difference now and forever.

Karen earned her B.S. at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY and her M.Ed. at Temple University. She has long been interested in the AAUW, but has not been able to carve out time. Perhaps now that family has left the nest, she can build in some time.

### Sandy Deemer

Sandy Deemer has supported AAUW at the national level for several years and was recently invited to join the Chester County branch of AAUW by Dot von Gerbig. Dot and Sandy became acquainted in the Twin Valley community when Sandy ran for the Twin Valley School Board in 2021. (Sandy did not win but her children-- Josh, a senior, and Emma, a 7th grader-- told her that it was ok that she lost because now she would have more time to spend with them.) Sandy and her husband Mike and their children reside in Morgantown, PA. She is a Professor of Educational Psychology at Millersville University; her husband is a chemist at J&J. Sandy enjoys reading, good food and travelling. She has continued staying involved in local and national politics and is looking forward to hosting an event for Chrissy Houlahan this fall.



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

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

The staff at Family Service of Chester County were delighted as they carried box after box of baby items from our cars into their building. We heard about moms with infants and those whose babies were due in the next two weeks. We heard about the high cost of diapers. The staff members were somewhat overwhelmed with our contributions, calling them "Christmas in September." They asked me to extend their heartfelt thanks to all our members. Next month we plan to collect cleaning supplies: **Bathroom cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, dust cloths, sponges, brooms and dustpans, dish soap, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, mops, trash bags, and more.** Your Community Outreach Committee will collect these items at our next branch meeting on October 12. If you won't be able to attend, you can drop off your donations to Peggy Staarman at 307 Benning Lane, Downingtown, PA 19335, or to Eva Kaufmann at 717 Isaac Taylor Dr., West Chester, PA 19382. You may also buy items through Amazon and have them sent to Eva's address, no later than October 16.





## AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch Celebrates 60 Years



*Donna Eaves shows Deb Liczwek and Nancy Paist-Riches the Senate proclamation our branch received from PA Senator Andy Dinniman commemorating our 60th anniversary. Thanks to the efforts of publicity chair Cathy Palmquist, the Branch received coverage—4 column cover photo and the following article--in the September 23 issue of the Daily Local News.*

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Chester - Chester County Branch is celebrating 60 years of supporting women and girls. The AAUW mission, focused on advancing equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy, and research, has fulfilled its mission in many ways by the local branch and its members. (CONTINUED on next page)

In the area of education, branch members started the Teenage Parent Program (TAP), Reading is FUNdamental (RIF), held Educational Equity Roundtables, sponsored the Bookshelf project, Project Piggy Bank, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), and Let's Read Math. They

continue to support Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT), Parents/Educators Exploring Technology (PETT), and provide an Alice Lawson Scholarship annually to a non-traditional female student over 25 years of age whose college education has been interrupted by employment, finances and/or family obligations.

In the area of advocacy, they worked on Protecting the Rights of Youth, Speaking Out and Being Heard, a Warm Line for new mothers, and supported the Chester County Women's Coalition. They started the West Chester Recycling Center, Imagine the Possibilities program, put together a Chester County Program Resources Guide, and continue to offer Pay Equity and Start Smart programs.

In areas of philanthropy and research, members have worked with the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI), Wings for Success, Dawn's Place, the Legal Aid Society of Southeastern PA, Phoenixville Women's Outreach and The House, Women in Politics, West Chester University Resource Pantry, Girl Scout Leadership Tea, and Decade to Doorways Homeless Prevention. They continue to support many of the local charitable organizations, such as the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, Black Women of Chester County in Action (BWCCA), Harriett Jarosh Environmental Education Fund, Laundromat Library League, Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA), Friends Assn. for the Care and Protection of Children, Safe Harbor, Home of the Sparrow, and Family Service of Chester County.

"We have been deeply committed to our mission and to West Chester and Chester County," commented Deb Liczwek, "and we plan to continue this commitment for many years to come!"

## **PECAN FUNDRAISER REMINDER: Due by October 14**

*-- Anne Anderko and Marie Knox*

If you have not done so already, this is just a quick note to remind you to get your pecan orders in. Again, to make this fundraiser a big success, please share with your friends and family to help increase our sales. All orders are due by October 14. The order form with all the information is at the end of the newsletter. Thank you for your support. **Please download the order form at the end of this newsletter that contains all the information you will need.**

## **Laundromat Library League: Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser October 19**

The Laundromat Library League (LLL) is participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraising event on Wednesday, October 19 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. This event is an opportunity for every local non-profit organization to raise donations for their organizations by selling Boscov shopping passes to this event. Each organization keeps 100% of the \$5 donations made in exchange for each shopping pass. The pass entitles a shopper up to 25% off in-store purchases. Each pass gives information about the types of merchandise receiving 25%, 15%, or 10% off the items. You can also register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card by completing information at the bottom of the reverse side of the pass and depositing it in the Friends Helping Friends ballot box. There will be one winner per store.

The LLL uses monetary donations to buy books that are not donated very often, such as Spanish

language books, other foreign language books, specialty topics (e.g., books that feature the achievements of women), and board books. With hundreds of laundromats nationwide, the demand for books is constant. Also, you may wish to use the Boscov's discount to purchase items requested by Family Service of Chester County, our Gateway to Equity recipient.

If you would like to buy a pass, please contact me at [peggstaar@verizon.net](mailto:peggstaar@verizon.net). You can pick up your pass at my house, I can deliver it if you live nearby, or I can mail it to you if you send me the \$5.00 donation. Thank you so much for your support.

Peggy Staarman  
307 Benning Lane, Downingtown 19335  
Board Member of the Laundromat Library League  
Board Member of the West Chester-Chester County  
Branch of AAUW

## **----- 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. We will start our volunteer shift in October, but since the last Monday in October is Halloween, we will meet on October 24th. 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

Over the past year, I have had the pleasure to volunteer at the Community Warehouse Project. This service organization collects donated furniture and household items and redistributes them to families and veterans who have been pre-screened to CWP through various agencies. Currently we are helping on average 8 families a week!

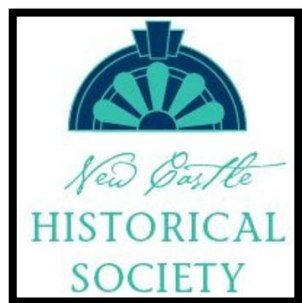
What can AAUW do to help? We accept linens, kitchen items, lamps, sofas, chairs, dinette sets, end tables and dressers. Please go to [communitywarehouseproject.com](http://communitywarehouseproject.com) to see the complete list of items that can be donated. If you have furniture, please contact

[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 I will get them to the warehouse.

Before you throw that unwanted item away, please think twice to see if it is something the warehouse can use to help a family or veteran in need.

Thank You,  
Anne Anderko

## TIG Plans Trip to New Castle, Delaware October 14



Join us for a  
tour of  
historic New  
Castle,  
Delaware

**Option 2:** \$20 for both of the houses above and the John Read house and gardens that we will be touring following lunch.

**Parking:** There is free parking at New Castle Battery Park on West 3rd street...also the site of public rest rooms.

**When:** Friday, October 14

**Where:** Meet at the Visitor's Center (30 Market Street) at 9:30 am to purchase tickets

**Option 1:** \$12.50 for tour of Dutch and Amstel Houses at 10 am and 11 am, followed by lunch at Jessop's Tavern with free time to explore New Castle in the afternoon.

**RSVP** by email to [mary.m.marco@gmail.com](mailto:mary.m.marco@gmail.com) **by October 3** so that Mary can make a reservation for both the tours and tavern.

[More information about Historic New Castle](#)

[Jessop's Tavern](#)

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

The Branch's Legislation and Public Policy Committee has prepared three Bulletins for your use and information. We are heavily focused on the upcoming elections. "I hope you find these bulletins helpful," says committee member Alice Lenthe.

The Bulletins are:

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

### **LAPP Bulletin**

**Date:** August 25, 2022

**Subject:** ***Voting Post Redistricting***

**Context:** In February 2021 the 2020-census driven Reapportionment Plan for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Pennsylvania Senate was approved and put into effect for PA elections beginning in 2022. Some district boundaries changed and some people find themselves assigned to different districts than before the reapportionment.

**Summary:** The state General Assembly is critical in creating laws that affect day to day life in Pennsylvania. As we often hear, "all politics is local".

To find your current state house and senate districts (and the current office holders) on line go to:  
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/index.cfm>

Changes due to redistricting will take effect after the November 2022 election. **Your polling place will not change as a result of the redistricting.**

To find your house and senate district at any time you can call your county election office. There is a list of county office phone numbers at:  
<https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>

The phone number for the Chester County office is (610) 344-6410

#### **What You Can Do:**

1. Make sure your Pennsylvania family, friends, and neighbors know their districts
2. Make sure your Pennsylvania family, friends, and neighbors VOTE!

#### **For More Information on This Issue:**

1. <https://www.vote.pa.gov/Pages/Pennsylvania-Redistricting.aspx> Phone number

### **LAPP Bulletin**

**Date:** August 31 2022

**Subject:** ***PA SB 106 – 5 proposed constitutional amendments***

**Context:** In late night voting on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> the Pennsylvania House and Senate passed SB106 which consolidates 5 distinct constitutional amendments into 1. There were no public hearings, no genuine minority party input, and little opportunity for the public to engage or even see what was taking place.

**Summary – SB 106 amendment**



1. Declare that the state constitution does not grant any right relating to abortion, including no right to public funding for the procedure. Currently in PA., public funding is available for abortion only in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest.
  2. Give the legislature power to stop any regulation with a simple majority that is not subject to governor signature or veto. This change would alter the separation and balance of powers, as defined in the constitution.
  3. Create additional voter ID requirements in a state with strict voter ID law. Voter ID can be amended via the Election Code.
  4. Imposes stricter residency and age requirements on new voters. This would require a 90 day residency within the Commonwealth (changed from 30 days) to vote. It also restates an old provision of PA law setting voting age at 21.
  5. Require elections be audited by the PA Auditor General. The PA Department of State is the office with election oversight. This shifts power away from actual election officials and places it under the authority of another agency.
- What happens Next – The bill will be voted on again in the upcoming session of the General Assembly. If it passes again the amendment will then be placed on the ballot for Pennsylvanians to vote on. If the bill passes early in the next legislative session, SB 106 could be on the May 2023 primary ballot.

**What You Can Do:**

1. Call/email/snail mail your state representative/senator
2. VOTE – VOTE – VOTE – the elected representatives will be voting on SB 106 in general assembly

**For More Information on This Issue:**

1. [AAUW Pennsylvania- https://aauw-pa.aauw.net](https://aauw-pa.aauw.net)

## LAPP Bulletin

**Date:** August 25, 2022

**Subject:** ***PA Governor Candidates Education Platforms***

**Context:**

Education is a Public Policy Priority of the Pennsylvania branch of AAUW with the objective of supporting a quality system of public education. Education funding, quality, delivery and curriculum are specific topics of debate in our state. Understanding the positions of state candidates may help inform our communities.

**Summary** (sources are the candidates' websites):

*Shapiro*

1. Increase state funding of public education
2. Utilize the 2016 state formula to make **new** funding more equitable across districts.
3. Appoint two parents to the state Board of Education.

*Mastriano*

1. Reduce per student state funding of public education from \$19,000 to about \$9,000.
2. Use the “delta” to fund “Education Opportunity Accounts” that parents can use to pay for private, charter, or home schools.
3. Expand existing programs that give tax breaks to companies that fund scholarships to private schools.
4. Eliminate property taxes, a key source of public school funding.
5. Immediate ban on Critical Race Theory and Gender Theory studies.
6. Review of district Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plans
7. Implement a Universal Parents Rights statute

**What You Can Do:**

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

**For More Information on This Issue:**

2. <https://joshshapiro.org>
3. <http://www.doug4gov.com/>
4. <https://edvoterspa.org/>

## Voting Information Sites: League of Women Voters VOTE411 and Ballot Ready

Here is a great resource brought to you by the League of Women Voters Education Fund – VOTE411 (<https://www.vote411.org>). This site provides election information that you need:



- Links to register and check the status of your voter registration
- Find your polling place
- See what's on your ballot (including ballot measures, etc.)
- Discover upcoming debates in your area
- Determine if your candidates have answered the LWV questions
- And more

Well laid out and easy to use! Please share with your family

and friends too.

Another excellent resource for voting information is Ballot Ready with a link. (<https://www.ballotready.org>)

### Diversity Note

*Alice Lenthe has noted that since we are focusing on diversity and inclusion this year, she thought it might be nice to include some things in the newsletter about non-Christian holidays, maybe one item each month. Here is the first item. Members are invited to contribute.*

**Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement** is on October 5 this year (Jewish holidays fall in accordance with the Jewish calendar so they are not on the same Roman calendar day each year). Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the Jewish year, marked by fasting, sacrifice, and charity. It is to be spent in prayer and asking forgiveness for transgressions. Yom Kippur honors the day that Moses came down from Mt. Sinai after God forgave the Israelites for their worship of a golden calf.

### AAUW Mission Statement:

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

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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 OCTOBER AAUW board meeting will be held on THURSDAY, October 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm via ZOOM. The schedule is published in the Handbook. All members are welcome to attend.

## 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 October 21, 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

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. Our first in-person game will be October 6th at 1:00 pm at Kim Glavin's house. **Due to a scheduling conflict with LAPP we will have no game on October 20th.** 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.

**See article above about trip being planned to New Castle, Delaware, on October 14. RSVP by October 3!!!**

### 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 October 17 the book will be *The Girl With the Louding Voice*, by Abi Dare. 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 October 19 meeting is *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles. 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 **October 4** at Jean Shervais' home to discuss *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. Nancy Day will lead the discussion. Contact: [carolahaaf@verizon.net](mailto:carolahaaf@verizon.net).

### **Stitchers Group**

Please join us for a couple of hours to stitch while we chat. Whatever you are working on, knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, quilting etc. We welcome all new members. Join in to see what others are stitching. If you are a beginner, we can help you get started.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10am to Noon. **October dates: 6 & 20!**

We will be virtual unless otherwise notified. The link will be sent with the reminder. Looking forward to stitching with you.  
Patricia Schultz  
[pls@patriciaschultz.com](mailto:pls@patriciaschultz.com) 610-322-0514

### **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.

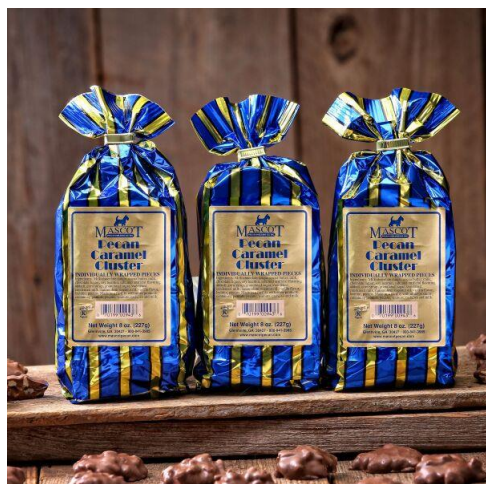




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**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 14, 2022**

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

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DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	QUANTITY	COST Per bag	TOTAL COST
16 oz. Extra Large Pecan Halves	102		\$13.50	
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12 oz. Chocolate Covered Pecans [gift bagged]	203		\$10.00	
8 oz. Glazed Pecans [gift bagged]	223		\$9.25	
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- **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](mailto:ananderko@msn.com).
- Orders will be ready for pick up at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Grove Methodist Church. If you cannot pick up at that time, other arrangements will be made.



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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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