

Dover Branch AAUW (Robin Smith, President)

The year ended with awarding \$4000 in youth scholarships to Kent county high school seniors. The recipients were: Brittany Kowalewski, Lake Forest High School, Olivia Hughes, Smyrna High School, Lindsey Sharp, Lake Forest High School, and Brandon Thompson, Caesar Rodney High School. We are grateful to the scholarship committee members who awarded the scholarships at their high schools: Anne Mace (Smyrna and Lake Forest) and Barbara Reed (Caesar Rodney).

We also thanked our outgoing president, Ann Alexander, for her wonderful tenure. Membership grew while she was president, the bridge and book groups increased in numbers and the travel group was revitalized. Thanks for a wonderful job and we look forward to you working in another capacity in the branch and on the board. We were also grateful to have our current state president, Nadyne Rosin, attend our May dinner meeting and provide our members with her vision for the state organization.

Gratitude to Maisha Britt and Ann Alexander for representing the Dover Branch at the AAUW national convention held in Washington, D.C. during June. Look for their article in this newsletter depicting their adventures.

Our Co-Vice-presidents of Programs, Debra Catts and Rosemary Twilley are energetic, excited, and delighted to offer an interesting variety of meeting topics for 2011-12. We begin in September with a wine and cheese social at Delaware State University's Art Gallery with a photography exhibit by Jennifer Gunther. Speakers and topics in October and November are Terry Murphy (Bayhealth) – "Effects of New Medical Plans on Local Hospitals" and Lee Streetman (Delaware State University) – "Dover Downs Race Research." Our traditional holiday auction will be held on December 5 at the Duncan Center where we will raise money for EFP and local scholarships. Our January luncheon at Maple Dale Country Club will feature Ann Rhodes who will focus on Banking & Government for Free Enterprise.

Our bridge and book groups are meeting monthly and learning even during the summer. The beginner's bridge group taught by Maggie Hurley met every week throughout the summer and is hoping to be ready to join the monthly intermediate group soon.

Another youth scholarship is established in memory of our long-time branch member and friend, Virginia Welgan, who succumbed to cancer in June after struggling with it for many years. Ginny has been active all levels of AAUW for years and know many of you will miss her as much as we do. Scholarship donations may be sent to: Barbara Reed, 104 Burning Tree Road, Dover, DE 19904.

The Mary Rohland Returning Woman's Scholarship will be awarded at our September meeting to a worthy student who has had a break in their education.

AAUW MEETING DATES – Dover Branch 2011-12

Meeting Date/Time (7 p.m. unless noted)	Location	Topic
June 13	Physical Therapy Services	Transition Board Meeting
August 8	Physical Therapy Services	Board Meeting
September 19	Delaware State University Art Gallery	Photography Exhibit Jennifer Gunther Wine/Cheese/Dessert
October 3	Physical Therapy Services	Board Meeting
October 17	Wesley College	Branch Meeting – Terry Murphey, How Obamacare effects KGH
November 21	Wesley College	Branch Meeting – Lee Streetman Dover Downs “Race” Research
December 5	Duncan Center	Silent Auction (EFP Fundraiser) & Social
January 9	Physical Therapy Services	Board Meeting
January 14	Maple Dale Country Club	Branch Luncheon – Ann Rhodes Banking & Free Enterprise
February 20 (holiday)	Hitchens Home	Movie Fundraiser “Wasteland” by Vic Munoz
March 5	Physical Therapy Services	Board Meeting
March 19	Wesley College	Branch Meeting – Beekeeper
April 16	Wesley College	Branch Meeting – DSP – Identity Theft; Youth Scholarship Recipients
May 5	Dover Days on the Green	Scholarship Fundraiser (Youth)
May 21	Delaware State University Art Gallery	Branch Meeting – DSU; installation of new officers, membership wine/cheese social
June	Board Meeting	