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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

Presidents' Notes

Greetings and Happy October! Diana felt this was a good time for me to introduce myself as your new co-president. Since I only joined AAUW a year ago, this provides a forum for you to get to know me a little better.

My husband Bill and I have been blissfully married for 40 years and counting! We have been blessed with three terrific children.

My career in education let me not only be a teacher, but also a reading specialist, and an administrator. It was a great adventure spanning over 40 years and in 3 different states: Maryland, Texas, and New Jersey. I happily retired one year ago.

A year ago, Diane Koob asked me if I would like to come to her book club. At the end of a stimulating discussion of the Forsthye Saga, the ladies asked if I would like to join. I said yes. What I didn't know until the information was mailed to me was they were the book club of AAUW. I thought, why not join, and a new door was opening.

In October last year, some of you may remember me speaking about my mother-in-law, Elaine Harmon. She passed away in April of 2015 and her last wish was to be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery. She served in the military as a WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) during WWII. In March of 2015, the army rescinded the right for WASP to be buried in Arlington citing lack of room. Our family was told it would take an act of Congress to change this. I spoke that day about my family's campaign to right this wrong, asking you to contact our Representatives and Senators to support this bill. AAUW National encouraged all members across the nation to do the same. (Continued on page 2)

October 17 Branch Meeting Monday Evening, 7 pm Linwood Library

Making Your Vote Count Speaker: Lynn Caterson

Here we are on the cusp of the November election, and Lynn Caterson – who has served as an elected official in our area – and is currently the Chair of the Atlantic County Board of Elections - is ready to help us get a handle on various aspects of the election process.

Included in her presentation is an overview of the different kinds of ballots – What's a Bearer Ballot or a Messenger Ballot? What if you have a question when you are voting? How and when can you change parties? Can you do so on a mail-in ballot? How do you get people to register to vote? How are campaign moneys reported? When does a recount happen and what's involved?

Lynn has an array of topics such as these to help expand our knowledge base about the "nitty-gritty" of elections and voting. Maybe you have your own question to ask. Come on Monday evening, October 17 to the Linwood Library and find out the answer. See you there.

Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net

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I am happy to report that the bill, now known as the WASP AIR (Arlington Inurnment Restoration) Act, passed unanimously in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. President Obama signed it into law May 12th. Elaine's funeral was held at Arlington September 7, 2016.

This past year, I have really enjoyed my involvement with the STEM programs for young girls. Another important issue to me is closing the gender pay gap.

In closing, I have been thrilled that I opened the door marked AAUW! I have thoroughly enjoyed the programs, speakers, outings, discussions, and most of all, meeting new friends. I look forward to getting to know all of you and to a productive and great year with AAUW.

Linda Harmon
Co-president of AAUW Atlantic County

College Connections

Both Gail Davis (ACCC-Mays Landing) and Lynn Walters (ACCC- Worthington campus in AC) have asked to be replaced. Gail simply has too much with Tech Trek and Lynn would like to tackle Stockton U. Any volunteers who are willing to step up to replace us will receive the necessary information from us.

Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net
and Lynn Walters rrwalters321@hotmail.com

Coming, Our November Fundraiser!

Carol Zerbe czpaints@verizon.net

Darlene Cavalier a graduate of Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania, will be our speaker on November 12th. She will continue our STEM theme and is the founder of SciStarter, cofounder of ECAST and founder of Science Cheerleader. She is a senior advisor at Discover Magazine and a member of the EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy & Technology. Mark your calendar now & save **November 12** for our luncheon! A gentle reminder our fundraiser committee will accept gift card donations & other items for baskets up to **November 1**.

From the desk of Gail Davis

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Scholarships

Our Atlantic County Branch is once again hoping to be able to contribute \$8,000 to ACCC for scholarships. MUCH depends on the success of our November 12 fundraiser luncheon on Saturday, November 12 at Linwood Country Club. So please EVERYONE come and bring guests too! Great baskets to drop your purchased tickets in!! Part of our mission is to support women in education and our relationship with ACCC is a large part of our mission.

Tech Trek 2017

July 16-22 at Stockton U. Michelle Douglass is our Founding Director and brought this camp to us and NJ. Due to newly discovered state regulations, all overnight camps require an educator to be the director - so for 2017 (July 16-22, 2017) Ann Marchesani will be the Director assisted by Dr. Claudine Keenan and I will remain as Student Selection and Family Coordinator. Lucy Jerue has agreed to help me for which I am thankful. We've had 2 great camps and this one will be even better!

Btw-both TWEEN TECH and TEEN TECH will be held at STOCKTON in 2017 and I'll be looking for volunteers to assist for all 3 events! Stay posted.

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

The Women's Leadership Initiative which supports the Ready, Set, Read! Program continues to partner with our branch and needs members to help preschool children develop educational skills through group reading sessions. I will be getting the schedule of preschools shortly and can schedule you to read to a class anytime through May 2017. It takes very little time but is so very important for these youngsters.

The children are very receptive to this and love getting to take home the book and share with their family. More than 3300 children in our county have participated and AAUW members have contributed to the success of this program. Call me with any and all questions you may have. Please email me now to sign up.

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

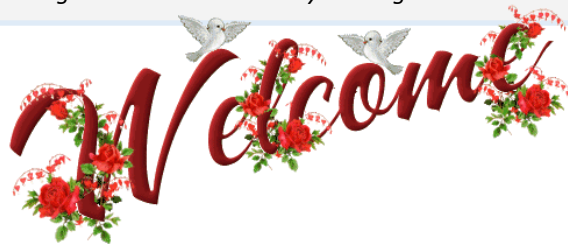
Seaview Marriott. Appetizers, sweet pastries and wine provided. Humorist Dena Blizzard, "One Funny Mother", is the speaker. Funds Success by 6 Ready, Set, Read! program. For tickets, contact Amanda McGowan at 568-1182.

Beverly Schechtman, Treasurer

bevschech@hotmail.com

Atlantic County Chapter AAUW made a donation to the Friends of the Linwood Library to thank them for allowing our group to use their meeting room free of charge. We recently received a thank you note -

"to your members for their generous gift to the Friends of the Linwood Library. It will help to keep activities in place. Sincerely, Lee Ellenberg"

**Membership**

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

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Public Policy-Law Update

NJ prohibition on marital-status discrimination not limited to status of single or married

By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq.

The New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled that New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination protects all employees who have declared that they will marry, have separated from a spouse, have initiated divorce proceedings, or have obtained a divorce from discrimination in the workplace, declared the state's highest court, explaining that marital status is not limited to the state of being single or married. While the LAD does not bar an employer from making a legitimate business decision to discipline or terminate an employee whose personal life decisions, such as a marital separation or divorce, have disrupted the workplace, "an employer may not assume, based on invidious stereotypes, that an employee will be disruptive or ineffective simply because of life decisions such as a marriage or divorce," the court stated, affirming the reversal of a trial court decision dismissing the marital-status discrimination claim of a discharged paramedic whose supervisor was concerned about the likelihood of his "ugly divorce" from his coworker wife ([Smith v. Millville Rescue Squad](#), June 21, 2016, Cuff, M.).

Interest Groups

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, **September 28** at 7:00 at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine. Diane Koob will lead a discussion on "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. This novel is a fascinating look inside the roots of the slave trade. We will plan our schedule for the year so please bring your suggestions. New people are always welcome.

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

OCTOBER 19 (WEDNESDAY) 7PM AT CONNIE SMEDLEY'S HOUSE: program on SICILY presented by Connie and her husband, Don. Connie and Don take wonderful pictures which they will share with us about their trip to Sicily last year. Let Connie know if you plan to come (closer to the date). Phone: 398-6367 or e-mail: conniesmedley@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 16 (WED) 7PM at Carolyn Bassett's : JAPAN

Our speaker for November will be Keiko Adumi Warner who will talk about living in and traveling to Japan.

STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

I need volunteers for the children's programs at Stockton. Right now, I especially need volunteers for the **October 18** show, which will be here before you know it.

This year there are 5 shows, with 2 in February.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 10:30am – "A Voyage that will Forever Change Your Perspective of Home"

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. Thank you.

ETHNIC LUNCH

FRIDAY OCT. 7 12:30

KELSEY AND KIM SOUTHERN CAFÉ

201 MELROSE AVE (CORNER NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE)
ATLANTIC CITY

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

PLEASE E-MAIL PHYLLIS AT:

LPTRACKMAN@COMCAST.NET BY OCT. 1

STAR

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

September 26, Monday at 6:30: STAR will meet to view and discuss 'MY SLAVE SISTER, MY-SELF' at the Mainland Professional Office Park, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Rd, Northfield NJ. (On corner of Rt. 9 and Zion)

October 22, Saturday, from noon to 2:30: TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON, ATLANTIC CITY COUNTRY CLUB.

All AAUW members are cordially invited to attend. The cost is \$50. and the menu choices are chicken marsala, salmon, or vegetarian. Make checks payable to Rosalind Norrell-Nance with STAR and your menu choice on the "for" line. Send to Rosalind Norrell-Nance at 101 Cherry Dr, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. STAR will be honoring CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children.

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) is an outgrowth of an AAUW program 20 years ago called "Sisters Divided." The space bridged at this led to the founding of STAR, which has been meeting for self-exploration, education on issues, and activism ever since.

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.

Boscov's Friends **Helping Friends**

Tuesday, October 18

9AM-11PM

Your \$5 Shopping Pass buys a full day of:

**25% Off Discount Shopping Pass
Refreshments and Entertainment
Register to Win Prizes**

**All Shopping Pass proceeds benefit our AAUW Branch
We recommend purchasing several!**

Contact: Gail Zona

641-1986 or email gzona1@comcast.net



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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Branch Meeting at Linwood Library	18 Ushers @ Children's Theatre; Boscov's	19 Travel Group	20	21	22 STAR
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	November 1	2	3	4	5 Reservation Deadline

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.

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 2-3, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings	TBD	
Apr 22, 2017	Branch Meeting 12pm	TBA	TBA
May 04, 2017	Board Meeting 7pm	TBA	TBA
May 15, 2017	Installation Dinner	TBD	TBA

Officers

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State level:

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Executive Board of Directors/ Southern District Coordinator Linda Harmon



Carolyn Bassett presenting a program on her trips to Mexico at the Travel Group.



September 19 Meeting, Mays Landing CC



Brenda Braithwaite



Gail Vreeland, Barbara Heinrichs, and Teresa Sartorio



Claire Moyer, Karen Aarons,
and Joan Leavy



Tami Trost



Arlene Roller, Ruth Traa, and Diane Kummings

Photos courtesy of Carolyn Bassett