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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Co-Presidents; A new concept for our branch.

As our branch has grown to the largest in the state, there has been an increase in the responsibilities of the president. Her duties are divided between National, State, and Branch activities. Many branches, including our neighboring Cape May County, have found that using co-presidents is the way to go. We agree! Public Policy Chair and Tech Trek Director, Michelle Douglass, has offered to be one of two co-presidents. We need another woman to join as her "co". Board members have pledged to help and support the co-presidents. We have a very excellent, committed, active organization. If you feel ready to step up and into the role of co-president with Michelle, notify me right away. Let's keep the momentum of AAUW-Atlantic County Branch moving forward. We are making a difference!

Program News - Lucy Jerue

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Outing to the Noyes on Thurs. April 16

The Noyes Museum is featuring an exhibit entitled **Pine Barrens : Life and Legends**. This exhibit is unique to our area and revisits life in the pines. The industries, music, and folklore are all part of the rich tapestry of our local history. See the art that captures the pines.

The other featured exhibit at the museum is entitled MICA: THEN/NOW. This one showcases the work of 40 alumni of the Maryland Institute College of Art. MICA is one of the nation's oldest and most highly regarded art schools.

The bonus to this evening at the Noyes is the Pine Barrens Jamboree also taking place the evening of April 16th. The jamboree will feature music and refreshments. Here is how our evening will look.

Arrive at the Noyes: 4:15pm

Tour Galleries with Noyes Docents: 4:30-5:30pm (approx.)

Pine Barrens Jamboree 5:30-7:30pm

Stay as long as you want or feel free to leave prior to 7:30pm to enjoy dinner at a local eatery.

Please email me at ljerue@comcast.net as soon as possible or by Monday **April 6** if you plan to attend. **We do need a head count** so that the Noyes knows how many docents to assign our group. AAUW Members Lucy Jerue and Bonnie Cavalier, who are also Noyes docents, have already volunteered. If you are a member of the Noyes Museum, admission is free. For non-members, the admission fee is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors. You will pay your admission at the door upon arrival.

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Financial Report: February 2015

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Operations Account

Income	\$ 15.00
Expenses:	
Program: Woman's Center: Feb mtg	\$ 50.00
Woman of Distinction: Luncheon Dep.	500.00
Newsletter	32.00
College Connection	37.80
Incorporation renewal fee	25.00
Legal Retainer	50.00
Contribution to Tech Camp	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,694.80
 Closing Balance (2/27)	 <u>\$ 3,687.95</u>

Scholarship Account

Expenses:	
Add'l Scholarship Contribution	\$ 3,600.00
 Closing Balance	 <u>\$ 3,525.02</u>

Scholarships

Gail Davis & Karen Poorman ghdath@comcast.net

Based on the recommendation of our treasurer, Diana Intenzo, the amount given to ACCC has been increased THIS YEAR to \$8,000 (from \$4400). Many thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to help us raise valuable funds.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

Marge Coach and I spent about 3 hours on the Mays Landing campus of ACCC trying to recruit students to sign up for Start Smart (how to negotiate a better salary). Our results were disappointing as we could only get 11 students to sign up. Gail Vreeland, Bev Schectman and Lynn Walters had similar results at the Atlantic City Campus. Diana Intenzo stood in for me on March 12 and reported that the Mays Landing campus had 7 attend this workshop. Nevertheless the workshops will be held on March 11 and 12. We have this program on a 3 year license so this is a 'first start.' Hopefully we can devise better ways to convince community college students that this is valuable to them.

REMINDER from Terry Dailey,

Corresponding Secretary

Below you will find a Renewal Notice regarding 2015-16 dues. Please remember that if you want to continue to receive a **mailed paper edition**, you must include a second check in the amount of \$20 payable to the Atlantic County AAUW. Your regular \$69 credit card payment or check goes directly to national and only \$10 is returned to us. If you do not send the additional funds, you will need to provide us with an **email address** or you will be unable to receive your Forum each month.

STEM Tech Trek Camp Update

Michelle Douglass

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All of our Student Applications are in and we have over 50 applications; our Student Selection Committee met March 13 to begin the process for Student Selection as we can only accept 30 8th grade girls. The camp starts July 19 and ends July 25 at Stockton University!

Membership

Barbara Wolnerman & MarieTurnbull

blw425@aol.com

A hearty welcome back to our former member Sally Roik. We are very much looking forward to having Sally back in our branch. Here is her information:

24 Stoney Creek Drive, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
609 927-1304

Rowan University NJ; Lehigh University Pa
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art

BA Elementary education/Early Childhood Certification

Thank you once again to those who have recruited new members to our branch this year. We have added 11 to our roster bringing our total membership to 140. Anyone who joins beginning March 16 will pay the full rate of \$69.00 and will be covered for the balance of this year and for 2015-2016. **Please let us know if you would like us to send a packet to a prospective member.**

Attention! Membership Renewal 2015-2016

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Membership renewal time starts at the end of March. The fee is the same as last year - \$69

National Fee	\$49
State Fee	10
Branch fee	<u>10</u>
Total	\$69

How to Renew

There are two ways to renew:

First Way. Renew on line: Instructions:

1. Go to the AAUW site at www.aauw.org
2. Click on Login located at the top of page
3. If you have never had a password for the site, click on "**First time logging in?** You will need to register. Complete the short form. An email will be sent to you that will allow you to create our own password. Click on the link in that email message.
4. If you have had a password but cannot remember your password, click on Forgot Password?
5. Once you have logged on using your Member ID and password proceed to the Member Services Database (MSD) by scrolling down the homepage, then click on Member Services Database (MSD) located on the left of the page.

Second Way: Send a check for \$69 made out to AAUW to:

Diana Intenzo, 619 Lexington Court, Linwood, NJ 08221

If you are comfortable using a computer, please register on line at the end of March. It is simple and direct.

Note from editor: Please refer to Reminder on page 2 regarding postal fees.



A-HEART Baby Shower

Diana Intenzo, Andrea Wells, Gail Vreeland, Lucy Jerue, Barbara Wolnerman, Marie Turnbull.

Interest Groups

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

The February Travel group had to be postponed due to snow. Instead it will be held **April 8** at 7 pm at Terry Dailey's house. She will be presenting a program on China based on a trip she and John took in the fall. Terry will share their experiences and show us some of their souvenirs. Let Terry know if you plan to come. (625-7995, or john4photo@aol.com) It is daylight savings time now, but we can still carpool from the Margate, Linwood, Somers Point, etc. area if you like. Call Carolyn if you want to set this up.

The March Travel Group will be presented by Marga Matheny, a dual member of our branch and the Cape May County AAUW (and their co-president). It will be at 7pm on **March 24** at Phyllis Trackman's house in the Village Grande (near Gail Vreeland's). Her address is 9 Butler Road, EHT. Call Phyllis if you plan to attend. Marga will tell us about her year in China (Shanghai) preparing advanced English speaking students to take the SAT and GRE exams. This is a unique experience that I am sure you don't want to miss. Phyllis' phone is 365-2628 or e-mail her at Lptrackman@comcast.net

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine
breidensti@aol.com

Karen Weis will lead a discussion of *Oryx and Crata* 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 (near ShopRite) on Thurs, **April 23** at 12:30. If you wish to come to the ethnic lunch, please e-mail Phyllis. Friends and family welcome.

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.

Stockton Children's Theater - Vicki Biron

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I still need ushers for each of these Stockton shows.

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



PUBLIC POLICY-Pay Gap Update Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.

Who Cares? *You Do!*

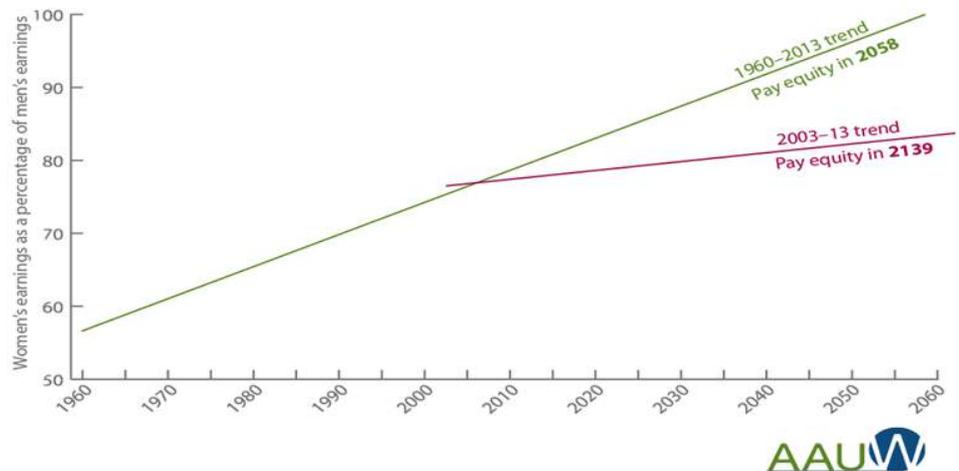
Why? Because when it comes to pay equity, the pace has been glacial.

Just how long will it take until we see equal pay? At this rate, it could be more than 100 years. But, we can help by ***encouraging young women to consider higher paying fields such as engineering and computing.***

Visit us at <http://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/> and give us a Facebook **LIKE**, a **Thumbs Up**  (Click the thumb)



At the 2003–13 rate, the pay gap won't close for another 124 years.



Equal pay for women in the United States is a relatively new concept. It was not that long ago that women were routinely paid less than men in the same jobs were paid. In the 1930s, the federal government actually *required* that its female workers be paid 25 percent less than male workers in the same jobs.

In the 1950s, congressional representatives began to introduce bills for equal pay for women, but passage of such legislation would wait until 1963, when President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act.

Legislation set the stage, but it would be another two decades before wages began to move toward actual pay equity. In the 1980s and 90s, women's earnings rose at a steady pace. The pay gap reflects many factors, but the dramatic increase in the numbers of female college graduates is indisputably a driving force behind women's rising earnings during this time. Thanks to education coupled with longer careers, women's earnings rose and the pay gap shrank. More recently, however, as these social changes stabilized into the status quo, the pace of change has slowed to a near halt.

Luckily, there is a lot that we can do to speed along the process. Companies can adopt policies to support flexible work schedules as well as conduct job audits to ensure fairness. Colleges and universities can encourage young women to consider higher paying fields such as engineering and computing. Individuals can serve as mentors and sponsors for the next generation of women. Women and girls can do many things on their own behalf, including honing their negotiation skills and knowledge of the job market. Policy advocates can help channel public resources into child care and other forms of care giving and urge Congress to move forward the long-stalled Paycheck Fairness Act.

Woman of Distinction



Gail Zona with honoree, Laura Dulac



Diane Alverson & Anne McLaughlin



Samantha Atehortua, Ilene Demling, Shelly Shapiro



Donna Forester, Beth Wolfson, and Jen Wolfson (friends of Laura's)



Connie Smedley, Diana Intenzo, Jeannette Flax, Claire Moyer



Jeannette Flax, Lucy Croneburger, Lucy Jerue



Jeannine Brown, Rosalind Norrell-Nance, Gail Zona



Joan Levy, Emely Aiken, Katie Calvi (Emely's granddaughter)



Lucy Croneburger, Tula Christopoulos, Audrey Owen



Ginny Dominic, MaryLou Harvey, Hilde Dimond



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 <i>Travel Group 7pm @ Terry Dailey's house</i>	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Board Mtg 7:00pm @ Stella Hordes home</i>	14	15 <i>Childrens Theatre ushers at Stockton</i>	16 <i>Noyes Museum 4:30 pm</i>	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Ethnic Cuisines Bombay Restaurant 12:30</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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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