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

Happy New Year to all! Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays is winding down, we can all settle in to enjoy and **participate** in all that AAUW Atlantic County has to offer!

Tween Tech is January 4th from 8am – 2pm at Stockton University, Campus Center. Please keep Monday, **January 7th available** in case of snow on the 4th!! Volunteers are always needed and welcome! Contact Ann Marchesani if you are available: annmarchesani@gmail.com 609-280-2987. A delightful **December 2nd luncheon** was attended by over 40 members, with many contributing gift cards to the **Women's Center for Human Trafficking**. The generosity of our members is greatly appreciated. Very special thanks to Mary Lou Breidenstine, Aida Colon, and Theresa Sartorio for the delicious food and decorations!

On **December 11th**, over 45 of our members thoroughly enjoyed their trip to **Longwood Gardens** and dinner. A huge thank you to Karen Poorman for all of her hard work to provide this wonderful experience!

There is no branch meeting this month. However, our next event is **February 11th**: A dinner and concert at the Performing Arts Center at Stockton University with **Miss America, Nia Franklin**, as our MC. She will perform at least one number with the **South Jersey Area Wind Assemble**. This should be a wonderful evening for our members!! All funds will benefit our scholarship program. Details in the Forum!

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30pm at the Shore Diner. Stay warm and enjoy the peacefulness of winter!

February Fundraiser – Linda Harmon linda.harmon@gmail.com

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a wonderful evening of music, good food, and time with friends! **AWCO** (Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization) with the **SJAWA** (South Jersey Area Wind Assemble) will be hosting a **scholarship fundraising dinner and concert** on **Monday, February 11th** at **6 pm** at the **Performing Arts Center at Stockton University**. This should be a most enjoyable event!

Miss America 2018 – Nia Franklin will be the MC and will also perform during the concert. This concert will explore through an imaginary sensory experience, Earth, Water, Air, Fire and beyond. Please join the SJAWA for this musical presentation of different moods and styles, representing many ancient culture, religions and philosophies as the sound of the ELEMENTS; create, flow, feed, nourish, absorb, quench, melt, chop, and destroy.

Before the concert, buffet **dinner will be served** in the **Art Center** which is located directly across from the lobby of the Art Center.

Buffet: Herbed chicken with wild mushroom Marsala wine sauce, Cheese and Mushroom stuffed ravioli with sun-dried tomato cream sauce and basil, Salad, Rice Pilaf with Carrots, Celery and Fine Herbs, Roasted Red-Skin Potatoes with Rosemary, California Medley with Cauliflower, Broccoli and Carrots, Cookies and Brownies, assorted sodas and water.

Parking: The most convenient parking is **Lot 6**. There is a ramp for those needing the assistance to the Performing Arts Center (**PAC**). If using the ramp, move towards the steps and to the right of the steps towards the low brick building onto the C shaped ramp leading to the PAC. Additional parking is in **Lot 7**, the solar lot.

Tickets: The cost is \$50 for the dinner/concert. We are limited to 50 tickets, first come first serve. Family and friends are welcome to join us! **Complete and return the reservation form** below. The **deadline for me to receive your reservation** is **February 1st** at which time any unsold concert tickets will be sold to the public.

AWCO February Fundraiser with SJAWA**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1qMW01103I&list=PLreyGeg1NxR4lo9-yRkm5FotobQrPSURd>

DATE: Monday **February 11, 2019** **TIME:** 6 pm

WHERE: The **Performing Arts Center**, Stockton University

PRICE: \$50 for dinner and concert ticket

MENU: Buffett: description in Forum

DEADLINE: Friday, February 1, 2019

HOW: Please return the reservation form together with your **check for \$50 made out to AWCO** (** AWCO is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit New Jersey corporation with full tax exempt status. \$20 (per ticket) of your cost is a tax deductible donation for scholarships.)

Mail to Linda Harmon 31 Jill Ave Marmora, NJ 08223 (609-204-8596)

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RESERVATION FOR THE FEBRUARY 11TH AWCO FUNDRAISER Dinner/Concert

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Number of tickets: _____

\$50 check **per ticket** made out to **AWCO** and sent before February 1 to Linda Harmon 31 Jill Ave Marmora NJ 08223.

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STEM: Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

1. Looking forward to Tween Tech on Jan 4- thanks to all who volunteered to escort/ register etc.. snow date is Monday, the 7th if needed.
2. Mid- Jan you all will receive an email to volunteer for Tech Trek July 21-27. You can volunteer as student selection, Dorm Mom, one day counselor, snack gatherer, etc. hope you can all volunteer in some way.
3. SAVE THE DATE for Teen Tech on Wed., May 29. At Stockton - Much like tween tech but for 9-11th grade girls.

Member of note

Joan Vicari , librarian at OC High School, earns Outstanding Media Specialist 2018 from the NJ Association of School Librarians. This award honors a certified New Jersey school library media specialist who, through individual and sustained effort, has made outstanding contributions to the operation of effective school library media services and to advancing the role of the school library media center in the total educational program.

Joan Vicari developed the first Ocean City High School Library in 1983-1984. This library was the first automated school library in South Jersey (second in the state) with a computerized circulation system, an online computer catalog, and online information searching with DIALOG. Joan had the opportunity to create the second OCHS Library in the new building in 2004.



Joan sent the following: I joined AAUW (the Atlantic County Chapter) in 1986 and served on the program committee from 1987-1995.

I have been a joint member with the Cape May County Branch for over 4 years and have been active with the CMC AAUW evening book club since joining that branch.

I have been assisting with the AAUW Tech Trek Camp by encouraging schools to nominate a girl to attend, and by assisting at the camp every summer. Last summer, I worked with Marion Ingram to collect snacks for the campers and volunteers. This year, I will be heading the snack drive.

I was a presenter of a program created by my daughter, Laura Beth Fulton, at the AAUW TeenTech Day in May 2017.

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

Please consider joining our Spanish conversation group on Monday afternoons from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. All are welcome to join this friendly bunch of learners! For more information, please call Jeannette Flax (609) 653-6177.

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

Following our deliciously successful December potluck, (thank you for hosting, Gretchen!) our **February** meeting will take place at. **Valentina's Trattoria, 200 Tilton Rd., Northfield on Tuesday, Feb.5 at noon.**

Valentina's features excellent salads, scrumptious paninis and authentic Italian specialties.

Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to amguevara@comcast.net or gretchen66@gmail.com

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 .

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

The Franklin Institute, The Human Body

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

The Franklin Institute, The Human Body

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

The Bay Atlantic Symphony Education Concert

Thanks for your help. Enjoy!

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, January 11, 10:30 at the home of Gail Vreeland. Diana Intenzo will review The Tempest by Shakespeare. Diana asks that, as preparation for reading Hageseed on February 8, we make a list of "curses" that are exclaimed in The Tempest. Also, pay attention to the epilogue, a speech by Prospero that begins "Now all my charms are all o'thrown...."

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

INDIA AND NEPAL

The next Travel Group will be Jan. 16th, at 7pm at the Northfield Library. Gail and Walt Vreeland recently returned from a 3 week trip to India and Nepal. They will share some of the highlights of this exciting trip, including ancient temples, palaces, the Taj Mahal, boat trips on the Ganges, museums, cultural shows, rickshaw rides, and the peak of Mount Everest.

Let Carolyn know if you are coming so she can make sure to have enough chairs.

STAR Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

STAR: Next STAR meeting is February 25 at Arlene Groch's house. It will be a Pizza and Salad Party. Reports on ideas for interacting with local schools on Title IX implementation will be presented. (Make sure to volunteer to Carolyn Bassett if you are interested in working on this issue).

The holiday party at Rosalind Norrell-Nance's was a festive and well-attended get-together. Jane Stark, director of the Sam Azeez museum in Woodbine, spoke on her encounters with and struggles against racism now and in the past.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH: Tween Tech Jan 4th (snow date 7th) Board Mtg. Jan 10th 5:30 pm. Book Club Jan 11th 10:30 am Travel Group Jan 16th 7 pm

Photo Album

Stockton Children's Theater: The Nutcracker



Dr. Radcliff. Bassett



Moloney, Colon

Holiday Luncheon



Boeey, Morrin (guest)



Sartorio, Roller



Smedley, Harmon, Sheetz

Ethnic Lunch



Guevara, Braunwarth, Warwick



Coach, Harmon, Davis



Warwick, Guevara, Schechtman, Walters

Longwood Gardens Trip



Ingram, Coach



Leavy, Naden, Walters



Roik, Zerbe, Owen



Bassett

Book Club



Guevara, Presenter



Vreeland, Cohen, Shippen



Moyer, Guevara, Traa

Travel Group



Mr & Mrs Bassett, Presenters

STAR Holiday Party



Snowden, Family, Smith, Brundidge, Moyer, Stark