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President's Notes

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Dues Renewal:

It's time to renew our memberships – for 2016-2017. The dues remains at \$ 69. You can renew on line (www.aauw.org) or by sending a check made out to AAUW to Beverly Schechtman (see her enclosed article). Please do Bev a favor by paying your dues as soon as possible – perhaps as soon as you finish reading this newsletter. It can be nerve-racking to be waiting for renewal checks way into the summer months. Many thanks for your consideration.

Careme's Luncheon: May 4

Once again we will be sharing a pleasant luncheon with the Cape May branch at Careme's on the ACCC campus – Wednesday, May 4. If you haven't already signed up, send your check for \$20 to Barbara Heinrichs. Hope to see you there.

This is the last newsletter before the summer break. We still have our installation dinner at Mays Landing Country Club on Monday evening, May 16, - plus the one-day Teen Tech outing on June 2 at ACCC and the five-day Tech Trek program, July 17-23, at Stockton. Can't forget the new-old board meeting in June and the budget meeting, nor the initial meetings by the fundraiser committee. So many of us will be busy in the coming months.

Many thanks to all who have made this such a successful year. Looking forward to 2016-2017.

Installation Dinner at Mays Landing CC

May 16 at 5:00pm

"Snapshots of Casino Women's Lives"

Debbie Davies deb.davies@comcast.net

Ellen Mutari and Deborah M. Figart, coauthors of the 2015 book *Just One More Hand: Life in the Casino Economy*, will share the life stories and life lessons of women who have made their living in Atlantic City's casinos—from the casino floor to upper management. The Stockton professors' book is based on interviews with casino workers between 2006 and 2014. The authors believe that the experience of work profoundly affects how people construct their lives and identities. Casinos are emblematic of modern workplaces that sell experiences rather than tangible products. From "Day Oners" to recent immigrants, the women (and men) in Atlantic City's casinos told Mutari and Figart stories about the rewards, excitement, challenges, and frustrations that they experienced.

James K. Galbraith, of the University of Texas at Austin, said of the book, "Ever wonder what life in the casino is like? This fine book tells all, and it does so in the words and stories of the dignified, resourceful, and dogged workers of Atlantic City, squeezed ever more tightly between a slow economy, corporate cost-cutting, and the digital revolution."

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Atlantic County Branch

Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers

Mays Landing Country Club

Monday, May 16

Socialize 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm

\$ 35.00 pp

Featuring

Authors: Ellen Mutari and Deborah M. Figart

“Snapshots of Casino Women’s Lives”

Menu Choices

Roast Turkey Breast with Raisin Challah Stuffing

Horseradish Encrusted Tilapia

Pasta Primavera with Fresh Garden Vegetables

Registration for Installation Dinner - May 16 dinner meeting

Name _____ Phone # _____

Entrée Choice _____

Please indicate your seating preference _____

**Please mail Reservation Form and your check payable to “AAUW, Atlantic County”
to Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd. Absecon, NJ 08201 (641-7085)**

Registration deadline is May 8

DUES! DUES! DUES!

It's that time of year again, and we need to refill the coffers. More important, we need to show our support of all the positive projects and advocacy work that AAUW does on behalf of women by renewing our membership.

\$69.00 annual membership, \$10.00 dual membership

Please send your check, payable to AAUW to

Beverly Schechtman
100 S. Berkley Square, Unit 9G
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-345-5650

STEM Trek Breakfast

Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net

The Woman's Leadership breakfast, held on March 12 at Greate Bay, was a great success. Sponsored by the Cape May Women's Commission, the event was hosted by the Cape May Freeholders and attended by members from several women's groups, including the AAUW branches from Cape May and Atlantic County.

Key note speaker, Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno, gave a very rousing talk and emphasized the importance of getting young girls interested in the STEM fields as early as possible.

Ready Set Read Program with the Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) Joan Leavy, Liaison sk8s2@comcast.net

I want to thank all of the AAUW members who read or are reading to the preschool children throughout Atlantic County. We, along with **WLI** members, have read to every school that requested this program with only four classes missed. If anyone is interested in reading to them, please email me.

The enthusiastic responses from our members has been interesting, helpful and gratifying. AAUW contributed to the upgrade of all books we use and member feedback has been positive. I hope we can continue this successful partnership and I welcome other members to join us in the Fall.

Message from Helen Riso

Thanks a million for honoring me with the **2016 Woman of Distinction Award**. I was deeply touched by the outpouring of support for me at Smithville Inn and the generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund from those who could not make the event. It looks like my 97th year is off to a **GREAT** start!



Foreign Policy Interest Group Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net

The first three meetings of the Foreign Policy interest group---Great Decisions---have dealt with middle eastern politics, ISIS, and the Kurds. Lively discussions have followed the video played at the beginning of each class. Meetings are held on consecutive Tuesdays at 6 pm at the Margate Library. The next topic will be on International Migration and its impact on Europe and related areas.

TECH TREK

Gail Davis- Student Selection Chair ghdath@comcast.net

We are nearing the end of our student selection process which has been extremely busy in Atlantic County. Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers we interviewed 28 viable applicants !

We will have selected our 60 (from 120 applicants statewide) campers by April 24. I know financial donations are still needed and greatly appreciated and well used. If you make one, please do through Peg Fiore at Stockton.

Equal Pay Resolution
Diana Intenzo diaenzo75@comcast.net

The Atlantic County Freeholders meeting on Tuesday, April 12 focused on a resolution in support of Equal Pay Day and the Equal Pay bill recently passed by the NJ legislature and awaiting Governor Christie's signature.

Members of the Atlantic County AAUW branch attended the meeting, prepared the resolution (Michelle Douglass) and spoke in its support (Diana Intenzo), emphasizing that AAUW has been advocating for equal pay for women for years. In fact, the commonly cited figures associated with the gender pay gap are drawn from AAUW research. Also mentioned was information from a recently issued report by the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women, entitled "The Status of Women in Atlantic County".

The resolution was enthusiastically greeted and passed by the Freeholders.

4th Annual Joint Luncheon
Barbara Heinrichs bheinrichs46@earthlink.net

Our 4th annual joint luncheon with Cape May County AAUW will be **Wednesday, May 4**, at 11:30 a.m. at Careme's, the showcase restaurant of the Academy of Culinary Arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing.

Last fall, Careme's revised their format to support a local Farm to Table curriculum. Our lunch will be a sit-down (not buffet) bistro style service using produce from local area farms.

Our luncheon menu will consist of a soup or salad course, an entrée from a limited menu and a choice of desserts. Coffee, hot/cold tea, soft drinks and water are included. **All this for \$20!**

Make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to:

Barbara Heinrichs
503 Whildam Avenue,
N. Cape May, NJ 08204

Don't miss this fun get-together with your friends! Reservations must be received by **April 23**. Careme's Gourmet Restaurant is located on the Atlantic Cape Community College campus, 5100 Black Horse Pike, in Mays Landing.

Opening remarks will be made by Donna Vassallo, Dean of Career Education and Bo Zilovic, Interim Division Chair/STEM Programs and Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems.



Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Member News
Mary R mrydz@yahoo.com

CONGRATS!

Gail Davis's Cape Shore Barbershop Chorus (under the direction of Patty Weeks) placed 2nd in their regional competition held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on April 9.

Carol Zerbe: Members can now view the 6 winning note cards (of course Floral is there) on the AAUW website. Just Google "AAUW art contest winners", and it pops up.

Interest Groups

Travel Group

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A big thank you to Ann Andrew, (Gail Vreeland's daughter) who presented a program on Cambodia including Angkor, a World Heritage site on Wednesday night, April 13, at 7pm. Ann lived in SE Asia for 9 years and traveled to all the countries in the region.

Another big thank-you to Audrey Owen and Bonnie Warwick for their presentation on the Baltic capitols and St. Petersburg, and to Phyllis Trackman for opening her home to us last month.

ETHNIC LUNCH

Phyllis Trackman LPTrackman@comcast.net

FRIDAY JUNE 3 12:30

**VALENTINA'S TRATTORIA
KENSINGTON CENTER
TILTON ROAD –NORTHFIELD**

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME
PLEASE E-MAIL PHYLLIS
IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND**

STAR

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STAR will have a volunteer from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for children to explain what the organization does and answer questions about some of the issues involved in advocating for children. The meeting will be **Monday April 28 at 6:30pm** at Allied Health at the back of the Mainland Professional Office Park at Zion Rd. and Rt. 9 in Northfield. All are welcome.

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, **May 4** at the home of Jan Smith. Audrey Owen will lead us in a discussion of The Wright Brothers by David McCullough. We begin promptly at 7:00.

It is time to get ready for our summer reading program. This summer we will be delving into the works of Oscar Wilde. The meetings will be held at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine at 10:30 on **July 9, 16, and 23**. On **July 30** we gather to view a movie and enjoy a delicious luncheon. Prepare for these meetings by reading the following: De Profundis, The Ballad of Reading Gaol, Salome, The Happy Prince, and of course The Picture of Dorian Gray.

USHERS NEEDED FOR STOCKTON CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

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

If you'd like to usher on Tuesday, May 24th, please send an e-mail to vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me a call at 609-703-3788. If you have already signed up, thank you.

Ushers need to be at the Stockton PAC no later than 9:45 A.M. Once you sign up, I will give you a reminder call a few days before the performance.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, JUNE 11, 2016 at one o'clock at the LINWOOD LIBRARY

FASHION SHOW OF AFRICAN INSPIRED CLOTHES FOR THE AMERICAN WOMAN

Sponsored by AAUW, Atlantic Co. and STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism)



To register please send checks for \$5. made out to Atlantic Co. AAUW and send to

Carolyn Bassett
328 W. Poplar Ave.
Linwood, NJ 08221 and call

Rosalind Norrell-Nance at 609-677-1340 to confirm your attendance.

Proceeds will go to pay the school fees of this young man at the Mustard Seed Academy in Uganda, sponsored by STAR. AAUW also sponsors a student at this facility through the generosity of Diana Intenzo.



Woman of Distinction - Helen Riso



Diane Alverson, Anne McLaughlin, Lee Ellenberg



Ginny Dominic, Lucy Jerue, MaryLou Breidenstine



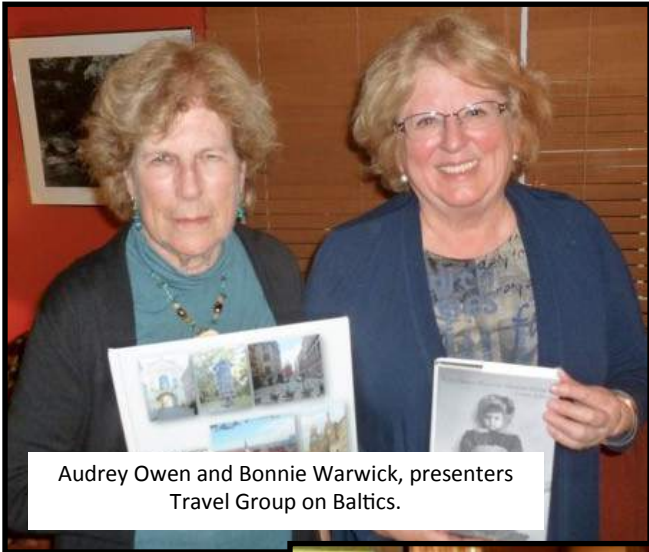
Helen and her nieces (plus a niece's husband)



Members of Miss America group presenting Helen with bouquet.



Helen with Miss America hostesses.



Audrey Owen and Bonnie Warwick, presenters Travel Group on Baltics.



Lucy Jerue, Jeannette Flax and Claire Moyer at Book Club.



Jennifer Lee, film maker, *Feminist Stories* - a documentary film at Georgian Court University.



Phyllis Trackman, Ruth Traa, Carolyn Bassett and Debbie Davies at the Georgian Court Focus on Feminism.



Carolyn reading in Pleasantville for WLI.



Ann Marchesani, Linda Harmon, Carolyn Bassett, Vicki Biron, Karen Poorman, and Diana Intenzo explaining the need for the Equal Pay Resolution to the Board of Freeholders.



Conrad Weiler and Lynne Walters at the Great Decisions Study Group on the Middle East.



Michelle Douglass accepting a check for \$2,000 to the AAUW-NJ 2016 Tech Trek STEM Camp from the Association for Women in Computing of Northern New Jersey on Tuesday, April 12th.



Diana Intenzo explaining the need for the Equal Pay Resolution to the Board of Freeholders



Phyllis Trackman, Carol Cohen, AAUW State President, and Ruth Traa at showing of *Feminist Stories*.

**ATLANTIC COUNTY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN UP
WITH ATLANTIC COUNTY FREEHOLDERS IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY EQUAL PAY ACT**

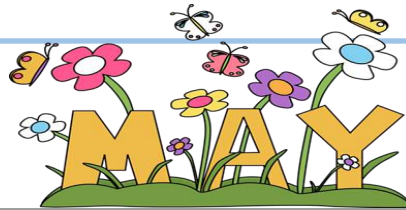
By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.

The Atlantic County Branch of the New Jersey-American Association of University Women (“AAUW”) will present a Resolution in support of the New Jersey Pay Equity Act for consideration by the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders on April 12, 2016. The next Atlantic County Freeholder meeting is to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., in Northfield, NJ at the Stillwater Building, which is also the anniversary of the passage of the original Equal Pay Act in 1963. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 is a United States federal law amending the Fair Labor Standards Act, aimed at abolishing wage disparity based on sex. Despite the passage of the Equal Pay Act 53 years ago, women in New Jersey and across the country still earn less than men for the same work.

The new legislation would:

- Prohibit unequal pay for “substantially similar” work, under the Law Against Discrimination (LAD).**
- Require different rate of compensation to be justified by factors other than sex.**
- Restart the statute of limitations for each instance of discrimination.**
- Prohibit employer retaliation against an employee for disclosing compensation**
- Require transparency in state contracting.**

AAUW-NJ, Atlantic County Branch President, Diana Intenzo and Michelle Douglass, Esq., Public Policy Chair, will present the proposed Resolution for consideration to the Atlantic County Freeholders which is on the Agenda for **April 12, 2016** at 4:00 p.m. and members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	Joint Luncheon- Caremes 11:30am; Book Group 7pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Installation Dinner at Mays Landing CC	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Ushers at Stockton PAC	25	26	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