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President's Message

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December 14 Branch Meeting:

Hope to see you at the Saturday December 14 sit-down luncheon at the Linwood Library. Check the accompanying column for details. Cheers!

Tech Trek Kick Off: Nov 23, 6 pm

On Monday, November 23, there will be a Tech Trek Kick-Off meeting at 6 pm at Stockton's main Campus building, Room B011.

Members from throughout the state will gather in a get-together meeting to learn more about the program, check volunteer activities, and meet other involved personnel. Here's a chance to find out how you can become a part of this major AAUW STEM activity. See you there.

Suffragette

AAUW is encouraging its members to see the movie, Suffragette, which deals with the difficult and often tumultuous fight for women's suffrage in England. The movie has already received a great deal of attention and accolades and is due for nationwide release around Thanksgiving.

Our branch movie group will certainly plan to see the movie and discuss it over dinner. Be alert for a forthcoming announcement.

AAUW also sponsors another suffragette program: Women, Their Rights and Nothing Less, which tells the story of the suffragette movement in the United States. Go to www.AAUW.org for more information.

Legal Advocacy Fund

Check out the article elsewhere in the newsletter for an overview of the function and focus of the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), and one of the cases under current consideration.

Sit-down Holiday Luncheon Saturday, Dec 12, Noon

On Saturday December 12, we're having a holiday sit-down luncheon at the Linwood Library, 301 Davis Ave., Linwood - menu courtesy of Mary Lou Breidenstine and her fellow "cooks".

We'll collect \$10 at the door (rather than paying \$30 at a restaurant) and celebrate the season in an informal fashion.

Sign Up: We'll need to have a head count to determine how much food to prepare, so please sign up by emailing Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net or calling her at (609) 653-1426.

If you already signed up at the October meeting, you are already on the list (Call if you can't make it.). All other interested parties need to sign up **before Dec 7**. Space may be limited.

Donations: This is typically the time we bring items for the Women's Center - especially VOLUNTARY gift card donations - (1) WaWa cards for the women being sheltered or serviced by the Women's Center - or (2) gift cards from fast-food restaurants for the Human Trafficking workers who rescue hungry victims off the street. Toiletries, clothing and small personal type items are also welcome. T'is the season.

Program: After lunch, we'll hear about three unsung heroines who played major roles in science, math and medicine. One is known as "the dark lady of DNA", another was the first woman president of the American Mathematical Society, and the third stood her ground against tremendous pressure and thus prevented a medical disaster. Women in STEM related fields have been making meaningful contributions for many years. Come, hear about them, learn their names, and celebrate their achievements.

Membership

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Please welcome our new members:

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Correction
 Apologies to our member **Ruth Dildilian Traa** whose name was inadvertently omitted from this year's roster. Please see her information below:

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Ready Set Read!

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To all AAUW members, we have covered 26 classes in 12 schools to date, with readings scheduled from October through April. Thank you. I hope you read about the WLI Success by Six program which featured Helen Walsh in The Press on November 9th. Our AAUW readers are an integral part of the Ready Set Read! portion of Success by Six.

I am looking for more readers to sign up for classes to read to in 2016. If you select a school and month we can arrange the dates and confirmation in 2016. We still have approximately 27 classes left to read to. For those who already signed up but have not selected a school, contact me to arrange a school and date for next year.

Editor's Corner: A Place To Share Good News

Submit your news to Mary R mrydz@yahoo.com

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO 'Get in the Spirit'

1. **Sunday, Dec 6** at 2:00pm in the Upper Township PAC the Cape Shore Chorus along with the Atlantic City Men's Boardwalk Chorus presents HOME FOR THE HARMONY. Yeah for a matinee so you can do brunch before or dinner after. Tickets are 15.00. Call **Gail Davis:** 609-513-6281 or email ghdath@comcast.net

2. Monday evening **Dec. 7** at 7:30 the South County Wind Ensemble presents TIMES REMEMBERED at the Stockton PAC. For tickets call the box office: 609-652-9000 or go to www.sjawe.com



Honored AAUW Family member: Just to let everyone know about the accomplishment of a member's daughter. Audrey Moloney's daughter Susan was recently sworn in as a federal judge in Washington, D.C. Kudos to Audrey, Vince and Susan! (Submitted by Carol Zerbe)

A huge thank you to Gail Davis for handing Carol Z. the phone number of the Coast Guard Training Center last June. Otherwise we might not have had the very impressive and down-to-earth Corry Juedeman Prestidge as our speaker. Thanks so much Gail!!

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College Connection - Gail Davis ghath@comcast.net

Marge Coach is attending the 2 scheduled Start Smart (salary negotiating) workshops this week at the Cape May branch of ACCC. I have also contacted a Dean and Director at the Mays Landing branch of ACCC to see if this program might be applicable to their older, returning and retraining students.

Scholarships - Gail Davis & Karen Poorman

It was a pleasure to introduce five of our scholarship recipients at our annual scholarship luncheon this Saturday. Pending the financial outcome of that and BOD approval we will meet with Maria Kellet (ACCC) and offer what we can for scholarships.

AAUW Matters -

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Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

What is LAF?

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides financial and organizational support for selected cases in the workplace and in academia that can provide significant protection for all women.

Types of Funding Support:

Funding support includes: court filing fees; preparation of briefs, filing and other case-based costs; and plaintiff's court travel expenses.

Riso vs Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE)

This is a pay equity issue. Aileen Rizo worked as a math consultant for FCOE. When she was hired in 2009 she had a master's degree and had taught for 13 years.

In 2012, Riso found out that a newly hired male colleague had been hired at a Step 9 level on the county's 10-step pay scale. Riso was on Step 1, even though she had more experience and seniority. When she complained, she was told that FCOE based new employees' salaries on one factor: the employee's prior salary history.

Riso filed suit in 2014 in California under the Equal Pay Act and California's sex discrimination statutes. AAUW contends that basing pay on salary history perpetuates the wage gap and is supporting the case through LAF.

Funds for LAF come from generous contributions of AAUW members. You can make a difference by contributing to the LAF. Contact AAUW at www.aauw.org or by calling 1-800-326-2289.

TECH TREK

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Those of us who have volunteered for this year's STATEWIDE Tech Trek program will have a meeting at Stockton on **November 23** at 6:00pm in B011. This will be the Kick Off to a major effort and volunteers will be needed for: Dorm Monitors, Core Class Teachers, and student selection.

Gail Davis/ Marga Matheny (Cape May Chapter)

USHERS STILL NEEDED FOR STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

I still need ushers for the coming season of Stockton Children's Theater. The show dates are:

Nutcracker Education Performance on Friday, **December 11**, 2015 at 10:30am

Somers Point Jazz Education Performance on Wednesday, **April 13**, 2016 at 10:30am.

Bay-Atlantic Symphony Education Performance on Tuesday, **May 24**, 2016 at 10:30am

If you'd like to usher for one or more shows, please send an e-mail to vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me a call at 609-703-3788. Ushers need to be at the Stockton PAC no later than 9:45 A.M. Once you sign up, I will give you a reminder call a few days ahead. If you have already signed up, thank you.

Interest Groups

Travel Group

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No Travel Group in December. KENYA in the New Year. Jackie-Hall Smith, who has given us several programs on Africa in the past, will present a program on Kenya. Jackie has traveled extensively in Africa and always has good information to share. The program will be **JANUARY 6** at 7pm. The place will be announced later.



Phyllis at Rama Thai

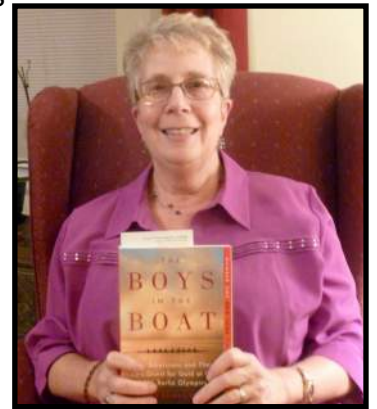
Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Join the ladies of the Book Club on **December 9** at 7:00 at Claire Moyer's. Terri Dailey will lead the discussion of "All the Light You Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

Get ready for the January 20 meeting by reading "The Secret Chord" by Geraldine Brooks.

New people always welcome!



Lucy Jerue presenting at the Book Group

Ethnic Cuisines

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ETHNIC LUNCH DEC. 4, 12:30
LA ESCONDITA (MEXICAN)
701 E. BLACK HORSE PIKE (ACROSS FROM ASIAN MALL)
PEASANTVILLE, NJ
PLEASE E-MAIL PHYLLIS

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.



Spanish Group



Travel Group: Greece



Scotland



Ethnic Cuisines

Scholarship Benefit Lunch



Carol Zerbe and Corry Prestidge

Scholarship Recipients with Gail Davis

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

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The AAUW supports promoting STEM education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations. These efforts will increase America’s competitiveness by reducing barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in these fields. For more information visit

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/stem-education/>

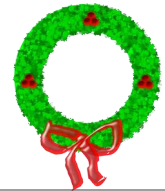
How much do we as members know about technology? Test your knowledge at <http://www.technotouch.com/TechBasicQuiz.htm>

(Editor’s Note: Click the link!)

STAR

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STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) is meeting early this month due to Thanksgiving. **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16** the author of *FINANCE ‘N STILETTOS*, Zaneilia Harris will introduce her book at a cocktail party beginning at 5:30 at Rosalind Norrell-Nance’s house, 101 Dogwood Dr, Egg Harbor Township. Ms. Harris has been published in *Women’s Day*, *Black Enterprise*, *Investment News* and *Essence Magazine*. Her book can be purchased online at www.hhwealth.com. All are welcome.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 <i>Book Club 7pm</i>	10	11 <i>Ushers at Stockton</i>	12
13	14 <i>Branch Meeting Noon</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
			<i>Jan. 6 Travel Group 7pm</i>			

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.