

THE FORUM



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President's Message **Arlene Groch** aggroch@mac.com

Dear Members,

As 2019 approaches a close, I am thankful for a fulfilling year, and I am committed to continuing those activities that help me be my best so I can more fully advance the goals of AAUW, that very special organization that we are so fortunate to share.

I have been grateful for so much for so long, for so many benefits of my life. And it turns out gratitude scientists have found that giving thanks allows us to feel well-rested and enhances our self esteem. Apparently, intentional appreciation is more than minding our manners — it's good for our mental health!

And I am happy to start here by sharing my appreciation for you, our AAUW members!

Thank you for teaching me and sharing your talents and knowledge as I've made my way through my first, challenging, year as your President. And thank you for spreading the word about AAUW to your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues. We have enjoyed an outstanding year of member growth and we know that your personal contacts make a real difference.

I hope each of you enjoys the holiday season and has a happy and healthy New Year.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT: January 11th Branch Meeting, Honoring the Suffragettes

Happy New Year! As we enter our new year, 2020, our Atlantic County Chapter will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the United States of America. On August 26, 1920, women got the right to vote. It was with great strife and pain that the Suffragettes were able to accomplish this immense feat. Our January meeting will be the viewing of the movie, "Suffragette," about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early 20th century Britain.

New Jersey's own Alice Paul, was part of this movement in Britain prior to her efforts in the US. Please join us. Bring your own popcorn and drink and join in the sisterhood of our Atlantic County AAUW Branch and friends.

What: "Honoring the. Suffragettes" Where: Linwood Library

When: Saturday, January 11, 2020 Time: 1:00 PM

RSVP to Kathy Zeigenfus kzeigenfus@aol.com 609-457-5245

STEM Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

1. **Tween Tech-** Jan 3, 8:15-2:30. If you can volunteer, please let me know ASAP. It will be held at Stockton Student Center.

2. **Tech Trek 2020 Camp**

a. Principals and former nominating teachers were sent notices asking them to nominate students. I then called 23 Atlantic County private schools and sent nomination forms to the 10 who had 7th grades.

b. May 9 - from 1-3, MeetnGreet for campers selected from 20 NJ counties.

c. July 26-August 1. We still need day counselors, Dorm Moms, and more. Please volunteer at this link <https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/volunteer/>

3. **Teen Tech - this will be held** at ACCC. Stay tuned for more information.

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

The enthusiastic Spanish group continues to improve, meeting Monday afternoons from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 W. Mill Road, Northfield. We'll meet every Monday in January except the 20th, when the library will be closed. Everybody is welcome, and we have only one rule: no English! If you need encouragement to join us, please call me (609)653-6177.

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

ETHNIC LUNCH GROUP

Our next luncheon will take us to Japan

via Fuji restaurant, 210 New Rd., Linwood

Enjoy teriyaki, tempura or the delightful boxed lunch

Hope you can join us!

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 at 12:00 noon

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

Stockton's Children's Theater Ushers - 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.

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

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

Everyone who ushers seems to enjoy it and many do more than one show.

Why not give it a try!

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Join us at the Saturday, January 4 book club meeting. Ann-Maria Guevara will lead the discussion of "The Gifted School" by Bruce Holsinger. Meeting begins at 10:30 at Shelley Cohen's. Should be lots to talk about since so many people have been involved with scams to get their children admitted to prestigious schools.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

On January 15 (Wednesday) at 7:pm at the Northfield Library, Mary Lou and Joe Breidenstine will share their Experience of Brittany and Normandy, two distinct regions of France that boast larger-than-life personalities, legacies of conquests and conquerors and stunning land-and seascapes. In Brittany, discover prehistoric megalithic sites and Celtic origins, as well as a culture influenced by the sea. In Normandy, explore Mont Saint Michel, Norman and Gothic architecture and landscapes captured by the Impressionists, as well as Normandy's connections to the liberation of Europe in World War II. They traveled with Road Scholars. (Note that although the date is the same, the program is different. Bonnie Warwick will present her trip to Japan later in the year.) Members and guests are welcome, but let Carolyn know if you plan to come so she can make sure there are enough chairs. Phone 609 927 9095 Email geoca41@gmail.com

For A More Equal Society Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

For a More Equal Society will meet on **Wednesday, January 15 at the Linwood Library at 1pm.** We have had three productive meetings exploring "Unpacking the Invisible Backpack." Next we will read and discuss an article from TEACHING TOLERANCE a publication of the Southern Poverty Law Center. The article is entitled "What Is White Privilege, Really?"

It can be accessed at: <https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/fall-2018/what-is-white-privilege-really>.

Please let Carolyn know if you plan to come. Phone: 609-927-9095 or email: geoca41@gmail.com.

Film Group Terry Dailey johnd4photo@aol.com

Once again we were welcomed to the Northfield Library by Aubrey and her staff. The film, *The Girls in the Band*, received all thumbs up from the 10 in attendance. Most of us had never heard of these musicians and the all-female bands of the 1930s and 40s. The sexism they endured as well as the racism was appalling, but they persevered to do what they love.

The **January 9** film will be *The Farewell*. This female directed film was just nominated for a best foreign movie by the Golden Globes. The subtitle jokes that it is "based on an actual lie". A beloved matriarch has only weeks to live and the family gathers under the guise of an expedited wedding. This movie will be screened at the Tilton at 10 AM. The cost is \$8 and, as always, family and friends are welcome.

Little Women, directed by Greta Gerwig opens on Christmas Day. I will advise of movie times and locations when available. Also, the Margate Library shows foreign films (with English subtitles) every other Thursday at 2 and 8PM. The schedule can be obtained at the library.

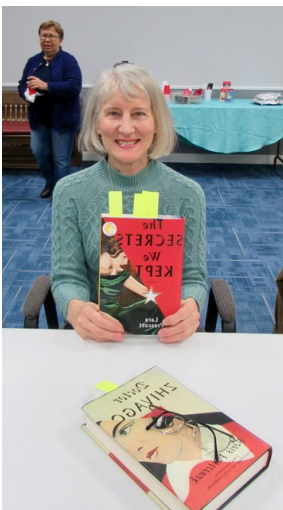
DATES TO REMEMBER:

Program Committee Meeting- January 6, noon. The meeting will be at Arlene Groch's home, 1413 Shore Rd, Northfield. Brown Bag Lunch, Arlene will provide dessert and beverages.

1/3 Tween Tech. 8:15 am	1/4 Book Group 10:30 am
1/9 Film Group 10 am	1/11 Branch Meeting. 1 pm
1/15 For a More Equal Society 1 pm	1/15 Travel Group 7 pm
Every Monday minus 1/20 Spanish Group 4:15 pm	
2/4 Children's Theater 9:45 am	2/12 Ethnic Lunch 12 noon

Photo Album

Book Club



Karen Cifrese, Presenter Aida Colon in back

Holiday Party

Taken by Linda Karp



Taken by Carolyn Bassett



Walters, Groch, Colon



Drane, Shippen, Breidenstine, Koob (Valerie)



Cregan, Scheetz, Zona



Zerbe, Bassett, Cohen

Ethnic Lunch

Taken by Linda Karp



Taken by Carolyn Bassett



Groch, Karp



Guevara, Quinn, Jan (guest)



Walters, Schechtman



Karp, Braunwarth, Coach, Warwick, Guevara