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Award Luncheon Success!

If the success of a program can be measured by the number of compliments received from the audience, then our Achievement Award Luncheon 2003 held on October 8th at the Union League was a smashing event.

More than 100 in attendance had the chance to hear and meet our Awardee Jane Golden, who is the director of Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program. The behind-the-scenes work of our super committee and the support of our membership made the afternoon a special day to remember.

Ms. Golden – or Cool Jane, as she is known in some circles – gave a dynamic presentation about the beginnings of her mural arts program which marked the ending of graffiti in so many of

Philadelphia's neighborhoods. Without a doubt, she has been a catalyst for beautiful change in our city and, in the process, has changed the lives of so many young people for the better.

Artist, visionary, mentor – she is a bundle of talent with boundless energy who simply loves her work. Philadelphia is certainly lucky to have her and we at AAUW are proud to have saluted a most deserving and outstanding achiever.

Loretta Bove Crowell

Member Comments on the Award Luncheon . . .

We were pleased to have Reverend Dr. Wilson Goode as the presenter of the award to Ms. Golden since he was responsible for funding the Murals Arts program when he was Mayor of Philadelphia.

Ms. Golden graciously accepted the award and presented an inspiring account of her work in mobilizing communities to paint murals on vacant walls. She narrated colorful slides depicting some of the murals located throughout the city.

The audience present enjoyed Ms. Golden's presentation and acquired a tremendous respect for her work in ridding the city of graffiti.

In attendance were 106 people. Some of the comments we heard included:

- “The Union League was the perfect setting to hear the exciting presentation of this remarkable woman.” Carole Robbins
- “Her accomplishments in this City are amazing.” Rita Bosari
- “I enjoyed Ms. Golden, the delicious food and the Union League.” Beatrice Hines

Dolores R. Sieberlich

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Kudos to Jane Golden... truly a Golden Girl! She was a perfect choice - her 2,300 murals to date have transformed many of the city's most dreary areas. Equally important in the process, she has changed the lives of many of our young people.

She has empowered them to develop their artistic talents, given them a sense of self-worth and accomplishment as well as entry into a variety of art based careers. All of these goals are also the goals of AAUW.

The award luncheon held on October 8th was a stunning success. It was held in the Meade room of the Union League, our members and their guests enjoyed a reception luncheon. The presentation of the award and a wonderful talk and slide show by the awardee, Jane Golden, the mural arts program director.

Wilson Goode, who was Mayor of Philadelphia when the program was introduced, made the presentation. Also present were a number of our past

In the decade that the Philadelphia Branch has honored women of achievement, wonderful women have shared their stories of work and passion - all have made Philadelphia a better place in which to live.

Jane Golden shared her adventure with us on October 8. It began some twenty years ago when she was hired by the Reverend Wilson Goode who was then Mayor and who joined us to make a gracious introduction. Jane's joys,

The choice of recipient makes the day, and she was a superb one. We were fortunate in having such a comfortable room, more user-friendly than our previous locations. We should consider using it again.

Anne Insinger

awardees: Lucy Hackney, Carol Hass Gravagno, and Christine James-Brown.

The committee thanks the members for their support and enthusiasm, we look forward to Golden's continued success in her project.

Anne Breidenstein

disappointments, tenacity and creativity have made Philadelphia a city of murals.

Everyone in the audience has a sense of pride in this seemingly indefatigable 2003 honoree. Congratulations to the committee and to the branch for so wisely maintaining a tradition that shines a spotlight on women who make life richer for us all.

*Camille McDonald-Polski
President 1990-1992*

Award Luncheon Success!



*Rena Burstein and honoree
Jane Golden*



*Just before the luncheon begins!
Loretta Crowell, Elvira Rice and Anna Young*



Enjoying the day at a luncheon table



The registration table.

LEADERS WANTED

Our highly successful Girls in Math, Science and Technology committee needs a chair (or two) so that it can continue its important outreach services to young women, and teachers, in our community.

Barbara Barnett, past chair, is available for consultation and support.

If interested, call the branch office, 215-545-4903 or Branch President Loretta Crowell.

Women & Influence Conference

The Women and Influence Conference is to be presented by Women's Way on **Saturday, November 15, 2003** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the **University of Pennsylvania**, Meyerson Hall, 34th & Walnut Sts.

Women & Influence is a **FREE** conference consisting of workshops and a keynote address which our branch members have been cordially invited to attend. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The conference is designed to address the lack of representation of women in leadership roles in our region and to foster an environment of equality in politics and in the workplace.

The conference is free but you must register before November 10, 2003 with Women's Way at www.womensway.org or call 215-985-3322 for a registration form and program details.

Congratulations!

To Rosa Mikeal Martey and her husband Nii Olokwei on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Naa Merley Martey, on October 9th, 2003!



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Calendar

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| November 8 | Women in Transition Program. Be the Designer of Your Life III at the Community College of Philadelphia. Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For further information call Janice Borlandoe. |
| November 11 | Branch Board Meeting. Tuesday at noon at the branch office. Brown bag lunch. Call 215-545-4903. |
| November 12 | Dinner-with-an-Expert. Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Eva Noll, Historian will tell us about the fascinating historical records of Washington's Generals. Eva is a member of the Valley Forge Branch and a Chester County Historical Society Researcher. Dinner will be at Williamson's Restaurant on City Line Ave. Reservations at \$24 each are required. Call the office at 215-545-4903 to make your reservation. For further details call Anne Breidenstein. |
| November 15 | Women's Way Conference, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. At U. of Pennsylvania. Registration required. See article on Page 3 for details. |
| November 24 | Main Line Book Group will discuss <u>Fahrenheit 451</u> by Ray Bradbury. Monday, 7:30 p.m. at home of Mary Lucy Wood. All members are welcome. |
| December TBA | Tour of the High School for Creative and Performing Arts. Details will follow. |
| December 14 | Holiday Party. Sunday 2-4 p.m. At the home of Suzanne Cohen in Academy House. |

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