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Immigration: The Challenges and the Rewards

Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm networking, 7:30 pm program
Grove United Methodist Church
490 West Boot Rd., West Chester, PA 19380
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“Hi. I’m a female Hispanic immigration attorney in private practice in Chester County. My workload is 50% immigration cases, 25% criminal cases (includes a lot of domestic abuse), and 25% workman’s compensation cases. I myself became an attorney in Puerto Rico in 1976, came to the U.S. mainland in 1980, and began my immigration work with a local agency helping Hispanics. By the way, Hispanics don’t have a race. In 1986 I was the President of a social service agency in the Kennett Square area involved in helping to legalize and assimilate 3500 immigrants.” **Ubel Velez, Esquire**

Ubel Velez , Esquire, will talk to us about the laws that attorney and immigrant must follow, and the economic impact these laws and proposed new laws have/could have on the workforce in Chester County as well as relate some personal stories of immigrant women. To get to know Ubel before her presentation, attendees might want to read the children’s book written about her. *Ubel Velez: Lawyer* by Jennifer Bryant was published in 1991 and can be found in Chester County Libraries. For more information about the general topic of immigration, go to the League of Women Voters Website <http://www.lwv.org>.

The public is invited!! Come and learn. Do you know what a “green card” is? How many ways can a person enter this country and for what reasons? These are just two of the questions you might want answered. Lit II will provide refreshments and welcome you before Ubel speaks. -- Yvonne Peiffer

Domestic Violence Center Project

Please note that Ubel Velez requests that in lieu of a speaker’s fee, she would like AAUW to donate money to The Domestic Violence Center. Because our gift cards last December were so appreciated, we are asking you to buy gift cards of \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20 from K Mart, Rite Aid, Eckerds, Wal-Mart or Target – and bring them to the October Membership Meeting. Marian Stevenson will see that they are given to the Center from AAUW in Ubel Velez’s name.

Deadline for the combined November-December issue of AAUW Sum is Friday, October 12. Send articles as Word (.doc NOT .docx) attachments to GDBoose@comcast.net, with a copy to the Co-Presidents.

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Touching Base

– by Co-Presidents Roselyn Cadoff and Leslie Wachob

Our Branch is Playing & Working Together to Reach Our Goals

The September 11 potluck dinner kickoff meeting was great fun! We renewed old friendships and made new ones. We heard from our Special Interest Group representatives and considered forming additional groups. We had the opportunity to honor Barbara Leone, one of our hardworking members; to hear from Leslie Jean Allison, our inspiring Public Policy Chairperson; and to thank several members for their continuing efforts on behalf of our organization. We touched base in person, the old fashioned way.

In this day and age, we need to embrace new ways of touching base, in addition to the old. Many of us already use the computer, email, and the Internet, although we may not make use of this technology where AAUW is concerned. We should become aware that our national, state, and local organizations have websites with a wealth of material on them. Our local website is www.aauwchestercountypa.org. Not only does it contain basics about our branch, it also includes a way to communicate with other members. Leslie and Roselyn invite you to become familiar with this site and to use the “Contact Us” section to write news, report births and illnesses of our members and their families, to access and “touch base” with us. Thus the “fun” side of our branch can help the serious side. As we get to know each other and form friendships, working together for the AAUW mission – *advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research* – is facilitated.

The AAUW Educational Foundation works towards this mission. 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. Established in 1958, it has supported groundbreaking research exploring issues regarding women, girls and education. More than 8,000 women from 130 nations have

received EF support! Locally, our Branch often receives donations for EF. We do not now, however, have a specific fundraising activity earmarked for this cause. Leslie and Roselyn are asking you to participate now in just such a fundraiser. AAUW has published a series of books, *Profiles of Women, Past & Present*, that makes women’s history come alive. Roselyn brought back copies of these from the National Convention she attended in Phoenix this past summer, and would be pleased to show them to you. They may be purchased, singly or as a series, fairly

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Mission Statement

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

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**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!

Early reservation is \$45.00 if the reservation WITH PAYMENT is received by September 30th.

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 _____

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Please use additional sheet for additional guests.

Public Policy This Month

By Leslie Jean Allison, Public Policy Chair

Become a 2-Minute Activist. Go to aauw.org/issue and sign up or call Leslie Jean 610-436-1598.

And call LJ if you can help with **voter registration!** The **League of Woman Voters of Chester County would welcome assistance from AAUW members:**

9/ 29 East Bradford Day - Voter Registration, Stroud Preserve, 450 North Creek Rd. West Chester, PA, 11-4

10/6 **Household hazardous waste collection**
9-3 Government Services Building,
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA

10/ 14 new & prospective member kickoff party, Chester County Library - Exton 2 pm

Candidate Debate:

10/7 County Commissioners,
Chester County Library - Exton, 2-3

Voter Registration Deadlines

10/9--Last day to register before the Municipal Election

10/30 Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot



Representative Jim Gerlach, Sixth District PA, welcomed the chance to discuss Pay Equity with Leslie Jean Allison (middle), branch Public Policy Chair, and Mary Weeks (right), President, Business and Professional Women, PA. Research support to this critical issue is provided by Association.

Branch Needs YOUR Help for Convention, April 11-13, 2008

Our branch will be hosting the 2008 State AAUW Convention. Remember we **need volunteers now** and will need **many more during the convention**. So step up to the plate and offer your services and say "yes" if we ask you directly for your help. Graham and I will be ecstatic! **Plan also to attend the convention!** We can make this convention a

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inexpensively, for a daughter, granddaughter, niece, neighbor, friend, teacher, classroom, school or community organization, etc. Recommended as a resource by *Parents* magazine, *Profiles of Women, Past & Present* provides positive images of women and great role models for girls. See www.aauw.org, Roselyn, or Leslie for more information (but, if ordering, please do so through our branch). In addition, we would like to have someone take this on as an EF fundraising project. Please

bigger success with our numbers and our input. And, it is being held in our own back yard at The Inn at Chester Springs. Thanks. Yvonne Peiffer, 610-363-9535, Peiffer@erols.com Graham Boose, 610-431-7701, GDBoose@comcast.net See related story on page 6.

consider volunteering to coordinate this effort for our group.

Also, consider joining your AAUW friends at the PA Governor's Conference for Women on November 8, on the bus trip to New York City on November 14, and at the SIG(s) of your choice. Consider joining AAUW voices on Public Policy issues, about which Leslie Jean Allison will keep us informed.

We hope to hear from you, old style or new, and to see you on October 9th.

Update on ink cartridge recycling**Branch Ways & Means** by Nancy Dore, Chair

RECYCLING--There has been a change in how to recycle ink cartridges. We are no longer using the plastic mailers. If you have any ink cartridges, laser printer cartridges, or cell phones to be recycled, bring them to meetings for collection. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Dore at 610-725-0459.

Membership Outreach

by Barbara Leone & Carol Darlington, Membership Vice-Presidents

Please welcome our newest member, **April F. Moncrieff**. April is a resident of Phoenixville and earned a B.A. in English at Connecticut College and a Masters of Divinity (M. Div.) in Religious Studies at Emerson Institute. Currently she is working on her Doctorate in Religious Studies. In the past she has worked in the Great Valley School District in the English Department and taught piano and music theory in her home.

Please update your member Handbook with new membership information. Handbooks are available from Barbara Leone.

April Moncrieff

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Additional updates to the Handbook:

Delete Barb McIlvaine Smith's fax.

Add Joan Baxter's new address: 116 Stauffer Rd., Building 2-F-3, Pottstown, PA 19465

Add Beatriz Wee, 517 Astor Square, West Chester, PA 19380 (h) 610-594-2719 beatrizti@ctsi.net

Correct Roselyn Cadoff's email on page 19 to: racadoff@verizon.net

GIVE A GRAD A GIFT of a free 1 year national Member-At-Large (MAL) membership. To make this a full local branch/state membership, send a check for \$26.00 (West Chester-Chester County Branch) to Membership Co-VP: Carol Darlington, 715 South Caln Rd., East Fallowfield, PA 19320

The membership recipient information should include the following: name, address, phone no., e-mail address, and college with dates of degree(s) earned. (You can send this from our website, but your check must be provided through snail mail.)

To find out more about the Give A Grad A Gift program, go to the Association website www.aauw.org: Go to Member Center and click on Give A Grad A Gift.

Your RECORDS and Communication with Association:

Helpline Phone No.: 800 326 2289

Internet and email: Know your own Membership Number to change your record info (see directions on page 35 of the branch member Handbook).

Type in www.aauw.org and go to Member Center. Type in your Membership Number and set up a password. Make a note of that 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).

Immigration Study Group

The next Immigration Study Group Meeting will be in the library at Grove United Methodist Church from 2-4pm, October 22. Remember that this is a LWV Study and we are participating with The League of Women

Voters of Chester County, to learn and, hopefully, influence the national league's consensus on the subject of immigration policy. Questions? Contact Betsey Cullen at 610-793-4664. --Yvonne Peiffer

Welcome Our April AAUW-PA Convention Visitors

As the hosting branch of the 2008 Pennsylvania AAUW Convention, April 11-13 in Exton, we are asked to assemble "welcome/gift packets" for those attending. We are looking for assorted

items to include--pens, pencils, magnets, notepads, key chains, etc. Promotional items from local businesses are appreciated. 100-125 attendees are anticipated, but we will appreciate lesser quantities of goodies.

Branch Honors Barbara Leone



Dr. Sebronette Barnes, the branch's 2006 Outstanding Woman, presents a certificate of achievement to Barbara Leone, our 2007 Outstanding Woman. Barbara is serving as Co-Vice President for membership and was honored for her contributions to the community and to AAUW.

Branch Leadership Needs

Two members of the Nominating Committee will be elected at our October meeting. If you would like to suggest someone for this key position, please get her consent prior to nominating her.

In addition, a permanent editor of AAUW Sum is needed since Cassandra Jones, who was interested in the position, is now devoting her energy to running for West Chester Borough Council. Intermediate Word skills are needed and training is provided. Board position.

Please notify Elaine Burgess of any items you can contribute, 610-383-7018 or danb@chesco.com--or provide her with a contact name and address. Bring items to a branch meeting. We need them by not later than April 1, 2008. Thanks! --Elaine Burgess



Members Request YOUR HELP

Kay Philipps asks that you bring NEW SOCKS on October 9, for adults and kids, to benefit an RSVP initiative for twelve or more Chester County agencies that serve the needs of homeless and disadvantaged people.

Marian Stevenson is currently selling discount tickets at \$5.00 each for Saturday, October 13 at Macy's giving the shopper a 15% discount on most things that day only. Or, Boscov's on Tuesday October 16, with a 25% discount on most things that day. Benefits National Alliance on Mental Illness of Chester County.

Travel Lecture Tickets Available at Discount

Arlene Rengert is extending a special offer from the West Chester University Travel Adventures program for half-price tickets to the film-lecture, *The Other Side of Mexico*, presented by Fran Reidelberger, on Monday, October 15, at 7 pm. The regular ticket price is \$8.00; **call in advance**, 610-436-2155, to ask for the AAUW discount, to reserve your ticket at \$4.00 each. The program is held in Sykes Theater, WCU Student Center on Rosedale Avenue, West Chester. For more detail see www.wcupa.edu/traveladventures or call. The AAUW discount will apply also on Tuesday, October 16, at 7 pm for a repeat showing.

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, October 1, and November 5.

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: November 13, SUNDAY, December 9, Holiday Gala at The Hickman, West Chester;

PA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN--Thursday, November 8, all day, Convention Center, Philadelphia.

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. Moved to 4th Wednesday evening to suit members' convenience. *New members welcome.*

Couples Bridge -- Couples Bridge will meet on the third Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 pm, at a member's home. Please call Chair Kay Philipps at 610-399-0697 to offer your home, for your reservation, or 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 or Deaves812@aol.com.

Thursday, October 18, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Book is *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland. Mary Pinkney is the discussion leader. Hostess is Donna Eaves. *New members welcome.*

Lit III, Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

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

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Book is *Three Cups of Tea* (nonfiction) by Greg Mortensen. Bette Twaddell is the discussion leader. Hostess is Kay Philipps, 610-399-0697. *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. No meeting in October. *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. No October meeting. *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. October service activity will be to prepare dinner for moms and kids in single parent support group at the YWCA. *Singles and new members welcome.*

Finance Discussion Group -- Leslie Olson chairs the group, olsonfour@aol.com or 610-399-1371.

SATURDAY, October 20, 3 pm, field trip to southern Chester County, read *The Last Harvest*.

Member & Botanical Illustrator Carol Haibig to Exhibit at East Bradford Day, September 29, 11-4 pm, Stroud Preserve, North Creek Rd., West Chester.



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OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

- **Meeting is Oct. 9, 7 pm**
- **Sign up for NY Trip, November 14**
Discount available prior to 9/30

AAUW Mission Statement

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

AAUW Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch Vision Statement

The West Chester-Chester County Branch will

- Actively recruit members who support Association goals.
- Nurture these members through active Interest Groups, through monthly meetings with intellectual and social merit, and through member support.
- Sponsor at least one project per year with volunteers and with funds to promote Association and branch goals.
- Sponsor at least one local scholarship per year for a nontraditional student
- Support programs for training and self-development of branch members to promote Association goals.
- Raise funds through community projects and member gifts to support Association goals.

Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 100,000 members, 1,300 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW contributes to a more promising future and provides a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored.

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