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President's Message

Diana Intenzo diainzo75@comcast.net

Welcome to the start of a new AAUW "year". We've had an active summer – ushering at Children Theater productions; signing up students at ACCC for AAUW's College Connection; meeting to finalize the budget and discuss the fundraiser; and attending the Book Group's summer sessions. Thanks, as always, to all who participated.

But the biggest and most impressive event was the week long AAUW TECH CAMP, held at Stockton University in July – thanks primarily to Michelle Douglass and Claudine Keenan with the help of selective AAUW members from the Atlantic County and Cape May branches – and a myriad of other volunteers and participants.

To see those 30 young girls and their parents smiling in anticipation of the week activities - to listen to the teachers talk about the classroom and outdoor science projects they were planning to conduct - to hear the outstanding professional women speakers discuss their careers in STEM-related fields - to sense the eager expectation about staying at college dorms under the tutelage of dorm monitors – it was an awesome experience.

You'll hear all about it at the September dinner meeting on Sept 21. Through videos and photos, you'll see actual scenes and moments from this astounding week. Plus you'll meet some of the girls who attended the camp.

You won't want to miss this! It will be so exciting! The Tech Camp is the biggest AAUW undertaking ever conducted in South Jersey. Come to the dinner and hear all about it. It will be a great kick-off for the coming year.

"Tech Trek Camp Highlights"

September 21

Stockton Seaview Hotel

401 S New York Rd, Galloway

Main Dining Room

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

Members Town Hall Meeting: 5:30-6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Program Following Dinner:

Michelle Douglass & Dean Dr. Claudine Keenan

Registration Deadline: September 15

Cost: \$ 35.00

Please complete and return the registration form on page 2.



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Registration for September 21 meeting - Stockton Seaview Hotel (Seaview Country Club)

Name _____ Phone # _____

Check your Entrée Choice:

- ☐ Grilled Chicken with sizzled spinach, balsamic glazed tomatoes and fresh mozzarella cheese
- ☐ Grilled Salmon with lemon beurre blanc

Assigned Seating. Please indicate your seating preference _____

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 15

Membership

Barbara Wolnerman blw425@aol.com
& **Marie Turnbull** marielt46@gmail.com

We are happy to welcome the newest members to our branch. We look forward to meeting and greeting all of you soon.

Susan Lothian,

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Rutgers/Camden, NJ Advanced Degree: JD

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University of Maryland B.S. Elementary Education
Advanced Degrees: M Ed Curriculum/Instruction
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Stockton NJ Advanced Degree: Masters (MPT)

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St. Catherine University, Minn BA Elementary Ed
Advanced Degree: Math Certification, Rowan University NJ

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Advanced Degrees: MBA Duke University NC
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Bobbie Ginsberg

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Temple University BS; Advanced Degree: Masters of Social Work

Patricia Ford-Roegner (Dual Member)

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West Chester University: BA; Adv'd Degree:MSW UPenn Other: RN

We are also very pleased to welcome back two former members of our branch.

Joan Carri, 515 6th St., Somers Point, NJ 609 653-1744
St. Joseph's University Maine BS

Mildred Thomas

303 Burning Tree Blvd., Absecon, NJ 08201 609 646-1357
Cheney University Penn. BA Home Economics

2015-2016 Budget

Roster	\$ 300
Forum	\$ 300
Webpage	\$ 120
Insurance	\$ 200
Incorporation Fee	\$ 25
Legal Retainer Fee	\$ 50
Venue	\$ 150
Programs	\$ 500
Membership	\$ 250
Hospitality	\$ 175
Officer Reimbursement	\$ 250
WLI ad	\$ 50
College Connections	\$ 300
STEM	\$ 300
State Conventions (+ basket)	\$ 150
Photo Book	\$ 50
AAUW materials (roster banner)	\$ 40

Total **\$3,210**

Ready, Set, Read!

Joan Leavy sk8s2@comcast.net 823-3442

For all members interested in becoming Reading Program Volunteers:

We are again participating in Ready, Set, Read!, one part of the United Way Success By Six program supported by the Womens Leadership Initiative (WLI). Introducing children to the joy of reading before the age of six is the goal of this program. Volunteers go to various pre-school classrooms in the area and read to the children and then give each child a book to take home and share with their caregivers. Readings will be held in the Fall and Springtime.

Please consider participating in this program. The WLI wants you to know that your support truly enables the success of this program. As the liaison, I will handle scheduling, reminders, and all Orientations (whether in a group or individually) Contact me, Joan Leavy, by email or by phone.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

Barb Wolnerman and I 'womanned' a table at ACCC- Mays Landing on August 6 for their new student day promoting student e memberships. I believe we got about 25-30 and we got to spread the word of what AAUW does to parents and students. We hope to return for their Buccaneer Days **Sept 15 and 16** and will need additional volunteers for our table. Contact me- ghdath@comcast.net if you can spare an hour or 2 on either of those days.

Scholarships- we were delighted to meet our 5 scholarship recipients at Careme's last Spring. I've asked them all to save Nov. 14 which is our scholarship luncheon.

Scholarship Fundraising luncheon-

the committee members will gratefully accept any of your contributions for our baskets (restaurants, golf, or other things) at both our September and October meetings- just remember to bring them and THANK YOU!

AAUW - Boscov Event Fundraiser

Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS BOSCOV's Annual 25% Off Shopping Pass will be held at ALL Boscov stores on **Tuesday, October 20, 2015.**

Our branch looks for all members to consider buying these tickets - \$5.00 each (which remains in our treasury) while saving 25% on items you, family and friends buy to use on that day. Members will be selling these tickets at the September Dinner Meeting or by calling Gail Zona 641-1986 and they will be mailed or delivered to you.

There are over 40 Boscov stores in PA, NJ, DE and NY. A good opportunity to buy some as gifts for family and friends in other areas as gifts.

2015-16 Officers

President:	Diana Intenzo
Programs:	Carol Zerbe (September)
Membership:	Barbara Wolnerman & Marie Turnbull
Treasurer:	Beverly Schechtman
Recording Secretary:	Stephanie Cash
Corresponding Secretary:	Terry Dailey

Interest Groups

Travel Group

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

AN EXPLORATION OF GREECE :

Tula Christopoulos and Judy Courter will make a presentation combining two trips to Greece on **October 14** at 7pm at Tula's home in Absecon.

Tula wrote:

We will begin with our 2005 Odyssey, sailing the Ionian Sea and visiting Delphi and Arcadia in the Peloponnesos, and follow up with the Dionysian Wine Society's 2015 wine tasting journey through Athens, Crete, and Santorini.

Doesn't that sound fascinating?

Let Tula know if you plan to come by phone or e-mail: 484-8044 or tegea111@aol.com.

As usual, I am looking for people who have taken interesting trips that would be willing to share their experiences with the group. We have had wonderful programs both with projected pictures and without, so don't feel you can't do a program if you don't have a "slide show." Please give me a call if you have taken a trip others would find interesting.

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine
breidensti@aol.com

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, **September 30 at 7:00** at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine. Carolyn Bassett will lead a discussion of "Flora" by Gail Godwin. This coming of age novel should give us lots to talk about.

We will choose books for the coming year. If you have suggestions, this is the meeting to share them.

New people are always welcome.

Ethnic Cuisines

Phyllis Trackman lptrackman@comcast.net

October 15 12:30

RAMA THAI

ENGLISH CREEK SHOPPING CENTER
(AC MOORE/ SHOPRITE)

BLACK HORSE PIKE. EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

Please email PHYLLIS LPTRACKMAN@COMCAST.NET
by Oct. 9 if you wish to attend



Tech Camp Volunteers

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.

Public Policy In Action This Summer Through Tech Trek!

By: Michelle J. Douglass, Esq., Director Tech Trek-NJ

AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through education could not have been put to better action this summer by the collaborative effort of the Atlantic and Cape May County Branches.

Tech Trek hosted at Stockton University in July was a huge success! For those of you who missed the posts to Facebook, you would have seen the daily photos of the campers, our Volunteers, the classes, the workshops and field trips.

Since 1998 AAUW Tech Trek camps have been designed to help girls continue their interests in science, math, engineering & technology (STEM) exploration and learning, through the tricky years when new distractions enter their lives. Studies have shown that girls' interests can be sustained if they are exposed to the careers available to women in science today. Tech Trek provides some of that exposure.

The girls and their families as well as the women who participated in the Professional Women's Night all had tremendously positive feedback here is just a sampling of comments:

Hi Michelle-

Just wanted to thank you again for inviting me to participate in Tech Trek. I really enjoyed meeting the girls, they were an impressive group of young women. I just received the thank-you note they sent, that was very nice of them. You did an amazing job organizing this event, you should be very proud, I know it will have an impact on all participants well into the future-

Nancy Mauro, P.E., Cape May County Engineering Dept.

I would just like to take the time out and thank you for letting me experience the Tech Trek program firsthand. I really enjoyed the program and I know that other girls will like it too. Thank You, *Malini Gulati*

Ladies,

Just a quick note to tell you how great I thought the evening went last night. These young group of girls are so inspiring; they are clearly exceptional young women. Their interest, enthusiasm and candor about who they are and what some of their dreams are left me awestruck. Thank you for allowing me to participate in the event, and I look forward to helping the next generation achieve, contribute to society, while they also find fulfillment in STEM fields.

Best regards,

Barbara Prince AAUW Freehold Branch, former Verizon Director, IT

Marie Wolbach Congratulations, Tech Trek-NJ. Photos show a successful week!

Barbara Palmer Congrats on a job well done. California salutes you for all you learned and the fun you had!

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. Mekkah had a WONDERFUL time. She showed our family her flashlight, lipgloss and the Apps. This was her very first time being away from home and this experience taught us both a lot. I hope you cont. the Tek Trek Prog. God bless you all. *Terri Faulkner*

Dear Alexis:

Please tell Michelle it was my pleasure to participate in such as a great program. Please let me know how I can help in the future!

Marie Hayes, Cape May County Freeholder

Sandra Illi DeRitis What a wonderful experience the girls had. Huge thanks to everyone that worked together and volunteered to afford these girls such a memorable experience!

Beth Stuehler Krawczuk I loved being a part of this amazing experience! I was impressed and inspired by all the girls!

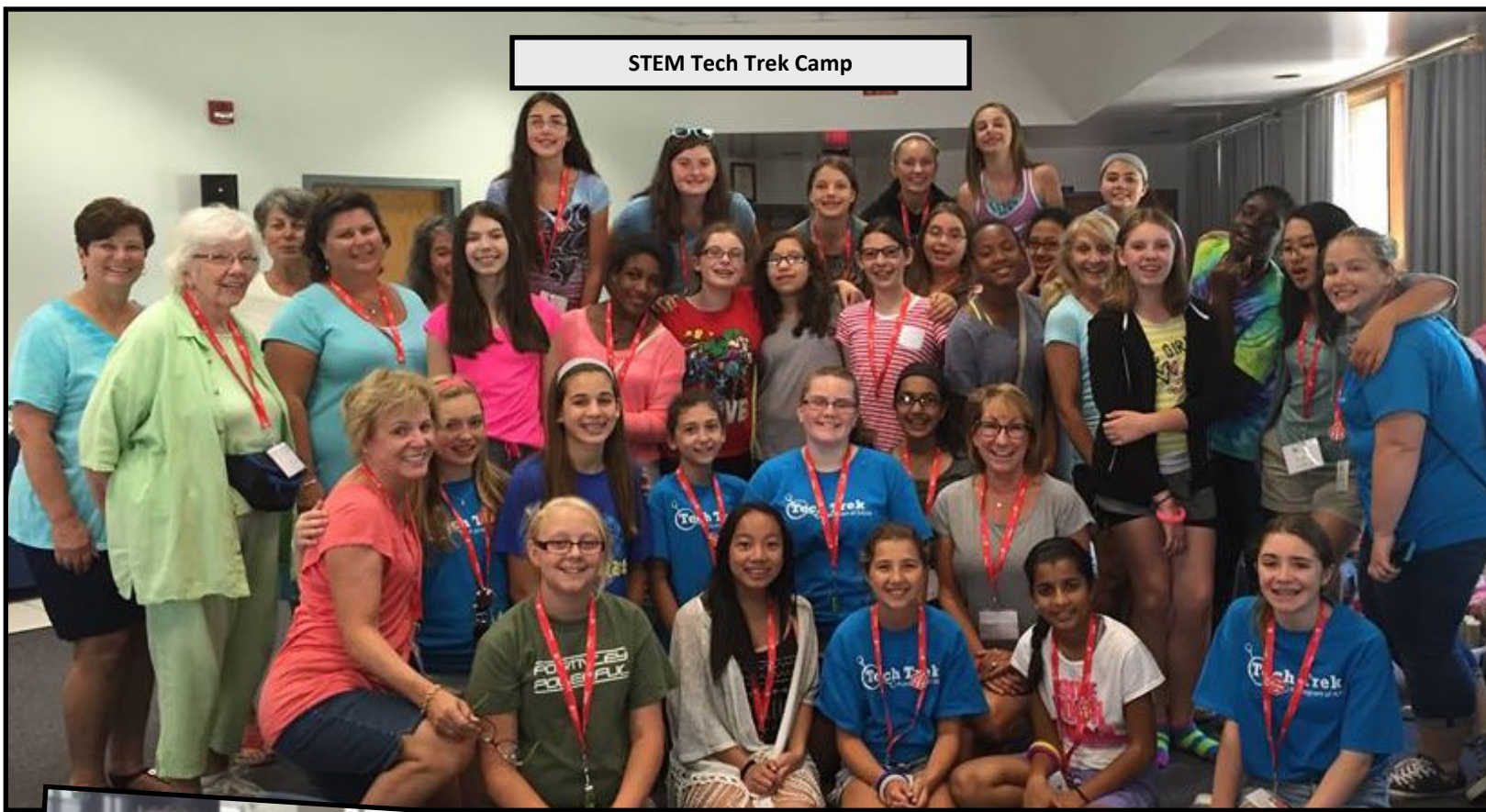
Jenny Carleo It was a pleasure to participate, I was inspired by these amazing young women!

Joanne Imperatore What a night. The young ladies were wonderful. Dressed professionally and acted properly. I am so very proud to be apart of this program. The future will be a better place with them in it! Thank You

Michelle D. Reed Awesome work!! THANK YOU for such a great opportunity for our daughters!!!

Gina Roche There are no words to describe how grateful we are. Thank you

STEM Tech Trek Camp



Volunteers at Teen Tech Day



Lucy & Bonnie: Docents at the Noyes Meeting



Ushers at Stockton Summer Theatre





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Registration deadline for dinner meeting</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Dinner Meeting @ Seaview</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Book Club 7 pm</i>			

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

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