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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

President's Message Linda Harmon linda.harmon@gmail.com

Congratulations and a warm welcome to all of our new officers and chairpersons for 2017 – 2018. Thank you for stepping up to volunteer your time for our branch!

It is that time of year again to renew membership in our branch and to pay annual dues. The dues remain \$69. You may pay your dues online (aauw.org) or send a check made out to "AAUW" to Beverly Schechtman. See notice in Forum.

If you have any changes in email, address, or phone numbers, please let Lynne Walters know.

Our last event for the year will be our May Program and Installation Dinner on **May 15th** at **Mays Landing Country Club at 5pm.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 5!

Please be sure to send in your registration to join us for a delightful evening!

Changes are coming:

- Dues for the 2018 – 2019 will be going up to \$79. Just giving a heads up!
- Bylaw changes now being voted on have new wording to include new members known as *advocate members*. Read more about this change in your Spring 2017 AAUW Outlook Magazine (on page E14), which came out recently. You can also read the magazine online at AAUW.org.
- National is moving two new issues to the forefront, under Public Policy. They include: human trafficking and the Equal Rights Amendment. More information can be found in the Spring 2017 AAUW Outlook Magazine (p.E20).

A special thank you to everyone for making this a great year for our AAUW branch, especially my mentor and friend, Diana Intenzo!

Linda

Installation Dinner at Mays Landing CC May 15 at 5:00 pm

Women Artists: The intersection of their life and their art Debbie Davies deb.davies@comcast.net

Our speaker, Kate Nearpass Ogden is a professor of art history at Stockton University, where she has taught American art, modern art, and the history of photography since 1991. Her book *Yosemite* - a cultural history of a spectacular scenic location - was published in the fall of 2015.

"Women Artists" will focus on selected women artists of the last two centuries and the challenges they faced in establishing artistic careers. This illustrated lecture will include Georgia O'Keeffe (who appears in Ogden's book) and will include several contemporary artists who deal with gender issues in their work.

It's that time of year again and dues are due! \$69

If you are a dual member, please send a check for \$69.00 to your primary group and a check for \$10.00 to the dual group. You can also pay online. Thank you.

Beverly Schechtman
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Atlantic County Branch

Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers

Mays Landing Country Club

Monday, May 15

Socialize 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm

\$ 35.00 pp

Featuring

Professor Kate Nearpass Ogden

Women Artists: The Intersection of Their Life and Their Art

Menu Choices

Roast Turkey Breast with Raisin Challah Stuffing

Horseradish Encrusted Tilapia

Pasta Primavera with Fresh Garden Vegetables

Registration for Installation Dinner - May 15 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 5

Tech Trek

Gail Davis - Lucy Jerue
ghdath@comcast.net

All 20 (of 21) counties interviewed 114 applicants and submitted their priority lists as of April 14.

Acceptances(62 according to a weighted formula that was fair to all) were sent out April 18 as were wait lists notifications. The accepted students will receive a notice soon from AAUW national to pay their \$50.00 and complete necessary information necessary for camp attendance. They are also expected to attend the 'MeetnGreet' on Saturday, May 13 at 1:00pm.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteered to read essays and interview student applicants. The prioritizing was difficult as there are no poor candidates. We have received compliments from parents that having to apply, write an essay and be interviewed was most a most valuable experience. Our electronic submission first year process had some challenges which we hope can be avoided for 2018. We will also be offering an aerospace component this year(exciting)!

The need for fundraising is ongoing so if you are seeking a charitable, tax deduction please consider Tech Trek.



TEEN TECH for 9th-11th grades will be held at Stockton this year on Tuesday, **May 23** at 8:30am. Volunteers can still sign up with Dottie Pearson (pearson@princeton.edu or 609-898-4585). A 'training' session will be held at Stockton on Monday, **May 15** at 2:00pm.

Membership

Lynne Walters - rrwalters321@hotmail.com

Please welcome and add our new members to your membership list.

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Ready Set Read! Program

AAUW-Women's Leadership Initiative Partnership

Joan Leavy sk8s2@comcast.net 823-3442

My final update as liaison to WLI for the Ready Set Read! Program. Our two groups have read to 47 classes in 20 schools missing 3 other participating schools.

The new Liaison to the program is Mary Brodsky, a WLI member and a new AAUW member, who will begin in September. She is very committed to the program and has read to many of the classes. I hope you will continue to support this important early educational program and have fun with the children.

Interest Groups

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday at the home of Claire Moyer to discuss "Collected Stories" by Don Margulies. Kit Lok will begin the discussion at 7:00.

The **June 7** meeting will be held at Terri Dailey's. Shelley Cohen will lead the discussion of "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett.

Summer Book Club will focus on the career of Somerset Maugham, beginning with "Ashenden: Or the British Agent". Of course we will read "Of Human Bondage" and one additional work. Lunch and a movie will complete the series. All meetings are at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine at 10:30 on Friday mornings. Exact dates TBA.

New members are always welcome.

STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

I need volunteers for the children's program at Stockton on Tuesday, **May 9**, 2017, at 10:30am. It's the "Bay-Atlantic Symphony Education Concert." Volunteers are asked to be there no later than 9:45 am. The concert is in the Performing Arts Center, parking Lot 6. If you'd like to volunteer, please e-mail me at vickibiron@comcast.net, or give me call at 609-703-3788. If you have already volunteered, thank you!

About 2 weeks prior to the show, I will have a Stockton parking pass e-mailed to you by Anjanette at Stockton.

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.

ETHNIC LUNCH

FRIDAY, MAY 12

12:30

JOE'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

131 JORDEN ROAD, SOMERS POINT

OFF LAUREL DRIVE (Turn right at gas station on corner)

Please e-mail Phyllis lptrackman@comcast.net

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

CUBA: People to People

On Wednesday, **May 31** at 7PM Terry Dailey and Susan Lothian will tell us about the people to people trips they each took to Cuba during the past year. Although they traveled with different tour companies, they both loved their experiences meeting people and seeing sights in Havana and other parts of Cuba. The meeting will be at the home of Susan Lothian, 160 Pennsylvania Avenue, Absecon. Please let Susan know if you plan to come.

Call 377-8101 or email: susanlothian@gmail.com

Help wanted

Title IX Coordinator for AAUW Atlantic County Branch

AAUW National has now provided a database of all of our local schools, their Title IX coordinators name(s), addresses, and phone numbers. In addition, you have scripted letters, contact messages, and materials at your fingertips to provide them to do their job with ease.

This position requires a coordinator in the branch to gather a committee to reach out to these Title IX chairpersons and show them that we, AAUW, support what they are doing, and to simply point them to all of our resources to help them to do their job to assure equity for all.

Please contact me if you are interested in this new position at AAUW Atlantic County Branch!

Linda Harmon 609-204-8596 or linda.harmon@gmail.com

AAUW NJ State Convention

Linda Harmon linda.harmon@gmail.com

Our Atlantic County Branch is celebrating our 100th Anniversary this year. We will have a table display at the convention with cake and balloons to celebrate. **Please, let's all try and make this event this year... it's in our backyard and I would love to see all of you there!**

It is time to register for the **Annual State Convention April 30 – May1** at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Your **\$25 registration fee** includes Sunday evening appetizers and Monday morning breakfast provided by the AAUW of NJ. Speakers include:

Yasemin Bessen-Cassino: Associate Professor of Sociology at Montclair University and author of “Consuming Work – Youth Labor in America” - “Gender Inequality at Work and at Home: Division of Labor at Home”

Dr. Mary Gatta: Associate Professor of Sociology at City University of New York - “Women, Security and Aging”

Abigail Lewis: AAUW VP Campus Leadership Programs. – “AAUW Updates”

Candace Straight: Executive producer of “Equity”, a film about a corporate woman in the male dominated investment banking industry. See Bio - Award ceremony for the “AAUW NJ Woman as Agent of Change” Award

You must register online. HERE IS HOW: go to <http://aauw-nj.aauw.net/>
Scroll down until you see the information about the State Convention April 30-May 1
Click “Register Now” and follow the commands.
It will ask you to pay through PayPal. **You do not need a pay pal account. When you open it, it will give you the option to pay by credit card.**

Hotel rooms are available at Resorts Casino. Rates are \$95 for the night of April 30th. Call to make your reservation **888-797-7700** and give the **Group Code: VAAW7.**



Lucy Jerue, Presenter, at the April 22 Meeting



Issues at the Forefront Linda Harmon

The April meeting provided a forum for some open discussion about issues at the forefront of AAUW. The AAUW Spring Outlook Magazine included an addendum section with new changes to the National Bylaws. These can be found in the magazine on pages E13 – E19. It has been over 10 years, but these bylaws open the door for consideration as to what is required for membership in AAUW. There are two different bylaws to vote for. On page E14, it gives consideration to allowing members **without college credentials** to be members known as **advocates**. They would pay dues, attend events, but have no voting rights nor serve as an officer or on any committee. They can attend our events **but not volunteer to help the organization**. That is the new bylaw change to Article IV 2.

Article IV 2a(1) change states, "Eligibility. An individual who pays annual dues to AAUW shall be eligible to be an active Member." (Page E15)

This brings to the forefront whether or not to allow all women, regardless of education to be members of AAUW.

You have a voice. Vote your conscience. But do vote on the new bylaws! Voting is taking place now online at AAUW.org.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	AAUW NJ State Convention - Resorts	2	3	4 Board Meeting 5:30pm -Shore Diner	5	6
7	8	Ushers at Stockton	10	11	12 Ethnic Lunch 12:30	13
14	15 Installation Diner -5pm Mays Landing CC	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Teen Tech at Stockton	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Travel Group 7pm	June 1	2	3
4	5	6	June 7 Book Group 7pm			

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.

PUBLIC POLICY | By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq. | April 23, 2017

AAUW Proposed ByLaws Amendment: Membership as an ADVOCATE

The obstacle of not having a college degree should not be another barrier women have to overcome.

Currently, there is a new way of thinking about membership in organizations; it reflects the diversity and inclusiveness that is represented in the U.S. population. AAUW diversity strategies state that no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or class should exist. There are a large number of women and men who support AAUW’s mission and have no college degree; their membership would enhance the organization and provide positive support for its programs and mission. This new category of membership would support the new emphasis on diversity and inclusion and broaden AAUW’s community outreach, increase AAUW’s recognition and eliminate yet another barrier for all women.

See the Proposed Changes below:

Proposed changes	Amended bylaw to read
Article IV Section 2b, insert “or Advocates”	
<p>b. College/University Members. Any Accredited Higher Education Institution or other qualified higher educational institutions located outside the United States, as determined by the Board of Directors, that pays annual dues to AAUW shall be eligible to be a College/University Member. Each College/University Member shall appoint one or two representatives who are eligible to be Individual Members or Advocates and who shall each have the membership benefits of an Individual Member and any other benefits that accrue to representatives of College/University Members, as determined by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>b. College/University Members. Any Accredited Higher Education Institution or other qualified higher educational institutions located outside the United States, as determined by the Board of Directors, that pays annual dues to AAUW shall be eligible to be a College/University Member. Each College/University Member shall appoint one or two representatives who are eligible to be Individual Members or Advocates and who shall each have the membership benefits of an Individual Member and any other benefits that accrue to representatives of College/University Members, as determined by the Board of Directors.</p>

Human Trafficking | AAUW Resolves to Focus, Emphasize and Act under Public Policy

By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines sex trafficking as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age. Transportation need not be a factor.

The State Policy Sex Trafficking Toolkit provides:

- Provide survivor centered and trauma informed services for sex trafficking victims
- Strengthen the child welfare system’s response to sex trafficking.
- Treat trafficked children as victims rather than criminals.
- End demand for the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

[Download the State Policy Sex Trafficking Toolkit PDF](#)



Our AAUW branch is planning a bus trip to New York City on December 16, 2017 to see the Broadway show *Wicked*, which is the story of the friendship between two strong women who are very different from each other. The music is beautiful, the effects are breathtaking, and, even if you have seen it at another location, you will enjoy it in New York. Each time you see it, you will discover new aspects of the plot. It opens many doors for discussion among women.

https://youtu.be/d4yjj_aBA7k

We have reserved 50 seats in the rear orchestra (stadium seating) with the understanding that we may need wheelchair seating and will require handicapped access to elevators. The theater said that they would recommend a wheelchair over a walker. The bus should drop us and pick us up at the front of the theater and take us to dinner. The bus and group-priced tickets will cost a total of \$145. We will have dinner together at individual cost. Each member may register a spouse or friend to accompany them. If initial seats fill, we must fill an entire second bus and be able to get 50 more tickets to take additional people.

We should leave around 10AM and arrive home at about 10:00 or 11:00 that night.

Please respond with a “yes” or “no” immediately. We will need a firm count by **April 28, 2017** and the payment will be due by check on **May 22, 2017**. Deposits will have to be paid to the bus company and Broadway ticketing agency at that time to hold the bus and the seats for a popular time of the year for shows and travel. We will deposit the remaining funds in the AAUW account. The branch will not make any expenditures. All costs will be paid by the individuals attending.

New York is beautiful in December. Join us for a great day.

Secure your seat by doing one of three things:

- 1) Register “yes” or “no” at <http://bit.ly/NYCAAUW>
- 2) E-mail your response to karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com or
- 3) Mail this form back to

Karen Poorman 214 Blackman Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Name _____

_____ Yes I want to attend the NYC tip at a cost of \$145.00 for transportation and Orchestra tickets to *Wicked*.

_____ I will require handicapped accessible seating.

_____ I will be accompanied by a spouse or guest.

_____ No, I am unable to attend

From Our Archives -

May 1983 Dinner Meeting



1983-1985 Newly Installed Officers at May 16, 1983 Dinner Meeting
Rosemary Ordile-Recording Sec., Karen Aarons-President
Josie McKelvey-Vice-President, Cathy Bergen-Corresponding Sec.,



American Association of University Women

May 1987 Program

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- PRESIDENT: Johanna McKelvey, 645-1579
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- BULLETIN: Ruth Cooper, 927-3537
- Sylvia Delett, 641-9040

Program

CAROLE SCHIAVO, 641-4861

Travel with us on Monday, May 18th, to Maine and Arizona as the talented Carol Zerbe, artist-educator from Linwood Public Schools, entices us with an artful display of audio-visuals at the Longport Inn, in Longport.

Miss Zerbe, the recipient of the Atlantic County Teacher of the Year award, as well as the award recipient in her own teaching community, will present a short slide program entitled, "Growth and Discovery Through Watercolor." She will also have on display some of her original artwork.

This dinner meeting is our last for the 1986-87 year and begins at 6 pm with cocktails. Our guest speaker will present her program promptly at 6:30 followed by the dinner meeting.

So, join us and travel to places with the works of Carol Zerbe. See you then!