



## ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH FEBRUARY 2019 VOL. 118 NO. 6

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**President's Message** **Linda Harmon** [linda.harmon@gmail.com](mailto:linda.harmon@gmail.com)  
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Warm greetings in chilly February to all! Tween Tech day in January was a huge success with over 250 girls in attendance. A big thank you to Claudine Keenan, her staff at Stockton, and all of our AAUW Volunteers! I believe we all felt it was an enriching and rewarding experience.

Our next event is the February 11th Fundraiser at Stockton University. Please be sure to join AWCO and the SJAWA in sponsoring a wonderful concert and delicious dinner, to support our STEM and Scholarship programs at Stockton. Spouses and guests are most welcome! **DEADLINE to receive your reservation is February 1.** I must turn over unsold tickets to the box office and give a final dinner count. No tickets will be sold at the door for dinner. **\$50 pp to Linda Harmon, 31 Jill Ave., Marmora NJ 08223.**

It's the time of year where our nominating committee is looking for positions to be filled for 2019 - 2020. Voting is just two months away! Please think about stepping up to be part of the leadership of our organization. You are wanted and needed!! The following positions need to be filled: **Fundraiser Chair** (voting member of board), **VP Program Chair** (voting member of board), and Scholarship **Chair**.

At the January 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the following positions were voted to be eliminated: **Roster** (they are available to all members online), **Historian** (The President keeps a binder for the year and all is stored by the Atlantic County Historical Society), **Nominating committee** (no one volunteers), and **Woman of Distinction** (falls under Fundraiser Chair position).

The AAUW NJ Annual Meeting is April 7 & 8, 2019 at Resorts in Atlantic City. The link for registration is <https://aauw-nj.aauw.net/>. Registration is \$30 and overnight rooms are \$96.38 (split if you have 2 in a room!) This is an important time to come together to learn and share successes. It's in our backyard, so I hope that you will consider attending!!

Stay warm and active!

### **College Connections**

Debbie Walker is stepping up to be our college connections coordinator for Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing and Stockton University! To learn more on how you can volunteer to become part of her team: [wdeborah538@gmail.com](mailto:wdeborah538@gmail.com)

**Title IX** I am pleased to announce that Carolyn Bassett will be our new **Title IX Coordinator**. They will begin the process of reaching out to the high schools in our community with the numerous resources provided by AAUW National to help ensure and to support compliance with Title IX. Carolyn is working

with STAR members as part of her team as Title IX Coordinator but welcomes members to join the group! Carolyn Bassett: [geoca41@gmail.com](mailto:geoca41@gmail.com) 609-927-9095.

**Programs: Karen Poorman** [karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com](mailto:karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com)

**Committee:** Carol Zerbe, Diane Koob, Connie Smedley, Claire Moyer, Gail Davis.

**February 11:** There will be a catered dinner at the Stockton Arts Center and a concert featuring the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble in the Performing Arts Center, which is a close walking distance from the Arts Center ([www.sjawe.com](http://www.sjawe.com)). Miss America, Nia Franklin, will be featured in the concert as singer and Master of Ceremonies. There is a February 1 deadline for your check to arrive to Linda Harmon. (See information under President's message ). If you need help to get from the Parking lot to the Art Center, contact [karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com](mailto:karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com). Several AAUW members have volunteered to assist. A portion of the dinner will benefit a scholarship fund for ACCC or Stockton students. The South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble will donate a portion of AAUW tickets sold before February 1 to the scholarship fund.

**March 16:** Luncheon and Computer tech at Stockton

A goal of our branch (and AAUW) has been to offer young women the STEM training they need to succeed in our technological world. Women of ALL generations need this training. To stand still is to fall behind and the gap widens with each new technological advance. Teens learn most of their computer skills from each other. Adult women must provide that same support and willingness to learn from each other. Everyone in the branch should think about what computer skills they want to share and those skills that they need to learn. A survey will be sent for what YOU want to learn or to share. Please fill the survey out as soon as you receive it so that you can receive the information that you want and need. Lunch will be catered.

The **April 13** program will consist of luncheon with Antiques Road Show appraiser, Andrew Holter, an expert on Folk Art, Furniture and American antiques at Greate Bay Country Club.

**Membership- Lynne Walters-** [rrwalters321@hotmail.com](mailto:rrwalters321@hotmail.com)

At our last board meeting, we discussed various ways to increase our membership. The following suggestions were agreed to by the board:

- o Invite friends to our event in April at Greate Bay CC.
- o \$50 gift card to member who brings in the most new members between March 1 and August 31 (award at September Branch meeting).
- o Arlene Groch (jewelry artist) will provide a piece of jewelry to be given to the member who recruits the most members from March 2019 – April 2020 (to be awarded in May 2020)

I would be happy to send a brochure about AAUW to prospective members.

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

**TWEEN TECH** at Stockton on January 4th was a MAJOR success with over 250 middle school girls participating in 22 different workshops. Thank you to ALL who volunteered and a special THANK YOU to Claudine Keenan for coordinating the event!

**TECH TREK** ( July 21-27)

Second notices have been sent to schools that had not nominated. A review of Student selection guidelines for chairs and volunteers has been set for Wed (1/23) and Tuesday the (29th ) to either attend or call in with questions from 6-8 pm.

**VOLUNTEERS** are very much needed for our Tech Trek this summer. Please click or cut and paste the following link to sign up. <https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/forms/>

It is a rewarding and FUN experience. Linda Harmon has been drafted ( by me) to assist with a new challenging system called Qualtrics.

**TWEEN TECH**

Please save the date of May 29 from 8:15- 2:30 to help escort 9th-11th grade girls to workshops at Stockton. Please email Gail Davis. [Ghdath@comcast.net](mailto:Ghdath@comcast.net). Or call 609-513-6281 to be added to the list I will keep.

**Invitation for our members:**

Salem County AAUW invites you all to attend their annual Fundraiser:  
*A Women's History Tea* on Saturday, March 16th at noon at the Friends Meeting House in Woodstown, NJ. COST IS \$25.00 Mail to Mabel Johnson. 110 Cedar Lane PO Box 373. Woodstown, NJ 08098.

Those not planning to attend our Tech meeting at Stockton on the same date might wish to go this, a great day.

## INTEREST GROUPS

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

Our enthusiastic group of AAUW Spanish learners continues to gather on Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. If you would like to join us, please contact me, or just come! Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, February 18, Presidents' Day.

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

Our **February** meeting will take place at **Valentina's Trattoria**, 200 Tilton Rd., Northfield on **Tuesday, Feb. 5th at noon**. Valentina's features excellent salads, scrumptious paninis and authentic Italian specialties. Please respond to Gretchen at [gretchenb66@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenb66@gmail.com) **Hope to see you there!**

## **Stockton Children's Theater Vicki Biron** [vickibiron@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 .

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:30am:	The Franklin Institute, The Human
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.

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

Join the Book Group on February 8th at 10:30 as Audrey Owen leads a discussion of *Hagseed* by Margaret Atwood. This delightful story is Shakespeare's and Atwood's subtle description of sweet revenge. Shelley Cohen is hostess. (72 Burnside Dr., EHT)

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

**Cruising the Greek Islands** is the next travel group presentation **February 27th at the Northfield Library at 7pm**. Carol Zerbe and Ken Klauder will tell us about their 10 day trip visiting 5 Greek Islands and Athens. They learned about ancient mythology, visited archeological sites and museums, and saw beautiful scenery. Let Carolyn know if you are planning to be there so she can set up the chairs. Guests and husbands are welcome.

Many thanks to Gail and Walt Vreeland for their fascinating account of their trip to India and Nepal.

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

The next STAR meeting is February 25th at Arlene Groch's house. It will be a Pizza and Salad Party starting at 6:30. Reports on ideas for interacting with local schools on Title IX implementation will be presented. This is an area of interest to AAUW also. Let Carolyn Bassett know if you are interested in working on this issue. Let Arlene know if you are planning to come. 609-646-9447 or [aggroch@mac.com](mailto:aggroch@mac.com)

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

**February 5 Ethnic Luncheon Noon**

**Children's Theater Stockton Feb 5 and 13 10:30 am**

**February 8 Book Group 10:30 am**

**February 11 Fundraiser Dinner with Stockton U. **Deadline Feb 1****

**February 25 STAR group 6:30 pm**

**February 27 Travel Group 7 pm**

# Photo Album

## BOOK CLUB



Diana Intenzo, presenter



Teresa Sartorio, Mary Lou Breidinstine, Arlene Roller

## TRAVEL GROUP



Gail & Walt Vreeland, presenters



Members

## STEM TWEEN TREK



The girls



Carolyn Bassett

## Photo Album cont.



Linda Harmon & Instructor



Tula Christopolous



Kathy Zeigenfus



Karen Weis, Christine Dewaghe



Marge Coach, Debbie Walker, Mary Ingraham  
And Carol Zerbe