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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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This morning, I read an article in The Press about The Three Kings Day toy give-away in Egg Harbor City. I smiled when I saw a picture of a happy 4 year old girl in long pigtails and a spotted furry coat posing with her new toy. She had picked out a big, long toy truck. All I could think was, "You've come a long way, baby"!

Yes, we still have many issues to address. AAUW lists some of these as: "gender pay gap, the prevalence of sexual assault, and the lack of political representation". Our branch is working hard on several programs, particularly "Start Smart" and "Tech Trek". Read more about them in the Forum. We are also educating ourselves about Human Trafficking. Over 50 women attended our January meeting on this topic, and brought donations for victims. Yes, we must keep advocating equality for women and girls. But, I feel the changes that are in the air. A 4 year old girl chose a shiny metal truck. I like to think that no one said to her, "Trucks are for boys. Why don't you pick a doll?" She went home happy. I bet she is having a lot of fun pushing that truck around the house. Maybe she even has a Barbie at the steering wheel!

Program News - Lucy Jerue

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Next Program - Saturday, February 7

Our February program will be a Technology Question and Answer session at the Galloway Branch of the Atlantic County Library. The technology program will begin at **2pm** in the library meeting room.

Senior Librarian Orion Jurkowski will be our facilitator. He does these workshops on a regular basis for the public at large and we are fortunate that he will host our group in a private session on Feb. 7.

You are encouraged to group up with friends for lunch on your own prior to the program if you wish. There are a number of nice restaurants in the area including Celina's and the Gourmet Italian. There is also a shopping center across from the library that has some restaurants that are a bit more informal.

The Galloway Library is located on 306 E. Jimmie Leeds Road behind the municipal complex. Please come out and **bring your devices** (iPad, phones and e-readers) and your questions to this Technology Q and A. Registration is not necessary.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Atlantic County Branch Presents

2015 Annual Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon

SATURDAY, March 14

LINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Social – Noon Luncheon 12:30 PM

\$35.00 per person (all inclusive)

Menu Choices : Chicken Francaise, Baked Alaskan Salmon or Pasta Primavera

Please make checks payable to AAUW and mail with Reservation Request Form to:

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201 by **March 7, 2015.**

Our 2015 Woman of Distinction will be revealed in next month's Forum !

**Reservation Request Form
AAUW 2015 Woman of Distinction Luncheon**

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

MENU CHOICE(S) _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

Sorry, I cannot attend. Enclosed is my donation. _____

Please include Reservation Form with your check to Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201

Financial Report: December 2014

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Operations Account

Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 16.01
Add'l Fundraiser Expenses	40.58

Closing Balance \$ 5,273.67

Scholarship Account \$ 11,514.07

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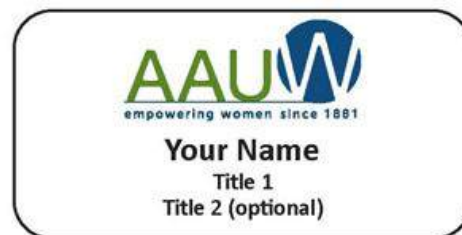
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Customized Name Badge, With AAUW Logo

You asked for them and you got them!
Now, you can finally purchase the name badges that the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Staff wear when they are out representing AAUW. Durable (and wipeable!) plastic, this name badge comes standard with a Pin Clasp for \$8.00, but can be ordered with a Magnetic Clasp for an extra \$2.00.

Get yours today! Available at SHOPAAUW
<http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/ProductInfo.asp?Category=1576&itm=131042>



Thanks to Gail Davis for providing the link.

(Editor's tip: click SHOPAAUW or image; or copy address into the web address section of your internet browser)

PUBLIC POLICY IN ACTION
WOMEN ARE NOT WORTH LESS



Want to meet with an elected official about a policy issue? Want to spotlight that issue in the media? Want a fun and easy action you can participate in?

Making a delivery to an elected official's office is the answer!

Connecting with our elected officials about AAUW issues in a face-to-face meeting is a great way to develop a relationship with them and work to influence the positions they take on issues important to you.

The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap is an issue of prime importance to us. The pay gap has barely budged in a decade. Women face a pay gap in nearly every occupation. From elementary and middle school teachers to computer programmers, women are paid less than men in female-dominated, gender-balanced, and male-dominated occupations.

On **April 14th we will once again recognize Equal Pay Day**, the symbolic date when women's wages catch up to men's from the previous year. I know my calendar says 2015, but I'm having trouble believing it. The Mad Men era isn't just on TV. It's real life for women and their families who are struggling to make ends meet. For the last decade, median earnings for women working full time, year-round have been just 77% of men's earnings-23% less. This oft-cited percentage stems from U.S. Census Bureau data and is not, despite critiques, something made up to give women raises.

Get ready to learn about what is reported in ***Graduating to a Pay Gap*** and ***The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*** and what we can do about it. For starters, how we can go about contacting and meeting with our local elected officials and educating them about these issues?

Join us. Get involved. Help plan our meeting with elected officials. Come view the National Women's Law Center Video "Women are not Worth Less!" Don't miss the **February 16, 2015** Plan for Action meeting!

It's time to take action!

Please RSVP: Michelle Douglass 609-247-3467 or mjd@myrightslawyers.com

Educating Our Elected Officials
about the Gender Pay Gap
Meeting

When: February 16, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Law office-Michelle Douglass
424 Bethel Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244

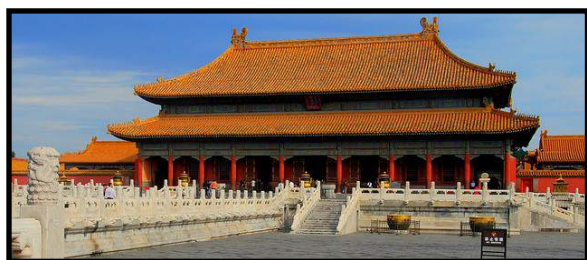
Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons: we act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting.

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

Travel Group for January is at Phyllis Trackman's on **Jan 14. Brittany, France** is the topic presented by Anne-Marie Guevara. Please call Phyllis if you are coming.

Travel Group for February is on **China** presented by Terry Daily. It is **February 18** at 7pm, and it will be at Terry's house. Terry and her husband took a trip to China in the fall, and Terry will be sharing her experiences with us. Please call her if you plan to come.



Book Group - Mary Lou Breidenstine

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The Book Group will meet on **February 25** at 7:00 at the home of Gail Vreeland. Annemarie Guevara will lead a discussion of Edith Wharton's "A Son at the Front." This book chronicles the activities of the parents of a young, wealthy American, born in France, as they attempt to keep him out of World War I.

ETHNIC CUISINES

Phyllis Trackman lptrackman@comcast.net

Our international lunch will be on **Feb 12** at Liang's Chinese Restaurant. It is at 12:30 at the corner of Ventnor and Douglas Ave., Margate. Email me so I can make reservations.



Conversational Spanish

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Do you want to be part of an informal group that converses in Spanish with abilities ranging from beginner-plus to native speaker? If so, please join the Spanish Group that meets every **Monday** throughout the year from 4:15 until 6:00 at the home of Claire Moyer. Please call her at 609-641-8287 for more information and directions to her home.

College Connection

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Meeting of all parties was Tuesday, Jan 13. Report in next Forum.

Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Good News

Anyone interested in attending the **national conference** this year, please call **Carol Zerbe.**, 609-653-0488 or email czpaints@verizon.net She would like to go but needs a roommate. To get a decent rate on the registration fee we need to register shortly. The dates of the convention are June 18th to 21st and this year it is being held in **San Diego**, California. Topics for workshops are available online as well as other fees. Check it out on AAUW.com

Tech Tip:

If you "lost" your Forum email, you can view *The Forum* on our website at <http://ac-nj.aauw.net/newsletter/>

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Stockton Children's Theater - Vicki Biron

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There are 2 more shows, in 2015, for which I need 8 ushers each. They are:

1. Somers Point Jazz Education Concert on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30am.
2. Bay-Atlantic Symphony Education Concert on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:30am.

Ushers should arrive by 9:45 AM so the doors can open at 10 am.

If you would like to usher for either one or both shows, please e-mail me at vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me a call at 609-703-3788. Please include your phone # so I can call to remind you that week. If you have already volunteered for either or both shows, thank you. Vicki Biron

Human Trafficking Forum

January 10, 2015 - Women's Center, Linwood, NJ



Presenter Dan Garrabrant - Justice Department



Presenter Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro
from the Women's Center

A full house of supportive AAUW members at the Human Trafficking Forum



First time ever in New Jersey!



AT STOCKTON COLLEGE

Support AAUW STEM Tech Trek in NEW JERSEY-2015 by Supporting a Camper at Stockton College of NJ!

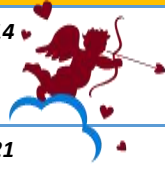
- _____ \$20 Provide a Camper with Camp Supplies for the Week
- _____ \$20 Sponsor a Team Building Activity for a Camper
- _____ \$20 Sponsor Lab Supplies for a Camper
- _____ \$ 25 Feed a Camper for a Day
- _____ \$ 75 House a Camper for a Day
- _____ \$ 100 Sponsor a Camper for a Day
- _____ \$ 175 Feed a Camper for a Week
- _____ \$ 200 Sponsor Backpacks
- _____ \$300 Sponsor a STEM Teacher
- _____ \$ 455 House a Camper for a Week
- _____ \$ 500 Sponsor T-shirts
- _____ \$ 500 Sponsor the Full Day Field Trip to Research and Development Field Lab in NJ
- _____ \$ 800 Sponsor a Camper for the Week
- _____ \$ 800 Sponsor the Professional Women in STEM Panel Night
- _____ \$2,000 Sponsor the Showcase Dinner
- _____ **TOTAL**



Make **check payable** to **AAUW FUNDS-NJ Tech Trek** (tax-deductible) and mail form and check to:

**Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.
424 Bethel Road
Somers Point, NJ 08244**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Tech Q & A <i>Galloway 2:00pm</i>
8	9	10	11	12 <i>Ethnic Cuisines</i> <i>Margate 12:30</i>	13	14 
15	16 <i>Gender Pay</i> <i>Gap Meeting</i> <i>7pm Somers Pt.</i>	17	18 <i>Travel Group</i> <i>Terry's @ 7 pm</i>	19	20	21
22	23 <i>Board</i> <i>Meeting @ Terry</i> <i>Dailey's</i>	24	25 <i>Book Group</i> <i>7 pm</i>	26	27	28

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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