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FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH
See article inside about opportunities
for CPR Training

AAUW Spring Brunch in Your Own Home and ZOOM Meeting:

"Virtual Walking Tour of West Chester"
Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:00 AM
(Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting)

Due to the ever-changing Covid concerns, the February 4th Brunch at Grove Church will now be the **February 4th Brunch In Your Own Home** while enjoying the presentation via Zoom by Jennifer Green, Director of Education for the Chester County History Center. Our sincere thanks to Jennifer for her willingness and flexibility to provide the Virtual Walking Tour of West Chester to us this way. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the homes, businesses and lives of women that shaped West Chester from colonial times to the present.

PROGRAM: Jennifer Green, Director of Education at Chester County History Center, will provide a virtual walking tour of West Chester. The 50-minute presentation covers the homes business, and lives of the women that shaped West Chester from Colonial times to the present. Women make up half the population, yet their stories have often been neglected, excluded, or marginalized in public memory. West Chester, long the center of battles for equity and civil rights has been home to several trailblazing women.

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Letter from the President

A belated happy 2023! I hope that everyone is healthy or at the very least recovering – I know that many of us had unwanted “guests” over the holidays bringing illness. May it be that your holidays were filled with joy and happiness.

The beginning of each year is a busy time for our branch! You have already been asked to consider nominations for Outstanding Branch Member. Please consider making your nomination quickly as ***we wish to award this in March during Women’s History Month.*** Additional requests for nominations for Member Making a Difference, Peg Anderson Award, and the Gateway to Equity organization.

Please note that our ***February brunch is being held on Saturday February 4th, not February 11 as noted in the handbook.*** The invited speaker from the Chester County Historical Society who will present an exciting program that will “walk” us through West Chester and introduce us to women who impacted our world. I encourage you to attend, as we will be unable to offer this as a hybrid meeting. Our top-notch fundraising team will offer a 50/50 raffle at the brunch to help fund Harriet Jarosh environmental education programs.

Later this month we are meeting with the student chapter of WCU Women in Business. This very active group of young women students pursuing business degrees asked us to join them for a one hour program on salary negotiation. It will be held at 7 PM on the evening of February 15th at the university. It will provide them with a slice of

what AAUW is and I hope that we will meet their needs.

Our current Gateway partner, Family Services of Chester County, has asked for person care items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and the like) this month. Please bring any contributions to the brunch on February 4th. Many thanks for the holiday gift card contributions and contributions of paper products in January. The families at Family Services of CC are truly grateful for your generosity.

While I wished we had a greater response, 58% of those who did respond are interested in more in-person activities that support AAUW’s mission of advancing the lives of girls and women. Specific interest is in helping girls and young women become more financially literate, encouraging STEM as a career, and helping them build critical thinking skills. If you have an interest or ideas on how we can accomplish this please contact Nancy or Deb.

March will bring another newsletter hiatus as Toni is traveling to the other side of the globe to visit family. Don’t you think she should share photos of her trip once she returns?

May 2023 bring some peace and equity to our world.

Deb Liczwek and Nancy Paist-Riches
Co-Presidents

MARCH MEETING: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. “Volunteers in Medicine,” presented by Marie Frey

Marie Frey, VP of Operations for Community Volunteers in Medicine, will provide information about the agency, who they serve, how one is eligible, and how it keeps people in the work force. Volunteers in Medicine offer medical and specialty care, dental, behavioral health, lab work and prescriptions to low income people who live or work in the Chester County region, of which over half are women.

APRIL MEETING: Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. “Diversity and Bayard Rustin,” presented by Kenneth Winston

Kenneth Winston, Executive Director of the Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center, will delve into the life and career of West Chester’s own Bayard Rustin.



FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH – Refresh Your CPR Preparedness!

-- Toni Gorkin

Many of you know I volunteer at Longwood Gardens in the Meadow Garden. A couple of weeks ago one of my Longwood meadow garden team members collapsed in cardiac arrest on the trail in the meadow. Our team of 6 people did CPR until the emergency personnel arrived, helped the emergency personnel find us, assisted with using the defibrillator AED device, etc. Fortunately our teammate survived and is doing well. The Longwood Fire Company conducted a debrief with us and we learned how lucky we and our teammate were; the promptness and correctness of our actions saved him, making him one of only 1-3 out of 10 who survive such an event.

The debrief, as well as my thoughts recurring in any case after the event, has prompted me to promote awareness of emergency preparedness. My own CPR training was a while ago and out of date. Newer standards focus on chest compressions only, without necessarily including mouth to mouth breathing (“Hands Only”)—the highest importance is to keep the blood circulating to the brain, and even without breathing the blood retains some oxygen. I also had never worked with an AED defibrillator device.

I stopped at Uwchlan Ambulance, my local ambulance company, and spoke with Beth McCall, their training coordinator, about CPR training.

February is Heart Month, and they are promoting CPR training (SEE BOX).

MEMBERSHIP: Member Meet Up at Wegmans Cafe, Downingtown, February 7th @ 10:30

Please stop by for the Member Meet Up at Wegmans Café in Downingtown -- Tuesday, February 7th at 10:30am. We had 9 members attend the Member Meet up in December. This gives members the opportunity to meet socially without having a connection to a specific

“Hands Only” CPR TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

**Uwchlan Ambulance Station
70 West Welsh Pool Road,
Lionville**

**February 7 or February 21
6:00 p.m.**

**Free but donations welcome
to Aidan’s Heart**

Contact Beth McCall at

emmcall@station87.com or 610-363-1067 select 41 for training or use these links to register:

[Community Education February 7 2023](https://www.eservicestech.com/CommunityEducationFebruary72023)

[\(eservicestech.com\)](https://www.eservicestech.com/)

[Community Education February 21 2023](https://www.eservicestech.com/CommunityEducationFebruary212023)

[\(eservicestech.com\)](https://www.eservicestech.com/)

Registration is required.

As you know, many of us are “at that age” when heart problems can happen. I strongly encourage you—and those around you—to consider refreshing or obtaining initial CPR training.

I plan to attend the February 7 session at the Uwchlan Ambulance station. Please sign up for their program (see box) or contact your local Ambulance station or other organization about training. **Contact me if you want help to sign up or to get to the training: tgorkin@gmail.com or 484-868-1872**

P.S. This is a good opportunity to reach out to the younger people in your circle, students, caregivers, etc. and encourage them to be prepared.

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.

More Membership Notes

A special thank you to Janet Kane for writing an article about AAUW for the Hershey's Mill Monthly Magazine and to Marie Knox for requesting it! It has generated interest in our organization, and we hope to add several new members from the HM community. We plan on using this as a recruitment model for other Adult communities in our area.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in our branch, please invite them to a monthly branch program, a Special Interest Group, or a member meet up at Wegmans Cafe the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30. We will be hosting a Prospective Member Party on March 22nd.

HOLIDAY PARTY

-- Terry Daniele



The holidays are the times we set aside our work and relax in the company of friends and family. We enjoyed our fabulous AAUW Holiday Party at Ellerslie, the stately home in Crosslands. About forty of our members and guests attended the lovely event. The decor was festive and the food and drink delicious!

We held a silent auction for 2 tickets to the speaker series at the Kimmel Center on Jan. 31 for author, Erik Larson. Cathy Wilson was the lucky winner with a bid of \$100. Special thanks to our member, Nancy Dore who donated the tickets. Also a big thank you to Mary Smith who donated a beautiful holiday bouquet which helped raise another \$18. Eva Kaufmann was the winner.

We didn't forget about those less fortunate at this time of year. Members brought gift cards for Family Services of West Chester. The Community Outreach Committee presented Amy DeFonzo of Family Service of Chester County \$680 worth of gift cards and monetary donations. Amy, ECFC (Exchange Club Family Center) Director of Family Service, was overwhelmed by the generosity of our branch members and thanks everyone who participated in the December collection.

Many thanks to Jean Speiser and Kay Philipps for setting up the event! It was a lovely way to begin the season of good cheer!



Amy DeFonzo of Family Service of Chester County \$680 worth of gift cards and monetary donations.





Family Service of Chester County: Donations from AAUW February: Personal Care Items March: Kitchen Supplies

Peggy Staarman, Eva Kaufmann, Mimi Jones -- Your Community Outreach Committee Co-Chairs, delivering gift cards to Amy DeFonzo.

The Community Outreach Committee is pleased to have received multiple donations for the month of January of paper products including badly needed diapers and baby wipes for Family Service of Chester County. We look forward to delivering these donations as the people at Family Service are always

so appreciative of everything our branch does to help their clients.

Our generous branch was a wonderful example of the spirit of the December holidays, and we want to thank you again for your generosity. We delivered to Family Service \$680.00 in gift cards and monetary donations. They were so grateful, and we know these donations made many needy families' holidays happy ones. We are looking forward to our February Brunch and the opportunity to meet each other in person again.

February's donations to Family Service will be personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine supplies (important!), soap and so forth. We will collect them at the brunch and deliver them shortly after. As always, if you prefer, donations can be made through Amazon and delivered to Eva's home.

Toni Gorkin will not be publishing a newsletter in March, so we will include Family Service's needs for that month. **We are collecting kitchen supplies such as dishes, glassware, dish towels, flatware, cooking utensil (large spoons, can openers, etc.) and kitchen knives at the branch meeting in March.**

We thank you again for your generosity. Our AAUW branch consists of truly extraordinary women.
The Outreach Committee: Eva Kaufmann, Peggy Staarman and Mimi Jones

Alice Lawson Scholarship



This year our branch is again offering an academic scholarship of \$3,000. This scholarship, named in honor of our long-time branch member, is awarded to a student meeting the following eligibility requirements:

- full-or-part-time undergraduate woman, who has completed at least 60 semester credit hours prior to the 2023 spring semester
- at least 25 years of age
- enrolled for the 2023-2024 academic year at a four-year college or university
- resides in Chester County or attends a school in Chester County
- has a GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0)

Scholarship application forms for the 2023-2024 academic year will be accepted until March 31st. Applications received after that date will not be reviewed by the committee. The application form and directions are posted on the branch website. Feel free to alert your family members, neighbors, and/or friends about this scholarship opportunity. For additional information contact *Jane Schultz (mjschultz46@gmail.com)*.

JANUARY PROGRAM: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Biased Hiring – Resume Scanning Algorithms, Scanning of One-Way Video Interviews, and Video Games



Lori Andrews,
University Distinguished
Professor of Law at IIT
Chicago-Kent College of
Law and Director of IIT's
Institute for Science, Law
and Technology,
explained to our January
11 AAUW Zoom

audience how for a wide array of jobs employers use artificial intelligence and machine learning rather than humans to screen applicants.

Ms Andrews pointed out that 407 Fortune 500 companies use AI-based hiring technologies, including resume-scans, one-way video interviews, and video games, to screen applicants. Claims are that AI tools are supposed to decrease costs, save time, identify the best applicants in the hiring process, and avoid racial and gender discrimination. However, algorithms used in these technologies are often based on “hiring more people like those who are successful in the companies,” and often more of those are men than women. She noted that in 2018, men accounted for 81% of Microsoft's technical workforce, 79% of Google's, 78% of Facebook's, and 77% of Apple's – so discrimination occurs with AI.

Ms Andrews pointed out the problems in creating AI for hiring, especially identifying what qualities are essential to success, how we measure these qualities, and how can these measures be used to identify best candidates. “Football players are not

-- Toni Gorkin

necessarily good CEO's, despite their ‘Success’,” she noted. She noted pitfalls with resume scanning tools, especially because women often use more collaborative and less assertive language than men, and resume gaps may be unapplicable. Traits used in one-way interviews also may suffer from male bias. Video game assessments seem even less useful; she noted that “it is hard to imagine how things done in these often simplistic games can predict job performance or identify truly useful qualifications.”

It appeared from Ms Andrews' presentation that legal recourse is limited, with the need to prove disparate treatment or disparate impact. Proposed policy solutions that are being enacted in some states are helping, by requiring a) disclosure (i.e., the company must tell you AI is analyzing face video), b) non-discrimination (requiring a company to prove its AI is not biased), and c. ban (for example, 24 states and municipalities ban companies from asking past salary history, which often hurts women, or using AI based on male-dominated data).

She noted also that data is helping, by showing that having a mix of women in top levels has a financial advantage, and that gender diversity is a big engine for innovation.

It was startling to learn from her presentation some of the tools we women may not know are being used to evaluate us for hiring (video games?!). Awareness is one tool women have.

AAUW West Chester-Chester County Featured in Hershey's Mill Guide and Digest

Thanks to Marie Knox, editor of the Hershey's Mill Guide and Digest, Janet Kane was invited to submit an article highlighting the work of AAUW West Chester-Chester County. With editing by Cathy Palmquist, the article appeared in the January issue. It was entitled: AAUW – Advocating for Women and Girls and gave a comprehensive overview of AAUW and our branch including: the history of our organization, its mission and specific ways in which our branch has supported goals relating to education, advocacy, philanthropy and research. Our upcoming programs for the remainder of the year were featured as well as a list of our special interest groups. The article concluded by inviting readers to join the other seven Hershey Mill residents who are already members of our branch in becoming members of our branch. The GREAT NEWS is that Kim Glavin has already received two calls from prospective members. If any of your neighborhoods have a newsletter or magazine, please consider submitting an article featuring AAUW. Janet is happy to share the text of the article with anyone (jfentonkane@gmail.com).

Laundromat Library League Update

Following is an update on the Laundromat Library League forwarded by Peggy Staarman from the LLL Board; members might be interested in seeing it because of the many years our AAUW branch has supported the LLL!

These highlights do not even call into view the collecting, sorting, maintaining the storage area, connecting with stewards, replacing and replenishing the boxes that goes on quietly every day. To all who made 2022 a success for the Laundromat Library League – **Thank you!**

- As always, the year proved a busy one for the volunteers of the Laundromat Library League. At least 8 new sites were recorded, 3 in New Jersey, 2 in Newtown Square, PA, 2 in North Carolina and one in Florida.
- Significant grant funding was secured from Justamere Foundation, Constellation Energy, Chester County Community Foundation and the American Association of University Women.
- The diversity of ages of our volunteers continues to impress: Malvern Prep high school students have recently adopted sites for stewardship; 40- and 50-something laundromat owners establish “read and learn” areas in their facilities; college students; an 8-year-old girl using the LLL to do a 'good deed' for her church confirmation, and of course many retirees who assist in many ways.
- Events included book drives in Berwyn, Elementary schools (Linwood and Mary C. House in particular), a college alumni affiliation group, and a celebration of life for a support yielded a supply of books.
- A Women's History Month book list was developed and, through **an AAUW grant** among other sources, was filled and books delivered to area laundromats in time for that event in March.
- A book display and giveaway were held at the Melton Center in West Chester for the Juneteenth celebration in June, promoting literacy and the Laundromat Library League as well.
- A milestone event was also reached in June when 1,000 books were selected, packed and distributed by the LLL in just five days.
- Over 300 Holiday themed books were sent out in small batches to supplement laundromats around the region.



TIG VISITS NEMOURS ESTATE

TIG made a holiday visit to the Nemours Estate in Wilmington on December 9, followed by lunch at the Harvest Seasonal Grille.



LAPP Bulletin

Alice Lenthe

Date: January 12, 2023

Subject: Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

Context: There are two opportunities to raise our voices without even leaving our homes!

Bigger Than Roe March

As we approach what should have been the celebration of *Roe v. Wade*'s 50th anniversary on January 22, the League of Women Voters has developed an advocacy opportunity. The Women's March is organizing "Bigger Than Roe" (<https://www.womensmarch.com/initiatives/bigger-than-roe-march>), a decentralized day of marches that day (Sunday 1/22) in statehouses across the country. AAUW has signed on nationally, partnering on behalf of the entire organization.

As of this email there are no marches planned in this area (check back [here](#) in the next week to see if that changes). Or, if you prefer to participate from home there is a virtual march as well - <https://action.womensmarch.com/local>. If you do go and take pictures, I would be happy to post on Facebook; just send them to me.

Two Minute Activist

I stumbled on this on the AAUW website and thought it would be of interest, as it was completely new to me. Sign up to get regular alerts from the Two Minute Activist so that you can send timely emails and texts to your legislators. Use this link: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

What You Can Do:

1. Attend a march either in person or virtually
2. Sign up for Two Minute Activist

For More Information on This Issue:

1. See links above

Food Bank Update / Volunteer Opportunities



Karen Mudgett, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that over 9500 pounds of food, an "amazing amount," were collected at their MLK Food Drive. CCFB is in need of Spanish speaking volunteers that are available during business hours (9am to 4pm) to help us with translating in our Southern Chester County Agencies. Please email Karen if you are interested.

Also from Jean Shervais: Good news! AAUW has resumed our volunteering at the West Chester Food Cupboard once a month. On the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m., we meet for an hour to complete any tasks that have not been done by the day volunteers. Any AAUW member who is interested in volunteering should contact Jean Shervais at jshervais@verizon.net. Our February meeting date will be February 27th. The Food Cupboard is located at 431 S. Bolmar Street in West Chester



From Gloria Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer:

It's your AAUW, and your voice counts. It's time to comment on and propose changes to the AAUW bylaws and Public Policy Priorities.

This spring AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee. In accordance with AAUW's bylaws, every AAUW member has the right to comment on proposed changes to the bylaws before they are put to the membership for a vote. Members may also propose changes to the Public Policy Priorities.

Here you'll find all the information you need to comment on the proposed bylaws changes and propose your own changes to the Public Policy Priorities. Comments can be submitted until Friday, January 27 at 5:00 pm ET.

**Review and comment on AAUW's
bylaws and Public Policy Priorities**

Key Dates for 2023 Vote

- January 27 | Comment period ends at 5:00 pm ET
- **April 5** | Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)
- May 15 | Online voting ends at 5:00 pm ET
- **May 17** | Vote results announced online

We encourage your participation and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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 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.**

NOTE: due to Toni's travel plans in February-March, there will be no March newsletter.

Website

Check it out at 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, 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 FEBRUARY Board Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. The schedule is published in the Handbook. All members are welcome to attend.

Diversity Notes

Courtesy of Alice Lenthe

January:

Third Sunday is **World Religion Day**
January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day

February:

Black History Month

February 15 is Parinirvana Day (Nirvana Day - Buddhist)

More about this day: an annual Mahayana Buddhist holiday which is celebrated in East Asia. It remembers the death of the Buddha when he reached the age of 80.

February 20 is World Day of Social Justice

Editor's Note: for the nature-oriented Feb 2 is also World Wetlands Day, visit www.worldwetlandsday.org.

March:

National Women's History Month

Ethnic Equality Month

Gender Equality Month

March 6 Purim begins

More about this holiday: a Jewish holiday that takes on a fun, lively tone thanks to its costumes, gifts and drunken revelry — it's often called the "Jewish Halloween." But at its heart, Purim is the celebration of a courageous heroine: a Jewish queen named Esther who saved her people from certain demise in ancient Persia.

March 8 International Women's Day

March 8 Holi

More about Holi: a Hindu spring festival in honor of Krishna.

March 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 22 Ramadan begins (*the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from sunrise to sunset*)

March 25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade



Special Interest Groups

Note: while most groups are meeting in person, some meetings are still conducted by Zoom. 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 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 will be played in person at Sandy Alexander's house on Thursday, February 2nd at 1:00pm. If you would like to play, contact Kim Glavin at kimglavin@comcast.net

TIG (Travel Interest Group)

Watch for emails. Contact Jane McDowell jlwmcdowell@gmail.com if interested.

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.

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 **February 20** the book will be *The Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier. Pat Schultz is both leading and hosting. If the weather is bad, we will move to Zoom. Stay tuned! On **March 20** the book will be *The Hate You Give*, by Angie Thomas. 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 Branch website. The book for the **February 15** meeting is *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston, discussion led by Dot von Gerbig. This will be a Zoom meeting. On **March 15** the book will be *Women in White Coats, How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine*, by Olivia Campbell, discussion led by Lynn Eaton; Carol Zabriskie will host. To join, contact: Carol Zabriskie, 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 by Zoom on **February 7** to discuss *Love and Fury*, by Samantha Silva. Discussion led by Robin Paragone. On **March 1** the group will meet in person to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus. Sandra Harrelson will lead the discussion. Contact: carolahaaf@verizon.net.

Stitchers Group

Stitchers has been discontinued until interest grows. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Patricia Schultz, pls@patriciaschultz.com

Walkers Group

The group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am 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

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.

"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.





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