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AAUW Stem Trek Programs Diana Intenzo diazno75@comcast.net

Tech Trek at Stockton. July 17 -23

This very important 5-day AAUW Stem program kicks off at Stockton on Sunday, July 17 and ends Friday, July 23.

Anyone interested in participating in the interviewing process should contact Gail Davis. Also, there's still a need for dorm moms, so please contact Claudine Keenan (keenanc@stockton.ed) if you are interested.

Three very interesting events to attend are the Meet and Greet gathering of students and parents (Sat, May 28 at Stockton), the opening day greeting and barbeque (Sunday, July 17), and the Professional Women's dinner (Thursday, July 21). All three events provide a chance for AAUW, Atlantic County to make its presence felt at Tech Trek.

TeenTech at ACCC: June 2

This one-day AAUW program will be a first at ACCC's main campus in Mays Landing. The Cape May branch is spearheading this outing with help from our Atlantic County branch.

Volunteers will be needed to meet and greet the students, check attendees at the registration desk, and escort groups of students to classes in the morning and and afternoon. So mark the date and keep an eye out for sign up times.

Participation in these STEM events is a key way to help fulfill a key AAUW goal. They are exciting and lots of fun. Come join in and have a great time.

HELEN QUINN RISO

ATLANTIC COUNTY AAUW 2016 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Woman of Distinction is an annual AAUW event that honors a local woman who has made a significant contribution to her community through volunteerism which extends beyond her paid professional life. Nominees are selected from outside the membership, but this year the Board unanimously decided it was more than appropriate to honor one very special woman who is also an AAUW member.

In 2016, we are pleased to honor Helen Quinn Riso. Over the course of 57 years, Helen has volunteered for such diverse institutions as Philadelphia's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Atlantic City's Children's Seashore House, AAUW, the Irish American Cultural Society, Atlanticare and the Miss America Pageant. According to Helen, it is volunteerism that keeps her 97 years young. Come help us celebrate the occasion at noon on **Saturday, March 19th at the Smithville Inn.**

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2016 Annual Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon

Honoring

Helen Riso



SATURDAY, March 19

SMITHVILLE INN

Social – Noon Luncheon 1:00 PM

\$35.00 per person (all inclusive)

Your participation will help to support the scholarships we award to local women attending area colleges.

Menu Choices :

- Vegetable Aioli sautéed with garlic, roasted red pepper, spinach zucchini and squash tossed in penne pasta and fresh mozzarella.
- Smithville Chicken Breast topped in red bell peppers and mushrooms in light Dijon cream sauce.
- Pan seared Salmon with lobster tomato basil butter sauce.

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**Reservation Request Form - Deadline March 9
2016 Woman of Distinction Luncheon**

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

MENU CHOICE(S) _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

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

Please mail Reservation Form with your check made payable to AAUW to
Tula Christopoulos, PO Box 1677, Absecon, NJ 08201

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TECH TREK CAMP AT STOCKTON UNIVERSITY – July 17-23, 2016 Fundraising Update - Peg Fiore Peg.Fiore@stockton.edu

On behalf of AAUW-NJ, **thank you** to the Atlantic and Cape May Branches of AAUW. We are delighted to inform you that **\$3,545** has been received in private philanthropic gifts from our membership and devoted community friends.

A week-long immersive experience, the Tech Trek Camp Program at Stockton University helps girls find their passion for high-tech careers through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Dr. Claudine Keenan and Peg Fiore are serving as AAUW University Liaison and Fundraising Chair. Michelle Douglass serves as the Tech Trek Camp Director.

If you have not already done so, please **consider supporting** this important initiative. Make checks payable to AAUW-NJ Tech Trek (Stockton University) and send to ATTN: Dr. Claudine Keenan, School of Education, Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205.

Credit card gifts are accepted online at techtrek-nj.aauw.net/ or [click here](#) for a direct link to the giving page and select TechTrek New Jersey-Galloway (Stockton University) from the drop down menu.

AAUW NJ TECH TREK Student Nominations

Gail Davis, Chair

TECH TREK- I am processing teacher nominations daily and we have many from the 'south.' Getting the student applications in is a bit slower, but they are coming. We have less activity from the Central and North. To be expected I suppose. Luckily we have a good supply of volunteers who had a positive experience last year. The teacher nominations are due by Feb. 19 and student applications are due by March 4. We expect to 'wrap it up' by April 24.

Editor's Corner: Share Member News

Mary R mrydz@yahoo.com

Time to vote for your favorite **AAUW 2016 art-works:**

Remember **Carol Zerbe** has a painting in the 2016 gallery. The title is "Floral" and this year members vote for their 10 favorite pieces once during the month. To get to the art gallery: (type) **www.aauw.org/contests/**

Select: Annual Art Contest, AAUW & scroll down to "vote now." Click on "vote now" and 2016 Gallery of Art should pop up. Scroll through art. Make your 10 selections and click on "submit."

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR 2/20/16

Please join a very informative and important "Hands On" and PowerPoint presentation on Ways of Wellness for Women. Non invasive and non drug related methods of healing the body, mind, and spirit will be explained by medical professionals on **2/20/16 at 1:00 pm in the Linwood library.**

Women in Atlantic County

Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net

The report on "the Status of Women in Atlantic County" conducted by the AC Women's Commission was presented at our branch meeting on January 9. The statistics cited reflected a sad picture for local women.

In financial and health matters, Atlantic County women rated low on the scale in New Jersey and in the nation as a whole. Economic need seemed to be at the root of much of the problems these women faced. As related to health issues, poor women are less inclined to seek out health care.

One discouraging statistic noted that many of these poor women had attempted to pursue more education beyond a high school diploma, but dropped out before completing their area of study.

The full report can be found at

<http://www.aclink.org/pdf/StatusofWomeninAtlanticCounty12-14-15.pdf> (Note from Editor: This is a "live" link)

Celebration of Women's History Month & Tech Fundraiser

The Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women has organized a breakfast at the Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point on Saturday, **March 12, 2016** from 10 am until 12 noon. Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno is the featured speaker.

This breakfast buffet will be a fundraiser for the AAUW TeenTech and Tech Trek programs. It has been planned as a celebration of Women's History Month.

To sign up, send your check made out to CMC Advisory Commission in the amount of \$25 to:

Marga Matheny, PO Box 2366, Cape May, NJ 08204

Marga will mail your tickets to you if you include your address. This is sure to be a sold-out event. Please reserve early!! If you have questions, please call Marga at 860 573 9697. (Submitted by Gail Davis)



Careme's Luncheon at ACCC Save the Date! Wednesday, May 4

Once again, AAUW members from Cape May and Atlantic County branches will share a joint luncheon at Careme's – the showcase restaurant of the Academy of Culinary Arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing.

The format has changed a bit this year with a menu of bistro style selections, using produce from local area farms. It will be sit down (not buffet). Information about cost and to whom to send your check will be forthcoming. But mark your calendar now – May 4 - for this fun get-together.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

From Suffragists to Space Explorers.

In celebration of Women's History, there are some exciting events taking place. Don't miss out!

➔**U.S. Senator Bob Menendez is sponsoring the Women's History Month.** This event will feature its keynote speaker, **Award-Winning Journalist, Soledad O'Brien**, as well as honoring local women across the disciplines.

Location & Time:

Montclair State University
Sunday, March 6, 2016; 3-5 pm
University Hall, 7th Floor, (Doors open at 2:15 pm)
30 East Normal Ave, Montclair, NJ 07043
This event is free and open to public
RSVP: www.meneddez.senate-WHM-2016

➔**The Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women Breakfast** in Celebration of Women's History Month. This breakfast buffet is a fundraiser for the AAUW teentech and Tech Trek programs.

Location & Time:

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To sign up, send your check made out to CMC Advisory Commission in the amount of \$25 to:

Marga Matheny
PO Box 2366, Cape May, NJ 08204

(Marga will mail your tickets to you if you include your address)

Any questions about the above events contact Michelle Douglass at 609-247-3467 or mjd@myrightslawyers.com

Interest Groups

Travel Group

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609-927-9095

THE BALTIC CAPITALS AND ST. PETERSBURG **March 16** at 7pm at the home of Phyllis Trackman. Audrey Owen and Bonnie Warwick will tell us about a wonderful trip they took to a part of Europe many of us have never seen. They will share their adventures with us. Please come out to hear an interesting presentation.

If you plan to attend please let Phyllis know either by phone: 365-2628 or by e-mail: lptrackman@comcast.net . Hope to see you there.

STAR

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) postponed last month's meeting due to the snow and ice. The group will meet on **Monday, February 22 at 6:30** at Allied Health at the back of the Mainland Professional Office Park on the corner of Zion Rd and Rt. 9 in Northfield. The program will be Looking Back, Looking Forward to past and future activities with STAR. All are welcome.

STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

Ushers are still needed for the coming season of Stockton Children's Theater. The show dates are:

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 both 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 AM. Once you sign up, I will give you a reminder call a few days before the performance. If you have already signed up, thank you.

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Join us on **February 24** at Kathy Shippen's for a discussion of Lila by Marilyn Robinson. Discussion leader is Gail Vreeland. We will begin promptly at 7:00. The **April 6** meeting will focus on Finding Nouf by Zoe Ferraris. **May 4** features The Wright Brothers by David McCollough. All are welcome.



Gail Zona at the Book Group

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.

Prepare to Discuss the World with the Foreign Policy Association Discussion Group

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion group on world affairs. The program involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

Conrad J. Weiler, Jr., Ph.D., J.D., an Associate Professor of Political Science, will serve as the moderator. Some of the topics to be discussed include The Rise of ISIS, Shifting Alliances in the Middle East, International Migration, as well as issues involving climate, Cuba, Korea and the U.N.

The group will meet for eight consecutive Tuesdays beginning **March 29** at 6 p.m. at the Margate Library at 8100 Atlantic Ave., Margate, NJ. The cost is \$25 which will include the Briefing Book for each participant. This amount will cover just a portion of the cost to Margate Library.

We need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in being a member of the discussion group. Please email **Lynne Walters at: rwalters321@hotmail.com**. If we get sufficient response, we will contact you with further information for signing up.

Thank you.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>WOD Registration deadline</i>	10	11	12 <i>Status of Women/ Tech Fundraiser 10 am</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Travel Group 7pm</i>	17	18	19 <i>Woman of Distinction @ Noon</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Foreign Policy Group 6pm</i>	30	31		

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.