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President's Message **Linda Harmon** linda.harmon@gmail.com
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The cooler temperatures are finally upon us to rev up our enthusiasm for all of the Fall/Winter activities and events in AAUW Atlantic County!

If you want to attend our Fall Fundraiser Luncheon on November 3rd, the last day to get your check in the mail to Helen Riso for \$45 made out to AAUW is **October 25th**. The planning committee has spent hours arranging beautiful baskets for auction, preparing the program, and all of the other details involved. Big thanks for their hard work. Do come and bring a friend or two! All proceeds are used to award scholarship to local young women in our community. If you are unable to attend, donations are graciously accepted – checks payable to AAUW or AWCO (see article below on AWCO).

Our Picnic Potluck luncheon and branch meeting on October 13th was delicious although a bit chilly. Thanks again to our program and hospitality committees for the planning. Our speaker, Jennifer Cuiji, a sergeant with the Atlantic County Police Sex Trafficking Division, was delightful and provided insightful information about the world of sex trafficking of young girls.

On **December 1st at 12 noon at the Northfield Library** we will have a **holiday luncheon**. Come out to enjoy good company and a great home cooked meal. The **cost is \$10** and the **flyer** is enclosed. Please send in your registration so we know how much food to prepare. We will also welcome **Wawa gift cards and/or fast food gift cards for Avanzar, the Women's Center**.

Many of our members are looking forward to their trip to Longwood Gardens on December 11th.

Tween Tech is around the corner, right after the holiday. We really need you to consider volunteering. See details in the Forum.

Although it is only November, it is time to find a nominating committee for officers of our branch for next year. Both the Presidency and VP Program positions will need to be filled. If you are available and would like to serve on the committee, please email/call Linda Harmon linda.harmon@gmail.com or 609-204-8596 and let me know.

Wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you November 3rd!

Warm regards, Linda



**AAUW Atlantic County
cordially invites you to our holiday
luncheon**

Saturday December 1, 2018

Northfield Library

241 W Mill Rd, Northfield, NJ 08225

Cost: \$10

Luncheon: noon

As is tradition, Donation Items:

1. Voluntary WaWa gift cards for clients of Avanzar, the Women's Center.
2. Gift cards from fast food restaurants for the Human Trafficking workers at Avanzar who rescue hungry victims off the street.

DEADLINE: Wednesday November 28th

Please mail form and check payable to "AAUW "
To: Linda Harmon 31 Jill Ave Marmora, NJ 08223

Name: _____ Phone: _____

AWCO

Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization, Inc.

What is AWCO?

AWCO is the acronym for Atlantic County Women's Charity Organization, Inc. It is a non-profit New Jersey corporation with full 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status.

It's legal purpose is to support women and girls and encourage their endeavors. As a tax-exempt non-profit corporation anyone who "donates" to AWCO can deduct their donation as a charitable gift on their income tax. Also if AWCO has a luncheon, dinner or other event, since it is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt corporation, it does not have to pay taxes.

Who are the Board of Trustees for AWCO:

President: Linda Harmon Vice President: Karen Poorman
Secretary: Jean McAllister Treasurer: Claudine Keenen
Members: Gail Davis, Ann Marchesani, Beverly Schechtman
Attorney: Lynn Caterson

Although the above named Board members all happen to be current Atlantic County Branch AAUW members, there is no requirement that they be so. There is NO LEGAL CONNECTION between these women as Trustees, nor the Board itself, and any part of our AAUW Branch.

Our AAUW branch is a non-profit corporation, but is NOT tax-exempt. Therefore, no donation made to AAUW is tax-deductible. Also, since it is not tax-exempt, when AAUW has a dinner, or other event, it must pay taxes.

What does AWCO Do?

Among its activities, AWCO raises money in support of AAUW's scholarships to women in our community and in support of AAUW's STEM programs for girls in our community including Tech Trek Camp, Teen Tech and Tween Tech. All donations for the scholarships and STEM programs through AWCO are tax deductible.

In February 2019, AWCO and the South Jersey Area Wind Assemble (SJAWA) will hold a joint fundraiser dinner and concert at Stockton University. Funds raised by AWCO will be used in support of the AAUW Atlantic County scholarship fund. Details will be forthcoming.

Program Karen Poorman karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

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

We enjoyed the college-themed picnic at Birch Grove Park on a crisp October autumn day. Some of us love "crisp," and some not so much. Sergeant Detective Jennifer Cuiji from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office spoke to us about human trafficking. We learned about how human trafficking is being marketed in ways that we did not know about and were given some suggestions as to things we can do to prevent young people from being trapped into the lifestyle. We could have listened to her much longer, but there WAS that "nip" in the air. There were tables of good food and good company.

Remember to register for the November 3 fundraiser.

The bus for Longwood Gardens on December 11 was nearly full, but several people had conflicts and withdrew. We would like to fill the seats.

Please contact Karen Poorman at karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. The bus will leave from the Shore Mall at 1:30 pm and return by 9:30 pm. Those who want reservations for dinner at the Gardens should do so through opentable.com as soon as possible. We will leave the park at 7:30 pm, so do not make the dinner reservation later than 6:00 pm.

Treasurer Bev Schechtman. bevschech@hotmail.com

🎉🎉🎉⚡️👍👍 Congratulations to Lynn Caterson for becoming our newest life member—50 years and counting! No more dues for you.

Rosa Ojserkis became a life member in 2017.

The following have been life members for several years:

Carolyn Bassett
Sarina Booye

Gene Goudreau
Vivian Kramer.

Irene Martucci
Gail Zona

The following have become life members through a lump sum payment of dues:

Karen Aarons. Kristin Jacobson. Claire Moyer
Stella Hordes. Joan Larson. Joanne Stiefbold

We applaud our life members. Your commitment to AAUW is commendable and truly appreciated.

Fundraiser Carol Zerbe czpaints@Verizon.net **Gail Davis** ghdeath@comcast.net

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please get our reservations in quickly for our annual scholarship luncheon on November 3. We have a dynamic presenter, great baskets to bid on and it promises to be MUCH FUN 😊!

STEM Gail Davis gddath@comcast.net

TWEEN TECH- January 4 (snow date Jan 7) at Stockton from 8:15 - 2:30. **PLEASE email me at gddath@comcast.net** to volunteer to lead students to workshops . Lunch is provided. You may also call 609-513-6281. We need at least 20 volunteers and I know I have learned something .

TECH TREK- July 21-27 at Stockton

By the end of next week the first notices to principals/ nominating teachers should be going out electronically (the NJ Dept of Education needs to update personnel who have changed jobs). If you know anyone in schools with 7th grade urge them to nominate one girl.

Important dates are:

February 1 - nomination deadline
March 1 - student application/ essay due
March 4 - April 8 - volunteers interview
April 12 - County chairs submit prioritized lists to Gail Davis and Linda Harmon
Mid-April - campers notified of accept/wait list status
May 11 - 1:00-3:30 Meet and Greet at Stockton

INVESTIGATE : <https://TechTrek-NJ.AAUW.NET/>

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

If you would enjoy practicing Spanish, please join our Monday afternoon conversation group from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. We will meet every Monday in November except November 12th, when the library will be closed for Veterans Day. For more information, please call Jeannette Flax, (609)653-6177.

Stockton Children's Theater Vicki Biron vickibiron@comcast.net

Here are the dates for the Stockton's Children's Theater. If you would like to volunteer to usher, please email me at vickibiron@comcast.net or text me at 609-703-3788. Volunteers need to be at the PAC at Stockton by 9:45 AM. Park in lot 6. I will remind you a few days prior to the show.

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| 1. Friday, November 2, 2018 at 10:30am: | Creole for Kidz featuring Terrance Simien |
| 2. Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:30am: | The Nutcracker |
| 3. Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:30am: | The Franklin Institute, The Human Body |
| 4. Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:30am: | The Franklin Institute, The Human Body |
| 5. Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:30am: | The Bay Atlantic Symphony Education Concert |

Thanks for your help. Enjoy! Vicki

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The book group will meet on Wednesday, November 7, at 7:00 pm in the senior citizen room of the Linwood library. Diane Koob will lead a discussion about "Educated" by Tara Westover. Get ready for the Friday, December 14 meeting by reading "**Old Filth**" by Jane Gardam. The December, January, and February meetings will be held on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

THE NORTHERN ROCKIES will be the subject of the next travel group on Tuesday, November 13 at the Ocean City Library. Debbie Walker will be telling us about her adventures on an eleven-day journey that included Glacier, Jasper, and Banff National Parks. She saw and learned about lakes, glaciers, history and wildlife, including elk and big-horned sheep. Note that the meeting will be **Tuesday at 6:30 at the Ocean City Library**. Please let Carolyn know if you are coming so she can set up the right number of chairs.

Gail Zona gave a very interesting presentation on her trip following the route of Lewis and Clark on a steamship from Idaho to the Pacific at the most recent meeting.

STAR Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

Sisters Together Against Racism met in September to hear a presentation by the co-chairs of the newly formed Atlantic County League of Women Voters. Our next meeting is October 22, and it is a discussion on "What Is Racism?" Since STAR usually meets the 4th Monday of the month it is difficult to coordinate the announcements with the AAUW Forum. An Ethnic Holiday Celebration is being planned for December. (There is no November meeting.) Contact Carolyn Bassett for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH:

Nov 3rd Fundraiser at noon

Nov 7th Bookclub meeting

Nov. 13th (Tuesday) Travel Group

Nov. 28th deadline to pay for Holiday luncheon on Dec. 2nd

PHOTO ALBUM

Book Group



Gail Zona, Presenter



Audrey Moloney, Claire Moyer, Diana Intenzo, Ruth Traa



Helen Riso, Gail Vreeland and other members

Birch Grove Park



The Park



Jennifer Cuiji, Speaker



**Connie Masington, Joan Naden,
Mary Rydzewski**



Ruth Traa, Teresa Sartorio, Freda Strickler, Joan Naden



Gail Davis, Michelle Douglass, Karen Poorman



Gail Davis, Joan Leavy, Speaker Cuiji, Linda Harmon, Maureen Hayes

Travel Group



Gail Zona, Presenter



The Audience



Mary Rydzewski, Emely Aiken

Ethnic Lunch Group



From left and going around table: Beverly Schechtman, Bonnie Warwick, Lynne Walters, Marge Coach, Gretchen Braunwarth, Gail Davis, Linda Harmon, Joan Naden, Joanne Drane