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West Chester – Chester County PA Branch

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50th Anniversary Meeting

October 13, 7:00 PM

Grove United Methodist Church

490 W. Boot Road

West Chester, PA 19380

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the West Chester-Chester County PA Branch. The event will feature State Representative Barb McIlvaine Smith as guest speaker, older members sharing anecdotal stories and fundraising for the Alice Lawson Scholarship. The meeting will take place at the Grove United Methodist Church. And of course there will be cake!

Grove United Methodist Church, 490 W. Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380; 610-696-2663.

From West Chester, take Route 100 North to Boot Road; turn left. Grove United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of West Boot Road and Grove Road.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.grovechurch.org>

Can you share your Anecdotes, Memories, Etc. for the 50th Anniversary?

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee needs your help in proceeding with plans for our Oct. 13 anniversary party. We are asking for interesting, significant, amusing, etc. stories about the history of our Branch that might be shared orally or in written form that evening. They may be presented anonymously, or even in absentia, if desired. Please submit your entries to Leslie Wachob, rbs857@yahoo.com or Roselyn Cadoff, racadoff@verizon.net or see directory for addresses. Thank you so much! Photos are also needed.

Also, this month...

AAUW Pennsylvania

District 3 Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2009

10:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

Montgomery County Community College

340 DeKalb Pike (US-202)

Blue Bell, PA 19422-0758

(details inside)

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Touching Base

Keeping Informed

We apologize to all who did not receive notification of our September Meeting in time to attend. An effort was made to contact all by e-mail, but that does miss or exclude some. If you miss notification again, please call Kay or another member who may have the necessary information. We don't want to miss anyone!

I was on vacation, but heard via the AAUW grapevine that my co-president, Louise Shea, ran a good meeting, that the program was fun and many desserts were enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, Louise is experiencing a few medical problems so, for the present, please contact me with questions or concerns.

We have received notification of the Mandatory Amendments to our Branch Bylaws. These will be incorporated into our Bylaws. The changes relate to the restructured AAUW, purpose/mission statement, and voting at national meetings. We no longer use terms Association, Foundation, and Regions, but rather AAUW. There is no longer a delegate system for national meetings as all members now have a vote on national AAUW meetings. The new mission statement is "The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." There are non-mandatory changes that our board may consider and bring to the attention of the branch at a later date.

We are members of AAUW-Pa District 3. All members of our Branch are welcome to attend the gathering at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa. on October 17th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Cost is \$18.00 per person and includes lunch. The Fine Crafts Fair of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen will be held at the same general location until 5pm. Registration for the AAUW meeting can be found at aauwpa.org.

Special Interest Groups started in September. If you haven't already joined one, do think of

- Co-Presidents Musings - Kay Philipps and Louise Shea

participating in those that peek your interest. It's a great way to meet other members, learn new and interesting information, and just have fun.

No person from our Branch could attend the National Convention, but we have heard that the Membership requirements will remain as they are. More information from the Convention will be provided once received.

Kay looks forward to meeting new members and seeing longtime members in October. We are both looking forward to a year of activities that will provide inspiration and education to all our members.



The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Chester County Participates as a member of Senior Corp in collecting socks for those in need throughout our county. Some of the Agencies receiving socks are Safe Harbor, Salvation Army, Mission Santa Maria, Oxford Neighborhood Services, Atkinson and City Gate Shelters in Coatesville, Maternal and Child Health Consortium, St Agnes Day room, Wings For Success, La Comunidad Hispana, Cares Food Network, St Vincent DePaul Society, Care Center for Christ, the Exchange Club Family Center, Project I and The Chester County Family Academy, and the Good Samaritan Shelter.

Our AAUW Branch has been collecting socks for the last two years. Last year, our Branch donated approximately eighty-five to one hundred pairs of socks. Since the majority of socks received are for men, I think it would be great if we donated more for women and children including stocking for those returning to work. Kay Philipps will be collecting them at our October meeting.

Branch News

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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Internet and email: The website for national AAUW is <http://www.aauw.org/>. Once you have accessed the site go to the Member Center. Have your Membership Number available to change your record information (see directions on page 35 of the branch member handbook). Type in your Membership <http://www.aauwpa.org/keystoner.htm>

Number and set up a password. Make a note of your password for future communications. In addition, you can find your Membership Number on the address label of the Association publication, *Outlook*, or call either Carol or Barbara (Co-Membership VPs).

New Member

Name removed for web version.

Send us your News!

The co-editors of AAUW SUM, Norma George and Nancy Rumfield, are delighted to bring you the October issue of the AAUW SUM newsletter. *We continue to 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, 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.

Remember that articles for a given month of the newsletter are due on the 12th of the preceding month. Please provide all necessary information with your submission.

Get Your Keystoner Online!

Switch to receiving the Keystoner online. For each issue, you will receive an e-mail notice of the posting with a table of contents and a link to a downloadable copy of the issue, which can be printed or read on the computer screen. Getting the Keystoner online helps the environment and saves the state organization money. And no waiting for delivery. To sign up just fill in the blanks at:

Members can check the archived issues online at the same site. *Kathy Quinn, Keystoner Editor*

Need more information on the proposed Heath Care Bill?

The League of Women Voters of Arizona has a document to answer your questions:

<http://www.lwvaz.org/azvoterservice/LWVAZ%20-%20Issues%20Behind%20HC%20Reform%20-%20General.pdf>

Ways And Means

Leslie Wachob, Chair

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

- Recycling ink cartridges--- Bring cartridges to Leslie Wachob
- Genuardi's Escrip program –Safeway /Genuardi's will rebate a percentage of purchases; **Enroll each fall** by internet (www.escrip.com) or using form available at Genuardi's; Our group ID is 150540758.
- Book Fair & Sale---Tuesday, November 17th. Do your holiday shopping. The Chester County Book and Music Company will donate 15% of most purchases to our branch. You may bring your friends. You may preorder books and pick them up that day. Use the specially marked register.
- *Pecans And Candy For Your Baking And Holiday Gifting!!*
The pecans and candy will be received the 1st week of November, just in time for the holidays. Everything is reasonably priced and comes already packaged in colorful, decorative bags.

Contact Leslie at 610 458-1837 or
rbs857@yahoo.com



PECANS ARE COMING

We will be arriving
the first week of November!

Public Policy: How You Can Be Active

Yvonne Peiffer – Public Policy Chair

1. Find the last four digits of a 9 digit zip code – Go to the web and put in <http://www.usps.com/zip4/>; only addresses and the first five digits of the zip code are needed. You will then be given the 4 additional digits of the zip code.

2. Use the 9 digit zip code to learn what legislative district you or someone else is in plus those representing that zip code area in both the United States Congress and your State Legislature. For the U.S. Congress go to the web <http://www.congressmerge.com/online/db/>, use the 9 digit zip code and get your US Congressional districts with the names of your senators and representatives. Next for the State of PA go to <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find.cfm>, put in the 9 digits and get your state senators and representatives. (For Delaware State Senators and Representatives go to <http://www.delregs.state.de.us/Legislature>. This site will give you the three counties and the phone numbers to call. When you call you'll need to give the name and residence. Then you will be given the Senate and House District in which this address is located along with the names of your senator and representative.) Members of AAUW who want to be part of our local AAUW Public Policy Group's Legislative District's Excel Spread Sheet, but who use P.O. Box numbers or businesses address for the AAUW Handbook will need to do the above process and call or e-mail me with the districts and names of those who represent them. (That way your private information will remain private.)

3. Know more information about the legislature districts and who represents us – Google on the web for information; or ask to read the folder of printouts I have on all the election districts, U.S. and State, with bio information on those who represent the current members of AAUW West Chester-Chester County. Most Senators and Representatives

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have their own websites and will send you updates on what they support as well as ask for your input.

4. Help AAUW West Chester-Chester County – Come forward and indicate your desire to maintain the Public Policy Legislative Districts Excel Spread Sheet. Help coordinate our efforts with members of The League of Women Voters Chester County. Indicate your interest in areas outlined in the September SUM. There are also other opportunities to serve.



League of Women Voters

The International Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, October 24 at the Friends Home in Kennett Square from 9:30 – 11:00 am. All members are invited to hear a presentation on UN Millennium Villages – an outreach project to help meet the UN Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

The committee is also preparing for “Water in a Changing World,” an interactive panel of water experts moderated by Stanley L. Laskowski, President of the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) and co-sponsored by our League and the American Association of University Women, which will be presented from 10:00 am – noon on Saturday, November 14, 2009 in West Chester’s Municipal Building, 401 E. Gay Street. All are invited and encouraged to attend; there is ample parking in rear of the building. For more details, consult our websites: www.palwv.org/chesco and www.aauwchestercounty.org
We are pleased to present the first of a series of articles on the UN Millennium Development

Goals in this issue – a spotlight on Nigeria by Virginia Gunn.

Spotlight on Poverty in Nigeria

Virginia Gunn, LWVCC/AAUW
International Relations Committee

Like several other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria is failing to achieve the Millennium Development Goals within the proposed time frame of 2015, particularly in the matter of eradicating extreme poverty (defined as living on less than the equivalent of one US dollar per day.) This is due partly to the rivalry between the very numerous ethnic groups, each with its own language and culture. A functioning democracy was not achieved until almost forty years of civil war and a succession of military dictatorships which followed independence from Great Britain in 1960.

A serious effort to eradicate poverty was not made until the establishment of a democratic government under President Olesegou Abasanjo in 1999. This regime published two volumes of statistical surveys entitled *Poverty Profile for Nigeria*, and established several institutions, such as the National Poverty Eradication Program (NPEP) and the National Economic Empowerment Development Strategies (NEEDS). These surveys revealed that while the oil industry produced the greatest proportion of wealth (\$320 billion from 1970-1999) its growth had coincided with the increase of people living in poverty, which had risen from 28 percent to 66 percent from 1980-1996. During roughly the same period, agricultural production declined. Government action has, so far, proved ineffective because of widespread corruption.

Effective measures to reduce poverty have come largely from foreign sources, such as USAID, the European Union, various NGOs, and international organizations such as the World Bank, and the recently formed Action Aids. Thanks particularly to the latter, the general population is becoming involved in

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solving its own problems. The national bank and local banks are providing micro financing, which permits entrepreneurs in both agriculture and small business to invest and develop.

Nigeria has the potential to become an exporter of food, but the industry of food processing needs to be developed. Nigeria must experience its own industrial revolution. The efforts must come from the people themselves, and foreign aid will be helpful only if it stimulates the Nigerian people in that direction, and encourages greater law enforcement and individual integrity from within.

Note: *This is an extract from a longer article by Virginia, written with the help of her daughter, League member Susan Pevar. The full report is available by request from Betsey Cullen at ewcullen@yahoo.com.*

Water in a Changing World **Explores Clean Water/Sanitation Challenges**

Press Release

Contact: Betsey Cullen; 610-793-4664

“Water in a Changing World,” an interactive panel moderated by Stanley L. Laskowski, President of the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI), will be presented from 10:00 am – noon on Saturday, November 14, 2009 in the West Chester Borough Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 401 E. Gay Street in West Chester. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Association of University Women, the program features “Running Dry,” a film that vividly outlines the global water crisis. Experts will address how water affects the achievement of the eight United Nations Millennium Goals, how water and sanitation issues impede progress in developing countries and what world citizens have done and can do to help. There is parking at the rear of the building and the public is encouraged to attend.

“Every twenty seconds someone in the world, usually a child, dies of a water related

problem,” states Laskowski, who co-founded PGWI, a regional coalition working for safe water, sanitation and hygiene around the globe. He will be joined by PGWI Board Members Aldo Magazzeni, founder of Traveling Mercies (www.travelingmercies.org), who will describe his work building water systems in Afghanistan, Kenya and other countries; and Dr. Elijah Korich, founder of Keiyo Soy Ministries (www.ksministries.com), who will speak on clean water projects his group has sponsored in Kenya. “Our goal is to empower communities and assist them in identifying local resources,” states Korich. “How can we continue business as usual knowing that 1.8 million children die each year of water related illnesses or starvation?”

Water is a defining issue for the 21st Century. “Water in a Changing World” on November 14 explores what we can do about it.

AAUW Donations To Domestic Violence Center 2009

October	Paper plates, plastic cups, plastic silverware
November	Paper towels or toilet paper (Not the largest sizes)
December	Gift cards from: Acme, Giant, ShopRite, Wal-Mart, Target, Rite-Aid, JoAnn Fabric, A.C. Moore, Michaels

Contact: Marian at 610-429-1490, or call the Domestic Violence Office at 610-431-3546

Good News! We donated 12 deodorants after the September meeting.

Never interrupt someone doing what you said couldn't be done.

-Amelia Earhart

AAUW-PA Board Educational Foundation - The Heart of AAUW

In 1955, members attending the AAUW National Convention voted to establish a separate philanthropic arm to enhance research and fellowship programs. This was officially named the AAUW Educational Foundation, and was incorporated in Jan. 1958. In 1959, during her call to the AAUW National Convention, President Anna L. Rosa Hawkes asked, "Can this association continue to function with the prestige and influence it has enjoyed in the educational world if, in these trying times, we do not maintain effective leadership in higher education for women?" And so, the 1959 convention was spurred on to ratify the establishment of the EF. Twenty-nine years later, in 1988, the AAUW Educational Foundation established the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls to offer teacher fellowships, commission research, and sponsor community action projects in the areas of math and science. Although the 2007 National Convention changed its separate status, EF is basically still EF.

What does this Foundation actually do? It is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. It supports scholars around the globe, teachers, and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. It has supported groundbreaking research exploring issues regarding women, girls, and education. More than 8,000 women from 130 nations have received EF support! Following is a list of a very few of the specific projects it has backed:

- * Combating "math avoidance" in high-ability college women
- * A publication of structurally controlled stories for language retarded children
- * A rape crisis center
- * A surrogate family program for nursing home residents

- * A talent bank to encourage the appointment of women to public service positions
 - * Hostile Hallways: A survey on sexual harassment in America's schools
 - * Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earning: an online research tool detailing the persistent pay gap between college-educated women and men
- And the list goes on and on!

Anna L. Rosa Hawkes' charge is just as timely today as it was when she stated it at the 1959 convention. As AAUW members, we know that our greatest work...in education, in women's issues, in community service...is yet to be done. The ratification date of the Educational Foundation coincides roughly with our own branch's birth date, which allows us to jointly celebrate a Golden 50th Anniversary this year. Please consider enabling the continuation of this work by sending a tax-deductible 50th anniversary gift, earmarked for AAUW EF, directly to Washington or to Rosemary Baker, EF chair. (Check the AAUW website for more information, or call Roselyn.)

AAUW-PA District 3 Meeting on Saturday, October 17th

One of the main topics of the AAUW-PA District 3 meeting on Saturday, October 13 is health care reform. U.S. Congresswoman, Allyson Schwartz will be in attendance and give us a first-hand report on what is happening in Washington, DC on this very important issue.

Congresswoman Schwartz represents Pennsylvania's 13th District, which includes both the close-knit neighborhoods of Northeast Philadelphia, as well as the first ring suburbs of Montgomery County. National and local media have noted Schwartz's effectiveness as a member of Congress. The Philadelphia Inquirer called Schwartz a leader "with especially impressive accomplishments" who "knows how to forge bipartisan coalitions with folks on the other side of the aisle" and described her appointment to the "influential" Committee on Ways and Means as evidence of her "clout"

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and “prominence in the local congressional delegation.” National Journal magazine called Schwartz a “rising star,” and correctly predicted that she is “likely to settle into an influential role” on the Hill.

Prior to her service in Congress, Representative Schwartz was a leading healthcare executive in Philadelphia and from 1990 to 2004 served as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, where she was considered one of the most

accomplished legislators for her ability to forge bipartisan partnerships.

After the meeting, there will be plenty of time to shop at the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Fine Arts Crafts Fair, which is being held on the other side of campus.

Thank you for your support of AAUW and I hope to see you on October 17th,

Kathy Shaginaw

AAUW-PA District 3 Coordinator

AAUW Pennsylvania

District 3 Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2009

10:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

Montgomery County Community College

340 DeKalb Pike (US-202) Blue Bell, PA 19422-0758

Learn more about the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Fine Arts Fair at:

<http://www.pacrafts.org/58781021113548370/site/default.asp>

Saturday, October 17th, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday October 18th 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

For directions to the MCCC Central Campus visit: <http://mc3.edu/aboutus/directions/cc.aspx>

AAUW-PA District 3 Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____ Branch: _____

Contact Information: e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions or special needs? _____

Please send check payable to “AAUW Makefield Area Branch” for \$18 (includes lunch) to:

Kathy Shaginaw, AAUW-PA District 3 Coordinator

808 Kent Drive, Yardley, PA 19067

For questions: district3@aauwpa.org, 215-736-9285

Registration Deadline: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Breaking Through Barriers For Women And Girls !

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

Topics:

AAUW Association Convention Update: Kate Sweeney, AAUW-PA Co-President

Health Care Reform: Walter Tsou, MD, MPH, Public Health and Health Policy Consultant

Social Networking 101: Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In, Second Life, . . .

Alternate Branch Structures

Gateway to Equity Award

Pay Equity / WAGE Project Dot McLane & Graham Boose

Another AAUW Opportunity:

**Women in Politics – Awareness
at Home and Abroad**

Women all over the world are interested in politics. How do we continue to keep this interest alive? **Through discussion and through education!!!**

Hosted by AAUW Pennsylvania

Join us November 14, 2009
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Pittsburgh Athletic Association
4215 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Lunch Buffet 12-1

Speakers:

Dr. Flora Mosaka-Wright, International Studies, University of Pittsburgh
Dr. Fatma El-Hamidi, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Public and Economic

Affairs, University of Pittsburgh; Online Professor, Social Development and Economics, University of Phoenix
University of Pittsburgh Nationality Room
Tours

Some Notable Leading Women Around the World

Angela Merkel- Chancellor of Germany
Tarja K Halonen- President of Finland
Vaira Vike-Freiberga- President of Latvia
Mary McAleese- President of Ireland
Luisa Diogo-Prime Minister of Mozambique
Chandrika Kumaratunga- President of Sri Lanka
Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo- President of the Philippines
Hillary R Clinton – Secretary of State, United States of America

Women in Politics – Awareness at Home and Abroad

Registration Form

Deadline: October 31, 2009

Name _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Payment of \$13 _____ (includes \$10.00 buffet and \$3.00 tour)

Friends of Public Policy donation _____

Do you wish assistance with finding overnight accommodations?

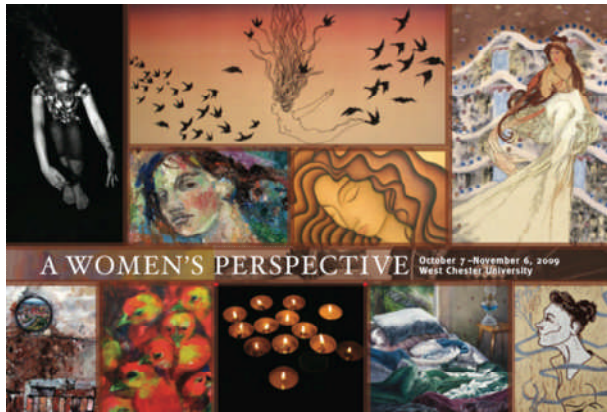
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***A Woman's Perspective* – Art Exhibition at West Chester University**

In conjunction with the annual PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) Women's Consortium Conference, a juried art exhibition will open on October 7th. This exhibition will include artwork by two of our AAUW members, Virginia da Costa and Nancy Rumfield. Both artists are also faculty members of the Art Department at West Chester University. The show includes work from women artists from PA, NJ, DE and MD. The exhibition opening will be Wednesday evening from 5:00 – 8:00 PM on October 7th. A closing is also planned for November 5th from 4:00 -6:00 PM. Artwork may also be viewed during regular business hours – Monday through Friday.

PASSHE Women's Consortium Annual Conference At WCU

The annual PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) Women's Consortium Conference will be held on November 5th and 6th at West Chester University. This will be the first time the conference is held on the West Chester campus. The conference will feature presentations from faculty, staff and students from across the state. This year's theme is *Creativity and Change: Women Shaping the Future*.

The Women's Consortium is a non-profit group that provides support for women faculty, staff and students. In addition to the conference the

Consortium supports the Leadership Institute for Undergraduate Women and the Leadership Institute for Faculty Women.

Non-consortium members may attend. To learn more about the conference schedule and costs visit: <http://passhewc.startlogic.com>

Art and Life in Egypt: Wissa Wassef Art Center

An excerpt from a Blog by Virginia da Costa

“We are greeted by Alfons, one of the art center's managers who is a wonderful guide and storyteller of this amazing complex. It started around 1953 as the dream of Ramses Wissa Wassef and his wife Suzanne to provide a creative outlet and minimal training in weaving to children of the village, particularly young girls. It is a mud brick complex with open studios. The women (primarily) who work there have keys to the loom rooms so they can set their own hours since most are housewives with families to take care of as well. In addition to wool/cotton tapestry weavings and cotton/cotton weavings, other studios are devoted to batik painting and pottery. Suzanne Wissa Wassef is a potter, she has one assistant handling the clay preparation and making glazes. Other than that, she creates all the plates, vases, and other items for sale. ...”

“Alfons takes Shayma and myself on a tour of the studios where we meet a total of six women and one man. Most are second generation weavers. We met a first generation weaver who started in 1954 at the age of eight. Another woman started in the 1960s at the age of fourteen. Their work is astonishing, woven sideways on the looms in designs that are entirely freehand. The weavings are created with yarns dyed in natural colors. In fact, Alfons went to the garden and dug around to show me the rose madder root used to create deep reds and softer oranges. Most of the colors are grown in the complex gardens - Ramses Wissa Wassef wanted his studios to be self sufficient. “

Read more about Virginia's travels at:
<http://fulbrightg.blogspot.com/>

Member Notes and News

Upcoming Meetings

Water In A Changing World

Saturday, November 14th - 10am-12noon

West Chester Borough Offices

Co-Sponsored By The LWV & AAUW --

An interactive panel of “hands on” experts, moderated by Stan Laskowski, President of the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative, will address how this vital resource directly affects the achievement of the eight UN Millennium Development Goals, how water and sanitation issues impede progress in developing countries, and what we can do to help.

Special Interest Groups

Couples Bridge

Couples Bridge will begin in October. We meet the 3rd Saturday evening monthly at members home. We are a social group and welcome all who like to play.

Those with questions about Couples Bridge or interested in joining the group may contact the chair, Carol Habig, 610-431-9987, whabig@verizon.net

Women’s Social Bridge 2009 - 2010

The Women’s Social Bridge Group meets on the 4th 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.

Book and Discussion Groups

Lit I (formerly Lit III): meets on the 4th Thursday during the day at 12:30 PM. For additional information contact: Martina Ossman, 610-793-1469; ossman1072@verizon.net.

Lit II, Fiction and Non-Fiction: meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
October 21st, 7:30 PM; People of the Book; Geraldine Brooks; Leader: Ann Boohar; Host: Donna Eaves, 610-692-5277;

November 18th, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Shaffer and Barrows
Leader: Phyllis Dunn , Host: Lyn Eaton, 610-696-3172.

Lit III, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

The Lit. IV discussion group meets on Monday evenings, every other month. You may contact Paula McGinness for more information, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work); pmcginness@chesco.com

Great Decisions

All programs for the Great Decisions Group take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Chester County Book Company. Contact: Jacky Page, 610-359-9887; martin_page@msn.com

Upcoming program:

October 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Topic: The U.S. and Rising Powers

Leader: Jacky Page

Finance Discussion Group

The Finance Discussion Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chester County Book Company. Participants are invited to bring related articles to share. For more information contact: Leslie Olson, 610-793-2983; olsonfour@aol.com

Knitting & Possibly Other Needlecraft

Contact Roselyn Cadoff, 610 256-2839; racadoff@verizon.net

FIG (Food Interest Group)

Food Interest Group (FIG) event of the month: contact Betty Bradford at 610-363-7974; wdbrad@verizon.net

Computer Interest Group

Office 2003 Applications; Interested? Contact Graham Boose, 610-405-2993; GDBoose@comcast.net

Travel Interest Group

Concept is to attend an interesting event and enjoy a meal out. Local events. If you can assist please notify: Kay Philipps, 610-399-0697, khp65khp@verizon.net or Louise Shea, 610-738-1233, MLShea35@aol.com



**West Chester-Chester County PA Branch
415 Sunset Hollow Rd.
West Chester, PA 19380**

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Meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 PM
50th Anniversary Meeting!

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, 1,000 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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