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AAUW Branch Meeting

Celebrate the holiday season by joining us for
AAUW's Holiday Reception at the home of

Kim and Dave Powell
Sunday, December 8, 2018
2:00-4:00 p.m.



Please bring either an appetizer or dessert.
RSVP to Kim by **December 3** to let her know you are coming, but
feel free to come without an RSVP if your plans change.

BRING YOUR SPOUSE, BRING YOUR FRIEND, OR
BOTH. WE'D LOVE TO MEET THEM!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

"Advancing equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research".

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The President's Message

As I sit down to write this piece, I'm struck by the realization that somehow in a few short weeks it will be a new decade. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were making contingency plans for "what if" scenarios as 1999 ended? I remember going to the bank to get extra cash, making sure my cars gas tank was full and filling the bathtub with water before going out for New Year's Eve in case water was needed to flush the toilet come January 1, 2000. I guess my recollections are proof of the old adage that time really does fly and has nothing to do with the fact that I'm getting old!

I want to extend a thank you to the staff at Girls Inc for their hospitality, presentation and guided tour during our November branch meeting. Girls Inc motto of "Strong. Healthy. Bold." was evidenced by Amy Hiet, Director of Program Development and Staff Development and Elizabeth Holtz, Assistant Director of Program Development who provided living testimony that the future of womanhood in our village is in great hands as they help guide the maturation of over 130 girls on a daily basis. If you have an interest in seeing the work product of the AAUW Community grant you are welcome to stop by Girls Inc any Tuesday or Thursday between 4 and 5 p.m. to watch the STEM sessions in real time. You are also welcome to stay and have dinner with the girls, a win-win for all you don't need to cook and the girls get to socialize with female adult role models.

As the year speeds by I'm reminded that we will soon be seeking individuals to fill Board of Director and Officer seats for the 2020-2022 term. If you are interested in being one of the members of the nominating committee please reach out to me before our January 6th Board meeting. Service on the nominating committee is a great way to make a vital, yet short term contribution to our organization without the commitment to attending monthly Board meetings. I thank you in advance for considering and volunteering to serve.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Holiday gathering on Sunday, December 8 at the home of Kim and Dave Powell. Please know that all are welcome to attend even if your plans for other commitments fall through at the last minute and you think you can't join us as you haven't RSVP'ed. Kim and Dave have an open door-open heart policy. All are welcome and you will be missed if you are not able to attend.

Until our next newsletter reaches you in late January, I wish you a season filled with health, family, friends, love and peace. Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year!
Denise



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Pictures from Our November Branch Meeting at Girls Inc.



Academic Impact Statistics from Girls, Inc.

In the 2018-2019 school year, Girls Inc. of Washington County girls increased their grades significantly in the following subject areas:

Language Arts: **67%** increase

Math: **70%** increase

Science: **74%** increase

Social Studies: **69%** increase

These outcomes are a direct result of:

995 total hours of Girls Inc. programming *per girl*

606 volunteers & **3966** volunteer hours

35 different Girls Inc. classes offered through the year

Plus snacks, hot healthy dinners, and transportation

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Special Interest Groups



Evening Literature

The Evening Literature group will not meet in December but will be meeting **January 28 at 6:00 pm** for Share-a-Book night. The location is still to be determined and will be shared at a later date.

Afternoon Literature

The Afternoon Literature Group will meet December 16 for their Holiday Share-a-Book Lunch at Nick's Airport Inn. Meeting time will be **noon**. If you are interested in attending, contact Barbara Irvine. On **January 20**, the group will be meeting at **1:00 PM** at the home of Susan Beckwith. Suzanne will be the reviewer. Please RSVP.

Second Friday Lunch Group

The Second Friday Lunch group will be meeting at **12:30 pm on December 13, 2019** at Silk 1580 Wesel Blvd, Suite K, <https://hagerstown.silkthairestaurant.com>. Contact Barbara Irvine if you plan to go. The group is planning on meeting at 12:30 pm on January 10, 2019 at Taqueria Jalisco, 1037 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown. Again, contact Barbara.

Party Bridge

No Bridge in December, play will resume in January.

Recipe of the Month - Submitted by Sharon Chirgott

Great Pumpkin Dessert

(<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/great-pumpkin-dessert/>)

Prep Time: 5 min Bake time: 1 hour 16 servings

1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin	1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk	3/4 cup butter, melted
3 large eggs	1-1/2 cups California Walnuts
1 cup sugar	Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream
4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice	

Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat first five ingredients until smooth.
2. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cake mix and drizzle with butter. Top with walnuts.
3. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

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Activity Calendar for December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Book Room 10:00 AM	3	4 Book Room 10:00 AM	5	6	7
8 Holiday Reception 2:00 PM	9	10 Book room 1:00 PM	11 Book Room 10:00 AM	12	13 Lunch Group 12:30 PM Silk	14
15	16 Book room 10:00 AM <hr/> Afternoon Lit. 12:00 PM Nick's Airport Inn	17	18 Book Room 10:00 AM	19	20	21
22/29	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28

Activity Calendar for January 2020

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5	6 Book room 10:00 AM <hr/> Board Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8 Book Room 10:00 AM	9	10 Lunch Group 12:30 PM Taqueria Jalisco	11
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26	27	28 Book room 1:00 PM	29 Book Room 10:00 AM	30	31	



"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home."

- Edith Sitwell

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Calendar of Activities

Date	Event	Location / Hostess	Time
Sun. Dec. 8	Holiday Reception	Home of Kim and Dave Powell	2:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 13	2 nd Friday Lunch	Silk	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 16	Afternoon Lit.	Nick's Airport Inn	12:00 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 6	Board Meeting	WCTA Office	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 10	2 nd Friday Lunch	Taqueria Jalisco	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 21	Afternoon Lit.	Home of Suzanne Beckwith	1:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 22	Evening Lit.	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 25	Party Bridge	Nick's Airport Inn	11:15 a.m.