



The FORECASTER

Pennsylvania Division AAUW – Doylestown Branch
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A Platinum Branch

Mary Goldstein, President

CHINA: THEN AND NOW

Wednesday, December 6, 2006
Celtic Cross Room

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
7:00PM Social Gathering, 7:30PM Meeting

Invite a guest and come for a fascinating look at China presented by The Reverend Peyton Craighill, Ph. D. He lived in China for 11 years as a child and then worked in Taiwan 21 years. Since 1985 he has made 8 visits to China. He has watched the creative energy transform China and he anticipates a great deal more to come.

In September, 2006 he visited China as a translator for the Children's Olympics which involved 200 boys and girls ages 10 to 12 from 5 different countries including the US and Canada. The children demonstrated tai chi and art as well as traditional relays, long jumps, etc. The purpose was to encourage peace among the children and among the participating countries. Dr. Craighill said it was a big success, and China has engaged their largest newspaper as sponsor for next year when they anticipate 1000 participants.

The Reverend Craighill has many more interesting observations about China's pole vault into the modern world. He has prepared a power point presentation to share with us some of his excitement about the rapid changes and the government's plans for the future. Husbands are welcome as is everyone who attended the June dinner in hopes of meeting Peyton Craighill and learning more about China.

More information about Peyton Craighill on page 5.

Dr. Emerk Ucarer
 AAUW Education Foundation Grant Recipient

Saturday at Noon
January 6, 2007
Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Celtic cross Room

Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch
Beverages, plates etc. will be provided. More
information at our December meeting.

At the branch meeting on January 6 we will be privileged to have as our speaker. Dr. Emek Ucarer This is an unique opportunity in that she received support from the AAUW Education Foundation, especially from the grant named for the Doylestown Branch.

Dr. Ucarer is a native of Turkey and the granddaughter of one of the first female judges in that country. Her grandmother strongly believed that "professional success is greatly impacted by supportive professional networks, and particularly in the case for women." Having received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in the U.S., Dr. Ucarer is an associate professor at Bucknell University where she teaches a variety of courses: International Organization, International Law, International Relations of Europe, Human Rights, and International Relations of Migration. Her project which is funded by AAUW is related to the responses to trafficking in women. Last year she spent nine weeks in Brussels, Belgium, collecting information related to counter-trafficking policy-making, primarily in the European Union. In reference to her opportunities made possible by AAUW, she says, "I am deeply grateful for this privilege and strive to steer my professional career, as well as my personal life, in a way that will allow me to contribute to the principles and objectives for which AAUW stands."

Location AAUW Board Meeting

Date: January 15, 2006 **Time: 7:00PM**
The home of: Amy Lancaster
137 Lafayette St., Doylestown
Telephone: 215- 348-9654

Study & Interests Groups

Louise Heath 215 345- 7498

~~Bridge~~

Grace Singer 215-345-0412; Sue Martin 215-230-9506
January 23 at the home of Grace Singer. Kindly call five days in advance if you are unable to attend. The Bridge group has an opening. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please call one of the leaders. There will be no bridge in December

Curmudgeon (Book Sale)

Besse Brindle 215-348-4942, Amy Lancaster 215-348-9654
Friday, January 12, February 16, March 16, April 13 and 27, 1:30PM at the home of Amy Lancaster

~~Daytime Literature Review~~

Peggy Michaud 215-345-8470 michaud@pil.net; **January 2 and 16 games**. Beginners are welcome

December 21: We will meet Thursday, December 21, at Nancy Brown's home at 12:30PM. Jean Clark will lead the discussion on Emily Barton's The Testament of Yves Gundron. **January 25**: We're starting the year off with Joan Didion's The Year of Magical Thinking with Pat VonSeggern leading the discussion at Linda Smith's home at 12:30PM.

Evening Eclectics

Barbara Theiss 215-348-1145 Gandbtheiss@cs.com.

December 13: Book: March by Geraldine Brooks; Reviewer: Joan Worthington, Hostess: Molly Walter
January 10, Book: The Emperor of Ocean Park by Stephen L. Crane. Reviewer: Lyn Allison, Hostess: Grace Singer

Health & Nutrition

Phyllis Weir 215-345-1075 drwpcsw@verizon.net
We will be meeting on **Monday, January 7** at Phyllis' at 3:30PM. Our topic will be Vitamins

International Culture and Cuisine

Paula Young 215-749-8602 pjyoung@pil.net
2006-2007 season has finally begun. Anyone who has signed up or is on last years list will be contacted by E-mail if possible. All events are on Sunday at 3:00 pm. Contact will be electronic if at all possible.

December 10--First event - hosted by Louise McLeod 215-794-9958 - lmcleod@pil.net 2885 Mill Road, Doylestown, PA 18902 Theme will be a Winter Solstice holiday - which by Yahoo definition includes Christmas, Kwanza, Chanukah, Druid events, and even the Romans. Members will be contacted and given an area to interpret with foods that are appetizers or desserts. Attendees are asked to contact Louise and if you want to assist please let her know. Please do a bit of research on your dish and how it fits into the holiday it represents.

February 4: Hosted by a new member, Liz Horman - Theme will be St. Valentine's Day. **April 1**: Hosted by Carolyn Cowgill. Theme is April Fool -- so expect something unexpected. **June 3**: Hosted by Nancy

Brown. Theme for our final event will be World War II at home and abroad.

Knitting

Jinny Kiesel 215-230-9028 hvkiesel1@netzero.net
December 20 and January 17 at 1:30PM, place to be determined at November meeting. Call Jinny Kiesel for location.

Mah Jongg

Mary Lee Lieser 215-489-5577 billtravel@msn.com
Mah Jongg meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at a member's home. Please call or E-mail Mary Lee for the location of the **December 5 and 19**; **January 2 and 16 games**. Beginners are welcome

~~Quilters - Broken Dishes~~

Emily Sippel 215-340-1579
Broken Dishes Quilters will meet at the home of Amy Lancaster. at 12:30PM on **January 4, 11 and 25**. The 7:00PM, **January 18** meeting will be at the home of Barbara Ford. There will be no December meetings.

Cultural Trips

Tuesday, December 12 - Parkside Orchid Nursery in Ottsville. Tour through 4 or 5 greenhouses full of orchids. No charges involved. Lunch at Piper Tavern. Call Barbara Barney (215- 345-5365). Meet 9:30AM at Grace Singers's.

Friday, January 19 --Keith House on the lovely grounds of Graeme Park in Horsham. Emphasis of the guided tour will be on the history and architecture of the three story mansion, built in 1722. A few representative pieces of furniture are displayed. Call Jo Page (215-345-6719) before January 12. Admission is \$3.50 per person. . Dress warmly; house is minimally heated Departing from Marshalls (parking closer to Rt. 611) at 9:30AM. Drivers needed. If interested, we can proceed to Hope Lodge (\$3.50) for a tour followed by lunch.

February 28--King Tut. Lunch at Four Seasons. Barbara Barney (215-345-5365). (8:21AM train from Doylestown)

March 28--Waterworks Tour and Lunch. Grace Singer (215-345-0412) or Jinny Kiesel (215-230-9028).

April 25--UN Tour New York City. Jean Kraus (215-453-1306).

May 31--Chanticleer Gardens. Lyn Bauer (215-230-2567).

Membership News

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Jean Clark
313 Monterey Place, Newtown, PA 18944
215-579-6301

We can't keep Jean out of libraries. She retired as a librarian and now volunteers at two libraries. Although she enjoys traveling, Jean is happy to have moved to Bucks County to be closer to her grandchildren.

Roberta Melby
P.O. Box 157, Solebury, PA 18963
215-297-8468

Roberta enjoys gardening and handicraft, especially knitting. She loves reading and has found kindred spirits in our Daytime Literature Review group.

Karen Nazarenko
101 Spring Meadow Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901
215-230-0244

Karen enjoys Art museums, ballet, and reading (especially books by authors from India). She is also a gardener which might explain her interest in entomology!

Janet Simon
525 Fox Road, Glenside, PA 19038
215-887-0642

Janet, a retired librarian, now uses her library skills working with archaeological archives as a volunteer at the University of Pennsylvania Museum. She also enjoys skiing, traveling, and reading.

Cards to Members

A speedy recovery to Gerry Sprosser, recovering from a broken ankle.

Our sympathy to Amy Lancaster upon the death of her mother.

Volunteer Opportunity

At the November meeting, Doug Mooney, the archaeologist who spoke, said the National Park Service is looking for volunteers to help with the analysis of the National Constitution Center Site artifacts. Anyone who is interested should contact Jed Levin at jed_levin@nps.gov. Right now he is just collecting a list of interested parties. He will contact you when he is ready to start the project.

President's Message

Women, Women, Women

I ended last month's notes with the observation that my skeptical friend can persist in her questions about why AAUW exists by replying to the idea that it exists not only to further women's education but also to nourish the desire for it with the challenge: *Why* is education good for women?

Asking this is rather like asking why health is good because both invite the answer: Well, it just is. More *can* be said, but that would involve too much talk about the relations between reason and passion, belief and desire, and the like. Another way to tackle a question is to complicate it, as I want to do now by distinguishing three kinds of knowing and, therefore, three kinds of things that education can achieve.

The first two are learning *that* thus and so is the case—that a bed is a piece of furniture and that the energy of a body equals its mass times the square of the speed of light--and learning *how to* do something, from fixing bicycles to splitting atoms. The third is harder to describe because it involves what I will call our moral structure.

It is to learn *how to bear witness* to the existence of another and so to learn that the other exists as truly and fully as oneself. This is to recognize that the other person is not just a projection of one's beliefs about him or her. Think of how hard it is to let go of one's child and *to acknowledge* it as a being sovereign and separate. What is hard is to free others from our hold on them and from the opinions, feelings, and needs through which we see them. What is necessary is to let them be present to us as something in their own right.

At the first Branch Meeting of the year, Linda Kenyon, actress and member of the branch, assumed the role of Eleanor Roosevelt and presented her to us as someone real and *different from and more than* our ideas about her. We can learn *how to bear witness* to the difference of others as Linda let us witness the difference, the distinctiveness, of Eleanor Roosevelt.

The most challenging thing about learning how really to see others as the *subjects* of thoughts and feelings and needs and desires rather than as *objects* is that we must at the same time let ourselves be seen in our difference and our separateness. Only then can we bear witness to the existence of others. And learning how to bear witness to the reality, the difference, the presence of *women* is one of the jobs of members of AAUW: for so can we begin to break the silent and invisible barrier of gender. This, then, is the third kind of knowing. Call it a knowing how really to see, cousin to knowing how really to listen.

Next issue: women listening to women.

Curmudgeon Commotion

November 15, 2006

Did you know that the plan for the Interstate Highway System specifies that two to three lanes go in each direction and that all turns are to the right? On the fourth round trip from northern Virginia to Richmond in eight days I noticed that just south of Ashland there is a cut off to the left.

So it goes with the Book Sale plan. The available space both in the barn and at the sale is subject to a specified plan with a rare left turn when necessary. The categories in the Barn follow a size/quantity based plan. The large quantities are along the supporting walls so that the weight of the books is properly managed. The little categories fit in the little spots in between. Most boxes are to be a uniform size. Those made to hold six one-gallon jugs cut to seven inches high work best. A few smaller tall boxes are used in ART, HOW-TO, and maybe REFERENCE.

ALERT! ALERT! When a box is full GET ANOTHER BOX!! The labels are on the table in file folders. Put the appropriate label on a new box and use it. Precarious stacks lean dangerously or topple. THIS IS NOT A GOOD THING !! It is very important that sorted boxes be filled properly . . . like sizes with like sizes or level off the top of the box with a horizontal layer. This prevents (a) book back breakage from piled weight (b) breakdown of the sides of the box. Trade size paperbacks require a slightly higher box and should be sorted into boxes of their own and not mixed with rack-size paperbacks. The base layer should consist of larger footprint boxes. Boxes should never be stacked higher than two high before filling the layer i.e. the base layer should be two boxes deep front to back before piling a second layer. This prevents topple-over. Level off the layer with a book or two before adding another layer. Stagger the boxes lengthwise and widthwise in a manner to make the stack more stable.

Some signs in the barn are reported missing. This will be remedied by year's end.

Thank you to Louise McLeod, Chairman of the Month October and welcome Paula Young, Chairman of the Month November (Nov. 20 to Dec. 18).

Louise's report is incorporated without credit in Commotion.

Which of you is going to join Santa's Elves and be Chairman of the Month December (Dec. 18 to Jan. 15)?

Amy Lancaster

Walking the Barn

Begin at the top of the stairs. On the right with the door wide open step ahead.

DO NOT BLOCK DOOR

Paperback Romance

Hardcover Fiction

Paperback Fiction

War

Government, Politics

Paperback Science Fiction

Mystery

Paper back Mystery

Around corner by closet door

Bucks County & PA Environs

Beside window

Foreign Language

Music

Along wall with windows beginning at end with high windows

Biography

History

Psychology, Sociology

Medicine, Health

Gardening

Family Life

Education

Sports

Published in last five years

Decorator Sets

Mass Media: Tapes, Videos, CD's, DVD's

Art

Nature, Science

How-to, Hobbies

Cooking

Travel, Geography

Games, Puzzles

Children

On the house end

Literature, Classics

Poetry, Drama

Women

Reference

Corner

Business, Economics

Math, Computers, Engineering

Religion, Philosophy

Humor

Under the table -- Curmudgeons to evaluate Magazines,

Ask A Librarian, Resort, Large Print, Bible

A LIFE LIVED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Peyton G. Craighill

My life has been lived as a bridge between two great world cultures – those of China and America. For thirty-four years, from 1915 to 1949, my parents served as missionaries of the Episcopal Church in Central China. I was born in 1929 in Nanchang, the capital city of Jiangxi province, into the midst of China's revolution. Although Nanchang was thought of as a provincial city, because of its central location it played a major role in the revolutionary movement. Although at the time I was a young child, I was well aware of the profound changes, both for good and evil, that were taking place around me. In 1937, my life was further impacted by the beginning of the Sino-Japanese War. We refugeeed to Shanghai and later moved to the Yangtze River port city of Wuhu.

In 1941, as the clouds of war thickened around us, we were evacuated to a greatly different life in Englewood, N.J., a suburb of New York. There I became thoroughly immersed in American culture through education in public schools, a Virginia boarding school, and Yale University. During my senior year, I responded to Christ's call to enter ordained ministry, studying for ordination at Virginia Theological Seminary. After three years in a large, Baltimore parish, again Christ called me, this time to return to Asia. After two years as vicar of an English-language congregation in Okinawa, I transferred to Taiwan, where I served for seventeen years on the faculty of the Tainan Theological College, a large, richly historical Presbyterian seminary in the southern part of the island. Once again I was immersed in Chinese culture and in the political struggles of the Chinese people in their quest under the immense pressures of modernization for a new place in the world. In 1978 our mission board - primarily for financial reason - withdrew us from Taiwan, and we began a new life in America.

I continued as a theological educator at a southern seminary, a Philadelphia prep school, and as director of a program for training people for ordination to the diaconate. During the past twenty-eight years, I have kept close ties with Taiwan, returning there after retirement to work for two years. Since 1985, I have been on eight visits to China. Thus I continue to do whatever I can to carry out my life mission, serving as a bridge between China and the West.

Book Sorting in the Barn

Sorting Days Intended weather permitting

Call one another to confirm intentions. Life has a way of interfering.

Mondays – Mariana Hoffman 215-348-5795,
Emily Sippel 215-340-1579,
Cynthia Leader 215-348-2014
Louise McLeod 215-794-9958,
Mary Goldstein 215 766-0607

Tuesdays- Lyn Bauer 215-230-3567 -- 10:30 to noon,
Jean Kraus 215-453-1306 -- 11:00 to 12:30
Nancy Blois 215-348-3651,
Jane Bellet 215-918-9013
Louise Heath 215-345-7498 1:30 to 3:00,
Phyllis Weir 215-345-1075

Treasurer's Report

November 20, 2006

	OPERATING FUND	BOOK FUND	COMMUNITY PROGRAM
ASSETS	\$7,937.62	\$12,470.31	\$403.31
LIABILITIES	<u>00.00</u>	<u>5,850.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>
BALANCE	\$7,937.62	\$6,620.31	\$403.31

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If you haven't been a participant before, go to **escrip.com** and click on "sign up" to register your Genuardi's card. Our Group ID number is **149029896**. Contact Besse Brindle at 215-348-4942 or **JBBrindle@aol.com** if you have questions or problems.