



# THE FORUM

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## President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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This is the season to be grateful for what we have, and to give to others what we'd like them to have. I believe members of The American Association of University Women are grateful for the education we received, because it opened a whole wide world to us. We were the lucky ones! Now, we have the opportunity to help others achieve this goal. We know that education is the key to equality.

We should be very proud of our branch. We give the following gifts of education to those who need it: reading & giving books to preschoolers; ushering at children's theater; sending middle school girls to a week long technology camp; holding one day tech workshops for girls; tutoring for the GED; sponsoring college scholarships; facilitating programs on college campuses, and in other individual ways.

We understand the value of education and the power it has to change lives. We do make a difference! Thank you to all of our members for being part of this wonderful organization. Have a very beautiful holiday season.

## Program News - Lucy Jerue

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### Human Trafficking Forum

Our next meeting will take place on **Sat. Jan 10th** starting at noon at the Women's Center in Linwood. We will learn more about the problem of human trafficking. This is not a happy topic, but it is an important issue in today's world and it is happening right here in Atlantic County. Many times it is happening to our own young people who get into trouble on social media sites.

This will be somewhat of an afternoon forum, including a catered lunch. The plans are to have 2 speakers. One will be Dawne Lomangino DiMauro, who is housed at our own Women's Center. Dawne is the Director of Statewide Human Trafficking Services for the entire state of NJ. Dawne has been wonderful in planning this program for us and giving us space in the Women's Center offices in Linwood for the afternoon. We will also hear from someone from the FBI, to get the view from law enforcement regarding this topic.

The more informed you are about this topic, the better. You can perhaps help prevent someone from being abducted or you will know how to identify a bad situation and call for help. There really ARE things we can all do to be more aware and to help.

The cost of our catered lunch will be \$10 collected at the door. Also, please bring with you **one or more \$5 gift cards** to a fast food restaurant for donation to the Women's Center human trafficking rescue effort. (For more information on this you will see a separate article in this issue of the Forum.) The Women's Center is located at 1201 New Road, Suite 240, Linwood, NJ. Please email me at ljerue@comcast.net by **Tues. Jan. 6th to register** for this program.

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## Financial Report: November 2014

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## Fundraiser Fanfare

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### Operations Account

#### Expenses

Newsletter Oct & Nov	\$ 42.72
Fundraiser:	
Copying (Brochure, lists)	213.87
Flowers	78.15
Treasurer	
Envelopes, Ink	52.40
Stamps, paper	387.14

**Closing Balance** \$ 5,310.04

### Scholarship Account

<b>Fundraiser profit</b>	\$ 3,700.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<u>\$ 11,512.39</u>

(\$4500 pledged for scholarships payable Jan. 2015)

What a great fundraiser we had on November 22 ! There were so many people in attendance – 117 to be exact. And that doesn't count the handful of last minute cancellations, whose checks turned into contributions. As a result of such a great turnout we were able to add \$3700 to the Scholarship Account.

Atlantic City Mayor, Don Guardian, proved to be a great draw. And we thank him profusely for taking time from his busy schedule to address us.

Thanks, also, to the members of the fundraiser committee who worked so hard to make this such a successful event. And thanks to all those who contributed to the raffle items. Everybody's efforts were deeply appreciated.

P.S. With next year's fundraiser in mind – **we need baskets!** So if you receive a basket of goodies this holiday, hang on to the basket and think about donating it for next year's event. If you have one to donate, let Diana Intenzo know: diainzo75@comcast.net or call 609-653-1426. The same thing goes for any unwanted gifts you receive – pretty things that you just can't use. They might be a nice addition to the raffle items...

### Membership - Barbara Wolnerman

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Thanks go out to **Marie Turnbull** who has kindly agreed to serve as Co-Membership Vice President with me. This position has been vacant for awhile, so I very much look forward to working with her. Here is Marie's contact information: 20 Glory Road, Marmora, NJ 08223 390-3394

**Name Tags:** Beginning at the January meeting we will not be collecting name tags at the end of each meeting. By keeping them in your possession, they will be available to you, not just for branch meetings, but for interest groups and other events as needed. In this way new members, veteran members and guests can familiarize themselves with each other in various settings. If you will not be attending the January meeting, the name tags will be available throughout the rest of the year. (Remember, stick on name tags are used for our large luncheons and dinners).

**Roster Change:** Rosa Ojserkis 609-926-4923  
Jan Smith's new email is jhatchersmith@yahoo.com

**Happy holidays to all!**

### STEM Tech Trek - Need Advice !

**Michelle Douglass** mjdouglasslaw@gmail.com

Can you suggest local grant sources? Know a member, former employee or anyone associated with a group that provides grants? These are some of the grant sources we are considering. Can you help?

Prospect

Bayer USA Foundation

Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Inc.

Golden Family Foundation

Honeywell Corporate Giving Program

IEEE Foundation, Inc.

Motorola Solutions Foundation

The Schultz-Hill Foundation, Atlantic City, NJ



Claire Moyer and Lucy Jerue, presenter, holding picture of Elizabeth Gilbert.

**Book Group - Mary Lou Breidenstine**  
breidensti@aol.com  
**Look ahead to the January 21 meeting by reading "Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure**



Book group at Jan Smith's Home:  
Marie Turnbull (standing), Debbie Davies, Mary Hardwick

**Travel Group**  
**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com  
The Travel Group will meet **January 14** at 7:00pm at the home of Phyllis Trackman at 9 Butler Rd in EHT (in the Village Grande). **Brittany, France** will be the topic, presented by Ann-Marie Guevara. She will give us some history of Brittany and tell us about some of the charming and typical small towns she visited this fall. Please **let Phyllis know** if you are coming. Phone: 365-2628 or email Lptrackman@comcast.net.

**STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism)**  
**Gail Zona** - gzona1@comcast.net 641-1986  
STAR's next meeting will be on Monday, **January 26**, 2015 at 6pm (brown bag) and meeting starting at 7pm. Subject will be discussion of recent police killings in Missouri, NYC and Cleveland and what can be done about this ongoing problem in our country. All are welcome to attend this and any of our meetings. Our new location has plenty of space and is in Northfield.



**STEM Tech Trek Camp**



**We need volunteers !**

For More Information, Please Visit:  
<http://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/volunteer/>  
(click the link)

**Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Good News**  
**SAVE THE DATE** and make your plans **NOW** for the **Garden State Film Festival, March 19-22, 2015**, Atlantic City, NJ, to see over 190 current independent films from around the globe. For more information or to volunteer visit [www.gsff.org](http://www.gsff.org). The Garden State Film Festival is right around the corner. Submitted by Harriet D.  
Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Atlantic> or click the *thumb*. Forum & Facebook editor: Mary R. mrydz@yahoo.com



## Woman of Distinction Award Tula Christopoulos

Woman of Distinction Award - **March 14,** 2015. Please call or email Tula Christopoulos with any suggestions for **nomination** of our upcoming Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon. (609) 226-5827. tegea111@aol.com

## ETHNIC CUISINES

**Phyllis Trackman** lptrackman@comcast.net

We're moving – gastronomically speaking – to the far east for our next luncheon outing.

Restaurant: Liang's Chinese Restaurant  
Location: Ventnor & Douglas Ave, Margate  
Date: Thursday, **Feb 12, 2015**  
Time: 12:30

It'll be a good time to try some wonton soup, lo mein, egg rolls, rice, sweet and sour pork, chicken, etc, steamed veggies, etc. Take your pick. Come join us for a fun outing.  
Please sign up by email at: lptrackman@comcast.net.



## Gift Cards Needed - Please Help

**Lucy Jerue** ljerue@comcast.net

For our January program, we will be collecting gift cards for the Atlantic County Women's Center. Their needs are as follows:

Wawa gift cards for any amount are needed for the victims of domestic violence. Many of these women and their children are being sheltered and will need to pick up incidentals or buy gas.

Gift cards in \$5.00 amounts for either McDonald's or Starbucks or any other type of fast food restaurant are needed for the victims of human trafficking. When a victim is rescued, she is often hungry. The person making the rescue wants to be able to sit down with the victim to have her talk and eat. (You will learn more about this at our January branch meeting on Human Trafficking.)

Bring the **gift cards to the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting** at the Women's Center. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to support this effort, send your gift card with a friend or feel free to mail it to me. Many thanks for your support.

## Stockton Children's Theater - Vicki Biron

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Thank you to everyone who ushered on Dec 12th for the Nutcracker at Stockton. 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 or give me a call at 609-703-3788. Please include your phone # so I can call to remind you that week.

**Happy Holidays!**

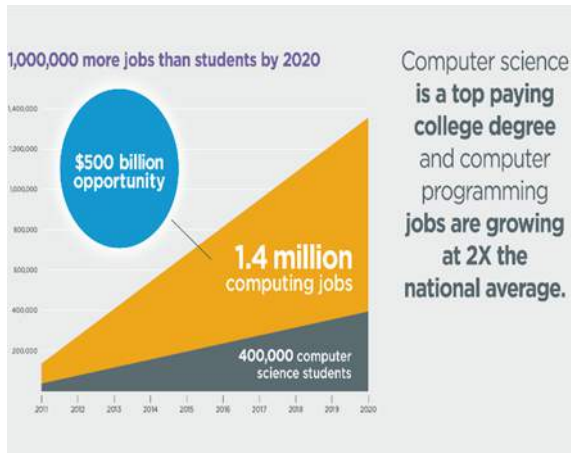


## Tech Trek and Computer Science Education Week – 12/8/2014-12/14/14

69,905,043 have tried an hour of code. Anybody can learn. *By: Michelle J. Douglass*

This week is computer science education week. For more details on what is cool, hot and going on around our country check out: <http://csedweek.org/>

### What's wrong with these Stats?



### New Jersey

**24,011** open computing jobs (growing at 4.9x the state average)

- 1,535 computer science graduates
- 165 schools teach computer science
- CS doesn't count as math or science credit
- No clear CS teacher certification pathways
- No CS curriculum standards

New Jersey is one of 25 states where students can't count computer science for credit towards high school graduation.

<http://csedweek.org/files/states/NJ.pdf>



**Mark Zuckerberg**  
Founder, Facebook

Our policy at Facebook is literally to hire as many talented engineers as we can find. There just aren't enough people who are trained and have these skills today.

## Tech Trek-Some Exciting News for New Jersey!

For the first time ever, New Jersey will host Tech Trek, a week-long residential science, technology, engineering and math camp for seventh grade girls, hosted and sponsored by AAUW. The Tech Trek camp will be held from July 19<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Stockton College of New Jersey! Science, engineering, math, and technology are major fields where women are presently underrepresented but fields where they can and do succeed.

In celebration of computer science week we are proud to announce **that Lockheed Martin has invested in Tech Trek big time with a \$90,000 grant to AAUW.** \$40,000 is for national AAUW to expand camps and \$50,000 is for 4 existing camps that are near Lockheed Martin sites. This means Tech Trek, to be held at Stockton College of New Jersey in July, will receive \$2,500.

Also, **New Jersey has been selected to be the recipient of a pilot apps course, which was developed by MIT and will be implemented thanks to an \$84,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation.** This summer, at our New Jersey tech trek camp, AAUW and the Verizon Foundation are set to launch an initiative to teach girls about apps.

We are very excited about Tech Trek in New Jersey- find out how you can participate: call **Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.** at 609-788-3595 or email her at [mjd@myrightslawyers.com](mailto:mjd@myrightslawyers.com)

**College Connection**  
**Gail Davis** ghdath@comcast.net

We've had 2 meetings scheduled (to meet with all 3 campus staff and VP FOR student Affairs) and then cancelled. Awaiting word for a January meeting. We were noticed by National as having the most e- member sign ups in the country!

**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.

**Help AAUW Tech Trek NJ earn a \$50 bonus!**

Just join today and shop by 12/31/14.

**With iGive, every time you shop, AAUW Tech Trek NJ benefits. Toys R Us and BJ's are on the list.**

Click the image below or copy the address into your web browser.

<http://www.igive.com/welcome/lptest/wr32b.cfm?c=69929&m=1008516&jltest=1>

Shop normally. Nothing to remember. Over 1,500 favorite stores & the iGive Button and apps make helping easy, free, and automatic.

**South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert, *Into the Light*, December 8**



Gail Zona & Carolyn Bassett. Roses compliments of Karen Poorman.



Gail Davies, Mary Ingraham, Peg Fiore



Edie Laverdure, Priscilla Wilkerson, Audrey Owen



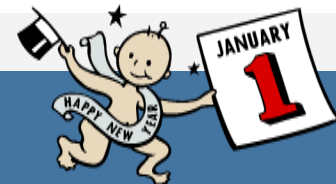
Mary Ingraham, Bonnie Cavalier, Edie Laverdure, Jenine Brown



# Scholarship Fundraiser November 22, 2014



Gail Vreeland, Pres., Mayor Don Guardian & Audrey Owen



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	Human Trafficking Forum
11	12	13	14 Travel Group	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Book Club	22	23	24
25	26 STAR	27	28	29	30	31

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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