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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

President's Message

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Greetings to all! Even in the heart of winter, AAUW Atlantic County Branch members are busy volunteering, learning, and planning! Read the Forum to see all of the opportunities to be an active member of the branch!

The Boards of AACCCI and AAUW Atlantic County voted to sponsor a student from either Stockton University or ACCC to attend NCCWSL, May 30th – June 2nd at the University of Maryland. NCCWSL is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Claudine Keenan and Jean McAlister set up the application, criteria, and advertising. Thanks to both of them for their hard work and effort!

Scholarships are being distributed to Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College for the 2018 – 2019 school years. The members of AAUW Atlantic County Branch should be proud of all of the efforts to raise these needed funds. Pat yourselves on the back!

AAUW National has decided to increase dues for next year. Dues will be \$79: \$59 goes to National, \$10 goes to AAUW NJ, and \$10 goes to AAUW Atlantic County Branch. Many have asked me, "When should I pay dues?" The answer: June 1, 2018. The fiscal year runs from June 2018 – May 2019. Prompt payment in early June is greatly appreciated.

We are very sad to report that Joanne Kulzer, a new member of our group, has passed.

Warmest regards,

Linda

Programs

Karen Poorman karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

BY POPULAR DEMAND:

THIS YEAR'S TECHNOLOGY MEETING MEMBERS WILL TUTOR OTHER MEMBERS ON COMPUTER SKILLS.

The Millennial generation passes technology information socially and orally. They share their knowledge with their friends. They do not have classes to learn social media. They learn phone applications from their friends and much of their computer knowledge is "village" learned. We need to become a village. We will help each other and jump into the waters unafraid.

On **February 24th** in the Ocean City Library beginning at 1:00 PM, we will hold a group meeting during which members will volunteer to train other members. Many of you responded to an e-mail in which you were asked what you would like to learn. We geared our agenda to your responses.

Please respond immediately to karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com as to which subjects you would like to teach or learn. We will make up our mini-groups based on your responses.

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THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: KAREN POORMAN, CHAIR**BY POPULAR DEMAND:****THIS YEAR'S TECHNOLOGY MEETING**

MEMBERS WILL TUTOR OTHER MEMBERS ON COMPUTER SKILLS.



It is imperative that you respond **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that we can plan. Respond with **THREE** of your choices. Let us know if you want to learn or instruct those selections....or learn some and instruct others. There has to be something here for everyone. Send the Group letter and the numbers that you choose.

We have divided into three groups:

- A: How do I turn on the computer?
- B. This thing looks really useful. What more can I do with it?
- C. I am a pro. Give me more information

A. Group 1

1. E-mail and G-mail
2. Facebook: How to register and common courtesies
3. Twitter
4. Texting
5. Youtube.com: Setting up a youtube account and making a playlist
6. Kindle: A library in your pocketbook
7. Amazon Echo (Alexa)

GROUP 2



8. Ancestry.com Not just a gene test.....Find your ancestors' birth records and connect with others who have researched your family
9. Microsoft Word: What you wished you would have had to write anything when you were in college
10. Excel: Keep track of anything and put it in alphabetical order in a split second and SO much more.
11. iPhone pictures and video
12. Android phone pictures and video
13. Alexis (The Amazon Echo)

Group 3



14. Setting up googledocs
15. Group texting
16. Streaming TV
17. The Cloud and communication between your computer, phone and other devices
18. Photoshop and photo editing.

PICK THREE. E-MAIL IF YOU WANT TO LEARN OR TEACH. SEND TO KARENPOOR-MANSJAW@GMAIL.COM **NOW**. We will base our count for the meeting on your responses.

(Committee: Karen Poorman, Connie Smedley, Carol Zerbe, Michelle Douglass, Diane Koob and Carol Spina)

From the Desk of Gail Davis

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Our branch did a great job in raising funds for our scholarships to Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College! Seven scholarships will be awarded this year. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!
Gail Davis and Karen Poorman

STEM

Our next STEM event is for 9th thru 11th grade girls and will be Held at Atlantic Cape Community College on Wed., May 23 at 8:30 am til 2:30 soooooo- SAVE THE DATE and volunteer to escort girls to workshops via Dottie Pearson (pearson@princeton.edu or 609-898-4585).

TECH TREK- meet and greet will be at Stockton U. In the campus Center at 1:00-3:00pm on Saturday, May 12. You are welcome to attend and welcome our new group of campers! The camp is July 15 - 21. We are still recruiting both campers and members to interview students who have been nominated and applied. Lucy Jerue is chairing Atlantic County and will be assigning volunteers to interview. You are also invited to volunteer for a day or as a Dorm Mom .or just visit (let us know when you are coming).

Professional Women's Night

Will be on Tuesday, July 17 for dinner. If you have a professional woman to nominate contact Dottie Pearson (see above) and you can volunteer to be a table Moderator and volunteer through Dottie also.

TWEEN TECH- unfortunately had to be cancelled due to that monster snowfall- just no one could get there and a lot of work will have to be redone. We did learn to have a second, backup date however. Thank you to all who volunteered and we look forward to new dates in Dec. of 2018 - we'll be asking for volunteers next Fall.

AAUW Online Art Contest

Get ready to Vote!! Yes, our national organization will have the AAUW online Art Contest up and ready for voting from Feb. 4th to March 4th. Carol Zerbe entered a watercolor in 2016 and it became one of the 6 top artworks selected that year. She has another painting to enter and the title is "Arboretum Spring." It is a floral painted (semi-abstract style) with a majority of yellow, yellow orange & some blue colors. Debbie Walker entered a Cobalt and Ivy still life photo and Tiny Blooms in Pod, a closeup in low light. Get ready to vote! You must register and know your AAUW membership number which if isn't known call the national office at 202-785-7700.

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

Please welcome and add our new member to your membership list.

Renee Ahern

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WOMAN OF DISTINCTION - 2018**Claire Moyer** clairekm@mac.com

Our 2018 Woman of Distinction is **Meghan Wren**, the founder of the Bayshore Discovery Project which amassed the financial, technical and human resources necessary to restore the 1928 oyster schooner, the AJ Meerwald. In 1998 the AJ



Meerwald was designated New Jersey's official Tall Ship. In addition, Meghan is responsible for the restoration of the Bivalve shipping sheds and the development of a destination for discovery of the wonders of the Delaware Bayshore. She also holds a place in history for having swum across the bay. Meghan will receive this honor on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at our luncheon at Linwood Country Club. All proceeds go to a scholarship fund for women in our community. (see attached reservation form on page 5)

Mark your calendar now!!**Carol Zerbe** czpaints@verizon.net

Our April meeting will take place on the 21st, Saturday at 10:00a.m. We have scheduled a special visit to the Edwin Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge to hear the director Virginia Rettig talk about this beautiful national park. More details will be coming in the March issue.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Atlantic County Branch Presents

2018 Annual Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon*Honoring***Meghan Wren****SATURDAY, March 17****LINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB****Social – Noon Luncheon 1:00 PM**

\$45.00 per person (all inclusive)

Menu Choices :

Honey & Brown Sugar Glazed Atlantic Salmon, Vegetarian Pasta Primavera or
Grilled Breast of Chicken with Sautéed Spinach & Tomato Concasse

Reservation Request Form - AAUW 2017 Woman of Distinction Luncheon**Reservation Deadline: March 10, 2018****Assigned Seating**

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

MENU CHOICE(S) _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

Sorry, I cannot attend. Enclosed is my donation. _____

**Please include Reservation Form with check payable to AACCCI to Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd., Absecon,
NJ 08201** Your participation will help to support the scholarships we award to local women attending area colleges.

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

Gretchen Braunwarth

gretchenb66@gmail.com

This is a luncheon group interested in enjoying international cuisines. We meet at different restaurants from time to time during the year.

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, 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

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.

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.

STAR

Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) will meet March 26, 2018

Time: 6:30 snacks 7pm program.

Place: Mainland Professional Office Building, Allied Health Office, 1750 Zion Rd, Northfield, at the corner of Rt 9 and Zion Rd.

Calendar - 2018

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb 24	Branch Meeting	1pm	Ocean City Library
Mar 08	AAUW Board Meeting	5:30pm	Shore Diner
Mar 17	Woman of Distinction Lunch	12pm	Linwood CC
Mar 24	AAUW NJ Annual Meeting	8am- 2pm	Forsgate CC
Apr 21	Branch Meeting	10am	Forsythe Center
May 01	AAUW Board Meeting/ ACCCI Board Meeting	5:30pm	Shore Diner
May 14	Installation Dinner	5pm	TBD

The Program Committee

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Our continuing project is “**Wisdom of the Ages**”



Our yearlong project is the comparison of response to the same question of different generations of women. The participants in the video are members of AAUW and their families/friends. If the respondent is under 18, please video a parent giving permission. Videos should be in landscape (sideways) view. Ask the person's name, generation, and state the question. **Text each answer to a question separately to 609-335-4335 and identify yourself in the text.** Thoughtful and creative answers will receive primary consideration in the final edition. We need more “under 50” responses to the questions below, but “selfies” in answer to the questions are fine. The answers should be no longer than 30 seconds and are best if they are spontaneous. We want as many member responses as possible from which to choose.

The questions that have received the most responses, therefore most likely to be used are:

1. If you could be any age forever, what would it be and why?
2. What was your greatest fear as a child?
3. If you could have one wish, what would it be?
4. What has changed the world the most in your lifetime?
5. Is life better now than it was before you were born?
6. What is your opinion of President Truman?
7. What is your pet peeve?
8. Is it important for a girl to be pretty?
9. What advice would you give to a younger woman?
10. About what do you worry?
11. What does it mean to be “ladylike?”
12. What was your favorite song as a teen or in your lifetime? Can you sing a little bit of it?
13. What was your happiest childhood memory?
14. What would you change about this world?
15. What would you tell your 13 year old self?

The final edited video will be posted on Facebook and shown to the members at the May meeting.



Sarah Albertson, presenter on Rwanda at the Travel Group.



Sarah talking to Mary Ingraham, Phil Ingraham and Emely Aiken, audience members at the Travel Group.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Stockton Ushers	17 Travel Group
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Branch Meeting 1pm
25	26	27	28	March 1	March 2	March 3
4	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10 WOD reservation deadline

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.