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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Time is flying by, and 2014 will soon be over. But, before it ends, we have many exciting events happening in our branch. Many members will attend the NJ Fall Focus Retreat Oct. 19th and 20th to create, collaborate, and celebrate AAUW with our sister branches. On Oct. 21, we will shop till we drop at Boscov's to raise money for scholarships. The small interest groups are holding stimulating, enjoyable meetings, including a new Ethnic Cuisines luncheon group. Be sure to get involved in these; it's a great way to meet new friends. The Ready, Set, Read volunteer program will be starting back up. Many are working on November's feature event, the annual Scholarship Fundraiser. AC Mayor Don Guardian promises to be an engaging and timely speaker. You don't want to miss it! College Connections continues to be active on the 3 ACCC Campuses. A total of 207 students signed up for Student AAUW e-membership. Programs are also being planned for the campuses. We have been approved to hold a STEM Tech Trek at Stockton College next summer. This is a one week camp for 7th and 8th grade girls. Lots of work going into both of these fabulous projects. Our final event is an outing on Dec 8th to Stockton to hear the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble's holiday concert. Did you say you have nothing to do??? Find your niche in AAUW!

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Fundraiser: Sat. Nov 22, 2014 Atlantic City Country Club, 12 Noon

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We have an exciting speaker scheduled for our major fundraiser of the year. He is Atlantic City Mayor, Don Guardian. You won't want to miss hearing what he has to say about current conditions in our area.

Make your reservations now! Invite your friends! It promises to be an exciting event – including speaker and raffle.

Proceeds go toward our scholarship fund to help women and girls obtain their college degrees. So the more attendees we have, the more money we have for scholarships.

Check the sign-up form on Page 2 for all the details, menu choices, etc. Absolute deadline for reservations is Nov 15. Don't delay! See you there!

Program News - Lucy Jerue

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Our **December program** is an outing to enjoy The South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble. Their holiday concert, *Into the Light*, will take place on Monday evening December 8th at 7:30pm at the Richard Stockton Performing Arts Center. As many of you know, our own Karen Poorman is the President of the Wind Ensemble and will be one of the many talented musicians performing that evening.

If you are one of the 29 people who ordered a ticket, then I have your ticket and will give it to you just prior to the show. We will plan on meeting in the area near the box office at 7:15pm to pass out tickets. The tickets are assigned seating. All are located in row F.

(Information about Dinner continued on page 5)

AAUW Atlantic County Scholarship Fundraiser

American Association of University Women, Atlantic County Branch

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Social 12:00 Noon Luncheon 1:00 PM

Atlantic City Country Club

Shore Road, Northfield

Featuring Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian



Menu Choices

Tenderloin of beef. Chicken Francaise. Baked salmon.

Price \$40.00

Raffle

Reservation deadline November 15,2014. Please mail form and checks payable to AAUW to:

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201 - 641-7085

Name _____ Phone _____

Menu Choice _____

Please seat me with _____

AAUW of NJ Fall Focus



Come join AAUW-NJ members and friends for our second Annual Fall Focus Meeting at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City—Sunday/Monday—October 19th and 20th, 2014.

Registration for the Fall Focus includes cocktail party (cash bar), and a breakfast buffet Monday morning. Sunday dinner on your own, with friends, old and new. Meeting registration fee of \$25.00

Register at <http://aauw-nj.aauw.net/newsevents/fall-focus/>

We have received a great rate for one night in the Resorts Casino Hotel. A room can be reserved for double occupancy for only \$55.00! **SHARE** a room/**SPLIT** the cost. To make room reservations call, 888-797-7700. Be sure to give them the code of VAAUW to receive the discounted rate by October 1, 2014.

Gentle reminder—Please note there is a \$5 parking fee. Allow time to park and check in. We have a full agenda of speakers, workshops, hands on activities and time to exchange ideas and learn of projects developed by other branches.

SUNDAY / 3:00-7:00 PM

- 3:00-5:00: Introduction and FUN, FUN, FUN Welcome.
National AAUW update—Cordy Galligan—VP Marketing and Business Development
Celebrate the Day of the Girl and Embracing Eleanor Roosevelt — Joan Monk
Preview of Monday's workshops

- 5:30-7:00: Cocktails and Convos

MONDAY / 8:00 AM- 1:00PM

- 8:00-10:00: Meet & Eat — Breakfast Buffet — **BRANCH PRESIDENT'S** Circle
- 8:00-10:00: Meet & Eat — Breakfast Buffet — **ALL OTHER ATTENDEES**
- 10:30-1:00: Main Session — **EVERYONE**
Legislative Watch Sally Goodson
Create, Collaborate, Celebrate

Financial Report: September 2014

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Operations Account

Income:

Dues	\$ 100.00	
Sept Dinner	<u>2,030.00</u>	+ \$ 2,130.00

Expenditures

Sept Speaker Honorarium	\$ 100.00	
Forum (print/postage)	24.43	
Roster (print/postage)	239.43	
Sept Dinner	<u>1,573.38</u>	
		- \$ 1,937.03

Balance

\$ 5,713.94

Scholarship Account

Income: Boscov's Tickets \$ 580.00

Balance

\$ 7,731.08

(\$4400 pledged for scholarships for 2015)

Fall Focus on Public Policy-What's Hot?

Michelle Douglass mjdouglaslaw@gmail.com



There's more than leaves in the air.

It's an exciting time to be an AAUW Public Policy Chair- especially in Atlantic County! It seems like one of our priority issues is the mid-term election coming up in November 2014. We have a General Election with Upcoming Election Dates for *2014 November General Election* which are as follows:

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Deadline to register to vote or change address: October 14, 2014

Deadline to apply by mail for a mail-in ballot: October 28, 2014

SPREAD THE WORD! Voting Matters.

College Connection - Gail Davis

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With the help of Marge Coach, Barb Wolnerman , Mary Rydzewski , Beverly Schectman and Lynn Walters and myself we signed up 75 students for AAUW email memberships at the Mays Landing Campus of ACCC over 2 welcome back sessions in September. I finally met with Nancy Porfido and Lisa Givens on Oct 6 to get dates established for the START SMART (salary negotiation workshops) for the Spring semester. ACCC still has to pay their \$1,750 licensing fee (covers all three campuses for 3 years). So we can go no further at this point, but hopefully, we will be able to apply for grants to cover the costs in the very near future.



Beverly Schectman & Lynn Walters
(Mary Rydzewski behind the camera)

Recruiting at Atlantic Cape
Community College



Marge Coach & Barbara Wolnerman

December Program - Dinner

Lucy Jerue ljerue@comcast.net



We have the option, before the show, of enjoying a **buffet dinner** at the Student Dining Center located in the N-Wing. This is a short walk from the PAC. It is one wing over. They offer soup, salad, pizza, pasta, hot and cold food, a dessert bar, ice cream, coffee, tea, water, soda, etc. They usually have a gluten-free item too. Dinner is \$10.00 and it is open to the public.

If you are interested in the dinner option, I suggest that you arrive at the campus early, find a space in **Parking Lot 6** near the PAC, and walk over to the N-Wing cafeteria. Arriving between 5:45 and 6pm would be a good idea. Our own Peg Fiore has arranged for us to have our own seating area in the dining hall. That way we can linger over coffee/tea and dessert. You do not have to sign up in advance for dinner. Just show up if you are interested.

If you would like to attend this event and did not order a ticket through me, you may do so directly from the Stockton Box Office .
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Boscov's Day: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Gerri Morrison ghm234@aol.com

Once again we are entering the Boscov's Day Fundraiser to be held on Tuesday, **October 21**. Tickets entitle the holder to an extra 25% off most of the items in the store.

This is a mini fundraiser event for AAUW because we get to keep all of the proceeds from the tickets we sell. The total will go into our Scholarship Account.

What can each of us do?

- Purchase 4 tickets at \$5.00 each for a total of \$20.00. You can give the extra tickets to friends and family. It's a great opportunity to allow others to save an extra 25% on purchases made that day.
- Contact me, Gerri Morrison, at ghm234@aol.com or call my cell at 908-358-5560.



Don't pass up this once-a-year opportunity for a great shopping spree, as well as a chance to contribute to our scholarship fund. Every dollar we contribute to the account helps!

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com



Mary Hardwick gave a fascinating presentation on Dartmoor and Plymouth, England, complete with authentic refreshments. She drew on her artistic background to illustrate and illuminate her talk.

On **November 5** at 7 pm at the home of Carolyn Bassett, Mary Rydzewski will be the presenter for a trip she took to the Galapagos Islands as a member of a group of visiting teachers. She visited places normally not open to the public! She will present pictures of a variety of birds and animals she got VERY close to while she was there. Discussion will include issues of invasive species, fishing rights, illegal immigration and scarcity of water. I am sure many of you will want to see this. Let Carolyn know if you can come. My number is 927-9095 and e-mail is geoca41@gmail.com.

Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Good News

Wish you could receive timely updates more often? Visit our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Atlantic> or click the *thumb*. (You do not need to join Facebook to view the page.)

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Stockton Children's Theater - Vicki Biron

If you have the time and would like to usher for the Stockton's Children's Shows this winter, here are the dates and titles.:

1. The Nutcracker on Friday, **Dec 12** at 10:30am.
2. Somers Point Jazz Education Concert on Wednesday, **April 15** at 10:30am..
3. Bay-Atlantic Symphony Education Concert on Tuesday, **May 5** at 10:30am.

Ushers need to arrive no later than 9:45 AM as doors open at 10:00 AM.

If you would like to usher, please e-mail Vicki Biron at vickibiron@comcast.net Let me know what date or dates, and include your phone number so I can call and remind you the week before. I need 8 ushers per show. Thanks for your help.

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.

Book Group - Mary Lou Breidenstine

breidensti@aol.com

The planning meeting of the Book club will be held on **October 22** at 7:00 at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine. Carolyn Bassett will lead a discussion of "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt. At this meeting, we will plan our selections for the coming year. New people are always welcome. Bring your suggestions.

ETHNIC CUISINES

Phyllis Trackman Lptrackman@comcast.net

A new interest group is in the works – for a luncheon group interested in enjoying international cuisines. Phyllis Trackman - who knows a great deal about the ethnic restaurants in the area – is willing to select the restaurant, make the reservations, and gather the names of interested members to meet for lunch. These lunch get-togethers will be held from time to time during the year. The first luncheon will feature Greek cuisine and will be held as follows:

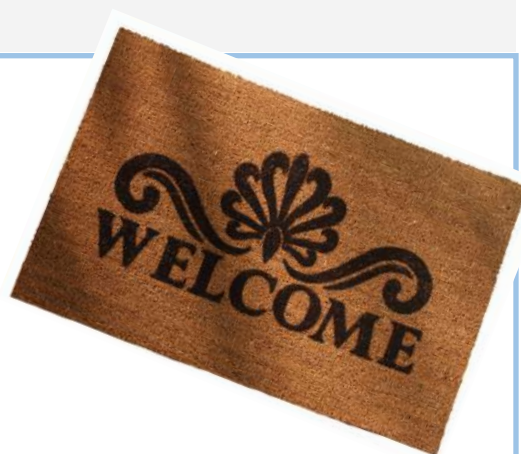
Date: Tuesday, **October 28**, 2014 Place Katina's in Ocean City at Central and 9th
Time: 12:30 pm

If you are interested please email Phyllis by **Oct 15**. She'll need to know the number of people attending in order to make the reservations.



Welcome Our New Members

Barbara Wolnerman blw425@aol.com



Our branch continues to grow!

Please see below for our newest members and for some updates to our roster.

New Members:

Patricia A. Scully

1413 Sheridan Blvd., Brigantine, NJ 08203
Phone: 609 948-5160 Member Recruiter: Helen Riso
New Jersey University at Jersey City Degree: BS in Ed.

Lucy Croneberger

PO Box 285, Cologne, NJ 08213
Phone: 609 804-0065 E-mail: lucy.croneberger@gmail.com Member Recruiter: Carolyn Bassett
Beirut College for Women BS Advanced Degree: American University of Beirut Lebanon MS

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Mays Landing Country Club

September 16



Speaker: Dr Basilyn Bunting
Founder of *Friends of American Science and Engineering*



Audrey Owen, Susan Cottrell & Ruth Traa



Helen Riso & Pat Scully



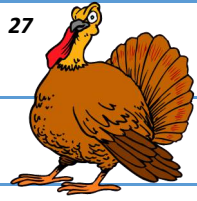
Suzanne Feye, Kathy Berns, Lucy Croneberger & Barbara Wolnerman



Michelle Douglass



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Board Meeting 1:00 pm G.Vreeland's house	4	5 Travel Group 7pm Carolyn's house	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Luncheon ACCC 12:00
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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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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