

# West Side Stories

Western Sussex (DE) Affiliate of the Delaware AAUW  
March 2019 Edition



## What's Happening in Our Town

Our January meeting was very informative as Trisha Newcomer, Director of Economic Development and Community Relations for the City of Seaford, came and spoke to us about all the great changes and improvements happening around Seaford.

Trisha talked in depth about the Downtown Development Grant, given to the city in 2005. It's being used to help owners of the downtown area recoup around 20% of their initial investment. This also helps the city to entice businesses and investors to our downtown. To date, over 1.2 million dollars in grants have been given by the state.

Additional improvements to the city are also in the works. The Royal Farms was totally refurbished and expanded to offer more to the downtown area. A project is currently underway to revamp the Triangle Park and the immediate area. The Oyster House Project by the river will offer a restaurant, ties to the Seaford Museum, and beautification of the river walk area. The city has been working diligently with The Chesapeake Conservancy. There is also additional investigation of a possible connection to the National Park Services.

Continued interest in the redevelopment of the Nylon Capital Shopping Center as well as attracting and bringing in new business remains at the front of city's desire to grow and build a thriving community. The McDonald's on Rt 13 is currently under new construction, and a Chik-Fil-A is coming to the old Wendy's site by the Food Lion.

A Rental-to-Home Ownership project is currently helping renters with taxes associated with home ownership. By helping renters navigate the costly process of buying a home, the city is encouraging them to put down roots and become a part of the city.

It was encouraging to hear all the great things going on in our city.



## 2018-19 Meeting Dates:

~~September 26, 2018~~

~~November 28, 2018~~

~~January 23, 2019~~

**March 27, 2019**

**May 22, 2019**



We currently have  
26 branch members.

All meetings begin with dinner around 6pm,  
followed by a program ending around 8pm.

## MENU

RSVP to Shirley 629-8806 or  
[blackwell629@comcast.net](mailto:blackwell629@comcast.net)

### March Menu

Plated Salad  
Baked Ham with Brown Sugar & Pineapple Glaze  
Fried Shrimp  
Mac & Cheese  
Selected Green Vegetable  
Chocolate Mousse  
Lemon Cake

RSVP by  
March 22!



DE AAUW information can  
be easily accessed by  
going to their website at:  
<https://aauw->

### WESTERN SUSSEX LEADERSHIP

President - Joyce Mackler

Treasurer - Ellen Wright

Secretary - Pat Davidson

Membership - Barbara Johnson

Program - Shirley Blackwell & Mikki Madden

Newsletter - Mikki Madden

International - Rajani Purandare

Scholarships - Marcia Windley & Lisa Tobin

Sunshine - Mary Ellen Farquhar

Past Pres. & State Nominating - Pat Davidson

**VACANT - Bylaws & Public Policy**



Yearly membership is \$70.  
If you have questions, please  
contact Barbara Johnson,  
Membership Chair.  
Just a note, non-paying  
members will be removed  
from our rosters.

Please continue to bring  
friends who may be interested  
in joining. The only way we  
can grow is if we keep sharing  
with our friends!



With a bit of the Irish luck, and of course some momma coercion, we will have Dana Blackwell Bowe, Delaware Teacher of the Year, as our guest speaker for March! Bring a friend to come and hear all that Dana has to share!

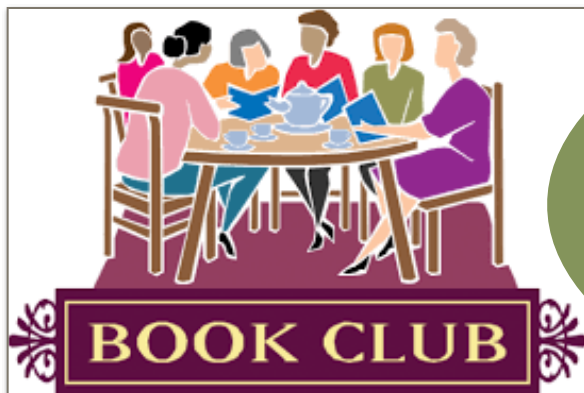
We are pleased to be able to offer TWO \$1000.00 scholarships for two graduating ladies this coming spring. Applications will be received and a committee will review and interview eligible candidates. If you would like to serve on this committee, please see Marcia or Lisa. It's exciting to support young women in their pursuits of higher education.



**Did you know that your chance of finding a four-leaf clover is about 1 in 10,000?**



We are saddened by the passing of Darl Culver, a member of our AAUW group. Darl passed away on January 10, 2019. She was a proud graduate of the University of Delaware and a great member of our group. She will be missed by family and friends.



JOIN THE BOOK CLUB!

Come and meet up the second Monday of every month in the Allen Room of the Seaford Library at 4:00pm.

Visit at: <http://www.seaforddistrictlibrary.org/adult.html> for more info!



## TREASURER'S REPORT - March 2019

### **OPERATING EXPENSES ACCOUNT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1290.78</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$181.30</b>
Dues	\$0.00
Jan. Dinner Mtg.	\$181.30
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$182.00</b>
Manor House (Jan. mtg.)	\$182.00
Dues (National)	\$0.00
Dues (State)	\$0.00
AAUW Fund Cont.	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1291.48</b>

### **SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$7201.29</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$601.22</b>
UD (Returned Check)*see below	\$600.00
Interest (Dec., Jan.)	\$1.22
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
UD (M. Morelli)	\$600.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$7202.51</b>

\*UD returned the check for Maria Morelli. They stated that the student is "fully funded" for the spring semester.

Please send any newsletter information to Mikki Madden at [mikssterlingstyle@gmail.com](mailto:mikssterlingstyle@gmail.com)



To Determine if someone is having (or has had) a **STROKE**:

Think **STaRT**

Can they **SMILE**  
Can they **TALK** (coherently)  
Can their **RAISE** their arms  
Is their **TONGUE** straight (when they stick it out)

If you answer NO to ANY OF THESE, go to the nearest Emergency Room or call 911.

For more information visit:

[stroke.org](http://stroke.org) or ask your health care provider



Please take the time to visit our state site at <https://aauw-de.aauw.net> for information about upcoming events that are taking place in and around our state.



Our state webpage is a plethora of information about what's happening through our AAUW, especially at the national level.

## It's That Time Again... GERANIUM TIME!

It is that fabulous time of year again—the **geranium sale!** The spring geranium sale is the major fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. Last year we raised over \$2000! **Lakeside Greenhouses in Laurel** will again be providing us with their beautiful geraniums. **Craig is keeping the price the same, so we can stay at \$4.50.**

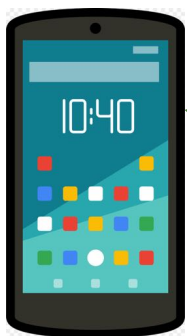
<b>Important Details:</b> Selling Price:	<b>\$4.50</b> per plant
	Checks or cash only
Vendor:	Lakeside Greenhouses in Laurel, DE
Size:	6-inch pots
Colors:	<b>Red, White, Salmon, Pink, or Fuchsia</b>
Deadline:	<b>All orders needed by <u>March 27th</u></b>
Pick-up Date:	Saturday May 4th
Time:	8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.*
Pick-up Place:	West Seaford Elementary School Parking Lot-across from Hooper's Landing Golf Course



### Help!!!

**Help is needed for the unloading, selling, and delivering geraniums. If you can provide any help in these areas, let Pat Davidson know 629-4619.**

**Please make sure you get a working phone number for Saturday in the event we need to call and remind them about pick-up!**



March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first telephone call to his assistant in the next room.



Shawn Garrahan has also filed to run for the Seaford School Board. No information about this candidate is available at the time of this publication.

**As of this publication, Dara Laws Savage, a Seaford graduate and legacy, has placed her hat in the ring for the Seaford School Board.**



Dara is the daughter of Harriet and Charles Laws, both former educators in the district. Both she and her older sister Desi, are educators as well.

# Board Minutes

February 11, 2019 AAUW Board Meeting

**Treasurer Report:** Ending Balance: \$1,291.48

Scholarship Account: \$6,602.51

The scholarship money sent to the University of Delaware for Maria Morelli was returned due to sufficient funds and monies are not held over. Lisa will have to call to understand the status of this student. We decided to hold the funds until September semester.

**Membership:** 26 members paid to date

**Programs:** March 27<sup>th</sup> Dana Bowe will speak as Delaware Teacher of the Year. May 22<sup>nd</sup> program will possibly have the Possum Point Players sing.

## Scholarship:

Discussion of adding the new schools but concern about going out of Delaware for schools. Many other schools were added to the list by going out to many private schools. We will not change for this year. It was decided that an email could be sent to the schools that this scholarship is available. It was decided to send the information to Laurel, Woodbridge, and Seaford. It was recommended to have an announcement in *The Star* to inform others of the availability of the scholarship.

## Geraniums:

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the pick-up date. March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting date is the geranium order turn in date. A group will meet Feb. 19 to stuff the envelopes and hand out to our members.

**Audit:** It was suggested to have the books audited. It was recommended that Gerry and Anne could possibly do it for us.

**Officers needed:** President and program chair.



Our members with their projects at Bricolage Barn.

**Light It Up Blue** Ceremony Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6:30pm, at Gateway Park, Seaford, DE

The month of April is Autism Awareness month. We support Autism Speaks by “Lighting It Up Blue.” This campaign is designed to color the world blue in an effort to increase awareness of the challenges faced by people with autism. Awareness is the key to funding research for a cure and helping develop treatments that provide opportunities for people with autism to thrive in this world. Even more importantly, awareness leads to acceptance of people with autism, and their differences, by others. Given that one in 59 children are now being diagnosed with autism, just imagine how many community members have children, family members, or close friends that are affected! Our Delaware “**Light It Up Blue**” committee is successful in lighting up schools, University of Delaware, Legislative Hall, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, City of Seaford, Seaford School District, Premier Physical Therapy and Sports Performance, Gallery 107, St. John’s United Methodist Church, Soroptimist’s Your Sisters’ Closet, Nanticoke Automotive, Penco’s Elegant Designs, Hertrich Family of Dealerships, Sweet Serenity, Western Sussex Chamber of Commerce, and 35 other local businesses. April 2, 2019, 6:30pm, the City of Seaford will have a lighting ceremony at Gateway Park. Our guest speaker will be Delaware’s Teacher of the Year Dana Bowe! You can help by shining blue lights, wearing blue, putting up signs and spreading the word of acceptance for children and families impacted by autism.

Thanks for helping us shine a light on autism the month of April.

For more information or to make a donation visit: [autismspeaks.org/LIUB](http://autismspeaks.org/LIUB), Autism Delaware, [delautism.org](http://delautism.org), or Delaware LIUB

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