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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Membership Roster

The new 2014 - 2015 Atlantic County Branch Membership Roster will be mailed to you, if you did not pick it up at the **September 16th** meeting. It contains valuable information, so keep it handy! Inside, you will find a schedule of the general meetings and board meetings for the entire year. You will also see a list of the executive officers and committee chairs, along with their contact information. Feel free to direct questions, suggestions, or comments to the appropriate women. Find phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, and more for all our members. Please check your own personal information to be sure it is correct. If a change needs to be made, contact Membership Chair Barbara Wolnerman. (You guessed it! Her contact info is in the Roster).

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Program News - Lucy Jerue

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AAUW State Retreat

When planning our programs for the year, we noticed that the AAUW Fall Retreat in Atlantic City was being held on the very Monday we were looking at for our own program. So, rather than compete with our State AAUW, we decided to encourage our members to take advantage of the wonderful programs planned for us by NJ AAUW. We encourage you to attend the State Retreat, which will take place at Resorts on Sunday, **Oct. 19** and Monday, **Oct. 20**.

The flyer will tell you everything you need to know. Our own branch officers and board members will be in attendance. It is the perfect time to get away for an overnight and learn more about AAUW initiatives. There will be some opportunities for socializing as well. It promises to be fun and informative.

If you prefer not to stay overnight, you may attend just for Sunday or just for Monday. Register online. All information is provided here and should also have been emailed to you in early September. Feel free to call me with any questions.

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

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 _____

**Save the date...Dec. 8th... and register now.
Deadline extended!**

Our December program will be an outing to enjoy a performance of 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.

Tickets for this concert are selling now. Last year it completely sold out a month prior to the event. In order to get good seats, it is necessary to order them soon.

Please mark your calendar and send your check to me so that I can purchase our seats. Please make your checks payable to Lucy Jerue and send to my home address: 563 Yarmouth Ct. Galloway, NJ 08205.

Each ticket will cost \$17 (includes fees). Guests are welcome. **Send checks by September 22.** Please note that the deadline to register for this has been extended.

Also, you will have the option to have a buffet dinner at one of the Stockton dining halls prior to the concert. More information will be sent out on this as it gets closer. Advance sign-ups for dinner will not be necessary.

Fundraiser

Save the Date: Saturday, Nov 22

Mark your calendars and reserve the date: Our 2014 fundraiser will be held **Saturday, November 22** at the Atlantic City Country Club, beginning with a social hour at 12 pm, followed by lunch at 1 pm.

We still need people to help out with related items such as gift certificates or raffle items from restaurants and businesses and baskets, etc. So please consider getting involved in some capacity. The more **successful we are, the more money we'll** have for scholarships.

Please contact Diana Intenzo at diainzo75@comcast.net or Connie Smedley at conniesmedley@hotmail.com. We really welcome your participation.



College Connection
Gail Davis - ghdath@comcast.net

Plans have been made to staff an AAUW table at ACCC- Mays Landing campus to collect student emails for free *ememberships* to National AAUW. On Tues, Sept 16 Gail Davis, Barb Wolterman and Marge Coach will staff from 11-2 pm. On Wed, Sept, 17 Mary Rydzewski and Lynn Walters will 'woman the table.' We will have some giveaways and brochures and look forward to interacting with students. We also will be attempting to establish a program on campus for each semester.

AAUW, Atlantic County Budget: 2014-2015

Diana Intenzo

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Financial Report: July, Aug 2014

Operations Account

Expenses		\$ 329.74
Restaurant Deposits:	\$ 200.00	
Membership	24.01	
Newsletter	16.05	
College Connections	68.85	
Stamps	<u>20.83</u>	
	\$ 329.74	
Income		\$ 1,070.46
Dues (June, July, Aug)	\$ 1,070.00	
Interest	<u>0.46</u>	
	\$ 1,070.46	
Balance 8/31		<u>\$ 5,520.97</u>

Scholarship Account

Balance 8/31/14	\$ 7,151.04
Scholarship money promised to ACCC	\$ 4,400.00

ETHNIC CUISINES

Phyllis Trackman

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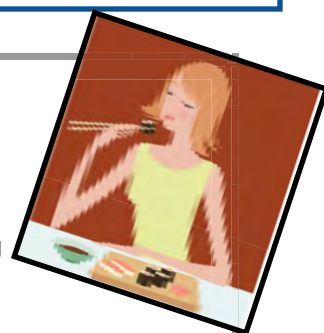
A new interest group is in the works – for a luncheon group interested in enjoying international cuisines.

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.



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.
- Pick up your tickets at the September dinner meeting. Or you can 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



The Travel Group will meet on **Oct 1**, at 7 pm at the home of Carolyn Bassett. Mary Hardwick will tell us about a month-long trip to Devon, England with literary links. Let Carolyn know if you are coming.

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. I am sure many of you will want to see this. Let Carolyn know if you can come. (But later on. Tell me about Oct 1 first) My number is 927-9095 and e-mail is geoca41@gmail.com.

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS



By: Michelle J. Douglass

EQUAL PAY for EQUAL WORK

In America, women make
78 cents for every dollar men
make for doing the same job.

That's unacceptable.



SUPPORT THE
PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84/S 2119)

What's New?

Today (September 11, 2014), for the first time ever, the Senate voted (73-25) to move forward with a debate on the stalled Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84/S 2119). This debate is long overdue, and what better time than before a pivotal election year? We hope this vote is a good-faith attempt to address an economic problem that has plagued women and their families for far too long.

AAUW is working with Sen. Barbara Mikulski's office (the chief sponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act) to get timing on the debate and also the cloture vote to end debate – which would also need at least 60 votes before we could move to an up-or-down vote where a simple majority rules. Hopefully those senators genuinely committed to equal pay will help move the bill forward to a final up-or-down vote.

We all need to be clear that the Paycheck Fairness Act is talking about *pay for the same job*. We really don't need to bother with pointing out that median incomes based on gender is lower for women. We know that. This is because women fill more low-earning jobs in general.

The important point for purposes of serious consideration of this bill is that what it proposes to correct is when a man has the same title, same job description, same education and experience and same overall performance evaluation as a woman in the same company, and is still making 20% more than her, there is a problem. The Paycheck Fairness Act will require employers to provide transparency of compensation on a position-to-position basis, and will give all employees the leverage to demand equal pay for equal work.

Are any of you really doing anything about this gender inequity? If not, and you'd like to make some small effort to advance this cause, come join us for a *Write-To-The- Editor Sandwich and Coffee Get Together* at the Douglass | Kinniry Law Offices on Tuesday evening, September 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., located at 424 Bethel Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244. For directions visit www.myrightslawyers.com

STEM Tech Trek Update



Our Branch successfully completed the STEM Tech Trek application to host a 2015 summer camp at Stockton College for 7th and 8th grade girls.

We are awaiting word from National as to whether our application will be granted. We hope to hear by mid to late September.

Keeping our fingers crossed!

STAR— Sisters Together Against Racism

Gail Zona - 641-1986

STAR will meet on Monday, **September 22**, 2014 at our new "home", 1750 Zion Road, Northfield, Suite 106. Karen Johnson will lead us in review of the article, "Let's Face It: We need a new way to talk about Race". Meeting at 7 pm - it should be a lively discussion and we hope helpful to all of us as we continue the journey. All are welcome to join us.

Ready! Set! Read!

Mary Hardwick

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September is the month to sign up as a new or returning volunteer in United Way's Ready!Set! Read! program which AAUW supports in partnership with the Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI). I can be contacted by email or at the September AAUW meeting where I'll be giving a short presentation on the program. Ready!Set!Read! volunteers go into low income preschool classrooms to read a book and then distribute copies of the book for each child to take home. We served 60+ classrooms last year and hope to do the same or more this school year.

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

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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.

Editor's Corner: A Place to Share Good News

As Project Manager of the Constantelos Hellenic Collection and Reading Room at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, I invite you to attend the Ribbon-cutting Ceremony on Friday, September 26th at 5 p.m. on the first floor of F-wing at the entrance to Stockton's Bjork Library. Tula Christopoulos

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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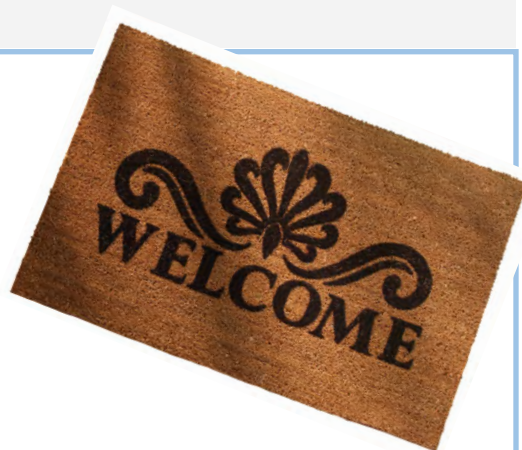
25th Anniversary Performance
CAPE SHORE CHORUS
Saturday, October 4, 2014 - 7:30 PM
Middle Township Performing Arts Center
Cape May Court House, NJ
TICKETS: \$15.00
For more information call 609-463-8870

Gail Davis will have tickets with her Tues. night

Welcome Our New Members

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Correction:

The email address for Marga Matheny should be margamath@gmail.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Travel Club 7 pm</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Board Meeting 7 pm</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>NJ Fall Focus</i>	20 <i>NJ Fall Focus</i>	21 <i>Boscov Day</i>	22 <i>Book Club 7 pm</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Ethnic Cuisines 12:30 @ Katina's</i>	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 organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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