

### **President's Message: Arlene Groch [aggroch@mac.com](mailto:aggroch@mac.com)**

I'm honored and challenged by having been elected President of our Branch of AAUW. Honored because our Branch has a successful and estimable 102 year history of working to help women achieve gender equity. And challenged because AAUW has been faced with the same facts and trends as most volunteer organizations across America: younger women moved from unpaid work in the home to too often *underpaid* work outside of the home *plus unpaid work at home*. Something had to go, and that often was the unpaid but critically important volunteer work for religious, civic and political organizations. The result was an increased average membership age, and reduced money raised to achieve the entity's goals.

A third reality must also be acknowledged: America has been racially and ethnically segregated from slavery and the near-destruction of the Native American populations to Reconstruction to Jim Crow to imprisoning Japanese Americans Red-lining to separate and unequal education, transportation, housing, finance, prison systems, government, politics.... and yes, our social, religious and cultural institutions, including those in the LGBTQI community.

Some of our 50 year plus members told me our Branch was a leader even back in the 1970's when teacher and African American Alice Carter was President; nevertheless today our Branch does not reflect the diversity of our community and we would like to change that.

My challenge as Branch President is to speak truth as I see it with our strong, highly educated members so that, together, we can progress as swiftly and significantly as possible. Please call at 609 646-9447 or email me at [aggroch@mac.com](mailto:aggroch@mac.com) and tell me now what you want AAUW to do in the future that we are not already doing.

We have already made much progress and we are capable of achieving much more. Under the capable leadership of Program Vice President Shelly Meyers we are examining our 2020 Branch programs, *for which we urge your suggestions and comments:*

- Minimize the number of meetings held at expensive venues.
- Move our Board and committee meetings from restaurants to free locations
- Hold Board and committee meetings after usual office hours.
- Whenever possible, accommodate members' child care responsibilities

Finally, as I approached many women about joining AAUW, I learned that almost all thought they had to be "invited" to join! And sadly, some viewed us as a rather exclusive organization. When I disabused them of those false images, all were delighted to have been asked to join and most did so. ***If every member likewise "invites" three friends, co-workers or acquaintances to join, we'll have to hold our next "new member" event in a very large venue!***

**Program: Shelly Meyers shelly.meyers@stockton.edu**

As the new Program Committee Chairperson, I look forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming Fall Branch Meetings planned by our very creative and enthusiastic committee members. The success of each of these programs depends on your voices, ideas and involved participation.

Our first event is scheduled for September 26, 2019, at the Mays Landing Country Club, where you will have a chance to socialize with all former and over a dozen new members, during our social hour and dinner. The event begins at 5 pm and at 7 pm, we have an opportunity to meet our two Atlantic County Executive Candidates, Mr. Dennis Levinson and Ms. Susan Korngut. The forum, co-sponsored by AAUW and the League of Women Voters, is free and open to the general public. The candidates will present opening statements, question each other, and respond to questions from attendees.

October 15, 2019 is the second Branch Meeting, to be held at Beth Israel Synagogue, in Northfield. We will have a panel discussion facilitated by AAUW members regarding recent New Jersey and US Supreme Court decisions that impact women’s lives.

November 16, 2019 is the date for our Fund Raiser Luncheon at the Carriage House in Galloway Township. A panel of women veterans will talk of their experiences in the military and then engage in a question and answer period.

The remaining programs are in the planning stages but so far, we have a great start. Thanks to all the AAUW members who have welcomed me with support.

**AAUW September 26, 2019 Dinner Meeting**

Mays Landing Country Club, Cates Rd, Mays Landing

**Price: \$35.00** Social Hour – 5:00 Dinner – 5:45 **Deadline for Reservation is September 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
Menu Choices:

- a) Roast Turkey Breast with Raisin Challah Dressing
- b) Horseradish Encrusted Tilapia with a Tarragon Beurre Blanc
- c) Pasta Primavera with Fresh Garden Vegetables

**Make check payable to AAUW & mail it and this Reservation form to:**

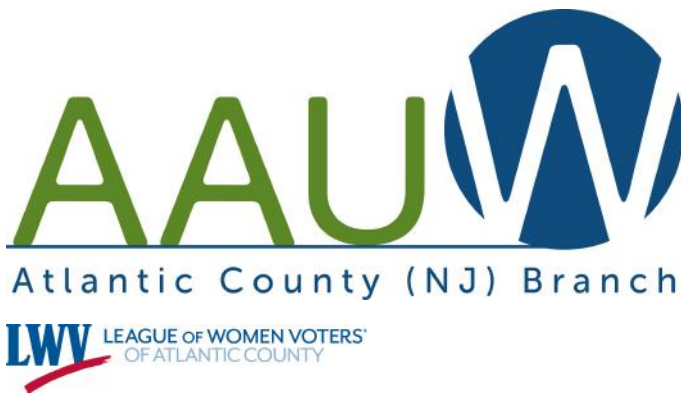
Lisa Goodwin, 814 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, NJ 08201 ( lisagoodwin999@gmail.com )

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

a)\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Turkey b)\_\_\_\_\_ Tilapia c)\_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera

For seating arrangements, we are using your Zodiac sign; please provide your birth month and day only. Day:\_\_\_\_\_. Month:\_\_\_\_\_ ***Please return by September 17<sup>th</sup>.***



**Thursday, September 26, 2019**  
**5 pm AAUW Branch Social**  
**5:45 pm Dinner, \$35**  
**7 pm Meet the Candidates FREE**

The Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization (AWCO) is sponsoring the American Association of University Women (AAUW) September Welcome Banquet on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Mays Landing Country Club. The program for this meeting will be a Meet the County Executive Candidates Forum.

This is a two part event:

- 5 pm AAUW Social & Dinner \$35 Registration required, see below.
- 7 pm Candidates Forum, Free and open to public, No Registration Required for the Candidate Forum

This program is presented in partnership with the Atlantic County League of Women Voters.

**For further information and to register for Branch dinner please e-mail: [lisagoodwin999@gmail.com](mailto:lisagoodwin999@gmail.com). Deadline for registration is September 17, 2019.**

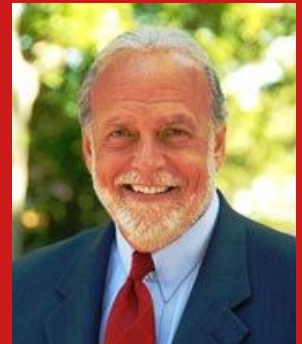
Mays Landing  
Country Club  
1855 Cates Road  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330

## Meet the Candidates for Atlantic County Executive

The Meet the Candidates Forum will feature the Democratic candidate for County Executive, Attorney Susan Korngut and the current County Executive, Republican Dennis Levinson. Attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions to the candidates. Both candidates will discuss challenges and opportunities facing Atlantic County and changes they want to implement.



**Susan  
Korngut**



**Dennis  
Levinson**

## Bring a Book Buy a Book

Bring books to donate and plenty of cash to buy new-to-you titles. All proceeds will go directly to the AWCO Scholarship Fund.

*"When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous."*

*-Michelle Obama*

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Thank you to the 91 members who have paid their dues. If you have waited, please send your checks ASAP made out to AAUW to me at 100 S. Berkley Sq. Unit 9G, Atlantic City NJ 08401, or go online to pay. If you pay online, please pay as an existing member and not as a new member. Thanks in advance for your checks.

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**SAVE THE DATE:** Fundraiser Luncheon "Women in the Military" on Saturday, November 16, at The Carriage House in Galloway.

**STEM: Gail Davis** [ghdath@comcast.net](mailto:ghdath@comcast.net)

As a 'preamble' to regular camp we had 43 Alums return for an overnight and 2 workshops – then they welcomed new campers, led campus tours, assisted in moving in and ice breaker games. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we welcomed 60 new campers (5 from Atlantic county) who moved into dorms (relinquished their cell phones, and began getting acquainted with new roommates and floor mates).

Monday began core classes in the morning 9-12, lunch, workshops in the afternoon and evening activities (including tie-dyeing t shirts). We were ably assisted by many of you and 4 alums who came all week: Giana Scarangelli, Margaret Worchel, Maddison Hardiman, and Ashley Conant 😊. They served as junior day counselors and no doubt, will become Dorm Moms when age eligible.

Wednesday brought a group staying on campus for the morning, learning about e sports, nature, and flying drones. My group went to the FAA and were exposed to weather conditions for flights, runway composition/testing, airport fire engines. Then we all met at the AC Stockton campus for lunch followed by learning about wave action, a beach walk, and seining ocean water capturing lots of things including 2 small fish 🐟.

Thursday was a regular day BUT- capped off with our professional women's night where the campers stay at a table and 3 professional women rotate 3 times. The campers may ask them any questions about their careers. This is a wonderful event. And we had the CEO from Catapillar Corporation kick off the evening and brought 'CAT' hats for all.

Friday brought a regular morning, but we loaded lunches onto buses to trek to the Cape May Zoo to present water barrels our water class made for the zoo to collect water for animals and plants. Then it was back to campus for packing, in preparation to leave on Saturday. They all made friends from all over the state and - truly 'parting is sweet sorrow' . They tend to stay in touch throughout the year which is great. Thanks to Lory Golden who served as Atlantic County Selection Chair, all of YOU – who volunteered to interview, collect snacks, be a Dorm Mom, be a day counselor , run a workshop, be a moderator at PWN, AND who contributed ( in any way ) to this wonderful camp. You have helped to change lives for 60 young women 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌  
Now we look toward 2020.

Please check the state website to use Amazon Smile for purchases that will benefit Tech Trek.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### **Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax [jcflax@yahoo.com](mailto:jcflax@yahoo.com)**

Please consider joining our group on Monday afternoons form 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 W. Mill Road, Northfield for a wide-ranging conversation in Spanish. Everyone is welcome! We are grateful to our advanced and native speakers, kind and patient with one another when we make grammatical mistakes, and generally leave tired, but happy. We will meet every Monday in September except Labor Day, starting September 9th. Please call me, Jeannette Flax, (609) 653-6177 for more information.

### **Ethnic Lunch Group Ann Maria Guevara [amguevara@comcast.net](mailto:amguevara@comcast.net) Gretchen Braunwarth [gretchenb66@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenb66@gmail.com)**

Lunches will begin in October and reported in the October Forum.

### **Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine [breidensti@aol.com](mailto:breidensti@aol.com)**

Thanks so much to Carolyn and all who participated in our final summer discussion of Thomas Hardy.

Our first meeting for the new season will occur on Oct. 30th at 7:00 at the Linwood Library. Terri Dailey will lead the discussion of "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Ms. Owens will speak at the Ocean City Music Pier on Saturday, November 9 at 2:00. The Oct. 30th meeting is when we will plan the agenda for the coming year. This is your opportunity to recommend a book for the group to read.

## **Travel Group Carolyn Bassett [geoca41@gmail.com](mailto:geoca41@gmail.com)**

The first Travel Group of the year will be Wednesday, September 18, at 7 p.m. at the Northfield Library. Carolyn Bassett (me) will be presenting the trip she took to **VIETNAM** in March of 2019. I traveled with the Sierra Club and I will be telling you about not only the sights I saw, but some of the things I learned about the country from the 36-year old Vietnamese guide about life in Vietnam today. Friends and husbands are welcome (men do come to these meetings!). Just let Carolyn know if you are coming so she can be sure to have enough chairs. Email: [geoca41@gmail.com](mailto:geoca41@gmail.com) Phone: 609 927-9095

## **Film Group Terry Dailey [johnd4photo@aol.com](mailto:johnd4photo@aol.com)**

We are trying something new with the cooperation of Tilton Square Theatre and the Otto Bruyns Public Library in Northfield. Movies will be available for viewing at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month (with the exception of September's) alternating between the Tilton and Northfield library. The cost at Tilton Square will be \$8, but for the luxurious seats that is a bargain. We will have the use of the party room for free afterwards to be able to discuss the film. To keep the cost down, you may brown bag a lunch or order in. You do not have to purchase food at the theater. Movies will not be current run (usually) as the studios will not cooperate with the theater let alone with our intent to view woman centric(theme, director or writer) grown up (as opposed to usual teenage action flicks) documentaries, foreign and independent films. They will be free when at the Northfield library which will also allow food to be brought in and time for discussion after the film. If there is sufficient interest, there may be a second showing in the evening at the library for those who cannot attend those during the day. Family, friends and the public are welcome at both venues.

On Wednesday, **September 11**, the film will be *Wadja* which was the first film shot entirely in Saudi Arabia and, more impressive, with a female Saudi director. It is the story of a girl who wants to be permitted to buy a bicycle. It will be shown at the Tilton Square Theatre. On **October 10**, due to the recent death of the renowned author Toni Morrison, the film will be a newly available documentary called *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am* which will be shown at the Northfield Library. **November 14** will be *The Guardians* (not the Marvel comic one) at Tilton and the **December 12** feature will be *The Girls in the Band* at Northfield Library. Descriptions will be given closer to the dates in upcoming Forums.

I will also be scanning for current interesting releases. Unfortunately, the film distributors will not give the Tilton the names of movies they are expected to screen on a Friday until that Tuesday! So, if you are interested in the film group, please give me your email. I will use it to send reminders (like Mary Lou does for book group) and to notify of any exciting last minute current releases.

## **STAR Carolyn Bassett [geoca41@gmail.com](mailto:geoca41@gmail.com)**

STAR It is with deep regret that I have to announce that STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) has decided to discontinue its meetings. After 23 years of existence there was not enough participation to justify continuing to organize programs. All who participated grew through being exposed to different points of view and investigating our own hidden biases.

I would like to suggest that we, AAUW, continue the self-examination process that began the STAR experience. I am hoping that a few members would be interested in participating in a group to look at ways that we can raise our awareness of our own complicity in the racism that exists in our society and work to reduce it. ( I am thinking of this as an "interest group" with meetings and discussions among

members about once a month) Please let me know if this idea interests you and give me any ideas you have to implement it. I am definitely willing to chair the group - So, give me some feedback.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH:**

September 9 Spanish Group September 11 Film Group. September 18. Travel Group. September 26. Branch Dinner

## **Photo Album**

### **Ethnic Lunch**



Bev Schechtman

Barbara Heinrichs, Connie Smedley, Ann Maria Guevara, Ginny Gormley,

### **TEEN TREK**



## Teen Trek Professional Women's Night



Shelley Cohen with teen trekker



Ann Marchesani with trekkers



Virginia Rettig

## Stockton Children's Theater Ushers



Lanee Phillips, Carolyn Bassett, Karen Cifrese, Teresa Sartorio, Terry Daily, and Arlene Roller



## Women's Resource Luncheon



Stella Hordes, Loretta Scheetz



Connie Smedley and sister Elaine

## Book Club



Ann Maria Guevera, presenter



Carolyn Bassett, summer presenter

## Summer Book Club Luncheon



Diane Koob, Mary Lou Breidenstine, Shelley Cohen, Pam Family, Kit Lok



Gail Zona, Mary Lou Breidenstine, Diane Gerlach, Diana Intenzo, Gail Vreeland



Aida Colon, Theresa Sartorio