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SPRING GALA and BANQUET

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Socializing and dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program: 7:30 p.m.

The Arts Scene, 530 East Union Street, West Chester, PA 19382

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Come to this beautiful new gallery and performance space—share the excitement of contemporary art—admire the imaginative and handsome venue—SHOP for treasures.

Join us for the final membership meeting of the 2005-06-program year!

We will begin our meeting a little early, as is our custom with the May meeting. We will socialize over a tantalizing buffet of substantive finger foods, sip wine, and nibble on luscious desserts to begin our evening. Then we will induct our new Board members and celebrate the great year we have just completed.

Dr. Sebronette Barnes, branch member and Associate Professor in the Fine Arts Department at Cheyney University, where she is also Director of the Arts and Lecture Series, is our speaker and concert performer. She was awarded an AAUW Educational Foundation grant in 1998 for her research on African-American composer Margaret Bonds, whose songs she included on the recording *You Can Tell the World: Songs by African American Women Composers*. Those of you who enjoyed her holiday songs in December won't want to miss her May performance! Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 2. Our *Spring Banquet* is always one of the highlights of our program year – a great chance to visit with AAUW friends before the summer break and/or to bring a friend and prospective new member!

Ladies, we ask that you bring your checks for Association's Educational Foundation (EF) to this meeting. You heard in April how EF helped our speaker Dr. Denise Dowell with her doctoral work. You will hear this evening what her EF grant meant to our own Sebronette Barnes. You know that EF supports our *Let's Read Math* Program at the YWCA of Chester County. Checks to AAUW Educational Foundation are tax deductible. Also please bring gently used English language children's books for the Mary D. Lang Elementary School, Kennett Square.

Dues are due by May 31—see page 7. Please complete Program Survey page 9.

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**Deadline for September AAUW Sum is August 1.
 Send inputs to Pam Gallimore,
 pgallimore@ccp.edu**

Reaching Out ----- by Graham Boose with Susan Nensteil State Convention Honors Branch; Focuses on Women in Government

Members of The American Association of University Women in Pennsylvania gathered in Johnstown to attend the 77th AAUW PA Convention March 31 – April 2. I was fortunate to be among the over 100 members who participated.

The branch was awarded Four Stars for its community programs and demonstrated commitment to the AAUW mission of education and equity for all women and positive societal change. In addition, the branch was awarded the Impact Award for Public Policy Achievement for our *Let's Read Math* program, currently in use at the YWCA of Chester County and being launched in area libraries and public school venues, through generous funding from the AAUW Educational Foundation and Verizon's *Check Into Literacy* program. Other branch awards included recognition for our membership program (2 awards) and support to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (2 awards).

The convention program featured four speakers representing a variety of issues. Friday evening, Dr. Laura Violand, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund plaintiff, spoke of her case against George Washington University for equal pay for equal work and how the Fund has helped her with legal fees.

Drs. Allyson Lowe and Sara Grove of Chatham College's Center for Women, Politics and Public Policy delivered the keynote address Saturday. They provided an update on the status of women serving in elected office. The Center received AAUW PA's first state Gateway to Equity Award for its work in promoting equity for all women. Following the keynote, workshops on public policy, running for public office, grant writing and collaboration and challenges women face on college campuses were held.

Milena Deric, an AAUW Educational Foundation Fellow, presented her research on human trafficking. Milena, a native of Belgrade, is completing her studies at the

University of Pittsburgh. Milena is one of several hundred women who received financial support this year from the AAUW Educational Foundation.

Sunday morning, Connie Hildebrand, AAUW public policy committee member, closed the convention with remarks about the public policy program and the new AAUW initiative launched this summer, "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security."

Delegates elected Dot McLane of Lansdale as state president and Anita Duvall of Towanda as program vice president. Karen Rowe of York thanked the delegates for the honor of serving as president for the past two years. McLane and Duvall will begin their duties July 1.



Dot McLane, incoming AAUW-PA President, and Karen Rowe, immediate past President, congratulate Branch President Graham Boose, for outstanding branch achievements.

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. Deadline for January is December 1. Deadline for September is August 1.

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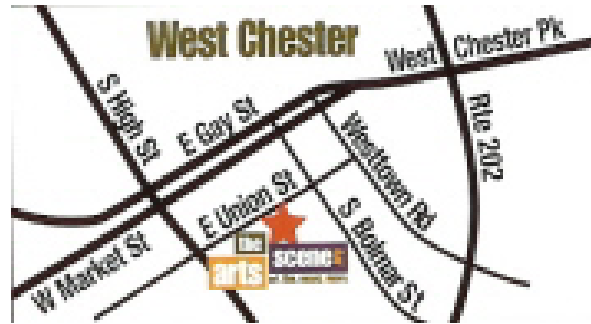
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From Leslie Jean Allison—The Mary D. Lang Elementary School in Kennett Sqaure needs English language books. “The Kennett Square Lions Club has done a book drive. The principal hopes to get enough books so that the children can take a book home with them. Most of the kids don't have books in English in their homes. Do you think maybe our AAUW chapter could do something to help?” **Ladies, if you bring a new or gently used elementary age book to the May meeting, we will get them to the school.**

Please detach and mail by **Tuesday, May 2** with your check to:

Hilary Kennedy

9 McIlvain Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335

Phone: 610-269-5205

YES, I plan to attend our gala on May 9th. Enclosed is \$ _____ (**\$17 per person**) for _____ **reservation(s)** Please make checks payable to **AAUW West Chester–Chester County**.

I want to make a donation of \$ _____ to the Association Educational Foundation **AND/OR** a donation of \$ _____ to help to provide a membership to an eligible AAUW member who could use some financial assistance with dues, *i.e.*, Members Helping Members.

Name(s) _____ **Phone number** _____

Name(s) of Guests _____

Please write a separate check to the branch for your donations. Include your intent in the memo field.

Want to save \$.39? Include your dues info form and check also (see page 7)

Thanks to Branch for GETT Support by Mary Smith, Branch Project Liaison



Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT): The biggest and best event ever! Another year of GETT has come and gone and left a lasting experience on 156 girls in grades 6-12. We had 77 adults sign in and there were another 50+ volunteers, etc.

In other words, we were packed! GETT thanks the AAUW women: Cathy Palmquist, Yvonne Peiffer, Kathryn Retallick, Graham Boose, Donna Eaves, Beatriz Wee, Dorothy Ward and Barbara Leone who helped so diligently with the registration table, which got a little crazy at times and stuffing of the GETT bags the night before. In addition, Ann Fife served as technical support to the presenters. The branch also supplied books to the participants.

Our keynote speaker was Amy Brunner of the Penn State Center for Nanotechnology Education. We had 7 different break-out sessions: Eye scan technology, taking apart computers, music technology, engineering, gaming for girls, web conferencing and programming with "Alice" of which each



girl was assigned to four different sessions. By the surveys we read at the end of the day everyone had a great time. This is a comment I received from a GETT girl, "Wow! This thing was so awesome; I hope that when I start my career, they ask me to come and present something!" This event excites me so much! If this is any indication as to how an event touches someone's lives it is well worth the time and effort spent. We are already planning for next year's event and plan on AAUW's playing a continuing role.

First Ms. Art Festival Benefits Women's Commission--Sunday, May 7

SUNDAY, May 7 – *Ms. Art Festival*, celebrating female artists of Chester County, is being hosted by the Chester County Women's Commission (CCWC) at The Farmhouse at People's Light & Theatre Company, 39 Conestoga Road, Malvern, from 2 – 5 p.m. Live and silent art auctions will feature paintings, sculpture, multimedia, woodwork, stained glass, and jewelry from over 50 female artists from throughout Chester County.

The festival is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 and include hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. For tickets or further information about the event or CCWC, call 610-344-4439, email:

info@chestercountywomenscommission.org

Member Carol Habig has donated a work.

Chester County Citizens for Quality Healthcare

Guest Speakers:

Winslow Murdoch, MD - Boutique Medicine

Kathy Geyer - The New Medical Savings Accounts

Ruth Holland, MD – Patient Safety

Thursday, May 4, 2006

7:15 p.m.

**East Goshen Township Building
1580 Paoli Pike - Community Room
West Chester, Pa**

The branch is a co-sponsor of this organization.

The current program was organized by the League of Women Voters of Chester County.

We Welcome New Members by Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-President

With great pleasure, I welcome the following new members:

Carol Darlington (Mrs. Walter)

715 South Caln Rd.

East Fallowfield, PA 19320-4539

610-384-7459 (h)

Bkrdr2@yahoo.com (email)

Carol is a retired classroom teacher, currently active in the community, and will join our *Let's Read Math* project.

Janet Emanuel

704 Inverness Drive

West Chester, PA 19380

610-429-1018 (h) 610-696-8225 (w)

jemanuel@earthlink.net (email)

Janet is working as a legal administrator, is a member of the East Goshen Zoning Hearing Board, is active in the community, and is a friend of new member Sheila Kanter.

Samia Rishi (Mrs. Mazhar)

105 West Clay Creek Lane

Kennett Square, PA 19318

610-925-0862 (h) 302-540-0623 (w)

Samiakr@hotmail.com (email)

Samia has a part-time accounting business, is board member of the Islamic Society of Chester County, and volunteers at Philadelphia's Council on American-Islamic Relations, whose mission is to build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. Samia spoke to our October membership meeting about *Women of Islam*. Samia is interested in working on our public policy/public relations committee.

Cathy Cuerden (Mrs. Harry)

212 Bethel Road

Glen Mills, PA 19392

610-459-2145 (h) 610-933-8877 (w)

catcue@yahoo.com (email)

Cathy is working as a media specialist/librarian and is active in the community and as a GETT volunteer. She is interested in working on our Scholarship Committee and Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology committee.

Anita Foreman (Mrs. Darrell)

24 Tullamore Drive

West Chester, PA 19382

610-793-2467 (h) office is same

610-793-0267 (fax)

Anita1022@comcast.net (email)

Anita is president of her own public relations firm, Anita Foreman Public Relations, and has been active in the community for many years. She will work on our public policy/public relations committee and Great Decisions.

Judy Harris (Ted Stevenson)

214 Caramel Circle

Coatesville, PA 19320

610-466-9311 (h) 610-383-9664 (w)

610-383-0514 (fax)

Jharris313@comcast.net (email)

Judy works outside the home, and is active with the Chester County Leadership Program and in the community. She will work on the Scholarship Committee and with GETT.

Shemica Johnson

801 Lexington Way

Morgantown, PA 19543

SLJ1046@aol.com

Shemica works as a reading specialist and is a volunteer at the Care Center for Christ in West Chester. She is interested in our Scholarship Committee, public relations, Great Decisions, and Let's Read Math committees.

Norma George

200 Crum Creek Drive

Woodlyn, PA 19094

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610-399-2379 (fax) ngeorge@cheyney.edu

Norma is an Assistant Professor at Cheyney University and Coordinator of International Programs. She is interested in our Scholarship committee, the Finance Discussion group, and our publications.

Branch Launches Web Site

The branch launched its web site in early April to provide news to the community and to improve our visibility.

Go to <http://www.aauwchestercountypa.org> and tell us what you think. Thanks Joyce Marr and Ann Fife for leadership and technical design skills, and to Debra Gallek of Beacon Technologies for working with us and for implementation.

Board Selects Pam Gallimore as Emerging Star

The Board has selected Pam Gallimore, our awesome AAUW Sum Editor, for the 2005-2006 Emerging Star Award. Each year, the Board recognizes a first-time member of the Board who has contributed above and beyond the Board's expectations and has made significant contributions as we implement our branch mission. AAUW-PA awards a certificate to our nominee.

"Pam has served as our enthusiastic newsletter editor for one year, and is really on top of branch activities and those at State and Association levels.

Each month she creates a communication that is informative, fun to read, and one that



represents us well in the community. She is broadening her knowledge of the Educational Foundation as she serves as our liaison. She shares her professional enthusiasm for students, an invaluable

asset, as we seek to reach out to potential younger members."

Pam is Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs at Community College of Philadelphia, a single mom, and a graduate student at Villanova University.

Congratulations and thanks!

New Project for Domestic Violence Shelter Needs Chair

At our March meeting and as part of our response to the Blueprint Project, attendees suggested that we reinvigorate our support to the Domestic Violence Shelter in West Chester. The way the committee has worked in the past is that a chair contacted the Center each month to determine what items were most needed, and then wrote up a paragraph for the newsletter. The following month, members brought items to the membership and special interest group meetings, and the chair was responsible to

ensure the items were delivered promptly to the Center.

At its April meeting the Board endorsed reinstating the project. SO ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS A CHAIR—WILL YOU HELP?

Amount of time required each month is less than 3 hours, and the project could well make a difference in the lives of many women. Contact Graham if you will chair, 610-431-7701, or GDBoose@comcast.net

Board Highlights

- ✓ Reviewed branch awards from convention-congratulations to all!
- ✓ Formally made GETT a project since we are now being publicly recognized, in addition to providing volunteers
- ✓ Formally adopted recommendation from March meeting to revive assistance project with Domestic Violence Shelter
- ✓ Let's Read Math training will be provided to West Chester Area School District teachers on April 27. Paula McGinness and a volunteer from the Honey Brook Library will attend. No response as yet from initial contact with West Chester Library. Leslie Jean Allison also plans to attend in

preparation for summer program at YWCA of Chester County.

- ✓ General feeling about occasional emails on timely topics to membership was positive.

Fran Pierce, Co-Vice President for Program and Chair of March's Blueprint Project meeting, enjoys a very brief moment of relaxation with facilitator Barbara McIlvaine Smith.



DUES NOTICE 2006 - 2007 West Chester-Chester County Branch

Your membership in AAUW, the vital organization for the promotion of equity, education, and self-development for women, will afford you both personal and professional satisfaction. Our local branch provides timely, interesting, and informative monthly programs, special community events and projects as well as special interest groups. This variety of activities offers the opportunity to engage in stimulating discussions with a lively group of curious, competent and caring women. We are pleasantly different yet sufficiently alike to provide a most rewarding association seeking to make an *impact* in the community.

Consider your dues an investment in the AAUW mission of educational opportunities and equity for all women and girls. Dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, Branch Scholarship Fund, Members Helping Members, or Let's Read Math Program, please include a separate annotated check for this purpose.

Membership Renewal

Due date: May 31, 2006

Amount: Member: \$71.00 (Branch, State & National)
Life Member & Honorary Life Member \$26.00 (Branch & State only)

Check payable to **AAUW: West Chester-Chester County Branch**
MAIL check & form to **Barbara Leone Membership VP**
1311 Robynwood Lane, West Chester, PA 19380

NAME: _____

Suggestions for future programs/ speakers: _____

Suggestions for new interest groups/activities: _____

Suggestions for new fund raisers: _____

To lower postage/printing costs will you receive Newsletter via e-mail?
Yes: E-mail address: _____ No

Contribution to _____ Fund: \$ _____ Please include contribution by separate check

TO KEEP AAUW AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION, YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL

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

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Board Position _____ | Great Decisions _____ | Let's Read Math _____ |
| Program Committee _____ | Finance Discussion _____ | Newsletter Production _____ |
| Membership Committee _____ | Book Group (Mon. Eve) _____ | Newsletter Circulation _____ |
| Scholarship Committee _____ | Book Group (Wed. Eve) _____ | Handbook Coordinator _____ |
| Public Relations _____ | Book Group (Thur Eve) _____ | Website Coordinator _____ |
| Fund Raising _____ | Bridge (Women) _____ | Girls Exploring Technology _____ |
| Public Policy _____ | Bridge (Couples) _____ | |

Below please report **CHANGES only** for the Handbook:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Degrees _____ Job Changes: _____

For newsletter:

Awards: _____

Community involvement: _____ Anything else? _____

Financial Report (As of March 31, 2006)

Checking Account	\$ 2338.65
Short Term CD	2500.49
Fund Balances:	
Let's Read Math	286.18
Members Helping Members	209.00

Chester County Community Foundation:	
Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund	22,279.11
Let's Read Math (from Verizon)	4,875.00
--Nancy Dore, Financial Officer	

Look what we are doing.....

Your Board has wanted to have a column with Member news, while respecting members' privacy. We started this column recently and look to you for inputs. August 1 is next deadline. Thank you.

Donna Anderson has led the Woman's Community Club of Uwchlan as President for the past two years, and is stepping down this spring. Prior to that, she served as President of its Garden Class. The club is active in the community, has monthly daytime programs of interest, and meets at the Uwchlan Meeting House, near the corner of Routes 100 and 113, in Lionville. Kudos to Donna! Interested in finding out more? Call her at 610-701-0792.

Zach Mondesire, son of member **Pam Gallimore**, is a graduating senior from Episcopal Academy. He has attended Episcopal Academy since pre-kindergarten and is an honor student. Zach will be contributing as a writer to a book titled *Mind Games* in collaboration with Dr. Howard Stevenson a

faculty member of the University of Pennsylvania. Zach is Columbia University-bound in September 2006 on a full tuition scholarship.

Member **Carol Habig**, botanical illustrator and member of The Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators, is participating in a show of members' work at the J. Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum. Address is 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia 19153. Take exit 10 from northbound I-95, near the Philadelphia Airport. 215-365-3118. Through June. <http://www.fws.gov>

Sebronette Barnes will present a voice recital at the Afternoon Music Club, 775 W. Main St., Trapp, PA. Tuesday, May 16. Call 610-489-3676 for time. \$5 contribution at the door.

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. Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m., Joint Board meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Women's Social Bridge will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Roselyn Cadoff. Contact Roselyn if you wish

to play bridge, 610-363-8881, racadoff@verizon.net

Couples Bridge will be held on Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Smith. Contact Mary if you wish to play bridge, 610-269-3375, pangea49@comcast.net

Women's Social Bridge will be held on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Evelyn Love. Contact Evelyn if you wish to play bridge, 610-719-0822, evelynlove@mindspring.com

Couples Bridge will be held on Saturday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Schultz. Contact Jane if you wish to play bridge, 610-431-3628, jschultz@dasd.org.
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Survey for AAUW Program Planning

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey; it will help us to plan the kinds of programs that YOU would like to experience!

1. If you were to choose, which would you prefer: substantive, heavier programs or lighter, more entertaining ones? _____ Please feel free to add comments to your response. _____
2. Would you like to have more opportunities for social interaction with other members?
 Yes No Just right as it is
3. Do you enjoy meetings held in special locations, such as the one we had in November at Cheyney? Yes No
4. Which of these two regular meeting locations do you prefer?
 West Goshen Township Building Grove United Methodist Church
 Please list any specific topic(s) you would like to see presented as well as any presenters you know about who might be willing to come and speak to our group.

You can do one of the following: complete this form and mail it to me, hand it in at our next meeting on May 9, or send your responses to me by e-mail at franpierce@verizon.net. If using regular mail, please send to: Fran Pierce, 717 Hunt Club Lane, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

Thank you very much for your continued interest and support!

SAVE THE DATES (Continued)

Book and Discussion Groups

Lit II, Thursday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

Please call Graham Boose, 610-431-7701 or GDBoose@comcast.net for information.

Changes to the published schedule:

May 18, Elma Mack will host at The Hickman. Book is *Holy Fools* by Joanne Harris, 7:30 p.m.
 June 15, pot luck supper and book selections for next year, at the home of Graham Boose.
New members welcome.

Lit III, Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

Wednesday, May 17, *Sister of My Heart* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni at the home of Kay Philipps, 610-399-0697. The meeting begins promptly at 8:00 p.m. Please call the host if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, June 21, Delectable Dining and Planning Session, at the home of Peg Anderson, 610-486-0866.

Lit IV, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

Lit IV—The Lit. IV discussion group will meet Monday, June 5, 2006 at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book and Music Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, at 7:00 to discuss the book *The Weather Makers; How Man is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth*, by Tim Flannery, Atlantic Monthly Press, 2006.

Members interested in the book or topic may join. Please call Paula McGinness if you need a copy of the book or have a question, 610-942-4852 (home) or 610-273-3303 (work).

Great Decisions will meet Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Jacky Page, 610-359-9887. Topic is *India and China*.



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NEWSLETTER

AAUW Mission Statement

The AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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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