



THE FORUM

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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

Presidents' Notes

Welcome back to the start of a new AAUW year... although the truth is we've been busy during the summer:

This July some members participated in another stimulating week-long Tech Trek at Stockton, where 60 girls from NJ came to learn about STEM subjects. We also had a one-day Teen Tech outing in early June at ACCC, which introduced area high school girls to a variety of STEM-related classes. It was all very exciting.

Members continued to usher at the Stockton Children's Theater – this year being the "36th Annual AAUW Children's Summer Playhouse", as advertised by Stockton.

We also were on the two local ACCC campuses in August, promoting voter registration and signups for AAUW email students.

And let's not forget the book club's summer study sessions that covered Oscar Wilde this year. Busy! Busy!

So, now we launch a new season of programs, fundraisers, and activities:

A **third Tech Trek** program at Stockton is in the works for July, along with a **one-day STEM tech outing**, yearly in 2017. This puts us on the front lines for a major AAUW interest area. What a great opportunity to fulfill our mission!

The **NJ AAUW State Meeting** is scheduled for Resorts in Atlantic City on April 2-3. Come spend a day sharing in the programs and activities. It's a chance to see the organization in action.

The National AAUW Convention meets in Washington DC this year, a very accessible venue from our NJ location. It's worth planning to spend a day there.

The **Atlantic County Branch's 100TH ANNIVERSARY** occurs in 2017. Hooray! We plan to launch a celebration at our holiday luncheon at the Linwood Library on Dec 10. You won't want to miss this memorable occasion! Imagine, 100 years!

We can't forget the **Fundraiser** on Nov 12 or **The Woman of Distinction** event on March 18. Both are key branch efforts to raise scholarship monies.

But we start the year with our **September Dinner Meeting**, on the 19th, described in the accompanying article. Needless to say, we look forward to seeing you at the opening dinner and throughout the coming months. What an exciting year lies in store for us!

Cheers, Diana Intenzo and Linda Harmon, co-presidents

September 19 Dinner Meeting Mays Landing Country Club

Social Half Hour: 5:00-5:30 pm

Member Meeting: 5:30-6:00 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm

Speaker: Tami Trost

We have a fascinating program scheduled for the September 19 dinner meeting. Tami Trost, a civil rights lawyer with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, will give us some insights into the types of civil rights cases handled at USDA, how cases are evaluated and what happens in litigation.

In her presentation, Tami will talk about some case examples related to women's issues that have come her way and describe some of the department's outreach efforts to encourage women to enter the STEM fields, as well as helping with food assistance programs and employment-related issues.

Tami uses a relaxed, informal speaking style, very much like chatting with us, and addressing our questions and providing information in an easy-to-grasp manner. So we're in for an interesting and enjoyable evening. You won't want to miss it. See the announcement sheet and menu selections in the following pages and sign up now!

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Monday, September 19 Dinner Meeting Registration**Mays Landing Country Club****Social 5:00; Business Meeting 5:30; Dinner 6:00**

Name _____ Phone # _____

Check your Entrée Choice:☐ Roast Turkey Breast with Stuffing☐ Horseradish encrusted Tilapia☐ Pasta Primavera with Vegetables

Assigned Seating. Please indicate your seating preferences. _____

Please mail Reservation Form and your \$35 check payable to "AAUW, Atlantic County"
to Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd. Absecon, NJ 08201 (641-7085)

Registration Deadline: September 10**Exciting and New!****Linda Harmon** linda.harmon@gmail.com

AAUW Atlantic County Branch Board has been hard at work to establish a budget for all of the wonderful opportunities and events sponsored throughout the year. We could use your help in assisting our bit-of-a-strained budget to make it a great year!

Starting with our first branch meeting on September 19, 2016 at May's Landing Country Club, we will be running a 50/50 raffle. When you enter, stop by the raffle table to purchase your opportunity to win over 50% of what is collected!!

Prices: \$1 per ticket
\$5 for 10 tickets; \$10 for 20 tickets

These meeting raffles will be held throughout the year. Of course we also welcome donations!

Winners will be announced at the end of each meeting!

From the desk of Gail Davis

ghdath@comcast.net

SCHOLARSHIPS- Gail Davis attended the scholarship recognition event at ACCC- Mays Landing- very well done and we got to meet some of our scholarship recipients. Fun night! In addition we have several gracious Thank you letters from both Stockton and ACCC- Mays Landing recipients.

Gail Davis and Karen Poorman

TECH TREK- was a resounding success with 60 girls from throughout the entire state of NJ!! We are now working towards raising the necessary funds for the '17 camp. We should be asking for volunteers to interview nominated and applied students in Oct/ Nov. This year we will only allow one nominee per school making a bit less work for interviewers.

Gail Davis- student/ family coordinator for Tech Trek

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS- I will staff a table for Bucaneer Day at ACCC- ML on August 4 from 9:30 - 11:30 signing up new students for free AAUW Student email memberships. Signed up about 20 and gave out many *It's Your Vote* pins.

Ready, Set, Read! Program

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

Once again we are participating in the Ready, Set, Read! Program with the United Way WLI group which supports the Success by 6 program. This program introduces children to the joy of reading at a young age as volunteers go to local preschools, read one book to the children, two to five years of age, and then give them the book to take home which encourages interaction with their caregivers.

Reading to the children in their preschool is easy and takes very little of your time. I am always available to train and explain and will handle all scheduling. If you are interested, whether an experienced reader or newly interested, please email me now. Reading is from September through May and the schools are currently sending in their requests. Your support truly enabled the success of this program last year and I hope we can duplicate reading to all 55 classes in 19 schools.

AAUW Atlantic County Budget for 2016-2017

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Roster	\$ 300.00
Forum	300.00
Webpage.	120.00
Insurance.	200.00
Incorporation Fee.	25.00
Legal Retainer.	50.00
Bylaws.	150.00
Venue.	150.00
Programs.	500.00
Membership.	250.00
Hospitality.	175.00
Officer Reimbursement.	250.00
WLI ad.	50.00
AC Press ad.	300.00
College Connections.	200.00
Tech Trek.	150.00
State Convention.	150.00
National Convention.	500.00
Photo Book.	50.00
AAUW Banner.	40.00
Foreign Affairs.	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$3945.00

Membership

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We would like to welcome our new members to AAUW. We look forward to meeting all of you soon at one of our activities or meetings.

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Our Fundraiser Nov. 12

Our November 12th fundraiser will be rapidly approaching in September so we would like to get a solid start now. Our committee is asking members to please make a contribution of a new or gently used item or gift card/certificate to be placed in a themed basket. Or perhaps you might consider doing a basket? Remember our organization is all about scholarships and this is our primary money maker! If you have items ready or want to do a basket, please call either Carol Zerbe or Connie Smedley. They will make arrangements for pick up.

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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. Gail Zona 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.

STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

Just got the schedule for the Stockton Children's programs. This year there are 5 shows, with 2 in February.

1. Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 10:30am – "A Voyage that will Forever Change Your Perspective of Home"
2. Friday, December 9, 2016 at 10:30am – "Atlantic City Ballet: The Nutcracker"
3. Tuesday, February 7, 2017 AND
4. Wednesday, February 8 at 10:30am – "Franklin Institute: How to Build a Storm"
(We sold the first show out very quickly, so had to add an additional show on Feb 8th)
5. 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 or give me call at 609-703-3788.

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

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SEPTEMBER 14 (WED.) 7PM AT CAROLYN BASSETT'S : program on MEXICO: MAYANS AND OLMECS. For the last two years I have taken guided tours to Mexico (along with Claire Moyer, George Bassett, and Jackie Hall-Smith) to visit sites important to the Mayan and Olmec civilizations, as well as to enjoy delicious food, see colonial towns and modern shipping ports, and watch religious festivals and children's parades. I will be sharing some of those experiences at my house, 328 W. Poplar Ave, Linwood, on September 14 which is a week BEFORE our Branch meeting. Please let me know if you can come. Phone: 927-9095 or e-mail: 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

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

The next STAR meeting will be **September 26** at 6:30 at the Allied Health Office on Zion Road and Rt. 9 in Northfield. The program is TBA. Check with Gail Zona or Carolyn Bassett if you want more information or need directions.

SAVE THE DATE: On October 22 STAR will celebrate its 20TH BIRTHDAY at a luncheon at the Atlantic City Country Club. STAR originated from an AAUW program featuring a presentation by the authors of Sisters Divided. There was such a spirit of bridging differences that STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) was formed and it has now been in existence 20 years. We hope many of you can join us in the celebration.

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
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In partnership with PBS's American Experience, the Ocean City Free Public Library and the "Community Reads" will screen "American Experience: The Boys of '36." This film is about nine University of Washington students who unexpectedly won a gold medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Book club read The Boys in the Boat based on this true story. The free public screening is Sunday September 18, at 2 pm in the Chris Maloney Lecture Hall. Open to all!



Ushers Audrey Moloney, Gail Zona, Debbie Davies, Ginny Gormley, Jed Gaylin (director of Bay Atlantic Symphony) and Alyce Parker

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Travel Club 7:00pm	15	16	17
18	19 Dinner Meeting Mays Landing CC	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 STAR 6:30pm	27	28 Book Club 7:00pm	29	30	October 1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Ethnic Cuisine 12:30	8

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>
Sep 12, 2016	Board Meeting	1pm	Diana Intenzo's
Sep 19, 2016	Branch Dinner Meeting	5pm	May's Landing CC
Oct 17, 2016	Branch Meeting	7pm	Linwood Library
Oct 24, 2016	Board Meeting	1pm	TBA
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	Branch Meeting	1pm	TBA
Mar 06, 2017	Board Meeting	1pm	TBA
Mar 18, 2017	Woman of Distinction Lunch	12pm	Linwood CC
Apr 2, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings 3 –	5pm	Resorts Casino AC
Apr 3, 2017	NJ-AAUW Meetings 9am-	12pm	Resorts Casino AC
Apr 22, 2017	Branch Meeting 12pm	TBA	TBA
May 04, 2017	Board Meeting 7pm	TBA	TBA
May 15, 2017	Installation Dinner	TBD	TBA

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STAR Fashion Show—June 11

Dorris Lord, Karen Johnson, Claire Moyer - STAR Fashion Show

**Public Policy: THE OLYMPICS AND TITLE IX**

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At this year's Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, women outnumber men on the U.S. team for a second straight games — 292 women to 263 men — setting the record for most ever female Olympians competing for a single nation. Thanks in part to Title IX, the 1972 law combating sex discrimination in federally funded education and athletics, U.S. women have secured greater access to play and compete, thereby expanding their opportunities to succeed athletically at both professional and Olympic levels. Though women outnumber men on Team USA, they represent only an estimated 45 percent of all competitors this year. With 32 fewer events for women in Rio (169 for men and 137 for women), female athletes also have fewer chances to medal.

Keep your eyes on the USA Women's Soccer team!



After their dominating win in last year's World Cup, the U.S. women's soccer team is the gold medal favorite in Rio. At the games, they will come to the field not only as players, but also as advocates. Since the World Cup, the team has fought for equal pay and playing conditions comparable to those of their male counterparts (and the U.S. Senate has called on the U.S. Soccer Federation to enforce equality). Winning gold this year would help solidify the team's athletic greatness and strengthen their platform for equal treatment.

Atlantic and Cape May AAUW Dual Luncheon - May 4





Ethnic Cuisine at Mambo Cafe

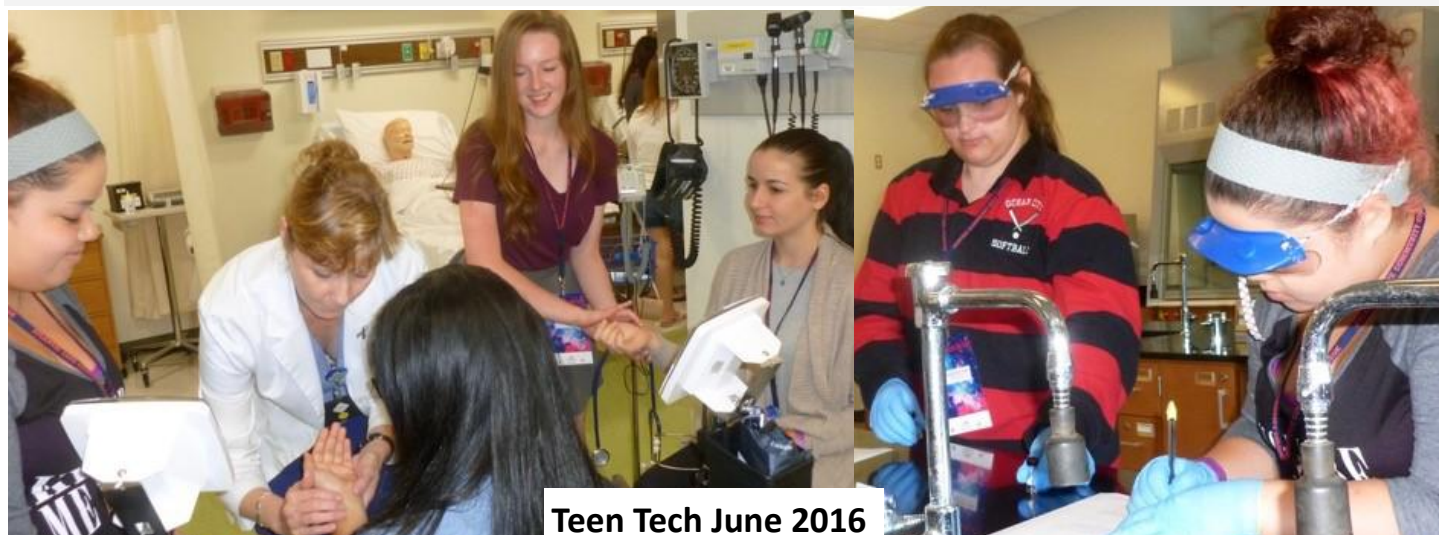


Installation Dinner, May 16, 2016



Lynn Walters, new Membership Chair; Beverly Schechtman, new Treasurer; Linda Harmon, new Co-President.





Teen Tech June 2016



Tech Trek Camp: Atlantic County volunteers and students, July 2016

