

ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH DECEMBER 2018 VOL. 118 NO. 4

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President's Message Linda Harmon linda.harmon@gmail.com Debbie Walker wdeborah538@gmail.com

Greetings and happy holidays! Our **November Scholarship Fundraiser** was a great success. Thanks to our wonderful committee headed by Carol Zerbe and Gail Davis and all of the members of the team! Bravo, job well done!

This is a last call for our **December 1st Holiday Luncheon** at Northfield Library! See information below. This luncheon helps support the Women's Center in Linwood, now known as AVANZAR (www.avanzarnow.org). Don't forget your fast food or Wawa gift card to support the center and all it does for the girls and women of our community. I hope you will be able to join us for a couple of hours out of your busy schedule!

For many, the exciting trip to see *Longwood Gardens* is just around the corner. Watch for further details from Karen Poorman and have a wonderful time!

Please take a few moments to check out what is happening with Title IX on aauw.org. Your voice makes a difference!

The next AAUW Atlantic County Board meeting will be **January 10th** at Fitzpatrick's, 5:30 p.m.
Enjoy the holidays with your friends and families!



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.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

DEADLINE: Wednesday November 28th

AAUW Atlantic County Branch Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 1	Holiday Luncheon	noon	Northfield Library
December 11	Trip to Longwood Gardens	1:30 pm	Boscov's Parking Lot
December 12	Travel Group	7 pm	Linwood Library
December 13	Ethnic Lunch	noon	Gretchen Braunwarth's home
December 14	Book Club	10:30 am	Gail Vreeland's home
January 4	Tween Tech	8 am	Stockton University
January 7	snow date Tween Tech		
January 10	AAUW AC Board Mtg	5:30 pm	Fitzpatrick's
February 11	Dinner/Concert Fundraiser TBD		Stockton University



Our November Fundraiser was another wonderful success at Linwood Country Club on November 3rd. We raised \$2100 for our scholarship fund! Our guest speaker, Sharon Harris-Zlotnick, gave an informative talk about the pioneer women of Hollywood.

A very special thanks to all of the members who worked on donations for the baskets, assembled baskets, attained our wonderful speaker, set up lovely flower arrangements, and all of the many details to make the event a success: Carol Zerbe, Carolyn Bassett, Gail Davis, Shelley Cohen, Lori Golden, Lisa Goodwin, Ann Marchesani, Claire Moyer, Audrey Owen, Helen Riso, Loretta Scheetz, Connie Smedley, and Kathy Zeigenfus.

Program Karen Poorman karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

We are looking forward to our trip to Longwood Gardens on December 11. The bus will leave at 1:30 pm from the parking lot abutting the Outback restaurant in the Shore Mall (near Boscov's). It will arrive at Longwood Gardens at approximately 3:00 pm. Many members have made reservations to eat at the 1906 Restaurant (www.opentable.com). Others have said that they want more time to tour, so they plan to eat at the buffet. We will leave the Gardens at 7:00 and should return at 8:30. There are still some seats on the bus. Spouses and friends are welcome. No full refunds can be made at this time because of the fixed bus charges. If you know someone who wants to join us, have them contact karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com immediately.

There will be no program in January, but the interest groups will continue to meet.

In February, the group will cooperate in a profit sharing with the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble for their February 11, 2019 concert in the Stockton University PAC (www.sjawe.com). The SJAWE will split profits for 50 tickets sold by AWCO. A dinner in the Art Gallery catered by Chartwells will precede the concert. It is a short walking distance from the Art Gallery to the Performing Arts Center.

March 16, 2019 will continue the tech program tradition at Stockton University with computer stations and a luncheon.

April 12, 2019 will feature another scholarship fundraiser with Andrew Holter from the Antique Road Show, hopefully at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point.

We will finish the season in May with the installation dinner.

Thank you to everyone who is on the committee and to all those who help to plan and to make our programs successful. Gail Davis, Michelle Douglass, Diane Koob, Claire Moyer, Connie Smedley and Carol Zerbe.

Fundraisers

BOSCOV'S - FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS Gail Zona

Our Branch sold \$435.00 for Boscov's Day (October 16, 2018). Thank you to all that bought tickets and saved 30% on items bought there that day. Thank you to all to made a contribution as all monies collected are deposited into our AWCO (Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization) account which supports/encourages goals for women and girls.

AWCO Smile account Gail Davis

For those of you who shop online you can sign up and create a Smile' account and designate AWCO(Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization) as your charity, therefore benefitting Tech Trek👍

Use this. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-2164836>

Other places like Target and Walmart have this also. Give it a try.

Membership Lynne Walters rrwalters321@hotmail.com

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

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BS Glassboro College

Please change the following for **Susan Wolfe**:
BFA University of the arts; M.ED Tyler College of Art

STEM Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

STEM TECH TREK

First notices have gone out to Principals of schools in NJ with 7th grades to nominate a 7th grade girl for Tech Trek. Former nominating teachers also received a notice. Private and Parochial schools receive a snail mail notice. Nominations are due by Feb. 15.

I urge you to spread the word if you know any teachers in schools. I also ask you as an AAUW- Atlantic County member to sign up to interview/ be a dorm mom, or day counselor or a one day volunteer. The dates are: July 21-27 at Stockton. Please sign up at <https://tech-trek-nj.aauw.net/>

Donations big and small are continually needed and if you become aware of any corporations who award grants PLEASE let me know.

TWEEN TECH Jan 4 (snow date Jan 7) I have about 22 signed up to escort groups of 15 to workshops. Thank you soooooo much👍. It's a fun and interesting day and lunch is provided. If you still wish to sign up. Contact me. ghdath@comcast.net or call 609-513-6281.

Public Policy Michelle Douglass mjd@myrightslawyers.com

THE ATTACK ON TITLE IX

Betsy DeVos and the U.S. Department of Education is working to systematically dismantle Title IX protections. After rescinding critical guidance documents in September 2017, the Department of Education has now announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have significant implications for students' civil rights and for federal enforcement of the law.

In September 2017, the Department of Education rescinded two important documents related to Title IX: the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence and a 2014 Q&A on Title IX and Sexual Violence, which had provided much-needed clarification about what Title IX requires schools to do to prevent and address sex discrimination in educational programs. Specifically, these documents gave critical guidance to schools about their legal obligations under Title IX to respond promptly and fairly to allegations of sexual assault, and set forth guidelines for how to handle these allegations.

What Does This Mean For Women and Girls?

The Department of Education's actions amount to a blatant rollback of strong and necessary protections for students, and particularly for student survivors of sexual assault. Specifically, there are proposed rules that would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to potentially exclude much of the abuse students experience and the rules would put in place school processes that make it harder for students to come forward and receive the support they need when they experience sexual harassment or assault.

Taking Action

Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education

on their proposed changes. It's crucial that advocates speak up — loudly — and fight back against any attacks on Title IX that attempt to diminish students' protections.

Members Interest Column From Gail Davis:

CONGRATULATIONS to E. Marie Hayes on being recognized a WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE by the National Foundation of Women Legislators on November 13 in Washington, DC.

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

How about joining our Spanish conversation group on Monday afternoons from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. Everyone is welcome! Please note that we will skip our December 24th and 31st meetings. For more information, please call Jeannette Flax (609) 653-6177.

Ethnic Lunch Group Ann Maria Guevara amguevara@comcast.net

Gretchen Braunwarth gretchenb66@gmail.com

December Potluck!

Our December get-together will be a POTLUCK.
Please bring your favorite ethnic dish to share with the group.

We'll meet at NOON on DEC.13 at Gretchen's home:

36 Caledonia Drive, Seaville

RSVP to amguevara@comcast.net

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

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 .

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:30am:

The Nutcracker

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:30am:

The Franklin Institute, The Human Body

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:30am:

The Franklin Institute, The Human Body

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:30am:

The Bay Atlantic Symphony Education Concert

Thanks for your help. Enjoy!

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Thanks to Diane for leading a great discussion on "Educated". The next meeting will be on Friday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Catharine Shippen. The book is **Old Filth** by Jane Gardam. The January 11 meeting will be a discussion of **The Tempest** by Shakespeare, 10:30 a.m.at the home of Gail Vreeland..

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

The next travel group will be **December 12, 2018 at 7pm at the Linwood Library**. The topic is the **AZORES** where Carolyn and George Bassett went with Road Scholars for a week this September. Carolyn and George will give you a little background on the location and history of these volcanic islands as well as sharing some of the activities of their trip. Please let Carolyn know if you plan to come so that she can set up the chairs. Debbie Walker gave a presentation on the Northern Rockies in November with beautiful images of spectacular scenery.

STAR Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR will have a holiday celebration on December 17, 2018 at the home of Rosalind Norrell-Nance beginning at 6:30. It will be a pot-luck with participants bringing dishes that were traditional in their families for this season, and we will share memories of those cultural customs while enjoying the camaraderie of the season. In addition, Jane Stark (in charge of the Sam Azeez Museum) will speak to us about racism and prejudice. Since this is at a private home, please let Roz know whether you are coming and what you can bring. Roz' phone is 609 677-1340.

Movie Group Ruth Traa ruthtraa@earthlink.net

Next Movie: Tuesday November 27th at 4:10 PM. Regal Hamilton Commons Stadium 14
4215 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

The movie is **BEAUTIFUL BOY** – 2 hours

Based on the best-selling pair of memoirs from father and son David and Nic Sheff, Beautiful Boy chronicles the heartbreaking and inspiring experience of survival, relapse, and recovery in a family coping with addiction over many years.

Dinner plans will be decided when I know how many people will be attending. Suggestions are welcome. **Please reply asap to ruthtraa@earthlink.net.**

PHOTO ALBUM

Book Club



**Diane Koob
Presenter**



**Mary Lou Breidenstine,
Claire Moyer, Karen Weis**



Diane Koob, Valerie Koob, Kit Lok

November 3rd Fundraiser



Linda Harmon



Carol Zerbe, Susan Lothian



Aida Colon, Joan Naden, Judy McClain



Claire Moyer, Noel Tobiesen
Sharon Harris-Zlotnck(speaker)



Lisa Goodwin, Helen Riso



Maria Moss, Andrea Moss
Pam Family, Lynn Caterson

Travel Group



Debbie Walker, Presenter