



The FORECASTER

Pennsylvania Division AAUW – Doylestown Branch

www.aauw-doylestown.org

A Platinum Branch

Carolyn Cowgill, President

AAUW Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Doylestown Branch Dinner Meeting Doylestown Country Club

6:00 p.m., Wednesday June 3, 2009

We have an amazingly outstanding speaker for our June dinner: David Denoon, Professor of Politics Economics at New York University. He will be speaking on U.S. - China relations, and this is an excellent opportunity to invite guests. Professor Denoon graduated from Harvard, has an M. P. A. from Princeton and a Ph. D. from M. I. T. He serves on the Council on Foreign Relations, The National Committee on U. S. – China Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies (in London,) the Asia Society and the U. S. – Indonesia Society. He has served in the Federal Government as Program Analyst for USAID, Vice President of the U. S. Export-Import Bank and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. Professor Denoon has written seven books, among them recently, "The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India." *I have heard him speak, and he is not to be missed! (Linda Kenyon)*

If you have not yet made your reservation for the June Dinner it is not to late. See form on page 4.

Old Board New Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2009
Time: 5:30PM
Place: Home of Carolyn Cowgill

Notes from the President

INCLUSIVE OR EXCLUSIVE?

Since 1881 there have been changes in members and membership requirements for the American Association of University Women. Here is a very brief summary of some of these changes. In 1881 there were 15 college graduates who despite being social pariahs formed the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and set out to help other women graduate from college. After WW I several college women's organizations across the country joined to form the American Association of University Women. By the 1930's many professional women decided not to give up marriage. By the 1950's the typical Association member was as likely to be an educated housewife as a college dean or lawyer. By 1955, a survey revealed that more than half of the AAUW members were mothers. After WW II with a new understanding of racism and democracy, and after several years of debate, AAUW members voted that any woman holding an approved degree from an institution approved for AAUW membership eligibility was entitled to membership in the national Association and its branches. In 1981, at its 100th anniversary AAUW had grown from 15 to 190,000 members. In 1987, the Association extended membership to men holding college degrees. In 2005, AAUW members voted to expand membership to include college women holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution.

Here are comments by members about proposed changes in 2009:

A hard working, long time member said, "There have been too many changes already. Many of our members say they will drop out if the college degree requirement for membership changes. I won't be around too much longer, and I want to continue to enjoy my branch as it is."

Continued on page 5

Study & Interests Groups

Paula Young 215-794-8602
pjyoung@pil.net

Adelante Book Club

Lois Plotnick 215-343-0613 lois.plotnick@gmail.com.

June 17, 3:00pm at the home of Betsy Smith to choose books for next year.

Bridge

Maureen Shuster 215-348-2071 maureen-shu@msn.com

The group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Newcomers are always welcome

Curmudgeons (Book Sale)

Besse Brindle 215-348-4942, Amy Lancaster 215-348-9654

Daytime Literature Review

Peggy Michaud 215-345-8470 michaud20@verizon.net

June 25, THE GUERNSEY LITERARY and POTATO PEEL SOCIETY by Shaffer & Barrows. The meeting is at Mary Goldstein's and Liz Horman is leading the discussion.

Evening Eclectics

Barbara Theiss 215-348-1145 grandbtheiss@comcast.net

June 10 - Our last meeting of the year will be the annual Pot-Luck Supper at Sue Martin's home. We will be selecting the books to be read next year. Also, we will sign up for the hostess and reviewer slots for each month

Health & Nutrition

Phyllis Weir 215-345-1075 drwpesw@verizon.net

International Culture & Cuisine

Don't forget, the Hawaiian night at 3:00pm on Sunday, **May 24** of the Memorial Day weekend.

It has been a great year and the next will be wonderful as well. Already ideas are swirling around..food on the Titanic and an evening of Julia Child recipes with the possibility of Julia coming and making a personal appearance. Anyone who wants to hostess or has ideas please call me (215-794-8602) or send an email (pjyoung@pil.net) Enjoy your summer. Paula

Issues

Lois Plotnick 215-343-0613 lois.plotnick@gmail.com

Monday, **September 21**, 4:00pm; Topic: Our economy & its present effect on health care, industry, business, etc. Select an area to research near time of meeting. Hostess: Paula Young

Mah Jongg

Mary Lee Lieser 215-489-5577 billtravel@msn.com

The Mah Jongg group will meet at the home of a member at 7:00 pm on June 2nd, 16th, and 30th. Please call or email Mary Lee if you would like to join us. New players are always welcome.

Quilters-Broken Dishes

Emily Sippel 215-340-1579

Contact Emily for information

Study Group Leaders

Please send me your project for the past year. If you want to support the food closet send a check to Bess Brindle or to Paula Young.

It has been a great year and now we can rest and plan the next one. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Paula

Bylaws Special Meeting

If you haven't sent in the AAUW PA survey, it is too late. The deadline was May 15. Our state board was hoping to gauge the opinions of members before the national convention in June. At that time, the proposed bylaws that will govern our organization will be voted on. Twenty members attended our May 6 meeting set up expressly for the purpose of reviewing these bylaws. Rationales, pros and cons were examined for each bylaw. A stimulating discussion ensued where varying points of view were aired.

Our four delegates to the convention have been advised of the feelings of the members present at this meeting. It is still not too late to contact them if you wish to share any concerns: Carolyn Cowgill, Louise McLeod, Gerry Sproesser, & Chris Dowling

Cultural Trips

June 22, Monday, Sellersville Museum – \$7.00, display of historic wedding dresses, tour museum with docent, Power Point presentation of local history; lunch on your own at Washington House; visit Lizzie High Shop and walking tour of historic architecture optional. Carpooling from Acme Shopping Center for Doylestown residents. Register by **6-1-09** with Jean Kraus at 215-453-1306 or jeankraus@comcast.net. Directions to be sent via e-mail.

.Wednesday, July 29th at 10 am, meeting of the Cultural Interest Group to plan next season's trips. Call Barbara Barney if you can attend, (215-345-5365).

Member/New Member/Prospective Member Tea

Mark the date on your fall calendar! **Sunday, September 27** is the date of the annual Member/New Member/Prospective member tea. It will be held at Pat Von Seggern's home from 2:00-4:00PM. New and prospective members will be hosted by returning members and we hope all of you will plan on coming. More details will be in the September newsletter

Curmudgeon Commotion

It has been my privilege (or lot) to hear several world renowned preachers. I can remember that each had something to say, but no single sermon or sound bite comes to mind. However, one memorable story stays with me from those times.

One day two eloquent social justice sermons seemingly left little to be said, but the third man gave voice. "The swollen river kept rolling. Two men were standing, one in the water and the other on the bank, pulling person after person from the rising flood. At a brief pause one stretched and said to the other, 'You know, we ought to go upstream and find out who keeps throwing them in'".

The research done by women with AAUW Fellowship grants has generally been upstream. Over the years we women have indeed moved ahead of the mainstream in remarkable ways.

AAUW fellowships and grants enable researchers to prepare solid data, not just anecdotal evidence. These quantify the facts that the overwhelming majority of the millions living in poverty are women and that women are about two thirds of the global illiterate. EF recipients often offer direction for finding our common ground and remediation of these two realities of many societies in the world.

It has long been notable that we in the Doylestown Branch are about women's commonality worldwide. One way is through our meetings and our programs. Another way is by directing the earnings of the Book Sale to identified ways which enable women in an increasingly complex world.

Our sociable community of women gathered, sorted, displayed and sold many books this year. The Curmudgeons continually point out women's preference for cooperation rather than hierarchy. It worked again. To each of us, WELL DONE!

Amy Lancaster
May 16, 2009

AAUW DOYLESTOWN ANNUAL JUNE DINNER

JUNE 3, 2009

DOYLESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB

5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 P.M. DINNER

Speaker: PROFESSOR DAVID DENOON: On "THE FUTURE OF US-CHINA RELATIONS"
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BUFFET MENU

Salmon with Caramelized Ginger, Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Picatta,
Special Salad with Oranges, Potatoes Au Gratin, Buttered Vegetables
Cheesecake with Berries, Coffee and Tea

Guests are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$36.00. The reservation deadline is MAY 29.

Please send checks made out to:

AAUW Doylestown Branch to: Besse Brindle, 4294 Southview Lane, Doylestown, PA 18902

Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Total of check @ \$36.00 for each person attending: _____

Doylestown Branch AAUW

Membership Renewal Form

Membership Year July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010

Name _____

Please submit dues by June 5, 2009

Member [] Dues \$85.00 (National \$49; State \$10; Branch \$26)(Of the \$49 national dues, \$46 is tax deductible.)

Life Member [] Dues \$36.00 (State \$10; Branch \$26)
(Life members have paid the equivalent of 20 years national dues. Current life membership: \$980)

Additional Contributions to [] EF _____ [] LAF _____

Make checks payable to Doylestown Branch AAUW
Send check to: Besse Brindle, 4294 Southview Lane, Doylestown PA 18902

Please check your information in the 2008-2009 directory for accuracy and make any changes below.

[] E-mail address is correct [] Information is correct [] Following needs to be corrected

[] Check here if you would appreciate a ride to meetings.

Notes from the President *continued from page 1*

A young 25 year old AAUW member discussing how her generation is different noted,: "My friends are not interested in joining an organization to have tea. We don't need to compartmentalize people or exclude according to gender or education levels. Each of us has diverse skills valued by others."

Another member stated, "We should include all people subscribing to our mission not because we need younger or more members but because it is the right thing to do."

In 2009, AAUW history is in the making, and we are all a part of it. Thanks to each of you for all you have done to support fairness and equity for all women through your friendship and work in AAUW Doylestown Branch. Together, let us continue this work.

Carolyn Cowgill

Treasurer's Report

May12, 2009

	OPERATING FUND	BOOK FUND
ASSETS	\$11,817.20	\$15,217.17
LIABILITIES	<u>2,002.00</u>	<u>3,280.00</u>
BALANCE	\$9,815.20	\$11,937.17

AAUW National Dues/Fees Tax Deductibility

Effective April 1, 2009: AAUW National Individual Membership dues for fiscal year 2010 are \$49; \$46 is tax deductible, and \$3 is not tax deductible (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities). Branch members should pay their \$49 national dues plus their branch and state dues through their branch as usual.

Note: Branch/state membership dues are not tax deductible unless your branch/state is classified under the Section 501(c)(3) entity by the Internal Revenue Service.

Please contact Treasurer Besse Brindle if you would like documentation to support your itemed deductions.

Doylestown Branch Board for 2009/2010

The following slate of officers will serve the AAUW, Doylestown branch for the 2009/2010 year. Elections were held at the April 29 (Book Sale) meeting.

President: Gerry Sprosser, President Elect: Lois Plotnick; Program VP: Linda Kenyon, Jo Ann Maguire; Membership VP: Pat Von Seggern, Chris Dowling; Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Cronin; Recording Secretary: Betsy Thomas; Treasurer: Besse Brindle.

The following members will serve in these appointed positions:

Areas of Interest

Community: Nancy Blois, Amy Lancaster; Cultural: Barbara Barney; Diversity: Louise McLeod;

Standing Committee Chairs:

Archivist: Marie von Elton; Book Sale: Curmudgeons; Education Foundation: TBA; Hospitality: Pamela Good, Shirley Yannich; Newsletter: Marilyn Cook; Publicity: Jean Stevens; Public Policy: Meg Sheketoff; Study Group Coordinator: TBA, Web Coordinator: Louise McLeod; Women's History Month: Helen Montgomery

A big thanks to the 2008/2009 board for giving of your time to the Doylestown Branch.

Marilyn Cook, Nominating Committee Chair

Barbara Stewart
 5046 Valley Park Road
 Doylestown PA 18902



AAUW

AAUW Calendar, June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Mah Jongg	3 AAUW June Dinner	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Evening Eclectics	11	12	13
14	15 Board Meeting	16 Mah Jongg	17 Adelante Book Club	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Daytime Lit	26	27
28	29	30 Mah Jongg				

Dates to Remember

Cultural Trips planning, July 29, 2009;

Member/New Member/Prospective Member Tea, September 27, 2009

National: www.aauw.org	Pennsylvania: www.aauwpa.org
--	--