

# **AAUWsome NEWS**

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MAY Annual Meeting and Banquet:
wards Ceremony, Introduction of Gateway to Equity
winner; Induction of New Officers



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## Letter from the Presidents

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." -- Michelle Obama

#### Hello Ladies!

It was a pleasure to see many of you at the Spring Banquet. For those not in attendance, let me share the good news that our new Gateway To Equity winner is La Communidad Hispaña Health and Community Services. We heard about the agency, the varied services offered, and the clients. We now need 2 members who would be our conduit between WCCC AAUW and La Communidad Hispana. This is a perfect opportunity for a "newer" member to become involved and help guide our interaction with our Gateway to Equity winner. If this is of interest, please let us know. We would like to have a plan in place by September.

Our Scholarship recipients, Kirsten Santana and Rebecca Kravcak, were in attendance. Two remarkable women who're putting their heart and soul into their education. You can read more about them later in the newsletter. Our internal awards were given to Robin Paragone and Donna Eaves as the Named Gift Honorees. The 2025 Peg Anderson Award winner is Trish Alfano and the Member Making a Difference winner is yours truly. THANK YOU!

And a new board was installed to guide the branch during 2025-26.

I want to thank the board members who served with me this past year: Beryl Goldman, Anne Anderko, Susan Woron, Jean Shervais, Jane McDowell, Jane Schultz, Chris Smith, Robin Paragon, Kim Gavin, Suzy DeGeorge, Arlene Cohen, Nancy Dore, Janet Kane, Eva Kaufmann, Peggy Starmann, Rhoda McNitt, Toni Gorkin, Marie Knox, Brenda Hunsberger, and Sandy

Alexander. Their passion and dedication to WCCC-AAUW was evident at every board meeting. I appreciate the openness to discuss, disagree and debate issues impacting the branch. Each of them took their responsibility to the branch seriously, though we did have fun during the process which strengthened us as a board and affiliate.

It is wonderful to see an increase in membership this year, knowing it will help with our impact in the community. The programs presented at the meetings were inspiring and relevant as we heard from women who are making a difference in the community. AAUW West Chester-Chester County offers a variety of social activities, encouraging you, as a member, to know other women in our branch. And this leads all of us to work together as we focus on our mission of supporting women and girls.

And this leads me into a final PSA. I understand you might not join us and then instantly think, what can I do, what position is right for me. I understand wanting to take the time to get to know how the organization functions. However, for WCCC AAUW to function we need members to take on roles which benefit the branch. You are not alone when you take on a position. The board and "seasoned members" are at your disposal. New members lead to fresh, different ideas to help us make an impact in the community supporting women and girls and supporting each other. Please consider saying yes.

Thank you all for helping to make these past 3 years stimulating and rewarding!

Warmly, Nancy Paist-Riches Co-President WCCC-AAUW



# Gateway to Equity Award: La Communidad Hispana Health and Community Services

Dr. Valentina Rutolo, LCH Primary Care physician, and Kate Wickersham, CRFE, LCH Director of Development, accepted the Gateway to Equity Award for La Communidad Hispaña Health and Community Services at the May WCCC AAUW Banquet. They both spoke passionately about the mission of LCH, to improve the health and well-being of people and communities by providing high quality healthcare, resources, and social services, especially in the primarily Latino population in Kennett Square.



Dr. Rutolo told how as a woman as well as a physician she can relate to the population LCH serves, and how their needs expanded what she understood to do as a doctor. She came to understand how they have challenges with language, transportation, and need for help to pay for their care, as many are below the poverty level. She expressed how LCH works to meet all the needs of individuals who cannot go to specialists or other care resources, and so for example, has added chiropractic care and physical therapy for those suffering from hard physical labor but cannot take time off from work. She noted examples of how LCH found ways to expand services: starting a pharmacy, arranging for Fox Chase Cancer Center to drive a mammogram van to LCH, and



Dr. Valentina Rutolo

adding two bilingual individuals to give dental care. In short, she told how she tries to treat the whole person, more than half of whom are women often taking care of other women and families—so the entire family benefits from her integrated behavioral health and primary care.



Kate Wickersham

Kate Wickersham spoke to the mission of LCH: "LCH will set the highest possible standard for community health and wellness by creating and sustaining the resources, conditions, and opportunities that enable all LCH patients and community members to experience their optimal health and wellness."

LCH was established in 1973 by Kennett Square residents, clergy and supporters to serve the needs of a primarily Latino population drawn to the area by jobs in the mushroom industry. Vulnerable families were in need of a place to go for help, ask questions, and seek resources. Peggy Harris and Margarita Quiñones brought healthcare to the non-profit organization, and La Comunidad Hispaña came to life laying a foundation of passion for serving the community. As the need in the community grew, so did the organization. In 2012 LCH became a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) associated with the Pennsylvania Association of

Community Health Centers (PACHC). LCH offers primary care, social services, integrated and outpatient behavioral health, women's health, dental services and pediatrics. In fall of 2023, LCH opened the Pia Center for Behavioral Health at LCH to provide outpatient and group therapy services to our community.

Both Dr. Rutolo and Kate Wickersham noted how by delivering state-of-the-art, accessible, integrated, and personalized healthcare for the individuals in the community, LCH strengthens the community—how making the individual healthier, that builds a stronger family, and the community is healthier. As Nancy noted in her Presidents Letter, we need 2 members who would be our conduit between WCCC AAUW and La Communidad Hispana, an opportunity perhaps for newer members.

## Alice Lawson Scholarships Presented

-- Suzy DeGeorge

Due to a generous donation from an anonymous doner to the Alice Lawson Scholarship fund managed by Chester County Community Foundation, AAUW-WC-CC was able to offer two scholarships in the amount of \$7,200 each this year. Thirteen women applied for the two scholarships. The competition was rigorous. There were eleven applicants from the Immaculata Nursing Program and two applicants from West Chester University. The scholarship committee met on two different occasions for over eight hours reading, scoring then rereading applications. It was a difficult decision, as it was clear these women had put a lot of time and effort into applying for the scholarships. Our scholarship winners are Kristen Santana and Rebecca Kravcak, both from Immaculata University.

#### Kristen Santana



Kristen Santana is presently enrolled in the Nursing Program and is planning to become a nurse practitioner with a focus in providing care for both physical and psychological aspects of health. Prior to enrolling at Immaculata, she

attended Adelphi University for a short time. She plans to graduate in May 2026. Kristen acknowledges, through her own childhood illnesses, the important role a nurse can play in providing emotional support and comfort to a young child. As her career develops, she hopes to dive deeper into hospice and childhood oncology care. In her own words, "I hope to make a lasting impact on the lives of my patients."

Kristen continues to work full time at Child's Way as a nurse assistant while taking classes full-time as well. She has been on the Dean's List and received honors from 2022 to present. Kristen received an "exceptional" rating from all three of her letters of recommendation. From the accolades she received. Kristen maintains a strong academic work ethic despite the adverse challenges she was faced with outside of school. She actively engaged in her course work and often helped her peers to understand difficult material. The words exceptional student, commitment, leadership, and compassion were used through her letters of recommendation to describe her. For all these reasons, the scholarship committee thought she was an excellent choice.

#### Rebecca Kravcak

Rebecca Kravcak is also currently enrolled in the Nursing Program at Immaculata University. Prior to beginning her studies, she completed an associate's degree at Buck's County Community College. After graduating in 2027 with her BSN, she plans to pursue her master's to become a nurse practitioner.



Rebecca has been recognized as an exemplary student and has become a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. In her own words, "I never want to stop growing and learning, and I am filled with gratitude that I have been given the opportunity to go back to school."

While working full time at Chick-fil-A, Rebecca has worn many hats from team member, trainer, manager, and director of a multimillion dollar store. Her time at Chik-fil-A has developed her leadership skills, time management, and an opportunity to give back. Her greatest joy is assisting the youth that work there in achieving their dreams.

Rebecca received "exceptional" ratings in both of her letters of recommendation. She is a solid student, completing work in advance and being self-motivated. Like Kristen, she is well respected by her peers and often helps others with content. Her passion and motivation at school and work made her an excellent candidate for the Alice Lawson Scholarship.

## Awards Recognize Members for Their Contributions

# Member Making a Difference: Nancy Paist-Riches



The Member Making a Difference Award is given to an affiliate member who has made a significant difference of some importance to the affiliate within the last year. The affiliate selects this recipient because she exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. Beryl Goldman presented this award to Nancy Paist-Riches in recognition of her many contributions to AAUW WCCC and in particular to her leadership as Co-President for three years, beyond the usual term. Her response to the needs of the affiliate, her support and development of skills in the officers around her, and her strong focus on the mission of the organization made her in so many ways that "member" who truly has made a difference.

## Peg Anderson Award: Trish Alfano



The Peg Anderson Award recognizes a longstanding member who has served in many capacities over the years and who continues to work in the background to inspire and support those who are now leaders and members. Nancy Paist-Riches presented the award to Trish Alfano.

## Named Gift Honorees

Beryl Goldman, Co-President, presented Named Gift Honoree awards to Donna Eaves (left below) and Robin Paragone (right below).



### 2025-2026 Officers Elected and Installed



In the business meeting that was held at the conclusion of the banquet awards presentations, Eva Kaufmann presented the slate of officers for the 2025-2026 season and conducted elections in the traditional ceremony. She then formally inducted each elected officer that was present, asking each one to verify they accepted the responsibilities of their roles, and presenting them with a rose signifying the completion of their induction. The June board meeting will be a joint meeting of new and previous board members at the home of Beryl Goldman on **Wednesday**, **June 11 at 6:30 pm**.



See the chart below, under "Mission Statement," for the updated list of officers for 2025-2026.



# **Membership News**

-- From the Co- VPs for Membership Anne Anderko and Susan Woron

## Connecting with a College

Thank you to those who have spoken to us about recruiting from a local college. We have had 2 people who have connections with West Chester University contact us recently about recruiting students. We will keep up this effort over the summer and let you know how it goes in the fall newsletter. If anyone else wants to help with this effort, let us know.

## **Renewing Your Membership**

Susan had forms available at the Banquet on May 14 so that you could fill them out and return them right on the spot. Susan also had information on how to renew online if you wish to do that. **Remember to renew after June 30 if you do it online** and send Susan your interest group information so she can pass it along. We have also attached a Renewal form to the newsletter for your convenience.

#### **Membership News (Continued)**

**Name Tags After the Banquet** Trish Alfano will be resuming responsibility for the care and feeding of the name tags. We are grateful to Trish that she is willing to help us out with this job. So, after May 14, please refer ALL name tags requests, complaints, corrections, etc. to Trish. THANKS!

#### **Shape the Future Free Memberships:**

We have been given 3 free memberships for next year. We would like to solicit names from our membership at this time for these free offers. We would like to concentrate on women who have connections to other women, younger women, and possibly a college student or professor. If you have any ideas for whom we might contact, please give their name, position, phone number and email to Susan Woron.



#### **New Member: Paula Turocy**



I would like to introduce another new member who has recently joined our organization this spring. Dr. Paula Sammarone Turocy retired in 2023 from her position of 9 years as the Director of Duquesne

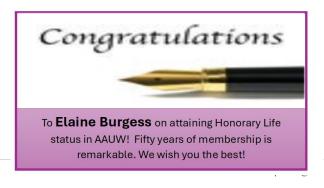
University's Pre-Medical and Health Professions Programs, and moved with her husband, Regis, to West Chester to be closer to her grandchildren and daughter.

Prior to her role as a director, she was an interim Dean of the Rangos School of Health Sciences, Department Chair, and Associate Professor of Athletic Training for twenty-two years holding the inaugural Anna L. Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair. Previously, she held faculty positions at the University of Pittsburgh and Eastern Kentucky University. Paula received her EdD in curriculum and instruction (medical) from the University of Virginia, earned an MA from Michigan State University and her BS with teaching certification from West Chester State College.

Dr. Turocy has extensive health care experience ranging from serving as a medical team member

at the Washington (PA) City Mission's Pain Management Clinic to providing sports medicine care for Olympic, collegiate, high school and Special Olympic athletes internationally and in the United States. She was a leader in her profession of Athletic Training through her work on national, state, and regional accreditation, certification, and education boards. She recently stepped down from the Board of Trustees of Rocky Mountain University in Utah. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Athletic Training Alumni Chapter at West Chester University where she also developed and manages their alumni mentoring program.

She is involved at Hershey's Mill with the CCH Women's Auxiliary and the Yellow Dot+ emergency preparedness program while still volunteering her time as a journal reviewer, editor for a book with the Citrine Publishing Company, and community garden and website volunteer for St. Paul's Church in Exton. We are so happy to welcome Paula as a new member of our organization.





# Maternal and Child Health Consortium (MCHC): Baby Bundles

-- Suzy DeGeorge and Arlene Cohen





On Wednesday, April 23rd, members Karen Marshall, Robin Paragone, Marie Knox, Caryle Glah, Anne Anderko, Suzy DeGeorge, Nancy Paist-Riches, and Susan Skiles joined with Natalie Coughlin from MCHC to package New Mom supplies. These supplies of cream, breast pads and pumps, milk storage bags, nursing pillows and cover ups were generously supplied by the branch members during our March donation for our Gateway to Equity winner.

Natalie helped us learn the importance of blessing new moms with much needed supplies and connect them to MCHC for support as some of the families they help are non-English speaking. MCHC also supports the family by helping prepare youngsters for kindergarten and making sure the families are connected to resources to help them get jobs, pay their bills, and grow in healthy ways.

# April speaker: Patty Hillkirk, Camp Dreamcatcher

-- Jean Shervais

Patty Hillkirk is the founder and executive director of Camp Dreamcatcher, which is a summer camp for children impacted in some way by AIDS. She founded the camp years after her best friend contracted AIDS when they were teenagers. She saw the impact firsthand and wanted to do something to help. In 1996 with assistance from Family Services of Chester County, she started the first camp.

The camp is based on principles of Safety, Respect, Acceptance, Friendship, Inclusivity, and Love. They serve about 130 kids, mostly from PA, DE, NJ, MD, and NY each year. They are the only camp on the East Coast that is therapeutic as well as fun, with a therapeutic director, about 10 therapists, a psychiatrist, a medical director The camp is held one week in August each year with many volunteers, often those who originally attended the camp. The total number of HIV/AIDS-impacted youth who have been served in the 29 years the camp has been running is around 6,300. Patty Hillkirk is an amazing woman who has been able to realize a dream and provide service to others at the same time.



# **AAUW State News**

The AAUW 2025 Retreat is scheduled for June 28th at Wyndham Garden State College located in 310 Elks Club Road - Boalsburg, PA

#### **Fast Facts:**

**Date:** Saturday, June 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

#### The cost for the retreat is \$75.00

Go to the https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/ to find the link for registration.

The retreat will feature several outstanding women relating their life challenges and achievements to those our branches face. Watch our AAUW PA social media posts for more information.

## **AAUW PA 2025 Summer Retreat**



Join us on Saturday, June 28th Wyndham Garden State College

Kick off the weekend with our Welcome Reception

Friday, June 27th | 6:30—8:00 PM at Wyndham

# AAUW National News: New Strategic Plan

Gloria L. Blackwell -- Chief Executive Officer, AAUW

May 13 marked the launch of <u>AAUW's new strategic plan</u> — an important milestone in our long and proud history of advancing equity for women and girls through education. For more than 140 years, AAUW has led the fight for gender equity in higher education and beyond. With a strong record of advocacy and action, AAUW continues to break barriers and defend the rights of women in education and the workplace.

This new strategic plan reaffirms our core belief that education is the foundation of equity. At a time when higher education is threatened, we have chosen to center our work on advancing women in higher education, thus sharpening our focus and strengthening our ability to make a lasting impact. Our new strategic vision ensures that AAUW is equipped to meet the moment, reaffirming our mission and leveraging our collective strength to protect and expand decades of hard-fought progress toward equal opportunity in higher education.

## AAUW National: New Strategic Plan (continued)

We are building on our deep legacy with renewed energy, bringing our community together to advocate boldly, fund and support women scholars, and expand access to the opportunities that education makes possible. In practice, this looks like:

- Investing directly in women's access to higher education, advancing their success in academia and research, and fostering women's leadership.
- Championing gender equity by advocating for inclusive policies that remove barriers to success in higher education and the workplace.
- Supporting local state and branch efforts that further AAUW's mission and vision

As AAUW's leadership, we are proud to stand behind this vision and energized by what lies ahead. We believe in the power of advancing equity in higher education and invite you to stay connected, follow our work, and get involved with AAUW as we move forward together.

We invite you to learn more about our strategic plan by visiting our website.

#### AAUW Mission Statement:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our Chapter - 2025-2026:

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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:** The next newsletter will be published September 1, 2025.

#### Social Media

Be sure to send pictures and information to Sandy Alexander for our branch's Facebook Page: West Chester-Chester County AAUW! Send them to fb4aauw@gmail.com. Remember to copy Toni Gorkin at tgorkin@gmail.com for the newsletter and Rhoda McNitt at rhodamcnitt@verizon.net for the web page.

#### **Board Meeting**

The Board Meetings will be a mix of inperson and via ZOOM.

The June Board Meeting will be a joint meeting of the current and new members at the home of Beryl Goldman on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm.

# **Special Interest Groups**



## Mah Jongg

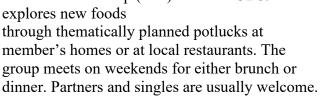
MahJongg will resume on September 4th.

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at various homes starting at 1:00 PM. We usually play around 2 hours. We play with new and seasoned players.

For more information contact Kim Glavin at 484 354-9681.

## FIG (Food Interest Group)

Food Interest Group (FIG) explores new foods



Invitations will be sent to FIG members, but attendance is open to all affiliate members.

Contact Donna Eaves, <u>deaves@live.com</u>, to be added to the mailing list.

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

Contact Mary Marco at <a href="mary.m.marco@gmail.com">mary.m.marco@gmail.com</a> or Jane McDowell at <a href="mary.nmarco@gmail.com">Jlwmcdowell@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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 two book discussion groups.

### LIT I: Daytime Literature Group

Fiction & Nonfiction Lit I Book Group: Note: Contact: Janet Kane 610-742-5961 - ifentonkane@gmail.com

We will be meeting for our book selection on Wednesday, June 18th at 1:00 at Janet Kane's house (1705 Yardley Dr, Hershey's Mill) to plan our books for 2025-2026. A list of suggested books has been sent via email to members.

# LIT II: Literature Fiction & Nonfiction Book Group

We are now meeting in the afternoon, so we welcome anyone who prefers daytime driving to the evening. Our potluck dinner will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 6:00. Donna Eaves has graciously offered to be our hostess again. Bring a food item (see email chain from Peggy Staarman), 2 suggestions for books for next season, and calendars, to discuss meeting date/time and details.

Please let Peggy Staarman (peggstaar@verizon.net) know if you will attend.

## 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 <u>dunn.phyllis@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Great Decisions 2025 Discussion Group**

Global Issues affect all of our lives. The Foreign Policy Associations Great Decisions Briefing Book offers a structure for foreign policy discussions on urgent and contemporary topics. We meet from 1:00-3:00 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in West Chester at the home of member Robbe Healey. We welcome you to join in these lively and thoughtful discussions. The eight topics in the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2025 Briefing Book are:

- 1. American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads
- 2. U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy
- 3. U.S.-China Relations
- 4. International Cooperation on Climate Change
- 5. The Future of NATO and European Security
- 6. AI and American National Security
- 7. India: Between China, the West, and the Global South
- 8. After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

To learn more about the Foreign Policy Association, or to read a brief summary of the topics above, visit:

https://www.fpa.org/great\_decisions/index.cfm?act=show\_material&product\_id=16892

Interested: Email Robbe Healey @ Robbe.Healey@gmail.com



# 2025-2026 Membership Form – Renewal

West Chester-Chester County Affiliate

AAUW is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with a nationwide network of ~1,000 local affiliates that partner to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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Annual Handbook							
Book Club 1 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 1PM							
Book Club 2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00PM							
Our News & Publicity							
Our Website							
Bridge – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 10AM							
Community Outreach Programs							
Community Warehouse							
Food Interest Group (FIG)							
Fundraising							
Great Decisions (discussion group)							
Hospitality							
Laundromat Library League (LLL)							
Legislation & Public Policy (LAPP)							
Mah Jongg – 1st Thurs 7PM & online 3rd Thurs 7PM							
Newsletter Publication							
Nominating Committee							
STEM Activities							
Travel Interest Group (TIG)							
Walkers – Weekly Tuesday 9AM							
West Chester Food Cupboard – Last Monday 7PM							
OTHER INTEREST IDEAS THAT YOU MIGHT SUGGE	ST						



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June 2025 Newsletter
Report from the Annual Banquet
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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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