

News from the September Branch Meeting

Held at the Newark Free Library for the first time, our September meeting featured Meghan Wallace, UD senior and recipient of our branch's sponsorship to attend the 2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which met this past June in College Park, Maryland. Meghan was impressed with the national representation of the attendees, and described the energizing experience of attending sessions, participating in discussions, and socializing at meals and receptions. Meghan immediately benefited from her NCCWSL experience and learned the power of networking: after meeting Patti Solis Doyle at the conference, Meghan recommended that Solis Doyle be invited to participate in the National Agenda speaker series at UD's Center for Political Communication. Solis Doyle, who was longtime advisor to Hillary Clinton and managed Joe Biden's vice presidential campaign, was the kick-off speaker on September 15 for the CPC series. Meghan is also forming a new student group on the UD campus that is interested in women in politics. She taught us that the acronym for the conference, NCCWSL, is pronounced "Nick-Whistle." She was most appreciative that the branch sponsored her attendance, and hopes to encourage other students to attend in the future.

Also at the September meeting, members formed two groups to discuss and compile questions that could be used at the candidates forums for those running for state and federal offices in the November election. The questions were collected and submitted to Lana Cobb, who is coordinating the Delaware Lobby Corps and the Public Policy grant awarded to AAUW Delaware.



October AAUW Exhibition at Newark Free Library

A small exhibit is on display in the Newark Free Library about the history of AAUW Newark Branch. Curated by Wanda Simons, the exhibit includes facsimiles and original items on loan from the branch archives housed in UD Library. Wanda's expertise as a designer and award-winning miniaturist is showcased in this fine exhibit. Please drop by the library and take a look!

Events and Programs

Program Co-Chairs: Sandy Boyce and JoAnne McNeely

Meetings: Unless otherwise noted at 7:00 p.m..

Location: Unless otherwise noted meetings are held at the Newark Free Library

2010

October 18 Happy Birthday Eleanor Roosevelt
Vita Nova Restaurant, Trabant Student Center, West Main St. at noon.. Reservations: call Rebecca at 738-1887 (evening) or mail to: LRJM@udel.edu. See page three for details.

November 15 UD Professional Theater Training Program (PTTP); speaker: Elizabeth Heflin, one of PTTP's lead actresses, will speak about the professional training company, the Resident Ensemble Players (REP), the training program and the 2010-2011 season. For additional details, see page four.

December No meeting

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January 17 Objects Conservation/Care, Restoration and Storage of Your Precious Antiques. Speaker Linda Lennon, who is general objects conversator, will discuss the care and storage of a variety of materials found in personal collections. Examples will be shown on objects that have been treated. Join us at noon and bring a brown bag lunch.

February Celebrate Title IX Cheer the Lady Blue Hens Basketball Team at the Bob Carpenter Center (details later)

March 21 How to Read a Sixteenth-Century Book of Hours
Speaker: Gabrielle Parkin, UD doctoral candidate (details later)

April 10 Math/Science Honors Luncheon
The 12th annual luncheon recognizes women juniors, one from each high school in the state. Each is selected, because she excels in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (details later)

May 23 Salad Supper/Awards Program (details later)

2011 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

Breaking through Barriers - Advocating for Change
Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C. .

June 16-19, 2011

Delaware will be a co-host at this event.

At the national convention, you will join AAUW members from across the country as we advocate for change with a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill; be inspired by nationally-recognized speakers; learn new leadership skills and AAUW best practices to take home to your community; play a personal role in creating a road map for AAUW's future by participating in our strategic breakout sessions; celebrate the inaugural Breaking through Barriers Awards ceremony featuring outstanding, innovative AAUW state/branch programs.



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Senate to Vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act! Take Action!

Before the Senate recessed to go home and campaign for the November elections, Senate majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) filed a cloture petition on the Paycheck Fairness Act. This is a big step forward for the bill and for pay equity. It means that the Senate will vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act after they reconvene on Nov. 15 following the election. To urge your senators to support the Paycheck Fairness Act, copy and paste the following URL into your Internet browser. Then follow the instructions to send your message.

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=15100991>

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DEAAUW Receives Public Policy Grant

DEAAUW received their second public policy grant for \$1,000. Work on this grant will take about one year and is divided into two parts. Part One's goal is to increase candidate awareness of selected AAUW DE Public Policy issues. Part Two's goal is to promote increased availability and access to quality early childhood education in Delaware.

Activities for Part One will involve attending candidate public appearances and asking questions so candidates will know our issues and indicate where they stand on our issues. We will follow-up by writing letters, sending emails, making phone calls and visiting their offices to let candidates know our concerns. Part Two's goal is to promote increased availability and access to quality early childcare and early childhood education in Delaware. This long-term goal ties to Coastal-Georgetown's January 2010 forum on Early Childhood Poverty, Education and Health. We will concentrate on collecting Sussex County data on existing provisions for early childcare and early childhood education. Data on Kent and New Castle counties should be collected later.

We need help. If you are interested, call Jean Wastler, 302-542-6466, Wave Starnes, 302-227-5577, or Lana Cobb, 302-644-0495.



Math-Science Luncheon: Call for Volunteers!

The 12th annual Excellence in Science and Mathematics Luncheon will be held Sunday, April 10, 2011, at the UD Trabant Student Center. Newark and Coastal-Georgetown will recognize the top fifty 11th grade girls from public and private high schools throughout Delaware. We need volunteers to help with contacting schools and tracking RSVPs, role models & exhibitors, publicity, flowers, and thank-you notes. The more people who help, the less there is for each person to do. Get involved in this important branch program. Contact math-science program chair Lori Athey at loriaauw@yahoo.com, 302-292-3554.

Happy Birthday Eleanor Roosevelt

Please join Newark branch members for our first celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday at our meeting on October 18, which will be held at UD's famed restaurant, Vita Nova, in the UD Trabant Student Center. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00. Reservations must be made by noon on Friday, October 15. Please e-mail Vrana Anderson at jeepie50@yahoo.com or call 302-737-8042, or e-mail Rebecca Johnson Melvin at LRJM@udel.edu to make a reservation. The cost of the luncheon includes the buffet (\$14.95) and a small donation (\$5.05) that will be made to AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. (Feel free to make a larger contribution if you wish!) Please bring cash or a check made payable to AAUW Newark Branch. Reservations are limited to 20 seats, so please make your reservation NOW!

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, established by the Foundation in 1988, supports groundbreaking research on the educational experiences of women and girls, Teacher Fellowships, and an annual Teacher Institute. The fund continues a tradition of sponsoring research that began in 1885, only one year after Eleanor Roosevelt was born. That first project was a survey debunking the popular theory that higher education was bad for women's health! Today, AAUW conducts groundbreaking research that draws national attention to issues of gender equity in education and the workplace; influences policy-makers as well as educators, parents, and students; and, most importantly, serves as a catalyst for action. The most recent report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, is available in PDF form for free download from <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/current.cfm> The Newark Branch also has a copy of this report, which can be loaned upon request.

The executive chef at Vita Nova just won the Taste of Newark "battle of the chefs" competition, so please join us for a tasty meal and contribution to a worthy AAUW fund.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2010 at Noon

Program: Happy Birthday Eleanor Roosevelt

LWV Candidates' Forum in Delaware

AAUW Delaware joins the League of Women Voters Delaware as a co-sponsor of a statewide Candidate Forum to be held at the Dover Sheraton, 1570 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. The event is open to the public, and AAUW members are encouraged to attend.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. Federal offices for which elections are being held include senator and representative. Statewide offices include treasurer, auditor, insurance commissioner, and attorney general. Ellen Wasfi, a member of the League of Women Voters Kent County, will moderate. Questions discussed at the September meeting of the Newark branch have been sent to be included in this forum.

UD Professional Theater Training Program Monday, November 15

Please join us and meet Elizabeth Heflin, who is from the professional company and the Resident Ensemble Player (the REP), will be our guest speaker. She will talk about the current theatre season as well as the role of both the REP and the Professional Theatre Training Program (PTTP). Ms. Heflin worked at the famed Alley Theatre in Houston where she has been a leading actress in their resident acting company for twelve seasons. She has had many leading roles including parts such as "Othello," "Witness for the Prosecution," and "The Crucible." She has performed on Broadway and toured with Tony Randall and Jack Klugman in "The Odd Couple." She also has television credits in daytime soap operas. Ms. Heflin graduated from the UD Professional Theatre Training Program in 1992. We encourage you to bring a guest, who is unfamiliar with PTTP and REP performances, to inform them about these UD and community treasures.

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