

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.



A Special Invitation to the Annual Holiday Party

On Sunday, December 11, the Annual Holiday Party will be held at Merry Lou Shaw's home at 890 North Wayne Avenue in Wayne. Please plan to bring your favorite holiday dish, or cookies or a bottle of wine. Merry Lou's home is a perfect holiday setting. Being there will put us all in the holiday spirit. You don't want to miss it!

the Wayne train station.

However, you get there –plan to be with us-It won't be a real party without you!

You are also welcome to bring husbands, best friends or prospective members!

Car pool from the City or call Merry Lou at 610-687-3989. To be met at



SAVE THE DATE!

AAUW The Middle Atlantic Region Conference will be held on March 18-19, 2006 in Bethlehem, PA

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Please take a special note of the letter which will be mailed to you shortly from our Educational Foundation/LAF Co-chairs

After you will receive this letter, timely contributions, sent to our office, would be very much appreciated.

Latest from the Public Policy Chair!

Philadelphia Branch plans a Program on March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day.

Details will soon be announced.

From the President . . .

Part One: What we are About?

The American Association of University Women: Why join? Why not join many other women's groups that abound for one cause or another?

Education, especially beyond the High School level has always been the main thrust of AAUW. Now that as many women as men attend colleges and universities, there has been a shift to work for girls and women to be given the chance to be treated equally in the quest for a good education. Add to that the quest for equality and respect in the workplace by "LAF", the Legal Advocacy Fund, which assists women in academia who have been denied tenure though eminently qualified or been down-graded unfairly by a "good old boys culture".

The struggle goes on. Our Geraldine Marren Fellowships eased or even made it possible for five fine women graduate students to continue their studies in local universities. Soon you will receive our annual letter asking for financial support for AAUW Educational Foundation. Hopefully you will give generously towards grants and fellowships that the foundation gives to women in education at various levels.

Part Two: What's Brewing?

It is hoped that there will be a Dinner With the Expert featuring an IFUW member, Wil Dijk from the Netherlands.

Visiting our country for a Conference for Historians in Philadelphia, she hopes to meet some AAUW members and we

hope to oblige her on January 10. Stay tuned.

Also brewing is a possible opera event in February in Philadelphia. West Chester-Chester County Branch AAUW is planning this event and we may piggy-back on their plans. Quoting their Branch Bulletin "Margaret Garner was a pivotal figure in United States antebellum history, a fugitive slave from Kentucky who escaped with her family on a snowy winter's night to Cincinnati, Ohio.....The East Coast premiere of the new American Opera based on the character, written by the Grammy award-winning composer Richard Danilepour and Nobel-prize winning author Toni Morrison, examines the themes of love, freedom, and hope during a dark time in our nation's history". Stay tuned.

March is a month full of AAUW events in Pennsylvania. Plans are brewing for an IBC event, a Program on March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day by our Branch, The Middle Atlantic region Conference AAUW March 18-19 in Bethlehem, PA., the Philadelphia Community College Workshop on "Empowering Women" and, as yet to be confirmed, Pennsylvania State AAUW Convention starting on March 31. Whew! Stay tuned! Meanwhile, I hope everyone along with their husbands and friends will find their way to Wayne for our Holiday Party at the Shaws on December 11. Please check out the enclosed flier.

Sally Stevenson, President

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In Memoriam



Our Branch members were saddened to learn of the death of Esther Moyerman Klein, one of our most revered members. Esther was an active and involved member for many years.

An important contribution Esther made to AAUW was the Newsletter she edited and published during the Conference held by the International Federation of University Women in Philadelphia in 1968.

She was also active in the

community. She was a Philadelphia Orchestra Committee volunteer for many years. She established her own Art Gallery and published a book about the history of Fairmont Park.

With her husband, Phillip Klein, they successfully expanded Harcum Junior College in Bryn Mawr and remained active in its administration.

These just a few of her many interests. Esther was also a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia will miss Esther-her activism and generosity. The Branch will miss her spirit and support. We join in offering our sympathy to her family.

Johnstown Holiday Inn
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CONVENTION 2006

77th AAUW-PA
CONVENTION
 March 31 and April 1-2, 2006

Friday through Sunday
 Johnstown, PA

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To the AAUW Philadelphia
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- December 5** **Board of Directors Meeting**, Monday at Noon in the Center City Office.
- December 11** **Annual Holiday Party**. 2:00-4.00pm at the Merry Lou Shaw's Home, 890 North Wayne Avenue, Wayne. RSVP 610-687-3989 or 215-545-4903. Please read the flier for details and directions.
- Dec. 19-05 -Jan. 3-06** Office Closed
- January 3, 06** **Board Meeting**. Tuesday at Noon in the Center City Office
- January 09, 06** **Dinner With the Expert. Wil Dijk**-Historian, guest from the Netherlands. 5:30 p.m. Location: "Alder" Restaurant, 281 Montgomery Avenue, Bala Cynwyd. Reservations Required, Price: \$25.00.
- January 14, 06** **Brandywine River Museum Tour**, Rts. 1 & 100, Chaddsford, PA. 10:30 a.m
- January 23, 06** **Main Line Book Group. The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton** by Jane Smiley. Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rena Burstein, 729 Arlington Road, Narberth, PA. To RSVP or for directions call 610-664-1840.
- February 6, 06** **Board Meeting**. Monday at Noon, Center City Office.
- March 4, 06** **IBC Tour**. Details TBA.

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