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**AROUND THE WORLD WITH ELDERHOSTEL**

**Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 pm networking, 7:30 pm program**  
**Grove United Methodist Church**  
**490 West Boot Rd., West Chester, PA 19380**  
**ALWAYS AMPLE FREE and LIGHTED PARKING**



Come join us for an evening of information about a way of travel that is encouraging to all of us as we age. Elderhostel addresses the interests that we have in learning about new places, their cultures and customs. Part travelogue and part educational forum, this method of travel is one that has grown tremendously over the last two decades. Our speaker will be a representative from the Elderhostel Ambassador program, and she will talk to us about the program, its extensive growth and what it has to offer us.

Hall set up, greeting, refreshments and clean up will be provided by Literature III.      --Hilary Kennedy, Facilitator

**Domestic Violence Center Project**

We collected \$350 in honor of Ubel Velez, Esquire: Target--\$70, K-Mart--\$125, Giant--\$20, CVS--20, Shop Rite--\$5, Wal-Mart--20, Rite-Aid--\$40, Kohl's--\$50.  
 For **November**, please bring in toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, combs and hair brushes for children. For **December**, please bring gift cards to the above stores.  
 Thank you all for making October's collection such a BIG SUCCESS!      --Marian I. Stevenson, Chair

**Book Sale is Wednesday, November 28, Chester County Book & Music!**

Our fall book fund raiser will be held at the Chester County Book and Music Company, Route 202 & Paoli Pike in the West Goshen Shopping Center, on Wednesday, November 28th. **All day -- 10 a.m.-9 p.m.** -- our members and their **friends** will be able to purchase books and other items, and 15% of the proceeds will be paid to our AAUW Branch. This is an easy fund raiser. We hope a lot of you will participate to help branch fund raising efforts. **You must pay at the balloon counter. Bring your friends.** Enjoy a cup of coffee or luncheon.      --By Leslie Olson, Chair

*Deadline for the January 2008 issue of AAUW Sum is Saturday, December 1. Send articles as Word (.doc NOT .docx) attachments to GDBoose@comcast.net, with a copy to the Co-Presidents and Yvonne Peiffer.*

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***Touching Base***

– by Co-Presidents Roselyn Cadoff and Leslie Wachob

**Follow the Money Trail: How is the Money We Raise Used?**

October's meeting was a real treat!

The turnout was so good that not many of our members missed Ubel Velez's spirited presentation on immigration. We couldn't help noticing, however, the several items for sale on our display table, and thinking about the various fund-raising projects we sponsor. We sell teddy bears, Lucinda pins, *Profiles of Women...Past & Present* books; we go on a yearly bus trip to NY, recycle ink cartridges, hold an annual Book Fair, and urge our members to enroll in a Genuardis escrip program. In addition, there are miscellaneous requests such as gift cards, and small toiletry items. And...we also charge dues. How is the money we raise used?

Well, we're not about fund raising, but we are about *advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research*. That is precisely what the money we raise buys us. This money we raise as AAUW members helps support the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for research. It has enabled us to develop a fact sheet on pay equity that was used by Nancy Pelosi's staff in Washington, DC.

It enables us to maintain a group, also in our nation's capitol, that lobbies and holds press conferences to further our causes. (If you are not sure exactly how our broad mission is advanced, all AAUW position papers may be found on line, at the AAUW website: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).)

In last month's AAUW SUM, we wrote in great detail about the Educational Foundation, so it will suffice to say here that EF is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women, and it's ours! Then there's the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (now a program of EF). It is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. Since 1981 the LAF has helped students, faculty, staff, and administrators in higher education challenge discriminatory practices such as sexual

harassment, denial of tenure or promotion, and pay equity.

Closer to home, our branch awards at least one higher education student who needs aid. We provide help to The Domestic Violence Center, support participation in GETT and Let's Read Math, and contribute to other services that don't come as readily to the writers' minds at this time. Please let us know what we have omitted. Of course, we need money for our mundane operational tasks: handbooks, programs, postage, newsletters, etc.

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**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 12<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding. January deadline is Dec. 1.

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 9, 2007  
The Hickman, 400 North Walnut Street  
West Chester, PA 19380  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Reserve your place at our Holiday Party by sending in the form at the bottom of this page. You are more than welcome to bring your spouse or guest to join in our festive gathering. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, dessert, coffee, and tea will be provided by The Hickman. Marguerite (Marge) Pond, an accomplished pianist, will play the baby grand piano for us. Opportunity will be provided to sing some holiday songs.

Carol Habig, a member and botanical artist, is donating one of her Archival Prints, which will be raffled at this event. These prints last at least 100 years. Do come, buy a few raffle tickets, and hope to be the winner of a botanical print that can be enjoyed by you and your descendants. Proceeds benefit programs of AAUW.

The Hickman, an independent and assisted living residence for older adults, has been providing excellent care for over a century. In fact, I have a card written in 1934 from a relative extolling the care she was receiving. Elma Mack agrees and calls The Hickman "home". She will greet us in their Formal Living Room.

**Directions:** The Hickman is located on the west side of Walnut Street where it intersects with Biddle Street. You may wish to drop off your spouse or guest under the maroon canopy before parking.

Do join us for a festive gathering. If you have questions, please call Elma Mack at 610-430-2280 or Kay Philipps at 610-399-0697.

**Reservation Deadline – December 3, 2007.**

Cut here and return form with your check.



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**Holiday Party  
Sunday, December 9, 2007**

**Make checks payable (\$15.00 per person) to AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch and mail to:**

**Kay Philipps, 248 Greentree Drive, West Chester, Pa 19382**

**MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Outreach

by Barbara Leone & Carol Darlington, Membership Vice-Presidents

Our branch membership has expanded to 76 members with the addition of 1 new and 2 renewal members. Please welcome **Mary Louise Shea**, who joined our branch following the September Pot Luck Supper. She is a retired graduate registered nurse who has indicated an interest in the Great Decision Group, Immigration Committee, and Domestic Violence Shelter. **Betty Bradford** and **Joyce Winston** have recently renewed. We welcome them also.

Please update your handbook with the following member information:

<b>Mary Louise Shea</b>	<b>Phone: 610 738 1233</b>
<b>712 N. Walnut Stree</b>	<b>Email <u>MLShea35@AOL.COM</u></b>
<b>West Chester, PA 19380</b>	
<b>Betty Bradford (Mrs. Wally)</b>	<b>Phone: 610 363 7974</b>
<b>52 Oakland Dr.</b>	<b>E-mail: <u>WDBRAD@comcast.net</u></b>
<b>Downingtown, PA 19335</b>	
<b>Joyce P. Winston</b>	<b>Phone: 610 647 4216</b>
<b>619 S. Warren Rd.</b>	<b>E-mail: <u>joycewin@aol.com</u></b>
<b>Malvern, PA 19355</b>	

And the following responsibility information on page 19:

Corresponding Secretary -- Helen Reid, 610-696-4131(h) or [hreid@wcupa.edu](mailto:hreid@wcupa.edu)

Domestic Violence Center Liaison -- Marian Stevenson, 610-429-1490 or [Semirv39@aol.com](mailto:Semirv39@aol.com)

Librarian -- Melinda Murray, 610-431-7556, AAUW Branch Library at YWCA

*Profiles of Women* Book Sales -- Ann Boohar, 610-388-1275 (h) or [aboohar@delvaleelderlaw.com](mailto:aboohar@delvaleelderlaw.com) .

Available to order every branch meeting also.

Lucinda Pins for sale -- Leslie Wachob 610-458-1837 or [rbs857@yahoo.com](mailto:rbs857@yahoo.com)

Leslie would welcome someone doing the sales for her at each meeting.

**We need an Educational Foundation Chair** (since Pam Gallimore did not renew) and a permanent **newsletter editor**. Please let Roselyn or Leslie know you will help.

***TIP: Book Sale is Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, All Day in West Goshen***



**Keep lit group selections, Christmas and other gift shopping in mind** as well as this date approaches. Help us make this a big success. Tip from Nancy Dore: **order books ahead of time and pick them up on November 28 for additional Branch credits**

### Financial Officer's Report

The Income and Expenses Report for July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 shows the following balances:

Checking - \$3,528.27

CD Account (11/21) - \$0\*

(\*\$2,599.27 transferred to Checking per plan)

CCCCF -

Alice Lawson Fund (9/30/07) -\$25,927.30

Let's Read Math (9/30/07) - \$95.03

----Rosemary MacDonald, Financial Officer

**AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch  
Raising Funds and Having Fun**

**NEW YORK! NEW YORK!**



The West Chester-Chester County Branch of AAUW has planned another wonderful day trip to New York City. We will leave from **The West Goshen Park and Ride** adjacent to West Goshen Shopping Center (just off Route 202, Paoli Pike exit), at **7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007**. We will arrive about 10-10:30, depending on traffic. After our arrival in the city, you can choose your own itinerary--restaurants, theater, museums, shopping, exploring. Half-price tickets to many major shows are available at the first stop in New York, Times Square, where the TCKTS booth is located. A stop is also made at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We board the bus at 7:45 pm for the return trip and return to West Chester about 10:30 pm.

The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person, which includes gratuities and beverages. This is a co-ed trip and is open to nonmembers. Bring some friends!

The trip is sold out early, so send your reservation today!

Call Nancy Dore, 610-725-0459, with any questions.

\*\*\*\*\*cut here and return this form with your check\*\*\*\*\*

**NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP**  
Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Make checks payable to **AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch** and mail to:

Nancy Dore  
3 Thayer Drive  
Frazer, PA 19355

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use additional sheet for additional guests.**

## Public Policy

November 6 is Election Day! Please be sure to **VOTE**.

It is imperative that women vote. We need to have our voices heard! Three out of every five voters are women. Yet we remain under represented!

The gender gap has become a defining feature of US elections over the past two and one-half decades. The fact that gender differences were apparent in so many races in 2006 is a continuation of a long-term-trend, observed Susan Carroll (a senior scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics, a



unit of the Eagleton Institute of politics at Rutgers University).

A gender gap is defined as the difference in the proportion of women and men supporting a given candidate. We **can** and **are** making a difference according to data from the 2006 election: In Pennsylvania, 61 percent of women and 57 percent of men voted for the winner, Democrat Robert Casey, Jr. Now if we can select women candidates and rally behind them we can change the face of our elected officials!

--Leslie Jean Allison, Chair

## “MISSION POSSIBLE” at AAUW-PA State Convention April 11-13, 2008, The Inn at Chester Springs

“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 individually and collectively effect change.

**Do put the convention dates on your calendar now** and enjoy the Friday outing, the networking, workshops, awards activities, good food and much, much more. Meanwhile **encourage AAUW members whom you know from across the state to come and bring their families.** Their family members can be involved in sporting, historical and other fun activities while we are “in convention.”

How can you help with **this** convention? Are you good with detail? Would you like to be in charge of a committee or on a committee? Do you like to do tasks involving the latest computer technology? Or do you like to be creative and do table decorations on a small budget? Can you help with jobs in the months leading up to the convention? Can you help

during the convention itself?

To date, **Elaine Burgess** has agreed to be the goody bag coordinator and will appreciate your inputs, literally. Please let her know what you or your contacts can provide. **Nancy Dore** will be the Registrar, the key position responsible for reservations from all over the state. **Rosemary MacDonald** will run the Sales Shop, where branches raise money for their mission projects. **Mary Smith** has agreed to chair the design team for the convention handbook cover. **Cathy Palmquist** will handle public relations, key to making the public more aware of equity issues.

A **trip coordinator** and a **table arrangements/decorating chair** are the next key jobs we need to fill. We’ve done the trip research; we just need a fine mind and personable, organized person to put the details together and manage the event. For the table arrangements, all you blue-ribbon garden clubbers have all the necessary creativity and know how. Please let us know that YOU will make this Mission Possible. Thanks.

**Yvonne Peiffer, 610-363-9535, Peiffer@erols.com;**  
**Graham Boose, 610-431-7701, GDBoose@comcast.net**

**Touching Base** (continued from page 2)  
That’s where our “money trail” leads – from our members to our mission. We are an

institution in women’s history and in American history, and are in the forefront of a continued thrust for equality.

## Lucinda Pins Available for Holiday Giving

We are now selling Lucinda Pins to benefit EF, LAF, and our local branch scholarship.

The pins and the story behind them mesh well with the AAUW mission of focusing on women's issues—in this case, poverty and homelessness. Lucinda's story is one shared by too many women in our society. After a divorce, Lucinda and her daughter were homeless for two years. Eventually, with the help of friends, they were able to get an apartment, and Lucinda was able to focus on her abilities as an artist. She created a pin that featured an image of a house. It proved to be a great success when used to raise funds for a homeless shelter.

Lucinda applied her talents to other worthy causes and today she has her own business that helps non-profit organizations in their fundraising efforts.



Lucinda's motto is "Changing the world one pin at a time." Please support our efforts to positively change the lives of women by purchasing a pin. They are only \$15 each and are available in a variety of designs and colors to complement any outfit. They also make wonderful gifts. To purchase or for additional information contact Leslie Wachob at (610) 458-1837 or [rbs857@yahoo.com](mailto:rbs857@yahoo.com).

## Immigration Study Group

The November Study Groups will be from 10 am to 12 noon, Wednesday, November 7, in the Library at Grove United Methodist Church and possibly also on Monday, November 26.

Then the LWVCC (League of Women Voters Chester County) as a whole will be having its southern consensus meeting from 2-5 pm, Thursday, December 6 at the Kendal Farmhouse and the northern consensus meeting 5-7:45 pm at the Paoli Library. (For evening meeting, bring a sandwich and drink -- dessert is provided.) **To verify the above information** closer to the dates noted or for answers to other questions you might have, **contact Betsey Cullen at 610-793-4664**. She is the LWVCC Immigration Study Group Leader. AAUW has had the good

fortune to be a part of the study group's work. Thank you, Betsey, and the LWVCC - President Susan Fields.

P.S. And for those who were at the October 9th AAUW Branch Meeting-- Immigration Presentation by Ubel Velez, Esquire -- wasn't it interesting to learn about the Alphabet Soup Visas for Temporary Stay Status and the other avenues for Permanent Stay Status having the acronyms of ASYLUM, NACARA, VAWA and VOT? Immigration has so many facets that arriving at a consensus on how to approach the many issues is hard enough, but then to come up with an equitable law staggers even the most educated, compassionate individual.

--Yvonne Peiffer

## YWCA 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday House Tour is Saturday, December 8, 10 am-4 pm

All proceeds from the event help fund programs to assist the needs of women and children in Chester County, including: *Single Mother's Program*, *On Our Own for Women in Transition*, and *After-school and Summer Camps*. The tour features more than a dozen beautiful local homes joyously decorated for the holidays. Tickets are available at the Y, 123 N. Church St., West Chester, 610-692-3737,

[www.ywca.org/chestercounty](http://www.ywca.org/chestercounty), and at the Chester County Book and Music Company, West Goshen Shopping Center. Tickets are \$35 each.

Member Fran Pierce chairs the Board. Our *Let's Read Math* project provides an exciting program to the Summer Enrichment Program campers, with the assistance of the AAUW Educational Foundation and local businesses.

## Year-End Giving Opportunities to Promote EQUITY -- Still an ISSUE

As the year end approaches, please consider the following opportunities for equity giving, **all of which are tax deductible:**

### AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)

Make check out to:

AAUW Educational Foundation

Mail to: AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)

1111 Sixteenth St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

Information: 202/728-7602 or

[foundation@aauw.org](mailto:foundation@aauw.org)

Please annotate your check with "West Chester-Chester County PA Branch PA2052" so we and AAUW-PA get contribution credit.

### AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

Make check out to:

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Mail to: AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

1111 Sixteenth St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

Information: 800/326-AAUW or [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org)

Please annotate your check with "West Chester-Chester County PA Branch PA2052" so we and AAUW-PA get contribution credit.

Our branch's **Let's Read Math project** (LRM) Make check out to Chester County Community Foundation, annotated "Let's Read Math/AAUW-WC"

Mail to:

Chester County Community Foundation

The Lincoln Building

28 West Market St.

West Chester, PA 19382

### Our branch's Alice Lawson Fund (Local Scholarship Fund)

Make check out to Chester County Community Foundation, annotated "Alice Lawson Fund"

Mail to:

Chester County Community Foundation

The Lincoln Building

28 West Market St.

West Chester, PA 19382

--Nancy Dore, Ways & Means Chair

### Carol Habig Exhibits

Member and botanical illustrator Carol Habig will exhibit at the Unionville Art Gala, Nov. 9 & 10, Unionville High School, Kennett Square. Friday, 7-10 pm; Saturday, 10-2 pm.

### CCFFW&G Offers Grant Request Workshop Dec. 14

The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls (CCFFW&G) will be hosting its annual "How to Apply" workshop on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Fund Office, located at 1450 East Boot Road, Suite 400B in West Chester. The 2007-2008 Grant Application and Guidelines will be available for download at [www.ccwomenandgirls.org](http://www.ccwomenandgirls.org) on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please RSVP to Suzanne Hild, Office Administrator, at

[suzanne@ccwomenandgirls.org](mailto:suzanne@ccwomenandgirls.org) by December

7. For further information on the workshop,

please contact Lisa A. Baehre Connor, Director of Development and Programs, at

[lisa@ccwomenandgirls.org](mailto:lisa@ccwomenandgirls.org), or by phone at (484) 356-0940.

This workshop will cover the Fund's 2007-2008 Grant Application and Guidelines, funding priorities, and provide tips and

suggestions for applying to the Fund.

Additionally, this is an excellent opportunity to network with other organizations serving women and girls.



### AAUW Two Minute Activist

Make your voice heard in Congress! First, take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress.

Then, take one more minute to personalize a pre-written AAUW message and e-mail to your member of Congress. Go to [capwiz.com/aauw/home](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home).

--Leslie Jean Allison, Public Policy Chair

## SAVE THE DATES

### Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the membership and will be 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, November 5 and December 3.

### Branch Membership Meetings

Most Membership Meetings will be held at Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA, 19380, because of its central location, lighted parking, good kitchen facility, and accessibility. Meetings are held in Fellowship Hall on the first floor.

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.

Tuesdays, 7 pm. light refreshments and networking; 7:30 program.

Upcoming: SUNDAY, December 9, Holiday Gala at The Hickman, West Chester;

### PA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR

**WOMEN**--Thursday, November 8, all day, Convention Center, Philadelphia. \$135.

[info@pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org](mailto:info@pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org)

**Additional Interest in Bridge?** If you are interested in trying to establish an afternoon Bridge Group, in scheduling some sessions on "Playing the Hand" (bridge, again), or in learning to play bridge, please contact Roselyn or Leslie. If there is enough interest in any of the aforementioned, we will attempt to form another group to accommodate the interest.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

#### Bridge

**Women's Social Bridge** -- Chair is Beatriz Wee, (h) 610-594-2719, [beatrizti@ctsi.net](mailto:beatrizti@ctsi.net). Moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening to suit members' convenience. *New members welcome.*

**Couples Bridge** -- Couples Bridge will meet on the third Saturday, at a member's home. Please call Chair Kay Philipps at 610-399-0697 for information. All are welcome! Do come join us. *New members welcome.*

### Book and Discussion Groups

#### Lit II, Thursday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

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

Thursday, November 15, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Book is *Mocking Bird: a Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles Shields. Lyn Eaton is the discussion leader. Hostess is Lyn Eaton. No December meeting. *New members welcome.*

#### Lit III, Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

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

Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Book is *The Reader* (fiction) by Bernard Schlink. Eleanor Sinclair is the discussion leader. Hostess is Hilary Kennedy, 610-269-5205. No December meeting. *New members welcome.*

#### Lit IV, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book

**Group**—Chair is Paula McGinness, (h) 610-942-4852. Monday, November 19, 7 pm, at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book & Music Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, Route 202 and Paoli Pike, West Chester. Book is *A Long Way Gone; Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah. *New members welcome.*

**Great Decisions** will meet Monday, November 12, at 1:30 pm, for a discussion of *America in the Middle East*. Location is same as that of Lit IV above. Leader is Carla Grot. For information, contact Chair Jacky Page, 610-359-9887. *New members welcome.*

**FIG (Food Interest Group)** generally meets the second Saturday evening of the month for a fun dinner experience. Alice Spivey is the new chair. Call her at 610-696-5536 for information. Lasagna Party at the home of Kay and Ed Phillips on November 10 at 6:30 pm. If you are going to attend, please let Kay know by Monday, November 5, by email at [edkphillips@verizon.net](mailto:edkphillips@verizon.net) or 610-399-0697. She would like to know whether you will bring an appetizer, a salad or dessert for eight. BYOB. *Singles and new members welcome.*

**Finance Discussion Group** -- Leslie Olson chairs the group, [olsonfour@aol.com](mailto:olsonfour@aol.com) or 610-399-1371. 7 pm on Wednesday, December 5 at the Chester County Book Company. Topic is ETF's - exchange traded funds. Leslie will lead the discussion. Any branch member interested in the topic may attend any of our meetings. *New members welcome.*



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***November-December 2007 NEWSLETTER***

- **Meeting is Nov. 13, 7 pm**
- **Sign up for NY Trip, Nov. 14**
- **Book Fair is Wednesday, Nov. 28**
- **Holiday Party is SUNDAY, Dec. 9**

**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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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.

**[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)**

**[www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org)**

**[www.aauwchestercountypa.org](http://www.aauwchestercountypa.org)**