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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Our Nominating Committee has been working very hard to assemble the slate of new officers for next year. They have done a wonderful job. Please be sure to read their report in this issue. I want to thank everyone who has accepted a Board position for next year. I also thank our Nominating Committee: Connie Smedley, Carolyn Bassett, & Audrey Moloney.

We do have a major challenge, however! At this point, we have no one who has accepted the position of President. I will be stepping down at the end of my 2-year term in May. We must have some one who will take over. We have a vibrant branch with nearly 140 members who are committed to advancing equity for women. **I am making a plea** for some one to volunteer to lead our branch. Yes, it is a big job; but one that gives great satisfaction in all that is accomplished. Please contact a member of the nominating committee or me, to discuss this position if you are interested. Two Co-Presidents are certainly acceptable. We must continue to move forward into the future!

Program News - Lucy Jerue

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Thanks on Behalf of the Women's Center

Our program at the Women's Center last month on human trafficking was eye opening and informative.

I would like to thank all of our members who supported the Women's Center with gift cards, toiletries and clothing items. Dawne was overwhelmed and wrote me a nice email thanking us. We will keep in touch with the center and continue our support.

Date change for April Program

Our April program will take place on Thursday, **April 16** at 4:30 pm at the Noyes Museum. We will tour the galleries and see their featured Pine Barrens Exhibit. Following the tour, we will enjoy a Pine Barrens Jamboree from 5:30-6:30pm. Details in the next Forum.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Atlantic County Branch Presents

2015 Annual Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon

Honoring

Laura Dulac

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.**

**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

**AAUW Atlantic Branch is thrilled to announce that
Laura Dulac is the 2015 Woman of Distinction.**

We will honor Laura at noon on Saturday, March 14 at the Linwood Country Club, Linwood, NJ.

A Baltimore native, Laura is the founder and president of Our Children Making Change (OCMC) – a non-profit organization which instills in young children the joy in giving back to their communities. *The children of OCMC have raised and donated over \$300,000 to charities in the past 6 years!*

Laura received her elementary education teaching degree from Boston University and her Master's degree in Intercultural Communication from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was also certified as a Diversity Trainer. She taught in the Pleasantville School district and still keeps in touch with many of her former students. Laura is a recipient of the Daily Points of Light Award. She resides in Margate, NJ with her husband, Paul and their three daughters.

We look forward to your support in attending this exciting event for such a worthy individual. The event costs \$35 which includes lunch. *PLEASE send in your reservation and entrée selection before March 7th.* Should you have questions, please contact Helen Riso at (609) 641-7085. See you March 14 at the Linwood Country Club!

Sincerely,
Tula Christopoulos
Chairwoman, Woman of Distinction 2015

The Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate of officers for next year:

President: to be announced later.

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Cash

Fundraising Chair: Diana Intenzo

Program Committee: In lieu of one program chair, we are proposing the following members of a program committee. Each member will be responsible for one program. In addition there will be a fundraising meeting, and a Woman of Distinction meeting, each with its own chair.

Bonnie Cavalier, Terry Daily, Debbie Davies, Peg Fiore, Beverly Schectman, Carole Zerbe, Kathy Ziegenfus

The Committee is very proud of its selections and wishes to thank the women who have agreed to serve the Branch in continuing its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Carolyn Bassett, Audrey Moloney, Connie Smedley (Chair)

Financial Report: January 2015

Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net



Operations Account

Income: Women's Center Luncheon	\$ 560.00	
Expenses:		
Women's Center Luncheon Costs	- 336.36	
Women's Center: honorarium	- <u>100.00</u>	
Closing Balance		<u>\$ 5,397.77</u>

Scholarship Account

Expenses: Atlantic Cape Foundation: scholarships	\$ 4,400.00	
Closing Balance		<u>\$ 7,124.00</u>

Membership

Barbara Wolnerman & MarieTurnbull

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Veronica Dahl

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Fairleigh Dickenson University BS;
Montclair University MA

Customized Name Badge, With AAUW Logo

Now, you can finally purchase the name badges that the AAUW Board of Directors and Staff wear when they are 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>

Scholarships

Gail Davis & Karen Poorman

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We received an acknowledgement from ACCC for our chapter's \$4400 scholarship donation. Thanks to members and guests for supporting our scholarship luncheon. We will get to meet our recipients on May 18.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

At long last- we had a meeting with the VP for Student Affairs at the Mays Landing campus of ACCC to have SMART START programs on the 3 campuses. Dates got a bit changed-. BUT we have sign up sessions of Feb 23 (Mays Landing), 24th (Atlantic City), and 25th (Cape May). Then on campus sessions scheduled for March 10, 11 and 12. The workshop has been refined to 1 hour (rather than 3) to accommodate community college students. We did get a grant of \$1500 to get these three workshops for one year. I am hoping it is a success as we have worked hard . I could use 1-2 others to help at sign ups and someone to 'front' for the facilitator on **March 12** from 12-2 at Mays Landing in cafe B.

Gail Davis

Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Good News

AAUW Monmouth County has made a donation to our STEM Tech Trek!

We have more photos of our members on our Facebook page. You can see them in a larger size too!

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Interest Groups

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

Travel Group for February is at Terry Dailey's house, 821 Leiling Lane, Mays Landing on **February 18** at 7pm. Terry is presenting a program on the trip she and her husband took to China. She will share their experiences with us and show us some souvenirs they brought back. Please let Terry know if you plan to attend. (625-7995 or john4photo@aol.com). Since Terry lives in Mays Landing call me if you'd like to call-pool and we'll make arrangements.

Last month Ann-Marie Guevara gave a good presentation on Brittany, France which was appreciated by members in attendance at Phyllis Trackman's home.

In March, Marga Matheny, a dual member of our branch and Cape May County's, will present a different program on China. Marga spent a year in Shanghai preparing advanced students to take the SAT and GRE exams. She will share some of her experiences with us. The date for this is **March 18** at 7pm and the place is still to be arranged. Obviously, Marga and Terry had very different experiences, so it will be interesting to hear both of them.

Conversational Spanish

Claire Moyer clairekm@mac.com

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.

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine

breidensti@aol.com

All are invited to join the Book Club on **February 25** at the home of Gail Vreeland to discuss *A Son at the Front* by Edith Wharton. Ann-maria Guevara will begin the meeting at 7:00. Karen Weis will lead a discussion of *Oryx and Cate* by Margaret Atwood on **March 25** at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine.

ETHNIC CUISINES

Phyllis Trackman lptrackman@comcast.net

Our next ethnic lunch will be at the Bombay Indian Restaurant in the English Creek shopping center on Thurs, **April 23** at 12:30.



Edie Laverdure, Phyllis Trackman, Anne McNaughten, Judy McClain at Liang's Chinese Restaurant in Margate



Joan Leavy, Joy Brilliant, Claire Moyer, Freda Strickler

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



Technology Question and Answer session at the Galloway Branch of the Atlantic County Library

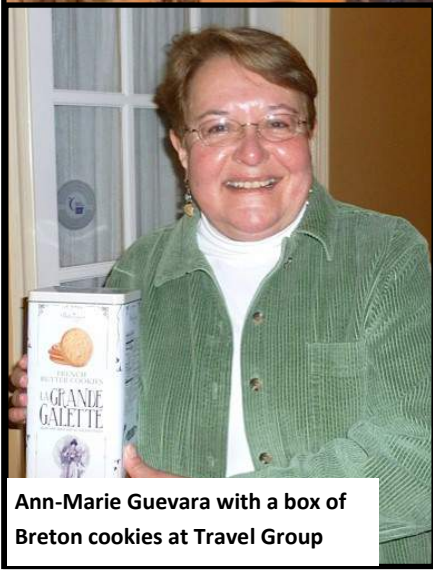


Carole Zerbe and Lee Ellenburg working on a problem

AAUW members with Orion Jurkowski of the Atlantic Co. Library System



Audrey Owen (left) presenting "The Paris Architect" to the Book Group at Cathy Shippen's house (above)



Ann-Marie Guevara with a box of Breton cookies at Travel Group



The Travel Group at Phyllis Trackman's

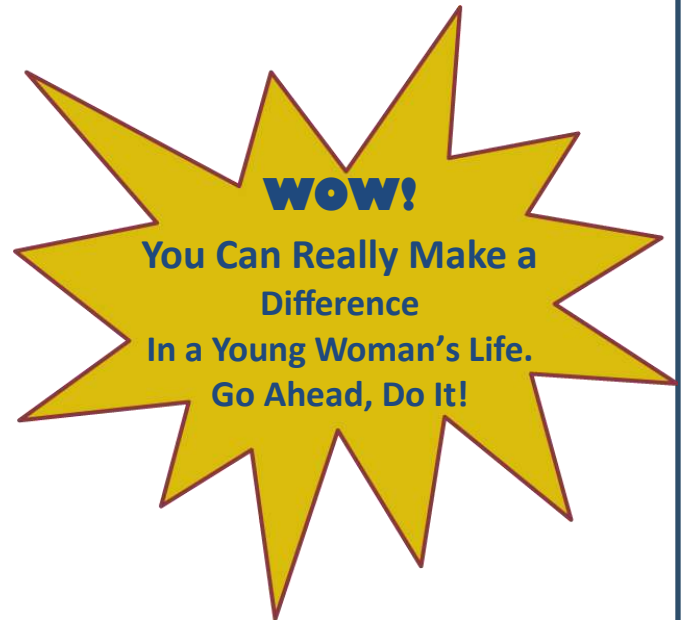
First time ever in New Jersey!



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

Reminder: The on-line **iGive** donation program will give us \$5.00 for every person we sign up before **March 30** and then an ongoing donation for every online purchase at over 700 businesses including Amazon, Staples, all the department stores and even ABEbooks.com where many of our book club members purchase their books. Members and friends may get registered for their iGive button at the [AAUW Atlantic County website](http://ac-nj.aauw.net) <http://ac-nj.aauw.net/tech-trek> Click on Tech Trek on the top bar and press the iGive red bar on the top right to register. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 WOD Reservations deadline
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 WOD Luncheon
15	16	17	18 Travel Club	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Book Club	26	27	28
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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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