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GETTING TO KNOW YOU! -- POTLUCK SUPPER

Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. (note earlier time)

Grove United Methodist Church

490 West Boot Rd.

West Chester, PA 19380

ALWAYS AMPLE FREE and LIGHTED PARKING

Our first meeting of the new year will be a potluck supper to welcome our new members and to get the year off to a celebratory start. After socializing, we will enjoy all the wonderful dishes that you ladies either prepare or buy. Each Special Interest Group has three minutes to explain and describe its activities. Interest Groups are welcome to bring any printed information they may wish to distribute.

We hope that both experienced and new members will gain an understanding of what our AAUW branch is all about and will want to become more active in one or more interest groups. **NOTE THAT THE NEW MEMBERS (see page 3) ARE GUESTS AND DO NOT NEED TO BRING A DISH.**

Here's the schedule for the Potluck Supper:

PLEASE BRING A QUANTITY TO SERVE FIVE PEOPLE

- ✓ **Members with last names beginning with A through E should bring an hors d'oeuvre or salad**
- ✓ **Members with last names beginning with F through M should bring a casserole**
- ✓ **Members with last names beginning with N through Z should bring a dessert**
- ✓ **RSVP no later that September 1 to Sebronette Barnes, Co-Vice President for Program, senrab@hotmail.com or (h) 610-384-6165 or (office) 610-399-2365.**

Please calendar the following Membership Meeting dates: Except as noted, Membership Meetings will be held at Grove United Methodist Church. Meetings start at 7 p.m. with light refreshments and networking. Programs start at 7:30 and end by 9:00 p.m. Complete program details are contained in the Membership Handbook, to be available at the September Meeting.

Tuesday, October 10
Tuesday, November 14

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

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Reaching Out--

West Chester Branch Movers and Shakers --- by Co-President Yvonne Peiffer

Greetings, everyone, and welcome to a brand new AAUW year! According to *AAUW Outlook*, the early years of AAUW were “defined by the drive of young women determined to change the world for women and girls.” Now the “new” programmatic theme is *Education is the Gateway to Women’s Economic Security*. Buzz words used in the initiatives are “access” to high quality education and professional training – especially in the high-wage fields of science and technology, “greater value” for women-dominated fields, and “lifelong” opportunities for literacy development and learning.

With all of this in mind, we need look no further than former and present women in our own AAUW who exemplify the above focus and values. Thelma Back recently died in Arizona at the age of 88, but her legacy is vast. As a child she was fascinated by science. Graduating from the University of Louisville with a master’s degree in chemistry, she taught physics and mathematics in a U.S. Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet program, was hired by Joseph E. Seagram & Sons as the firm’s first female scientist, and published results of her research.

In 1950 she moved to Wagontown with her husband and son, and sold real estate for the next 50 years in Chester County. In 1964, she and her family moved to Applebrook Farm, near Paoli. Later she would conduct a successful campaign to keep her home, a 1739 serpentine stone former clock factory, from being demolished and would start or be involved in many humanitarian projects as well. (See her obituary from the *Daily Local News*, Saturday, July 29, 2006 from which we copied or paraphrased the above information.)

Another is Hilda Fell, single 45 years and married 45 years, with an Honorary Life Membership in AAUW, whose focus for more than 50 years has been education and scholarship funds for women. (A Named Gift was made to the Educational Foundation in her honor in 1997, and she was named our

Outstanding Branch Member in 2000.) She had many careers in a time when most women had one career. She was a teacher and a principal in the Philadelphia School System; then an Administrator and teacher at St Joseph’s College; then acting Dean at Newman College. She and her husband have lived in Chester County for 27 years but she still remembers fondly her membership in the Philadelphia Branch of 500 members.

She, however, likes what has happened and is happening in our AAUW West Chester – Chester County Branch. She points to the *Reading is Fundamental (RIF)* and the *Let’s Read Math! (LRM)* programs as very important programs with the needed educational focus.

Both Thelma and Hilda are prime examples of the movers and shakers needed to continue our AAUW tradition. Every current member (no matter your age) of our West Chester – Chester County AAUW can be a mover and shaker -- the one whose spark starts a program or moves it forward. And while doing so, we can keep a good sense of humor, enjoy each other through our study and activity groups, and pave the way for other women and their families to have another 125 years of progress.

So gentle, purposeful, fun loving women come on out and let’s make 2006-2007 a banner year for our local AAUW!

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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Welcome, New Members! By Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-President

Our 2006 membership recruitment program has been quite successful. As a result of our spring *Shape the Future* and Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology (GETT) programs, we introduced nine new members at the May banquet program. Seven new members who joined during this summer will be welcomed at our September dinner meeting. The new branch web site and branch information flyers placed in libraries, real estate offices, and at various other locations have been effective techniques used in attracting new members.

Please welcome the following NEW members who have joined during the summer.

Sandra A. High is a graduate of the University

of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Social Work. **Dr. Preetha Kesari** is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. **Francis Muldoon** graduated from Rosemont College with a degree in Sociology and Education. **Bernice Soffer** majored in Health Administration at Antioch College and earned an MSW in Social Administration from Temple University. **Alice Spivey** is a graduate of Cedar Crest College with a major in Psychology. After graduating from Penn State and Villanova University, **Ruth Sugar** worked in Elementary & Special Education as well as Counseling & Human Relations. **Leslie Wachob**, a graduate of Oregon State University, is transferring her membership from the Baton Rouge, LA, Branch.

Reserve your seat at the Pot Luck Supper on September 12 to meet these new members AND bring a guest to this first meeting of the new year.

Membership Incentives from Association

As part of the 125th anniversary of AAUW, Association has launched *Keys to the Future: A MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER* campaign. This will recognize **current** members who are successful in attracting new members. YOUR personal commitment as a recruiter will assure the strength of AAUW in the future and is the key to AAUW's success in advancing equity and advocacy for women and girls. Incentives and **rewards** for obtaining new members include the following: the names of recruiters on the Website Hall of Fame by state and branch along with the number of individuals recruited; certificate of recognition to everyone who recruits a new member (limit 1 per member); special pin with 125th Anniversary logo and recruiter designation to those who recruit five or more new members.

The *Give a Grad a Gift* incentive is still in effect. Consider sponsoring a recent college graduate for membership. Contact Barbara Leone (610-429-4520 or leone219@verizon.net) with the names of any prospective branch members. **Stay tuned** for future information about this initiative.

Sebronette Barnes Named Branch 2006 Outstanding Woman



The West Chester-Chester County Branch selected Dr. Sebronette Barnes as its 2006 Outstanding Woman.

She was chosen because she exemplifies the values of AAUW, through her professional life as an Associate Professor in the Fine Arts department at Cheyney University, where she is a mentor par excellence to her students; as an opera singer who appeared this year in the Opera Company of Philadelphia production of *Margaret Garner*, a new American opera; and as branch Diversity Chair and Program Committee member who is actively working to build intercultural relationships and knowledge between our branch and the community.

Member Evelyn Love (left), 2005 Outstanding Woman, presented the award at the branch's yearend May Gala.

Branch Awards Scholarship to Kate Healey, Senior at Immaculata



Kate Healey, a senior at Immaculata University, accepts a \$1,000 scholarship from Branch Membership Vice President Barbara Leone.

Kate is a single mom with two children, who plans to complete her undergraduate degree this year.

Each year, the branch awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a nontraditional undergraduate student, typically an older woman who has returned to university to complete her degree.

Applications for the 2007-08 academic year will be posted on the branch web site in January. Students at Immaculata University, Cheyney University, and West Chester University are eligible to apply. Dorothy Ward chairs the branch Scholarship Committee.

This year, for the first time, the branch used income from the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund, managed by the Chester County Community Foundation, to fund the scholarship. The family of Alice Lawson, 1996 Outstanding Woman, established the scholarship in her memory.

Interested in contributing? Nancy Dore, our Ways and Means Chair, can answer your questions. Donations are tax deductible.

New Public Policy Chair Re-Energizes Branch Program

Leslie Jean Allison, has been selected as branch Public Policy Chair. She is a former member of the Chester County Women's Commission, and has been hard at work over the summer to learn what Association has to offer and to begin to develop local positions of substance.

The Board chose to re-energize this important aspect of AAUW since this is an election year and since many of our newer members are interested in the topic

Please send your answers, comments and other relevant info to Leslie Jean Allison — LJAllison@cavtel.net, 714 Bradford Terrace West Chester, PA 19382; phone 610-436-1598.

Let her know that you would like to become involved as part of the recently revitalized Public Policy Committee.

In addition, Leslie is exploring how the branch can participate in/support the second *Women in Government* forum, being sponsored by the Chester County Women's Commission, planned for mid-November. More details later.

Public Policy Committee: P.P.P.Q.*

By Leslie Jean Allison, Public Policy Chair
In an effort to re-establish an active Public Policy Committee, I would like to start by acquiring some basic information. Since we are spread throughout the county, it will be helpful to know which legislative district you live in and who your representatives are. We can then more effectively and efficiently address our concerns to the appropriate representatives.

This is your Public Policy Pop Quiz (PPPQ)*:

Please respond to the following:

1. Your name
2. Are you a registered voter?
3. What is your legislative district?
4. What public policy issues or concerns would you like to see addressed?
5. Would you like to receive and respond to Action Alerts from Association?

Send responses to the addresses above. Thank you.

**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.

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 ensored 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

Member Action Required

Genuardi's/Safeway Will Contribute to Our Scholarship Fund BUT...

Genuardi's/Safeway will donate a percentage of your purchases to our scholarship fund. All you have to do is complete a form online at www.escrip.com, by phone at 800-801-4973, or obtain a form at the store. You will need your customer card number and our group ID

number. **Our group ID number is 150540758.**

If you have participated in the past, you will need to renew your designation.

Please call Nancy Dore if you have any questions, 610-725-0459.

Board Highlights

- ✓ Formally thanked Nancy Dore for 8 years as Financial Officer--what a great job!
- ✓ Agreed that branch needs a Sunshine Chair to help foster fellowship with branch members and keep up with personal events. Position is open. If you can help, please let Yvonne or Graham know.
- ✓ Bylaws as amended January 1, 2006, are now in effect and will be printed in the *2006-07 Members Handbook*.
- ✓ Due to our successful *Shape the Future* efforts, the branch has won three free memberships. Please tell Barbara Leone of your nominations. Selections are planned at the September Board meeting.
- ✓ Discussed ideas for re-energized Public Policy program with chair Leslie Jean Allison.
- ✓ Branch has received \$1,100 from Wachovia for *Let's Read Math!* program. Support to LRM in West Chester Area School District in May is expected to deplete \$5,000 Verizon funding.
- ✓ Provided input to Values Assessment requested by Association.

- ✓ Established Audit Committee. Donna Eaves is Chair.
- ✓ Approved Kathryn Retallick as Chester County Community Fund rep for both the Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund and the Let's Read Math Fund.
- ✓ Reviewed Board meeting dates for 2006-2007. All meetings are open to the membership and will be held at the West Goshen Municipal Building, generally in the Community Room on the first floor. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., are over by 9, and are usually on the first Monday of the month. Dates: TUESDAY, September 5; Mondays: October 2, November 6, and December 4; TUESDAY, January 2; Mondays: February 5, March 5, and April 2, TUESDAY May 1, and Monday, June 4 (joint board meeting).

Next AAUW Sum DEADLINE is September 12. Email Editor Pam Gallimore--pgallimore@ccp.edu--with copies to Yvonne Peiffer--peiffer@erols.com--and Graham Boose--GDBoose@comcast.net. Word attachments preferred.

Financial Report (As of June 30, 2006)

Checking Account	\$ 3822.00	Chester County Community Foundation:	
Short Term CD	2500.49	Alice Lawson Scholarship Fund	22,279.11
Fund Balances:		Let's Read Math (from Verizon)	4,875.00
Let's Read Math	286.18		
Members Helping Members	179.00		
		--Rosemary Brown MacDonald,	
		Financial Officer	

May Gala Earns \$256 for Association's Educational Foundation

Thanks to the stellar committee, headed by Hilary Kennedy, that planned and implemented the festive May Banquet and

Gala for the benefit of the Educational Foundation. And thanks to all of you for your support!

Up front and personal--

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. September 12 is next deadline. Thank you.)

Bridge Group Chair **Evelyn Love** has moved. Her new address is 7715 Highwood Avenue, La Mesa, CA, 91941. Telephone is 619-697-5093. Beatriz Wee and friends from Lit and Bridge Groups gave her a going-away luncheon. Evelyn, we miss you!

Sebronette Barnes continues her opera career with a role in *Porgy and Bess*, to be presented by the Philadelphia Opera Company in February 2007.

Member **Barbara McIlvaine Smith** is a candidate for State Representative 156th

District. Contributions and offers to help may be made to the Smith 156 Committee, P.O. Box 683, West Chester, PA 19381-0683.

We extend our sympathy to Newsletter Editor **Pam Gallimore** and her family upon the death of her father in August.

We congratulate Stephanie Eaves, daughter of Historian and Lit II Chair **Donna Eaves**, upon her June graduation from the University of Pittsburgh and Jeff Dore, son of Ways and Means Chair **Nancy Dore**, upon his graduation from NYU.

Let's Read Math! Expands Summer Programs

Let's Read Math is a branch project, now in its second year. The project started last summer at the YWCA of Chester County, 123 North Church Street, West Chester, as part of the Y's Summer Enrichment Program. During the winter, our branch team continued the program at the Y's after-school program and was invited to return again this summer.

In addition, member Paula McGinness, Director of the Honey Brook Community Library, started a volunteer-led series at the library this summer.

Funding for the programs at the Y and library is provided by the Philadelphia Area Interbranch Council, Association's Educational Foundation, and Wachovia Bank. The program was developed by Dr. Claire Passantino of the Makefield Branch.

Branch Volunteers Staff YWCA Program

As reported by **Diane Nescio**--"Three successful *Let's Read Math!* lessons were presented to about 30 elementary and middle school YWCA summer camp students during the month of July. Peggy Parish's *Amelia Bedelia* was the selection for the first lesson on July 10th. Math concepts (Continued on page 8)

***Let's Read Math!* is Versatile, Uses Three Implementation Models in Area (from pg. 7)**

involved finding and making combinations and multiplication. Students discussed the challenges involved with learning English and words with multiple meanings.

Joy N. Hulme's *Sea Squares* was introduced on July 17th. Students were involved again with hands-on activities to better understand square numbers. Campers loved their take home plastic beach bucket/shovel filled with school supplies, sea shells, and the *Sea Squares* book.

Our concluding lesson on fractions was enriched by Ed Emberley's *Picture Pie* book. Students cut circles into fractional parts to create fish, animals, flowers, and other interesting designs. Fraction cubes were used in a cooperative team game with prizes for winning teams. Positive comments and thank you cards were received from students and staff at the conclusion of our visit. Students especially appreciated receiving their "goodie bags" filled with much needed school supplies and the featured book of the day.

AAUW members Leslie Jean Allison, Carol Darlington, Barbara Leone, and Diane Nescio, appreciated the opportunity to work with the YWCA students and staff. It was a pleasure preparing and presenting the *Let's Read Math!* program to them this summer."

Reported by **Carol Darlington**--"I would add that the students varied slightly in age and ability levels. This helps the lessons, I believe. More able students gain confidence as they participate in discussion. The pace is expedited by them also for less skilled students. These students all seemed eager to participate and were very well controlled in their camp setting.

Their responses gave evidence of prior knowledge and indicated that our presentations helped them to deduce new concepts and ideas. These summer math activities can form a vital link to reinforce and strengthen math and reading skills.

I believe that the team working this summer could have an even more powerful effect if the sessions were extended either in the length of sessions or more of them.

Thank you for the opportunity to be trained and to execute this program. It was great fun!"

Trained Library Volunteers Staff Honey Brook Program

As reported by **Paula McGinness**--"The Honey Brook Community Library took on the *Let's Read Math!* program with gusto. I put a sign on the Circulation Desk asking for volunteers to teach the classes. One of the volunteers and I attended a training session and gained an overview of the program: very nice materials for fifteen children's books and lesson plans for at least half of them.

Publicity was done, volunteers allowed to choose their book, a schedule made, the materials were catalogued and placed in plastic hanging bags for protection, children were registered for the ten weekly classes scheduled in two sessions, and the first week arrived.

Classes averaged 6-8 children with a couple of faithful ones who quietly appeared every week. I found that teaching styles varied and wondered if that bothered the children (it didn't seem to). One teacher put the wrong day in her calendar and the session had to be cancelled. Another day I pinch-hit for the teacher who couldn't make it. As with most programming, the events end and you remember how much time went into the preparation and how little you know about the results. We will do more *Let's Read Math!* programs and perhaps we'll get some feedback from moms and kids about the program."

School District Uses Professional Staff

The West Chester Area School District started using the program in 10 second-grade classrooms in May. Feedback from teachers has been positive, and the program will be continued in the fall. Funding for the WCASD program was provided by Verizon.

Congratulations to our branch team: Leslie Jean Allison, Carol Darlington, Barbara Leone, Paula McGinness, and Diane Nescio.

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. See Board Highlights, page 6, for the complete list.

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. See page 1 for the dates.

If you can give a member a ride, please let Barbara Leone, Membership Vice-President, know-- particularly if you live in the southern part of the county.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Women's Social Bridge will be held on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Philipps. *New members welcome.* Beatriz Wee chairs the group. If you have questions or want to play bridge in September, please contact Beatriz: 610-594-2719 (h) or beatrizti@ctsi.net.

Couples Bridge, Saturday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Phillips. Contact Chair Kay Phillips at 610-399-0697 if you want to play or with questions. *New members welcome.*

Book and Discussion Groups

Lit II, Thursday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

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

Note: The September meeting is on WEDNESDAY, since it is a combined meeting with Lit III.

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Elma Mack will host at The Hickman. Book is *The Known World* by Edward Jones. Donna Eaves is the discussion leader. *New members welcome.*

Lit III, Wednesday Evening Book Group, Fiction and Nonfiction

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

Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Combined meeting with Lit II. Elma Mack hosts at The Hickman. Book is *The Known World* by Edward Jones. Donna Eaves is the discussion leader. *New members welcome.*

Lit IV, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

Chair is Paula McGinness. Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chester County Book and Music Company's Magnolia Grill Restaurant, West Goshen Shopping Center, West Chester. The book for discussion is *Tales of a Female Nomad, Living at Large in the World* by Rita Golden Gelman. The book is available from the Chester County Library System. All members are welcome. Call Paula McGinness, 610-942-4852 with questions. *New members welcome.*

Great Decisions will meet Monday, September 11, at the home of Carla Grot, 610-388-6201. Topic is *Dealing with Iran*. For information, contact Chair Jacky Page, 610-359-9887. *New members welcome.*

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Saturday, October 14, 11 a.m.--Lisa Maatz, Association Public Policy Director, will discuss how to set up a branch public policy program. Downtown Philadelphia. Let Graham know if you want to be part of our branch delegation: 610-431-7701, GDBoose@comcast.net.

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

(As space permits, we print items of interest as requested.)

Soprano Angela M. Brown will appear in recital at **Cheyney University's** Dudley Theatre on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Brown was "Cilla" in *Margaret Garner*. Call Sebronette at (610)399-2365 for ticket information.

Vox Ama Deus, Daylesford Abbey Series, 220 South Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301

Sunday, October 8, 5:30 p.m.--*Grand Mozartfest.* All tickets \$25. <http://www.voxamadeus.org>



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***SEPTEMBER 2006
NEWSLETTER***

***RSVP Sept. 1 needed
for Sept. 12 Potluck and
Getting to Know You!***

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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