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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Our September meeting set the bar for the coming year! Approximately 70 members and guests enjoyed a fine evening of socializing, dining, and listening to author Turiya Raheem share her experience of "Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City". Farther from home, the October meeting offers us sounds and sights of New Orleans as Carol Zerbe and Tula Christopoulos share their highlights of the AAUW National Convention.



Back home again, the excitement continues as we hold our annual Scholarship Benefit on Nov. 16th. You don't want to miss this event, as Judy Courter discusses her book "Fred and Ethel Noyes of Smithville". Please be sure to attend, bring guests, and enjoy participating in the silent auction. Donated gift cards and items for baskets are flowing in, but more are always needed. Let's all do our part to raise as much money as we can to provide scholarships for deserving local women.

Programs - Helen Riso

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 is the date for our fundraiser at Atlantic City Country Club on Shore Road in Northfield. I know it has long been marked on your calendar and now is the time to gather up friends and relatives to support our Scholarship Fund. Our own Judy Courter, author of "Fred & Ethel Noyes of Smithville - The Artist & Entrepreneur," will be our guest speaker. She has been on a worldwide tour since the publication of her book and we are so lucky to get her for our annual fundraiser, silent auction and book signing. Incidentally, she has generously offered to contribute to our Scholarship Fund five dollars from each book sold that day. I'm sure you will enjoy reading this well researched account of a most interesting couple who contributed so much to this area's economy long before the arrival of casinos in Atlantic City.

Program Reminder - Lucy Jerue ljerue@comcast.net

Our October program is fast approaching.

Come out on Mon. Oct 21 and hear our members Carol Zerbee and Tula Christopoulos share their experiences as attendees of the AAUW National Conference held in New Orleans over the summer. We will also enjoy some desserts and art before our program.

This program will be held at the Absecon Methodist Church Great Hall, Pitney Road and Church Street in Absecon. There is a large parking lot across from the church hall. Enjoy desserts at 6:30pm as you browse the artwork of a few of our own members. The program portion of the evening will begin at 7pm.

Hope to see you there. Registration is not necessary.

Treasurer's Report - September 2013**Diana Intenzo**

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**Operating Account:**

Income:	Dues + Interest	\$ 40.26
Less Expenses:	Roster	\$ 173.30
	Forum	52.78
	Brochures	108.07
	March lunch dep.	<u>100.00</u>
		- 434.15
Balance		<u>\$ 6,082.51</u>

Scholarship Account:

Income:	Bosco's fundraiser + Interest	\$ 590.59
Less Expenses:	Contribution to AAUW Funds	<u>- 500.00</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 7,184.19</u>

Travel Group**Carolyn Bassett**

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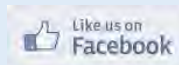
The Travel Group will meet **November 13** at 7pm at the home of Carolyn Bassett. The topic will be **Cuba**, presented by Mariam Ingram and Pat Quinn, dual members with the Cape May County Branch. Mary and Pat took a tour to Cuba last year and are looking forward to giving us an insight into this country that was "off-limits" to US citizens until recently. Call or e-mail Carolyn to let her know you can come, and to get directions if needed.

Please let Carolyn know if you have a travel experience you'd be willing to share with the group. Also, if you'd be willing to host a meeting, that would be great too.

**S.T.A.R.****Sisters Together Against Racism****Gail Zona** gzona1@comcast.net

STAR has been invited to make a display presentation at the AAUWNJ Retreat in October at Resorts Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City. We are told that no other branch has such an organization devoted to diversity issues, personal growth and understanding. The State Board of AAUW hopes that our Atlantic County Branch will inspire other branches to follow our lead. There will be Sisters at the display table on both days of the Retreat.

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> or click the *thumb*. (You do not need to join Facebook to view the page.)

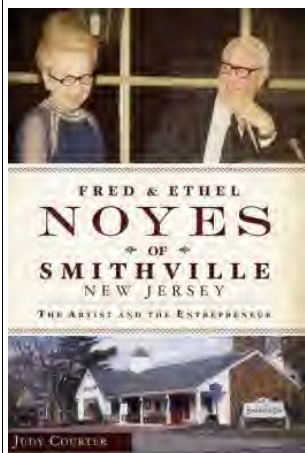


AAUW

American Association of University Women
Atlantic County Branch

Presents

The Artist and the Entrepreneur



Scholarship Benefit

Guest Speaker

Judy Courter



Saturday, November 16, 2013

Social 12:00/Luncheon 1:00 PM

Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield, NJ

Ticket Price \$40.00 Silent Auction

Reservations are a MUST! DEADLINE - November 6

Menu Choices: Chicken Francaise, Baked Salmon or Sliced Tenderloin Beef

Make checks payable to AAUW and please mail with the reservation form to

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, N.J. 08201

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Name (s) _____ Phone # _____

Menu Choice _____

Please seat me with _____

Welcome to New Members

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Community Outreach

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Our branch of AAUW helped to start and fund a program to prepare women to take the GED eight years ago at The Women's Center, a non-profit private social services provider. Since then we have been providing tutors for the program. Marie Turnbull, one of our members, is currently volunteering in the literacy segment. The Women's Center welcomes volunteers in many capacities, and our branch is happy to assist them in their efforts to empower women in the county. If you are willing to be a part of this effort, get in touch with

Nikki Vilardo, WomenSource and Volunteer Coordinator
The Women's Center
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The Atlantic County Branch continues to be active in partnering with other organizations which work in areas of our mission statement: to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.



Book Group

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Please join the AAUW Book Group on **November 6** at the home of Jan Smith. Lucy Jerue will lead a discussion of the *Art Forger* by BA Shapiro. This engaging novel is set in Boston and gives us an inside look into the competitive world of high end art. We will begin promptly at 7:00.

Get ready for the **December 4** meeting by reading *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood. This book promises to be a "playful, daring, and profound" odyssey which retells the myth of Odysseus from the perspective of Penelope. This 198 page novella was published in 2005.

Children's Theater

Christine Ecker mcmmecker@msn.com

Stockton PAC's Imagination Station Children's Theater series will include three shows for the 2013-2014 season. Friday December 13th, 2013; Wednesday April 16th, 2014; Tuesday May 6th, 2014 All shows begin at 10:30am

Stockton would like us to provide 6-8 ushers per show. If you are able to usher at any or all of these shows, please email your contact information to mcmmecker@msn.com Thank you.

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.



**Turiya Raheenm with her book,
Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City**



Editor's Notes - Mary R.

New degree? Promotion? Grandchild? Volunteering? Recommendations? You are invited to share your good news here! Please email me at mrydz@yahoo.com

Good News:

Boscov's Day Fundraiser: Tues., Oct 22

Our branch is sending 15 members to the AAUW NJ Fall Retreat

Public Policy — Audrey Moloney

Women and Health



AAUW believes everyone deserves access to quality, affordable, and accessible health care. With the launch of open enrollment under the *Affordable Care Act*, more women and their families than ever before will have access to that right.

In the past, with many health plans women have had to pay higher premiums for health care than have their male counterparts and often, preventative care services were either not covered at all or covered only with high out-of-pocket costs. Under the *ACA* many preventative care services such as mammograms, prenatal care, cervical cancer screening and other s will be fully covered. Women who seek preventative care are less likely to develop chronic health problems. Early detection and screening saves lives and is also cost effective.

Pay Equity



This year, we mark the centennial of the first equal pay study conducted by an AAUW branch. In **1913**, the association's Washington, D.C., branch published the results of their study on women in government positions. Laura Dana Morgan, branch member of the AAUW Committee on Vocational Opportunities, reported on the results in the April 1913 issue of the *AAUW Journal*.

The most astonishing conclusion of the report is one that will sound strikingly familiar today: in 1913, women's salaries in federal jobs were approximately 77.5 percent of men's. **In 2012 as in 2002, among full-time, year-round workers, women were paid 77 percent of what men were paid.** The wage gap has not budged in a decade. Women in every state experience the pay gap but some states are worse than others. Washington, D.C. is best and Wyoming is the worst state. New Jersey ranks 22nd.

**Jackie Hall-Smith and her daughter, Lucinda,
presenting a program on Ghana.**



Ghanan artifacts



Ghanan food prepared by Lucinda's husband :
okra, spinach with spices, chicken, & rice




Aida Colon and Carolyn Bassett at La Escondida



Jenine Brown and Claire Moyer at Spanish Club dinner, Sept. 23

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4. Brd Meeting 7pm@ Gail Vree-land's house	5	6 Book Club 7pm@Jan Smith's	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Luncheon 12:00 @ AC Country Club
17	18	19	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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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