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**Panel Discussion: Sisters in Crime**  
**Women Who Love Crime:**  
**Inventing It and Reading About It**

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at Grove United Methodist Church  
7:00 p.m. Networking and Nibbles  
7:30 p.m. Program

Come to our March Meeting of Mystery Authors. The evening will be enlightening, surprising, interesting, and maybe even mysterious. These innovative women will be members of a panel to discuss their experiences as authors of mysteries. Don't miss it!

**Judith Skillings** is a mystery novelist and produced playwright. She is president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of Sisters in Crime and is currently at work on a suspense novel set in West Chester, Pennsylvania. **Robin Hathaway's** first novel, *The Doctor Digs A Grave*, won many awards. She has published five Dr. Fenimore mysteries and three novels in her Jo Banks series. **Elena Santangelo's** latest book, *Dame Agatha's Shorts*, is an armchair companion to Christie's more than 150 short stories. Elena also pens the Possessed Mystery series.

**Veronica Kegel-Coon** writes mysteries and has taught creative writing. She has belonged to Romance Writers of America and Sisters in Crime. **Sandra Carey Cody** grew up reading Agatha Christie and Nancy Drew. She writes "whodunit" stories for pure fun. Is there a better reason to write? Or read? **KB Inglee** writes historic fiction based on her experiences as an interpreter at two mill sites. She was published in *Deadly Ink*, *Chesapeake Crime 3*, *Brandywine Ink Slingsers*.

Like her characters, **Donna Huston Murray** was transplanted to Philadelphia's Main Line. She has written for *Mystery Scene Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Red Book*. **Jane D. Shaw** has written several mystery novels. Her first young-adult mystery novel has recently been accepted for publication. **Mindy Starns Clark**, singer and former stand-up comedian, is an award-winning author of fiction and nonfiction, including her newest release, *A Pocket Guide to Amish Life*.

The authors will bring their books to our meeting. You will be able to purchase signed copies of their books. Additionally, at this meeting our branch will be having a silent auction of special baskets and other items. It will be a fun evening.

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## Keeping Informed

President's Musings - Kay Philipps

SNOWED IN! I write this during our February Blizzard which, though beautiful, will hopefully not repeat itself during the remainder of this winter. When you read this, the Philadelphia Flower Show should be in full splendor, the crocuses in bloom, and we should be anticipating the wonders of spring. In February, AAUW PA contacted Branches within our state to elicit information concerning our activities, our membership, our challenges and our successes. Our relationships with local universities as well as our thoughts about our own Branch were sought. Board members reviewed their questions and our responses were provided in a telephone call with Pennsylvania AAUW Board member, Barbara Wheatall. These CONVERSATIONS, as defined by AAUW Pa, gave us the opportunity to converse with each other about our own perceptions. Challenges related to getting more members to serve as officers and to recruit younger members and minority women. We are incorporating mission-based programming into our activities with our Gett volunteers, our public policy outreach, and our participation in an Equal Payday Rally scheduled for April, 2010. Our Branch membership is remaining at approximately eighty-one with active participation of more than fifty percent of our members. Though pleased with our responses, we hope to increase membership participation and to recruit others to join us as we work to advance equity for women and girls. Our Branch received a very nice note from Kathy Simoneaux of Chester County Bookstore, thanking us for our expression of sympathy on the death of her husband. I am happy to report that come May, I will have a volunteer to help me initiate a local Travel Interest Group as mentioned in the SIG section of your newsletter. The idea is for this group to visit an interesting site or attend an event, and then enjoy a meal together at a nearby restaurant. Additional volunteers are needed. Please contact me if interested. In the meantime, watch for the date on which George Wachob, docent of the Philadelphia Art Museum, will lead us on a tour of the Pearlman Building and the Sculpture Garden.

### Domestic Violence Center Project

For the month of March 2010, personal hygiene products are being requested. In January we donated 7 boxes of trash bags. (The total number of bags in the donated packages was not counted). April is Pampers size 4 & 5 or plastic shower curtain & or hooks. If you have items that you have forgotten earlier this year, bring them to the March meeting. Also I have a bag of travel size items that I am going to take to Safe Harbor. If you have some of those, I will deliver them. Marian

### February Brunch

We send Kudos to all who organized our program and to those who fed the many members and guests attending our annual February Brunch. This year we honored the many contributions of African-American Women to our History and Culture with a dramatic presentation by Mrs. Lois A Moses, ESq., Poet, Actress, and Counseling-Clinician who used her considerable talents to inform us of the feelings and situations of African-American Women throughout the ages and challenged us not to allow African American Woman to remain invisible to us. Following her presentation, Nia Williams and Carl Hilliard, Coatesville students sang for us. Many of you will remember Nia as one of the young women from GETT who joined us for our Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration in October. Despite the snowy conditions and less than desirable driving conditions, we had a great turnout. We appreciate the Charles A. Melton Center for the Arts and Education for hosting us. The Center receives no funds from the county or state and as a non-profit would appreciate financial contributions as they implement an after school program for children and youth.

### *2010 World Water Day Walk-A-Thon*

March 20, 2010 (5K Run/Walk) -- 10am to 1pm  
Martin Luther King Drive, Philadelphia, PA.

Pre-register by 2/20/2010:

[www.ksministries.com](http://www.ksministries.com) / phone 267-528-8285.  
(Action in relation to LWV/AAUW 11/14/09 Prog.)

### Mission Statement

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, 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 12<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding. January deadline is Dec. 1.

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### Guidelines for AAUW SUM

1. Deadline for articles is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month unless noted in newsletter.
2. Board will develop outline/plan for newsletter.
3. Copies of each article must be sent to the President.
4. Articles should be less than 340 words (1 column in 12 pt.) and sent as .doc (Word) files whenever possible.
5. Program information should be available for publication in the month prior to the event.
6. SIG information should be specific (when, where, leader, contact information, program or book).
7. Photos should be sent in .jpg format and should be the best quality possible. Leave cropping to the editors when possible.
8. Editors must keep newsletter to 10 pages or less (5 printed front and back).
9. Editors must consult with President or designee if newsletter is too long.
10. Circulation Chair will determine number of copies to be printed.
11. Board will review and decide list of Friends who receive printed copies.
12. The newsletter should go to the printer by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Copies should include the Circulation Manager, Person who distributes the e-mail version, and, if requested, other named designees.

### Send us your News!

The co-editors of AAUW SUM, Norma George and Nancy Rumfield, are delighted to bring you the March issue of the AAUW SUM newsletter. *We need input from members.*

Please send *articles* as Word documents. It is most helpful if you forward your news articles to the *gmail account*:

[aauwsumnews@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsumnews@gmail.com), indicating the topic and month in the subject box and cc the Co-Presidents. Norma and Nancy share access to this account, it keeps their work mailboxes from getting filled and makes the process of collaborating easier. The deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue.

### Help AAUW Save Money

Each year our editors put together eight informative, attractive, and news filled issues of our AAUW SUM newsletter. At current prices, printing and mailing costs exceed \$1.50 a piece per issue, costing over \$12.00 per member per year. For several years, many AAUW members have received their copies via e-mail. Through e-mail they receive the news as soon as it is published. By eliminating the paper copy, they are also making a contribution to a greener environment. If you are not already receiving AAUW SUM via e-mail and would be willing to do so, please contact Elaine Burgess at [danb@chesco.com](mailto:danb@chesco.com).

## Get Your Keystoner On Line

Kathy Quinn, Keystoner Editor

If you haven't already done so, sign up now for the online version of the AAUW-PA newsletter, the Keystoner. You will receive an email notice of the posting of each issue, with a table of contents and a link that will take you to a downloadable copy of the issue that you can print out yourself or read on your computer screen.

Getting the Keystoner online helps the environment and saves the state organization money. It also means you don't have to wait for delivery. You have access to the issue as soon as it is published.

Click on the following link to go to the latest issue of the Keystoner to be sure that you have no trouble downloading the PDF:

<http://aauwpa.org/keystoner/KeystonerWinter2009.pdf>.

Then, go to the Keystoner pages on the AAUW-PA website to enter your subscription: [http://aauwpa.org/content/?page\\_id=92](http://aauwpa.org/content/?page_id=92)

Thank you!

## Public Policy Focus

Yvonne Peiffer

- *Mark your calendar* 12 noon – 2pm, Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the *Equal Pay Day Rally* in Chester County. See the Pay Gap Box in this newsletter with the details printed under it and ways to help Leslie Jean Allison.
- *Put on your calendar* 7:30pm, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Women's Center at West Chester University. See article by Graham Boose about our branch support of WCU's Equal Pay Day activities
- *Interested in the focus on Title IX*, call Roni Mullen at 610-436-0912 or e-mail her at [Vmullen@comcast.net](mailto:Vmullen@comcast.net).
- *Interested in Cooperation with the LWVCC?* Check out Linda Lang's article. She is our leader for this area and the contact person for the League. Her article outlines how you can be of help.
- *AAUW has approved* West Chester-Chester County AAUW's collaboration with the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI –

e-mail [www.pqwi.org](http://www.pqwi.org)) because "AAUW has no issue with this partnership as it meets AAUW broader international goals."

Therefore we are now a collaborator and listed, on the PGWI website as such.

- *Finally if you prefer* to "do your own thing" do sign up for **The Two-Minute Activist** at <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/> and respond to whatever interests you. Thanks so much!!

## Cooperation With LWVCC – Public Policy Focus

Linda Lang – Area Chair

Hello fellow AAUW Members. You would help me immensely if you would e-mail me at [lindalang@comcast.net](mailto:lindalang@comcast.net) or call me at 610-883-2510 (cell) to say that you are interested in being available to cooperate when I receive a call from the League of Women Voters Chester County. In fact if you tell me what you are most interested in: getting out the vote, voter education, gerrymandering, or other, I'll then have a pool of persons I can call immediately when I get a call from a League person requesting help in a particular area. Thank You!!

Some of us have already signed up to partner with the LWVCC to help Peggy Wadsworth of the Chester County Library to highlight the library's services and activities. The first activity will be a Spring Event. Stay tuned.

Further, I want to urge all of you to fill out your Census Forms and to urge others to do the same. Monies and services, plus the number of U.S. Congressional Representatives representing you are determined by the number of people living in a certain area. If you are interested in learning more about re-districting or voter education, please go to the league's web address [www.lvw.org](http://www.lvw.org). Finally do plan to vote in the upcoming primary in May. *Your vote is important.*

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, □ people will forget what you did, □ but people will never forget how you made them feel. "□□ ~ Maya Angelou

**Join the West Chester-Chester County  
AAUW and other sponsors for an *Equal Pay  
Day Rally***

The rally will be held at the Chester County Courthouse and the new Chester County Justice Center (both in West Chester) from **12 noon – 2pm, Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Our rally is being held two days after the date of April 20<sup>th</sup> – the day observed as the actual day when women will make the same amount as men made in 2009; for, it takes women more than 3 ½ months to catch up. We have invited our senators and representatives to be present. You, our branch members, are represented by 2 U.S. Senators, 3 U.S. Representatives, 5 State Senators and 10 State Representatives (not counting our Delaware State and Ohio State members). We would like to see all of you present if at all possible. If you can help before that day, call Leslie Jean Allison at 610-436-1598 or e-mail her at [LJAllison324@verizon.net](mailto:LJAllison324@verizon.net). Thanks so much!!

**Branch Supports WCU Equal Pay  
Day Activities -- Bakers Needed**

Graham Boose, AAUW-PA College/University  
Relations Chair

The branch is partnering with the Women's Center and students at West Chester University of Pennsylvania to observe Equal Pay Day in April. The students will be running a campus bake sale on Tuesday, April 20, Equal Pay Day, with cookies for men for sale at \$1 each, and with cookies for women offered at \$.77 each—a graphic and tasty illustration of the wage gap. A similar bake sale last year was a huge success on campus.

If you are interested in strengthening ties with WCU, please plan to attend a coordination meeting with the students, Monday, April 19, 7:30 pm, on campus, at the Women's Center. And, while there encourage the students to attend the AAUW Equal Pay Day Rally on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Court House and the Chester County Justice Center. For information, contact Graham at [GDBoose@gmail.com](mailto:GDBoose@gmail.com) or at 610-405-2993.

**Can't attend the Equal Pay Day Rally  
on April 22?**

Please bake brownies and cupcakes for the WCU students! Graham will pick them up the afternoon of Monday, April 19, if you are conveniently located. If not, perhaps someone else going to WCU that evening can bring them. Please let her know by not later than April 15 (Tax Day) that you will bake!

**Ways And Means**

*Leslie Wachob, Chair*

Our branch has several ongoing activities to raise funds for branch programs and projects:

- Recycling ink cartridges--- Bring cartridges to Leslie Wachob
- *Pecans, Cashews And Candy*: still available. Valentine's Day is almost here. Contact Leslie at 610 458-1837 or [rbs857@yahoo.com](mailto:rbs857@yahoo.com)
- *Spring Museum Stroll*: A tour of the Perelman and Sculpture Garden and a no-host lunch at the Waterworks. This will probably be in April or May.

**AAUW Art Contest**

AAUW announces the 2010 AAUW art contest, a showcase of the artistic talents of AAUW members. The contest is open exclusively to AAUW members, who may submit their original artwork beginning January 8, 2010. The winning entries will be displayed in the 2010–11 AAUW calendar, with a unique work of art presented each month.

AAUW members will select the designs that appear in the calendar by voting online once a week for their favorites. All members will receive the new AAUW 2010–2011 calendar featuring the winning entries.

Enter soon and encourage your friends to do so too. Then make sure to visit the AAUW design gallery to see all the terrific submissions and to vote for your favorites. Help us ensure that the calendars we mail to AAUW members this year are uniquely AAUW!

# International Committee Report

## Bangladesh, Colombia and Cote d'Ivoire MDG Profiles

Yvonne Peiffer

(This fifth article as part of our local LWV/AAUW joint study of the MDGs will only highlight these three countries. For more information, talk to me or join our Study group – call Betsey Cullen 610-793-4664. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 9:30 am at The Friends Home in Kennett Square.)

	<u>Government</u>	<u>Land Size</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Ethnic G.</u>
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Republic	Wisconsin	150 million	Bengali/ English	Muslim	Bengali
<b>Colombia</b>	Republic	CA/TX	45 million	Spanish	Catholic	Mestizo
<b>Cote D'Ivoire</b> (Ivory Coast)	Republic	NM	19 million	French	Muslim/ Christian	More than 60

In the above chart I've rounded numbers and put only the main language of the ethnic majority – but hopefully you get the idea that all developing countries are diverse, with much to handle depending on their make-up/history. Bangladesh became independent in 1971, Colombia in 1813 and Cote D'Ivoire in 1960. What follows are my interpretations of all that I read from many sources. Bangladesh's biggest obstacles are annual floods and cyclones, Colombia's is armed conflict and Cote D'Ivoire's is governmental instability. All have viable natural resources and many positives, with donor relief and aid coming from International/UN/a specific country's help as well as NGOs (non governmental sources). If interested in the amazing history of these three countries go to the U.S. Dept of State website <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn> or Google the names with the word History.

Bangladesh has achieved, according to the UN MDG monitor reports, noteworthy progress on Goal #3 of promoting gender equality and empowering women, due in part to their employment in garment factories and increase in schooling. The 2007 reports indicate the biggest challenges are in the area of maternal and child mortality. Colombia is doing well in achieving universal primary education and in reducing child mortality, improving maternal health but has deeply entrenched regional inequalities in the areas of poverty and services provided in the city and countryside. Cote D'Ivoire has had trouble implementing the MDGs in certain parts of its country but is trying to reduce poverty and reform education and local government. However education and gender equality is described as “off track”. Water issues are being addressed in these countries as are HIV/AIDS, malaria etc. For more information, go to <http://www.mdgmonitor.org/country>.

Also visit <http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/goals/gti.htm> for more specifics on the MDGs. Because the goals are achieved does not mean there are no problems. Many of the goals address “reduction in” - by a percentage amount; or increase to the level of one dollar or \$1.25 U.S. a day to measure poverty; and, many countries will need debt reduction (according to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank) just to achieve the goals.

### **April Branch Meeting -- Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis --Speaker: Dr. Maria Limberis**

Maria Limberis received her PhD from the University of Adelaide, Australia in 2003 and was trained as a post-doctoral research fellow in the laboratory of James M. Wilson in the Gene Therapy Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Since 2008 she has been a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and she continues to work on developing a genetic cure for cystic fibrosis.

## **GETT and STEM Opportunities**

*By Mary A Smith*

If there is a high school girl in your life looking to explore careers where she can solve mysteries, save lives, go green, and much more, take her to Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) at Penn State Great Valley on Saturday, March 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This free event for girls, grades six through twelve, and their parents features hands-on activities with successful local female technology professionals and an opening message by Meteorologist, Erica Grow. Topics for the ten breakout sessions include crime scene investigation, gemology, aeronautics, robotics, and green energy.

Despite the growing need for skilled professionals in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields, statistics show that girls are not pursuing careers in technology. GETT event attendees will discover how technology careers can be fulfilling, fun, and rewarding personally, professionally, and financially. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the event and is sponsored by Penn State Great Valley, the Chester County Economic Development Council, and the Chester County Workforce Investment.

*Please contact me at [pangea49@comcast.net](mailto:pangea49@comcast.net) or call at 610-269-3375 to volunteer either on March 19<sup>th</sup> after 4:00 PM for stuffing bags or March 20<sup>th</sup> for help with registration or lunch duties. To register for the event, or for more information, visit <http://itagpa.org/gett.php>.*

There are many more opportunities for our members to get involved in encouraging girls to go into STEM fields. On Nov. 23, President Barack Obama announced the establishment of [National Lab Day](#), an effort supported by AAUW. National Lab Day is tentatively scheduled for early May 2010, and is more than just a day. It's a nationwide movement to bring together science, technology, engineering, and math professionals and teachers to provide high quality, hands-on, lab experiences for students. It's about all of us working together to give children access to well-equipped labs and to the professionals who can inspire them. Attracting

women and girls to these fields is critical to U.S. competitiveness. If women and members of other traditionally underrepresented groups joined the science, engineering, technology, and math workforce in proportion to their representation in the overall labor force, the shortage of these professionals would disappear. Although women make up half of the workforce, they only comprise 25 percent of the labor force in science, engineering and technology fields. AAUW urges you to join the cause at [www.nationallabday.org/groups/aauw](http://www.nationallabday.org/groups/aauw) to help break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math.

To find out more information on women and girls in these fields, visit [AAUW](#) or the AAUW-led [National Girls Collaborative Project](#).

## **Cheyney University to Host Turkish Scholar**

*By Norma George*

For six weeks this spring, beginning on March 14, Cheyney University will host international scholar, Dr. Esmâ Durugönül, a sociologist from Akdeniz University in Antalya on the Western Mediterranean coast of Turkey. A specialist in areas such as the Reislamization of Turkey and a researcher on Turks of African origin, subjects on which she has published and lectured widely, Dr. Durugönül will guest lecture in a variety of courses, infusing Middle Eastern content and an Islamic perspective into the curriculum. She will also give presentations to campus groups and organizations, and is scheduled to visit other institutions and community organizations. Dr. Durugönül will also feature prominently during the University's International Festival scheduled for April 5-9. This annual event showcasing performances, lectures, film screenings, exhibitions and cuisine from a variety of cultures worldwide, has been hosted by the Office of International Programs since 2005. The activities are geared to exposing students to other cultures, and are in keeping with the University's vision to "...Prepare students to work in a global and pluralistic society."

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*Dr. Esma Durugönül*

Dr. Durugönül comes to the University as a result of a successful proposal submitted by branch member, Norma George, to the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), the scholar division of the Institute of International Education, IIE. CIES is well known for administering the Fulbright exchange programs through which faculty and professionals from around the world conduct advanced research and lecture at Universities throughout the United States. Fulbright scholars from the U.S also receive grants permitting them to lecture and conduct research in other countries. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#), and is designed to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."

Dr. Durugönül will be visiting Cheyney through Fulbright's Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World. This program was developed after the September 11 attacks to promote Americans' understanding of Islamic civilization and the history, politics, and culture of today's Islamic societies. Cheyney University has previously hosted scholars through Fulbright's Scholar in Residence Program, the Occasional Lecturer Program and the Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Program. Norma George is Cheyney University's Fulbright Campus Representative.

## Spotlight On Our Members

### *Carol Habig - Botanical Illustrator*

Carol was raised in Livingston, NJ. She and her husband, Bill, have lived in the Burlington, VT, Albany, NY, and Washington, DC areas prior to moving to West Chester in 1995. Their three children currently live in New Jersey, California, and Ghana, Africa.

After receiving BS and RN degrees from Cornell University, Carol worked in psychiatric, childbirth education, and school health nursing positions. Since moving to Pennsylvania she has studied botanical illustration under Joan Frain at Longwood Gardens, Louisa Rawle Tine at The Chanticleer Gardens, and Anne-Marie Evans in England.

Her work has been exhibited in many area juried shows including Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia Flower Shows (look for her work in this year's show), Chester County Art Association, Immaculata Art Shows, the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Sketch Club Art Show. She has also exhibited nationally at the 21st Greater New York Orchid Show, the Northeast Exhibition of Botanical Art in Portland, Oregon, and the National Capital Orchid Society in Washington, DC.

She continues to study botanical illustration at the N.Y. Botanical Garden and is a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists and the Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators. Carol is also active in the AAUW Bridge Group and West Chester Newcomers Club.

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## Upcoming Meetings

### April Branch Meeting

*Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis*

Speaker: Dr. Maria Limberis

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### Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and will be held at the Grove United Methodist Church. Meetings begin at 7 pm, are over by 9, and are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Upcoming: Tuesday, April 6th.

## Special Interest Groups

### Couples Bridge

Couples Bridge will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening monthly at a member's home. We are a social group and welcome all who like to play. Please call or email Carol Habig if you would like to play, or to get additional details. 610-431-9987, [whabig@verizon.net](mailto:whabig@verizon.net)

### Women's Social Bridge 2009 – 2010

The Women's Social Bridge Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please advise Beatriz Wee, at least seven days in advance of the scheduled date, if you would like to be the hostess for any month. She may be contacted at 610-594-2719; [beatriztil@gmail.com](mailto:beatriztil@gmail.com).

## Book and Discussion Groups

### Lit I (formerly Lit III)

Afternoon Book Discussion: March 25th, 12:30 pm. *The Scent of Sake* by Joyce Lebra. Leader: Kay Philipps. Hostess: Marilyn Powell (610-692-9117).

### Lit II, Fiction and Non-Fiction

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next discussion will be Monday, March 15, 2010 at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, at 7:00 PM. The discussion book is *One Drop; My Father's Hidden Life—a Story of Race and Family Secrets* by Bliss Broyard. The book is available at county libraries. It may be necessary to place a hold to get a copy.

You may call Paula McGinness for assistance or more information, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

### Lit IV, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

Contact Paula McGinness for more information, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

### Great Decisions

The Great Decisions special interest group will meet at the Chester County Book Company at 1:30pm on March 8. Due to February snows, the group will continue to discuss Chapter 8 "Human Rights in a new era: wars for peace?" from *Great Decisions 2009*. Contact Jacky Page at 610-359-9887.

### FIG (Food Interest Group)

Our next FIG Group will meet in March. Please come join us. Call Betty Bradford at 610-363-7974.

### Finance Discussion Group

The Finance Discussion Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Chester County Book Company. Participants are invited to bring related articles to share. For more information contact: Leslie Olson, 610-793-2938; [olsonfour@aol.com](mailto:olsonfour@aol.com)

### Knitting & Possibly Other Needlecraft

Contact Roselyn Cadoff, 610 256-2839; [racadoff@verizon.net](mailto:racadoff@verizon.net)

### Computer Interest Group

Office 2003 Applications; Interested? Contact Graham Boose, 610-405-2993; [GDBoose@gmail.com](mailto:GDBoose@gmail.com) (note change)

### Travel Interest Group

The concept of this group is to attend an interesting event and enjoy a meal out. The events will be local. If you can assist please notify: Kay Philipps, 610-399-0697, [khp65khp@verizon.net](mailto:khp65khp@verizon.net) or Louise Shea, 610-738-1233, [MLShea35@aol.com](mailto:MLShea35@aol.com)



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***March 2010 NEWSLETTER***

Meeting is Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.

**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.

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