



May Gala: 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, 6:30 pm
Riverstone Café, Whiteland Towne Center
Exton, PA 19341

Sign up by **May 1 (directions and reservation form are on page 3)** to dine with us at the Riverstone Café, where we can dine and socialize with other members and guests of our 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 & 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.) **Please bring cleaning supplies, see page 4, for the Domestic Violence Center**

--Summer Social--Our First--

Member Phyllis Dunn, Director of Marketing & Sales at Jenner's Pond Retirement Community, has invited members to luncheon and a tour of the Jenner's Pond facility, Wednesday, June 20th. Sign up (spouses welcome) at the May Gala, or contact Fran Pierce, Co-Vice President for Program and event coordinator, at 610-594-0625 or email at franpierce@verizon.net. The event is free, but we will need a reservation list. Car pools will be organized. Located in southwestern of Chester County. Thanks, Phyllis!

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Reaching Out

– by Co-Presidents Graham Boose and Yvonne Peiffer

Co-Presidents' Report: 2006-2007 Branch Report Card

Each year with your help, our Board adopts performance goals for the coming year. As Co-Presidents, we want to tell you how we think we did this year against these goals, and ask that you give the current goals thought, and provide additional input to our new Co-Presidents Roselyn Cadoff and Leslie Wachob. The approach we are taking is to use the October 2006 *AAUW Sum* "Reaching Out" column as a basis, and provide commentary against performance in bold italic type.

What our branch believes in--

We want to review with you the goals and priorities of our branch as developed by the Board in September 2007. We agreed on the following areas of focus for the year:

- Continue our excellent series of monthly programs, of social and cultural merit--
Grade A, with thanks to Fran Pierce and Sebronette Barnes, Vice-Presidents for Program, and all the monthly chairs who made the wonderful programs happen.

- Involve new and more members--and have fun while we do it--

Grade A on the new members portion; B on involving more members. Many thanks to Membership Vice-President Barbara Leone and the Special Interest Group chairs.

- Continue reaching out and working with other organizations that support our goals, such as the Chester County Women's Commission, the YWCA of Chester County, and the League of Women Voters of Chester County--

Grade B, with thanks to Fran Pierce for YWCA liaison; to Marian Stevenson for Domestic Violence Center liaison; to Samia Rishi for speaking with other AAUW branches on Muslim women; to approximately 20 members and friends and to Mary Smith for support to Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology; to Leslie Jean Allison for support to member Barb McIlvaine Smith's successful political campaign; to Cathy Palmquist for liaison to the Chester County Woman's Commission; to Joyce Marr for liaison to Home of the Sparrow; to Anne Crowley for

introducing us to the State-wide Equal Pay Rally in Harrisburg; to Kathryn Retallick and Hilary Kennedy for spear-heading our effort with the Meet Your Judges biannual effort; Dorothy Ward, Jennie Skerl, and the Scholarship Committee; and to Yvonne Peiffer, Sandi Kwisz, and Jacky Page for support to the Immigration Study Group sponsored by the League of Women Voters. What we do is terrific and growing; with a few more fine minds, we can support other good causes with similar missions.

- Implement/continue our community projects: *Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology, Let's Read Math*, and support to the Domestic Violence Center--
Grade A, these were our commitments from the Blueprint Project last year. Thanks, everyone!
- Develop a public policy presence in the community--
Grade A for a fine start, with thanks to Leslie Jean Allison. Now we need a committee--how about YOU?
- Consider implementing Association programs, such as Sister-to-Sister--
Grade A for a fine start with the Pay Equity Program. Other opportunities exist with a Sister-to-Sister Program with our own local

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April 27-29 in Scranton

Members to Be Honored at AAUW-PA State Convention

Peg Anderson will be honored at the AAUW-PA State Convention with the **Susan Nensteil Humanitarian Award**. This is a high honor and recognizes one AAUW-PA member for innovative or exemplary service to her branch and her community. This award honors the complete AAUW woman who promotes AAUW's mission in her branch and community activities. Elaine Burgess and Bette Twadell will accompany Peg on the trip.

Barbara McIlvaine Smith will be recognized for **Public Policy Impact** for her election to the Pennsylvania House as a Democrat in a hotly contested election, involving recounts with National attention. Her election ensured a Democratic majority in the House by 102-101.

Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-President, will be honored as the **Branch's Outstanding Woman** because she exemplifies the values of AAUW, through her professional life as a retired high school chemistry teacher and mentor for gifted students; through her community life as an active member of several community boards; through her commitment to lifelong learning; and as our branch

Membership Vice-President whose friendly smile, innovative recruitment program, and organizational skills have been significant factors in recruiting and retaining active members for our branch.

Leslie Jean Allison will be honored as the **Branch's Emerging Star** because, as Public Policy Chair, she contributed enthusiastically and significantly to our branch Power of One Vote campaign and Pay Equity Program, and has publicized Association's Public Policy programs. Did you see the article on pay equity in the *Daily Local News* April 23rd? She was a key volunteer in Barb Smith's campaign.

Thanks & Congrats to Pam Gallimore

Pam Gallimore has served nobly as our Newsletter Editor for the past two years. In May, she will graduate from Villanova University with an MBA, concentration in Management and Systems Design.

Personal

Our condolences to Alice Delduco upon the death of her husband, A. Alfred Fritz, on April 16, 2007.

You are invited to dine out with us!

Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 6:30 pm, Riverstone Café, Whiteland Towne Center, Exton, PA 19341

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

Name of member attending _____ Choice of Entrée Salmon ___ or Chicken ___

Phone _____

Name of Guest(s) _____ Choice of Entrée Salmon ___ or Chicken ___

Total Amount Enclosed at \$25.00 per person _____

Welcome New Members

By **Barbara Leone**, Membership Vice-President

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Financial Officer's Report

The Income and Expenses Report for July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 shows the following balances:

Checking - \$1,405.85

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 MacDonald, Financial Officer

Domestic Violence Center Project

For May, please bring cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, dusters, dust pan and brush. Leave in your car and we will somehow collect the items at the end of the program. (Hope it does not think about raining.)

--Marian Stephenson, Chair

Immigration Study Group of the League of Women Voters of Chester County

Mark Your Calendars for Immigration Program Dates

By Yvonne Peiffer

June 21 - Thursday evening - AAUW members are invited to participate in the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Chester County, because the Immigration Study Group will be responsible for the program on *Immigration*. Thoughts so far are a possible PowerPoint presentation followed by interactive games to get everyone involved. Other suggestions include interviewing a young "success story" from Kennett High School or use of some of the questions on the Naturalization Test. **For the time and place of this event please contact Immigration Study Group Leader Betsey Cullen at 610-793-4664 or ewcullen@yahoo.com or me at 610-363-9535 or e-mail me at peiffer@erols.com.**

Further Study Group Meeting Dates are Saturday, May 19, 10 am, and Saturday, June 16, 10 am -- both at Friends Home in Kennett Square.

West Chester-Chester County AAUW's Collaboration with LWVCC -- Our branch has been collaborating these last few months with the LWVCC's Study Group on Immigration in Chester County. This information will be used by the League of Women Voters U.S. to come to a consensus in spring 2008 about the League's official position on immigration. Persons involved from AAUW have been Jacky Page, Sandi Kwisz, and Yvonne Peiffer. The Study Group members have been educating themselves, compiling statistics and interviewing immigrants and those who hire or service immigrants. Immigration is a complex issue with no easy answers.

DUES NOTICE 2007- 2008 *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 or Let's Read Math Program, please include a **separate** annotated check for this purpose.

Membership Renewal

Due date: May 31, 2007

Amount: Member: \$73.00 (Branch, State & National)
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 costs will you receive Newsletter via e-mail? Yes: E-mail address: _____
No

To lower printing costs will you use Handbook on line only? Yes: No

Note: this data would be available only to persons having the correct password (i.e., members only).

Contribution to "Members Helping Members": \$ _____ Please include contribution by *separate*
check (this fund is used to help our members who are experiencing temporary financial need).

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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 WANT YOUR OPINIONS--

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.

Special Feature Article**Being a Muslim Teen By Farah Rishi**

Editor's Note: We had asked member Samia Rishi, who is Muslim, to write an article about her recent experiences. Samia offered the above article by her daughter Farah, a high school student. Samia spoke with our branch in the fall of 2005; Farah had planned to speak with us also, but studies called, and Farah spent the evening studying for a test. Samia has since spoken with several AAUW branches about the Muslim faith. Thank you, Samia and Farah, for this interesting and informative article.

There was never a thought that passed through my mind about whether or not I wanted to change my religion. I was born a Muslim and will stay a Muslim. As a child, I happily sat in a circle with the other Muslim children, recited my *Surahs*, prayed, learned the names of the Prophets, and the 99 names of Allah (currently, I can name about six). And everything always worked out for me; elementary school never conflicted with my morals. However, there was always the issue of food. My mother once sat me down when I was six and reminded me to be wary of the food I ate at school, and that anything could have pork in it. I took it quite literally: I'd ask the lunch ladies if the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches had ham in them. And because I was just a little girl, if I ever *did* accidentally eat something with pork in it, I'd scream, cry, and fall on the floor, and exclaim that God was going to hate my guts. That's six-year-old drama for you. Now that I'm older and have reassured myself that God doesn't really hate me, I have gone through high school with my chin held high for the most part.

Being a girl raised on Disney movies, flowers, and Beanie Babies, I'm the epitome of a person of peace. It's quite convenient, considering that's what *Islam* actually means; peace is what Muslims are supposed to be about. But when 9/11 happened, I dreaded ever coming back to school. I was afraid everyone would hate me. I was afraid someone would force me to wear a crescent moon armband to signify I was a Muslim. I was afraid the lunch ladies would make me eat peanut butter and jelly

sandwiches with ham in them. To my relief, neither of these things ever happened. Instead, people asked me questions, curious to learn more about this sudden species of human that everyone suddenly noticed, and I'd admit, I loved it. I would tell them how the word Muslims and violence couldn't possibly go together; I was a prime example of that. I told them of my beliefs, Muslim rituals and holidays; I told them everything.

I also told them that despite the wonderful area I lived in, filled with open, welcoming people, being a Muslim teenager is tricky. America is a country about trends and fashion, fashion that includes tank tops, miniskirts, and bare stomachs. How does a Muslim girl deal with that? She improvises. Tank tops? I'd wear a cute shirt underneath. Miniskirts? With leggings, a miniskirt will still look flattering. Bare stomachs? That's disgusting. Why even bother?

America is also a country of relationships, but Muslims can easily avoid those situations. There are no ego-killers for me here: Muslims don't date; we skip the high school heartache and just jump right into marriage. Thus, Muslims can stay on the right path and not have to worry about premarital sex and other topics too raunchy for my Disney-raised ears.

As a Muslim, one's identity is the key to staying true to religion. And as long as one has *that*, well, there's *nothing* any Muslim teenager has to fear--nothing except God and the SATs. So far, it has been my Muslim faith and identity that has kept me in check, and I'm proud of it.

NEW YORK, NY--SAVE THE DATE

Our fall bus trip to New York, NY is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th!

Plan now to come! Bring a friend! Proceeds from this event support our branch programs and activities! Contact Nancy Dore (610-725-0459) for further information.

Scholarship to Be Awarded

Dorothy Ward, Local Scholarship Chair, announced that the committee has chosen Jane Meade, WCU, for the \$1,000 award.

Newsletter Editor(s) and committee wanted. Training provided. Great way to improve your Microsoft Word skills, and know what's going on in the Branch. Contact Yvonne, Roselyn, Leslie, or Graham. Write-ups are provided, you will edit them for consistency, compose the newsletter in Word; send it electronically to the printer, email copies to members who wish email, U.S. mail copies to members and friends who wish hard copy.
Satisfying, critical Branch job! Board position.

Branch Report Card (continued)

program that we can adapt from the Lansdale Branch.

- Develop a branch budget reflecting the realistic cost of branch operations--

Grade B. We continue to make substantial progress in this area, and appreciate the efforts of Ways and Means Chair Nancy Dore, who, with your active support, raises funds to help our operational budget and special projects. This keeps us from raising the local dues. Leslie Olson chaired the Book Fair, which assists with our Scholarship Fund.

- Develop shared leadership where useful--
Grade A. This approach has worked well in several areas of the branch, and will be continued in major Board positions. Since demands on volunteer time for unexpected family and business emergencies arise frequently, shared leadership is expected to grow so that branch activities can be continued seamlessly in the event of an emergency.

- Continue/increase publicity of branch activities--

Grade A. Thanks to Elaine Burgess.

- Continue a fund to assist members with dues, in time of personal financial difficulty (now called the Members Helping Members Fund)

Grade A, thanks to member contributions. If you need help, please contact the Membership Vice-Presidents: Barbara Leone or Carol Darlington. Confidential.

New goals--

- Consider diversifying programming to offer some daytime programs for moms with small children and senior members who cannot get out at night, and hold these programs at other sites (such as township parks and retirement homes)--

Grade F. Still on the "to-be-done" list. We have a couple of new ideas.

- Consider new Special Interest Groups: daytime lit, a revival of something similar to a dine-around group popular several years ago, travel, theater, art visit and discussion, computers/digital photography, etc.--
Grade B. The Food Interest Group (FIG) is enjoying wonderful success, fellowship, and great food and drink, thanks to the leadership of Leslie Wachob and Carol Darlington. All we need for other new interest groups are facilitators!

- Develop leaders for the next few years--
critical goal.

Grade C. We are delighted with A FULL SLATE OF EXCELLENT OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR, despite the last minute crunch for Co-Presidents. However, we need to continue development of Board members, both current and future. Ideas and help are welcome. Started "Board Shadowing" program so members who are interested come to Board meetings to see what we are doing and then figure out what they can do to help.

How you can work and play with us--

Please continue to reach out, and keep these goals in mind as you select your areas of branch activity for the coming year.

Whatever you choose, thank you for embracing our Branch vision!

As we leave the Branch's leadership in excellent hands, we thank all of you who have worked and played with us to make this an excellent branch and a fun place to be. Without the efforts of leaders before us, and without your vision, active participation, imaginations and dreams, the West Chester-Chester County Branch would not be the vigorous group that it is today. THANKS HEAPS!

BUT equity is STILL an issue. Keep up the good work.

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.

Monday, June 4 (joint board meeting).

Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:00 pm, Program

Planning Meeting.

Summer Social--Wednesday, June 20, luncheon at Jenner's Pond Retirement Community.

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.

Meet Your Judges

September 19, in the Chester County Court House. More detailed information will be available as the time approaches. Hilary Kennedy & Kathryn Retallick

PA Governor's Conference for Women, Philidelphia Convention Center, Thursday, November 8. All day.

New York City Bus Trip

Wednesday, November 14, all day. Bring a friend, see the holiday show at Radio City Music Hall, help the budget.

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.* Contact her at 610-399-0697 or KHP65KHP@verizon.net for info.

Strictly Social--New Group

FIG (Food Interest Group) will not be meeting in May but will meet on Saturday, June 9, at Sandra Kwiszø's home for a BBQ. Interested persons, contact Sandra for details and food assignments at 610-793-3135 or SandraK98@aol.com. *New members and singles are 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. *New members welcome.*

Thursday, May 17, 7:30 pm, dessert, 8:00 pm, book discussion. Book is *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion. Call Donna for details. Pot luck supper and book selection for next year is Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 at Donna's home.

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, May 23, 7:30 pm, dessert, 8:00 pm, book discussion. Book is *The Curious Incident of*

the Dog in the Night-Time (fiction) by by Mark Haddon. Host is Elaine Burgess, 610-383-7018. Leader is Martina Ossman.

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

Chair is Paula McGinness. *New members welcome.* Monday, May 21, at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, Route 202 and Paoli Pike, West Chester, at 7:00 pm, *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. The summer discussion date is Monday, July 16. Please call Paula if you have a question, 610-942-4852.

Finance Discussion Group

Chair is Leslie Olson, 610-793-2938 or olsonfour@aol.com. Meets at Magnolia Grill (see Lit IV for location). *New members welcome.* Wednesday, May 16, from 7-9 pm the topic will be *Unions: Are They on the Rise or Headed For Extinction?*

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

Great Decisions — NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.

Mark your calendars for Mondays, May 14 and June 11. Kathryn Retallick, leader, May 14, Chapter 3 "Mexico: neighbor in turmoil" in the 2007 Edition of *Great Decisions*; and June 11, Jacky Page, leader, Chapter 5 "South Africa: facing new challenges." Meetings continue to be at 1:30 pm at the Magnolia Grill (see Lit IV for location).



A Legacy of Leadership

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

***MAY 2007
NEWSLETTER***

- **Dues notice for 2007-2008**
- **Sign up for May Gala
By May 1**

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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