



THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch

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President's Message - Gail Vreeland

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Our Board has been very busy this summer and fall. Committees have been meeting to work on programs, budget, fundraisers, scholarships, rosters, websites, membership, newsletters, new branch brochures, cultural groups, and the State Fall Retreat to be held in Atlantic City.

We had our first Board meeting on Sept. 9th and much was accomplished. To paraphrase Hilary Clinton, "It takes a board to run an organization". I would like to thank all our board members and others who have volunteered their time and expertise to get us off to a great start.

Please consider getting involved in committees or special events. Fresh ideas and new help are always welcome. It is also a wonderful way to make new friends!

Reminder: State AAUW Overnight Retreat

Oct. 20th 3:00 pm - Oct. 21st 12:30 pm

Resorts in Atlantic City

Interested in sharing a room at Resorts?
Check your AAUWNJ email for details or
contact Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

Program Chair - Lucy Jerue

ljerue@comcast.net

Our October Branch Meeting and Program will take place on **Monday, Oct. 21**

Location: Absecon Methodist Church Great Hall

Time: 6:30pm – Desserts and Art Display,
Program at 7pm

"Art, New Orleans & the National Convention" will be an evening that highlights AAUW itself. Two of our own members attended the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans this past summer. Those members, Carol Zerbe and Tula Christopoulos, will share their experiences with us.

To make the evening even more memorable, we are celebrating New Orleans, a city of music and art, by having our members who are artists bring in two (2) pieces of artwork to display. We will enjoy desserts as we browse the artwork. You may even hear some jazz in the background.

If you are an artist who paints or sculpts or is into photography or mixed media, please bring in your art (2 pieces) and a means of displaying it on a table top. Make up a tag with your name, the name of the piece, and the medium. Please email me at ljerue@comcast.net to let me know you are participating.

Directions: The church is located at 100 Pitney Road in Absecon (at the corner of Pitney Road and West Church Street). There is plenty of parking. If you are coming from the Linwood area, take Shore Road north. Cross the intersection of Route 30 (Black Cat will be on your left) and go north for 2 more blocks. Turn left onto Church Street. The church is one block in on the right.

Treasurer's Report
Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net



Operating Account: Aug 31, 2013

Income:	\$ 418.25	(dues, interest)
Expenditures:	\$ 684.00	(dues to National; Restaurant down payments)
Ledger Balance	\$5,796.43	

Scholarship/Educ Account: Aug 31, 2013: \$ 7,093.60

Boscov's Day Fundraiser: Tues., Oct 22

Diana Intenzo

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Tickets are still available for the Boscov's Day fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct 22. You can obtain them at some of the upcoming interest group meetings or at the Oct meeting on Oct 21. A ticket will entitle the holder to an extra 25% off on most items in the store on that day.

The price is \$5.00 per ticket, but since this is a fundraiser we are asking members to buy 4 tickets for \$20. You can give the extras away as gifts or sell them if you wish.

Volunteers are still needed to sell tickets in the store on the day of the event:

9 AM - 11 AM	1 person needed
11 AM - 1 PM	1 person needed
1 PM - 3 PM	2 people needed
3 PM - 5 PM	2 people needed

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these sessions please contact Diana Intenzo at dianzo75@comcast.net or at 609-653-1426.



Forum Mail

Terry Dailey, Corresponding Secretary

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Our branch is expending considerable money mailing paper editions of the Forum each month. These funds are needed for operational expenses and our mission, to encourage the education of women, via scholarships. The national AAUW has already adopted a policy of only providing electronic communications. Our information is readily available by email, website and Facebook. Thus, and in accordance with national policy, starting with the November issue of the Forum, I will only be "snailmailing" the Forum to active members who have no email or who contact me via phone at 625-7995 to request continued "snailmail".

If your email address changes, please make sure to notify Mary at mrydz@yahoo.com so that you receive your Forum as promptly and smoothly as possible. Thank you for your help in putting our hard earned funds to good use.

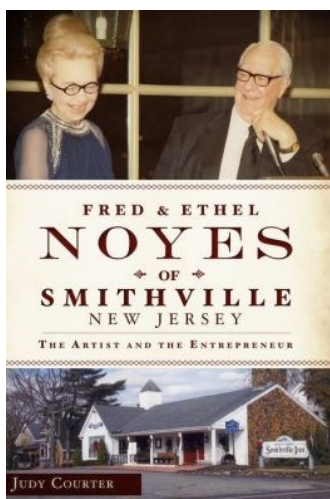
AAUW

American Association of University Women
Atlantic County Branch

Presents

The Artist and the Entrepreneur

Scholarship Benefit



Guest Speaker

Judy Courter

Author



Saturday, November 16, 2013

12 Noon

Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield, NJ 08225

Ticket Price \$40.00

Silent Auction

Contact Helen

641-7085

(Additional information will be posted in the next issue of The Forum.)

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
Phone: 609-601-9925 ext.207
e-mail: n.vilardo@acwc.org

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

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.

The next book will be *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro.

New people are always welcome.

Scholarship Committee

Diane Mozzo & Freda Strickler

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The scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the Board has made some changes to the awarding of scholarships for this year. The Atlantic Cape Community College bookstore gift cards given to high school seniors will be replaced with two \$1200 scholarships. They will be awarded to two women who are finishing their degrees at Atlantic Cape Community College. Two \$1000 scholarships will be granted to two women who will be completing their bachelors' degrees. One scholarship will go to a woman who will be attending Stockton College and one to a woman attending any New Jersey state college or university. Finally, a \$3000 scholarship will be given to a woman obtaining a master's degree at Stockton College in a STEM field. The additional scholarships are the result of the membership's fantastic fundraising skills.

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.)



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.



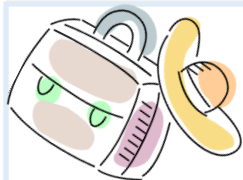
Carol and Tula meeting with Senator Olympia Snowe at the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans

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: Our AAUW Atlantic County Branch is the largest in the state !

*Gail Davis: My chorus sings, plus Frank the Dog men's quartet and Euphonix (women's quartet) at Barbershop Show, September 28, 7:30 at the Middle Township PAC. Tickets: \$15. Both are outstanding!



Travel Group
Carolyn Bassett
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The Travel Group will hear a presentation on Ghana on **September 18 at 7pm** at the home of Phyllis Trackman. The speaker will be Jackie Hall-Smith who has visited Ghana many times (her father has a home there) and who has a new son-in-law from Ghana who may be able to assist in her presentation. This promises to be an opportunity to learn about a country few of us have visited from someone who is well-acquainted with it. Please let Carolyn know if you can come.

Directions to Phyllis' house: from Fire Road turn on Mill Rd toward EHT. In about a half mile you will see a sign on the left for Village Grande. Turn in, go to first corner and make a right on Lander Rd. Go one block and make a left on Butler Rd. Phyllis is at 9 Butler Rd, 5th house on left. Park anywhere, just don't block anyone's driveway.

November 13: Two of our Cape May County dual members, Marion Ingram and Pat Quinn will make a presentation on a trip to Cuba they took last year. They have lots of information to share as they were very impressed with their experience. Save the date, place to be announced later.

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

Our next meeting will be Monday, **September 23** at Gail Zona's home. (6pm for bag dinner/7pm meeting). Thanks to our sister, Juanita Habron, for our barbeque party at her home in August.

At the September meeting, plans will be finalized for our participation in the AAUW-NJ retreat at Resorts Hotel Casino on Sunday & Monday, Oct 20-21. A presentation about STAR will be given by Turiya Abdur-Raheem. STAR has come to the attention of the AAUW-NJ President and Board of our diversity and accomplishments over the last 17 years. AAUW-NJ plans to highlight STAR at the retreat in hopes of other branches starting similar groups.

Discussions at the September meeting will be on the current escalation of racial issues in the USA. Our long term commitment to regional anti-trafficking efforts will be reviewed. As this is now a goal of the AAUW-NJ.

It is with deep regret that STAR received notice of the death of Claire Moyer's son, Stephen, on Sunday, September 1. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Claire. May you find peace and faith that Stephen is now with the Lord.

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 21 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 I hope you will participate.



October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Book Club 7pm</i>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Retreat-AC</i>	21 <i>Retreat- AC</i> <i>Absecon Methodist Church 6:30</i>	22 <i>Boscov's Day</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	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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