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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Summer Doings

Although we've had our summer hiatus since the May meeting, our branch has been very active in addressing issues and participating in various activities over the last few months.

Here's a quick overview of what we've been doing.

Woman's Center and Human Trafficking

Since The Woman's Center received a \$350,000 grant to address the issue of Human Trafficking – a key focus of AAUW – we thought we might be able to support their efforts.

We met with Dawne Lomangino DiMauro - who has extensive experience with the Anti-Trafficking Task Force of Atlantic County and is coordinating and developing the Center's program - to discuss ways in which we could be of assistance in their efforts. As a result of our discussions, Dawne will present a program for us in a few months and explore the issue further.

One support effort we did identify is providing gift cards from fast food chains, because when many of these victims are rescued they have not eaten for a while and are hungry. If the staffers have food gift cards on them, they can stop and provide a quick meal for the victims. It's something to think about when we're considering contributions to the Woman's Center during the holidays.

College Connections

With the help of dual member Marion Ingrams, who is spearheading AAUW's College Connections program in South Jersey, we laid the groundwork to implement some aspects of this program. We met with representatives of ACCC to explore how to proceed on this front, and in September we will have a

Children's Theatre

Children's Theater returned to Stockton this summer, and as they advertised, this was the "34th annual AAUW Children's Summer Playhouse". Four plays were presented on Wednesdays and several of our members volunteered as ushers. Vickie Biron, who is chair for Children's Theater, coordinated this effort by contacting members and lining up volunteers. Many thanks to all those who participated. We couldn't have done it without you!

Vickie will be lining up volunteers for the three or four student theater programs to be presented this coming year. So please consider helping out at these performances.

A.H.E.A.R.T.

In June, several members attended a "baby shower" hosted by Gail Vreeland for AHEART, a non-profit organization founded and run by Robbin Bell, whose mission is to help poor women and babies by providing basic baby needs such as diapers, formula, clothing, blankets, cribs, etc. She uses "baby showers" as a way to reach out to the community. Those who attended were very moved by Robbin's description of the extensive needs of these women and babies. We're considering an ongoing support for AHEART. Especially when we collect items for the holidays.

Book Club: July Book Study

In July, Mary Lou Breidenstine usually holds a series of Friday meetings to discuss a classic of world literature. This year the book was "Mill on the Floss" by George Eliot. On the last Friday, Mary Lou hosted a luncheon to which members contributed a dish. Prior to the luncheon, a movie, "Silas Marner" was shown. The discussions were most in-

First program of the year - September 16

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We are meeting on a Tuesday evening for our first meeting of the year at the Mays Landing Country Club. Mark your calendars for Sept. 16th.

I am pleased to announce an interesting and timely program. Our speaker will be Dr. Basilyn Bunting. She will speak to us about her work with at risk young people and her challenge to them to enter STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, Math) professions.

Dr. Basilyn Bunting is a retired systems engineer, having worked at the Federal Aviation Administration. She is also an Atlantic City native.

Dr. Bunting and her husband, Gene, began working with area at-risk youth more than 30 years ago in their home garage and eventually founded the *Friends of American Science and Engineering* with the express purpose of exposing youth to STEM activities.

When she was asked, "Why are you interested in the youth learning about STEM?" Dr. Bunting's response, a core value of *Friends of American Engineering and Science*, was "We have to inspire the kids to enjoy science, technology, engineering and math, which is all around us. We live it, breathe it, touch it and create it. I believe if we make it fun, they will enjoy it and want to become the next great innovators of the world."

Join us as Dr. Bunting shares her dynamic work with us. Friends of American Science and Engineering ran quite a few day camps right here in Atlantic County over the summer. They are making a difference!

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.



Save the date...Dec. 8th... and register now!!

Our December program will be an outing to enjoy a performance of the South Jersey 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 10th.**

AAUW Atlantic County - Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Social 5:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM

Mays Landing Country Club

Cates Road, Mays Landing

Menu Choices

Roast Turkey Breast in Raisin Challah Stuffing
Horseradish Encrusted Tilapia in Tarragon Beurre Blanc
Pasta Primavera with Fresh Garden Vegetables

\$35.00 all inclusive

Reservation deadline September 9, 2014. Please mail form and checks payable to AAUW to:

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201

Name _____ Phone # _____

Menu Choice _____

Please seat me with _____

AAUW, Atlantic County Budget: 2014-2015

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Budget Item	Budget Expenditure
Roster	\$ 300
Forum	\$ 400
Web Page	\$ 120
Insurance	\$ 200
Incorporation Fee	\$ 25
Legal Retainer	\$ 50
Venue	\$ 100
Programs	\$ 500
Membership	\$ 250
Hospitality	\$ 175
Officer Reimbursement	\$ 250
WLI ad	\$ 50
College Connection	\$ 300
Stem	\$ 300
State Conferences (+ basket)	\$ 150
National Convention	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total	\$ 3,670

ETHNIC CUISINES

Phyllis Trackman Lptrackman@comcast.net

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.

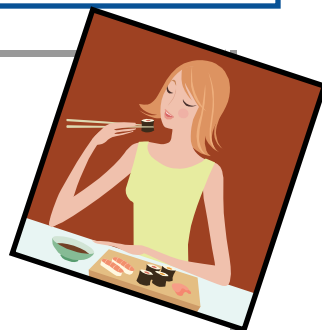
The first luncheon will feature Greek cuisine and will be held as follows:

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 Wednesday, **Oct 1, at 7 pm** at the home of Carolyn Bassett. One of our new members, Mary Hardwick, will be the presenter, telling us about a most interesting-sounding stay in England. Here is her description:

" I lived near Plymouth in Devon, SW England, for most of the month of April, 2013, in an old converted manor house that dated back to the 9th century. Because I stayed in one place, I was able to explore, at leisure, all the historical and prehistoric places populated by a variety of humans over the past 5000 years. Hiking Dartmoor (think "Hound of the Baskervilles"), visiting and sketching Exeter Cathedral, and enduring gales and rain on the Cobb in Lyme Regis (think "French Lieutenant's Woman") were highlights of my trip. I look forward to sharing some of my adventures."

I can hardly wait! Please call or e-mail Carolyn if you plan to attend, and please let me know if you have taken a trip recently you'd like to share with us, or know someone else who would.
(927-9095 or geoca41@gmail.com)



College Connection

Gail Davis Ghdath@comcast.net

Gail Davis is looking for a few volunteers to 'woman' the AAUW TABLE at ACCC - Mays Landing on **Sept 16 and 17** from 10:30 to 2:15. We will have a table at the college's Activities Fair under a big white tent. We'll be collecting email addresses so students can become free Email members of AAUW and also advertising the programs we will be holding on that campus during '14-15.

Ready! Set! Read!

Mary Hardwick mary.hardwick@comcast.net

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

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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

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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Welcome Our New Members

Barbara Wolnerman

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I'm happy to report that we have gained 7 new members since last Spring! We look forward to welcoming them at one of our branch meetings soon. Thank you to our many members who introduce their friends and neighbors to our organization.



Meg Connelly & Connie Masington with Lucy Jerue at New Member May Luncheon

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New Members Luncheon May 2014



OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY and work in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), girls and women have made significant progress in these fields over the past 40 years. Nonetheless, barriers to equality remain. Stereotypes about male and female abilities in math and science—which are perpetuated by society but have been debunked by scientific research—affect opportunities for girls and women in STEM.

Reasons for the STEM Gender Gap

The stereotype that boys are innately better than girls at math and science is pervasive in the U.S. Although the number of women still lags the U.S., but recent trends in achievement— demonstrate that this notion is simply incorrect. Although the number of women still lags behind the number of men in many STEM fields, the reasons for this gap are cultural rather than biological.

AAUW values the importance of STEM

AAUW values the importance of supporting girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as part of our mission to break through barriers for women and girls.

To help promote these goals, AAUW has assembled a STEM Task Force of member leaders who serve as ambassadors to the AAUW branches and contribute to local STEM education efforts across the country. The Atlantic County Chapter of the AAUW could host a Tech Trek Camp for the summer of 2016. We are too late to host a 2015 Tech Trek Camp as applications must be completed no later than September 1, 2014. This important public policy goal is a worthy investment of time and with foresight and proper planning we can proudly host a Tech Trek Camp in 2016. Let's give this some serious thought.

You're Invited! Throw-A-Letter-to-the-Editor Party!

Michelle Douglass and Susan Kinniry invite all of the branch members to a Throw-A-Letter-to-the-Editor Party on **Tuesday, September 30, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**, to learn about the issues and write letters to the editor to our local paper. We can discuss incorporating letters to the editor on our existing activities. For example, if we are having a speaker on an important topic, we can consider asking everyone to write a letter to the editor about it. Sandwiches and soda available for all to enjoy free of charge. **Location: Douglass | Kinniry Law Office, 424 Bethel Road, Somers Point, NJ** (for directions visit our website at myrightslawyers.com or call: 609-788-3595. RSVP by September 22, 2104. Call Michelle Douglass at 609-788-3595 or 609-247-3595 or email at: mjdouglasslaw@gmail.com.



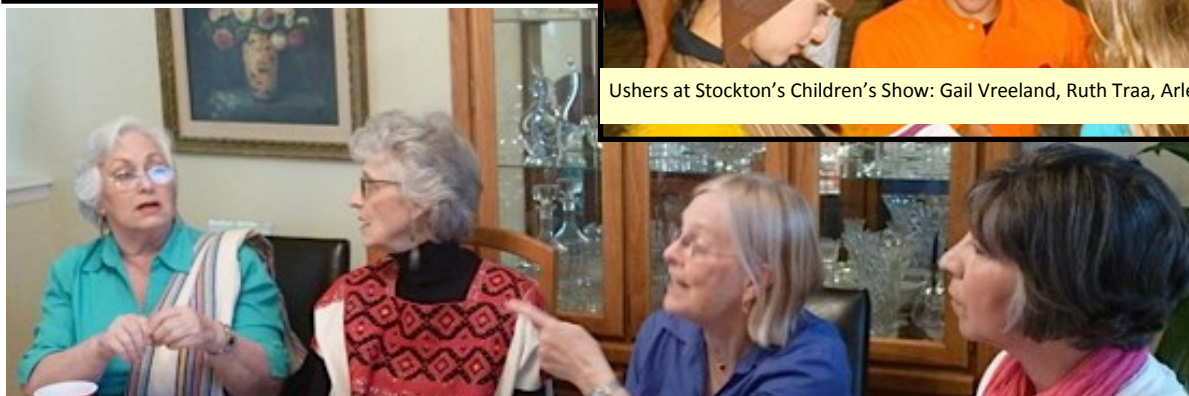
AAUW members Carole Zerbe, Arlene Roller, & Gail Vreeland ushering for a Somers Point Jazz Society performance at Stockton



Arlene Roller and Hassan Abdur Raheem, director of the Pleasantville HS band at Stockton. Arlene was ushering with AAUW



Ushers at Stockton's Children's Show: Gail Vreeland, Ruth Traa, Arlene Roller, Audrey Moloney



Cinco de Mayo at Spanish Group:
Dorie Lord , Claire Moyer, Jeannette Flax, Regina Daly



Anna Lacy, Natalie Yipp, Dean Keenan, Jessica Koresh, Victoria Emmons (Scholarship recipients)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Dinner reservations deadline	10 Register for Holiday Concert	11	12	13
14	15	16 Mays Landing CC @ 5:00 pm Dinner @ 6:00	17 College Connection (16th & 17th)	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 STEM 6 PM	Oct 1 7 PM Travel Group			

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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