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## President's Message

**Diana Intenzo** [diainzo75@comcast.net](mailto:diainzo75@comcast.net)

### **Officer Slate: Time to Vote**

At the April Meeting on **April 18**, we will be voting for the officers and chairs up for election this year. Please refer to the Slate of Nominees presented within.

Your vote on April 18 is crucial, so please plan to attend the meeting at 7 pm, Linwood Library.

Many thanks to those who stepped up to help with the branch's administrative functions. We couldn't do it without you.

### **Teen Tech Volunteers: June 2:**

Many thanks, also, to those members who signed up at the last meeting to volunteer at the Teen Tech outing at ACCC on June 2. I've submitted your names to Marion Ingram who is coordinating the volunteers.

Anyone else interested in participating, please let me know: [diainzo75@comcast.net](mailto:diainzo75@comcast.net)

**Congratulations:** to Carol Zerbe for coming in a winner at the AAUW art contest. She'll tell you all about elsewhere in the newsletter, but lots of bravos are in order.

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## April Program - South Jersey Quilts

**Terry Dailey, Program Committee**

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Where: **Linwood Public Library**

Seniors Room

301 Davis Avenue, Linwood

When: **Monday, April 18, 2016**

Time: **7:00PM**

Light Refreshments served afterwards.

Our speaker for the April program will be Merry May, a well known quilt maker, designer, instructor and appraiser. Mrs. May will give a brief exploration of antique quilts that were made in Southern New Jersey. After examining those, participants are welcome to bring and share any of their antique quilts for which they may be the current caretakers.

**Save the Date: May 16 at 5:00pm**

**Installation Dinner at Mays Landing CC**

**"Snapshots of Casino Women's Lives"**

**Debbie Davies** [deb.davies@comcast.net](mailto:deb.davies@comcast.net)

Ellen Mutari and Deborah M. Figart, coauthors of the 2015 book Just One More Hand: Life in the Casino Economy, will share the life stories and life lessons of women who have made their living in Atlantic City's casinos—from the casino floor to upper management.

### Foreign Policy Interest Group

**Diana Intenzo** diainzo75@comcast.net

The Great Decisions 2016 study group is up and running. Meetings are being held at the Margate Library on Tuesday evenings, 6 pm, beginning **March 29** and ending May 17. The topics and materials have been created by the Foreign Policy Association.

The class is currently full, and members who signed up have been notified by the Margate Library as to how to obtain the reading material.

Many thanks to Lynne Walters for pursuing this idea and making arrangements with the Margate Library. The program promises to be a thought-provoking review of key international topics.

### TECH TREK

**Gail Davis- Student Selection Chair**

OVERWHELMING!! We have over 130 nominations from 11 counties. (77 from South, 25 from Central and 30 from North)

Our volunteers: Lucy Jerue, Linda Harmon, Gail Vreeland, Gail Zona, Carol Zerbe, Carolyn Basset, Ann Marchesani, Sharon Scarangelli, and Tula Christopoulos are hard at work interviewing students who were nominated and completed in time applications. There are close to 37 of them so it's no small feat! And this is happening in the other 3 counties that make up our SOUTH REGION (Camden, Cape May and Cumberland). I am grateful for their support and willingly taking their time to meet with students and families. Dean Keenan has been ever so helpful in helping to find my mistakes (we've all made some).

### 4th Annual Joint Luncheon

**Barbara Heinrichs** bheinrichs46@earthlink.net

Our 4th annual joint luncheon with Cape May County AAUW will be **Wednesday, May 4**, at 11:30 a.m. at Careme's, the showcase restaurant of the Academy of Culinary Arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing.

Last fall, Careme's revised their format to support a local Farm to Table curriculum. Our lunch will be a sit-down (not buffet) bistro style service using produce from local area farms.

Our luncheon menu will consist of a soup or salad course, an entrée from a limited menu and a choice of desserts. Coffee, hot/cold tea, soft drinks and water are included. **All this for \$20!**

Make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to:

Barbara Heinrichs  
503 Whildam Avenue,  
N. Cape May, NJ 08204

Don't miss this fun get-together with your friends! Reservations must be received by **April 23**. Careme's Gourmet Restaurant is located on the Atlantic Cape Community College campus, 5100 Black Horse Pike, in Mays Landing.

### USHERS NEEDED FOR STOCKTON CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Vicki Biron** vickibiron@comcast.net

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

*The Somers Point Jazz performance on Wednesday, April 13th, has been canceled.*

If you'd like to usher on Tuesday, May 24th, please send an e-mail to vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me a call at 609-703-3788. If you have already signed up, thank you.

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 before the performance

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-2017

PRESIDENT: [Linda Harmon](#) to serve as co-president with Diana Intenzo

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Bonnie Cavalier  
Terry Dailey  
Deborah Davies  
[Lucy Jerue](#)  
[Claire Moyer](#)  
Beverly Schechtman  
Kathy Zeigenfus  
Carol Zerbe chair

MEMBERSHIP VP: Barbara Wolnerman and [Lynne Walters](#), co-chairs

TREASURER: Beverly Schechtman

SECRETARIES: Recording Stephanie Cash  
Corresponding Terry Dailey

FUNDRAISER: [Carol Zerbe and Connie Smedley](#), co-chairs

TECH TREK and STEM  
COORDINATOR: [Gail Davis](#)

All other positions are the same for at least one year, except that Carolyn Bassett has replaced Gail Zona as STAR liaison.

The Nominating Committee is very pleased that so many women currently filling positions were willing to continue at least one more year in the same capacity. In this, the second year of TECH TREK, it was decided to designate a chair to coordinate those activities, and Gail Davis has agreed to fill that position.

There is also a new Cultural Interest Group: International Studies chaired by [Lynne Walters](#).

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee: Carolyn Bassett, Lucy Jerue, Audrey Moloney, Beverly Schechtman, and Barbara Wolnerman.

## 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 Riso 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.

#### **Welcome Our New Members**

**Barbara Wolnerman** blw425@aol.com

#### **Mary Brodsky**

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#### **Brenda Taube**

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Stockton University - Liberal Studies  
LaSalle University - Non Profit Mgt. Certification

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](http://www.aauw.org) or by calling 1-800-326-2289

### **Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Member News**

**Mary R** mrydz@yahoo.com

**From Lucy Jerue:** On Friday, April 15, Lucy Jerue will be presenting the program "Van Gogh: His Life, His Work and His Final Days" for the Absecon Art Alliance at the Absecon City Hall at 6:30pm. This is the same program Lucy did for our branch four years ago. If you missed it, feel free to attend. It is free and open to the public.

**From Gail Davis:** Fun volunteer opportunity May 30- June 5 at Seaview C.C. Cost \$45 for shirt, hat, meals when you work and volunteer dinner. You do not have to be a golfer: Marshalls, hospitality, media, lots of variety to choose from- [click here](#)

**From Carol Zerbe:** A big THANK YOU to everyone who voted for "Floral" in our AAUW 2016 Art Gallery. I received notification on March 4th that it was voted nationally into the winning group that will become a note card. The cards and envelopes are being printed now and will be mailed to our entire membership during the month of April. Again I extend a thank you, Carol Zerbe

### **Title IX: Did you know....**

1. Every school is required by US law to appoint a title IX coordinator, although they frequently lack the necessary resources to do the work.

2. Title IX coordinators are responsible for much more than equity in athletics. They also monitor gender ratio in STEM courses and work to end sexual harassment and violence.

### **Moshak v University of Tennessee:**

This Title IX law suit was successfully settled against the university, calling for the university to pay more than \$ 1 million.

The plaintiffs – three women employees of the University's women's athletic department alleged sexual discrimination and unlawful retaliation when they were forced out of their positions during a merger of the men's and women's athletic department.

# Interest Groups

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com  
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Next Wednesday, **MARCH 16**, Audrey Owen and Bonnie Warwick will present a program on their recent trip to the Baltic capitals and St. Petersburg. They will be telling us about the culture, scenery, and people- to -people experiences they had. It promises to be an interesting evening about a part of the world that is not totally "discovered" yet. The meeting will be at PHYLLIS TRACKMAN'S at 7PM. Please let Phyllis know if you plan to come. 365-2628. e-mail: lptrackman@comcast.net  
Address: 9 Butler Rd, EHT, (in the Village Grande)

## TRAVEL GROUP for APRIL 13:

CAMBODIA: Angkor, in the province of Siem Riep, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is home to one of the most important archaeological sites of Southeast Asia and the world's largest religious monument. Scores of temples are scattered throughout the rainforests which capture our imagination and hold testament to the exceptional Khmer Empire from the 9th to 15th centuries.

Ann Andrew, (Gail Vreeland's daughter) will be the presenter. She lived in SE Asia for 9 years and traveled to all the countries in the region. She will recount her memories of her trip to Angkor and share photos, souvenirs and the history of Angkor. The meeting will be at 7pm at Gail Vreeland's house, 53 Burnside Dr. EHT (in the Village Grande). As always, call Gail if you are planning to attend. Phone: 653-8894 or e-mail: ggvreeland@comcast.net.

## STAR

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

STAR will meet on Monday, **March 28 at 6:30** at Allied Health at the back of the Mainland Professional Office Park at Zion Rd and Rt. 9 in Northfield. EXAMING GENDER ISSUES IN THE 2016 ELECTION HOW WE GOT HERE will be the topic for discussion. Come with your ideas - we may watch a couple of short videos to kick-start the conversation. All are welcome.

## Book Group

**Mary Lou Breidenstine** breidensti@aol.com

Book Club will meet on Wednesday, **April 6** at the home of Audrey Moloney. Diana Intenzo will lead the discussion of *Finding Noun* by Zoe Ferraris. We begin promptly at 7:00. All are welcome.



February Book Group on Lila led by Gail Vreeland

## ETHNIC LUNCH

**Phyllis Trackman** LPTrackman@comcast.net

**THURSDAY APRIL 14 12:30**

**MAMBO CAFÉ**

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN FOOD  
226 SOUTH MAIN STREET, PLEASANTVILLE

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.



## ***Ways of Wellness Program - February 20***



Betty Burke, presenter, and Gail Zona



Practicing relaxation techniques.



Donna Gurdgiel and Dona Bingenheimer, presenters



Gail Vreeland, Ann Andrew, Emely Aiken, Jeannette Flax, Wendy Lohs



***Celebration of Women's History Month & Tech Trek Fundraiser***



Audrey Moloney, Marian Ingram, Diana Intenzo and Marie Kellett (with Atlantic Cape College)



Maureen Kern, Atlantic Co.  
Freeholder, with Linda Harmon



Katy Shippen and MaryLou Breidenstine



Michelle Douglas and Jean McAllister



Lt. Governor Kim Guadagni with young members of the audience.

## Women's History Month Celebration and the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Relative to the Equal Rights for Women and Men

By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq. [mjd@myrightslawyers.com](mailto:mjd@myrightslawyers.com)

On Sunday, March 6, 2016 I attended the Sixth Annual Women's History Month Celebration presented by Bob Menendez, U.S. Senator to honor New Jersey women for exceptional achievements at Montclair State University. The program came on the eve of another Congressional consideration of the Equal Rights Amendment. On March 7, 2016 the House Privileges and Elections Committee decided to shelve the ERA, which would guarantee women and men equal rights, for another year. The resolution, which cleared the Senate on a 21-19 vote on Jan. 26, maintained that the ERA still could be ratified despite the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set by Congress.

Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ), who spoke at the Women's History Month Celebration, is the lead sponsor of the traditional proposed legislation introduced May 7, 2015; proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

A major concern, said Menendez, is that many young women do not even know the ERA hasn't been ratified, "Many think everything is fine." But every thing is not fine, Menendez said. "There are studies that show that a man and a woman – equal in grades in graduate school – get out, go to the same firm and within five years, the man is making 20 percent more than she is." Menendez said that more than 70 percent of Americans believe the ERA has already been ratified. That misconception is even more prevalent among people under 40.

The event in Montclair was a remarkable tribute to a diversified and talented group of women from New Jersey whose accomplishments spanned from the award winning journalist, Soledad O'Brien, Bergen County Freeholder Tracy Silna Zin, Montclair State University President, Dr. Susan A. Cole, American Bar Association President Paulette Brown, Asian Health Services VP at Holy Name Medical Center Kyung Hee Choi, NJEA Teacher of the Year Chelsea Collins, Barnabas Health Corporate Affairs Executive VP Michellene Davis, National Association of Cuban American Women President Siomara Sanchez and Clean Ocean Action Executive Director Cindy Zipf.

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Book Group</i> 7pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Travel</i> <i>Group</i> 7pm	14 <i>Ethnic Cuisines</i> <i>Group</i> 12:30	15	16
17	18 <i>Quilting Pro-</i> <i>gram/Election</i> 7pm	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Careme's</i> <i>reservations</i> <i>deadline</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
May 1	2	3	4 <i>Joint Luncheon at</i> <i>Careme's</i> 11:30am	5	6	7

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