



## THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch

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### President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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#### AAUW Partners with the Women's Leadership Initiative

We're happy to announce that our Atlantic County branch has formally partnered with the Women's Leadership Initiative and the United Way to provide volunteer readers for the Ready, Set, Read Program.

The purpose of this reading program is to encourage young children, 6 and under, to appreciate books and reading. Volunteers select a designated preschool and childcare facility in the area and go to read to the children on dates of their own choosing. The children are then given their own copy of the book and encouraged to ask someone at home to read it to them again.

Most of the AAUW members who signed up at the September dinner meeting were able to attend the training session on Wed, Oct 23, held at the United Way offices on Jimmie Leeds Rd - under the tutelage of Dianne Lennon who oversees the program for WLI and Amanda McGowan of United Way who coordinates the reading assignments and the distribution of books.

Also attending the meeting was a representative from the Atlantic City Press, Dianne D'Amico - and on Monday, Nov 4, her article about the meeting and the program appeared in the Press. It was a very detailed account of the meeting and included quotes from several of our members as well as a photo of Audrey Owen and Pam Family looking over the children's books.

Kudos to all the AAUW members who attended the meeting: Carolyn Bassett, Lee Ellenberg, Pam Family, Ann Marie Glenn, Arlene Groch, Audrey Owen, Arlene Roller, Beverly Schechtman, Gail Vreeland, and Lynn Walters. (And Lucy Jerue, in abstencia, whose pointers for reading to small children were reviewed and discussed.). Others, such as Joan Leavy, have signed up under separate cover.

Those members who were unable to attend have expressed interest in participating at some point in the future. Anyone interested should contact Diana Intenzo at diainzo75@comcast.net or call her at 609-653-1426. We hope to grow our participation in the program in the future.

## Treasurer's Report - October 2013

**Diana Intenzo**

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### Operating Account:

Income:	Dues	\$ 30.00
Less Expenses:	Roster & Forum	- 101.90
	Promotion poster & brochures	- 159.60
	Venue October Meeting	- 50.00
	Insurance	- <u>170.00</u>
Balance	10/31/13	<u>\$ 5,619.67</u>

### Scholarship/Education Account: 10/31/13

Income:	Boscov's fundraiser + Interest	\$ 110.00
Balance		<u>\$ 7,294.19</u>

### December Program News: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DEC. 14

**Lucy Jerue**    ljerue@comcast.net

Our holiday luncheon at the beautiful Mays Landing Country Club will be a real treat. Our guest speaker, John Mahoney, will talk about his book "Every Bottle Has a Story." Each story in this unique book of short stories has something to do with wine. And each story is written in the style of a different author.

John will relay to you what it is like to immerse yourself in the work of an author so that you can write in his style. It is not an easy thing to do. But, Mr. Mahoney is a man of many talents.

John J. Mahoney is a Certified Wine Educator and a Literature Professor. He has judged wines across the United States and Europe, and has taught literature at high schools and colleges for over 40 years. He is Chancellor of the Dionysian Society International, a member of the American Wine Society, President of New Jersey Club Zinfandel, Director of the Tri-State Wine College, and is the voice of "Weekend Wine Tips" on the radio. He currently teaches British Literature for Seton Hall University at Saint Augustine Prep in Richland, New Jersey. He also hosts corporate wine education seminars and teaches wine classes each semester.

We are so pleased to have him as our guest speaker. He will also offer his book for sale. Please join us on Sat., Dec. 14th for what promises to be an enjoyable afternoon.

### Boscov's Fundraiser: 2013

**Diana Intenzo**

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I'm happy to report that the Boscov's fundraiser brought in \$700 for our Scholarship Account.

Thanks to all the members who participated – especially those who contributed \$20 to this fundraiser by buying four tickets. But all contributions were appreciated. Special thanks to those who sold tickets in the store on the day of the sale: Connie Smedley, Gail Davies, and Gail Vreeland.

Extra special thanks to Connie Smedley for her outstanding sales effort at the September dinner meeting. Sales that evening (\$350) accounted for half the income earned for this event. Brava, Connie!

And thanks again for all who supported this mini fundraiser.

# *Holiday Luncheon*

## *Saturday, December 14*

*Social Hour 12:00 ~ Lunch 1:00*  
*Mays Landing Country Club*

Ladies you won't want to miss this! The Club goes all out with Christmas decorations to make it look like a fairy tale wonderland. Lucy Jerue has a great program scheduled. That together with a delicious menu should entice you to invite spouses, friends and relatives. The price is only \$25.00 including gratuity and tax. You can't beat such a bargain!

### **Menu Selections:**

- \* Baked Atlantic Salmon
- \* London Broil Bordelaise
- \* Roast Stuffed Chicken with Wild Rice

**Make checks payable to AAUW and please mail with the reservation form to**

**Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, N.J. 08201**

**Reservations are a MUST! DEADLINE - December 7**

**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Menu Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please seat me with** \_\_\_\_\_

## **AAUW - NJ State Retreat at Resorts Casino Hotel, Oct. 20th & 21st**

**Carol Zerbe** czpaints@verizon.net

Our branch provided a good representation on Sunday afternoon, October 20th. We had 8 attendees and the total for the event was about 100 women. Two AAUW National Staff members were in charge of the event.

In a "Speed dating style rotation" of facilitators we learned about the following offerings of which AAUW National actively supports:

1. Start Smart workshops for pre college graduates/ women entering the job market. These workshops help women get a feel for the interview experience and provide opportunities for role playing situations. Negotiating for a decent salary is a major focus at these workshops.
2. Teentech & STEM programs provide hands on technology workshops for girls in grades 9, 10, & 11. Egg Harbor Township has been participating in this event held at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ. It would be good to get more local school districts participating in this event and this year it will be on May 29th, 2014.
3. National AAUW is recommending that we vote for pay equity and raise the current minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$8.25. By not raising the minimum wage we ensure that some women will continue living at a poverty level, need second/third jobs and food stamps indefinitely.
4. The most significant topic of the weekend however was the Human Trafficking in our state of New Jersey. Danielle Buckley, an assistant prosecutor for Atlantic County gave an excellent presentation on this subject and all of our group agreed we should have her come & do a program for our branch. If possible we need to invite local guidance counselors, and social workers to attend.

All attendees agreed it was a worthwhile event and we are returning to our branches with new avenues to explore.



Discussion Session - Claire Moyer, Joan Leavy, and Carol Zerbe with Connie Smedley (background).



## Welcome to New Members



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Glassboro (now Rowan)

### Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for **January 22** for a presentation on Michigan's Lakes and Mackinac Island to be made by Gail Zona at her house at 7pm.

Gail and Henry spent about a week visiting the beautiful scenery of Michigan this summer, and Gail is looking forward to sharing her discoveries with us.

Let Gail know if you can come (closer to the date).



### Book Group

**Mary Lou Breidenstine**  
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Kit will lead the discussion of "The Penelopiad" by Margaret Atwood. We all know the story of the Trojan War but what was Penelope doing for the 20 years that Odysseus was away. Read about it from her point of view. Sure to be a lot to talk about. We will meet on **December 4** in the Senior Citizens' room at the Linwood Library at 7:00. All are welcome.

Get ready for **January 15** by reading "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver. February 12 we will talk about "Beautiful Ruins" by Jesse Walters.

Wish you could receive timely updates more often? Have good news to share? Visit our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Atlantic> or click the *thumb*. (You do not need to join Facebook to view the page.)



Lucy Jerue and Bonnie Cavalier give a presentation of "The Art Forger"

## Children's Theater

**Christine Ecker** mcmmecker@msn.com

Stockton PAC's Imagination Station Children's Theater series will include three shows for the 2013-2014 season. Friday **December 13th**, 2013; Wednesday April 16th, 2014; Tuesday May 6th, 2014 All shows begin at 10:30am

Stockton would like us to provide 6-8 ushers per show. If you are able to usher at any or all of these shows, please email your contact information to mcmmecker@msn.com Thank you.

## 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.

## NJ State AAUW - Gail Vreeland

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**NJ State AAUW no longer sends the Garden Statement by snail mail. This is the advice they offer for members without email.**

A reminder: If an New Jersey AAUW member does not have an email address, she can read the latest AAUWNJ Garden Statement at her local library on our state website at: [aauwnj.org](http://aauwnj.org) or ask a branch member to print it out for them.

## S.T.A.R.

### Sisters Together Against Racism

**Gail Zona** gzona1@comcast.net

STAR had a display of our 17 year history at the AAUW Fall Retreat on Oct. 20th and 21st at Resorts in Atlantic City. Attendees commented that our inter-racial/religious organization is what many branches hope to have and sooner rather than later. STAR will follow up on the email addresses they provided. Special thanks to Juanita Habron, Karen Johnson and additional thanks to Marion Ingram and Pat Quinn who were present on both days of the retreat.

STAR will meet on **November 18th** at the Galloway Library on Jim Leeds Road. Meeting, 7 pm. Tina Minnis, director of HEEAT (an anti-tracking organization) in Ventnor, NJ will speak to us about efforts to curb prostitution and human slavery in South Jersey and beyond. All are welcome. Call Gail Zona - 641-1986 or [gzona1@comcast.net](mailto:gzona1@comcast.net).



Juanita Hebron and Gail Zona





Cathy Shippen with one of her paintings at the October branch meeting



Tula Christopoulos with New Orleans photos and mask from her trip to AAUW National Convention.



Carole Zerbe from our branch AAUW and Doris Stewart from State AAUW - both attended the AAUW National Convention. They reported at the branch meeting.



Peg Fiore and Gail Davis





Arlene Groch, Arlene Roller, Lynn Walters, and Beverly Schectman at Ready Set Read training



AAUW members at training for Ready Set Read. Diane Lennon of Women's Leadership Initiative and AAUW was the trainer (in plaid jacket)

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 			4 <b>Book Club</b>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>Hosts @ Children's Theatre</b>	14 <b>Holiday Luncheon Social 12:00; Lunch/1:00</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
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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 organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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