

West Side Stories

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



Desi Laws Moore & Dara Laws Savage

SISTERS IN LIFE AND EDUCATION

What a treat we had at our January meeting when sisters in real life, Desiree Laws Moore and Dara Laws Savage spoke to us about their roles in successful secondary programs in our state.

These ladies are the daughters of Charles Laws and the former Harriet Laws, both well-loved and successful educators in their own rights. Keeping education alive is part of their family mission and heritage.

Desi is currently the Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) training coordinator traveling to high schools across the state to support both the teachers as well as the JDG program. Started in 1978 by former governor Pete DuPont, JDG is a high school program with the intention of training students in preparation for the work force. In 1992 the program became a multi-year endeavor, using the 4 years of high school to train and ready students for work-force success. In 2010 the program expanded to the middle school level. Since inception, JDG has served over 80,000 DE students. On average, 52% are young men and 48% are young women.

Because of the success that Delaware was experiencing, the nation took notice and used the program as a catalyst for the Jobs for America's Graduate program!

Currently, there are 21 Board Members, all from different industries in DE, who oversee and consult on the needs of DE trade and professional employers. The curriculum is an approved Dept. Of Education as a Career and Technical Pathway program. (con't on page 5)

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

Welcome Spring!



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

We currently have 31 branch members.

MENU

February Menu

Plated Salad
Baked Ham with Brown Sugar & Pineapple Glaze
Fried Shrimp with Tarter & Cocktail Sauce
Mac-N-Cheese, Broccoli, & Apple Sauce
Chocolate Cake
Lemon Layer Cake

Tea, Coffee, and Water

RSVP to Barbara
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barbrjohnson@gmail.com

RSVP 3/18/2020



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

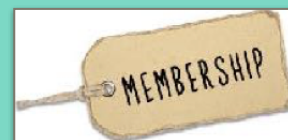
Secretary - Pat Davidson

Membership & Reservations -
Barbara Johnson

Membership - Pat Reilly-Butcher

Newsletter & Programs - Mikki
Madden

International - Rajani Purandare



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

March Program:



There will be a new Montessori School opening at the former Tull Farmstead/ Wheaton's location.

Kaneisha Trott (Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist) and Lisa Coldiron (Head of School) will be joining us to talk about the new school and share insight into a Montessori education and what it entails.



DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, the months of March and June end on the same day of the week!

Please welcome new member Betty DeGraff! Betty lives at the Manor House and will be a welcomed addition to our AAUW family.

Sunday, March 8 is the start of **Daylight Saving Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that night. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour!



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

MARCH

TREASURER'S REPORT - January 2020

OPERATING EXPENSES ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1021.18
INCOME:	
DUES	\$40.50
Jan. Mtg.	\$192.00
Raffle(\$100 reim/\$300 profit)	\$400.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$632.50</i>

EXPENSES

AAUW National Dues	\$29.50
AAUW DE	\$6.00
Manor House (Jan. Mtg.)	\$178.75
TOTAL	\$214.25
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$1439.43</i>

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$8173.81
INCOME TOTAL(Interest & Raffle)	\$306.37
EXPENSES TOTAL (Cedar Crest College/SSU/new checks)	\$1020.65
<i>ENDING BALANCE</i>	<i>\$7459.53</i>



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!”

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

The decision was made at the last board meeting to discontinue the Candidate's Forum. Over the years the attendance and interest has been dwindling. Special thanks to Jeannie Gandek who organized these events for the community!

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Although she is the “little sister,” Dara’s hard at work making great contributions as an English teacher at the Early College High School at Delaware State University. This public charter school is open to all students across the state and provides transportation to and from the school located right next to the Del. State University campus. The school strives to create entering 9th graders into college students in one year, providing the necessary high school level curriculum with the college curriculum woven in.

Upon graduation, students have full high school credits along with college credits - giving them a “leg up” on their education. It’s referred to as the “early college model,” and with the support and cooperation of the campus, high school students have the ability to accelerate and thus condense their years at the college level. The college classes they take as a high schooler are paid for by the University. There are very specific “rules” and safety measure implemented for this young people while on the campus. Many professors have commented positively about the high school students in their classes.

Currently, there are 421 total students enrolled at the high school level. They’ve have two classes graduate thus far and 80% of those students have continued their college education at DSU. For some students, they are the first generation to attend college in their families.

Happy
STPATRICK'S
Day

March is
Women's
History Month!



President's Message:



President Address March 2020

I have good news for everyone. I just read that AAUW is updating their website to improve functionality. I know some people have found it challenging to navigate the website in the past, so be sure to check out the new site which will be up in mid-April. When you do, you can look at the AAUW 2020 Gender Policy Agenda. As you know, AAUW is a non-partisan organization, and we are advocates for policies that improve the lives of girls, women and their families. The Gender Policy Agenda is what AAUW would like to see implemented to advance gender equality in education and the workplace. The overall areas are economic security, education, and foundational rights, the later referring to voting rights, access to high-quality healthcare, and ratification of the ERA. For more information, see AAUW.org.

Our branch has been the host of a Candidate Forum for the Seaford School District Board of Education for many years now. Jeannie Gandek has chaired this event since its inception and Gerry Mitchell has worked closely with her for several years now. Over the years, attendance has been dwindling despite all the publicity arranged by Jeannie and Gerry. For this reason, during our last meeting, the board voted to stop the forum for now. It is just too much work for such a poor turnout by the community. We should all be thankful for the work done by Jeannie, Gerry and other branch members to plan and hold this forum each year. This was a great branch project that perhaps simply ran its course.

If you have any ideas for a potential new branch project, please share them in an email or at our next meeting.

Joyce



May 2nd 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:	<u>\$4.50</u> per plant
Check 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 <u>March 25th dinner meeting</u>
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

Help is needed to unload the truck at 7 am. If you know a student that needs community service hours ask them to help us. We need people to help customers count the geraniums picked up and check for correct colors. We need people to help take the checks and work the table. Deliveries also need to be made for some customers. Please contact Pat Davidson if you can help. 629-4619



AAUW BIENNIAL CONVENTION
APRIL 25, 2020
9 AM – 3 PM
\$35 LUNCH INCLUDED
\$15 COLLEGE STUDENTS
THE VIRDEN RETREAT CENTER
1155 COLLEGE DR.
LEWES, DE.
302 645 4100

Join AAUW Delaware, and
other state-wide non-profits, in
discussing efforts across the
state to empower women and
girls in Delaware.

Dorothy Height (1912-2010) was considered the “Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement.” Read about her and three other influential women of color [HERE](#) on the AAUW National website! These women paved paths for all of us to walk today!



[Click here for more information!](#)