



# THE FORUM

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## *Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary*

### President's Message Linda Harmon [linda.harmon@gmail.com](mailto:linda.harmon@gmail.com)

Happy New Year! As the Polar Vortex embraces us, put on your mittens, scarves, boots, coats, and a warm sunny smile! We have some great adventures awaiting you this month!

Our **December Luncheon** was a delightful event and added some needed funds to our operational budget. Thank you to Mary Lou Breidenstine and her many helpers for providing a delicious lunch! Thanks to Diana Intenzo for an informative talk about Alice Paul and a great kickoff to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year! Lucy Jerue donated \$50 from the sale of her book, *The Purple Martin* to our branch. Thanks Lucy for your generosity!

**Tween Tech** will be held January 6, 2017 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.

**January 21** is our next branch meeting at the **Linwood Library at 1 pm**. Come out to learn how to avoid becoming a victim from Tom Davey, a former police officer.

On **February 11**, AAUW and the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women (ACACW) will be co-hosting our first **Breakfast Fundraiser** at **Greene Bay Country Club**. The money raised will go towards the three STEM programs this year at Stockton College. Sign up today using the enclosed flyer!

"This is the new year the new you. You can pass through another year, coasting on cruise control. Or you can step out of your comfort zone, trying things you have never done before, & make 2017 as the year that you elevate from where you are & soar high. Make it happen!" (Pablo)

Linda

### January 21, 2017 Branch Meeting at 1:00pm

#### *Things You Need to Know, Before Becoming A Victim*

This is a meeting every one of our members should attend. Tom Davey, a retired police officer from Galloway Township does "Crime Fighter Seminars" and he will speak to our branch on this date at the Linwood Library, at 1:00 pm. He has spoken to many local organizations and gears his talk to the needs of each group. He will talk about safety in your home, travelling and scams. He told me on the phone that

"As a cop he was always helping people after they became victims. Now he helps people to have an awareness and they are avoiding becoming a victim."

There is no cost to attend, so mark your calendar right now for this important meeting on January the 21st at the Linwood Library.

Carol Zerbe [czpaints@verizon.net](mailto:czpaints@verizon.net)

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Gail Davis and Karen Poorman  
ghdath@comcast.net

We await the final tally from the fun fundraising luncheon and BOD approval before committing (what we hope will be \$8,000) to ACCC–Mays Landing. This should happen at the next board meeting on January 9.

**TECH TREK**

Gail Davis- Lucy Jerue  
ghdath@comcast.net

Invitations have been sent electronically to all public schools (in counties with at least 2 members who volunteered to interview) and via postal mail to private schools to submit one name by midnight on February 10. The nominated student must then apply (essay included) by midnight on March 3. Then our interviewers get to work contacting parents, nominating teachers to establish a time and place to interview parents and student and score the questions and submit to the section chairs for possible selection to TECH TREK (July 16 -22 at Stockton).

There will be a Meet-n-Great at Stockton on Saturday, May 13 at 1pm where selected students/parents can meet each other and get orientated.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO SIGNED UP TO INTERVIEW STUDENTS.

**Looking for an end of the year tax deduction?**

Try TECH TREK- either through national (be sure to use drop down box to designate TECH TREK-NJ) or directly to Claudine Keenan at Stockton U-Dept. of Ed , 101 Vera King Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

**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  
tegea111@aol.com

**Calendar 2016 – 2017**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
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	WOD Luncheon	12pm	Linwood CC
Apr 22, 2017	Branch Meeting	12pm	TBA
Apr 30, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings	3– 5pm	Resorts Casino
May 1, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings	9am- 12pm	Resorts Casino
May 04, 2017	Board Meeting	7pm	TBA
May 15, 2017	Installation Dinner	TBD	TBA



**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.

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**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 TOWSHIP, NJ 08234

**Deadline: January 30, 2017**

# Interest Groups

## Book Group

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

Join us on **January 11** at Audrey Moloney's for a discussion of "Longbourn" by Louise Erlich. Claire Moyer will lead the analysis of life below stairs as the Bennett family of Pride and Prejudice pursues a life of privilege. We will begin promptly at seven o'clock. New people always welcome.

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

Travel Group will meet Wednesday night, **January 18 at 7 pm** at the home of Debbie Davies. Her address is 1105 Lavender Lane in Absecon. Please let her know if you are going to attend: phone 645-2672 or email deb.davies@comcast.net. The program will be on Namibia, Africa, and here's what Debbie says about it:

**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. For 2017, 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!

## ETHNIC LUNCH

FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 2017

12:30

### THE SPOT

TILTON ROAD

NEXT TO THE TILTON THEATER  
NORTHFIELD

Please e-mail Phyllis [LPTTrackman@comcast.net](mailto:LPTTrackman@comcast.net)  
All AAUW and STAR and Guests are welcome.

## 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.

## STAR

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

STAR will meet **January 23, 2017** at 6:30 for snacks (self-supplied) and 7 for program. The program will be a follow-up to November's BLACK LIVES MATTER presentation with a discussion led by a panel arranged by that group on the topic DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE (and what can be done about it.) All are welcome. A holiday get-together was held at the Shore Diner in December.

Meeting place: Mainland Professional Office Park, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Rd, Northfield.





**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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**PUBLIC POLICY| December 2016****Now More Than Ever, Public Policy Must Focus on Women***By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.*

Trump's win, in part, may be attributed to a backlash against the progress of women and minorities. The AAUW is on guard and on heightened watch over the President elect's cabinet picks. Why, you might ask? Presidential cabinet picks matter to women and girls. From campus sexual assault to sex discrimination to reproductive health care, all kinds of crucial issues can be at stake when a presidential administration comes into office. In a way, the current state of the U.S. for women and people of color may be likened to a survivor of domestic violence. The moment just before escaping or just after escaping [from a violent household] is the most dangerous time. We are at a time of maximum danger in this country and we need to look out for each other.

However, for supporters of women's and minority rights, there's value in learning where the country truly stands and how much further it has to go. Just as we would not tell anyone to go back into a violent household, we would not tell each other to go back. Civil Rights legislation enacted in the 1960's cannot be entirely erased and our resolve to work against the erosion of civil rights for all is paramount now. Although many of us are sick and tired of being treated as a second class citizens based merely on gender, the involvement by women and people of color requires ramped up efforts to ensure public confidence in a full and fair confirmation process of certain Presidential nominees. Indeed, AAUW will be watching these confirmation hearings with our mission and goals in mind. The heads of certain agencies stand to have significant influence, positive or negative, on issues affecting women and families. We have our own questions for nominees of certain agencies that will deal directly with AAUW's Public Policy priorities.

# January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Tween Tech</i>	
8	9 <i>Board Meeting 1:00 pm</i>	10	11 <i>Book Group 7pm</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>Travel Group 7pm</i>	19	20	21 <i>Branch Meeting -1 pm</i>
22	23 <i>STAR 6:40pm</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	February 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Stockton Ushers</i>	8 <i>Stockton Ushers</i>	9	10	11

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



# *Holiday Luncheon*



Cathy Shippen and Priscilla Wilkerson



Linda Harmon and Mary Lou Breidenstine



Zoe Christakos and Marian Ingram



Karen Aarons and Joanne Drane



Linda Harmon, Teresa Sartorio, Aida Colon, Connie Smedley, Gail Zona, and Diana Intenzo





Book Group: Audrey Owen, Mary Lou Breidenstine, Jan Smith, Gail Zona and Helen Riso.



Book Group Presenter: Diana Intenzo



Book Group: Terry Daily, Gail Vreeland, and Claire Moyer



Tokyo Mandarin: Jackie Sarner, Shelly Cohen, Gail Davis



Tokyo Mandarin: Gail Zona and Lynne Walters



Linda Harmon and Ruth Traa



## From Our Archives - January 1974

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

The Press, Atlantic City — Thursday, January 24, 1974

### On Equal Rights

# Women Told of Need To Change Attitudes

By ELEANOR LILLESAND  
Press Staff Writer

VENTNOR — American women would make greater headway in their cause for civil rights if they changed their attitudes towards women, a psychologist said here Monday.

Laws discriminating against women and changes made by new laws which gave the women more equal rights were discussed by Dr. Alice Gustav, professor of psychology at Monmouth College for members of the American Association of University Women in the parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany.

"While many men have changed their attitudes towards women since the 1840's, the women have continued with derogatory attitudes towards themselves," she said.

"Women have to learn that attitudes are not hereditary, or innate — attitudes are learned," Dr. Gustav stressed.

Dr. Gustav who was dean of discipline at a New York University during the 1960's, said

that when the troubles of that decade started on the campuses and the male and female youth were excited about tearing down the establishment and building a whole new world, she said "I didn't know whether to laugh at them or cry with them."

#### SAME OLD THINGS

Dr. Gustav said that it was proven at the time that the young female students weren't wanted on an equal basis with the male students. The girls were only wanted to make the coffee, run the typewriter — to do the same old things, she said.

Although women legislators are attempting to make changes for women, Dr. Gustav said she fears they will be disappointed. She recommended that the best way to bring about changes is to continue to work patiently for justice under law.

There are five bills before Congress presently which outlaw discrimination in lending, she said.

Some large department stores are allowing married women to open charge accounts in their own first

names. Prior to this the only name a woman could use legally was her husband's.

#### LAWS AMENDED

Community property laws in Washington State have been amended so as not to discriminate against women. Louisiana is in the process of amending its community property law.

Dr. Gustav noted California property law, and laws in seven other states provides that with the exception of real estate, the husband and wife own everything jointly, with one exception. The husband can sell whatever jointly owned property he wishes but the wife cannot sell one iota.

She warned the women that if they move from New Jersey to a community property state everything they acquired in the new state after they settle there would come under the community property law. Anything they had accumulated before the move would come under the New Jersey ruling, which allows the wife to own her own property.

#### PATTERN OF LAWS

She explained that many of



DR. ALICE GUSTAV  
—To laugh or cry?

the laws in this country are patterned after the English common law, that laws based on that pattern are used in 42 states in the United States. She also pointed out that English common laws are all made by men — not women.

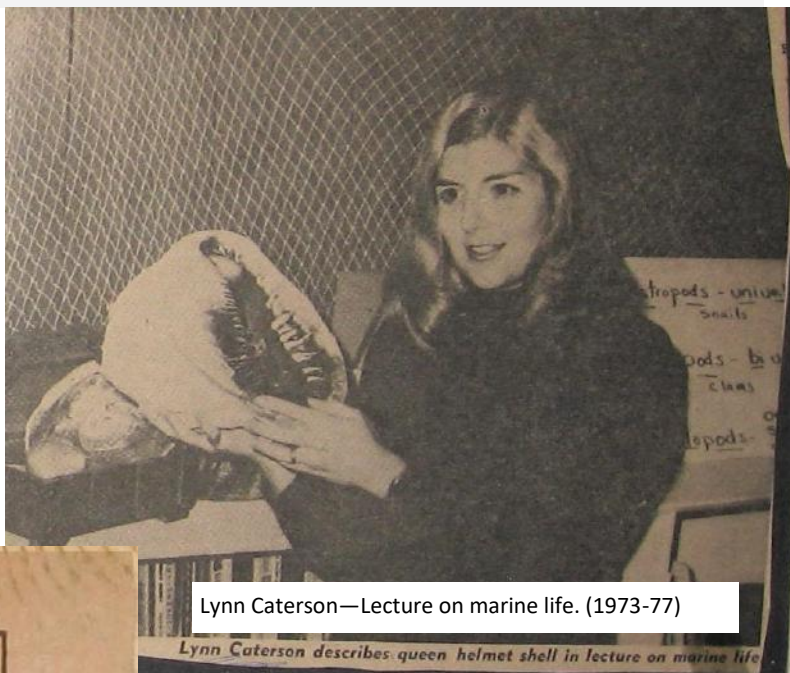
In answer to a question of how women could change their attitudes, Dr. Gustav said, "watch what you say in front of your children. Don't make any derogatory remarks about men. Like 'Isn't that just like a man.'"

She emphasized that attitudes are learned, and if they are learned early it is difficult to change them in later years.

Prior to the talk, a chorus of eight university women presented the holiday choral program which they had prepared for December but were prevented from doing so because of inclement weather.



## *From Our Archives - 1977*



Lynn Caterson—Lecture on marine life. (1973-77)

*Lynn Caterson describes queen helmet shell in lecture on marine life*



Susan Scerni

*Susan Scerni, left,  
Helen Walsh and  
Cindy Shur, right,  
listen to other  
speakers as they  
wait to speak on  
the status of  
women in  
education, politics  
and health care*

Ms. Scerni outlined the efforts of a coalition between NOW, the American Association of University Women, and the League of Women Voters to monitor compliance in local school districts with recent legislation...that prohibits sex discrimination in education.

*The Press, Atlantic City, Women Need To Improve Status In Society, January 13, 1977.*

"And we have an awfully long way to go in career jobs in government..."

Women really need to come forward and present themselves and apply for these jobs (county government)," Mrs. Walsh said.

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Helen Walsh and Cindy Shur