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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

President's Message

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Warm greetings in chilly February to all! Tween Tech day in January was a huge success with over 230 girls in attendance. A big thank you to Claudine Keenan, her staff at Stockton, and all of our AAUW Volunteers! I believe we all felt it was an enriching and rewarding experience.

Our next event is our **February 11th Fundraiser** at Greate Bay Country Club. Please be sure to join ACACW and AAUW in sponsoring a wonderful breakfast and amazing panelists, all to support our three STEM programs at Stockton. Spouses and guests are most welcome!

Mark your calendars for our **Woman of Distinction Luncheon on March 18th at noon at Linwood CC!**

It's the time of year where our nominating committee is looking for positions to be filled for 2017 – 2018. Voting is just two months away! Please think about stepping up to be part of the leadership of our organization. You are wanted and needed!!

The openings for voting members of the new board: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Fundraiser Chair, Public Information, STAR Liaison. In addition, we need a Chair person for our 100th Anniversary Celebrations.

While Valentine's Day is a celebration of love this month, it spurs the reminder of the importance of friendships. *Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive*" (Anais Nin) AAUW has let me enter many new worlds and friendships!

Linda

Through the Glass Ceiling

Karen Poorman kmpoorman@aol.com

Don't miss the February 11 program, which will feature a panel of seven accomplished women who have been successful in STEM fields. This project is a collaboration between the AAUW and ACACW (Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women.). The event, which will begin at 9:45 AM, will be held at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point. Valet parking will be available. You will enjoy a buffet breakfast and have the opportunity to socialize with women from ACACW.

Send your check today for \$25 made out to AAUW ATLANTIC COUNTY to Karen Poorman, 214 Blackman Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. This is a fund raiser, so bring guests, spouses and friends

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
STEM FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

GREATE BAY COUNTRY CLUB

901 Mays Landing Rd, Somers Point, NJ

9:45 AM

VALET PARKING AVAILABLE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PANEL
FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

100% of the proceeds of this fundraising breakfast will be applied toward supporting STEM programs for girls. The breakfast is hosted through the cooperation of the Atlantic County branch of the American Association of University Women and the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women.

Saturday, February 11, 2017 STEM Fundraiser Breakfast Registration

Grete Bay Country Club, Somers Point

9:45 AM

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING _____

NAMES OF GUESTS (USE THE BACK, IF NECESSARY) _____

MAIL RESERVATION FORM AND YOUR **\$25** CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUW ATLANTIC COUNTY
C/O KAREN POORMAN, 214 BLACKMAN ROAD, EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08234

Deadline: January 30, 2017

TECH- Gail Davis ghmath@comcast.net

Tween Tech - 232 girls in grades 6-8 spent January 6 at Stockton U being exposed to STEM and attending workshops- having lunch and then returning to their schools. Dottie Pearson did a magnificent job of registering the schools and chaperones and our volunteers were wonderful in guiding the students to their workshops. The enthusiasm was apparent in both students and volunteers.

Teen Tech - one day STEM for 9th-11th grade girls will be at Stockton on Tuesday, May 23. Register to volunteer with Dottie Pearson.

TECH TREK- July 16-22

Gail Davis and Lucy Jerue

Principals in 963 middle schools in 20 counties were sent invitations to nominate a 7th grader to attend Tech Trek by February 10. Nominated students must then write an essay and complete her application online by March 3. Then - volunteers in teams of 2 must establish time and place to interview the student and her family(between March 4 and April 6) and score the nomination/ application and interview and submit those scores electronically. The chairs then prioritize and submit the Lucy and myself. We have a formula that is fair to determine the number of girls selected from each area. Students will be notified about April 9. And we keep a prioritized list if any dropouts occur so we can still have 60 in the camp. We could still use a few more volunteers to sign up to interview. We are hopeful of establishing 2 weekends in March at Stockton so we can complete a large number of interviews- but will still need to set up some off campus. We have call in or attend meetings for volunteer interviewers at an off campus Stockton facility from 6-8 pm on Jan 24 and Feb 1 to review selection procedures.

To date(1/23) we have tech trek nominations from: St. Joseph's, Port Republic, Weymouth, Fernwood Ave, NEW York Ave, Richmond Ave, Belhaven Middle School, and Mullica Township Elem. nomination deadline is Feb 10. If you do not see schools near you please remind them of the opportunity

There will be a MEET AND GREET for selected students/ family on Saturday, May 13 at 1:00pm. Dr Keenan is also working to bring back an 'alumni group' from the first two years to assist with moving in, campus tours, etc. We have also visited several AAUW chapters successfully to engage them in TECH TREK. **THE NEED FOR FUNDING IS ONGOING** - Dean Keenan will follow any and all leads.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Gail Davis and Karen Poorman
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Your BOD approved a donation in the amount of \$8,000 to support 5 scholarships for women at ACCC. Thank you to all who contributed to our fundraisers to make this happen.

**WOMAN OF DISTINCTION
2017 HONOREE**

The Woman of Distinction committee is pleased to announce that Heather Tomasello has been selected to be the AAUW 2017 Woman of Distinction. An alumna of Stockton University, Heather is an electrical engineer at Leidos Corp at the AC Airport/FAA. She volunteers in programs which help encourage young children, and especially girls, to participate in engineering, science and robotics. Plan to attend this important event on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Linwood Country Club.

Submitted by: Tula Christopoulos
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Ready Set Read! Program

WLI-AAUW Partnership

Joan Leavy, Liaison

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Thank you to everyone who is participating and enjoying yourself reading to preschoolers. AAUW and WLI members have read to or are reading to 16 preschools with 45 classes. Of those schools there are 13 more classes needing a reader, however, there are also 5 other schools that have no one reading to them. Please contact me to read at one of the schools below so we can reach a goal of reading to one class in every school which has requested the Ready Set Read! Program.

Barbarito & Beyers Preschool in Mays Landing weekdays at 10
Dynamic Learning Center Hammonton, weekdays at 9:30 or 2.
J.C. Shaner Preschool, Mays Landing, weekdays at 9:30
Little Flyers Academy, FAA tech, Wednesday at 10
Providence Pediatric Medical Daycare, Wednesday at 10

Interest Groups

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Book Group will meet on **February 22** at 7:00. Hostess is Mary Lou Breidenstine. Audrey Moloney will lead the discussion of "Round House" by Louise Erlich. This captivating novel follows the life of a young Native American living on a reservation in current day America. Add to the mix a profound mystery and you will discover a book you can't put down.

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

GREECE AND TURKEY: OFF THE BEATEN TRACK. On Wednesday, **March 1** at 7 pm Karen Weis will tell us about a trip she and her husband took to some little-visited parts of Greece to look for birds. She will focus on the areas of general interest, such as the languages spoken, foods, terrain, and culture as well as telling us a bit about the birds they saw. The meeting will be at the home of Carolyn Bassett, 328 W. Poplar Ave, Linwood NJ. Please let Carolyn know if you plan to come. Phone: 927-9095 or e-mail: geoca41@gmail.com.

STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

I need volunteers for the children's programs at Stockton. There are 3 more shows, with 2 in February. They are **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) and **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.

If you have already e-mailed me that you can volunteer, thank you for volunteering!

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.

ETHNIC LUNCH

FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 2017

12:30

THE SPOT

Tilton Road, Northfield
NEXT TO THE TILTON THEATER

Please e-mail Shelley Cohen

cohen2475@gmail.com 365-8857

All AAUW and STAR and Guests are welcome.

STAR

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR will meet Monday night, February 27 at 6:30 pm for snacks or 7pm for program. The program will be a discussion on issues involving reporting - the presenter will be Ellen Strenger who writes articles for The Voice, a local Jewish newspaper. She will use an unpublished article she wrote to illustrate how the media can have unintended consequences. Other topics will include the Women's March on Washington that some of our members participated in, as well as any "breaking news". The meeting will be at Mainland Professional Office Park, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Road, Northfield, at the corner of Rt 9 and Zion Rd.

Membership

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We would like to welcome our new dual member.

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Women's March on Washington Opens Contentious Dialogues About Race
By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.

Four organizers of the Women's March on Washington. From left, Tamika Mallory, a gun control advocate and board member of the Gathering for Justice.; Linda Sarsour, executive director of the Arab American Association of New York; Bob Bland, founder of Manufacture New York; and Carmen Perez, executive director of the Gathering for Justice.

Many thousands of women are expected to converge on the nation's capital for the Women's March on Washington the day after Donald J. Trump's inauguration. I plan on being one of them, together with my husband and daughter.

If all goes as planned, the Jan. 21 march will be a momentous display of unity in protest of a president whose treatment of women came to dominate the campaign's final weeks. But long before the first buses roll to Washington and sister demonstrations take place in other cities, contentious conversations about race have erupted nearly every day among marchers, exhilarating some and alienating others.

The debates over race also reflect deeper questions about the future of progressivism in the age of Trump. Should the march highlight what divides women, or what unites them? Is there room for women who have never heard of "white privilege"?

I look forward to reporting back to you on the march with interest and hope. I was born white with certain advantages, this is true. I am also a woman and know all too well the struggles associated with gender. I am optimistic that the variety of women's rights and causes being represented at the march, in spite of the generational divide and race, will permit us to continue to address, discuss and learn more about the struggles of others.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Usher @ Stockton</i>	8 <i>Usher @ Stockton</i>	9	10	11 <i>Fundraiser Breakfast</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Book Group</i>	23	24 <i>Ethnic Lunch</i>	25
26	27 <i>STAR</i>	28	March 1 <i>Travel Group</i>	2	3	4
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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 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb 11, 2017	Breakfast Fundraiser	9:45am	Greate Bay CC
Mar 06, 2017	Board Meeting	1pm	Linda Harmon
Mar 18, 2017	Woman of Distinction Lunch	12pm	Linwood CC
Apr 22, 2017	Branch Meeting	TBD	Northfield Library
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



Debbie Davies,
presenter on
Namibia at
Travel Group



Judy Courter, Vicki Biron, Jackie Hall-Smith, Jeanette Flax



Debbie Davies, Claire Moyer, Gail Zona, and Vicki Biron

Claire Moyer presented Loungbourn
at the Book Group.



Claire Moyer (Presenter), Gail Zona, and MaryLou Breidenstine



Terry Daily and Diane Koob

Tween Tech

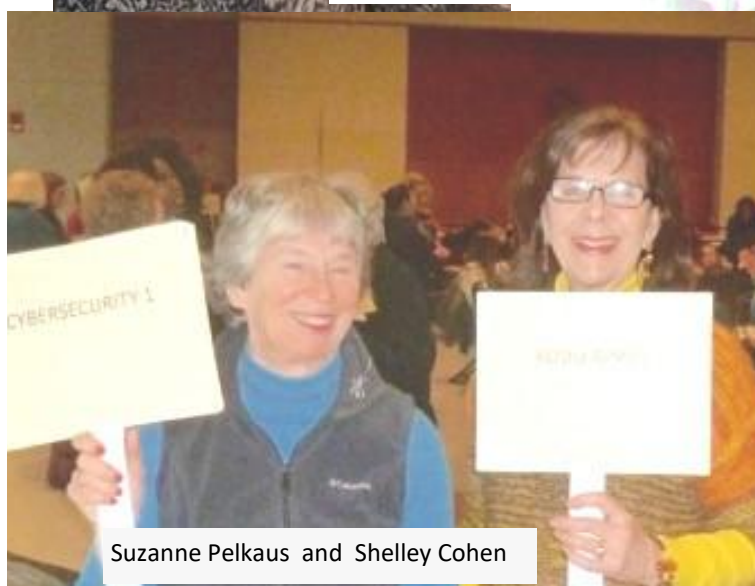
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January 6, 2017



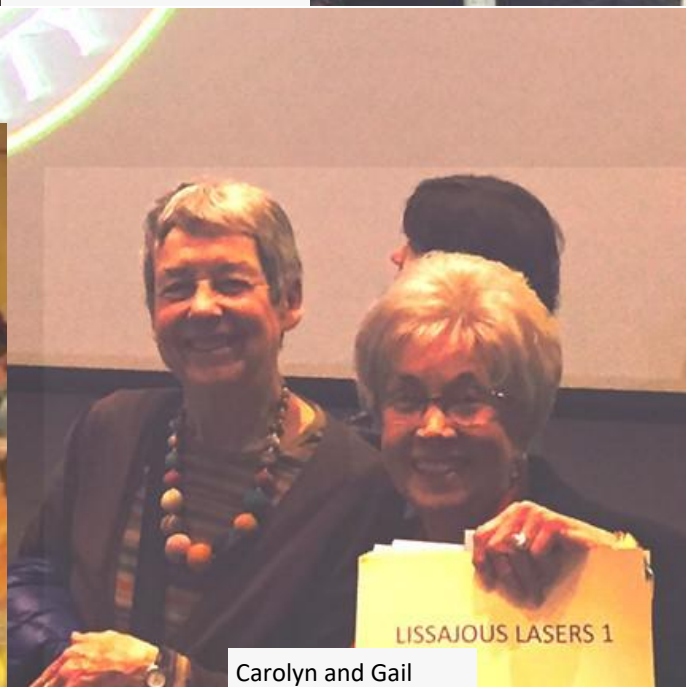
Kathy, Beverly and Mary



Linda Harmon



Suzanne Pelkaus and Shelley Cohen



Carolyn and Gail



From Our Archives - January 2006

In celebration of our branch's 100th anniversary, archive excerpts will be included in upcoming newsletters. Thus far "digital volunteers" Carolyn Bassett, Linda Harmon, Mary Rydzewski, and Stella Hordes have copied archives from 1917-1990. Mary Rydzewski at mrydz@yahoo.com

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

January 2006 Branch Meeting

Ocean City Fine Arts League







Louise Miller and
Audrey Owen
Feb. 1990

"Presidential
First Ladies"

From Our Archives - February 1997

BOOK REVIEW GROUP Audrey Moloney, 927-0961 Mary Lou Breidenstine, 917-1779
Our February meeting is on Wednesday, the 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Jan Smith's (5 Sandy Court, Linwood. 927-1237) Sarina Booye will lead a discussion of *BEACH MUSIC & THE WATER IS WIDE*, by America's preeminent storyteller, Pat Conroy.

Join our group on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 at Edi Bankert's (110 N. Gladstone Ave., Margate. 822-0529) for our poetry meeting. Esther Portock will review the inspiring life and work of Wislawa Szymborska the renowned Polish Poet who won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature for *VIEW THE GRAIN OF SAND*. Writing during and after Stalin's dictatorship, her early works were subjected to censorship. *VIEW WITH A GRAIN OF SAND* is available (may have to be ordered) through Encore Books (English Creek) and Faber Books (Central Square).

AAUW BRIDGE STUDY GROUP - Kay Farrell - 965-3306 Barb Hall 569-1903
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Galloway Township Library, 306 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd. (652-2352, Players of all abilities are welcome but must call if they plan to attend.

SISTERHOOD

Gail Zona 641-1986

The diversity group continues to meet. We had a delightful evening together in December at Corbin's Seafood/Chicken Restaurant in Atlantic City followed by a meeting.

We met again on January 16 at Arlene Groch's office and it was filled with dynamic and thought provoking comments on racism and the many ways it is manifested in our society.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 6th at Arlene Groch's offices in Somers Point. Those planning to attend - those wanting some "pizza and socializing" will meet at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be from 7 - 9 p.m.

Please call Gail if you would like to join our group on a regular or occasional basis. The Sisterhood group is open to all women (members and non-members).

MONEY TALKS INVESTMENT CLUB

Lois Waddington 927 - 2803

1996 was a great year for the club, which showed 32% growth! I you want to be part of this great group, call Lois Waddington.

Our next meeting will be held at Sunrizers on Route #9, Absecon. It will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, at 10:00 a.m. - note change in time. We'll be treating Sarina Booye to lunch as her prize for winning the 1996 Portfolio Contest. Call Gail Zona at 641-1986 to let her know whether you will be in attendance.

We will also be launching our 1997 Portfolio contest in February, so be sure to be at the meeting to pick up your forms. Who knows, you may be the winner who is treated to lunch this time next year!

BOARD MEETING, 7:30, March 10 @ Audrey Moloney's (1020 Woodlynne Blvd., Linwood)

The Power of Leaving a Legacy

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support our mission and leave a lasting impact.

Benefits of Estate Giving

- Estate gifts allow you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- There is no minimum gift requirement, and every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.

