



# THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch

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## *Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary*

### President's Message

Linda Harmon [linda.harmon@gmail.com](mailto:linda.harmon@gmail.com)

Holiday Greetings! We had a wonderful November Fall Fundraiser with 103 attendees and over \$3700 raised for our scholarship fund. Darlene Cavalier demonstrated success as a woman working in the areas of science and reaching out to inspire young girls. A big thank you goes to Carol Zerbe, Connie Smedley, Helen Riso, and all of their committee for this highly successful event.

Our **December Luncheon** is right around the corner on **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. See the information in the next column.

**Tween Tech** will be held January 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 for girls in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Stockton University. It is not too late to sign up to volunteer. Please contact Dottie Pearson [pearson@princeton.edu](mailto:pearson@princeton.edu) or 609-898-4585 if interested.

On **February 11<sup>th</sup>**, AAUW and the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women (ACACW) will be co-hosting our first **Breakfast Fundraiser** at Greate Bay Country Club. The money raised will go towards the three STEM programs this year at Stockton College. Mark your calendars and watch for details coming soon!

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness."- *Helen Keller*

Enjoy the holidays!

Linda

### Holiday Luncheon and Anniversary Celebration

When: Saturday, Dec 10, 2016, noon

Where: Linwood Library

Price: \$10 collected at the door

Contact Person: Diana Intenzo,  
[diainzo75@comcast.net](mailto:diainzo75@comcast.net) or call 609-653-1426

**Last Call:** We're coming down to the wire and need to hear from you if you have not already signed up and wish to come on Dec. 10 for lunch (courtesy Mary Lou Breidenstine, et al.) and for our 100th anniversary kickoff. Many have already signed up, but there is still room – so act now! It's going to be a fun day!

#### Donation Items:

1. Voluntary WaWa gift cards for the Women's Center clients.
2. Gift cards from fastfood restaurants for the Human Trafficking workers at the Center who rescue hungry victims off the street.
3. Toiletries, clothing, small personal items for the Women's Center clients and human trafficking victims.

Act Now! Contact Diana Intenzo as indicated above.

**See you on December 10th!**

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**Ready, Set, Read! Program  
WLI - AAUW Partnership**

**Joan Leavy, Liaison** sk8s2@comcast.net 823-3442



Debra Witcher, our newest branch member, had a lovely picture taken of the class at Little Pals Pre-school she read to. Hope more of you will sign up to read in 2017.

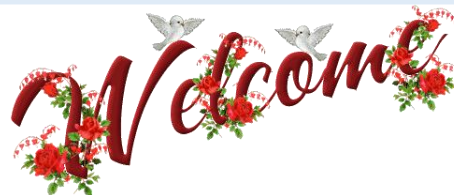
**Holiday Gift Idea**

**by Linda Harmon**

Our member, Lucy Jerue has written and published a children's book entitled **Purple Martin Palace**. Many of the illustrations in the book were done by another of our members, Bonnie Cavalier.

Lucy will be selling her book at the December 10 Holiday Luncheon. **She will donate her profits to our AAUW Scholarship fund.** The cost of the book is **\$10**. It would make a wonderful holiday gift. If you would like to see a preview of the book, go to the publisher's website: <http://www.blurb.com/b/7334451-purple-martin-palace>

If you are unable to attend the December meeting, feel free to contact Lucy to purchase a copy: phone: 609-652-0223 or ljerue@comcast.net



**Membership**

**Lynne Walters** - rrwalters321@hotmail.com

We would like to welcome our new members. Please add their information to your rosters.

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**TECH TREK( July 16-22), TWEEN TECK( Jan 6),  
and TEEN TECH( May 23)**

All are at Stockton this year and I hope many of you have answered 'the call' to volunteer at the events or contributed in some other way. I know Dean Keenan is busily exploring grant funding from many sources as AAUW has reduced their funding as has Verizon. Teachers are being recruited and hired as are Dorm Moms and counselors. We are limiting schools to one nomination per school for Tech Trek- much of the work is still ahead of us. Making a real effort to involve ALL 21 AAUW chapters in this state plus national and virtual branch members. Gail Davis-Student selection/ family coordinator

# Interest Groups

## Book Group

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

Get ready for the **December 7** meeting by reading Anne Tyler's A Spool of Blue Thread. On **January 7** Longbourn by Jo Baker will be the book of choice. New people always welcome.

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

There is no Travel Group in December. **January 18, 2017:** Debbie Davies will present a program on Africa. The place will be announced closer to the date. Here is her description:

Debbie Davies and her husband "won" a trip to Namibia at a charity auction and spent a wonderful week in May viewing animals at a game reserve and national park after first spending a couple of interesting days in Cape Town, South Africa. Come find out where Namibia is, a little bit of its history, and see lots of pictures of animals!

## STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Vicki Biron** vickibiron@comcast.net

I need volunteers for the children's programs at Stockton.. This year there are 4 more shows, with 2 in February. They are

Friday, **December 9**, 2016 at 10:30am – "Atlantic City Ballet: The Nutcracker"

Tuesday, **February 7**, 2017 AND Wednesday, **February 8** at 10:30am – "Franklin Institute: How to Build a Storm" (They sold the first show out very quickly, so had to add an additional show on Feb 8)

Tuesday, **May 9**, 2017 at 10:30am – "Bay-Atlantic Symphony Education Concert"

Volunteers are asked to be there no later than 9:45am. All concerts are in the Performing Arts Center, parking Lot 6 . If you'd like to volunteer for 1 or more, or all shows, please e-mail me at vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me call at 609-703-3788.

About 2 weeks prior to the show, I will have a Stockton parking pass e-mailed to you by Anjanette at Stockton. Make sure to print it out as you will need it the day you usher.

## ETHNIC LUNCH

**Friday, December 9 12:30**

### TOKYO MANDARIN IN MARMORA

4 WEST ROOSEVELT BLVD, MARMORA  
Parkway to Marmora exit  
Turn right onto Roosevelt Blvd.  
Drive past Rt. 9  
Restaurant is in the ShopRite Center

Please e-mail Phyllis [LPTTrackman@comcast.net](mailto:LPTTrackman@comcast.net)

All AAUW and STAR and Guests are welcome.

## STAR

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) celebrated their 20th anniversary at the Atlantic City Country Club in October.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday **November 28** at 6:30 PM. The program will feature a presentation by Pastor Willie Williams of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Atlantic City.

**BLACK LIVES MATTER** will be the topic. Reverend Williams is one of the founders of Black Lives Matter in Atlantic City and leads the planning coalition for Atlantic City. If you have wondered about the aims and purpose of Black Lives Matter, this is a good place to get answers. Come to express your concerns and find out how we can help.

**Meeting Place:** Mainland Professional Office Park, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Road, Northfield, at the corner of Rt. 9 and Zion Road. Program begins at 7:00, bring a sandwich and socialize at 6:30.

## 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.





**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*Science, Technology, Engineering  
& Mathematics are for girls!*

Bring your students & daughters to learn about what Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics are all about during a fun, interactive and inspiring day of girl power!

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their teachers or parents

**When:** Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Where:** Stockton University in Galloway, NJ for Southern NJ students

**What:** **Tween Tech** is a mini-conference designed to develop girls' interest and self-confidence in STEM, featuring

- Local female teachers, professors, and professionals to lead hands-on workshops for middle school girls
- AAUW and university volunteers to talk with the girls and their teachers about STEM majors
- Information about the 2017 **Tech Trek NJ Summer Camp**, for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders

**Cost:** \$25 per girl, no fee for chaperones. Lunch is included, and fee waivers are available upon request.



**Sample Workshop Titles:** Mystery Diagnosis, Solve a Murder with Forensics, Chemistry of Modern Cuisine, Science of Clay, What's the Chance of That? All workshops are engaging, hands-on science, technology, engineering or math-focused (STEM). Chaperones will participate in workshops as well. Spaces are limited – register today!

**To Register:**

<http://www.ettc.net/tweentech/>

Pay online with PayPal or request a Purchase Order/invoice for your school

*Due to anticipated demand, schools are limited to 15 students each.*

**Schedule at a Glance**

8:00 – 9:00	Arrival & Welcome
9:10 – 10:25	Workshop #1
10:35 – 11:50	Workshop #2
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:15 – 1:45	Closing Activities

*Tween Tech is brought  
to you in association*



**For More Information:**

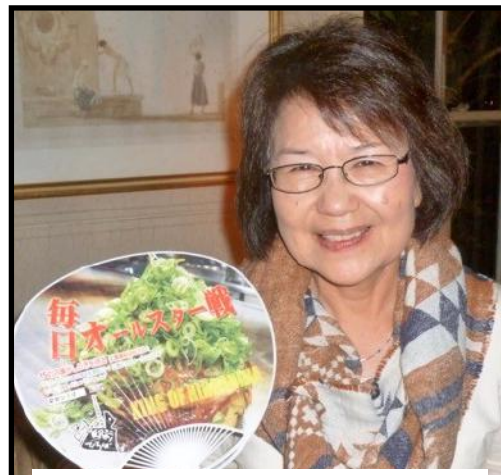
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Diane Gerhardt, Audrey Moloney, Ann Andrew, & Gail Vreeland at Book Group



Carolyn Bassett, Presenter at Book Group



Keiko Adumi, presenter at Travel Group



Travel Group Meeting: Lynne Walters, Aida Colon, Beverly Schechtman, Tamari Tsokilauri, and Vicki Biron



Travel Group Meeting: Lane Phillips, Jackie Sarner, Claire Moyer, Anne McLaughlin, Justine Laredo, Mary Rydzewski, and Terry Dailey







Joan Leavy, Loretta Scheetz and Connie Smedley  
at United Way Sweet Laughs.



### Thank You To Members .... from Carol & Connie

Our fundraiser was very successful and the committee would like to extend a thank you to branch members who donated beautiful items & gift cards that were used in the baskets. All the wonderful contributions helped make our event special and we thank you!

### Mark Your Calendars for "January 21st!! " "A Crime Fighter Seminar"

We are very fortunate to have a special presentation by retired police officer Tom Davey on this date. Our meeting location will be the Linwood Library and time is 1:00 p.m. Tom has given many presentations and this should be important to each of us in maintaining our safety.

### Save the Date!

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Breakfast at Greate Bay, 10 am -12 noon

Our branch and the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women are currently planning to hold a joint breakfast at Greate Bay, 10 am to noon to raise funds for the AAUW sponsored STEM programs at Stockton University in 2017.

We've reserved the date, place and time and ask that you mark your calendars to allow you to plan to attend the breakfast in support of this effort.

Our plan is to extend to other professional women groups in the area to solicit their support. But your attendance would play a crucial role in making this event a success.

More to come. Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	Dec 7 Book Group	8	9 Ethnic Lunch; Stockton Ushers	Dec 10 Holiday Luncheon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	January 1
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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

**Calendar 2016 – 2017**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Dec 10, 2016	Luncheon/Branch meeting	12pm	Linwood Library
Jan 09, 2017	Board Meeting	1pm	Linda Harmon's
Jan 21, 2017	Branch Meeting	1pm	Linwood Library
Feb 11, 2017	Breakfast Fundraiser	9:45am	Greate Bay CC
Mar 06, 2017	Board Meeting	1pm	TBA
Mar 18, 2017	Woman of Distinction Lunch	12pm	Linwood CC
Apr 22, 2017	Branch Meeting	12pm	TBA
Apr 30, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings	3 – 5pm	Resorts Casino AC
May 1, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings	9am- 12pm	Resorts Casino AC
May 04, 2017	Board Meeting	7pm	TBA
May 15, 2017	Installation Dinner	TBD	TBA

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**State level:**

Special Projects/Tech Trek Michelle Douglass

Executive Board of Directors/ Southern District Coordinator Linda Harmon



## From Our Archives - December 1971

In celebration of our branch's 100th anniversary, archive excerpts will be included in upcoming newsletters.

[Click here to view](#) the 1917-1921 Minutes. Our *Founding Sisters* will amaze you!

Mary Rydzewski mrydz@yahoo.com



### BULLETIN

#### ATLANTIC CITY BRANCH

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

DECEMBER--1971

MUSIC BOXES AND CHRISTMAS seem to belong together so Frank Schwickerath will bring his antique music boxes to the Christmas dinner meeting of the Atlantic City Branch, American Association of University Women, at the Tuckahoe Inn Monday evening, December 13. Please note the date since this is the second Monday evening of the month, not the usual third.

Mr. Schwickerath will exhibit and talk about his music boxes and if you have one of your own and want to question him about it, you are invited to bring it with you. For sixty years the Schwickerath family has manufactured and designed jewelry on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City and Frank Schwickerath is carrying on this tradition in a Ventnor City shop. He is a charter member of the Atlantic City Antique Club and education officer for the Absecon Power Squadron.

In addition, there will be musical entertainment. Official greeters will be Mrs. David Lees, Mrs. Ovid Riso, Mrs. Robert Stiefbold, and Mrs. Victor Tort.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock and you have a choice between roast beef and roast leg of lamb. Please send your check for \$5.50 on which you indicate your preference to Mrs. Robert Booye, 28 N. Marion Avenue, Ventnor, no later than Friday, December 10. She will not be able to accept your reservation after that date.

Branch members are again asked to bring an unwrapped gift to be taken to Ancora State Hospital to help provide a happier Christmas for one of the patients.

THREE NEW MEMBERS have been accepted into the Branch:

Mrs. Gordon Crosson (Sandra), 410 N. Union Ave., Margate; 822-2938.  
Marshall University.

Miss Rita Gaghan, 6305 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor, 822-5137. Georgian Court.

Mrs. George Hall (Rosalie), 344 Cleveland Ave., Box 11 R.D. #2, South Egg Harbor, 965-4727. University of Pennsylvania.

Change of address: Mrs. Stephen A. Bent, 13 Roosevelt Ave., Northfield, 646-8175.

Phone Correction: Mrs. James Moyer----641-8287.


DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN COAT? At the open meeting at Children's Seashore House someone took Mrs. Dorothy Shronk's tan coat by mistake, leaving in its place an imported camel's hair winter coat. Mrs. Shronk's coat has a Marcus of San Jose identification tag on the lining. If a member or the guest of a member is wondering how to return the coat and get her own in exchange, she may call 646-4950, Ext. 202 during the day and 823-0250 at night.

*Carol Thmax 646-8366 Ichthyological Association*



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THE COMMUNITY is the concern of Mrs. George Bassett and her committee. Thanks are due to the following Branch members who returned the questionnaires on moderately priced housing for Senior Citizens in their communities: Mrs. Jerome Cuff, Atlantic City; Mrs. Robert Strickler, Margate; Mrs. James Moyer, Northfield; Mrs. George Cannon Jr, Ventnor; Mrs. Belraj Sokkappa, Somers Point; Mrs. John Perry, Linwood; Mrs. James Caterson, Absecon.

The Atlantic City Branch has been invited to sponsor locally along with the League of Women Voters and the Atlantic County Citizens Council on Environment, a staging of the Community Land Use Game, developed at Cornell University. Prof. Ralph Smalley, Stockton College, will explain the workings of the game which is played on a map of Atlantic County. Participating players will be divided into teams and each team, starting with a sum of money, will buy land, pay taxes, build factories, residences, and stores, until the county is developed. Mrs. Bassett is hoping to find Branch members interested in playing the game over a period of several weeks. You may call her for further particulars.

Another request was brought to Mrs. Bassett's attention. Mrs. Caroline Eggie, director of volunteers at Linwood Convalescent Home, is asking for volunteers interested in visiting the patients, helping out with physical therapy, or just turning pages for stroke patients. This is not a Branch project, but any members who would be interested are requested to call Mrs. Eggie at the Center.

### FROM THE BOARD MEETING


Mrs. Chester Everleth, chairman of Fellowships, announced that Mrs. Michael Smith is in charge of the annual card party. There are no more fruit cakes to be sold but there is money outstanding and Miss Elizabeth Hess and Mrs. Robert Johnston are asking that it be turned in to them.

Mrs. Ruth French, Topic Chairman, said that seven Branch members are profiting from the extension sessions on consumer problems.

Mrs. Robert Hagerthey reported the Branch membership numbers 203.

Babies have been arriving. Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McCracken have a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McBeth a son; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lopes a son.

Mrs. Alice Carter, president, announced that the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference is scheduled for June 8 to 10 at Delaware State College, Dover, Delaware.



Mrs. James Caterson, chairman of the Jail Action committee, reported on the progress of this group in the task of convincing the county freeholders that a full-time rehabilitation worker is necessary and getting them to provide the funds.

The 1971-72 budget will be voted on at the December Branch meeting. The proposed budget was included in the November Bulletin.

CHEER CHAIRMAN Mrs. Amaza Lockett (348-1413) would like to be advised of any Branch members' illnesses, hospitalizations, occasions for congratulation or sympathy so that cards may be sent to them. Please keep in touch with her.



## *From Our Archives - November 1946*

### NOVEMBER NEWS LETTER

A.A.U.W.

Dear Fellow Members:

Education will be the theme of the November meeting of the Atlantic City branch, American Association of University Women, to be held on Monday evening, November 18, at the home of Mrs. George Bond, 103 S. Avolyn Avenue, Ventnor.

Mrs. Herman Force, who teaches family relationships and social behaviour in the Toms River School and is associated with the experiments in progressive education in the school system of that community, will be the speaker. She is also publications chairman of the New Jersey State Division, A.A.U.W., and in charge of publishing the Bulletin.

Assisting Mrs. Bond, hostess for the November meeting, will be her daughter, Mrs. David Aiken, chairman of hospitality, and her committee, Mrs. Walter Bew, Miss Margaret Tilton and Dr. Elise Whitlock-Rose.

Everyone in A.A.U.W. should know of the international grants issued this year by the association to bring thirty-nine women students from European countries to enter colleges and universities in this country. Some are coming on the research fellowships that are a long-established part of the Association's program; thirty-three will receive emergency International Study Grants raised by the A.A.U.W. as a postwar reconstruction project for women of liberated countries.

Among these are Miss Else M. Roed, of Norway, who spoke to us in January of 1945. She will study sociology and economics at the University of Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

May T. Bell