



# THE FORUM

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## President's Message: Branch Elections Diana Intenzo [diazno75@comcast.net](mailto:diazno75@comcast.net)

It's that time of year again. The nominating committee is seeking candidates for the positions that will be open next year.

We've spoken about this at the last two branch meetings, but let me reiterate how important it is for members to assist in the branch's operations. You are our life blood. So, please keep an open mind if you are called upon.

The due date for a completed nominating slate is early March. The slate will be printed in the April newsletter – which goes out in mid-March – with elections taking place at the April branch meeting, on April 18, 2016.

I have offered a suggestion to the Board to ease the workload of the presidency. I am suggesting that we create a three-person team to share administrative responsibilities. If we can implement this plan for next year, we can see how well it would work. Needless to say, your help would be most appreciated.

**Branch Meeting:** Looking forward to seeing you at the next branch meeting, Saturday, **February 20, 2016** at 1 pm at the Linwood Library.

## Ways of Wellness - February's Program Bonnie Cavalier, Program Committee [Bcavalier4@gmail.com](mailto:Bcavalier4@gmail.com)

Where: Linwood Public Library –  
Seniors' Room  
301 Davis Ave. Linwood

When: **Saturday, February 20, 2016**  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Light Refreshments Served Afterwards

The program for our February meeting will explore how the natural healing capacities of mind, body, and spirit are enhanced through various evidence based methods and practices. Three RN medical experts, all integrative care specialists, share expertise and insight about therapeutic, non invasive, drug free techniques that mobilize the body's internal network to achieve relaxation, increase energy, and promote well being. Betty Burke and her colleagues, Donna Bingenheimer and Donna Gurdgiel will present a very interesting overview of wellness which is so important for women. Collectively they are trained and licensed in the many ways of healing including Massage Therapy, Aromatherapy, Touch Therapy, and Reiki.

Parking is available in front of the library. The Seniors' Room is on the left hand side of the building. Please feel free to invite your friends to attend this program.

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## ***2016 Annual Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon***

*Honoring*

# ***Helen Riso***

**SATURDAY, March 19**

**SMITHVILLE INN**

**Social – Noon      Luncheon 1:00 PM**

\$35.00 per person (all inclusive)

Your participation will help to support the scholarships we award to local women attending area colleges.

### **Menu Choices :**

- Vegetable Aioli sautéed with garlic, roasted red pepper, spinach zucchini and squash tossed in penne pasta and fresh mozzarella.
- Smithville Chicken Breast topped in red bell peppers and mushrooms in light Dijon cream sauce.
- Pan seared Salmon with lobster tomato basil butter sauce.



**Reservation Request Form - Deadline March 9  
2016 Woman of Distinction Luncheon**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

MENU CHOICE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry, I cannot attend. Enclosed is my donation. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail Reservation Form with your check made payable to AAUW to  
Tula Christopoulos, PO Box 1677, Absecon, NJ 08201**



## Tech Trek is Approaching!

Tech Trek is nearing... Our weeklong STEM program for girls will be held on July 17 through July 23. The bold aim of AAUW-New Jersey's Tech Trek is to change how millions of girls think about science, technology, engineering and math—aka STEM. Using gender equitable evidence-based practices in STEM education, Tech Trek produces a one week long STEM camp hosted by Stockton University where 60 girls live and work on college campus immersed in STEM related fun and challenging activities.

We want to inspire, enable and maximize STEM learning and participation for all girls, ultimately encouraging greater interest in STEM careers. This is where you come in. You are in a position to make a real difference in girls' lives by becoming a role model and a sponsor. You can simply volunteer your time or resources or become a mentor. We would love to have you join us as a Dorm Mom, Project Contributor or sponsor.

As women become more prevalent in STEM careers, more and more young girls will begin to recognize the additional career opportunities open to them. With more women in the field, it will become more evident to young girls what they can offer the world. Kindly contact AAUW-NJ Director **Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.** at [mjdouglasslaw@gmail.com](mailto:mjdouglasslaw@gmail.com) for more information. We look forward to introducing you to AAUW-NJ 's Tech Trek and the exciting world of technology that lies ahead! - Michelle Douglass, Esq. [mjdouglasslaw@gmail.com](mailto:mjdouglasslaw@gmail.com)

Letters to schools requesting nominations (maximum of 2 per school) have been sent. Nominations from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers for 'rising' 8th graders are due by **FEBRUARY 19** and student applications must be received by **March 4**. This is a STATEWIDE effort for 60 girls to be selected from North, Central and South NJ. Student selection committees have been established and will be ready to begin interviews after March 4 in a neutral site (their school or nearby library). The 2015 camp was extremely successful and we know 2016 will be also! - Gail Davis [ghdath@comcast.net](mailto:ghdath@comcast.net)

### Membership

**Barbara Wolnerman** [blw425@aol.com](mailto:blw425@aol.com) & **Marie Turnbull**

A big thank you to all of our members who continue bringing guests to our meetings and events. Most of our new members are recruited by other members. If you bring a guest to a meeting in February or March, and she is interested in joining, we will process the dues in March (\$69.00). This will cover the new member for the balance of this year and for 2016-2017. Don't forget to invite guests to our interest groups, ethnic luncheons etc. as well.

To all new members who have joined our branch this year, we hope you are taking advantage of all of our activities and the work we do. Stay tuned for information for a new member get together coming up in the Spring! If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Marie or Barbara.

### Editor's Corner: Share Member News

**Mary R** [mrydz@yahoo.com](mailto:mrydz@yahoo.com)

Linda Harmon is trying to get her mother-in-law buried in Arlington Cemetery. Elaine Harmon was a WASP Women's Airfare Service Pilot who served during World War II. The WASP received a Congressional Gold Medal. Now the family is being told that Elaine cannot be buried in the National Military Cemetery. Our members might want to go on Change.org and sign the petition for her mother-in-law's right to be buried where she wished.

Submitted by Carolyn Bassett

### TECH INITIATIVES (other than TECH TREK)

The 'Tween Tech' for 6th-8th grades was phenomenal on Jan 8. Teen Tech (June 2 at ACCC) will be for 9th-11th graders and will be needing volunteers so mark your calendars! It is soooooo worthwhile! Marion Ingram ([Marion.ingram@comcast.net](mailto:Marion.ingram@comcast.net)) is coordinating volunteers.

### STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Vicki Biron** [vickibiron@comcast.net](mailto:vickibiron@comcast.net)

Ushers are still needed for the coming season of Stockton Children's Theater. The show dates are:

Somers Point Jazz Education Performance on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 10:30am.

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

If you'd like to usher for one or both shows, please send an e-mail to [vickibiron@comcast.net](mailto:vickibiron@comcast.net), or give me a call at 609-703-3788.

Ushers need to be at the Stockton PAC no later than 9:45 AM. Once you sign up, I will give you a reminder call a few days before the performance. If you have already signed up, thank you.

# Interest Groups

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com  
609-927-9095

The next Travel Group will be **March 16** at 7pm when Audrey Owen and Bonnie Warwick will present their recent trip to the Baltic capitals. The place is still to be arranged. Meanwhile, Jackie Hall-Smith gave a colorful presentation on Kenya.

## Book Group

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

Join the Book Club on **January 20** at 7:00 at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine. Gail Zona will lead a discussion of **The Secret Chord** by Geraldine Brooks. Prepare for the February 24 meeting by reading Marilyn Robinson's **Lila**. Gail Vreeland will be the reviewer. Kathy Shippen is hostess.



## AAUW celebrates the Chinese New Year

**Phyllis Trackman** lptrackman@comcast.net

We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on **February 9, 2016**. It is the year of the Monkey according to the Chinese Zodiac. Our lunch will consist of Dim Sum, which are small plates of mostly shrimp or pork dumplings.

Our shared plates will be pre-ordered in order to give us a variety of dishes. During our lunch the traditional Lion dance will be performed with drummers to bring good luck. We will have red envelopes to "feed" the lions good luck money. Our celebration will be at Asian City restaurant, 748 Black Horse Pike, Pleasantville. Pleasantville Shopping Center, next to the Post Office. 12:00pm Feb 9.

Cost \$20 per person in advance. Checks must be received by Jan 25, made out to AAUW/ memo Chinese New Year. Checks are to be sent to Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201.

## STAR

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

The next STAR meeting will be **January 25** at 6:30 at the Zion Road Professional Building in the Allied Health Office. The program will be "Looking Back, Looking Forward." Some members of STAR joined the vigil in Atlantic City City Hall in December to stand up against Islamophobia.

## 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.



# Travel Group



Tween Tech at Stockton on January 9



Tween Tech



Jackie Hall-Smith, presenter

STAR  
Arlene Groch,  
Gail Zona,  
Carolyn Bassett



Kristin Jacobson, Betsy Abaujh, Marion Majd - Stockton  
Research team which prepared report on Status of Women

Sisters Together  
Against Racism  
We Stand Together With  
Our Muslim Friends

**To everyone who has been reading to the preschoolers, thank you and I hope it has been fun.**

WLI has with the assistance of two AAUW members and WLI board approval, ordered new and better books coming later this month. Reading dates can now be scheduled from March through May. We need time for confirmation so please email me asap.

I am asking those of you who signed up to read but have not yet contacted me to view the schools listed below which have had no readers to date and let me know which one you will read to. I have openings in the second list as well but these schools have had classes read to and know we have processed their requests.

List 1:

1. Shaner School 5801 3rd Street Mays Landing, 2 classes, 9:30 – 10 any weekday
2. Adventures in Learning, 1812 Marmora Avenue, AC 3 classes, 9-11 Mondays

List 2: (some of the classes have been read to with others open)

1. Discovery Learning Center, 5100 Harding Hwy Mays Landing, Lazy Lions 4-5 yr olds and Awesome Alligators, 4-5 year olds, Monday or Thursday 10 a.m.
2. Little Pal’s Preschool 2594 Tilton Rd. EHT M or F 10 a.m. For Toddler 1 and Toddler 2 classes
3. Spragg School, 601 Buffalo Avenue Egg Harbor City Friday at 2, Class 2 and Class 3
4. Gateway Headstart ACCC 5100 BHP, Mays Landing, Wednesday at 9:30, Class 1 (5 yr olds) Class 3 (to 3 years old)
5. Little Flyers Academy, 300 FAA WGH Technical Center EHT, Wednesday at 10, #1: 1-2 yr olds, #2: 2-3 yr olds #3: 3 yr olds
6. Solid Rock Community Kids Care, 1140 Ocean Heights Avenue EHT, T or Th at 10:30 a.m. #1: 3 year olds, #2: 4 yr olds

Looking forward to hearing from you and making this partnership with the Women’s Leadership Initiative a continued success. **Thank you, Joani Leavy** (823-3442 for any questions) sk8s2@comcast.net

# *February*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Ethnic Cuisines: Chinese New Year</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Branch Meeting 1:00 pm</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	<i>March 1</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>WOD registration deadline</i>			

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.