This morning, I read an article in The Press about The Three Kings Day toy give-away in Egg Harbor City. I smiled when I saw a picture of a happy 4 year old girl in long pigtails and a spotted furry coat posing with her new toy. She had picked out a big, long toy truck. All I could think was, "You've come a long way, baby!"

Yes, we still have many issues to address. AAUW lists some of these as: "gender pay gap, the prevalence of sexual assault, and the lack of political representation". Our branch is working hard on several programs, particularly "Start Smart" and "Tech Trek". Read more about them in the Forum. We are also educating ourselves about Human Trafficking. Over 50 women attended our January meeting on this topic, and brought donations for victims. Yes, we must keep advocating equality for women and girls. But, I feel the changes that are in the air. A 4 year old girl chose a shiny metal truck. I like to think that no one said to her, "Trucks are for boys. Why don't you pick a doll?" She went home happy. I bet she is having a lot of fun pushing that truck around the house. Maybe she even has a Barbie at the steering wheel!

Our February program will be a Technology Question and Answer session at the Galloway Branch of the Atlantic County Library. The technology program will begin at 2pm in the library meeting room.

Senior Librarian Orion Jurkowski will be our facilitator. He does these workshops on a regular basis for the public at large and we are fortunate that he will host our group in a private session on Feb. 7.

You are encouraged to group up with friends for lunch on your own prior to the program if you wish. There are a number of nice restaurants in the area including Celina’s and the Gourmet Italian. There is also a shopping center across from the library that has some restaurants that are a bit more informal.

The Galloway Library is located on 306 E. Jimmie Leeds Road behind the municipal complex. Please come out and bring your devises (iPad, phones and e-readers) and your questions to this Technology Q and A. Registration is not necessary.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
Atlantic County Branch Presents  

2015 Annual Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon

SATURDAY, March 14  
LINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
Social – Noon  Luncheon 12:30 PM  
$35.00 per person (all inclusive)

**Menu Choices:**  Chicken Francaise, Baked Alaskan Salmon or Pasta Primavera

Please make checks payable to AAUW and mail with Reservation Request Form to:

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201  by March 7, 2015.

*Our 2015 Woman of Distinction will be revealed in next month's Forum!*  

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AAUW 2015 Woman of Distinction Luncheon

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PLEASE SEAT ME WITH ________________________________________________________

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

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PUBLIC POLICY IN ACTION
WOMEN ARE NOT WORTH LESS

Want to meet with an elected official about a policy issue? Want to spotlight that issue in the media? Want a fun and easy action you can participate in?

Making a delivery to an elected official's office is the answer!

Connecting with our elected officials about AAUW issues in a face-to-face meeting is a great way to develop a relationship with them and work to influence the positions they take on issues important to you.

*The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* is an issue of prime importance to us. The pay gap has barely budged in a decade. Women face a pay gap in nearly every occupation. From elementary and middle school teachers to computer programmers, women are paid less than men in female-dominated, gender-balanced, and male-dominated occupations.

On **April 14th we will once again recognize Equal Pay Day**, the symbolic date when women’s wages catch up to men’s from the previous year. I know my calendar says 2015, but I’m having trouble believing it. The Mad Men era isn’t just on TV. It’s real life for women and their families who are struggling to make ends meet. For the last decade, median earnings for women working full time, year-round have been just 77% of men’s earnings-23% less. This oft-cited percentage stems from U.S. Census Bureau data and is not, despite critiques, something made up to give women raises.

Get ready to learn about what is reported in *Graduating to a Pay Gap* and *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* and what we can do about it. For starters, how we can go about contacting and meeting with our local elected officials and educating them about these issues?

Join us. Get involved. Help plan our meeting with elected officials. Come view the National Women’s Law Center Video “Women are not Worth Less!” Don’t miss the **February 16, 2015** Plan for Action meeting!

It’s time to take action!

**Please RSVP:** Michelle Douglass 609-247-3467 or mjd@myrightslawyers.com

Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons: we act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting.
Travel Group
Carolyn Bassett  geoca41@gmail.com

Travel Group for January is at Phyllis Trackman’s on Jan 14. Brittany, France is the topic presented by Anne-Marie Guevara. Please call Phyllis if you are coming.

Travel Group for February is on China presented by Terry Daily. It is February 18 at 7pm, and it will be at Terry’s house. Terry and her husband took a trip to China in the fall, and Terry will be sharing her experiences with us. Please call her if you plan to come.

Book Group - Mary Lou Breidenstine  breidensti@aol.com

The Book Group will meet on February 25 at 7:00 at the home of Gail Vreeland. Annemarie Guevara will lead a discussion of Edith Wharton's "A Son at the Front." This book chronicles the activities of the parents of a young, wealthy American, born in France, as they attempt to keep him out of World War I.

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.

Ethnic Cuisines
Phyllis Trackman  Lptrackman@comcast.net

Our international lunch will be on Feb 12 at Liang’s Chinese Restaurant. It is at 12:30 at the corner of Ventnor and Douglas Ave., Margate. Email me so I can make reservations.

College Connection
Gail Davis  ghdath@comcast.net

Meeting of all parties was Tuesday, Jan 13. Report in next Forum.

Editor’s Corner: A Place to Share Good News

Anyone interested in attending the national conference this year, please call Carol Zerbe, 609-653-0488 or email czpaints@verizon.net. She would like to go but needs a roommate. To get a decent rate on the registration fee we need to register shortly. The dates of the convention are June 18th to 21st and this year it is being held in San Diego, California. Topics for workshops are available online as well as other fees. Check it out on AAUW.com.

Tech Tip:
If you “lost” your Forum email, you can view The Forum on our website at http://ac-nj.aauw.net/newsletter/
Stockton Children's Theater - Vicki Biron
vickibiron@comcast.net

There are 2 more shows, in 2015, for which I need 8 ushers each. They are:

1. Somers Point Jazz Education Concert on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30am.
2. Bay-Atlantic Symphony Education Concert on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:30am.

Ushers should arrive by 9:45 AM so the doors can open at 10 am.

If you would like to usher for either one or both shows, please e-mail me at vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me a call at 609-703-3788. Please include your phone # so I can call to remind you that week. If you have already volunteered for either or both shows, thank you. Vicki Biron

Human Trafficking Forum
January 10, 2015 - Women's Center, Linwood, NJ

Presenter Dan Garrabrant - Justice Department
Presenter Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro from the Women's Center

A full house of supportive AAUW members at the Human Trafficking Forum

Photos courtesy of Carolyn B.
First time ever in New Jersey!

Support AAUW STEM Tech Trek in NEW JERSEY-2015 by Supporting a Camper at Stockton College of NJ!

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Make check payable to AAUW FUNDS-NJ Tech Trek (tax-deductible) and mail form and check to:

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