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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

President's Message

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Congratulations and a warm welcome to all of our new officers and chairpersons for 2018 – 2019. I especially look forward to working with our new Co-President, Debbie Walker! Thank you for stepping up to volunteer your time for our branch!

It is that time of year again to renew membership in our branch and to pay annual dues. The dues are \$79. The National dues were increased from \$49 to \$59 this year. Our branch dues remain \$10 and state dues are \$10. You may pay your dues online (aauw.org) or send a check made out to "AAUW" to Beverly Schechtman. See notice in Forum.

If you have any changes in email, address, or phone numbers, please let Lynne Walters know.

The AAUW Board and AWCO Board meetings will be Tuesday May 1 at 5:30pm at the Shore Diner.

Teentech will be held on May 23rd at the Mays Landing Campus of ACCC.

Our last event for the year will be our May Program and Installation Dinner on **May 14th at The Smithville Inn at 5pm.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 7! Please be sure to send in your registration to join us for a delightful evening!

Changes are coming:

AACCCI (501C3) has been renamed **AWCO Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization**

National is proposing three new amendments to the by-laws. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. To learn more go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Governor Murphy has said that he will sign the Lampitt Bill Promoting Equal Pay for Women as soon as it is on his desk!

A special thank you to everyone for making this a great year for our AAUW branch!
Linda

Programs

Karen Poorman

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We are hoping to see everyone at our final program meeting of the year on **May 14 at The Historic Smithville Inn at 5:00 PM.** Our goal this year was to bring the members of the branch together to be active in the programs. All of the programs have involved participation of members as well as an outreach to the community. Many of us have discussed the various needs and perspectives of multiple generations of women. Our twenty minute video, *Wisdom of the Ages*, will show our members and their families and friends answering the same questions from the point of view of women of many ages. The video will be shown after the May dinner. Please send in your registration as soon as possible



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Atlantic County Branch

Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers

Historic Smithville Inn

Monday, May 14

Socialize 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm

\$ 40.00 pp

Featuring

Wisdom of the Ages

Menu Choices

Grilled Salmon with Lobster Tomato Basil Butter Sauce

Chicken Francaise with Sautéed Artichokes, Roasted Red Pepper, Lemon Capers Beurre

Grilled Flat Iron Steak with Sautéed Mushrooms, Onions, Herb Butter

Registration for Installation Dinner Meeting - May 14

Name _____ Phone # _____

Entrée Choice _____

Please indicate your seating preference _____

Please mail Reservation Form and your check payable to "AAUW, Atlantic County"

to Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Rd. Absecon, NJ 08201 (641-7085)

Registration deadline is May 7

DUES TIME**Beverly Schechtman** bevschech@hotmail.com

The good news is that state and local dues remain the same at \$10.00 each. The bad news is that National has raised its rate by \$10.00. Please send me a check for \$79.00 payable to AAUW. If you are a dual member with another chapter, please send separate checks. You can also pay your dues online and with a credit card.

Reminder—dues are \$79.00

Editor's Note:

[Click here](https://www.aauw.org/membership/) to link to AAUW National Membership or copy/paste <https://www.aauw.org/membership/> into your browser address bar.

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

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From the Desk of Gail Davis

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STEM/TECH TREK

We are in the registration process for Tech Trek Meet'n'Greet on Sat., May 12 at Stockton from 1-3. It will be a busy afternoon with Tech Trek alumni leading campus tours and sharing their camp 'secrets' with the 60 campers and families attending. Of course the need for funding this year and beyond is ongoing.

TEEN TECH - at ACCC-Mays Landing on Wed., May 23 from 7:45- 2:30. I think Dottie Pearson (in our roster) could use a few more volunteers. Contact her if you can.
Gail Davis

SCHOLARSHIPS - We have been invited to attend the scholarship recognition event on May 15. At least Linda Harmon will attend as both Karen Poorman and I are unable to go. It is a very nice affair where we get to meet those who will benefit from our scholarships.
Karen Poorman and Gail Davis

**AAUW Atlantic County Officers
2018-2019**

Co President: Linda Harmon & Debbie Walker
VP Program Chair: Karen Poorman
VP Membership: Lynne Walters
Treasurer: Beverly Schechtman
Recording Secretary: Diane Koob
Corresponding Secretary: Kris Baker
Co Fundraiser: Gail Davis & Carol Zerbe
STEM: Gail Davis

Elected Chairs:

Digital Editor: Carol Spina
Public Information: Shelley Cohen
STAR Liaison: Carolyn Bassett
Public Policy: Michelle Douglass
Special Events Coordinator: Helen Riso
Historian: Unfilled

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Smedley and Carolyn Bassett

Interest Groups

Conversational Spanish

Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

Would you like 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 homes of various members. For more information please call Jeannette Flax at (609) 653-6177

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 or text me at 609-703-3788. If you have already volunteered, thank you.

Ethnic Cuisines

Ann-Maria Guevara amguevara@comcast.net

Our next foray into the wonderful world of ethnic cuisine will take place at Nizzam's II, an Indian restaurant, at 224 E. White Horse Pike in Galloway on Thursday, May 17 at noon. Join us for a scrumptious array of Indian selections, both vegetarian and meat, buffet-style. Please RSVP to Ann-Maria Guevara no later than Tuesday, May 15, at amguevara@comcast.net.

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.

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Much thanks to Shelley (reviewer) and Claire (hostess) for making the discussion of The History of Love a great success. It is a tribute to our group that we can disagree and yet not be disagreeable. Much difference of opinion and spirited discussion. Shelley's leadership was an inspiration.

Our next meeting will be on **May 9** and Virginia Dominic will lead the discussion of A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Shelley Cohen is hostess. Sure to be another spirited session. Hope to see all of you then.

STAR

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A sisterhood program sponsored by the Atlantic County Branch in 1996 led to the formation of an affiliate organization, STAR – Sisters Together Against Racism. This group promotes diversity and tolerance among all peoples. Branch members participate in STAR activities and attend meetings and outings.

Travel Group

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The Travel Group had a very interesting presentation on Borneo given by Ann Andrew in March. We are in need of people to volunteer to present interesting trips they have taken. Several people have volunteered for next year, which is great, but I'd like to have one more before the end of the year in May or early June. It is not necessary to have a power point - quite a few presenters have simply told about their experiences, sometimes using maps or picture books, and it has been very effective. Please give Carolyn a call if you'd be willing to do that.

Presentation by Virginia Rettig, Director of Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7 Registration Deadline for Dinner Meeting on May 14	8 Ushers at Stockton Theatre	9 Book Group	10	11	12
13	14 Dinner Meeting 5pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	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.

Ann Andrew showing items from Borneo to the Travel Group.



Ann Andrew wearing jewelry from Borneo and showing a baby carrier.



Gail Vreeland, Pam Family, Karen Weis, and Valerie Koob at the Book Group.



Shelley Cohen, Cathy Shippen, Diana Intenzo and Ginny Dominic

Shelley Cohen presenting
The History of Love.

