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Film Presentation of "The Good Earth" and Branch Business meeting

**Cedar Crest College
Tuesday, October 25
6:30 pm
Hamilton Blvd. Building**

On Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30 PM, at Cedar Crest College, we will be having a film presentation of The Good Earth, based on Pearl S. Buck's Pulitzer Prize-winning book. A business meeting will precede, and a discussion will follow the film. For those going on the November bus trip to the Pearl S. Buck house, this is can serve as an introduction to Buck's writing. But members do not have to have read the book or take part in the bus trip to enjoy this chance to socialize. It will be in the same place where we had our September breakfast – the Hamilton Boulevard Building, which is easy to get to (right off Hamilton Blvd.), park, and access the building safely. Light refreshments will be served.

Save the Date: Saturday October 22: 10 am- 2 PM

AAUW Eastern District Meeting

Program: Campus Sexual Violence, Mandell Hall, Delaware Valley University, 700 East Butler Avenue, Doylestown

President's Message

Celebrate AAUW! I started my message on the train traveling back from Washington, DC. I had the privilege of being at our new offices at 1310 L Street, NW. The building is “state of the art”. Our staff are housed in ergonomically-designed offices. They all are pleased with their new “digs.”

While at my meeting, I learned a little about our “houses”. Did you know that for about 40 years, AAUW was in a chest that traveled to the home of the association secretary? Our new location is our 5th location – just as our first house – we are leasing 3 floors in a totally renovated building. If you are in Washington, please stop by. Members are always welcome.

It was a pleasure to kick off our new AAUW year with a Celebration of AAUW. Two videos detailing our mission, work and programs were shown before Toni Hoffman and Susan McNamara talked about the United State of Women Summit held in Washington in June. Toni and Susan were two of our AAUW representatives. Over 5,000 attended this conference hosted by the White House. **WHAT AN HONOR FOR US TO BE REPRESENTED!**

Now that our celebration has begun, I'd like to go back to my challenge to you. What can you do personally to support our mission of empowering women and girls?

Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Make sure your family and friends are registered to vote.
- ✓ Educate yourself to learn the issues and where the candidates stand and encourage family and friends to do so too.
- ✓ Use the resources available at aauw.org.
- ✓ Remember we will election a US Senator, PA Attorney General, PA Auditor General and PA Treasurer, State Representative this November. Oh yes, if you haven't heard, president too!
- ✓ Sign up for the bus trip on November 29th. Our proceeds will benefit “the Dictionary Fund.”
- ✓ Consider making AAUW one of your charities of choice. Most don't realize that we are a charitable organization doing great things to promote education and equity for all.

As I close, I hope you will join me in celebrating AAUW – locally, state-wide and nationally. See you at our October meeting as we view excerpts from the movie, “The Good Earth,” in preparation for our November trip to Pearl Buck's home.

What is your passion? Why did you join AAUW?

These questions were asked of our members who attended the September meeting. Overwhelmingly members said their passion was our mission of “Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.” Friendships, kindred spirits and the book sale also were popular responses.

After watching the videos, the passion responses were much the same. Some new responses were political clout, inspiring women and girls and understanding our impact on women's issues.

One response I feel sums up our passions quite well. “It is important that what we stand for has a local face and is visible.” Something to think about... How can we bring our work on issues facing women and girls to our community?

Susan

Board meeting: October 13, 7 pm, Location: TBA



September 17 Meeting

(Left) President, Susan Nenstiel gives a gift to Karen Peiffer, outgoing Co-President.
(Right) President Susan Nenstiel leads the meeting.



(Left, Right & Below) Toni Hoffman and Susan McNamara give presentation about USOW at the meeting.



Public Policy

Lesley Lojko, Public Policy Chair

On September 27 we helped to register new voters at Cedar Crest College with the very able assistance of 3 professors from the History/Political Science department and several students who are very tech savvy and enthusiastic about voting and the election. One young woman expressed her desire to go into politics and aim for the Governor's job in the future. We were able to help students check their registration status on-line, register new students on-line, change their address on-line for their registration and provide absentee ballot forms or information about how to get their state's form. We also provided hard copies of registration forms in English and Spanish. It was a fun and rewarding project. Thanks to Karen Peiffer, Jeanne Ring and Jean Fox for their time. Thanks to Dr. Christine Carpino, Dr. Megan Monahan and Fae Dietz from the faculty at Cedar Crest.

September 27 turned out to be National Voter Registration Day - a complete surprise when we set up the date last March!

The AAUW Action Fund's 2016 Voter Issue Guide is available on-line or in hard copy form from me. Click on: <www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-voter-issue-guide> This guide discusses topics and questions to ask the candidates who are running for local and national office about issues that directly affect women and families. You can read this guide on-line, download and print it out or ask me for a copy, which I will be glad to send to you. It is about 12 pages.

Of course, my most important message for this issue is "Please vote".

Lets Read Math

Jan Seaman: jrouxseaman@gmail.com

You are invited to join us as we go together into Bethlehem and Allentown second and third grades to introduce math concepts through story and activities. This year we are in need of additional volunteers. The commitment is usually 2 hours once or twice a month in October and November. Occasionally, there is both a morning and afternoon session at a school.

Preparations are underway for this joint Allentown/Bethlehem group to visit schools this fall. If you'd like either to participate or to know more or be on our mailing list for information, send an email to: fBentkowski@Verizon.net. Fern coordinates the activities with classroom teachers. If you're interested in participating, give Fran your available weekday dates between October 13 and 31. Indicate if you can come in the AM or PM or both on each of your available dates.

Branch Activities

Saturday, November 6, 2016, 9:30—11:00 AM

Northampton Comm. College Alumni Hall - North campus

Interbranch "One Read" Event,

Breakfast at Sally's by Richard LeMieux

The Dictionary Project

The dictionaries are ordered. The date is set. Now all we need is volunteers! We will be at Central Elementary School on Thursday, November 15 at 10:30 AM to hand out A Student's Dictionary and A Webster's Spanish-English Dictionary for Students to each third grader. There are 5 3rd grade classes this year so we are looking for a few volunteers to add to our group to help with this project. So whether you

will be a returning volunteer or a new one, please contact me so we will have enough be ready in November. Once the books are here I will set up a date for the volunteers to meet to put our AAUW Allentown labels on each dictionary and go over the "lesson plan". Contact me if you would like to help or if you have any questions. Thanks.
Respectfully submitted, Cathy Kane

Community Services for Children

Thanks to the generosity of the Allentown Branch AAUW members attending our September brunch meeting, twenty four infant and toddler appropriate board books have been donated to Community Services for Children's Early Head Start programs. The parents, guardians, children and staff at Community Services for Children are truly grateful for our donation.
Respectfully submitted, Cathy Kane

Book Corner

A big thank you goes out to Cops N Kids of the Lehigh Valley for hooking our branch up with both the Southern Lehigh School District and the Hillside School for two large donations of books for our Book Corner at the Lehigh County Assistance Office. The office is now located on Union Boulevard in the old Western Electric building in close proximity to the PA Career Link/Private Industry Council Offices. It's a little tricky to find the office entrance and even trickier to find the cubicle where our supply of books is stored, but our branch volunteers trek to the office on a weekly basis and fill up the shelves with children's books for the clients, their children and grandchildren.
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AAUW Membership Benefits

Did you know as a member of AAUW you can take advantage of discounts and other services? Click on this link to learn more (and scroll down the page). You may need to login using your Member ID (found above your address from Outlook magazine).

<http://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/>

If you need your member ID, please call Linda Robbins or Susan Nenstiel.

An example of one of the discounts offered is Office Depot/Office Max. For example, this year we had our yearbooks printed at Office Depot at a savings of \$200!

Study/Interest Groups

Career Women's Study Group

Barbara Ashley (610-391-1217)

Second Thursday, October 13, 7:30 pm

Location: Mary Ann Anthony's home, 610-432-9994

Speaker: Susan O'Donnell, on Metabolism, Nutrition and Aging

New members are welcome. Please notify hostess if attending.

Literature of the Past and Present

Leader: Annette Bonstedt (610-395-5974)

Thursday, October 20, 12:30 pm

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library Rare Books Room (Level B)

Hostess: Lesley Lojko ph. 610-395-6337

Reviewer: Lesley Lojko

Book: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backan

New members are welcome. Please call the hostess if attending.



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Recent Literature

Leader: Karen Kneifel (610-433-7288)

Second Thursday, October 13, 12:30 PM

Book: The Last Painting of Sara de Vos, by Dominic Smith

Reviewer: Sandra Hartzell

Hostess: Sandra Hartzell, 610-966-2109. Please phone hostess if NOT attending.

Women's Lit

Leader: Peggy Tyson (610-797-4199)

Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 pm

Hostess: Mary Jane Risch 610-797-3140

Hostess & Book selections for 2017; potluck meal at 5:30 pm

New members are welcome. Please call hostess if attending.

Diversity, Deeds, and Dialogue Study Group

Chair Ruth Skoglund (610-509-9263)

4th Wednesday in members' homes, 7 pm

Please call chair for more information and if interested in attending.

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 LAF/EF

AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.

AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

