



# THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch

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## *Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary*

### President's Message

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

March greetings to all! Our big event coming this month is our **Woman of Distinction Luncheon** on **March 17<sup>th</sup> at Linwood Country Club**. AAUW Atlantic County is proud to honor Meghan Wren. Details are in the Forum. Please come out for this annual event and bring your friends! All proceeds will go towards our scholarship funds. **Sign up now**, so you won't miss out.

I am very proud to congratulate our own Dr. Claudine Keenan who will be inducted into the **Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame** on **March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Linwood Country Club**. Dr. Keenan has worked endless hours making Tech Trek, Teen Tech, and Tween Tech highly successful programs for young girls in our community. Come out to show your support. Details are in the Forum.

A big thank you goes to Karen Poorman and her program committee for a successful afternoon on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Ocean City Library. Members had the opportunity to have hands on experience and training on many different types of technology!

Also coming in March is the **AAUW NJ state meeting**. The meeting is **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 – 2:30 pm at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township NJ. If you are interested in attending, you can find the registration and details on the state web site: <https://aauw-nj.aauw.net>.

Mark your calendars for our **April Branch meeting: Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge**. This should be a fascinating afternoon of learning! Details will be forthcoming in next month's Forum. A brief business meeting will also be held to vote on next year's Board of Directors Officers and Chairpersons.

Spring is just around the corner – March 20<sup>th</sup>!

Cheers! Linda

### Programs

**Audrey Owen** audreowen@comcast.net

AAUW Atlantic County Branch will be hosting the annual Woman of Distinction luncheon to be held on Saturday March 17, 2018. (See page 2)

Meghan Wren, the founder and past Executive Director of the Bayshore Discovery Project is this year's honoree. At the age of 23 Meghan created the Bayshore Discovery Schooner Project. She rallied a group of local supporters to put in years to transform an old oyster dredger ship into the A.J. Meerwald, now recognized as New Jersey's official Tall Ship. This project led to the creation of the Delaware Bay Museum and the annual Bay Days that attract thousands of attendees who learn the history of communities once active in the booming oyster industry in South Jersey. Thanks to Meghan's commitment to community involvement and her expertise in garnering the financial and technical assistance needed to complete the project, BDSP now serves 50,000 residents annually. Its shipboard programs are targeted to both youth and adult shore-based field trips and other community focused events.

Ms. Wren has won numerous awards including Excellence in Historic Preservation by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection. She was a founding member of many organizations whose mission is to protect the Delaware Estuary.

The Atlantic County Branch of AAUW is proud to honor an amazing, dedicated woman such as Meghan Wren as our 2018 Woman of Distinction.

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**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.

**From the Desk of Gail Davis**

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

We have made our donations to Stockton and ACCC. PLEASE support our Woman of Distinction luncheon on Saint Patrick's Day. Proceeds also go towards our scholarships fund. Meghan Wren sounds like a wonderful woman!

Gail Davis and Karen Poorman

**TECH TREK**

As of this moment we have 126 total nominations Statewide. 21 of those are from Atlantic County. Nominated students have until March 2 at Midnight to complete their applications/ essay. Lucy Jerue and Tula Christopopolous are busily scheduling those of us who volunteered to interview as students complete their applications.

Thank you all for volunteering and contacting schools to make nominations.

Gail Davis- Tech Trek student selection/ family coordinator Tech Trek 2018

**AAUW Website recommendation:**

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-national-dues-fees-and-tax-deductibility-flyer/>

**Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame**

Delighted to announce Claudine Keenan is one of 6 to be inducted on Thursday, March 22 at Linwood CC (500 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ 08221). Cocktails at 6 - Dinner at 7:00. Tix are \$75.00 - checks payable to Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame by March 1. Send to: ACWHF, PO BOX 1492, Absecon, NJ 08201.

Program Journal Ads must be COPY READY and range from \$50 to \$550 (for a cover).. Call 609-645-3800 for more info.

Any AC or Cape may member planning to attend please **let Gail Davis know** you want to be at our table. ASAP BY Feb 26. Please email me at ghdath@comcast or call me at 609-513-6281.

**Mark your calendar now!!**

**Carol Zerbe** czpaints@verizon.net

Mark the date on your calendar Saturday, April 21st a "Talk & Tour" at 10:00am at the Forsythe Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Galloway Township. No admission fee. We want a head count so if you're coming call Diane Koob at 609-412-0967. More information next Forum.

**Membership**

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

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

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**Please change Debbie Walker's email to:**

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**AAUW Online Art Contest**

Don't forget to vote for your favorite artworks in the AAUW 2018 Art Gallery Contest! You have until March 5th for voting.

Debbie Walker has two photographs & the titles are: "Cobalt & Ivy" and "Tiny Blooms In Pod." Carol Zerbe has a watercolor titled: "Arboretum Spring."

You vote for 10 artworks.

# Interest Groups

## Book Group

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

Join us on Saturday, March 3 at 10:30 at the home of Virginia Dominic for a discussion of The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton. Diana Intenzo will be discussion leader and will, as always, help to provide us with a thoughtful interpretation of this classic novel.

On April 11, Shelley Cohen will focus our attention on The History of Love by Nicole Krauss. In this novel, Nicole Krauss has created "some of the Most memorable and moving characters in recent fiction." Claire Moyer will be hostess. New people always welcome!

## Ethnic Lunch

**Gretchen Braunwarth**

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Great Mexican food at a great price! The ethnic luncheon's next outing will be on **Thursday, March. 22** at NOON at Cazadores Mexican Restaurant, 661 New Rd., Somers Point. The best guacamole in town! Hope to see you there. Please respond to Gretchen Braunwarth (gretchen66@gmail.com) by **Monday, March 19**.

## 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.

## STOCKTON'S CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Vicki Biron** vickibiron@comcast.net

I need volunteer ushers for the Bay Atlantic Symphony Education Concert at Stockton on Tuesday, May 8th, at 10:30 AM. If you'd like to volunteer, please arrive by 9:45 AM. It takes place in the main theater and you can park in lot 6. Anjanette at Stockton will email a parking pass to you several days before the show as you will need it to park.

If you'd like to volunteer, 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.

## Travel Group

**Carolyn Bassett** geoca41@gmail.com

The Travel Discussion Group meets from September to May to discuss different aspects of traveling: where to find good tour groups, intellectually focused trips, good bargains; special hints and considerations when visiting certain countries; personal travel experiences; language study abroad; packing hints, etc. Contact Carolyn for more information.

## 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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
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

**Mary Brodsky****Ready Set Read**

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We're still reading and there are a few schools still in need of volunteer readers. Please email, text or call me to volunteer. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

**J.C. Shaner in Mays Landing**

Three classes of 4 yr. olds.

Any day between 9:15-11:00

**Beginners First Academy in Weymouth**

One class of 4 yr. olds

Any day between 9:15-11:00

**George L. Hess Educational Complex in Mays Landing**

10 classes of 3 yr. olds &amp; 4 yr. olds. Morning and afternoon sessions

One 3-5 yr. old autism class

Any day. Morning classes: 9:45 - 10:45

Afternoon classes - 1:00 - 2:00

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Book Group
4	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	WOD Reservation Deadline
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 WOD Luncheon
18	19	20	21	22 Ethnic Lunch	23	24 AAUW NJ Annual Meeting
25	26 STAR	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.

The Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame  
Officers & Board of Trustees

cordially request your presence  
at the

2018 Induction Ceremony

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Cocktail Reception 6:00 pm \* Dinner 7:00 pm

LINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

500 Shore Road

Linwood, NJ 08221

Honoring

Christine Droney

Social Services/Volunteerism

Amanda Feldman

Social Services/Volunteerism

Joyce Hagan

Arts/Entertainment

Dr. Claudine Keenan

Education/Philanthropy

Rev. Dr. Theresa McReynolds

Social Services/Volunteerism

Eileen Unger

Business

Response Card Enclosed

## ***Travel Group***

Charles Brussel, the 9 year old grandson of Karen and Stephen Weis, made a presentation on the family's trip to Iceland last summer.



i Karen Weis and Charles Brussel



Charles Brussel, Steven Weis, and Audrey Owen talking after the presentation.

## Ethnic Lunch Group at the Jade Pilipino Restaurant



Justine Laredo, Pat Quinn, a guest from Cape May, Gretchen Braunwarth



Robert, the owner, explaining the food to Gail Davis, Barbara Heinrichs, and Pat Quinn

# Technology Meeting February 24, 2018



Carolyn Rusek, Marie Turnbull, Lisa Goodwin



Marion Ingram, Michelle Douglas, Gail Davis, Kathy Ghanavapi



Melinda Sweeney, Gail Davis, Audrey Owen, Diane Koob, Karen Poorman



Pam Family, Connie Smedley, Debbie Walker, Lucy Jerue, Annabelle Lieser, Carol Zerbe