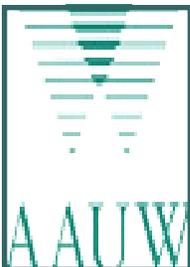


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THE FORUM

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WHO'S WHO

Monday Evening, May 21: Dinner at Smithville Inn

The May meeting is traditionally the time for inducting new officers. This year, in addition to the installation, we will also take the opportunity to acknowledge a few of our members* who have received some of the highest awards and honors offered in this area of South Jersey - including the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame, among others.

These women have made their mark in the community by devoting a great deal of time and energy to the betterment of other people. Other organizations have given them their highest awards in acknowledging their achievements. So here's a chance to learn about their efforts and recognize their accomplishments.

Date: Monday, May 21, 2012
Place: Historic Smithville Inn
Time: Social Hour: 5-6 pm; Dinner: 6 pm
Menu choice: (1) Chicken breast, (2) Pan seared salmon, (3) London Broil
Cost: \$ 30
Reservation Deadline: May 14

Please send your checks (made out to **AAUW, Atlantic County**) to
Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd. Absecon, NJ, 08201

Please indicate menu choice on your check.

*Who's Who: Karen Aarons, Lynn Caterson, Deborah Davies, Joanne Drane, Ann Smith Gray, Dianne Lennon, Helen Walsh, Gail Zona.

Membership Judy Page stpage1@verizon.net and **Gail Vreeland** ggvreeland@comcast.net

Welcome to two new members:

RACHEL KAPLAN
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BS – University of Pennsylvania

TULA CHRISTOPOULOS
P.O. Box 1677, Absecon, NJ 08201;
Tel: 609-484-8044 email: tegea111@aol.com
BA – University of Maryland – Baltimore County, MD

President's Notes Connie Smedley conniesmedley@hotmail.com

After a speedy first year of my presidency (as we all know, time does fly when you are having fun), I cannot believe the fantastic events we were able to experience together. The highlights were the wonderful and well-attended meetings we had since we began this journey together in September. Especially memorable was our November fundraiser with Vicki Gold Levi, the darling of Atlantic City. Most recently in March we honored Dr. Jo Frances Stow as our beloved Woman of Distinction of 2012. In return, Dr. Stow honored AAUW of Atlantic County by presenting a check for \$1000 for our scholarship fund.

Our special interest groups continue to be active, providing our membership with intellectual stimulation and camaraderie.

The year is not done yet, though. The Creative Brain Lecture at Stockton College on Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. promises to be another fascinating evening. Please bring your friends. It is another great opportunity to introduce them to AAUW and what we represent.

Also coming up we are hosting a Newcomers' Tea on Friday, April 20, for members who have joined in the last two years. We close the year by "Honoring our Own" at the Smithville Inn on Monday, May 21.

To all of you I send a huge "Thank You" for all of the love and support you have given me as your president and your friend.

Have a great summer.

Connie

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed hbreed@verizon.net

Operating Checking Account \$3,042.40
Education Checking \$7,260.29

Operations Savings Account \$6,845.99
Education CD \$8,336.66

Dues are due now for 2012-2013

Dues are \$69 (\$49 National, \$10 State, \$10 Local) and are payable online (see below) or by check made out to: AAUW ATLANTIC COUNTY and mailed to:

Betsy Reed
82 Marshall Drive
EHT, NJ 08234

Dues can also be paid online by going to www.AAUW.org

1. Click on Member Center
2. Login with ID Member Number (If you do not know it you can contact Betsy at hbreed@verizon.net or Judy at stpage1@verizon.net) or by looking it up as directed on the web page.
3. Enter member # to login in or set up account
4. Click on member Services Database (if no previous account you can create it here by creating a password)
5. Create or login with password
6. Click *renew my membership* listed under Membership Payment Program. (MPP)

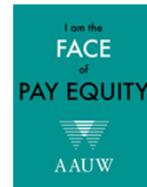
I am asking that you pay your dues **NOW** while you think about it as we are changing Treasurer's this year and **early payment would be VERY helpful. Please NO Later than June 15th.**

Education/Scholarships Christine Ecker mcmmecker@msn.com

Please be thinking about volunteering to attend an Awards Ceremony at one of Atlantic County's High Schools in June 2012. I will be contacting the Atlantic County High Schools in early May and will then be asking for volunteers to attend the awards ceremonies and present the AAUW Book Scholarship on behalf of our branch. Look for an email in May 2012.

Thank you,
Christine Ecker Scholarship Chair

Public Policy Audrey Moloney audreyPZM@aol.com



AAUW Releases State-By-State Rankings for Equal Pay Day

D.C. Has Best Ranking, Wyoming Worst

WASHINGTON – With the release of *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*, AAUW unveiled new state-by-state equal pay rankings. Updated for the national observance of Equal Pay Day, which marks how far into the current year women must work to match what their male counterparts earned last year, *The Simple Truth* charts the wage gap in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

"Equal Pay Day, which this year falls on April 17, is an unfortunate reminder of how far we have to go to reach true pay equality. The wage gap hasn't moved significantly in nearly a decade, and at this rate, we'll be marking Equal Pay Day for the next 60 years," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE.

"The gender pay gap is unlikely to go away on its own. Our publications and tools will empower our advocacy on behalf of women and their families," said Catherine Hill, AAUW director of research. "*The Simple Truth* is a useful resource for women, the media, and society at large as we work to address this stubborn inequality."

Women of Distinction

Held in conjunction with the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony pays tribute to women leaders who have made extraordinary contributions in their professions or their communities. The award winners are leaders in their fields, innovators of unique programs and services, and lifelong advocates for promoting equity for women and girls everywhere. Liza Donnelly is one of five award winners. I will profile others in future **Forums**.

Liza Donnelly: Cartoonist and Writer, *The New Yorker*

Liza Donnelly is a staff cartoonist for the *New Yorker*. When she first began selling her work to the magazine in 1979, she was the youngest and one of only three women cartoonists to do so. Donnelly's cartoons and commentary can be seen on CNN.com, the Huffington Post, Salon.com, *New York Times*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan*, the *Nation*, and the *Harvard Business Review*. Her cartoons have been exhibited around the world.

Donnelly's most recent book is *When Do They Serve the Wine? The Folly, Flexibility and Fun of Being a Woman*. She is a charter member of Cartooning for Peace, an international project that helps promote understanding through humor. In addition she teaches part time at Vassar College,

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Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca@mymailstation.com

The topic of the May travel group is Norway. Audrey Owen, who has visited her son and his family who lived there several times, will be the presenter. The meeting is Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at 12 Morris Ave in Linwood. (The home of another son of Audrey). Please call Audrey to tell her if you can come. (927-9288) This will be the eve of Constitution Day in Norway, and Audrey has lots of information (and even some yummy morsels) to share with us.

Directions:

12 Morris Ave is between Shore Rd and Wabash Ave. From Shore Rd, turn away from the bay and the house is on the right. This will be the final travel group meeting for the year, so if you have an idea for next year, let me know. This year's presentations have all been excellent.

Below: The travel group enjoyed a personalized "trip" to Morocco with Tula Christopoulos (in photo, left), including Moroccan tastings.



Cultural Interests Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The final meeting of the Book Group for this season will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine 2023 Woodlynne Boulevard, Linwood, NJ 08221 (609-927-1779).

Terri Dailey will lead a discussion of "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese.

The "classic" group will begin reading literature from the Victorian era this summer, and what better way to begin than with "David Copperfield" by Dickens.

All are welcome.

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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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