

President's Message Arlene Groch aggroch@mac.com

My initial goal upon becoming President of our AAUW Branch on July first was to increase our membership numbers and in particular to bring in more younger members and more women of color. I am thrilled to be able to report that we have brought in 18 new members in the last three months, almost all of whom all still in the workforce and about one third of whom are women of color.

Many of our new members have jumped right in and taken on leadership roles, including:

- Stockton University's Ronda Brown, who filled the open position of Student Relations,
- Nurse and ACCC teacher Linda Karp, who joined the Hospitality Committee and organized the delicious appetizers donated by Board Members for the successful New Member Orientation Social held at my home on September 12th,
- Northfield Head Librarian Aubrey Heirs, who designed the flyers for our September 26th Branch Dinner and County Executive Candidates Forum.

Many long time members have volunteered to help in new ways, including:

- Diane Koob, who became Membership Co-chair with Lynn Walters,
- Carol Zerbe and Jacalyn Shelley Tasoff who are heading up our very exciting November 16th fund raising luncheon,
- Stockton University Associate Professor Shelly Meyers who took on the challenging job of Program Vice President, a job so successfully managed for three years by Karen Poorman, and
- at our October 15th Branch Meeting, Jenine Brown, our new Public Policy Chairperson, will present recent N.J. laws that impact women. The other two Panelists, new member Attorney Mary Maudsley and I, will review recent U.S. Supreme Court cases of particular interest to our members, and we hope for a vigorous discussion with all of our members.

This is only a sample of the wonderful contributions being made every day by our members, from those who are brand new to those who are 50 year members, including Caroline Bassett, who does more jobs than I have space to list. Please don't be offended if I have not mentioned your names and contributions. I deeply appreciate what every one of you is doing to make our Branch such an important, effective, and progressive community organization. I thank you all.

Seneca Falls and the Early Suffragettes

Your very new Branch President just spent two days on a 16 hour round trip bus ride to Seneca Falls New York, where four members of our Branch and I joined 41 other NJ-AAUW members as we toured the Women's Right's National Historic Park, home of the first Women's Rights Convention. That is where the early Suffragettes gathered in 1948 "... to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and **rights** of woman". From there we went on to The Women's Hall of Fame and Harriet Tubman's home and farm in her senior years. The tours were fascinating and very informative and the weather and scenery were magnificent. But the most valuable part of the trip was meeting the many branch presidents and former presidents from whom I learned so much during the trip.

On Saturday, October 12th I will be heading to Mount Laurel New Jersey for the NJ -AAUW Fall Festival to learn more ways to grow and improve our already wonderful branch. I hope some of you will join me on this trip. It's only one hour away, and it's not only for presidents. If so, please let me know now.

Program Shelly Meyers shelly.meyers@stockton.edu

Programs scheduled for fall include the following:

Our first event is scheduled for September 26, 2019, at the Mays Landing Country Club, where, during our social hour and dinner you will have a chance to socialize with many of our current and 18 new members. The event begins at 5:00pm and at 7pm, we have an opportunity to meet our two Atlantic County Executive Candidates, Mr. Dennis Levinson and Ms. Susan Korngut. The Forum, to take place after dinner, is co-sponsored by AAUW and the League of Women Voters and 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, our second Branch Meeting, will be held at Beth Israel Synagogue, in Northfield at 7 pm We have a panel discussion facilitated by AAUW members regarding recent New Jersey and US Supreme Court decisions that impact women's lives. Panel Members will be Educator Jenine Brown and Attorneys Mary Maudsley, and Arlene Groch.

November 16, 2019 is the date for our Fund Raiser Luncheon at the Carriage House in Galloway Township. A panel of women who served in different branches of the military, will talk of their experiences followed by a question and answer period.

December 7, 2019 is our annual holiday pot luck luncheon and more information will be forthcoming.

Treasurer Bev Schechtman bevschech@hotmail.com

To those who have not paid 2019-2020 dues, please renew your membership in AAUW by paying your dues before September 30. Otherwise, National will remove your name from its database. Pay online with a credit card or send me a check. A big THANK YOU to those who have already paid.

Co-Membership Lynne Walters rrwalters321@hotmail.com **Diane Koob** dwkoob@gmail.com

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

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Please correct Aida Colon's phone number to 609-703-1182
Please change Jan Smith's email to jthatchersmith@yahoo.com

Fundraiser #1) Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

Come and enjoy all that Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends** event for non-profit organizations is doing again this year.

\$5.00 Shopping Passes used at any Boscov's store on Wednesday, October 16th (8am to 11pm) will give you 25% shopping discount plus refreshments and special prizes throughout the day! Tickets will be sold at the AAUW dinner meeting on Sept. 26th at Mays Landing Country Club or by calling Gail Zona (609-641-1986 at any time. Shop not only for yourself but as gifts to friends and family! Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner and/or by calling me. Thank you for supporting this win-win fundraiser.

Fundraiser #2) Co-Chairs: Carol Zerbe czpaints@verizon.net

Jacalyn Shelley-Tasoff jacalyn_shelley2003@yahoo.com

November 16th Bring a Guest to Our Annual Fundraiser Luncheon!

At The Carriage House in Galloway Township. Price is \$45. Social Hour Noon Lunch 1:00

Program: We are proud to present two women, both of whom have served in our country's military forces. They will share information about the challenges and rewards of being a member of our armed forces.

During the afternoon we will also have an opportunity to win wonderful gifts donated by generous members of our community. The money raised will provide scholarships for local women who are pursuing degrees at South Jersey colleges and sponsors both a weeklong Tech Trek Camp at Stockton University and STEM workshops for girls from NJ during the school year.

Here's how you can help:

1. Join the celebration and bring a friend. Fill out the AAUW Scholarship Fundraiser Reservation Form attached to this issue of the Forum and mail your reservation to Lisa Goodwin, 814 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, NJ 08201 by November 2nd.
2. Solicit gift card or proprietor-made basket donations from local businesses in the following categories: Golf courses, Liquor stores, Recreational activities, Restaurants, Beauty Services, Department Stores.
3. Download and print the AWCO tax form and Donor Information Log.
4. Once you receive the donation, fill in your name, address, and phone number as the contact person on the AWCO [Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization] IRS letter and give to the donor.
5. Keep track of the donations you receive by completing the Donor Information Log 2019 so that we can send each donor a thank you note after the luncheon.

Before **Friday, October 25th**, please give your donated items and the Donor Information Log to one of the Committee Members whose contact details you can get from Carol Zerbe czpaints@verizon.net or call 609 653-0488: Gail Davis, Kathy Zeigenfus, Lori Golden, Ann Marchesani. You can also contact Ann at 609-280-2987 to pick up your donation.

*If you'd like to create your own themed basket, we will gratefully accept your donation.



AWCO*—Atlantic Women’s Charitable Organization



American Association of University Women Scholarship Fundraiser

November 16, 2019 at The Carriage House. 25 South Pitney Road Galloway

Donation \$45 Social Hour 12:00 Lunch 1:00

Menu Choices: Salmon; Penne Pesto Primavera; Grilled Chicken Chardonnay

Mail Check payable to AWCO & Reservation form by **November 2, 2019** to:
Lisa Goodwin, 814 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, NJ 08201.

Reservation Form:

Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to sit with _____

Dinner selection: ___Salmon; ___Penne Pesto Primavera; ___Chicken

Check payable to AWCO, send to Lisa Goodwin 814 Ohio Ave. Absecon 08201 by Nov 2nd.

* AWCO—an IRS approved 501 (c) (3)

STEM Gail Davis ghmath@comcast.net

Since things Have finally slowed down BRIEFLY, I thought I’d take this time to explain AWCO. The Atlantic Women’s Charitable Organization was created as a NJ tax exempt VEHICLE to support both SCHOLARSHIPS and TECH TREK. THE BOARD MEETS 3x per year. AWCO is solely supported by grants, fundraising and individual donations. We have awarded scholarship \$\$ to both Stockton U and ACCC for many years. AWCO has also supported TECH TREK for the last 5 years and hopes to hold our 6th year in 2020.

I recently encountered a word I had never seen before: ELEEMOSYNARY. (I had to sound it out to say it) 😊 it means to support by charitable giving, and my guess is we all qualify as does AWCO. So please support our fundraiser luncheon on November 16 at the Carriage House. Do not wait- send in your check right away so we all can be ELEEMOSYNARY!!!!

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

Please consider joining a lively conversation in Spanish on Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. We'll meet every Monday in October except the 14th, Columbus Day. If you want encouragement to attend, please contact me at (609)653-6177.

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

Our first ethnic lunch of the year will be held on
FRIDAY, OCT.18, 2019, at 12 noon at
MICKEY & MINNIE'S
733 West White Horse Pike, Cologne
German food is their specialty, including wiener schnitzel,
sauerbraten, potato pancakes and bratwurst

BRING YOUR APPETITE AND JOIN US!
PROST!

Please RSVP to Ann-Maria at amguevara@comcast.net or Gretchen at gretchenb66@gmail.com by Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

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

Stockton's Children's Theater starts up again in November. If you'd like to usher for one or more shows please email me or text me @609-703-3788. Shows start at 10:30 am; ushers need to be there by 9:45 am . I will remind you a few days before and parking passes will be emailed to you. Everyone who ushers seems to enjoy it and many do more than one show. Why not give it a try!

The dates are:

The True Story of Pocahontas: Friday, November 1, 2019 at 10:30 am in the PAC

The Nutcracker: Friday, December 13, 2019 at 10:30 am in the PAC

The Franklin Institute Life in Space: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:30 am in the PAC

The Bay Atlantic Symphony Education: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 10:30 am in the PAC

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The book group will meet on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm at the Linwood Library. Terri Dailey will lead the discussion of "Where the Crawdads Sing." The author, Delia Owens, will speak at the Ocean City Music Pier on Saturday, November 9 at 2:00 pm. We will plan our agenda for the coming year at the October 30 meeting. This is your opportunity to make recommendations. New members are always welcomed.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

Australia: Connie Smedley and her husband Don will share their recent trip to Australia. It will be presented **Wednesday, October 16 at 7 pm at the Northfield Library**. Connie and Don have a son living in Australia whom they visited as well as making quite a few side trips and Don takes great pictures! Come out and hear what they discovered. Don't forget to let Carolyn know if you are coming: geoca41@gmail.com or 609-927-9095.

NEW GROUP

Towards A More Equal Society Carolyn Bassett geoca41gmail.com

You are invited to participate in a discussion group aimed at recognizing inequalities that exist in our society, acknowledging how the mainstream is privileged by them, and working to overcome them. The first meeting will be Wednesday, October 2 at 10 am in the Linwood Library. We will start with a short article examining white privilege. Let Carolyn know if you would like to come and she will send you the article. geoca41@gmail.com or 609 927 9095

Film Group Terry Dailey johnd4photo@aol.com

Despite the bumps we expect with something new, the launch of our reconstituted movie group went well. The folks at the Tilton Square Theatre were lovely. The toughest part is not snoozing in the comfy seats! The movie, *Wadjda*, was given thumbs up by all in attendance. As we discussed it afterwards, the universal opinion was gratitude that we do not live in Saudi Arabia.

Our next film will be at 10 am on October 10 at the Otto Bruyns Public Library in Northfield. The movie will be the documentary *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am*. Once again you are welcome to bring a lunch and stay to discuss the film after it concludes. As usual, friends, family and the public are welcome. There is no charge for this movie.

For those who have requested to be on the Film Group email list, I am also advising of the locations and times of other movies that I think might be of interest. We also discussed making trips to the Ritz in Philadelphia for films which will never make it down here. My thanks to both Kit Lok and Aubrey Hiers for their help with this project.

Facebook Page Karen Poorman karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

AAUW Atlantic has both a Facebook page, which is public, and a Facebook group, which is private to members only. You can "like" the Facebook page (AAUW Atlantic County) to see new posts, pictures of events, and more. You should request to join the closed group (AAUW Atlantic Members), which contains information of specific interest to our branch. If you have a question about how to join Facebook or request the closed group, email Karen Poorman at karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com. You are encouraged to send pictures of club meetings, board meetings, programs or other information to be shared on the AAUW Atlantic page or with the group.

If you are interested: Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 pm. Barbershop show in the OC. MUSIC PIER. TIX 15\$. Contact Gail Davis - ghdath@comcast.net if interested.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH: October:

10 Film Group 10 am.
16 Boscov's event
30 Book Club 7 pm

10 Board Meeting 4:30 pm
16 Travel Group 7 pm

15 Branch Meeting 7 pm.
18 Ethnic Lunch Noon

Photo Album

Seneca Falls Trip



Women's Rights Hall of Fame. Suffragettes



Film Group



Bev Schechtman Joan Leavy Karen Cifrese Terry Dailey Pam Family

New Members Reception



Arlene Groch, Hostess



Appetizers provided by members



Attendees



Aubrey Hiers presenting to the group.

Travel Group



Carolyn Bassett with purchases from Vietnam and wearing an outfit from her trip.

