

West Side Stories

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

A Visit to the Seaford Museum

The November meeting of the Western Sussex Branch found 12 of its members and 3 guests enjoying the dinner and then women centric “tour” at the Seaford Museum.



Curator, Jimmy Blackwell, took the ladies through the museum, with a focus on women throughout Seaford’s history. He spoke about infamous women like Patty Cannon, as well as historically celebrated women like Harriet Tubman.

There’s even a curation of women from Seaford who have pursued STEM careers!

The museum is open to the public from 1-4, Thursday through Sunday. It is one of the nicest museums in the state and well curated and established by dedicated volunteers.

To find out more about the museum, visit their website at seafordhistoricalsociety.com.

A big thank you to Jimmy Blackwell for hosting the ladies who were able to attend and sharing his wealth of knowledge with them.

A special thanks to Hard-to-Handle Subs in downtown Seaford for the delicious meal they made for the evening.



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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 30 branch members.

MENU

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



Sept. Menu

Plated Salad
Broiled Flounder with Lemon
Lasagna
Green Beans
Cape Cod Vegetables
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Boston Cream Pie

RSVP 11/15/19

Tea, Coffee, and
Water

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

WESTERN SUSSEX LEADERSHIP

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

November Program

Teresa Lindell will be with us, demonstrating 2 types of autumn floral arrangements, perfect for our fall dinner tables. She will “talk” us through each arrangement so that you can replicate those same skills and techniques at home. We will raffle off both arrangements so 2 lucky guests or members will go home with one!

We will sell tickets: \$1 for one or \$3 for 5, so bring your bills! Money will cover cost of florals and the rest will go to the operating fund.

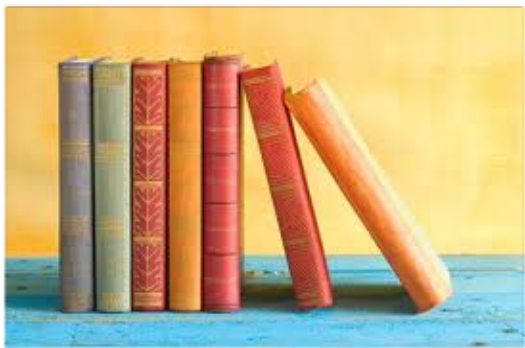


FUN FACT: People who are born during the months of Sept. & Nov. are more likely to live to be 100 years old!

Promising STEM Legislation

The U.S. Senate recently passed the AAUW-supported [Building Blocks of STEM Act](#) (S. 737) introduced by Senator Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.). The bipartisan legislation will invest in early-childhood STEM education and break down barriers for girls in computer science.

The bill will now move to the U.S. House of Representatives. <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/stemlegislation>



REMINDER!

Dinners at the Manor House will be increasing by \$2.00. Our new cost will be \$16.00 per person.

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 - November 2019

OPERATING EXPENSES ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1352.18
INCOME:	
DUES	\$110.50
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$110.50</i>
EXPENSES	
AAUW National Dues	\$29.50
AAUW DE	6.00
Bon Appetit Raffel	100.00
AHT Insurance	190.00
TOTAL	\$325.50
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$1137.18</i>

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$8172.45
INCOME TOTAL	0.00
EXPENSES TOTAL	0.00
<i>ENDING BALANCE</i>	<i>\$8172.45</i>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALYSSA MOLLOCK OUR AEROSPACE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!

We hope that she and her family will be able to join us for this November meeting. We can't wait to hear about her experience at Space Camp!





Recently, Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, posted a webinar exclusively for members with an update on AAUW's achievements. Entitled "Our Path Forward to Gender Equity," She talks about reaching our Work Smart goals, rolling out the new 5-star recognition program, and strengthening our governance and sustainability.

If you've never had a chance to view a webinar, take this opportunity. They are great, especially since you can pause, review, and watch in your own time and comfort.

Here's the link: <https://www.aauw.org/event/2019/10/our-path-forward/>



You can also print coupons for trips to the grocery store. Visit <https://www.coupons.com> for hundreds of dollars in savings on many of your grocery needs.



Surviving On-Line Shopping

Shopping from the comfort of your favorite chair, or in the evening while watching TV can be a great blessing to the busy shopper - especially if getting out into stores is a challenge for you; or even finding stores in your area that offer what everyone wants on their Christmas Lists!

Here's a great tip when perusing those internet shops and saving money along the way.

Look for a COUPON CODE on line!

Let's say you want to buy an item from Pottery Barn on their website. Before you type in potterybarn.com, type in "coupon code pottery barn." You will open up a search in your browser and BAM!, you will find several sites that are treasure troves of discounts and coupons. Click on one and it will help you navigate directly to the Pottery Barn site and include your coupon code or show you a coupon code when you are ready to check out. Keep a paper and pencil ready to write it down when you find it.

ALWAYS look for on-line coupons when shopping, even if you don't find any that may work or interest you, you never know how much you can save if you don't even try!



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We are excited to welcome 2 new members to our branch!

Judi Riska lives in Heritage Shores and has a BSEd degree from Duquesne University. Judy Cullen brought her to our September meeting where she joined.

Gail Mink lives at the Manor House and had BS from Salisbury University, an Med from Towson, and 30 additional credits from University of Maryland.

Welcome Ladies! It's nice to have you



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



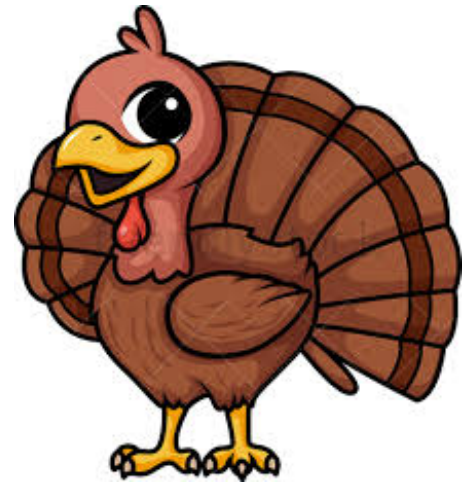
Remember, we are always looking for program ideas for our meetings. As you come across news articles or attend different events, please share those interesting ideas with us.

You can email your ideas to Mikki @ mikssterlingstyle@gmail.com



Mary Ellen Farquhar does a great job at sending out cards as a part of our Sunshine Mission. However, she may not be privy to all the events and life stories of our members. Drop her a line if you hear of a member needing some "snail mail!"

Board Minutes



November 7, 2019

Board Meeting

Program

The November program is going to share flower arranging for the holidays. We will see two different styles that we can do ourselves for our homes. A raffle will be held to help offset the costs of the flowers needed to demonstrate. The tickets will be \$1 for one and \$5 for 6. Money left over will be applied to the operation budget.

Meal Payment

At the meeting in September we decided we had to raise our dinner fees because we usually have 2 guests or more that we need to pay for. Since that meeting the Manor House has informed us about their price increase. We will now be asked to pay \$16 for dinner and Manor House residents will be asked to pay \$2 to offset our guest fees.

General AAUW Information

A webinar by the President of AAUW to explain the future of the organization and concerns.

Shape The Future is also found on line with more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Davidson

This time of year, many of our community organizations are in need of volunteers and donations. As you are cleaning out your closets, shopping for your groceries, or finding yourself blessed with a few extra dollars, consider those in need.

The ACE center is always looking for sugar, coffee, socks, and toiletries.

Teen Challenge has a great store that serves our community and is always in need of gently loved clothing and household items.

Perhaps your church accepts monetary donations for their benevolence funds.

Find ways to be thankful by being a blessing to those in need.



AAUW President Article Branch Newsletter Nov 19

Hello Everyone! Fall has arrived with colder temperatures and turning back of our clocks. It is already time for our second branch meeting coming up on Nov 20th. We have a tradition of having a festive November meeting which we will continue this year. Mikki has arranged something fun for us so make your reservation soon by contacting Barbara Johnson.

I hope you all enjoyed the September meeting as much as I did. Jim provided us some great highlights of the Seaford Museum and I think inspired us all to visit the Museum again at our leisure. What a gem we have in Seaford. During our meeting that night, we approved a \$1 increase in the cost of our dinner meetings to help cover branch operating expenses. Well, the best of plans sometimes must be changed. After many years of holding the cost of our dinners the same, the Manor House has informed us of a \$1 increase in the cost of dinner per person. So, there will be a \$2 increase in the cost of our dinner meetings from \$14 to \$16 a person. I hope you will agree that the total of \$10 (for 5 meetings) more a year is worth it to support our branch and allow us to continue to meet and enjoy the hospitality of the Manor House. Our Manor House residents will just be responsible for \$2 at each meeting to contribute to our branch operating costs.

We are going to be distributing our Branch Raffle tickets at the November meeting. If you are unable to attend, we will either mail them or drop them off to you. A portion of the proceeds of the raffle will go into our operating account to cover our \$200 branch donation to the AAUW Funds and the rest will benefit our scholarship account. The raffle prize is \$100 gift certificate to Bon Appetite restaurant. We are counting on your participation in the raffle to help us meet our branch goals of supporting young women both locally and thru our national organization.

See you on November 20th.

Joyce

