

West Side Stories

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

Possam Point Players

As we ended last year's meeting season, we were happy to welcome Kenny Workman, Director of P3, to our meeting as the program topic.

While promoting the current season of shows, Kenny gave us a wonderful look into the history of the program and all the things it offers to the community besides great theatre.

46 years young, P3 was started by a couple who believed the Sussex County should have a theatre company. Their first production was "Carnival" and it was a "touring" company as there was no dedicated space at the time. It continued this way for 20 years until land was purchased from the town of

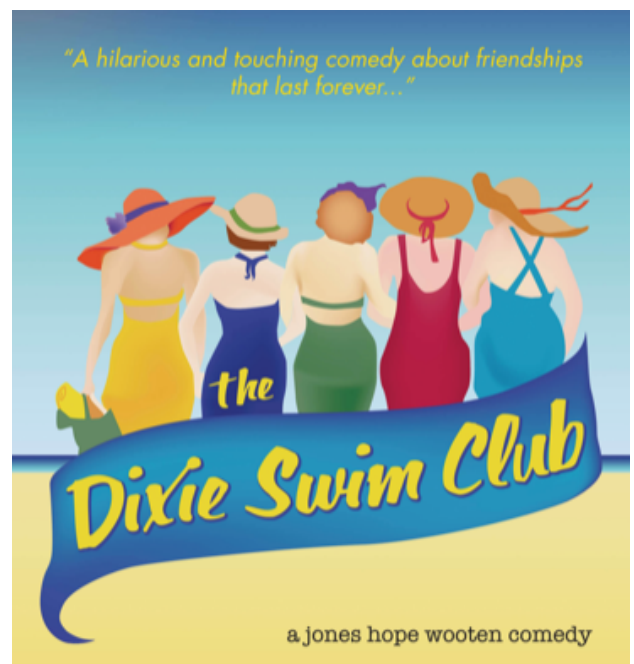


Georgetown. From there it has evolved into a state of the art community showplace with scores of volunteers both on and off the stage. There are only two full-time paid employees.

P3 offers many different opportunities for interested community members. There are 5 main stage shows each season. There is a "Radio Theatre" group as well as a Shakespeare group that performs 1 full-scale production a year. On the Edge focus on "edgier" productions while Dreamers United has a focus on cultural productions in the Black History genre.

For the budding enthusiast, there is PPPJrs which is comprised of middle and high school students. They take workshops to learn new skills and perform 1 full scale production in the summer. This goes hand in hand with the 2 summer camps that P3 offers to approximately 80 students.

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2019-20 Meeting Dates:
September 25, 2019
November 20, 2019
January 22, 2020
March 25, 2020
May 27, 2020



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

We currently have 28 branch members.

MENU

Sept. Menu

Because we are meeting at the Seaford Museum, we are patronizing a downtown establishment for subs and fixings. Hard-to-Handle subs, chips, drinks, and dessert will be our menu. Cost = \$12 for dinner and museum fee. Time will be 6:00 pm at the museum

RSVP to Barbara
302-245-3897 or
barbrjohnson@gmail.com

RSVP 9/20/19



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

WESTERN SUSSEX LEADERSHIP

President - Joyce Mackler

Treasurer - Ellen Wright

Secretary - Pat Davidson

Membership & Reservations - Barbara Johnson

Membership - Pat Reilly-Butcher

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, Programs



Yearly membership is \$70.
If you have questions, please contact Barbara Johnson or Pat Reilly-Burcher, Membership Chairs.

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

The Possum Point Hall is available for rent to outside parties interested in using the facilities.

Their current season is coming to an end, however, they still have a Christmas show November 29-December 1 and December 6-8. It's called Christmas from the Heart and is centered around a small town in America where folks from different backgrounds and beliefs come together and work for the good of their community. Traditional and contemporary Christmas songs are included in the show.

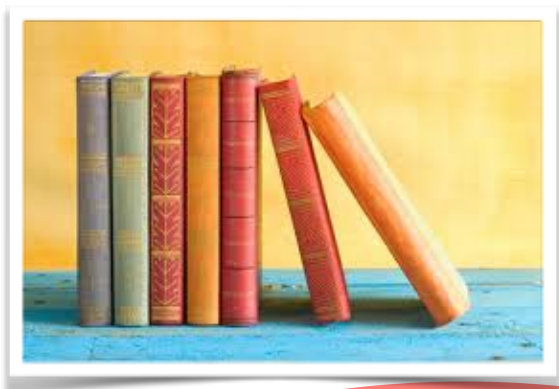
Contact P3 at the Box Office #(302) 856-4560 or their website at possumpointplayers.org

Did you know that the month of September has many recognized Holidays?

- VJ Day, WWII
- Labor Day
- Grandparents Day
- 911 Remembrance
- Constitution Day
- Autumnal Equinox
- Native American Day
- Rosh Hashanah

Welcome New Member Caroline Beane

Caroline is a single lady, who has moved to the Manor House this past spring. She has 2 nieces & 2 great nephews! Caroline graduated from Univ. of Md with a B.S. in Horticulture and Landscape Design and also worked for Univ of Md Co-operative Extension Service, as the first woman agriculture agent in the state of Md. She went on to Melwood Training Center for disabled individuals as their business manager. Next, she was the chair of horticulture dept at college of So. Maryland. After she left there she owned her own landscape design and installation business until retirement. She a member of AAUW, in So. Md for many years.



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!

Please send any newsletter information to Mikki Madden at mikssterlingstyle@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT - September 2019



OPERATING ACCOUNT

	2018-2019	2019-2020
RESERVE	\$450.00	\$280.00
DUES	\$150.00	\$150.00
RAFFLE		\$300.00

EXPENDITURES

AAUW Action Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00
Insurance	\$185.00	\$185.00
Programs	\$106.80	\$225.00

Newsletter, Postage, Geranium Sale, Candidate Forum, Misc., Membership Recruitment was at \$0

TOTAL	\$491.80	\$730.00
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SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Interest	\$7.02	\$6.00
Geranium Sale	\$2536.95	\$2300.00
Raffle(s)	\$620.00	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$3136.97	\$2606.00

EXPENDITURES

UNDERGRAD SCHOLARSHIP	\$600.00	\$2000.00 (2 scholarships)
DE AEROSPACE ACADEMY	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$1200.00	\$2600.00
Undergrad Scholarship (Morelli: 2018-2019)		\$600.00

2019 Western Sussex AAUW Scholarship Winners!

At our May meeting, we were thrilled to meet and hear a bit about our newest scholarship recipients.

Jacqueline Herrman is a Laurel High School graduate and Abigail Covey is a Seaford High School graduate.

Both young ladies were carefully chosen from a list of stellar candidates for their scholarships.

We were excited to be able to award 2 \$1000 scholarships this year.

Many thanks to Lisa Tobin (chair) and the members who helped with this process.

Congratulations



Scholarship Winners Jacqueline Herrman (Cedarcrest College), Member-Lisa Tobin, Abigail Covey (UofD)

Autumn Wellness Tips

1. Get a flu shot if you are able - prevention is key!
2. Wash your hands regularly and moisturize afterwards - keep those germs at bay!
3. Schedule a physical with you doc - it's a great practice and keeps you aware of any issues!
4. Moisturize, moisturize, moisturize - the change in season will start drying out your skin!
5. Get your Vitamin D levels checked - this is especially important for women!
6. Eat seasonal foods - they are at their peak for nutritional value!
(beets, broccoli, cabbage, kale, pumpkin, broths & stews)
7. Stay active - walking, working out, keeping active helps will overall health!
8. Slow down the stressful pace - take time to watch the season change!





Board Minutes

Remember to check the batteries in your flashlights and smoke detectors. Make sure you have backup batteries for the coming seasons!

September 10, 2019 Board Meeting

Program Plan: September 25th meeting will be held at the Seaford Museum. We will have a light dinner and then a tour of the museum with highlights of the latest women's display. Jim Blackwell will be guiding us through different parts of the museum.

Set up-5:30 Pat will open

Dinner plan- subs from 2 Hard to Handle, Mikki will provide chips, cookies, water

Barbara will provide wine, plastic cups and opener

Pat D will provide plates, napkins, and tablecloths. She will bring clean up materials (paper towels, wipes, spray)

Deadline to RSVP Sept. 20. \$3 for the entrance fee and \$7 dinner

Membership:

Numbers and names were discussed to clear discrepancies between National List and our list. Barbara and Pat will continue to pursue the monies that we are due.

Next year we will offer the membership to be paid on line and offer assistance at the Manor House to the members that need help. The online National membership plan should be in place.

Scholarship:

Ellen reported that she has paid the scholarship for one of the students on time and she has communicated with the second student twice and finally paid late.

Lisa Morelli has not responded to receive her second semester entitled money. We voted to abandon pursuing this student.

Next Board Meeting: October 8

November 20th meeting will hopefully have the Aerospace scholarship student.

Submitted by,

Pat Davidson



Please take the time to visit our state site at <https://aauw-de.aauw.net>

Welcome to the start of a new year of Western Sussex AAUW. I am so pleased to say that Barbara Johnson has agreed to be our meeting Reservation Coordinator. So to RSVP for meetings, please contact Barbara. Her contact information is in this newsletter.

I am also grateful that Ellen Wright will remain as our Finance Officer, Pat Reilly-Butcher as our Membership Chair, Pat Davidson as our Secretary, and Mikki Madden as our Newsletter Editor. We would still like to have two more members step forward to fill the roles of Program Planner and Public Policy Chairperson. Currently, the board is trying to plan the branch programs and meetings. I am starting my fourth term as president of the branch. I am sorry that I don't have the time I would like to dedicate to this position between my work and family responsibilities but I do my best to keep our branch together. I hope that one of you will volunteer to be President-Elect and bring some fresh ideas to our branch.

We are excited about our first general meeting which will take place on Wednesday September 25 at 6 PM at the Seaford Museum. Our idea was to have a downtown Seaford night. Food will be catered by Hard to Handle sub shop with some additions by your board members and a generous donation of wine by Barbara Johnson. The cost for the program and dinner will be \$12 each. This includes a \$3 donation per person to the Museum, food and beverages. The sandwiches are big and delicious so come hungry! We will be given a private tour of the museum and have a short business meeting. Please RSVP by this Friday, September 20th to Barbara.

We have discussed our branch finances before at general meetings. Our operating funds come from our branch dues of \$5 each. Multiplied by 29 members, this comes to \$145. Our branch liability insurance, which we are required to have, costs \$180 a year. Of course we have other operating expenses that we need to cover as well, for example guest speaker dinners and our annual donation to AAUW Funds. So you see our dilemma. The board considered raising the branch dues but decided against it this year because of the increase in the association dues. We do not use any of the geranium sale proceeds for operations but we do have to utilize some of the Fall Fundraiser proceeds to balance our operating budget.

This year we propose to increase the cost of our dinner meetings held at the Manor House by \$1 from \$14 to \$15 each. We pay the Manor House \$13 a person for the food so the remaining \$2 per person can go into the branch operating fund. So if you attend all 5 general meetings, this will only cost you an additional \$5 over the course of the year. We know that the residents of the Manor House do not pay the \$13 for dinner because this is included in their residence fees. However, we would like to ask that the ladies from the Manor House also begin to pay \$2 per meeting into the branch operating fund. We will answer questions about this and take suggestions from the members during our upcoming meeting.

Lastly, the online AAUW dues payment system, known as the MPP is now up and running. We will use this system next year. We will be offering more information on how this works and also try to set up a time perhaps at the Manor House, when board members will be available to help members use this system to pay their dues. After we do this once this May, I'm sure it will become old hat as they say. The option to pay by check will also remain for those choose this format. We appreciate the majority of you who paid your dues by the June 20 deadline. This makes it so much simpler for our membership and finance officers. I don't mean to sound harsh, but next year, for those of you who do not pay your dues by the branch deadline, you will be asked to pay online using the MPP out of consideration for our branch and state treasurers who end up having to process your dues individually. We will have more information on this throughout the year and will help everyone who needs assistance.

Thanks for your membership and participation. Joyce

