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Member Making the News

Kay McKenna
AAUW President

AAUW member Constance Garcia-Barrio has become a regular contributor to the Op-Ed page of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* as a free lance writer. She writes on a wide range of subjects. Two of her essays were about the power of stories to bond families and cultures. "Stories from West Africa find a way of sticking in Americas" was published on February 26, 2001, and "A discouraged, disjointed age aches for good storytelling" was published on January 14, 2002. Her 2001 article entitled "Plan Columbia" describes the devastating loss of land by native Columbian people as their crops are chemically sprayed to reduce cocaine production.

Constance also writes for *Pennsylvania Magazine*, *The Germantown Courier*, *The Mt Airy Times*, and *New Moon for Girls*, a magazine that encourages its young readers to play an important part in selecting what they will read. She received the National Association of Black Journalist Award in August of 2000. She is working on a novel. The AAUW of Philadelphia is proud to count her as one of our members!



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Dr. Donald L. Clark to speak on "Privatization in Public Education"

Marjorie Harris
Educational Equity Chair

On **March 20th**, we will have the honor of hearing a talk by Dr. Donald L. Clark on privatization in public education. This timely talk will address some of the issues currently confronting the Philadelphia Publics School system. Dr. Clark is former Director of the Bureau of Curriculum and Academic Services at the Pennsylvania Department of Education. There he oversaw curriculum and instruction, strategic planning, school based improvement, evaluation and testing, school equity, and federal programs. He will discuss the changes taking place in public education today.

Clark held professorial positions at the College of New Jersey and at Rutgers University's Department of Community Development and Graduate Division of Educational Planning. He has lectured and keynoted to many professional organizations and provided consultation in leadership, staff development and technical assistance all over the world, including in the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, South Africa, and several European communities.

His eight post-retirement activities include consultation to Western Michigan University/Kellogg Foundation, the Urban Superintendents' Projects, Abington School District's Human Relations Committee, and the Board of Juvenile Justice of Pennsylvania.

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Muslim Women's Perspectives

Camille Macdonald-Polski
VP, Program

"Women, Tradition and Law in Islam" will be the title of the keynote address given by Zoharah Simmons, Ph.D., a Muslim in the Sufi tradition and a founding member of the Bawa Mahalyadeen Fellowship and Mosque in Philadelphia. Dr. Simmons received her degree in Religious Studies from Temple University, where she specialized in both Islamic and Women's Studies. She is currently Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Florida at Gainesville. She graciously agreed to take this assignment when Maysam J. Faruqi of Georgetown University had to withdraw because of impending surgery.

Added to the program is Azra Hromadzic, a Bosnian Muslim woman who is now a doctoral candidate in anthropology in the University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests include culture, rape and war; identities and identification of mass violence; and issues surrounding nationalism. Her presentation will explore a number of these topics.

At this time, all members should have received a flyer outlining the program and registration material. We urge you to respond as quickly as possible so that we can make proper arrangements. This is a program you won't want to miss.



Outstanding Women for 2002

Loretta Bove Crowell
AAUW Director at Large

Lucille Larkin and Jeralyn Svanda will be honored as Philadelphia Branch's Outstanding Women at the upcoming 2002 AAUW-PA Convention in Pittsburgh on April 19-20. As co-chairs of our Branch's 2001 Achievement Award, they not only increased the attendance at this annual recognition ceremony but also tripled the revenue ever raised in the event's eleven-year history.

Hard work and perseverance are no strangers to this dynamic duo. Lucille's experience in fund-

raising, advertising, writing, and video production is peppered with many successes. A graduate of Marymount College, Lucille also studied at both the University of the Sorbonne and Theatre Ambigu-Ecole with Marcel Marceau in Paris. She has enjoyed positions as an executive with a track record in strategic planning and communications.

Jeralyn Svanda, a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, has demonstrated both leadership and dedication during both her teaching career and tenure as a Philadelphia Branch member. After earning her degree in Dietetics and Education, she held many teaching and administrative posts, including Food service Director for the Upper Darby School District and Director of Dietetics at Philadelphia Community College.

During her a 20-year membership of the Philadelphia Branch, Jeralyn willingly took on many assignments. She served as Awards Chair, both Co-Chair and chair of Dinner with Philadelphia Authors, Branch Vice President for Administration, and most recently, Co-Chair of the 2001 Achievement Award Luncheon.



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NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

LWVPA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The **registration form** for this year's state AAUW convention can be found in the recently mailed spring Keystoner. All Branch members are invited to attend. It will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North on April 20th and 21st. Please send your registration to Sylvia Lynn, rather than Diane Meixell, erroneously listed in the Keystoner.

MAIN LINE BOOK GROUP

The Main Line Book Group will meet on Monday March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The book chosen for March is *Beyond Belief: Islamic excursions among converted peoples*, by V.S. Naipaul.

SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS!

AAUW always welcomes new members! Call the Branch office at **(215) 545-4903** or go to our website at **aauwphila.org** for an application form and join the oldest nation-wide organization for women in its dedication to education for women and girls!

Welcome to new members!

Vicky Welsh
Janet Cegelka
Ann Kariuki
Johanna Godfrey
Martha Mertz
Cory Shdaimetl

Spring Tour Set for Tuesday, May 14th

Camille Macdonald-Polski
VP, Program

Woodmont, an imposing example of 19th century French Gothic architecture has been selected for the Branch spring tour. The mansion represents an era when work of European and American craftsmen merged into some of the finest wood and stone sculpture found in the region. Located on 73 acres of rolling lawns and gardens in Gladwyne, it occupies the highest point in Montgomery County.

Originally built for the Wood family who founded the Allan Wood Steele company, it is now owned and operated by Peace Mission, Inc. of the Peace Mission Movement founded by the Reverend M.J. Divine.

We will meet at Woodmont for the tour at 10:30 a.m. At approximately noon we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Members enjoyed our informal tour of Society Hill last May so much that we are repeating the "spring tour" – this time at a suburban site.

If you have not visited Woodmont, you have a treat in store. If you have, it is well worth another visit and some well deserved, relaxed socializing with AAUW friends.



Dr. Donald Clark to Speak on March 20th

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Dr. Clark received his B.S. from Cheyney State University, his MA from Glassboro State College, and Ed.D in Educational Leadership and Planning from Farleigh Dickinson University. We look forward to receiving a wealth of information on this most timely topic, privatization in public education, from one who is most capable of providing it by virtue of his education and experience.



AAUW CALENDAR

- March 16** **Committee program:** Girls succeeding in Science Math and Technology with Drexel University's Women in Engineering for 7th grade girls. Curtis Hall, Drexel. Members who wish to volunteer should call Chairman, Barbara Barnett via the AAUW office.
- March 20** **Branch Meeting for members and perspective members:** "Privatization of Public Education" with Dr. Donald Clark. The Union League, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$15 for members, free for perspective members. Reserve using flyer or coupon.
- April 13** **Branch Meeting:** "Many Voices, Many Women: Perspectives of Muslim Women at Bryn Mawr College, \$15. 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Register with Bulletin coupon or flyer mailed separately.
- May 8** **Branch Meeting: Smart Women Finish Rich.** Union League, 5:30 –7:30 p.m. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. Members \$15. Perspective members free. Use coupon for registration.
- May 14** **Branch outing: Tour of Woodmont, the estate of Father Devine** in Gladwyne. Tour followed by lunch. No cost except for lunch.
- June 8** **Branch Annual Meeting .** Program on the glass ceiling in academia and in the corporate world, following the meeting. Site to be announced.

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