

# West Side Stories

Western Sussex (DE) Affiliate of the Delaware AAUW  
January 2020 Edition

## *Basic Flower Arranging*



What a great time we had at our December meeting watching and learning about different types of flower arranging from Teresa Lindell, owner of Posey Palace.

Teresa talked about simple flower care tips: water lasts longer than oasis foam, always cut your flower stems at an angle to allow them to drink the water from the bottom of the vase, remove any leaves that will be below the surface of the water, and **ONLY** remove the point of the rose thorn - not the whole thorn.

Oh - use the pack of flower care that comes with flowers!

She then made three different types of arrangements. An Asian influenced, Contemporary, and a Traditional. She worked each arrangement in front of the group while talking through the how and why of each style.

Raffle tickets were sold throughout the evening for chances to win one of the floral arrangements.

All monies collected from the raffle will go into the general fund.

Remember to patronize Posey Palace, located at 512 Stein Hwy in Seaford!



## 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](mailto:barbrjohnson@gmail.com)

### Jan. Menu

Plated Salad

Cinnamon Pork Loin with  
Applesauce on the side

Broiled Salmon

Mashed Potatoes

Zucchini Broccoli

Chocolate Cheesecake

Lemon Meringue Pie

Tea, Coffee, and  
Water

RSVP 1/15/2020



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

# January Program:

We are so excited to welcome Desiree Laws Moore from Jobs for Delaware Graduates and her sister Dara Laws Savage from Early College High School at Delaware State to share their respective programs with our membership.

Both ladies are Seaford High School graduates, accomplished in the areas of education and leadership. They've broken boundaries in education for the students of Delaware!

## Alyssa Molock

Alyssa won our AAUW Scholarship to attend Delaware Aerospace Academy this summer after she completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Woodbridge Middle School. As a member of the National Junior Society, Alyssa enjoys giving back to her community. She received the highest recommendation from her Science teacher. Ms. Millman described Alyssa as a hard worker and outgoing student with a GPA of 4.0. Alyssa is currently a freshman in High School.

Our Western Sussex AAUW is happy Alyssa and her sister Alicia both had the experience of hands-on training and aerospace-related cooperative activities. 2020 will be Delaware Aerospace Academy's 30<sup>th</sup> year.

Leap years exempted, January always begins on  
the same day as October.



## 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!

## REMINDER!

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

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



## TREASURER'S REPORT - January 2020

### OPERATING EXPENSES ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1137.18
INCOME:	
DUES	\$70.00
Nov. Mtg.	\$282.00
Raffle/flowers	\$54.00
State Dues Refund	\$24.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>

### EXPENSES

AAUW National Dues	\$29.50
AAUW DE	\$12.00
Gail Mink (Refund 1/2 Dues)	\$29.50
AAUW Funds (donation)	\$200.00
Manor House (Nov. Mtg.)	\$275.00
TOTAL	\$546.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1021.18</b>

### SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$8172.45
INCOME TOTAL	\$1.36
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$0.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$8173.81</b>

**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](mailto:mikssterlingstyle@gmail.com)**



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Donations are tax deductible.  
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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!”



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

Are you a passionate painter? A skillful sketch artist? Do you have a great eye for photography? If so, AAUW is offering the perfect opportunity for you to show off your artistic talents — by submitting to our 11th annual art contest!

**The contest opens today.** The rules are simple: submit your photography or a digital image of your painting or sketch through the AAUW website by **January 28, 2020**. All entries are accepted, but we encourage you to consider works that speak to AAUW’s mission of advancing gender equity. AAUW members can then vote for the artwork they would like to see featured on a collection of notecards we will mail this spring. The back of the cards will include the winning artist’s biography, branch affiliation (if applicable) and an interesting fact about AAUW. Visit us online for more information or to view last year’s gallery of submissions. We hope to receive submissions from all AAUW artists this year, so please spread the word.



# President's Message:



This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote. The Amendment reads, “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.” This same year, more than 8 million women across the US voted in the elections for the first time. In 2016, over 73 million women reported voting. Nevertheless, this represents only about 63% of female eligible voters.

The women’s suffrage movement began in the 1820’s but it was not until 1848 that the movement for women’s rights began to organize at the national level. The first women’s rights convention was held that July in Seneca Falls. It was attended by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and more than 300 other women and a few men including Frederick Douglass. They were later joined by Susan B Anthony, Lucy Stone, Henry Blackwell and other activists. The right to vote was first granted to women in the state of Wyoming in 1869.

In 1890, the two main activist groups, the National Women Suffrage Association and the American Women Suffrage Association joined forces and formed the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). In 1913, Alice Paul founded what was to become the National Woman’s Party. The same year on the eve of the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, the women held a massive suffrage parade in Washington DC. The organizations continued to picket and demonstrate resulting in the protestors being injured, arrested and jailed. These women did however succeed in changing President Wilson’s stand on women’s rights. In 1918 Wilson spoke in favor of the suffrage amendment but it still went on to fail in the Senate by only two votes. The amendment was submitted again the next year and the rest is history.

It is also important to note that women of color struggled with barriers to vote until President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which outlawed discriminatory voting practices that had been adopted by many southern states who were slow to recognize women’s rights.

Today, the AAUW Action Fund advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization. This goal is achieved through voter education, voter registration and the lobby corps. AAUW provides voter guides, congressional voting records, ballot initiatives and issue fact sheets. They also work with states and branches to promote voter registration, and advocate for voting rights. The Lobby Corp has been in place since 1972. Volunteers make weekly visits to capital hill to impact legislation on issues such as education, civil rights, reproductive rights, and economic security.

There are still many women who are not exercising their hard-earned right to vote. As citizens, women, and AAUW members, I would like to ask our branch to consider how we can help AAUW to ensure that everyone’s voice is heard in 2020. If you are interested, please visit [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and click on the voter registration link under Action Fund. We can discuss any interest in this topic at our upcoming meeting. Hope to see you then.

*Joyce*

# Spring Geranium Sale Information



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.**

**Important Details:** Selling Price: **\$4.50** per plant  
Checks or cash only  
Vendor: Lakeside Greenhouses in Laurel, DE  
Size: 6-inch pots  
Colors: **Red, White, Salmon, Pink, or Fuchsia**  
Deadline: **All orders needed by March 25<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting**  
Pick-up Date: Saturday May 2nd  
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

Don't forget that our Bon Appetit raffle tickets and money collected are due at our January meeting! We will be drawing the winning ticket at that meeting as well. If you need additional tickets now, please contact Joyce prior to the meeting!



Did you know that January is National Soup Month? Known as the coldest month of the year for the Northern Hemisphere, January is a great time to indulge in a steaming bowl of hearty soup. Look for recipes that include lentils and beans as they are great sources of fiber and protein.

**11 States Passed Fair-Pay Laws in 2019!** This is a significant increase from 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 when six states passes laws in each year. Mississippi still have no fair-pay protections.

## **AAUW is Partnering with NYC Economic Development Corp!**

Their goal is to train 10,000 women in the Big Apple in how to negotiate for higher salaries and advocate for themselves at work. In addition to NYC, critical partnerships were also launched with Starbucks Global Academy and many others.



This year's **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** was held at the University of Maryland. It was the fourth largest in the conference's 34-year history with more than 800 participants.

**For the 2019-2020 academic year, AAUW is awarding \$4 million in fellowships and grants to 259 women and community projects!**



### **Our Mission**

To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

*Empowering women since 1881!*

As always, additional information can be found at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)