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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

Presidents' Notes

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We have such a busy schedule coming up for the next few months. So let's review as a reminder and an incentive to participate.

November 12 Fundraiser

To be held at the Linwood Country Club, 12 noon, featuring Darlene Cavalier, an inspirational speaker on behalf of innovation in society, especially STEM related matters. Check the details in the enclosed flier and be sure to make your reservations if you have not already done so.

This is our main source of revenue for our scholarship fund. So we encourage all to come and bring your friends. We look forward to seeing you.

December 10: Holiday Luncheon and 100th Anniversary Launch:

To be held at the Linwood Library, 12 noon. We're having a sit-down hot luncheon, prepared by Mary Lou Breidenstine and her fellow cooks, followed by the start of our anniversary celebration. Again, for the very reasonable price of \$10.

See the announcement in the following pages for details on signing up. We'll need a head count to determine seating and food preparation. So please don't delay in getting your name on the list.

January 6, 2017: Tween Tech day at Stockton University:

Volunteers are needed to meet and greet, lead groups of girls to their classrooms, stay and watch the programs, lead them back to the lunch room, and repeat the process for the early afternoon sessions.

These one-day outings have been lots of fun and give you a great feeling of satisfaction for helping guide young girls toward important fields of study. Please consider volunteering. Again, see details inside for how to sign up.

Introducing Scholarship Fundraiser Speaker, Darlene Cavalier

Darlene Cavalier is a Professor of Practice at Arizona State University's Center for Engagement and Training, part of the School for the Future of Innovation in Society. Cavalier is the founder of SciStarter, where more than 50,000 people engage in crowdsourcing scientific research. She is the founder of Science Cheerleader, an organization of more than 300 current and former professional cheerleaders pursuing STEM careers, and she is a cofounder of ECAST: Expert and Citizen Assessment of Science and Technology, a network of universities, science centers, and think tanks that produces public deliberations to enhance science policymaking. She is a founding Board Member of the Citizen Science Association, a senior advisor at Discover Magazine, and a member of the EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. She is the author of *The Science of Cheerleading* and co-editor of *The Rightful Place of Science: Citizen Science*, published by Arizona State University. She graduated from Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania and was a high school, college and NBA cheerleader. Darlene lives in Philadelphia with her husband and four children.

Carol Zerbe czpaints@verizon.net

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**December 10th Luncheon and
Anniversary Celebration
Sign up now!**

Once again, we're holding a sit-down luncheon at The Linwood Library - on Saturday, Dec 10, 12 noon.

Hot food will be served, courtesy of Mary Lou Breidenstine and her cadre of cooks. This helps us avoid the holiday rush at restaurants and the related expense. The price is a very reasonable \$10, to be collected at the door.

But we need to have a head count, so you must sign up ahead of time. Some already signed up at the October branch meeting. If you did not do so, please contact Diana Intenzo, diainzo75@comcast.net or call her at 609-653-1426. We need to know if you are coming!

Two other points to note: Following lunch, we will have a celebratory birthday party, marking our 100th anniversary. Lots of fun and noise! You won't want to miss it!

And, our tradition is to obtain voluntary gift cards for the Women's Center – either (1) WaWa cards for the women being sheltered or served by the Center, or (2) gift cards from fast-food restaurants for the Human Trafficking workers who rescue hungry victims who need to be fed immediately.

Toiletries, clothing and small personal items are also welcomed for these women. All of these contributions represent a wonderful way to celebrate the season!

Call now to reserve your seat at the luncheon!

Save the Date!

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Breakfast at Greate Bay, 10 am -12 noon

Our branch and the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women are currently planning to hold a joint breakfast at Greate Bay, 10 am to noon to raise funds for the AAUW sponsored STEM programs at Stockton University in 2017.

We've reserved the date, place and time and ask that you mark your calendars to allow you to plan to attend the breakfast in support of this effort.

Our plan is to extend to other professional women groups in the area to solicit their support. But your attendance would play a crucial role in making this event a success.

More to come.
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From the desk of Gail Davis

ghdath@comcast.net

Scholarships

We are working on possibly having some of our scholarship recipients at our Scholarship fundraising luncheon on November 12 at Linwood CC . Please invite family and friends to this event which is crucial to the AAUW mission and that of our chapter. **Gail Davis and Karen Poorman**

STEM projects

We have 3 great 'in our territory' projects to support:

1. **TWEEN TECH**-at Stockton U on Friday, January 6 when 200-250 6,7,8th grade girls will come for workshops involving science, technology, engineering and math . At least 20 members are required to assist. Lunch is provided and it runs from 8:30-2. Contact Dottie Pearson (pearson@princeton.edu. or 898-4585) to volunteer. It's FUN and just a one day commitment.
2. **TEEN TECH**- at Stockton U on Tuesday, May 23 for 9,10 and 11th grade girls will come for STEM workshops. Plan on 8:30 til 2pm- another fun one day event. Who to contact will be provided soon.
3. **TECH TREK**- a weeklong overnight camp at Stockton U (July 16-22) for 'rising 8th grade girls from the entire state of NEW JERSEY. Volunteer opportunities abound: interviewing nominated/ applied students and family for possible selection. Stipend positions: dorm moms, counsellors, nurses, and, most importantly- energetic, knowledgeable and enthusiastic teachers. This is truly a HUGE UNDERTAKING and in the third year it just gets better and better! You all should receive an emailing about Tech Trek volunteer and other opportunities- hopefully many will apply. Those who have interviewed students have always returned as it's interesting and fun for all.

Get Your Luncheon Reservation In !!

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Just a friendly reminder to send your reservation in to Helen Riso. The date is November 12. This is the most important event of the year for our branch since all the profits go to our scholarships. See you on the 12th!!

AAUW Scholarship Fundraiser

American Association of University Women, Atlantic County Branch

Featuring
Darlene Cavalier



Professor of Practice,
Arizona State University's Center for Engagement and Training,
School for the Future of Innovation in Society

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Linwood Country Club

500 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ

Reception: Noon

Luncheon: 1pm

Donation: \$40.00

Assigned Seating

Reservation Deadline November 5

Menu Choices:

Citrus Glazed Atlantic Salmon

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Chicken Francaise with Chardonnay Butter Sauce

Reservation deadline November 5, 2016. 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 _____

Ready, Set, Read! Program

WLI (Women's Leadership Initiative) Collaboration
Joan Leavy, Liaison sk8s2@comcast.net 823-3442

This year we have 23 schools with 75 preschool classes to read to, thanks to our success last year. To date, I have 30 open classes filled with children waiting for you to read to. Please email me to reserve your class to read to anytime through May 2017. Let's not let these children down.

**United Way Women's Leadership Initiative
SWEET LAUGHS fundraiser 11/4/16, 3- 5:30**

Seaview Marriott. Appetizers, sweet pastries and wine provided. Humorist Dena Blizzard, "One Funny Mother", is the speaker. Funds Success by 6 Ready, Set, Read! program. For tickets, contact Amanda McGowan at 568-1182.

100th Anniversary AAUW Atlantic County

It's hard to believe, but our branch is turning 100 in 2017! Diana and I are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to plan our events to celebrate! We will have two events: one is at the State AAUW Convention in Atlantic City on April 30th – May 1st and the other will be our branch celebration in November 2017. Please think about volunteering some time to help make this a great year of celebrations! Contact either Linda Harmon 609-204-8596 linda.harmon@gmail.com or Diana Intenzo 609-653-1426 diainzo75@comcast.net if you are interested.

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FOR OUR BRANCH - \$805.00.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS
SCHOLARSHIP EVENT!!!!

Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

**Membership**

Lynne Walters - rrwalters321@hotmail.com

We would like to welcome the following new member to our AAUW group:

Debra Witcher

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 609-287-6485; debra.wit@outlook.com
 Rutgers School of Business, B.S. Accounting;
 Stevens Institute of Technology,
 M.S. Management



Interest Groups

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Book Group got off to a great start with a discussion of Homegoing led by Diane Koob. We are looking forward to the next meeting on **November 2** at 7:00 at Gail Vreeland's. Carolyn Bassett will facilitate a review of The Yearling by Marjorie Rawlings. Get ready for the **December 7** meeting by reading Anne Tyler's A Spool of Blue Thread. On January 7 Longbourn by Jo Baker will be the book of choice. New people always welcome.

STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

I need volunteers for the children's programs at Stockton.. This year there are 4 more shows, with 2 in February. They are

Friday, **December 9**, 2016 at 10:30am – "Atlantic City Ballet: The Nutcracker"

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)

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.

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.

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

TRAVEL TO JAPAN 7PM on **NOVEMBER 16** at CAROLYN BASSETT'S, 328 Poplar Ave, Linwood. Let Carolyn know if you are coming: phone 927-9095 or e-mail geoca41@gmail.com. Terry Daily has suggested the speaker.

Our speaker for November will be Keiko Adumi Warner who will talk about living in and traveling to Japan. She was born and raised there and worked as an English tour guide and television interpreter before moving to the US. Japan is a country where old world customs and traditions live harmoniously with cutting-edge technologies. Along with descriptions of past travels in Japan and its culture, she will talk about a trip she will be leading there in 2017 visiting Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Hakone, Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Miyajima including riding the Shinkansen (Bullet Train). The trip is intended to nurture Body, Mind and Spirit.

ETHNIC LUNCH

Friday, December 9 12:30

TOKYO MANDERIN
(CHINESE AND JAPANESE)

4 WEST ROOSEVELT BLVD, MARMORA
Parkway to Marmora exit
Turn right onto Roosevelt Blvd.
Pass light at Rt 9

Restaurant is in the ShopRite Center on the left

Please e-mail Phyllis LPTrackman@comcast.net for reservations

STAR

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) held their 20th anniversary luncheon at the Atlantic City Country Club where they honored CASA. The next meeting will be **November 28** at the Mainland Professional Office Park, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Road, Northfield., at the corner of Rt. 9 and Zion Rd. The program begins at 7pm with socializing with a sandwich (if you wish) at 6:30.

TOPIC: BLACK LIVES MATTER.

What Does the US GAO, ECAST and Science Cheerleaders Have in Common?

Science Activists Bringing Science Into Politics/Public Policy

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office (U.S. GAO) is the investigative arm of Congress charged with examining matters relating to the receipt and payment of public funds. Today, the GAO published a new report to advise how the federal government can better engage citizens. *Why?* Everyone, policymakers and ordinary citizens, need to know what's being done in science, to be inspired yes, but also to have a say in it, and be able to participate in making decisions that will both affect every aspect of our daily life and whether we shall survive global warming.

Expert and Citizen Assessment of Science and Technology (ECAST) is cited as one of seven effective practices. ECAST was cofounded by the following institutional partners: Arizona State University, Loka Institute, Museum of Science, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, SciStarter and **Science Cheerleader**.

Federal agencies are using “open innovation” tools to leverage the knowledge and skills of people outside government. Using dedicated websites and in-person outreach, agencies have worked with the public to rebuild communities after Hurricane Sandy, improve methods to find asteroids that could threaten the Earth, and reduce the amount of time required for highway construction projects.

Become a Science Activist. Better yet, attend the next Atlantic County Branch-AAUW fundraiser and hear from Science Cheerleader, Darlene Cavalier!

Read More on the Importance of Becoming a Science Activist (<http://www.i-sis.org.uk/ScienceActivist.php>)

The Science Cheerleaders are professional cheerleaders pursuing science careers who playfully challenge stereotypes, turn everyone onto science by encouraging participation in citizen science activities, and inspire young women (including 3-4 million U.S. cheerleaders) to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and math. We do this by recasting the image of scientists and engineers while giving people the opportunity to explore their personal interests as a gateway to science.

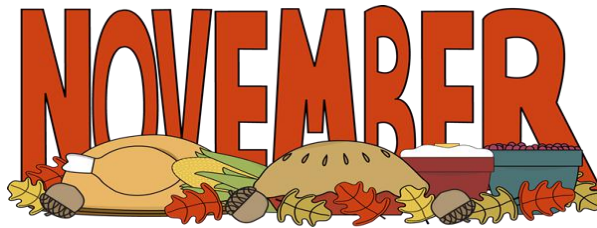
Wanted: Amazing STEM Teachers



Tech Trek is looking for engaging female teachers who are willing to provide a 21st century fun, interactive learning experience in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and who will also serve as mentors to young women ages 12 -13 who are interested in joining these fields. Teachers needed for a week long residential camp held at Stockton University from July 16 – 22, 2017.

To inquire more about Tech Trek, check out: <https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/>

To inquire about being a teacher, check out: <http://tinyurl.com/hz7l8so>

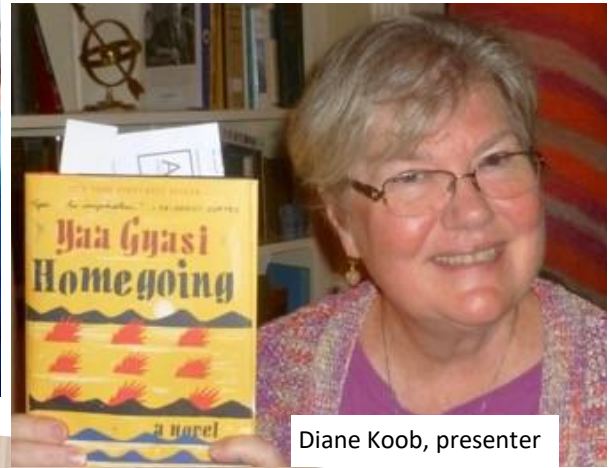


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Book Group 7pm</i>	3	4 <i>WLI 3PM</i>	5 <i>Fundraiser Res- ervation deadline</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Fundraiser Noon @ Linwood CC</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Travel Group 7PM</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>STAR 7PM</i>	29	30			
			<i>Dec 7 Book Group</i>		<i>Dec 9 Ethnic Lunch Stockton Ushers</i>	<i>Dec 10 Luncheon</i>

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



Aida Colon, Lynn Caterson (Speaker), and Jan Smith at Oct. 17 Meeting



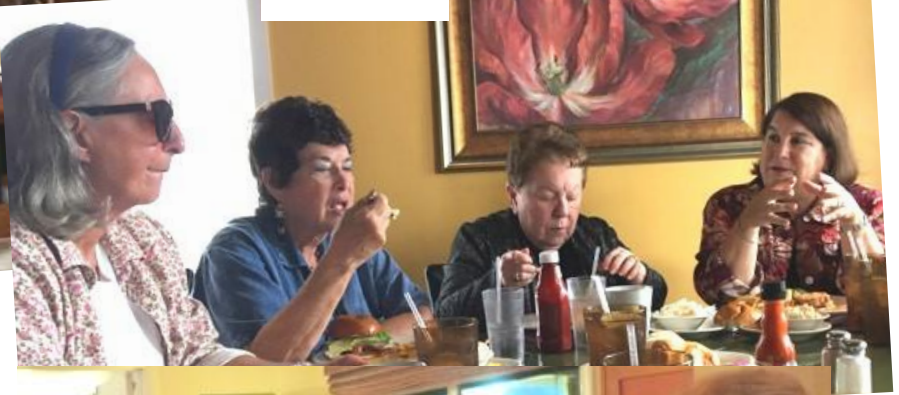
Diane Koob, presenter



Book Group



Ethnic Cuisines



Connie & Don, Presenters at Travel Group-Sicily



Beverly Schechtman, Vicki Biron, Joan Carri

Calendar 2016 – 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Nov 12, 2016	Fundraiser Luncheon	12pm	Linwood CC
Dec 10, 2016	Luncheon/Branch meeting	12pm	Linwood Library
Jan 09, 2017	Board Meeting	1pm	TBA
Jan 21, 2017	"Crime Prevention Training" by Tom Davey	1pm	Linwood Library
Mar 06, 2017	Board Meeting	1pm	TBA
Mar 18, 2017	Woman of Distinction Lunch	12pm	Linwood CC
Apr 22, 2017	Branch Meeting 12pm	TBA	TBA
Apr 30-			
May 1, 2017	AAUW-NJ Annual Meeting	TBD	
May 04, 2017	Board Meeting 7pm	TBA	TBA
May 15, 2017	Installation Dinner	TBD	TBA

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