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<p>Volume 50, Number 3</p>	<p>November/December 2006</p>

Spark To Flame: Movers and Shakers
A Panel of Women: Lyn Eaton, Joan Peta, Carol Darlington
Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.
Grove United Methodist Church
490 West Boot Rd., West Chester, PA 19380
ALWAYS AMPLE FREE and LIGHTED PARKING

Lyn Eaton (Teenage Parent Program, TAP) Joan Peta (Reading Is FUNdamental, RIF), and Carol Darlington (Let’s Read Math, LRM) will present how their idea, interest in, or involvement with educational and community groups turned into a local Branch Project -- with connections to other organizations and funding groups, from the local to the national level. Such projects promote education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change (AAUW Mission Statement).

TAP: What started out as a joint Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) and AAUW initiative in the late 1960’s became a major project of the West Chester Branch of AAUW and thrust a relatively new, active AAUW member and mother, Lyn Eaton, from her role as volunteer to full-time director of the Teenage Parent Program (March of 1971 to June of 1994). TAP was an educational and social services program for pregnant school age girls, most living in the West Chester Area School District. AAUW members were among the many dedicated volunteers who provided one-on-one tutoring to help the teens keep up academically during their pregnancies. The spark became a flame.

RIF: In the early 1970’s, Joan Peta, as part of the Education Committee for our branch, tutored in the schools. Soon she became the AAUW representative to serve on the West Chester Area School District’s (WCASD) Lay Advisory Committee (LAC) for the district’s Titled Programs. In July 1973, Joan presented a report on Reading Is FUNdamental to LAC and the project became part of the Titled Programs budget for 1973-74. (RIF had been founded in Washington, DC by Margaret McNamara, out of her concern for the children she was tutoring in the DC schools.) Joan’s passion for children, books, and music turned her into a mover and shaker; and our branch became involved in a worthwhile project, supported by AAUW on the local and national levels. Another spark became a flame, and that flame still burns in some of the WCASD schools today. (Continued on page 3)

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Next AAUW Sum DEADLINE (for the January issue) is December 1. Email Editor Pam Gallimore--pagallimore@verizon.net (NOTE CHANGE IN EMAIL)--with copies to Yvonne Peiffer--peiffer@erols.com--and Graham Boose--GDBoose@comcast.net. Word attachments preferred.

Reaching Out--**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! GO! VOTE! IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT!**

By Leslie Jean Allison, Public Policy Chair

Women represent 51.7% of the population in Pennsylvania! Yet we have very little representation at the state level. The PA Women's Campaign Fund came into existence 25 years ago because a group of concerned women wanted to increase our representation in the state House. But, the momentum did not remain strong and lasting, for our numbers have actually DECREASED over the years!

Women's rights ARE STILL an issue. Other critical issues – such as **civil rights, educational and pay equity, reproductive rights, healthcare reform, and a fair and balanced judiciary** — are all at stake each time Americans go to the ballot box. Further, past experience suggests that a woman often more strongly advocates women's critical issues, ensuring that our voices are heard.

More women than men are registered to vote. More women than men turn out to vote. Thus **women constitute an important bloc of voters**. Each “woman’s vote” can influence the outcome of an election. We can together make a difference, if we get out and vote on Election Day! When we not only register but also show up at the polls to vote, the government will have to take our issues seriously and we will then have more elected officials willing to acknowledge women’s equality and defend women’s rights.

For information regarding specific races in Pennsylvania, check out: the voter’s guide at the League of Women Voters Website: www.palwv.org/chesco.

Become informed and speak out!

- ✓ **Read AAUW’s Congressional Voting Record for the 109th Congress** to find out how your elected officials voted on issues important to women and girls. It is imperative that we as women become educated and informed on the issues that affect us.
- ✓ **Use AAUW’s Online Two-Minute Activist** to tell your members of Congress where you

stand on the issues important to women and girls.

- ✓ **Sign up for to AAUW’s Action Network** to receive weekly e-mail alerts for immediate action on AAUW priority issues: www.aauw.org Issue Advocacy.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Sources: Web sites for Center for American Women & Politics, cawp.rutgers.edu; AAUW website, aauw.org; Women’s Way website, womensway.org, *Change of Pace*; *Blueprint Report* of Chester County Fund for Women & Girls, ccwomenandgirls.org; Chatham College Pennsylvania Center for Women, Politics, and Policy, chatham.edu/pcwppp.



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Spark to Flame (continued from page 1)

LRM: Dr. Claire Passantino from the Makefield Area Branch developed Let's Read Math and received grants from AAUW-PA and the Philadelphia Area AAUW Interbranch Council in October 2004 and then from the AAUW Educational Foundation. Intrigued with the idea, Graham Boose asked if West Chester could participate; the answer was "yes," and our branch began its LRM Program. Our panelist and recent member of AAUW, Carol Darlington, got involved because she missed the children she had taught for thirty-four years (retirement in 2002) from pre-first through six

grades in the Great Valley and West Chester Area School Districts. Another spark is poised to become a flame.

May we be inspired by these three women and realize that each of us rises on the shoulders of women who have come before us. The motto of those worth knowing is "Move up, reach down." (Paraphrased from a quote by Anna Quindlen in her article on "Everyday Equality" in the September 25, 2006 *Newsweek*.)

--Yvonne Peiffer, Co-President

**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 8, 2006**. 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 p.m. for the return trip and return to West Chester about 10:30 p.m.



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!**

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 8, 2006

Make checks payable to **AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch** and mail to:

Nancy Dore
3 Thayer Drive
Frazer, PA 19355

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Please use additional sheet for additional guests.

Up front and personal--

(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. December 1st is the next deadline. Thanks.)

Norma George is in Argentina to develop study abroad opportunities for students at Cheyney University, where she is coordinator of International Programs. Professor George is visiting Argentina to participate in site visits to programs of major study abroad providers. This visit is a component of a grant project entitled "Building Study Abroad Capacity at HBCU's" (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), funded by the Institute for Study Abroad at Butler University, and administered by the United Negro College Fund Special Programs. She will be accompanied by additional members of the faculty.

Professor George spent a part of last summer conducting research in Paris, France. She used the opportunity to gather information on programs offered by the French Government from which Cheyney University students could benefit.

Harriet Jarosh, former branch president, is now the director of the Laurel Public Library in Laurel, DE. Most recently, she was Assistant Director in Georgetown, DE, after moving to Laurel. She has joined the Western Sussex Branch of AAUW, which was formerly the Seaford Branch

Have you seen those red and white signs all over town? **Barbara McIlvaine Smith** is

running for the Pennsylvania House 156th District seat being vacated by Eleanor Taylor.

Teaser -- Ask **Mary Pinkney** about her family's sport of wind surfing. She used to teach wind surfing at Marsh Creek, and two of her grandchildren still wind surf. Way to go Mary!

Robert Back, the son of a deceased, former AAUW member **Thelma Back**, requests a call at 602-870-9320 if you knew Thelma and would like to receive an invitation to her remembrance party on November 4, 2006, at the Concordville Inn, one of Thelma's requests. One remembrance party has been held in Arizona, and now one is scheduled for the Chester County area.

Harriet McCardell, a former and very active AAUW member in our Branch, would like to hear from anyone who remembers her. Harriet lives at 2311 S. Farnsworth Drive #68, Mesa, AZ 85209. Her phone is 480-380-5031 and her e-mail address is hmmccardell@aol.com.

Hilda Fell, a member of our branch, died on October 13, 2006. The board extends its sympathy to her family. We will miss you, Hilda. Hilda was an Honorary Life Member of AAUW.

Financial Report (As of September 30, 2006)

Checking Account	\$ 2,186.72
Short Term CD	2,500.49
Fund Balances:	
Let's Read Math	264.91
Members Helping Members	199.00

Chester County Community Foundation: (6/06)	
Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund	22,379.11
Let's Read Math (from Verizon)	4,875.00
--Rosemary Brown MacDonald, Financial Officer	

GET THEM WHILE THEY ARE HOT!!!!

Our current *Members Handbook* is available. Contact Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-President, 610-429-4520 or leone219@verizon.net for your copy.

Please add the following to your Handbook:

- ✓ Shemica Johnson (cell) 484-994-7432
- ✓ Mary Ann Kilpatric's email is MKilpatric@comcast.net
- ✓ Welcome to new member: Joanne S. Skemer, 1626 Yardley Drive, West Chester, PA 19380. Phone: 484-356-2244. Joanne is a retired teacher with a BA from Hunter College in New York City.
- ✓ Page 24, branch website is www.aauwchestercountypa.org

Book Sale is Wednesday, November 29, Chester County Book & Music!

Our fall book fund raiser will be held at the Chester County Book and Music Company on Wednesday, November 29th. **All day -- 10 a.m.-9 p.m.** -- our members and their friends will be able to purchase books and other items, and 15% of the proceeds will be paid to our AAUW Branch. This is an easy fund raiser. We hope a lot of you will participate to help branch fund raising efforts. **You must pay at the balloon counter. Bring your friends.**



Keep lit group selections, Christmas and other gift shopping in mind as well as this date approaches. Help us make this a big success.

Tip from Nancy Dore: **order books ahead of time and pick them up on November 29 for additional Branch credits.**

--By Leslie Olson, Chair

Domestic Violence Center Project Updates

The Wish List for the Domestic Violence Center Shelter includes toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes (children and adult), African-American hair products, deodorant, personal items, shampoo, new hats, gloves and mittens

for children and adults, and new children's books and puzzles.

Bring your contributions to the November meeting. Your contributions really help! Thanks.

--Marian Stevenson, Chair

Year-End Giving Opportunities to Promote EQUITY -- Still an ISSUE

As the year end approaches, please consider the following opportunities for equity giving, all of which are tax deductible:

AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)

Make check out to:

AAUW Educational Foundation

Mail to: AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)

1111 Sixteenth St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

Information: 202/728-7602 or

foundation@aauw.org

Please annotate your check with "West Chester-Chester County PA Branch" so we and AAUW-PA get contribution credit.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

Make check out to:

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Mail to: AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

1111 Sixteenth St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

Information: 800/326-AAUW or laf@aauw.org

Please annotate your check with "West Chester-Chester County PA Branch" so we and AAUW-PA get contribution credit.

Our branch's **Let's Read Math project (LRM)**

Make check out to Chester County Community Foundation, annotated "Let's Read Math Fund"

Mail to:

Chester County Community Foundation

The Lincoln Building

28 West Market St.

West Chester, PA 19382

Our branch's **Local Scholarship Fund (The Alice Lawson Fund)**

Make check out to Chester County Community Foundation, annotated "Alice Lawson Fund"

Mail to:

Chester County Community Foundation

The Lincoln Building

28 West Market St.

West Chester, PA 19382

Several members have suggested that memorial gifts to either the *Let's Read Math Fund* or to the *Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund* will continue the educational work which Hilda Fell championed.

A Brief Retrospective: Happy 125th Anniversary, AAUW!

As trained women, we are fortunate to belong to an organization that celebrates 125 years of leadership. We are fortunate also to be able to read in books and on line the amazing achievements of well educated females of every race, religion, ethnic, and cultural background. These women are wonderful role models for us. The people these women have known or worked with – both men and women – reads like a “Who’s Who” list of important people.

Yes, we are impressed, but how, we ask, can we relate these women’s lives and accomplishments to our own struggles to provide for others or to use our own talents to better the lives of women and girls **now**? What underlies this legacy for us? How do we personally and as a local branch continue the struggle for equity?

AAUW was started in **1881** when **Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards**, along with 15 other women college graduates, met in Boston, Massachusetts to form an organization “in which women college graduates can band together to open doors of higher education to other women and to find wider opportunities to use their training.” (National AAUW Online Museum “Our History,” www.aauw.org.)

So, take heart for **we all contribute to this goal** when we use our talents, to develop and complete community projects (paid and volunteer), to give scholarships for higher learning, to fight for equal pay, and to continue to keep fighting every day, month, year, and decade – yes, even for the next 125 years. We can be the **leaders** or we can be the **helpers**. As our panelists at the November Branch Meeting will tell you, “Take your **passion** for learning, for families, for children, for justice and make that passion work for you and for AAUW.”

Here are tidbits we read in the AAUW Online Museum “Our History” and elsewhere that will give us energy to expand that legacy.

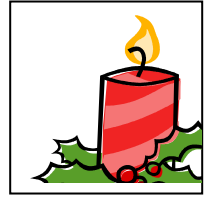
AAUW Founders: Ellen Richards, born Massachusetts 1842, already had a science degree from Vassar when she applied to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

She was admitted as a special student because the school did not want to acknowledge admitting a female student by having her pay tuition. Even though she qualified for a doctorate, she did not receive it, because MIT did not want its first doctorate in chemistry to be awarded to a woman. Ellen wrote an interesting manual for housekeepers entitled *The Chemistry of Cooking and Cleaning*. She wrote another good nutrition manual entitled *Meat and Drink*. (See Open Collection Program, Women Working 1800-1930, Harvard University Library.) **Marion Talbot**, born in Switzerland and raised and educated in Boston, joined with Ellen Richards to start AAUW. She edited a book on *Home Sanitation, the Education of Women* (1910) and *The Modern Household* (see Biography channel).

AAUW Events Tidbits: 1885 – research study refutes statement of a prominent Boston physician that “higher education does not adversely affect the health of women college graduates”. **1923** – AAUW Adult Education Program initiated after years of **branch-led** study groups on a variety of subjects. **1946** – accorded permanent UN observer status. **1953-55** – member finance series: money management portfolio, a finance folder and a kit on social security. **1963** - Federal Equal Pay Law enacted; AAUW provided leadership to secure its passage. **2005** - helped to lead the public outrage at and ultimate apology from Harvard University President Lawrence Summers regarding his comments suggesting that innate genetic differences limit women’s ability to succeed in technical subjects such as math and science.

However, in our opinion, *if you are reading this, and support other people’s work, or yourself work on important issues such as civil rights, voting rights, family and medical leave, sex discrimination, better education for all, etc. then you, too, are an exceptional member. Come, celebrate with your friends at our December Gala!* - Yvonne and Graham

You are invited!
Holiday + Gathering = Fun, Food, Music
 Sunday, December 10, 2006
 The Hickman, 400 N. Walnut Street
 West Chester, PA 19380
 4:00 p. m. – 6:00 p.m.



Sign up below to enjoy the beginning of the Holiday Season with your spouse or guest. Relax and talk with others as we have hors d'oeuvres, dessert, wine, coffee, and tea provided by The Hickman. Marguerite (Marge) Pond will play the baby grand piano for us, giving us an opportunity to sing some holiday songs.

At this event some lucky person will win a door prize – provided by The Hickman. Also, we will be drawing the winner of the raffle for the Alice Lawson “Colorful Hand Knit Afghan Throw”. (Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or one for a dollar, available now.) The real gift is to have something made by an AAUW member – though now deceased – who still remains a mover and shaker. AAUW, through the Alice Lawson Fund, is able to give a scholarship each year to a local undergraduate needing financial help.

The money raised from this afghan raffle and the **\$15 per person cost for this Holiday Gathering** will be split **50/50 between the AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) and the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund**. That way we will be helping both undergraduate and graduate women to pursue their learning.

The Hickman, an independent and assisted living residence for older adults, has been providing excellent care for over a century. Elma calls The Hickman home. Join us in their Formal Living Room. **Directions:** Just look for the maroon canopy at the corner of Walnut and Biddle. You may wish to drop off your spouse or guest under that canopy before parking on the street or at the County Government Parking Lot just south of The Hickman (same side).

Hope to see you there. If you have questions, contact Elma Mack at 610-430-2280 or Yvonne Peiffer at 610-363-9535. **Reservation Deadline -- December 4, 2006.**



Cut here and return form with your check.



HOLIDAY GATHERING
Sunday, December 10, 2006

Make checks payable to AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch and mail to:

Yvonne Peiffer, 408 Crump Road, Exton, PA 19341

Member _____ **Phone** _____

Guest _____ **Total Enclosed** _____

Membership Report

Recently our branch won **2 free memberships** as a result of our grant proposal to the AAUW-PA State Board. Since these free memberships are for this year (2006-2007), **I need your suggestions for recipients NOW**. Also **we are trying to network with the department head of Women's Studies at the local colleges**. If you know of any contact people there, please let me know.

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of AAUW, it is important for all members to recruit new members. Don't forget the *Give a Grad a Gift* program.

Please call me at 610-429-4520 with your information and suggestions.

--Barbara Leone, Vice-President for Membership

Gateway to Equity Award Nominees Requested

AAUW-PA is encouraging each branch to award a *Gateway to Equity Award* to celebrate International Women's Day, March 8, 2007. "The award honors an individual, group, or organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW Mission of equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

Examples of awardees could be volunteers, coaches, teachers, local businesses, groups, and community members. Each branch will select its honoree and notify AAUW-PA."

If you wish to make a nomination, please contact Yvonne or Graham, email is fine, and write us a short note of rationale. Submissions are due by December 1. Note: the recipient does NOT have to be a member. The Board will choose our nominee.

SAVE THE DATES

Branch Board Meetings

Members are invited to attend. With the exception of the November meeting, 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, November 6 (Graham's home), December 4; **TUESDAY,** January 2; Mondays: February 5, March 5, and April 2; **TUESDAY,** May 1, and Monday, June 4 (joint board meeting).

Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Program Planning Meeting

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.

Sunday, December 10, 4-6 p.m.--Holiday Gala, The Hickman

Tuesday, January 9

Tuesday, February 13

Tuesday, March 13

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, May 8--May Gala at a local restaurant

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.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Women's Social Bridge will be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. *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 will be held on Saturday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and Walt Smith. Please call or e-mail Mary to reserve your space, 610-269-3375 or pangea49@comcast.net. Hosts are needed for other months during the year. We can play bridge on Saturday, December 16, and are looking for volunteers to host that evening. Please contact Kay Philipps, (Contd. on p. 9)

khp65khp@verizon.net if you can help. Thank you.

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, November 16, 7:30 p.m., dessert, 8:00 p.m., book discussion. Book is *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts. Leader is Graham Boose. Host is Lyn Eaton, 610-696-3172.

Lit III, Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

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

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., dessert, 8:00 p.m., book discussion. Book is *A Hundred and One Days* (nonfiction) by Asne Seierstad and Ingrid Christophersen. Betsy Peters is the discussion leader. Host is Kay Philipps, 610-399-0697.

Lit IV— Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

Chair is Paula McGinness.

New members welcome.

Monday, November 20, at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book Company, West Goshen Shopping Center, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Dear Senator; A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond*, by Essie-Mae Washington-Williams. 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).

Finance Discussion Group will meet

Wednesday, November 15, at 7 p.m., at the Magnolia Grill, Chester County Book and Music Company, West Goshen Shopping Center. Topic is *The Most Respected Companies*. Each member will choose a company to discuss. See you there. Call Leslie Olson at 610-793-2938 to let her know you are coming or to answer questions. *New members welcome.*

Great Decisions will not meet in November. Great Decisions will meet on December 4, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jacky Page. The leader is Kathryn Retallick, and the topic is *United Nations Post-Summit Outlook*. For information,

contact Char Jacky Page, 610-359-9887. *New members welcome.* **Great Decisions is considering meeting in the afternoon if there is interest. Please call Jacky Page.**

STATE MEETINGS

State Convention, April 27-29, 2007, Scranton--Details as they become available.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

AAUW National Convention, June 29-July 2, 2007, Phoenix, Arizona.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Free public lectures

Uwchlan Meeting House, as part of its 250th anniversary celebration. The Meeting House is conveniently located at 5 North Village Avenue, in Lionville, just west of the intersection of Routes 100 and 113.

Sunday, November 5, at 3 p.m., Christopher Densmore, Curator of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, and Francis G. Brown, authoritative local Quaker historian, will discuss *The Quakers in Chester County*. Light refreshments.

Thursday, November 16, 6 - 8 p.m. - The Chester County Women's Commission (CCWC) is again presenting *Women in Government* at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St. The five panelists who will discuss their experiences in running for office, include the Honorable Jacqueline Carroll Cody, Judge, Chester County Court of Common Pleas; Jessie Pincus, board member, West Chester Area School District; Carole Rubley, State Representative, Delaware/-Chester County; Michele Vaughn, chair, Democratic Committee of Chester County, and Chester County Sheriff Carolyn "Bunny" Welsh. The non-partisan event, co-sponsored by CCHS and MacElree Harvey and supported by the League of Women Voters of Chester County, is open to the public. **Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to CCWC, 610-344-4439, or email: info@chestercountywomenscomission.org by November 13.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

VOTE on Nov. 7!

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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