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Jane Golden - Awards Winner

The Public Policy Committee Needs You!

Are you interested in Public Policy issues? The chair of the Public Policy Committee, Ann Kariuki, invites you to join the Public Policy Committee and be part of an exciting and vibrant group. Let's meet and decide on the hot issues that we shall tackle in the coming year. For more information please contact **Ann Kariuki** at awkariuki@aol.com or (215)386-1280.

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Jane Golden, Director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, will receive the 2003 AAUW Achievement Award at the Award Luncheon, presented by the Reverend Dr. W. Wilson Goode, at the Union league on October 8th.

In 1984, Golden who had been busy in California using mural art to help youth, moved to Philadelphia and offered her services to Mayor Goode. She was hired to oversee a summer program and then to be full time Artistic Director of the mural arts program. Today Golden is Director of the City of Philadelphia's Department

of Recreation's Mural Arts Program.

Golden has degrees in Fine Arts and Political Science from Stanford University. She completed an MBA in painting at Rutgers University and served as adjunct instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. She has co-authored "Philadelphia Murals and the Stories They Tell".

Your invitation will be in the mail by September 1st. Plan to come and bring a friend for a delicious lunch and a great program.

Mural Arts Trolley Tour

As a preamble to our Achievement Award Luncheon honoring Jane Golden, "the Mural Lady", we plan a two hour Mural Arts Trolley Tour of South Philadelphia, led by an experienced docent, on Saturday, September 20th.

The tour departs promptly at 11 a.m. from the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Sts. Public parking is available under the Visitor Center.

Tour cost: \$18 for adults, \$15 for

seniors. Advance registration by September 12 is required. Checks payable to Philadelphia Branch, AAUW should be mailed to the Branch.

Questions? Call Rena Burstein, 610-664-1840. See the enclosed flyer and use the tear-off to make your reservation for this fascinating view of Philadelphia's outdoor museum of murals. Tour will take place rain or shine, in an open-air, covered trolley.

Student Affiliate at Training Session

Nicoll Clark, the President of the Student Affiliate Satellite of the Community College of Philadelphia for this year, attended a Training Session at the Pennsylvania State AAUW July meeting.

Each Branch is invited to send two members, so with very short notice, Nicoll took a Saturday, July 19 from her busy schedule, hitched a ride with a Valley Forge AAUW Branch member who was also attending, and had a short,

packed few hours of training at Lewisburg, PA. Nicoll became a student affiliate member when she joined on the spot at our December social Open House and was elected Vice-President as the Affiliate formed in February.

Look in future newsletters for announcements from her and her fellow members about their own programs. All student affiliates are cordially invited to all of our programs.

From the President . . .

September is on its way, marking the end of those lazy, hazy days of summer.

But it is also ushering in the beginning of a new year for AAUW. Our Program Vice President Rena Burstein has planned an array of interesting activities for all of us this fall. Take a peek at the calendar of events in this issue!

Among the programs listed for September is a special art exhibit at the Free Library in Logan Square, entitled "Lines of Violation". It is a provocative pen and ink display of hand prints of women who were forced to serve as "comfort women" for the Japanese military during World War II. Our Philadelphia Branch is proud to join the Asian American Women's Coalition in bringing this story to the public, a story that must be told and must never be forgotten.

September will also highlight our traditional Back-to-Branch program – in a very untraditional way! You and I will have a chance to board a special trolley to see some of the outstanding wall murals that have been painted throughout South Philadelphia. A reception will

Back-To-Branch Reception

Our traditional Back-to-Branch get-together will be on Saturday, September 20th from 2-4 p.m. at the Branch office. Light refreshments will be served. (If you are taking the trolley tour, there is ample time to join us.)

Come to chat with old friends and meet new ones. It's a nice way to start the program year. Joining us will be two AAUW-PA officers, Karen Rowe, State LAF Liason and Kate Sweeney, District

follow at our Academy House Headquarters. Be sure to encircle Saturday, September 20th on your calendar because you don't want to miss this outing.

And speaking of murals, the Director of the Mural Arts Program in Philadelphia, Jane Golden, will be our 2003 AAUW Achievement Award recipient. Jane Golden has brought art and beauty to our city while turning former wall graffiti writers into budding artists. She will be honored at our Award Luncheon which will be held at The Union League on Wednesday, October 8th. This is another event you really shouldn't miss!

I'm looking forward to our 2003-2004 year, and especially to enjoying our September and October lineup of events with you.

Loretta Bové Crowell

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V Coordinator, who will tell us about this year's State and National Conventions, up-coming activities and more.

There is no charge for this event. If you plan to come, please call the Branch office at 215-545-4903.

Lines of Violation

Our branch is pleased to be co-sponsoring with the Asian American Women's Coalition an exhibition and seminar at the Free Library in commemoration of the Comfort Women of World War II. The seminar will be held on Monday, September 8th.

The art installation, entitled *Lines of Violence*, opened on July 14th and will remain on exhibit in the Library until September 14th.

Lines of Violation, created by British artist Andrew Ward, has traveled to Europe, Asia and Africa. This exhibition marks its debut in the United States.

The July 14th opening, emceed by WPVI-TV reporter Nydia Han, was very well attended and highly successful. Branch

Please Take a Moment . . .

...please, to send your dues check payable to **Philadelphia Branch, Inc. AAUW** for this year's AAUW membership. Regular members, \$72 or Student Affiliate members, \$17 for the 2003 – 2004 program year.

As we near the beginning of our 2003-04 Program Year it is more apparent than ever that we need your continued support. Encouraging women to consider continuing education and girls to choose careers in math, science and technology programs require Branch member skills and funding - that means *your* involvement and *your* dues. Grants are hard to come by this year, but we can make a real difference with your participation and support!

Very Special Benefits of membership include automatic membership in the Philadelphia Branch, PA State, and National AAUW, as well as the

member, Judge Ida Chen, made the closing remarks at that program's conclusion.

That event will be followed, at the Free Library, on Monday, September 8 by a seminar, "Comfort Women Then and Now, From Exploitation to Empowerment," featuring four distinguished speakers.

For those who wish, a dinner for which reservations are required will precede the seminar. For further information please call the Branch office at 215-545-4903 or contact Program Vice President Rena Burstein.

International Federation of University Women. Our local, national, and global presence contributes invaluable voices and support to outreach, education, and policy-making in many crucial areas that affect women and girls.

AAUW membership also brings you travel opportunities, discounted publications, and networking with other members and partnering organizations just might just help in your job search or other projects.

You have been a valued member, whether you are an active member or a member giving only much needed financial support.

If you believe in our cause, send in your check!

Dinner with the Author

More than thirty members and guests had a wonderful evening, on May 8th, with author Kevin Baker at dinner at Williamson's Restaurant.

Baker read from his current novel "Paradise Alley" and spoke in a charming, informal way about his other works and his career as a writer.

We are looking forward to more Dinner With the Author programs, arranged by Anne Breidenstein, in the coming year.

Member News

Wedding bells rang for Rosa Mikeal Gross in June. Our best wishes to her and her new husband, Nii Olokwei Martey!

Congratulations to Susan Rabii on her marriage on August 2nd to Michael Zima. Pat Rabii, who is also a branch member, is the happy mother-of-the-bride.





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Calendar

September 8	Board Meeting at the Branch office. Monday, 4 p.m.
September 8	Dinner and Seminar at the Free Library. Monday, 5:30 p.m., Seminar at 7:00 p.m. Topic: Comfort Women Then and Now, From Exploitation to Empowerment. See article on page 3 for details.
September 20	Trolley Tour of Philadelphia Murals. Saturday, 11a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$18/\$15. Reserve by September 12 th . See article for details.
September 20	Back-to-Branch Reception at the Branch office. 2-4 p.m., Saturday Light refreshments.
September 29	Main Line Book Group will discuss Dr. Zhivago by Boris Pasternack. Monday, 7:30 p.m. At the home of Rena Burstein. All members welcome.
October 8	Achievement Award Luncheon honoring Jane Golden at The Union League. Wednesday, Noon. See first page article.
October 27	Main Line Book Group will discuss <u>Leap of Faith</u> by Queen Noor. Monday, 7:30 p.m.
November 8	Women in Transition Program: Be the Designer of Your Life III at the Community College of Philadelphia. Saturday. For information call Janice Borlandoe.

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