

Financial Independence: Considerations for Women Seminar

Tuesday, April 10, 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

What a woman needs: “From 14 to 40 she needs good looks; from 40 to 60 she needs personality; and I’m here to tell you after 60, she needs cash.”--Mary Kay Ash

Are you comfortable with your finances? Do you wish you could help your children or grandchildren be more financially savvy than you were at their ages? Then this is the seminar for you.

Michele Melville, Vice President, Wachovia Corporation, will address *Financial Independence: Considerations for Women* at our April meeting. She will give us an overview of how women’s



**Michele Melville, Vice-President,
Wachovia Corporation**

financial lives are different from those of men and what steps we need to take during various times in our lives to help ensure our goals, whether they are personal, professional, or related to retirement.

Melville has been with Wachovia Corporation for 11 years and has 20 years experience in personal finance. She holds Securities Licenses through the NASD; Series 7 and 24. She is a native of upstate New York and attended Niagara University. She currently resides in Charlotte, NC, with her husband and two sons.

This program is open to the community, so please bring a friend or two.

It is a *Shape the Future* membership event, offering reduced membership rates. **Thanks in advance to Leslie Olson and the Finance Study Group for greeting and bringing refreshments.**

Please bring paper products for the Domestic Violence Center. See page 4 for details.

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Next AAUW Sum DEADLINE (for the May issue) is April 12. Email Word attachment to GDBoose@comcast.net, with a copy to peiffer@erols.com. Pam is on vacation this month.

Reaching Out –

Equal Pay Day Observance is April 24

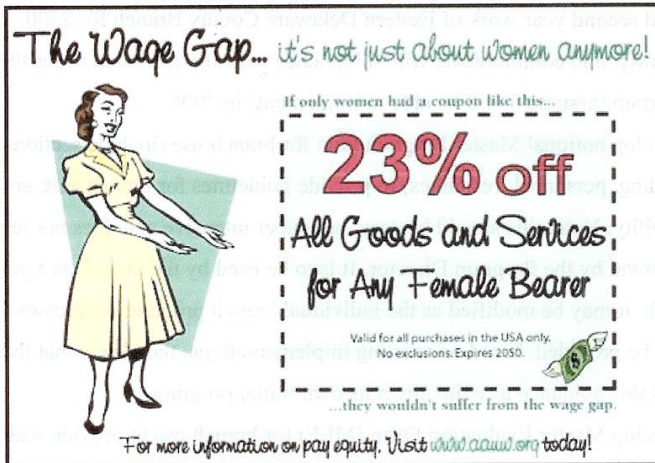
To match men's earnings for 2005, women have to work from January 2006 to April 2007, an extra four months!

Get involved with the e-postcard campaign Send an AAUW e-card! Because equity is still an issue!

Tell your friends and family about the importance of pay equity and encourage other women to do the same!

You can send this “e-postcard” by going to this link:

http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm#pay



In 2005, the most recent year for which data is available, women continue to earn only 77 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts. Minority women face a larger wage gap. Although the number of women attaining baccalaureate and advanced degrees now surpasses the number of men, it has not translated into equal income.

In 2004, a typical college-educated woman working full-time earned \$31,223 a year, compared to \$40,798 for a college-educated man – a stark difference of \$9,575!

Remind the country and our leaders that equity is still an issue, and equal pay is essential in eliminating wage discrimination. AAUW believes that equal pay for equal work is a simple matter of justice for women.

Wage discrimination impacts the economic security of families today and directly affects retirement security as women look down the road.

by Public Policy Chair Leslie Jean Allison

AAUW will continue to advocate within Congress and the administration to ensure that current equal pay laws are enforced, and to urge that appropriate measures to more thoroughly address the wage gap be passed. Let your voice be heard, as well. Send an e-card. Because equity is still an issue!

Public Policy

If you are interested in learning more about AAUW's public policy priorities, please visit the Issue Advocacy section of the AAUW website

<http://www.aauw.org/takeaction/index.cfm>.

From this page, you can access the AAUW Voting Record, Fact Sheets and Position Papers; subscribe to the AAUW Action Network.

BRANCH TO BE DISCONTINUED???

The Nominating Committee nominates Carol Darlington for Co-Vice President for Membership; Joan Baxter for Recording Secretary; and Helen Reid for Corresponding Secretary.

This BRANCH WILL NOT CONTINUE unless a President (or Co-Presidents or Team) agrees to serve. Contact Yvonne Peiffer or Graham Boose by April 2 if you will help continue the Branch.

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.

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You are invited to dine out with us!
Let's Celebrate – Our 125-Year Heritage & Our Future:
Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand
Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 6:30 pm
Riverstone Café, Whiteland Towne Center
Exton, PA 19341

Sign up below to dine with us at the Riverstone Café, where we can dine and socialize with other members and guests of AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch. We will all be the program (scripted ahead of time); so we can learn something, enjoy good food and have fun, while also honoring our Scholarship recipient and installing our new officers. (You may remember that the Executive Chef at the Riverstone, Anthony DiStefano, came to Grove Church for January's Program on Tapas.)

Your Banquet facilitators, Elaine Burgess and Yvonne Peiffer, have chosen the following menu for dinner on May 8:

- Tossed Garden Salad with your choice of dressing**
Citrus Crusted Salmon (marinated Atlantic salmon filet, boutique vegetables, rice)
OR
Grilled Chicken & Radiatore Pasta (grilled chicken breast, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh Mozzarella, basil pesto sauce over radiatore)
Chocolate or Vanilla Ice Cream
Iced tea, soda or coffee

Total Cost: **\$25.00 per person** (includes meal, tax and gratuity). Wine or other alcoholic beverages will be extra ó payable that evening. We will be using the banquet room in the back of the Riverstone Restaurant. (Winners Circle Sports Grille entrance to your left and the Riverstone Restaurant Entrance to your right.)

Directions to Restaurant: The Riverstone is located in the Whiteland Towne Center directly across Route 100 from the Big Kmart in Exton. Coming **North** on Rt 100, cross Business Route 30. Go to the first traffic light, and make a left into the shopping center. Then make the first right and another immediate right into the parking lot of the restaurant. Coming **South** on Route 100, cross Waterloo Blvd (called Swedesford Road on left side) and make first right, then proceed as above. Coming **East** on Business Route 30 turn left at Route 100 and come to the first traffic light. See above. Coming **West** on Business Route 30 make a right at Route 100 and go to the first traffic light. See above. **Make checks payable to AAUW West Chester Branch and mail to: Yvonne Peiffer, 408 Crump Road, Exton, PA 19341-1519. Deadline is May 1.**

Cut here and return form with your check.

May 8 Banquet

Member attending _____ **Choice of Entrée Salmon** ___ **or Chicken** ___

Phone _____

Name of Guest _____ **Choice of Entrée Salmon** ___ **or Chicken** ___

Total Amount Enclosed at \$25.00 per person _____

Financial Officer's Report

The Income and Expenses Report for July 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007 shows the following balances:

Checking - \$1,447.03

CD Account (11/21) - \$2,540.64

CCCF - Alice Lawson Fund (12/31/06) - \$24,515.65

Let's Read Math (9/30/06) - \$1,072.50

--Rosemary Brown MacDonald, Financial Officer

Domestic Violence Center Project

Thank you very much for your donations.

I took 6 bottles of laundry detergent to the center along with 2 pillows, 3 bedside lamps, 1 clock, a bag of sheets and pillow cases, a bag of towels, 3 blankets, and some cleaning powders. This month as you shop, please pick up an item for the Center: new baby bottles, Pampers sizes 4 & 5, and sanitary napkins. Bring to the April meeting.

--Marian Stephenson, Chair

League of Women Voters of Chester County (LWVCC) Committee

LWVCC Two Year Immigration Study Update

Jacky Page, Sandi Kwisz, and Yvonne Peiffer, as AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch members, have been part of (when possible) this group study on Immigration.

Although it is a national study for the League, each individual League contributes information based on its own location. For example the Chester County League has been studying immigration from the US, Pennsylvania and Chester County perspectives, as well as doing interviews in our area with Immigrants and those who hire or service Immigrants (including lawyers, educators and government officials).

The common text being used is *Immigration and America's Future: a New Chapter* (Migration Policy Institute, 2006 -- can be ordered from amazon.com). It is not too late to join the group. Call Betsey Cullen at 610-793-4664 or e-mail her at ewcullen@yahoo.com. Feel free to also call Yvonne Peiffer at 610-363-9535 to answer any questions you might have about AAUW's interest and involvement in this study. **The next meeting will be on April 21 at 10 a.m. in the library of Friends Home, 147 W. State Street, Kennett Square, PA.**

Thanks to Kathryn Retallick and the Great Decisions Special Interest Group for greeting and bringing refreshments in March.

Board Highlights from March

- ✓ Decided to send copies of recent EF research on sexual harassment in schools to middle schools, high schools, and colleges--as funding permits. If you are interested in reading one of the reports, please contact Graham, GDBoose@comcast.net, to borrow one.
- ✓ National Girls Collaborative Project--Dot McLane (our State President) is the Northern Middle Atlantic Region (AAUW) representative to this program, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation to AAUW National. The idea is for folks doing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects for girls to be in touch with each other. We will register our GETT and LRM projects.
- ✓ Let's Read Math--Honor Society at West Chester University is interested in training, and, perhaps, doing program.

TO KEEP AAUW AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION, YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL

Branch Activities / Interest Groups: Please check any of the following that interest you:

Branch Administration

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

Study & Discussion Groups

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

Bridge

- Bridge (Women) _____
- Bridge (Couples) _____
- Community Outreach**
- Girls Exploring Technology _____
- Let's Read Math _____
- Domestic Violence Center _____
- Girl Recognition (proposed) _____

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

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

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Degrees _____ Job Changes: _____

We'd like to know what you like/don't like about the branch and the programs this year.

About the newsletter AAUW Sum--

Do you read part or all of it regularly?

What do you like/not like?

Suggestions for improvement

Thank you for your help.

Handbook Updates

If you have not kept up with changes to your Member Handbook since September, here is the total list. Please keep it with your Handbook.

Disclaimer: If what we've added or changed is not what you want printed in the next Handbook, please tell us now. Thank you. Use the Dues Payment form.

Note the following corrections and additions:

Page 6--Tuesday, November 14, Spark to

Flame: Movers and Shakers, the panelist listed

as Carol Birmingham should instead read Carol

Darlington

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Branch Volunteers Support GETT, Present Equity Award

On Saturday, March 24, the seventh annual Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) event was held at the Chester County Intermediate Unit, with approximately 130 girls eager to find out all about robots, how computer technology is used to diagnose patients, how those jingles that entice us to buy products are developed, how videoconferencing is being used to bridge the continents, and, most importantly, how they can envision themselves in those worlds as a productive employee or entrepreneur.

Keynote speaker, Anne Marie Dunphy, CFO and Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of identiMetrics, Inc, of Malvern, established expectations first thing by telling the young women to stand up, and physically tear up pieces of paper imprinted with the word IMPOSSIBLE. The young women spent the rest of the day in short sessions with hands-on experience with today's technology, both software and hardware. Their parents spent the day learning how to monitor the Internet, how to finance college, and how, in general, to be supportive of their daughters' dreams.

Although she was unable to participate in the day this year due to a family emergency, our own Mary Smith has been a driver of the event for each of its 7 years. It was she who involved branch volunteers from the beginning. This year we were responsible for the registration desk, and had a record-number of members, friends, and significant others involved in getting everyone registered and into their correct groups. Friday volunteers stuffed all the goodie bags for girls and their parents. Thanks to all our volunteers! They are Cathy and Dick Palmquist, Yvonne and John Peiffer, Fran Pierce, Anne Crowley, Mindy Edwards, Mary Ann Good, Fran Pierce, Sandi Kwisz, Samia Kahn-Rishi, Bette Twadell, Kay Philipps, Diane Nescio, Kathryn Retallick, Leslie Olson, Nancy Dore, Donna Eaves, Barbara Leone, Dorothy Ward, and Graham Boose. In addition, Shemica Johnson accompanied students from Scott Junior High in Coatesville.

The branch honored the GETT Planning Committee with its first *Gateway to Equity*

Award promoting the AAUW Mission of equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Mame Linford, Chair of the 2007 Planning Committee, accepted the award from Co-President Graham Boose. The award was established in 2006 by AAUW-PA, and branch members were asked to nominate candidates for the award for consideration by our branch Board.



Some of Saturday's volunteers relax for a moment after registration. They are Donna Eaves, Leslie Olson (font row), Kay Phillipps, Nancy Dore, Co-Presidents Graham Boose and Yvonne Peiffer, and Kathryn Retallick (back row).



Mame Linford, GETT Planning Committee Chair, accepts first Branch Gateway to Equity Award at GETT closing ceremonies. The award recognizes the project for its commitment to promoting technology career paths for girls. Membership Vice-President Barbara Leone and Scholarship Chair Dorothy Ward (back to camera) join with Co-President Graham Boose, in extending congratulations.

SAVE THE DATES

Branch Board Meetings

Members are invited to attend. All Board meetings are held at the West Goshen Township Municipal Building. Community Room, first floor. The building is located at 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380, 610-696-5266. It is the northeast corner of the intersection of Route 202 and Paoli Pike. Mondays: April 2; TUESDAY, May 1, and Monday, June 4 (joint board meeting). Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:00 pm, Program Planning Meeting.

Branch Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 8--May Gala at Riverstone Café, Exton

If you can give a member a ride, please do so. If you would like a ride, no promises, let Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-President, know.

State Conventions

State Convention, April 27-29, 2007--Scranton.

Leadership Training Meeting--i.e., State--Saturday, July 14, 2007, 10 am- 3 pm--Lewisburg, PA--fun and informative--please plan to go

State Convention, April 11-13, 2008, at the Inn at Chester Springs.

Association Convention (National)

AAUW National Convention, June 29-July 2--Phoenix, AZ.

PA Governor's Conference for

Women, Philadelphia Convention Center, Thursday, November 8. All day.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Women's Social Bridge. *New members welcome.* Beatriz Wee chairs the group. If you have questions or want to play bridge, please contact Beatriz: 610-594-2719 (h) or beatrizti@ctsi.net.

Couples Bridge. Kay Philipps chairs the group. *New members welcome.* Couples Bridge will be held on Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p m at the home of Roselyn and Herb Cadoff. Please call Roselyn at 610-363-8881 to say you're coming

Strictly Social--New Group

The Food Interest Group (FIG) is having a Kentucky Derby Party at Cathy Palmquist's on April 14th at 7:00 pm. It is open to all members and their guest and is singles-friendly. To attend, contact Cathy by April 7th at 610-431-7982 or cathyp@neoethos.com

Book and Discussion Groups

Lit II, Fiction and Nonfiction

Chair is Donna Eaves, (h) 610-692-5277; (o) 610-344-6350; email deaves@chesco.org. *New members welcome.*

Thursday, April 19, 7:30 pm, dessert, 8:00 pm, book discussion. Book is *1776*, by David

McCullough. Host is Elma Mack at The Hickman, 400 North Walnut St., West Chester.

Lit III, Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

Chair is Martina Ossman, (h) 610-793-1469, email: ossman1072@aol.com. *New members welcome.*

Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 pm, dessert, 8:00 pm, book discussion. Book is *Passage to Africa* (nonfiction) by George Alagiah. Host is Martina Ossman, 610-793-1469. Leader is Elaine Burgess.

Lit IV— Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group Meets every second month.

Chair is Paula McGinness. *New members welcome.* Lit IVô The Lit IV discussion group will not meet in April. Please call Paula if you have a question, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

Finance Discussion Group

Chair is Leslie Olson, 610-793-2938 or olsonfour@aol.com. Meets at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West (continued on next page)

SAVE THE DATES (continued)

Goshen Shopping Center, Route 202 and Paoli Pike, West Chester. *New members welcome.* Wednesday, April 18, from 7-9 pm the topic will be *What's Happening in PA?* -- with each group member contributing on parts of Governor Rendell's programs for health care, taxes, schools, open records, etc.

Wednesday, May 16, from 7-9 pm the topic will be *Unions: Are They on the Rise or Headed For Extinction?* Discussion leader to be announced.

Wednesday, **September 19**, from 7-9pm the topic will be *The Workforce Structure.* More info before the September newsletter.

Great Decisions — NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.**Great Decisions --- No meeting in April.**

However mark your calendars for Mondays May 14 and June 11, 2007. Kathryn Retallick will lead the discussion on May 14 -- Chapter 3 "Mexico: neighbor in turmoil" in the 2007 Edition of *Great Decisions*; and Jacky Page will lead the discussion on June 11 -- Chapter 5 "South Africa: facing new challenges.ö

Meetings continue to be at 1:30 pm at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, Route 202 at Paoli Pike, West Chester. Call Interest Group Leader Jacky Page re ordering the book or with questions -- 610-359-9887. Central location and good parking. All are welcome -- so join us for some stimulating discussions and great relationship building.

Immigration Study Group (with League of Women Voters of Chester County

Saturday, April 21 at 10 am, in the library of Friends Home, 147 W. State Street, Kennett Square, PA.

Community Calendar**Uwchlan Conservation Trust**

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00-9:00 pm, at the 1756 Uwchlan Meeting House, intersection of Rtes. 100 and 113, Lionville. Pam Powell, from the Chester County Historical Society will present *How Old Is That Photograph?* Free and open to the public. Bring a photo for assessment. Refreshments. --From Graham Boose

HANDBOOK UPDATES (CONTINUED)

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A Legacy of Leadership

**West Chester-Chester County PA Branch
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***APRIL 2007
NEWSLETTER***

- **President(s) needed**
- **Dues notice for 2007-2008**
- **Sign up sheet for May Gala**

AAUW Mission Statement (2006)

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

AAUW Vision Statement (2006)

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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