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LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!!! POTLUCK SUPPER

Tuesday, September 11 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

The responses we received from members and Interest Group Chairs alike were that last year's Potluck Meeting was wonderful – a great way to get to know new members, chat with old friends, and learn about all the Special Interest Groups. So, we have decided to do it again this year. **BUT PLEASE NOTE:** We have divided the membership differently, so you will **not** be bringing the same dish as last year! Also, we ask that you bring the recipe for your dish if it is homemade (and it certainly does not need to be). We will provide blank index cards and pens for others to use to jot down your recipe.

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 suggest that you write an outline of your presentation because we **will stick to the three minute limit this year!!**

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 F through M should bring an hors d'oeuvre or salad
- ✓ Members with last names beginning with N through Z should bring a casserole
- ✓ Members with last names beginning with A through E should bring a dessert

RSVP no later than Friday, September 7, to Fran Pierce, Co-Vice President for Programs, franpierce@verizon.net, or 610-594-0625.

Domestic Violence Center Project

Please bring paper towels, toilet tissue, and paper plates to the September meeting. Bring the regular sizes rather than the huge ones. Thank you.

Marian Stevenson

MEET YOUR JUDGES

Wednesday, September 19 at the Chester County Court House, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
For information, contact Hilary Kennedy or Kathryn Retallick, co-chairs for the branch.

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Touching Base

– by Co-Presidents Roselyn Cadoff and Leslie Wachob

Branch Leaders Busy Learning and Planning Throughout Summer at Home and at the Association (National) Convention in Phoenix

July 1 arrived as a busy start for us in our job as your co-presidents. Since this is a novel experience for both of us, the summer was spent getting ready for the coming AAUW year. We appreciate all the help and encouragement we received from you, the membership.

The upcoming year's programs were first on our agenda. This committee met several times and came up with varied, interesting plans. Please note the listing when you receive your Handbook. The first meeting, Tuesday September 11, will feature a Potluck Supper accompanied by short Special Interest Groups (SIG) presentations. This is a way for us to connect and reconnect, make and renew friendships, greet new members, get our Branch off to an enthusiastic start. We look forward to seeing you there.

Other summer activities included "Let's Read Math," an active and successful endeavor, once again. Graham Boose received a grant to spread this program to other branches and has, so far, experienced a great response.

Mid-July saw eight of our members traveling to an AAUW-PA Summer Leaders' Meeting in Lewisburg, PA, where many ideas were presented. Some of these will be incorporated in the working of our Branch to facilitate our growth.

Another development was the moving of our library to the West Chester YWCA. It was felt that this more central location would increase circulation of our books by making them more available to you, our members. Additionally, discussion was held regarding investigating the possibility of working on a closer relationship with West Chester University. This is something we will be looking into and we welcome your input on the matter.

Roselyn, finding herself in Arizona at the time of the AAUW National Convention, was happy to be given the opportunity to attend for three of the four days. The 2007 AAUW National Convention dealt largely with what was called

the "Strategic Process"...the restructuring of our organization. This restructuring was undertaken in response to the 2005 Every Member Poll, as well as many other extensive interviews, on line communications, and self-assessment tools. The object was to affect a more economic and efficiently run entity, better suited to addressing current and future challenges. Much time was spent explaining, discussing, and finally voting on the restructuring proposals. These were, much to

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Mission Statement*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

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Welcome Our New Members by Barbara Leone, Co-Vice-President for Membership

Please introduce yourself and welcome any guests and new members (wearing special name tags) at our branch meetings.

Engage them in conversation about our mission, branch activities, and special interest groups. Ask guests to sign our guest book so follow up efforts can be made. Give the names of any prospective members to either of our Co-Membership VPs (Carol Darlington or Barbara Leone).

Also any suggestions for the location of placement of our branch brochures would be

most appreciated. Consider giving a recent college graduate a branch membership under our special *Give A Grad A Gift* program. Plan to attend the September Pot Luck Supper branch meeting so you can meet and greet the following new members who have recently joined our branch:

Ann Boohar	Cassandra Jones
Anne Crowley	Dr. Melinda L. Murray
Betsey Cullen	Agnes (Bobbie) Nevin
Louise Giambattista	Elena Stuart
	Susan Wyland

PA Governor's Conference for Women is in Philadelphia, November 8. All day. Interested? Contact the Co-Presidents. Registration \$125. Tables for lunch being arranged. info@pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org

Branch Ways & Means by Nancy Dore, Chair

Our branch has several ways you can help raise funds for branch programs:

- Our bus trip to New York City will be Wednesday, November 14--see the reservation form on page 5 for further information. *Note discount for early registration.*
- The Book Fair at the Chester County Book and Music Company will be Wednesday, November 28, 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to do your holiday shopping while supporting our branch. You may reserve books ahead of the date and pick them up that day, in addition to selecting from store merchandise.
- Through the Safeway Escrip program, we receive a percentage of purchases at Genuardis. To participate, enroll each fall at www.escrip.com or by from available at Customer Service at Genuardis. Our group ID Number is 150540758.
- We receive funds for in cartridges mailed in prepaid envelopes, which I can give you at the September meeting. Cell phone and laser printer cartridges can also be recycled. For further information, contact Nancy Dore, 610-725-0459.

Jane Meade Wins Branch Scholarship



Branch Scholarship Chair Dorothy Ward (right) congratulates Jane Meade, a nontraditional student at West Chester University, as she awards her our branch \$1,000 scholarship given in memory of former member Alice Lawson.

Thanks to Phyllis Dunn!

Approximately a dozen members enjoyed a beautiful June day, camaraderie, a tour, and luncheon at Jenner's Pond Retirement Community, thanks to our member and Marketing Director Phyllis Dunn.

State AAUW Convention is in Exton, April 11-13

Please Let Us Know NOW You Will Help! By Yvonne Peiffer

This information is being published in *AAUW SUM* and is being sent to other AAUW newsletter editors of branches near Chester County.

We hope you will help us with the planning and implementation of one fantastic state convention in April 2008. (Remember there will be no State convention after this one until 2010.) Sara Barron is the state conference coordinator, *par excellence*. However you will reply to Graham Boose 610-431-7701 or GDBoose@comcast.net and Yvonne Peiffer 610-363-9535 or peiffer@erols.com, local conference coordinators (please copy both of us with any e-mails – thanks!), when you decide which of the jobs below you'd like to volunteer for. Yes, we have already approached some women for some of the jobs and they have said "yes," but below we are listing all the jobs to let you know the scope of volunteers needed. We will need lots of help and would like to know who we can count on, sooner rather than

later. Networking and camaraderie can occur as we work together.

Committees and Advance Planners

Registrar, Branch Volunteer Coordinator, Goodie Bag Coordinator, Decorating Chair, Sales Room Coordinator, Social Outing Coordinator, Off-site reception committee (optional), Silent Auction Committee (optional), and Map maker/adaptor.

Other volunteers with little or no pre-event responsibilities

Registration Desk Staff, Credentials Supervisor at business meeting on Saturday, Ushers/Row Tellers at business meeting, Speaker Assistants/Classroom aides, Set-up Helper (help with branch displays, etc.) Directional Sign Manager, Goodie Bag Packers (Thursday evening at hotel).

Thank you for whatever you can do, including attendance at the 2008 AAUW-PA Convention.



Touching Base (continued from page 2)

everyone's surprise and delight, passed unanimously! If you would like to know more, details may be found on the AAUW website. Leslie Olson will be working on adjusting our Branch by-laws so that they are "in sync" with National's, and might be able to answer questions you may have in that direction.

Also as a response to members' recommendations, and as many of you may already be aware, a new mission statement, shared by the boards of the Association and the Educational Foundation, was adopted: ***AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*** There was a strong emphasis at the Convention on urging branches to use programming to further this mission. Many workshops were held on Public Policy programming. In our West Chester-Chester County Branch, we will do our part educating our members on public policy by incorporating a short presentation in this direction at each of our meetings. In this way, we will be able not only to educate ourselves,

but also to become aware of what our national organization stands for and is doing about it.

On a personal note, the speaker who reached Roselyn most directly at this Convention was Greg Mortenson, founder and executive director of the Central Asia Institute and Pennies for Peace, and author of *THREE CUPS OF TEA... One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*. His soft-spoken delivery of a powerful, passionate message was unforgettable. When she purchased his book, he gave her two more copies, with the request to "spread the word." These books, along with some others she brought back, will enhance our Branch library. They will be readily available for everyone's use, now that our library is housed at the YWCA in West Chester. We hope you will all find time to read them, talk about them, and "spread the word."

We are looking forward to "touching base" with you on Tuesday, September 11, for our Potluck Dinner.

**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 14, 2007**. 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!

Early reservation is \$45.00 if the reservation WITH PAYMENT is received by September 30th.

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 14, 2007

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.

The Immigration Study Committee will resume meeting this fall from 10a.m.-12:00 noon on Monday, September 17, at Grove United Methodist Church (Boot and Grove Rds.) in the library. Please plan to join us as we prepare for the National League of Women Voters' consensus meetings later this fall. With our input, The League will be in a position to influence the fascinating national dialog on immigration reform. New members welcome! **Please contact Betsey Cullen at 610-793-4664 with questions.**

The League of Women Voters of Chester County has been involved with this study since 2006. AAUW West Chester-Chester County Branch has been involved since January 2007. AAUW members involved are Jacky Page, Sandi Kwisz and Yvonne Peiffer. Betsey and Yvonne are members of both organizations -- a double benefit. And another benefit of AAUW involvement will be the October AAUW Program on Immigration featuring Ubel Velez, Hispanic Immigration Attorney.

Branch Volunteers Reach Out, Mathematically, to YWCA Campers

For the third summer, volunteers from the branch reached out, mathematically, to primary youngsters in the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) run by the YWCA of Chester County, 123 North Church St., West Chester. Volunteers are Leslie Jean Allison, Graham Boose, Roselyn Cadoff, Carol Darlington, Barbara Leone, Diane Nescio, Dorothy Ward, and Paula McGinness. Fran Luft is the Y's Program Director. The format is simple: read a good story with an embedded mathematical theme with the children, do mathematical activities, have a great time helping kids--and sometimes, ourselves--become more comfortable with math. Dr. Claire Passentino (Makefield branch) developed the program. Current support is provided by gifts from branch members, Wachovia Bank, AAA, and AAUW's Educational Foundation.



Branch volunteers Dorothy Ward and Roselyn Cadoff, Diane Nescio, Barbara Leone, and Carol Darlington share *Let's Read Math!* fun with SEP children at the YWCA of Chester County.



The first two pictures show activities related to understanding number sizes from *How Much...is 1000?* by Helen Nolan.



The next two pictures show ideas related to tree diagrams and combinatorial analysis from *Sundae Scoop* by Stuart J. Murphy.

SAVE THE DATES

Branch Board Meetings

All Board 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: Mondays, August 27; October 1, November 5, and December 3. In 2008, Mondays January 7, February 4, March 3, and April 7, May 5, and June 2 (joint board meeting). Program Planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m.

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.

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

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. light refreshments and networking; 7:30 program

October 9, November 13, SUNDAY, December 9, Holiday Gala at The Hickman, West Chester; January 8; SATURDAY, February 9, 9 a.m. Educational Foundation brunch at the YWCA of Chester County, West Chester; March 11; April -- no membership meeting, please attend and help at the State Convention, April 11-13; Pay Equity rally; May 13, May Gala.

PA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN--Thursday, November 8, all day, Convention Center, Philadelphia.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Women's Social Bridge -- 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. *New members welcome.*

Couples Bridge -- Couples bridge will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, September 15, at Kay and Edward Philipps' home. Please call Kay at 610-399-0697 or e-mail her at khp65khp@verizon.net for your reservation or for information. All are welcome! Do come join us. *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 19, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Combined meeting with Lit II. Elma Mack hosts at The Hickman. Book is *Scratch Where It Itches* by Tony Rotondo. Note: the author will attend. 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 19, 7:30 refreshments, 8:00 book discussion. Combined meeting with Lit II. Elma Mack hosts at The Hickman. Book is *Scratch Where It Itches* by Tony Rotondo. Note: the author will attend. Donna Eaves is the discussion leader. *New members welcome.*

Lit IV, Monday Evening Nonfiction Book Group

Chair is Paula McGinness. Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chester County Book and Music Company's Magnolia Grill Restaurant, West Goshen Shopping Center, Route 202 and Paoli Pike, West Chester. The book for discussion is *How Doctors Think* by Dr. Jerome Groopman. All members interested in the book or topic may join. Please call Paula if you have a question, 610-942-4852. *New members welcome.*

Great Decisions will meet Monday, September 17, at 1 p.m. for lunch, followed by a discussion of *Central Asia: Three Power Resource Rivalry*. Location is same as that of Lit IV above. Leader is Mary Pinkney. For information, including how to order the resource book, contact Chair Jacky Page, 610-359-9887. *New members welcome.*

FIG (Food Interest Group) will feast, Hawaiianly, at a luau, Saturday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Donna and Bob Eaves. Contact Donna for details by September 1. 610-692-5277 (h), or deaves@chesco.org (o) or Deaves812@aol.com (h). *Singles and new members welcome.*

Finance Discussion Group -- Leslie Olson chairs the group, olsonfour@aol.com or 610-399-1371. Wednesday, September 19, 7-9 p.m., Chester County Book & Music Company (see Lit IV for details). *Structure of the Work Force*, led by Carla Grot.



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SEPTEMBER 2007
NEWSLETTER

- **Meeting is Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m., POTLUCK**
- **Sign up for NY Trip, November 14**
Discount available
- **Meet Your Judges, Sept. 19**

AAUW Mission Statement

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

AAUW Vision Statement

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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