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Mission Possible! AAUW-PA Convention April 11-13 in Exton

THE INN AT CHESTER SPRINGS

815 North Pottstown Pike (Route 100), just south of Route 113

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 4 pm--come stuff goody bags & registration bags

Check at the Registration Desk for room assignment.

5:30 pm Branch Board Meeting: Agenda: adoption of budget for 2008-09 (open to all members)

5:35 pm Branch Meeting: Agenda: nominations/election of branch officers; fellowship; finish bag stuffing--dinner or supper available at The Inn or other local restaurant

“MISSION POSSIBLE,” the Convention theme, emphasizes AAUW’s “can do” philosophy. AAUW has been advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research for more than 125 years. While struggling with inequity, we must not lose sight of our mission. **Women can and do individually and collectively effect change.**

Highlights for branch members at Convention:

Enjoy George Wachob’s artwork on the cover of the Convention Book!

Saturday lunch: Dr. Bernadette Carter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of Cheyney University will welcome us. Barb McIlvaine Smith to be honored as our Outstanding Woman.

Saturday pm workshop: Cassandra Jones, Valerie Martin, and Vicki Schmanske are panelists and will discuss careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Saturday, late afternoon: Taste of Success: Membership, GETT, and Let’s Read Math

Saturday dinner: Barb McIlvaine Smith to discuss redistricting and its implications, before Lisa Maatz speaks.

Sunday breakfast: Sebronette Barnes is keynote speaker for Educational Foundation breakfast.

It’s not too late to register or to volunteer to help. Registration information is available at <http://www.aauwpa.org/keystoner/KeystonerPreconvention2008.pdf> page 7. To volunteer, contact

Yvonne Peiffer, 610-363-9535, Peiffer@erols.com; or Graham Boose, 610-431-7701,

GDBoose@comcast.net. Thanks to all branch members who are making the MISSION POSSIBLE!

Domestic Violence Center Project

In February we donated: 5 packages of plates, 1 package of bowls, 7 packs of cups and 1 pack of napkins. In March we donated 12 deodorants and 1 set of shower rods. We are skipping April. In May please bring dishwashing liquids--small bottles, because this is the May Gala meeting. Thanks!

--Marian Stevenson

Deadline for the May issue of AAUW Sum is Saturday, April 12. This is the last issue of this year. Send articles as Word (.doc NOT .docx) attachments to GDBoose@comcast.net; copy the Co-Presidents and Yvonne Peiffer.

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Touching Base

--Your Co-Presidents, Roselyn Cadoff and Leslie Wachob

LOOKING BACK, THINKING AHEAD

Hi, once again, from Roselyn in Arizona. As Roselyn writes this column, she is still watching Momma and Poppa goose taking turns sitting on their nest, waiting for their eggs to hatch. Leslie, on the other hand, is at home, actively facilitating the hatching of all our Branch's "eggs."

Roselyn, meditating upon the situation, sees many wonderful things that have happened, or are about to occur, in her absence. Some of these include a well attended and received Gourmet Brunch in February, a March program meeting honoring Dr. Madeleine W. Adler and featuring presentations by several of our women performing scripts from the *Profiles of Women* book series, a GETT event, Woman to Woman Voter Turnout Workshops, a bevy of Pay Equity activities, the addition of several new members joining our branch, discussion starting up once again on the awarding of our Branch Scholarship, submission of forms for STAR awards, and more! What a list! Then, of course, there's the BIG ONE – AAUW-PA's 79th Annual Convention taking place April 11 – 13, right in our own neighborhood.

So, what is a convention, anyway? The dictionary describes it as "a formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates, of a political party, fraternal society, profession or industry." OK, that's us. But, why go? One reason Roselyn would love to go (and is sorry she'll still be in AZ at the time) is because she is eager to hear WCCC Branch's Sebronette Barnes at the Educational Foundation Breakfast on April 13. There's also the delightful reason of simply having fun, while gathering and talking with women of similar interests and goals. What about the experience of attending informative, inspiring workshops, so critical in this upcoming national election year, or about sharing ideas that might be immediately relevant to our Branch at the Taste of Success events? Let's not, while we're at it, forget to mention the good food and exciting extra activities. Wouldn't it also be special to be in attendance at the award presentations? How

will our Branch fare there? For Roselyn, she would love, as well, to see our women dressed up at our sale of the *Profiles of Women* books, some proceeds of which go to EF.

Roselyn is eagerly awaiting our Banquet on May 11, when she will touch base with all her AAUW friends in person. Finally, after her long respite away, she will celebrate with Leslie the well-hatched results of a conscientious and pro-active year.

Wear RED on April 18 & 22!! See page 5.

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW Sum, pronounced awesome, is the newsletter of the West Chester-Chester County PA Branch of the American Association of University Women. It is normally published 8 times each year: September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May. Deadline for copy is the 12th of the month preceding. January deadline is Dec. 1.

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May Gala is Tuesday, May 13

*You are cordially invited to our May Gala
Banquet and Program*

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 6:30 pm

CARRIAGE HOUSE

at the

HOLIDAY INN, WEST CHESTER

943 South High Street, West Chester, PA 19382

Join us in our wonderful end-of-the-year celebration when we dine together, rally behind our newly installed officers, and enjoy a guest speaker, **Suzanne Halstead** from **Historic Yellow Springs**. She will present a slide show about the history of that area and how it has evolved into a well-renowned arts community in the region.

We would like to entice you with the following menu:

Garden Salad

Broiled Atlantic Salmon with herb buerre blanc sauce

or

Breast of Chicken Parisienne

Chicken breast stuffed with wild rice, walnuts and dried cranberries, served with supreme sauce

Warm Apple Pie a la mode

Iced tea, Coffee, Decaf Coffee, and Assorted Herbal Teas

Total Cost: \$26.00 per person, which includes meal, tax and gratuity. Alcoholic beverages will be extra and available at the bar adjacent to the banquet room.

Please feel free to bring a guest. See reservation form.

Directions:

Reservation Deadline – Monday, May 6.

Cut here and return form with your check.



**May Gala
Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

**Make checks payable (\$26.00 per person) to
AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch and mail to:
Donna Eaves, 502 Todd Way, West Chester, Pa 19380**

MEMBER _____ PHONE _____

GUEST(s) _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Salmon _____

Chicken _____

April Membership Update: Carol Darlington & Barbara Leone

Please welcome the following new members who joined recently and add their names to your branch membership book.

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NOW is the time to renew your membership for the 2008-09 year. Please use the renewal form on page 7 in this issue. Your prompt attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Branch Wins State Award

Our branch won a \$100 Membership Grant from AAUW-PA for 2008. From Linda Haigh Tozier, past state president and state membership vice-president, "Your Membership Strategies application for the PA STARS received outstanding marks from the Membership Committee." Way to go, Barbara and Carol!!!

Financial Officer's Report

The Income and Expenses Report for July 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008 shows the following balances:

Checking - \$3,739.44

Includes \$274 for Members Helping
Members and
-\$204.33 for Let's Read Math

CCCCF -

Alice Lawson Fund (12/31/07) -\$25,466.02

Let's Read Math (12/31/07)

\$436.28 Branch LRM

\$4,659.99 Spreading LRM (EF)

--Rosemary MacDonald, Financial Officer

State AAUW Sponsors Two "Nick Whistle" Scholarships

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, known as NCCWSL or "Nick Whistle," is sponsored by AAUW's Leadership and Training Institute and provides leadership

training to college women. This year's conference will be held in Washington, D.C., June 5-7, 2008. AAUW-PA is offering two scholarships to the 2008 event.

Applications are available at www.aauwpa.org. Deadline is April 30

Redistricting: It's No Joke!

Saturday, April 5th -- 10 am
West Chester Borough Hall
401 E. Gay St., West Chester 19380

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Rep. Barbara McIlvaine Smith (District 156)
Rep. Carole A. Rubley (District 157)

Rep. Curt Schroder (District 155)
Charlotte Glauser, LWVPA Specialist

In 2010, Pennsylvania district lines will be redrawn. Timing for passage of an amendment to the PA Constitution requires that the first piece of legislation be passed by THIS JUNE. If this does not occur, our district lines will be redrawn in the same manner they always have been. The redistricting process needs to be changed so it is non-partisan and transparent. Attend this forum to see how you can help change the process. **This event is bi-partisan and is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Chester County and the West Chester-Chester County Branch, AAUW.**

Districts are meant to fairly represent the population of a certain area. According to the PA Constitution, voting districts should be "compact and contiguous." Instead, districts are drawn to favor certain voting populations. PA is the second most gerrymandered state after GA.

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Pay Equity Rally

Friday, April 18, 2008

Noon – 2 pm

Chester County Courthouse

Front Steps

West Chester, PA

NW corner of High and Market

We hope all interested persons will plan to participate in this rally with co-sponsors:
American Association of University Women, West Chester-Chester County Branch

Business & Professional Women/PA-West Chester

League of Women Voters of Chester County

Contact Leslie Jean Allison, Public Policy Chair, AAUW

LJAllison@cavtel.net or 610-436-1589

to become a participant or to co-sponsor

We will participate in an orderly rally to hand out flyers on the differences in pay between men and women doing the same job.

WEAR RED

Because women and minorities are ALWAYS in the red.

Pay Equity Day is April 22 — this is the day on which women wage earners catch up with their male peers for the previous year. So, if a man and woman with similar credentials started work in similar jobs on January 1, 2007, the woman would typically earn by April 22, 2008, the equivalent of what the man had earned by December 31, 2007.

Nominating Committee Announces Officers Slate

Carol Darlington, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announces the following candidates:

Branch Officers for 2008-2009 (elected)

Co-Presidents:

Roselyn Cadoff and Leslie Wachob

Co-Vice Presidents for Program:

Ann Boohar and Fran Pierce

Vice-President for Membership: Barbara Leone

Financial Officer: Rosemary MacDonald

Recording Secretary: Joan Baxter

Corresponding Secretary: Helen Reid

Newly Appointed Committee Chairs (not elected)

Educational Foundation Co Chairs:

Patti Barker and Catherine Horvath

Legal Advocacy Fund: Cynthia Haggard

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the

April 10 Annual Meeting at The Inn at Chester Springs, 5:35 pm. Then the election will be

held. Plan to join us for goody bag stuffing and fellowship.

If you are currently serving as a committee chair or SIG chair and wish to be replaced for next year, please contact Leslie Wachob with a suggestion for your replacement.

Officers will be installed at the May Gala.

Thanks to all who have agreed to serve!

Carol Habig Has Show at Chadds Ford Gallery

Botanical illustrator and member Carol Habig will display her work at the Ele Lee Gallery, 1 Station Way Road, Chadds Ford, PA, 19317. Meet the artist, Friday, April 4, 4 pm - 8 pm. Opening dates are April 3 - 6, 11 am to 5 pm.



GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD

Branch Co-President Leslie Wachob presents Dr. Madeleine Wing Adler, retiring President of West Chester University, with the branch's Gateway to Equity award in recognition of her outstanding advocacy of equity for women and girls throughout their lifetimes.

--Photo by Cathy Palmquist

Members Help With Voter Registration

The League of Women Voters of Chester County thanks branch volunteers who helped with **voter education and registration** recently. On March 13 at Owen J. Roberts High School, they were Leslie Jean Allison, Louise Shea, Joan Baxter, and Yvonne Peiffer. On March 15 at the Exton Square Mall, they were Betsey Cullen, Louise Shea, Yvonne Peiffer, and Graham Boose

Info? Call 610-388-3205

The branch extends its condolences to member Lyn Eaton, upon the death of her husband Bill on March 22.

Circle of Hands Presents Benefit for Greg Mortenson Charity

Samia Khan-Rishi, former branch speaker and member, sent us an invitation to join a benefit for the Circle of Hands and the Central Asian Institute. The Institute is the charity established by Greg Mortensen, AAUW member and Association Convention speaker last year, to establish schools for girls in Pakistan. He is the author of *Three Cups of Tea*. You are cordially invited to

An Evening at Longwood Gardens

Saturday, May 17, 7 pm

Program, hors d'oeuvres, desserts & beverages

For more info contact Samia Khan-Rishi at 302-540-0623 or visit www.circleofhandsusa.com

DUES NOTICE 2008 - 2009
West Chester-Chester County Branch

Your membership in AAUW, the vital organization for the promotion of equity, education, and self-development for women, will afford you both personal and professional satisfaction. Our local branch provides timely, interesting, and informative monthly programs, special community events and projects as well as special interest groups. This variety of activities offers the opportunity to engage in stimulating discussions with a lively group of curious, competent and caring women. We are pleasantly different yet sufficiently alike to provide a most rewarding association seeking to make an *impact* in the community.

Consider your dues an investment in the AAUW mission of educational opportunities and equity for all women and girls. Dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, Branch Scholarship Fund or Let's Read Math Program, please include a **separate** annotated check for this purpose.

Membership Renewal ***Due date: May 31, 2008***

Amount: Member: \$75.00 (Branch, State & National)
Life Member \$26.00 (Branch & State only) Note: National went up \$2.00

Check payable to ***AAUW: West Chester-Chester County Branch***

MAIL check & form to **Barbara Leone Membership VP**
1311 Robynwood Lane, West Chester, PA 19380

Questions? Call Barbara at 610-429-4520 or email leone219@verizon.net.

NAME: _____

Suggestions for future programs/ speakers:

Suggestions for new interest groups/activities:

Suggestions for new fund
raisers: _____

**To lower postage costs will you receive Newsletter via e-mail? Yes: E-mail
address: _____ No**

Contribution to "Members Helping Members": \$ _____ **Please include contribution by
separate check (this fund is used to help our members who are experiencing temporary financial
need).**

(over)

TO KEEP AAUW AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION, YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL

Branch Activities / Interest Groups: Please check any of the following that interest you. If you will chair a proposed group, please let us know also.

Branch Administration

- Board Position* _____
- Program Committee _____
- Membership Committee _____
- Scholarship Committee _____
- Public Relations _____
- Handbook Coordinator _____
- Newsletter Staff _____
- Newsletter Circulation _____
- Website Staff _____
- Educational Foundation _____
- Legal Advocacy Fund _____
- Diversity _____
- Public Policy _____

Study & Discussion Groups

- Great Decisions _____
- Finance Study Group _____
- Book Group (Mon. Eve) _____
- Book Group (Wed. Eve) _____
- Book Group (Thur. Eve) _____
- Immigration Policy _____
- Computer Skills (proposed) _____
- Dinner & an Event (proposed) _____
- Film (proposed) _____
- Strictly Social**
- Food Interest Group _____

Bridge

- Bridge (Women) _____
- Bridge (Couples) _____
- Community Outreach**
- Girls Exploring Technology _____
- Let's Read Math _____
- Domestic Violence Center _____
- Girl Recognition (proposed) _____
- Voter Education/Registration _____
- Pay Equity _____
- Meet Your Judges _____
- Librarian _____
- Domestic Violence Ctr. _____

*We encourage members who are interested in Board positions but don't know which one, to "shadow" the Board. Come to a few meetings, find out what interests you, and participate in interesting, fun activities.

Below please report **CHANGES only** for the Handbook. The data that we have for you is in the Handbook or in the Handbook Update, starting at the bottom of this page.

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Degrees _____ Job Changes: _____

We'd like to know what you like/don't like about the branch and the programs this year. Suggestions to improve programs or anything else:

About the newsletter AAUW Sum--

Do you read part or all of it regularly?

What do you like/not like?

Suggestions for improvement

Thank you for your help.

SAVE THE DATES

Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and are held at the West Goshen Municipal Building, generally in the Community Room on the first floor. Meetings begin at 7 pm, are over by 9, and are usually on the first Monday of the month. Upcoming: Mondays May 5, June 2.

Branch Membership Meetings

If you can give a member a ride, please let Carol Darlington or Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-Presidents, know--particularly if you live in the southern part of the county.

Plan on Coming:

Thursday, April 10, The Inn at Chester Springs, 4 pm, convention set up and fellowship. Plan to come to stuff bags and have fun.

Board meeting at 5:30.

Membership Meeting at 5:35--election of officers

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm End-of-Year Celebration & Banquet--The Carriage House, Holiday Inn, West Chester -- see page 5.

PAY EQUITY EVENTS

Tuesday, April 8--Harrisburg Rally, coordinated by Senator Orié's Office

Friday, April 18, noon-2, West Chester Rally

**Chester County Courthouse,
High & Market Sts., West Chester
Bring your friends--wear RED!**

Tuesday, April 22--Pay Equity Day, WEAR RED!

Be sure to vote in the PA Primary.

AAUW-PA STATE CONVENTION

**Friday, April 11-Sunday, April 13, The Inn at Chester Springs, Exton.
REGISTRATION INFO in the Keystoner, also at www.aauwpa.org.**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Women's Social Bridge -- Chair is Beatriz Wee, (h) 610-594-2719, beatrizti@ctsi.net. 4th Wednesday evening.. *New members welcome.*

Couples Bridge -- Saturday, April 19, at 7:30 pm at Mary and Walt Smith's home. Please e-mail Mary whether or not you can attend. Her email address is pangea49@comcast.net or phone at

610-269-3375. We had a great time at the Habigs' in March. Next month let's see if the women can get the top scores. Do come join us. 3rd Saturday evenings. Chair is Kay Philips. *New members welcome.*

Book and Discussion Groups

Lit II, 3rd Thursday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

Chair is Donna Eaves, (h) 610-692-5277; (o) 610-344-6350; email deaves@chesco.org or Deaves812@aol.com.

Thursday, April 17, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Leader and hostess is Mary Ann Kilpatrick. Book is *March* by Geraldine Brooks. *New members welcome.*

Lit III, 3rd Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

Chair is Martina Ossman, (h) 610-793-1469, email ossman1072@aol.com.

Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Leader is Alice Spivey. Hostess is Betsy Peters, 610-719-8383. Book is *Garlic for Sapphires* (F) by Ruth Reihl. *New members welcome.*

Lit IV, 3rd Monday Evening (Alternate Months) Nonfiction Book Group--Chair is Paula McGinness, (h) 610-942-4852. Next meeting is May 19, 7:00 pm, Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book & Music Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, Route 202 and Paoli Pike, West Chester.

New members welcome.

Great Decisions (2nd Monday p.m.) will meet Monday, April 14, at 1:30 pm, for a discussion of *Irag: End Game*. Location is same as that of Lit IV above. Leader is Louise Shea. Please call Louise for information or if you plan to attend, 610-738-1233. *New members welcome.*

Food Interest Group (FIG). Please call Alice Spivey at 610-696-5536 for information. There will be no FIG dinner in April because of the Convention nor one in May because of other activities such as Mother's Day. We will resume with a barbecue in June. *Singles and new members welcome.*

Finance Discussion Group -- Leslie Olson chairs the group, olsonfour@aol.com or 610-399-1371. Will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 16, at the Chester County Book Company. Topic is discussion on "How We Shop," looking at how things have changed, particularly with the internet, eBay and Craig's List. Discussion will be led by Paula McGinness. *New members welcome.*



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April 2008 Newsletter

- **Membership Meeting is**
- THURSDAY, April 10, 5:35 pm
- The Inn at Chester Springs
- **State Convention**
- Friday, April 11- Sunday, April 13
- The Inn at Chester Springs
- **Rally for Pay Equity**
- Friday, April 18, noon - 2
- Chester County Courthouse

AAUW Mission Statement

The AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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, 1,300 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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