

ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH MAY 2019 VOL. 118 NO. 9

Serving Women For Over One Hundred Years

President's Message Linda Harmon linda.harmon@gmail.com

Congratulations and a warm welcome to all of our new officers and chairpersons for 2019 – 2020. I want to thank everyone for your support, wisdom, and friendship as I turn over the gavel to our wonderful new President, Arlene Groch. It has been a very rewarding 3 years! To all of the returning and newly elected officers and chairs, 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 by Treasurer Bev Schechtman.

If you have any changes in email, address, or phone numbers, please let Lynne Walters know or you can make corrections by logging into aauw.org in the membership database.

The AAUW Board meeting will be Thursday, May 9th at 5:30pm. Location will be sent via email to the board.

Teen Tech will be held on Wednesday May 29th at Stockton University. See the STEM report for details and please consider volunteering for this worthwhile event.

Our last event for the year will be our Potluck Luncheon at noon at Lake Lenape on Saturday, May 18th. We will officially install and welcome our new board! See Programs for further details.

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

STATE ANNUAL MEETING

Carolyn Basset: Six members of the Atlantic County Branch took part in the two-day state annual meeting called "Women Leaders: Today, Tomorrow, and the Future!"

Debbie Walker attended the presidents' sessions, Ann Marchesani and Gail Davis registered attendees, Carolyn Bassett and Claudine Keenan made presentations about AAUW projects in NJ, and Carol Zerbe also was present. Students from Stockton U., Georgian Court College, and Brookdale College were there both days and shared their reactions to our program and also gave suggestions for what they looked for in a mentor.

Kimberly Churches, CEO at AAUW, spoke about Start Smart and AAUW's focus on women's economic security.

There were two panels of women who had recently been elected to local offices. They spoke about what had motivated them to run, how they had gained strength from working with other women, and the importance of owning your own narrative.

Debbie Walker: The AAUW NJ Board of Directors installed new officers for the 2019-2020 terms on Monday, April 8th, 2019 at Resorts International Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. They are a young and energetic group and we look forward to their leadership in the upcoming year. The Mobilize a Million campaign was introduced by our CEO from National, Kimberly Churches. We want at least 100,000 women and girls trained through AAUW's START SMART/WORK SMART workshops by the end of the term.

Gail Davis: Thanks to the efforts of Deb Walker and Ann Marchesani we had an Atlantic County basket. Chapter baskets raised over \$340 for scholarships.

Programs: Karen Poorman karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

The past two and a half years as program chair have been fun and productive. I will treasure the committee meetings where we laughed, planned events, laughed some more, and worked and discussed even more. We set goals to frame the programs to satisfy some aspect of AAUW criteria, actively involve members, inform and educate members, and result in some kind of community contribution. Thank you to all of the committee members and branch members who participated.

Our final event of the year on May 18th will be a picnic at Lenape Park in Mays Landing. We have rented the large pavilion. Members are encouraged to bring families, friends and potential future members. We will hold our yearly officer induction ceremony at the picnic. Bring lawn chairs, if you do not wish to sit on the picnic table benches. If you have outdoor games (horseshoes, bocce ball, trivia or table games), feel free to bring them. **The picnic will begin at 12:00 PM.**

The picnic will be a pot luck. Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. (includes your name, email and selection you are bringing to the lunch). An email will be sent with directions and updates to those who register.

<https://bit.ly/2VW6Po6>

2018-2019 Committee: Connie Smedley, Carol Zerbe, Claire Moyer, Gail Davis, Diane Koob with support from Linda Harmon, Debbie Walker, Arlene Groch and advised by Helen Riso.



AAUW of New Jersey Goes to Seneca Falls, New York...

Thursday and Friday September 19-20, 2019

Coordinated by Central District

The Seneca Falls Convention was the first women's rights convention. It advertised itself as "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman". Held in Seneca Falls, NY. This was at the forefront of the Women's Movement and Women's Suffrage...

We will visit the * Historic National Park Site, *The Women's Hall of Fame, * The Home of Harriet Tubman one of our American Abolitionist in nearby Auburn, and a Finger Lake Winery.

AAUW-NJ will travel from NJ by Bus with Three Stops within our State... 9/19 1. Ocean County Forked River Service Area GSP mile 76 at 7:00 am 2. Monmouth County Service Area GSP mile 99 at 7:30 am and 3. Union County Vauxhall Service Area GSP mile 142 at 8:30 am linking with I-78 W and I-81 N towards Seneca Falls our destination. Breakfast-Bagels and water on Bus. Lunch-TBA individual expense. Our over-night stay would be at Ramada Plaza in Geneva. Double Rooms will be available serving two per room. Dinner-TBA individual expense. 9/20 Breakfast included at Hotel. Lunch with Wine tasting included. Homeward bound New Jersey.



The Total Cost is \$198.00 Immediate Commitment Payable to AAUW-NJ... ASAP Limited Availability-Send Checks and Information to Patricia Baroska 2 Wisteria Place Howell NJ 07731 A DONATION WILL GO TO AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust

Name_____ AAUW branch_____ E-Mail_____ Cell#_____ Bus Stop_____ Questions: Contact
 Central District Coordinators: Patricia Baroska shorebeachgirl@hotmail.com H# 732-458-5906 or C# 732-267-3127

Barbara Williamson

****LINDA HARMON/GAIL DAVIS GOING AND CAN CARPOOL TO FORKED RIVER.

Seneca Falls Itinerary September 19-20, 2019

9/19 7:00 am Forked River Service Area GSP 76

7:30 am Monmouth Service Area GSP 99

8:30 am Vauxhall Service Area GSP 142

Bagels, Munchkins, & water Included on Bus

Snack in accordance to Bus Driver gas/stretch stop Individual expense

*Seneca Falls- 2:30-3:30 Women's Rights National Historic Park Site Independent tour at Visitors Center 3:30-4:30 An Educational Training Specialist will give Orientation Tour Included

* 5:00 pm Dinner at Historic Gould Hotel Individual Cost \$35.00 Bar Service Individual expense

* Over-night stay at Ramada Plaza in Geneva on Lake Double Room Included Indicate room-mate Single Room Individual expense \$50.00 extra

9/20 8:30-9:30 B-Buffer Included

9:30 am on Bus leave hotel 10:00 am National Women's Hall of Fame Guided Tour Included

11:30 am on Bus leave Hall of Fame

12:00 pm Harriet Tubman Home Guided Tour Included

1:00 pm on Bus leave Harriet Tubman Home

1:30 pm Ventosa Vineyards Finger Lake Winery cheese plates/wine tasting followed by Late Lunch Included

3:00 pm on Bus leave Vineyard Homeward Bound.....

Snack in accordance to Bus Driver gas/stretch stop Individual expense Approximate Arrival back at Service Area's between 7:00-9:00 pm

Treasurer: Bev Schechtman. bevschech@hotmail.com

Thanks to all the members who have paid their annual dues. I will be sending out a mass email from AAUW National with a link to directly pay your dues online. If you have already paid, please disregard. Your payment is due before the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

STEM: Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

1. Next on our docket is our Meet n Greet at Stockton for the 60 campers selected by their counties on Saturday, May 11 from 1-3. It provides a thorough orientation of camp for the campers and their families .

2. Wednesday, May 29 brings Teen Tech (9th - 11th grade girls) at Stockton campus Center from 8:30-2:30 where they will have a morning workshop – lunch - and a second workshop . I still need a few volunteers to lead groups to both workshops . Lunch is provided for volunteers. It's an interesting and fun day. Please contact me. Ghdath@comcast.net if you are available. Thank you to those 20 who have already signed up 🙌.

3. July 21-27 brings our amazing Tech Trek Camp at Stockton U. !!!! 😊. We (and many statewide volunteers) work extremely hard year round to bring this camp to 60 (out of 134 applicants this year) . We would love to have you visit on Tuesday or Thursday to see what happens. You may volunteer in many capacities: Dorm Moms (overnight or daytime), daytime volunteers, perhaps workshop volunteers, get snacks donated, help filling backpacks on the 20th, etc. Atlantic County will have 5 girls attending 😊👍.

***To donate online to teentrek: <https://ww2.aauw.org/program-gift/?treatment=TECHTREK>

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

The Spanish language group meets year round on Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. Everyone is welcome to join and practice as we have surprisingly interesting discussions - all in Spanish. Please note that we will not meet on May 27th because the library will be closed for Memorial Day. If you have questions or need encouragement to attend, please call me (609)653-6177.

Ethnic Lunch Group Ann Maria Guevara amguevara@comcast.net Gretchen Braunwarth gretchenb66@gmail.com

Our final ethnic lunch of the year will be held on

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019, at 12 noon at JOSIE KELLY'S PUB 908 Shore Rd., Somers Point.

JOIN US FOR A KIP AND A PINT!

RSVP to Ann-Maria at amguevara@comcast.net by Sunday, June 2

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

The date of the next Stockton show is Tuesday, May 7th. It's the Bay Atlantic Symphony. 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. Thanks for your help.

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Join us at the Linwood Library on Wednesday, May 15 at seven o'clock for a discussion of *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson. Claire Moyer will lead the discussion.

The final meeting of the year, again at the Linwood Library, on June 19 at seven o'clock, will be *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, at the Linwood Library at 7 pm when Mary Lou and Joe Breidenstine will present a program on a trip they made to Avignon, France with Road Scholars last fall.

Avignon is where the Palace of Popes is located when the papacy moved to France from Rome. They also visited other historic and scenic sites.

STAR Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

We have reserved a meeting room to watch **THE HATE U GIVE** at 6 pm, on April 29. Some of us have already seen this film, but it is very powerful and has a lot of issues to discuss. We want to order a sandwich tray with salads like potato salad, slaw, and macaroni. So, it is important to let Carolyn know if you are planning to come. We would ask you to pay \$5. a person to cover the cost of the food.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH:

May 9. Board Meeting; May 18 Branch Potluck Lunch; May 29 Teen Tech

Photo Album

ETHNIC LUNCHEON



Naden, Heinrichs, Braunwarth



Davis Sartorio Walters



Schechtman, Vreeland, Smedley

STATE ANNUAL MEETING Women Leaders: Today, Tomorrow, and the Future!



Claudine Keenan



Kim Churches

“What it Means When Women Win”



Maureen Kern – Atlantic County Freeholder - Vice Chairwoman (District 2) 2nd from left
Felicia Hopson – Burlington County Freeholder far left
Jaclyn Veasy – Evesham Township Mayor far right
Nicole Gillespie – Moorestown - Town Council - Deputy Mayor 2nd from right

“Women Represent”



(reading right to left)
Ashley R. Bennett – Atlantic County Freeholder – District 3
Amy Gatto – Atlantic County Freeholder – Chairwoman (At-Large)
Heather Cooper – Evesham Township - Deputy Mayor
Pat Hansen – Evesham Township Councilwoman



APRIL FUNDRAISER



Andrew Holter. Leavy



Kelly Rahm guest, Helen Riso



Coach, Moyer, Flax



Rettig, Caterson



Flax, Shippen



Owen, Warwick, Ingraham



Carson, Davis



Guest Jackie Hall-Smith, Lane Phillips