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THE FORUM

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Program - Lucy Jerue *ljerue@comcast.net*

Our February branch meeting will take place on **Saturday, February 9 @ 12 noon at the John D. Young Lions Blind Center in Absecon.**

Ann Burns, Director of the Center, will speak about the day program offered there for the blind and visually impaired and of course you will have the opportunity to see the center, which includes a computer room and kitchen. She will also speak on blind etiquette. How do you assist a blind person? What does the white cane mean? Ann, who is blind, will have her guide dog, Sport, with her. She will relay to us the story of the intensive training period for both her and the dog in order for them to qualify to be a team.

The Lions Blind Center is located at the corner of Pitney Road and Crestview Ave. in Absecon. The address for GPS purposes is 100 Crestview Ave.

We will offer a catered lunch at noon prior to Ann's talk. The charge for that is \$10.00 to be paid at the door. No need to register, just be there to learn and enjoy.

President's Notes - Connie Smedley *conniesmedley@hotmail.com*

It is gratitude that fills my heart as I contemplate the fun and learning we, as the active and exciting AAUW group of Atlantic County, have experienced together and all the fantastic activities yet to come. I am honored to be your President. I hope to see many of you on February 9th at Absecon Blind Center and please mark in ink Saturday, March 16th for a very special Woman of Distinction event.

No winter doldrums for us as we unite together beside the virtual fire of learning, support and commitment to women...I am "thinking Spring" already!!!

MEMBERSHIP

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Welcome to new members:

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Treasurer's Report - Betsy Reed *hbreed@verizon.net*

Treasurer's Report as of 1 January 2013:

Operating Checking account \$4,715.45
Operating Savings account \$5,852.41
Education Checking Account \$7,624.39
Education CD reported quarterly.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett *geoca@mymailstation.com*

TRAVEL GROUP: On Wednesday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m., Karen Weis will present a program on the trip to Norway that she and her husband made this past fall by ferry. It was an unusual way to explore the country which they found very enjoyable. Gail Vreeland will host the group. Please call Gail if you can come.

Cultural Interests Book: Mary Lou Breidenstine *breidensti@aol.com*;
Film: Diana Intenzo *dianzo75@comcast.net*;

Be sure to join the Book Club on Wednesday, February 20, as it meets to discuss "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. If you have ever suspected that your dog knows exactly what you are thinking, you will be sure of it after reading this book. We are sure to have a provocative discussion. Marian Talese is hostess. We begin at 7:00 p.m.

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) Gail Zona *gzona1@comcast.net*

Our next meeting will be at the dinner/planning session on Monday, January 28th at the Shore Diner, Tilton Road, Northfield. We will meet at 6pm and dinner will be at 6:30pm. Dinner cost is \$20.25 inclusive. All are welcome. Please call Gail if you plan to attend 641-1986 or gzona1@comcast.net.

Woman of Distinction Award - March 10, 2012 Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

The board is happy to announce that **Peggy Lloyd** will be the recipient of our Woman of Distinction Award 2013. This special event will be a luncheon on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the Atlantic City Country Club in Northfield.

Cost will again be \$40.00. Please save the date - and contact friends and family to join you. We will have the opportunity to learn of this woman's fascinating life and service to our area. Details about this woman will be following soon. Proceeds will benefit our branch scholarship programs.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney *audreyPZM@aol.com*



AAUW has been empowering women for more than 130 years. That sense of empowerment is still exactly what AAUW offers women and girls from all walks of life and 2012 was another year of breaking through barriers for women and girls.



This year AAUW helped bring national attention to an issue long "swept under the rug": Sexual harassment of women in the military. After she reported being raped by another marine, Elle Helmer was told by the officer: "Pick yourself up and dust yourself off...I can't babysit you.." Helmer and others filed a lawsuit in 2012 and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is supporting their case. Helmer states "AAUW has been the most amazing organization over the last year of my life. ." Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta has now created special victims units and will allow victims to move away from attackers and report crimes to people higher in the chain of command and Helmer states. " AAUW has helped raise the bar higher regarding the ending of the epidemic of injustice, trauma and apathy within the military. I cannot say enough how truly grateful I am."

Other successful AAUW activities include providing financial grants to women for graduate studies, conducting leadership forums for women on college campuses, and the very successful Action Fund's **It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard** campaign. Our branch was part of this effort with our voter registration activity on the Mays landing campus of Atlantic Cape College.



Learn more about these projects and many others by visiting our national website and reading our magazine, *Outlook*.



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The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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