

# West Side Stories

Western Sussex (DE) Affiliate of the Delaware AAUW



## The Musical Talent of Ged Pearson

It was such a pleasure and a privilege to listen to Ged Pearson play the piano, flute, and clarinet at our May dinner meeting. Ged is a

wonderfully gifted senior at Seaford High School where he serves as the drum major for he marching band.

Ged played DeBussy on the the piano, a Russian Dance Etude on the flute, and another impressive etude on the clarinet. Having played the piano starting at age 5, and then progressing to several other instruments (which many are self-taught) it was very obvious that he is quite gifted and had found his passion for music at such an early age. His mother and father (Amy & George Pearson) both stated that they never had to ask him to practice!

Ged spoke to the group about his trip to perform with many other talented young musicians at Carnegie Hall in NYC this past February. Not only was his audition to perform with this “Honors Band” a success, but he also landed a solo as well as first chair for the third clarinet part. While in NYC, he was equally exited to have seen “Wicked” on Broadway and take a boat cruise around the island as part of his experience. It ended with all the students performing a concert on that Sunday in the prestigious hall.

Ged told us that his favorite instrument was the piano. He works at the Manor House in the food service area and plans to attend a 5 year music education program. He and his parents are currently looking at several collegiate options for the fall of 2019.

### **2018-19 Meeting Dates:**

September 26, 2018

November 28, 2018

January 23, 2019

March 27, 2019

May 22, 2019



All meetings begin with dinner around 6pm, followed by a program ending around 8pm. Meetings are currently held at the Manor House, 1001 Middleford Road, Seaford, DE 19973.



Diane Thomas, Director of the Shipley Center & Jessica Pizzai-Furbush, Social Service Specialist will be our guest speakers for the September meeting.

Currently, our members have donated \$171.26 for Seaford Students in Transition program. Member Anne Bleile presented a check to the guidance department. State Funds Chair, Kathy Jacobs, reported that our branch and members contributed \$245 to AAUW funds.



### **MAY MEETING RECAP:**

Pat Davidson won the Association Membership drawing. We raised \$56 dollars at our meeting for this chance. This money will be placed into our scholarship fund.

We will have our annual budget and officer elections at our September meeting. Please consider taking on a role, however small, in our organization.

Joyce was presented with a gift card to the Day Spa at the Marina for all her hard work as our president.

# Geranium Fundraiser

## Update:

We sold over 2,200 beautiful geraniums this past year. At last count, we had a \$2,524.10 profit, an increase of \$150 from last year. This is the most we've made since 2013!

Besides our Bon Appetit restaurant raffle, the geranium sales are our only other large fundraiser for this branch. We each need to commit to continuing this profitable endeavor. Pat Davidson continues to do a fabulous job organizing and spear-heading this effort.



Woodbridge Middle School 8th grader, Alicia Molack, was the recipient of the Delaware Aerospace Camp Scholarship. We look forward to hearing from her at our September meeting. If you have any questions about the program, please see Marcia Windley.



We were thrilled to have 21 applicants for our yearly scholarship, and to subsequently interview around 8 applicants for the chance to be awarded some financial support for college. After the interviews and discussion, Maria Morelli, a Delmar senior, was awarded our scholarship. Maria was at the top of her class! She loves animals and her goal is to become an Avian Veterinarian.



Please make sure that you have paid your yearly dues of \$70.

Josie will no longer be the membership chair, so please give your check to our treasurer Ellen Wright.

Please continue to bring friends who may be interested in joining.



RSVP to Shirley  
629-8806 or

### September Menu

Plated Salad

Baked Ham with Pineapple Glaze; applesauce side

Broiled Salmon with Lemon Butter Sauce

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Peas & Green Beans

Carrot Cake & Lemon Raspberry Cheesecake

Coffee, Tea, or Water



# Member News

It's with a heavy heart that we have lost two outstanding members of our organization. Nancy Cook Marsh and Anne Clayton Nesbitt have passed on this summer. Both women were active in our AAUW branch and will be remembered by each of us in our own special way. Please continue to keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Please continue to keep Rajani Purandare in your thoughts and prayers at the passing of her dear husband Vijay.

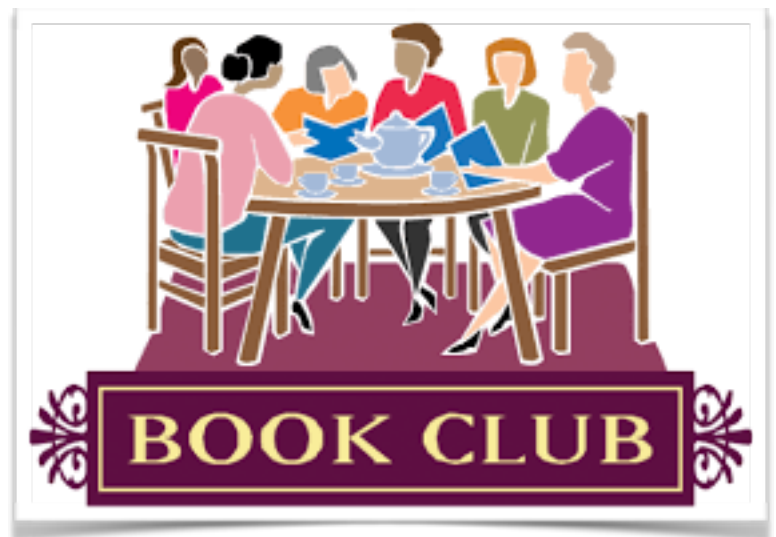
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<http://aauw-de.aauw.net/>



Information about our Book Club will be coming soon. More information will be shared at our September meeting. Please refer to the website for additional information after our September meeting.