

ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH SEPTEMBER 2018 VOL. 118 NO. 1

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President's Message **Linda Harmon** linda.harmon@gmail.com
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Greetings! We hope that our members' summer has been filled with sunny days and good times!

A warm welcome to our new members who will be invited to our annual New Members Social on September 13th from 5 - 7 pm at the home of Gail Vreeland. They will have the opportunity to meet the officers and chairs of our branch to learn more about us!

You will find the registration for our first Branch Dinner Meeting at Mays Landing Country Club included in this issue of the Forum.

The Programs Committee Chairman, Karen Poorman, has been hard at work to make this year interesting and productive. We can look forward to a picnic, potlucks with speakers and a special Christmas visit to Longwood Gardens.

To those members who have paid their dues, we thank you in advance and remind those who haven't, to do so. I know that this year's calendar of events will be worth their while.

Let's give a big thanks to Joan Leavy for so generously giving her time to make our monthly newsletter happen.

AAUW Atlantic County Officers 2018-2019

Co-Presidents: Linda Harmon & Debbie Walker	VP Program Chair: Karen Poorman
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Special Events Coordinator: Helen Riso
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September Dinner Meeting AAUW Atlantic County

When: Thursday, Sept 20, 2018

Where: Mays Landing Country Club, Cates Road, Mays Landing

Time: Social Hour 5 PM. Dinner 6PM

Price: \$40.00

Menu Choices:

Roast turkey breast with raisin challah dressing

Horseradish encrusted tilapia

Pasta Primavera with fresh garden vegetables

Reservation for Dinner Meeting

Name _____ Phone # _____

Menu Choice _____

Seating preferences: Check the group below if you are a member or if you are an organizer of the Trek programs.

Book club _____ Ethnic Lunch _____ Film _____ International Studies _____ Spanish _____

Star _____ Stem Trek _____ Travel _____

If no group, with whom would you like to sit? _____

Make \$40.00 check payable to AAUW and mail to Helen Riso 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201

Deadline is September 10, 2018

Programs Karen Poorman karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com



Committee: Carol Zerbe, Diane Koob, Connie Smedley, Claire Moyer, Michelle Douglas and Gail Davis.

This year, the first meeting at the Mays Landing Country Club will feature.....US! We have planned to have each interest group make a short, hopefully creative and entertaining, presentation about their

group. Members of various groups will sit at a table with their group for the dinner and presentation. If your group has too many people at the dinner (highly recommended), you can have multiple tables. Those who do not belong to a group will be an important part of the event too. Be there to meet other members, learn about the branch and what it does for members as well as for women in the community. As a special bonus, Lynn Caterson, Esq. will give us information on voting registration and will have both Voter Registration forms and Mail-in-Ballot forms

EVERY member should be at this dinner meeting!

Looking ahead: In October, we will have a pot luck picnic at Birch Grove Park in Northfield with the speaker discussing human trafficking and self-defense for senior women. November will be a fundraiser at the Linwood Country Club.

Longwood Gardens trip to Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. We will leave from the Shore Mall at 1:30 PM and return by 9:30 PM. The cost for the bus and entrance to the Gardens is \$50. **Reservation email to karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com asap.**

You can make dinner reservations on Open Table for the 1906 Restaurant at Longwood. <https://longwoodgardens.org/dine/1906> The biggest tables that Open Table will reserve are tables of 8. Price range is \$31-\$50 per person for dinner. They will take reservations after September 11, and if you want to eat there, you should make them as soon as you can after that date (recommend 5:30 reservations) No reservations can be taken for the café, which is priced more reasonably, but you may have a wait in line at that time of year.

I have made bus reservations for 50 people. We would need 100 people to engage a second bus and we would need to make additional arrangements with Longwood. The first 50 people to register will have priority and a waiting list would be made, if necessary. **Checks with Reservation Form to Bev.**

Reservation for trip to Longwood Gardens on December 11, 2018



Name _____ Phone # _____

Send with your \$50 check made out to AAUW to **Beverly Schechtman**, 100 S. Berkley Square, Unit 9G, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30

Fundraiser Carol Zerbe czpaints@verizon.net **Gail Davis** ghdath@comcast.net

Carol and Gail need two members to prepare centerpieces for the November 3rd Fundraiser. Our usual team of Anne & Diane has done an outstanding job for many years and we thank them for their beautiful and unique designs. It's now time to pass the responsibility to new members. You are financially reimbursed for costs. If you are interested or have questions please contact Carol or Gail.

Fundraiser Committee Needs Help With Baskets

Have Items Related to Basket Themes? Bring Them to Dinner on Sept. 20th.

Themes: Stores (K-mart, Walmart) Liquor/Wine, Children's Basket, Entertainment , Golfing, Animal/Pet Basket, Fashionista, Restaurants.

Treasurer Bev Schechtman. bevschech@hotmail.com

Dues go from July 1 to June 30 of following year. If you have paid, thank you. If you have not, please pay as soon as possible. You can go online and pay with a credit card or you can send your \$79.00 check to me. My address is 100 S. Berkley Square, Unit 9G, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. To link to AAUW Membership online click here <https://www.aauw.org/membership/> or copy/paste into your browser address bar.

Roster Tula Christopoulos tegea222@gmail.com

To be included as a member in the 2018-2019 membership roster, your annual dues check **MUST** be received by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018**. *This is also the deadline for changes made to the roster.*

*This year, a printable membership roster will be **emailed** to you.* If you check your contact information ahead of time, you can correct any errors before the deadline by doing the following:

- Get on the Internet
- Go to www.aauw.org
- Log in or, if you have not yet done so yet, register and set up an account.
- Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on **Member Services Database**.
- A rectangle will display. Click on **Enter Member Services Database**
- **Click on My Profile/Membership Card** at the top
- Your contact and membership information will now display.
- If you need to update your record, click on **“Click here to edit”**
- In the options to the left of your contact information, click on **Branch Member Roster** to display the Atlantic County Branch membership roster.
- Scroll down the list to search for a specific member, including yourself.
- When ready to exit, scroll to the top and click on **Logout** in the top left part of your screen, unless you decide to remain logged in.

Membership Lynne Walters rrwalters321@hotmail.com

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

Maureen Kern

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Christine Dewaghe

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Anne Carson

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carsonet@gmail.com BA Wheaton College; Rowen University

Please change the following email address:

Diane Gerlach - dmgerlach74@gmail.com

STEM Gail Davis gddath@comcast.net

AAUW Atlantic County branch held our 4th successful Tech Trek Camp for 60 girls going into 8th grade from 19 of 21 NJ counties! Congratulations to Director Ann Marchesani and Assistant Director Claudine Keenan. There were no dropouts and the Dorm Moms, teachers and counselors were superb!! Atlantic County had 10 campers. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to interview and rank our 20 nominations and gather snack donations. We look forward to hosting our 5th year in 2019. Of course our ever ongoing need is MONEY. Donations are always a welcome gift. Checks should be made out to AWCO and sent to Claudine Keenan 230 E. Ridgewood Ave. Galloway, NJ 08205 and are tax deductible. If anyone has leads on grant funding just let us know and we'll take it from there.

Additionally we need:

- One or two members to chair Atlantic County
- A Karaoke machine
- Any outdoor games you might not be using(corn hole/ ladder ball/ bocce).
- Volunteers to sign up to conduct interviews with applied students and parents when the call goes out. All of our past volunteers enjoy doing this.

We will be most happy to pick up any and all donations for #2 and 3.

Gail Davis/Linda Harmon- Student Selection/ Family Coordinator Tech Trek 2019

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

Would you like to practice speaking Spanish? Join our conversation group, which meets every Monday that the library is open from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Public Library, 241 W. Mill Road, Northfield. For more information, please call Jeannette Flax (609) 653-6177.

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 3 in the downstairs area of the Linwood Library at 7:00. The front door will be locked at eight. If you plan to arrive late let me know and I will open the door. The book for the evening is "A Piece of the World : a Novel" by Christina Baker Kiine. Gail Zona will lead us. Be sure to bring your suggestions for the coming year. All are welcome.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

The first Travel Group meeting will be Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm at the senior room at the Linwood Library. The topic is **Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam** and the presenter will be Bonnie Warwick. Bonnie traveled with Overseas Adventure Travel. She will share her adventures and present a power point of her trip.

The Linwood Library is located at 305 Davis Avenue in Linwood. Please let Carolyn know if you plan to attend so that we can have an appropriate number of chairs.

Retracing the Steps of Lewis and Clark will be presented by Gail Zona on October 17 also at the Linwood Library. Gail and Henry took a fascinating trip and learned a lot about an important piece of American history which Gail will share with us.

STAR Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR will focus on voter registration at their first meeting. We will discuss how to get people to register and how to encourage them to vote.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 at 7PM at the Mainland Professional Office Park, Allied Health Office, 1759 Zion Rd, Northfield. (corner of Rt 9 and Zion Rd)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 31	Deadline to make Roster corrections
September 6	Board Meeting
September 10	Deadline to reserve Dinner Meeting
September 19	Travel Group
September 20	Dinner Meeting
September 30	Deadline to reserve Longwood Gardens trip
October 3rd	Book Club

Photo Album

STEM Trek

The Young Ladies



Claudine Keenan & Ann Marchesani



Professional Women's Night Mary Conley, Gail Davis, Ann Marchesani and Linda Harmon



Summer Book Club



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Bassett