



# THE FORUM

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## *Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary*

### President's Message

**Linda Harmon** linda.harmon@gmail.com

Warm greetings and Happy New Year to all! The holidays and all of the hustle-bustle are slowly winding down, but not AAUW Atlantic County.

- A delightful **December 2<sup>nd</sup> luncheon** was attended by over 40 members, each also contributing gift cards to the Women's Center for Human Trafficking. The generosity of our members is greatly appreciated. A very special thanks to Mary Lou Breidenstine, Aida Colon, and Theresa Sartorio for the delicious food and decorations!
- On **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, Diana Intenzo, Gail Davis, Helen Walsh, Linda Harmon, Ann Marchesani, and Debbie Walker distributed food boxes at the three ACCC campuses.
- On **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, Gail Zona led a great book discussion on *I Was Amelia Earhart*.
- On **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, over 50 of our members thoroughly enjoyed their trip to New York City to see *Wicked* and enjoy dinner in NYC! A huge thank you to Karen Poorman for all of her hard work to provide this wonderful experience!

**There is no branch meeting this month. The next branch meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean City Library at 1 pm.** Join the group to gain new technology skills!

There are several opportunities in January to volunteer.

**Tween Tech is January 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8am – 2pm at Stockton University, Campus Center. If interested in volunteering please contact Dottie Pearson: [pearson@princeton.edu](mailto:pearson@princeton.edu)

The Reading program is up and running. See the article attached by Mary Brodsky if you are interested in reading to young children.

ACCC will be looking again for 6 volunteers, 2 per campus, to distribute food to students in February. Contact Jean McAlister if interested: [mcaliste@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcaliste@atlantic.edu)

Our **next board meeting is Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Shore Diner**. Both the Board of Trustees of our AACCCI and our AAUW Atlantic County Board will be meeting. RSVP to Linda Harmon [linda.harmon@gmail.com](mailto:linda.harmon@gmail.com)

Stay warm and enjoy the peacefulness of winter!

Linda

### Programs

**Karen Poorman** karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

On December 16, AAUW members and friends and families went "Off to see the Wizard" and had a wonderful day. *Wicked*, the musical story of a friendship between two very different women in the land of Oz, sparked conversation among members at the after-show dinner at the Heartland Brewery in Time's Square. Pictures are attached.

The February 24th meeting will held at the Ocean City Library and will be an interactive program by and for members to teach computer skills at the level that the participants request. You will receive an e-mail in January asking if you want to either instruct or learn a specific skill at three different levels (or both instruct and learn). We may have two consecutive sessions on the same day. Topics will range from "How do I turn on the computer?" to "How can search Ancestry.com?" to handling spreadsheets, and Googledocs. We may even throw in "How can I Photoshop my pictures so that I look like I did when I was 25?" I want to learn that!

Don't forget about our year-long project: "Wisdom of the Ages." Please send as many videos as you can so that we have many to choose from. Taking the videos can spark lively discussion among family members at holiday gatherings, and could be a lot of fun to watch the day after New Year's parties. Humor and creative responses are appreciated. If you need reminders of the questions, check the e-mail that was sent to the group prior to Thanksgiving or e-mail Karen Poorman.

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**From the Desk of Gail Davis**

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**STEM**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL and especially to our volunteer escorts volunteering for Tween Tech on **January 5.**

We are in need of volunteers ( perhaps 2) from Atlantic County to assist with fundraising for TECH TREK this summer, duties would be to 'assist' in securing funds and perhaps locating any grant funding for our 501C3 corporation. Marion Ingram is heading up this effort but if you let me know (ghdath@comcast.net or 609-513-6281) I will happily get you connected. You do not have to have a background in grant writing. We have a few from Cape May so let's step up and do our part PLEASE.

The first invitations to principals went out 2 weeks ago and nominations are underway at this writing. Also please sign up to volunteer to interview the girls. Lucy Jerue is chairing Atlantic County and she welcomes your help.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Linda Harmon and I attended a very well choreographed dinner at Stockton to introduce recipients of our funds to donors. Since our 501C3 ( AACCCI) was only recently established we had no recipients this year ` but will next year. Our BOD will soon vote on our contributions to both ACCC and Stockton.

**OF INTEREST**

I recently learned that STRAIGHT NO CHASER will do 2 shows at the Ocean City Music Pier on Monday July 23.

**Sad News**

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic County, NJ, Branch of AAUW, the American Association of University Women, on behalf of all its members, wishes to express deep sorrow at the death of Stephanie Cash, a member of the branch. Stephanie embraced the mission of our organization and was a recent member. She joined about 5 or 6 years ago. Stephanie stepped right up to accept the job of recording secretary, but had to surrender the job when she became ill. Stephanie spoke fluent French; she taught it and also worked as a translator. She was a very positive, upbeat person and it was a delight to be with her.

We appreciate the contributions Stephanie made to our organization over the years and remember her with high regard and affection. In respect of her memory, we wish to acknowledge her contributions formally, both to our members and to her family, and to express again, our heartfelt sympathy on her passing.

A memorial service for Stephanie will be held in January. To honor Stephanie's memory, contributions may be made to Lutheran World Relief, 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230; the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104; Mercy Ships, PO Box 1930; Lindale, TX 75771; or the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 3800 Maple Avenue, Suite 435, Dallas, TX 75219.

By Linda Harmon

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**Nominating Committee – volunteers needed**

With 2018 upon us, it is time to form a nominating committee to determine a slate of candidates for our April 2018 election. No experience is needed. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Linda Harmon: linda.harmon@gmail.com or 609-204-8596.

**Membership****Lynne Walters** - rrwalters321@hotmail.com

Please change Betty Shearer's email address to: Elizabethshr7@gmail.com

## Ready Set Read

**Mary Brodsky** mabrodsky27@gmail.com 609-233-6681

I am happy to announce that Ready Set Read is ready for scheduling. For those members unfamiliar with the program, volunteer readers go into schools to read to a class of children under 6 yrs. old. After reading the book, each child is given a personal copy to take home. The children are always enthusiastic about both the reading and receiving their own book. For the reader, it is a very rewarding experience.

Following is the list of schools involved for 2018. Please email, text or call me with any questions you may have. If you have decided which days you are available, please tell me the school and specific dates and time that you would like to volunteer. Each session generally lasts about 20-30 min. The times given are suggestions as to when you can come, not the length of time you will be there.

Thank you for your participation.

- Weymouth Twp. in Dorothy: 1 class of 4 yr. olds M -T - F 9-10:30
- Little PAL's Preschool in EHT: 1 class of 3 yr. olds & 1 class of 5 yr. olds T -W 10-11
- Free to Be Childcare Center (Stockton Univ.): 2.5-4 yr. old class (25 children) W-Th-F 9-9:30 OR M-W-F 3-3:30
- Dynamic Learning Academy in Hammonton: 1 class of 3-5 yr. olds & 1 class of 1-2 yr. olds. Any day 10 or 3:30
- Leeds Ave. School In Pleasantville: 10 classes ranging in age from 3 - 5 yrs. Old M-F 1:00-2:00
- Gateway Headstart in Mays Landing: 3 classes of 4 yr. olds Any day 9:15-11
- J.C. Shaner School in Mays Landing: 3 classes of 4 yr. olds Any day 9:15-11
- Little Flyers Academy at the FAA Tech Center at AC airport: 1 class of 12-24 mo., 1 class of 2-3 yr. olds, 1 class of 3-5 yr. olds Tuesday at 10
- Katz Jewish community Preschool in Margate 2 classes of 2 yr. olds, 2 classes of 3 yr. olds, 2 classes of 4 yr. olds. T - Th 9:30-11:30
- Beginners First Academy in Weymouth 1 class of 4 yr. olds Any day 9:15-11
- George Hess Educational complex in Mays Landing 10 classes of 3 yr. olds & 4yr.

### Calendar 2017 – 2018

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Jan 9, 2018	AAUW Board Meeting/ ACCCI Board Meeting	5:30pm	Shore Diner
Feb 24, 2018	Branch Meeting	1pm	Ocean City Library
Mar 08, 2018	AAUW Board Meeting	5:30pm	Shore Diner
Mar 17, 2018	Woman of Distinction Lunch	12pm	Linwood CC
Mar 24, 2018	AAUW NJ Annual Meeting	8am- 2pm	Forsgate CC
Apr 21, 2018	Branch Meeting	12pm	Forsythe Center
May 01, 2018	AAUW Board Meeting/ ACCCI Board Meeting	5:30pm	Shore Diner
May 14, 2018	Installation Dinner	5pm	TBD

# Interest Groups

## Book Group

**Mary Lou Breidenstine** breidensti@aol.com

Ann-Marie Guevara will lead a discussion of Days Without End by Sebastian Barry. Hostess is Kathy Shippen. We meet on **January 27** at 10:30. Please note the change from the usual day and time.

Get ready for the March meeting by reading The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton. All are welcome.

## Sunday Movie and Dinner Discussion

Join us for selected movies on Sundays when a good movie comes to town. If you are not receiving Movie Outings emails, please email Ruth Traa ruthtraa@earthlink.net.

## Ethnic Lunch

### Filipino Food at Jade's Restaurant

Enjoy adobo, pancit and other flavorful dishes!

**12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 23**

RSVP to Gretchen Braunwarth  
gretchenb66@gmail.com by **Jan. 18**

## STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Vicki Biron** vickibiron@comcast.net

I once again need volunteers to usher for the children's shows at Stockton. The dates and titles are listed below. Shows will take place in the main theater. Please arrive by 9:45 AM. You can park in parking lot 6. A few days before the show I will email parking passes as you will need one to park. If you'd like to volunteer for one, or more, or all shows, please email me at [vickibiron@comcast.net](mailto:vickibiron@comcast.net), or text me at 609-703-3788. If you have already volunteered, thank you!

The shows are:

Friday, February 16, 10:30am: I Have a Dream: MLK Jr.  
Tues, May 8, 10:30am: Bay Atlantic Symphony Education Concert

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

**RWANDA January 13** 1pm to 3pm. The Travel Group will meet at the Linwood Public Library at 305 Davis Ave. in Linwood to hear a presentation by Sarah Albertson. She is on the faculty at Stockton University as a member of the Holocaust Studies Department. Friends and husbands are welcome. Please let Carolyn know if you plan to come so we can set up enough chairs and plan the refreshments.

**MULTIGENERATIONAL TRIP TO ICELAND** - The February Travel Group will meet Saturday **February 17** at 1pm at Carolyn Bassett's. Karen Weis and her husband went to Iceland this year with a daughter and grandchildren. Karen and family will enthrall us with their adventures seen from different perspectives.

Come to hear about experiencing a new country through young eyes! Let Carolyn know if you can come: 927-9095 or geoca41@gmail.com.

## STAR

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

STAR will meet **January 22** to continue the discussion on poverty in the world begun with viewing the film THE END OF POVERTY? THINK AGAIN. It was suggested that we try to answer the question: can we really end poverty under our current economic and political system? The meeting will be at 6:30 (for snacks) and 7pm (for program). Dues are due for the year at \$60 to support 2 students at the Mustard Seed Academy in Uganda. Since STAR doesn't have its own banking account, make checks payable to Ilene Demling. Mail them to her at the Allied Health Office. Meeting is at Mainland Professional Building, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Rd, Northfield at the corner of Rt. 9 and Zion Road.

## 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.





**Gail Zona,  
Presenter at  
Book Group**



Kit Lok, Ann Maria Guevara,  
MaryLou Breidenstine



Ruth Traa, Audrey Owen, Diana Intenzo and Claire Moyer

# January

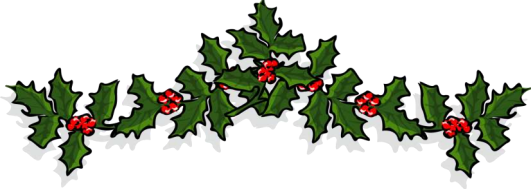


Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4	5 <b>TWEEN Tech</b>	6
7	8	9 <b>Board Meeting</b>	10	11	12
13 <b>Travel Group</b>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <b>STAR</b>	23 <b>Ethnic Lunch</b>	24
25	26	27 <b>Book Group</b>	28	29	30
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The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity 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.



# Holiday Luncheon Dec. 2, 2017



Mary Lou Breidenstine who organized the food.



Aida Colon and Theresa Sartorio



Carol Zerbe and Carolyn Rusek



Barbara Wolnerman, Freda Strickler, Audrey Moloney, Connie Smedley, Diana Intenzo, Lee Ellenberg





# WICKED

