



# THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch

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## President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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This promises to be a very busy and exciting year for our branch, and I am honored and thrilled to be a part of it. We are offering a variety of stimulating topics and speakers at our monthly meetings, and have some enjoyable events and outings planned. The cultural interests groups have developed wonderful plans, as well.

We continue to be active in community outreach with the scholarship program, and partnering with the Women's Center, STAR, and the Women's Initiative's Ready, Set, Read program. Our State AAUW is holding an overnight retreat at Resorts, in AC, which will showcase our Atlantic Co. branch at a welcoming table.

I am proud that we are the largest branch in New Jersey and have new members joining us nearly every month. Our website ( <http://ac-nj.aauw.net/> ) has been updated, and we are now on Facebook. Of course, we'll continue to receive The Forum monthly. I urge you to stay informed and participate in our many activities. Life-long learning, community service, and bonding with other women who share our goal of equity for women, is satisfying and well worth striving for.

## Program Chair - Lucy Jerue

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Our first branch meeting of the season:

**Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Sandi Pointe Bistro,  
908 Shore Rd, Somers Point

Social hour at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm

Our guest speaker this evening is author **Turiya Raheem**. She will talk about her book **Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City**. This unique work, which started out as a genealogy project, tells the story of her family – their struggles and achievements as members of the African American Community living on the Northside of Atlantic City. Turiya's grandparents were the founders of Wash's Inn, a popular restaurant which had its beginnings on the Northside. Turiya tells their story and that of the family with warmth and humor.

In 2010, after self-publishing **Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City**, Turiya garnered the attention of HBO and appeared on two of its documentaries in association with the Boardwalk Empire series.

Her book has recently been made into a piece for theater and will be presented at the Stockton Performing Arts Center this February. Copies of the book, personally autographed by the author, will be available for sale at our September dinner meeting.



*Dinner Meeting - Monday, September 16*

**Sandi Pointe Restaurant**

908 Shore Road, Somers Point

**Social Hour 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm**

**\$30.00 pp**

Reservation deadline 9/9/14

**Menu Selection**

1. Kansas City Chicken - grilled chicken breast wrapped in bacon;  
sautéed onions and mushrooms.
2. Sautéed Tenderloin Tip - bourbon semi glaze; sautéed onions.
3. Roast Salmon - citrus beurre blanc

Please send checks for \$30.00 payable to AAUW with reservation form to:

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Request \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship Committee

### Diane Mozzo & Freda Strickler

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On May 20, Audrey Owen and Emely Aiken attended the Atlantic Cape Community College Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. The recipients of the AAUW Atlantic County Branch scholarships were Rizwana Rashid and Santina Conner. Both ladies will be completing their degrees at Rutgers University right on the ACCC campus in September and were very appreciative of the tuition help. Santina said without the scholarship assisting her with the tuition, she would have had to wait to start college until she saved enough money.

In June scholarships in the form of gift cards to Atlantic Cape Community College were awarded to eight senior girls from the following Atlantic County High Schools. They are Kalliope Hervouvis from Mainland, Brittney Jordan from Pleasantville, Cassidy McClain from Atlantic City, Devon Freed from Absegami, Nicole Littlefield from Oakcrest, Dominga Garcia from Hammon-ton, Agatha Liang from Egg Harbor Township, and Felicia Ingran from Cedar Creek. Thanks to Christine Ecker, Ginny Gormley, and Ann Smith Gray for their help in representing AAUW at three of the high schools.

## Fundraiser Letter -

Regarding the letter emailed last week, a revised letter is included here. The member puts her name and phone number on it. She can leave the letter at a restaurant or shop and the manager can contact her if they are going to make a donation.

Wish you could receive timely updates more often? Have good news to share? Visit our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Atlantic>



## 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 first Book Group of the season will be held on **Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00** at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine.

Aida Colon will lead a discussion of *El Bronx Remembered* by Nicolasa Mohr. This is a book of short stories about immigrants living in the Bronx in the 1950's. Some are hilarious; others are very poignant.

We will choose books for the rest of the year. Bring your suggestions.

New people are always welcome.



**American Assn. Of University Women**

Atlantic County Branch

Autumn 2013

We are asking you to donate a gift certificate to us to be auctioned at our annual luncheon to be held Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Atlantic City Country Club.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used towards the scholarships which we award to local women who are pursuing degrees at South Jersey Colleges.

Your donation is tax deductible. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Gail Vreeland, President

Your contact person is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Breaking through Barriers**

for women and girls

## Welcome to New Members



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## Public Policy - Audrey Moloney [audreypzm@aol.com](mailto:audreypzm@aol.com)

Our national AAUW has been busy all summer . Of course there was the national convention and two of our Branch members attended so we will hear all the convention news from them at the October branch meeting.

One issue in which AAUW is interested is immigration legislation. AAUW believes the House must act **now** to modernize our immigration system and **use this opportunity to bolster funding for science, technology , engineering and math (stem) education.** Companies say they cannot find the skills they need in our domestic labor pool and so need to access foreign STEM workers.

AAUW supports efforts to supplement our own home-grown STEM workforce through a STEM education initiative implemented as part of any immigration reform legislation. The initiative would be funded through fees collected from U.S. employers who recruit foreign STEM workers and used to educate the next generation of American STEM workers. Women, who are underrepresented in the STEM fields would benefit from the increased funding and emphasis on STEM fields. **AAUW urges us to send a message now asking our representative to pass an immigration reform bill that also provides an educational pathway to STEM careers for U.S. workers.** You can do this through our **ACTION NETWORK** by becoming a **2 minute activist.** **Here's how: From our national website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) go to "Action Fund."** Take a minute to read about the latest issue(s) in Congress. Then take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of Congress . That was easy!

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** [geoca41@gmail.com](mailto:geoca41@gmail.com)

The first Travel group will meet **September 18** (Wednesday) at 7pm at a place to be arranged. The topic will be Ghana. Jackie Hall-Smith will be the presenter. She has visited Ghana many times, because her father has a house there. She also has a new son-in-law from Ghana who may assist her in her presentation if he is still in the area - he arrived from Ghana earlier this year. I hope we will have a good turnout for what promises to be an personal view of a country few of us have visited.



**Pat Yacoville presented  
Renting an Apartment in Paris.  
Claire Moyer, & Jeannette Flax**

## College Fair—Gail Davis and Karen Poorman [ghdath@comcast.net](mailto:ghdath@comcast.net)

AAUW - Atlantic County will NOT be co- sponsoring the Fall College Fair at ACCC this year. This fair was held for 50 years and Kiwanis was not in a position to participate this year. Times have also changed and with 'virtual tours' so available at the click of a mouse in person representation by colleges is less important- even though this was a fair working parents could attend. There may be other opportunities in the future as ACCC now has a new Dean of Admissions and it was held in conjunction with the Culinary Institute open house.

## October Heads Up - a call to our artists!

**If you are an artist who paints or sculpts or is into photography or mixed media**, we want you to be prepared to display two pieces of your artwork at our October meeting. The details on this program will follow. It will be held in Absecon at the Methodist Church Hall.

So, please think about what you will bring to display on a table top display area. If you already know you will participate in this, feel free to email me and let me know. This is just for fun...in no way a competition. My email address is [ljerue@comcast.net](mailto:ljerue@comcast.net) I hope you will participate.

## **S.T.A.R. Sisters Together Against Racism - Gail Zona** [gzona1@comcast.net](mailto:gzona1@comcast.net)

STARS June meeting included a wonderful evening with author, Joe Wilkins. He explained the origin of his new book, *The Speaker Who Locked Up The House* (1890 battle in Congress regarding civil rights/ voting rights for former slaves). A spirited discussion followed covering a wide range of experiences/ known situations many have experienced or knew existed at various times in history - even today.

On August 25, at 2:00pm, Sisters will join together for a BBQ/picnic at the home of Juanita Habron in Pleasantville. For those Sisters that have not responded, please call Juanita at 645-1921.

We will begin in September to discuss the present race relations in light of the recent trial (Martin-Zimmerman) in Florida. We seek to find ways to improve this situation.



## Noyes Museum - April 20, 2013



Terry Dailey and Gail Vreeland in the  
"Art of Conflict" room



Gail Vreeland, Debbie Davis, and Susan  
Wolfe listening to Terry Dailey explain the  
paintings



Lucy Jerue in the EB Lewis room



Gail Vreeland, Carole Zerbe,  
Mary Lou Briedenstine, and Eileen Iacanangelo



## Bosco's Day Alert: Tues., Oct 22, 2013

**Diana Intenzo** diainzo75@comcast.net

Once again we are entering the Bosco's Day Fundraiser to be held on Tuesday, October 22. Tickets entitle the holder to an extra 25% off most of the items in the store.

For us this is a mini fundraiser event because we get to keep all the proceeds from the tickets we sell, the total going into our Scholarship Account.

So what do you have to do?

- Consider purchasing 4 tickets at \$5.00 each for a total of \$20. You can give the extra tickets to friends and family. Who wouldn't welcome the chance to save an extra 25% off their purchases that day at Bosco's?
- Pick up your tickets at the September dinner meeting at Sandi Pointe on September 16. Or you can contact me, Diana Intenzo, at diainzo75@comcast.net or at 609-653-1426.
- Consider volunteering to sell tickets the day of the sale – Oct 22 – in the store at a spot assigned to us on that day. So please contact me if you are interested in helping at the store.

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 penny helps!

## Budget 2013-2014

**Diana Intenzo** diainzo75@comcast.net

Roster	\$ 250	Venue	\$ 100
Forum	\$ 250	Programs	\$ 600
WebPage	\$ 150	Hospitality	\$ 175
Postage	\$ 80	Officer Reimbursement	\$ 250
Insurance	\$ 200	Fundraiser	\$ 200
Incorporation Fee	\$ 25	Woman of Distinct	\$ 250
Legal Retainer	\$ 50	State Conferences	\$ 150
		Unexpected Expenses	<u>\$ 200</u>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2930</b>
Operations Account:	\$ 5268.45		
Scholarship Account	\$ 7043.00		





## MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

Dear AAUW State Board Members, Branch Presidents and Branch Co-Presidents:

We are all set to start the booking process for the Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ for the AAUWNJ Fall Focus Retreat.

This is a 2-day meeting, **Sunday, Oct 20th to Monday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are in the hotel system now.

The booking process is:

**AAUW Members send a \$20 check** to AAUWNJ State Vice-President Carol Cohen, 20 Sandy Ct, Freehold, NJ 07728 payable to AAUW NJ to **register for the 2-day event**.

**AAUW Members call Resorts Hotel Group reservations department at: 1-888-797-7700.**  
Each hotel room is \$55.

We are encouraging regular AAUW members to attend (MALs, Virtual, & Branch), also.  
Regular AAUW members can split the lost-cost room with another AAUW member if they choose.  
(\$27.50 each for a double or \$55.00 for a single)

You must specify **AAUW** and use the **group code: VAUW13**.

This will access our AAUW special \$55 room rate (There is Parking. Valet or Self-Parking (the fee is \$5.00 per stay for self-parking.)

**Reserve** your room with your credit card. **AAUWNJ will pay for the hotel room cost for AAUWNJ Board Members, Branch Presidents, and Co-Presidents at the time of October 20<sup>th</sup> Retreat.**

All AAUW Members can pay the AAUW special \$55 rate, too. However, if you room with a AAUWNJ Board Member, Branch President, or Co-President, you do not have to pay the hotel room charge.

AAUWNJ has access to the indoor pool, the Ocean Tower, and a 3rd floor complimentary meeting room for our two-day event.

(Please note: Cancellation charges –If less than 72 hours prior to Oct 20<sup>th</sup> -- the room will be charged to the members credit card account.)

Reminder: October 6<sup>th</sup> is cut-off date for booking rooms.

Below is a Tentative Time Schedule (a Formal Agenda to follow later)

## **AAUWNJ RETREAT**

**RESORTS CASINO HOTEL, ATLANTIC CITY**

**Sunday, October 20, 2013**

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| <b>2:00pm – 3:00</b> | <b>AAUWNJ Board of Directors Meeting</b>                     |
| <b>3:00pm – 5:00</b> | <b>Welcoming &amp; Meeting- All AAUW Members</b>             |
| <b>5:30pm – 7:00</b> | <b>Cocktails Party (Cocktails and Convo)</b>                 |
| <b>7:30pm</b>        | <b>Dutch Treat Dinner with AAUW Members or “on your own”</b> |

**Monday, October 21, 2013**

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| <b>8:00am – 9:30</b>   | <b>President’s Recognition Circle &amp; All AAUW Members<br/>(Breakfast included)</b> |
| <b>10:00am – 12:30</b> | <b>General Meeting</b>  |
| <b>12:30pm</b>         | <b>Closing</b>  |

PS: I made my room reservation on August 9<sup>th</sup>. It was very easy. Because AAUWNJ may need additional special-low-cost rooms set aside, please make your reservation early. I can be reached at: 973-715-4128. This is a most important AAUW meeting for ALL New Jersey AAUW Branches & State Members. Please join us in AC on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>& 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks, Sally Goodson, AAUWNJ Pres.

# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Reservation deadline: Sandi Pointe Brd Mtg. 7 pm Carolyn's</b>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <b>Sandi Pointe 5:30/6:30pm</b>	17	18 <b>Travel Group 7 pm</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30		10/2 <b>Book Club 7 pm</b>			

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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**DATED MATERIAL**