

ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH MARCH 2019 VOL. 118 NO. 7

Serving Women For Over One Hundred Years

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Hold on to your hats! March winds are blowing in lots of activities for AAUW Atlantic County members!

The February 11th dinner and concert at Stockton University was a great success, in spite of a weather delay of a day! Thanks to Karen Poorman and Claudine Keenan for all of the planning and hard work to assure a successful event! The event provided about \$1000 for our scholarship fund!

Our next branch meeting will be at Stockton University on Saturday, March 16th. See the Forum for details. The focus will be on learning technology – hope you can join us!

Please consider attending the 2019 AAUW NJ Annual Meeting on Sunday and Monday, April 7 & 8th at Resorts Casino/Hotel in Atlantic City. The information for registration is in the Forum! Kimberly Church, our CEO of AAUW will be a keynote speaker on both days and our own Maureen Kern will be a guest speaker on April 7th. Rooms are reduced and it should be a great two days in our own backyard!! Let's make a proud showing!

We still need several positions filled for next year: First Vice-President Program Chair, Scholarship Chair, Fundraiser Chair, and Reading Program Chair. Please let me know if you are interested.

There is a new trip open for AAUW members in New Jersey: Trip to Seneca Falls Thursday and Friday, September 19 – 20, 2019. See the flyer in the Forum for details. First come, first serve!

Mark your calendars for our last two meetings of the year: April 13th – Greate Bay CC (flyer/registration is in the Forum) and May 18th – Pot Luck social at Lake Lenape.

Programs: **Karen Poorman** karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

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

It is that time of the year again for our computer tech program. This year, it will be held at Stockton University in the main complex D wing on Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 PM.

There will be an optional lunch at Celina's immediately before the program.

Women from our branch will facilitate with the addition of some experts who will be brought in to help you.

<http://bit.ly/2techprogram> Click on this link and fill it out.

Some of the topics will be:

Online shopping:

Local supermarket home delivery: How to set it up and order.

Amazon.com and Amazon Prime

Roster

How to access the AAUW roster and paste it to your desk top for immediate reference.

Library

How to get the onto local library sites to order books, extend due dates, search, etc.

Paying on line

Setting up a PayPal account Paying AAUW dues on line

Be Very Afraid:

Scams, fake news and how to spot them

Cyber security

Taking pictures and editing them on a smart phone

Youtube.com and how to view videos ranging from “Funny Cats Play” to the *Merry Widow* in full performed by the New York City Opera.

Facebook and social media

Email

How to get rid of junk mail, manage mail, search, make folders.

It is important to register so that we know how many rooms we need and how many lunch reservations must be made.

STEM: Gail Davis ghdath@comcast.net

1. Our major endeavor in Atlantic County is Tech Trek, July 21-27, 2019. Currently we have 169 nominations from all 21 counties and in Atlantic we have 16 nominations with only 2 applications from students to date. The application deadline for students is midnight on March 1. If you have time to visit or volunteer at camp a notice was sent to all NJAAUW. so please fill that out or contact me.

2. Coming up on Wednesday, May 29 from 8:15-2:30 at Stockton is **TEEN TECH**. I still need at least 8 more volunteers to escort students to their workshops before lunch (lunch is provided for volunteers). and after lunch. It's a great chance to learn something new and interact with 9th-11th grade girls. Please contact me at 609-513-6281 or ghdath@comcast.net if you have not already volunteered.

3. Coming right up is our annual TECH session on Saturday, March 16, at Stockton in a computer lab. I know I ALWAYS learn something. Is there something you do not understand or you received technology at Christmas that you need to understand more about???? - then this session is for you 👍. See Program report for time and location.

Fundraiser **SAVE THE DATE!**

AAUW Fundraiser - Saturday April 13

Featured Speaker - Andrew Holter, a recognized authority on early American Furniture and Decorative Arts. He currently appears as an appraiser on the TV program *Antiques Road Show*. He will tell us about the show and how he became involved in antiques. His mother, Mary Holter, was a long-time member and past-president of our branch of AAUW.

Claire Moyer clairekm@mac.com

AWCO*
Fundraiser
Supporting AAUW Scholarships

Featured speaker: *Andrew Holter, appraiser of furniture and folk art for Antiques Roadshow.*

April 13th - Saturday – Greate Bay Country Club, Somers Point

Donation \$45.00

Social Hour - 11:30

Luncheon - 12:30

Menu Choices:

- a) Chilean Salmon
- b) Chicken Piccata
- c) Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Deadline for Reservation is April 3, 2019

Mail Check & Reservation form to:

Please make checks payable to: **AWCO**

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201

RESERVATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Menu Choice(s)

a)_____ Chilean Salmon b)_____ Chicken Piccata c)_____ Vegg Pasta

Seating preferences: _____

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Please return form with payment prior to April 3rd

Raffle Basket for AAUWNJ State Convention Deborah Walker Co-Pres

Our raffle basket for the Resorts Casino AAUW annual meeting will be beach-themed. Debbie Walker is the person to contact with gift cards/certificates and items that will fit in a basket. Ann Marchesani has volunteered to assemble and deliver the basket to the meeting April 7th. Contact Debbie at 609-391-7636 or e-mail at wdeborah@gmail.com to arrange pickup or drop-off.



Women Leaders: Today, Tomorrow and the Future!

Sunday, April 7 – Monday, April 8

Resorts Casino Hotel on the Boardwalk, Atlantic City

REGISTER NOW! Go to: AAUWNJ.ORG <https://aauw-nj.aauw.net/events/#Annual>

After registering, you can pay online, or send a check payable to: "AAUW NJ" (address on registration form). \$30 Registration Fee includes entire program, Sunday evening reception and breakfast.

Students attend free, but please register!

Maximize the fun! Stay at Resorts Casino Hotel and join a group for dinner at local restaurants (self-pay). To reserve your room **call 888-797-7700 - must use Group Code VAAUW19**. Room rate is \$96.38 inclusive of resort fee and taxes – less than \$50 per person, if you share! Self-parking is available in the enclosed garage on North Carolina Avenue for \$5 fee for total event, Valet parking is \$10.

Agenda. (Details subject to change of speakers' schedules)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

1:00 **Registration Opens + Vendors + Baskets set up for auction**

1:00 AAUW NJ Board Meeting (Directors Room)

2:00 **Opening** Remarks - Karen Brown (Green Room)

2:15 **Keynote** – Kimberly Churches, CEO at AAUW

3:00 **Panel Discussion** – *"What it Means When Women Win Elected Office"*

Featuring six women from Burlington and Atlantic Counties who were elected in 2018 to historically male-held offices * What we can learn from their experiences and how we can help them succeed in representing us.

4:30 **"Woman as Agent of Change" Award Presentation**

5:00 Election of AAUW NJ Officers 2019-2021

5:30 **Reception** - appetizers and cash bar (Atlantic Ballroom)

7:00 Dinner on our own

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00 - 9:30 Breakfast (Branch Presidents in Directors Room, Others in Green Room)

8:30 - 9:30 **Branch Presidents – Leadership Workshop** (Directors Room)

9:00 **AAUW NJ Projects** Supporting Tomorrow's Women Leaders **Existing Projects**

10:00 **AAUW Strategic Focus on Women's Economic Security** – Kimberly Churches

11:00 **AAUW Work Smart** – Implementation workshop for "Members Mobilize a Million"

11:30 Installation of new AAUW NJ board, **Basket Raffle**

12:00 **Meeting Adjourns** - lunch on your own.

AAUW of New Jersey Goes to Seneca Falls, New York...

Thursday and Friday September 19-20, 2019

Coordinated by Central District

The Seneca Falls Convention was the first women's rights convention. It advertised itself as "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman". Held in Seneca Falls, NY. This was at the forefront of the Women's Movement and Women's Suffrage...

We will visit the * Historic National Park Site, Finger Lake Winery Tasting * The Women's Hall of Fame and * The Home of Harriet Tubman one of our American Abolitionist in nearby Auburn

AAUW-NJ will travel from NJ by Bus with Three Stops within our State... 9/19 1. Ocean County Forked River Service Area GSP mile 76 at 7:00 am 2. Monmouth County Service Area GSP mile 99 at 7:30 am and 3. Union County Vauxhall Service Area GSP mile 142 at 8:30 am linking with I-78 W and I-81 N towards Seneca Falls our destination. Breakfast-Bagels and water on Bus. Lunch-TBA individual expense. Our over-night stay would be at Ramada Plaza in Geneva. Double Rooms will be available serving two per room. Dinner-TBA individual expense. 9/20 Breakfast included at Hotel. Lunch-TBA individual expense. Homeward bound New Jersey...



The Total Cost is \$198.00 Immediate Commitment Payable to AAUW-NJ... ASAP Limited Availability-Send Checks and Information to Patricia Baroska, 2 Wisteria Place, Howell NJ 07731 A DONATION WILL GO TO AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust

Name _____ AAUW branch _____ E-Mail _____ Cell# _____ Bus Stop _____ Questions: Contact

Central District Coordinators: Patricia Baroska shorebeachgirl@hotmail.com H# 732-458-5906 or C# 732-267-3127

Barbara Williamson travelwithbarbara@gmail.com C# 732-995-7749

Membership: Lynne Walters rrwalters321@hotmail.com

At our 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 member

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

Please join our enthusiastic group of learners of Spanish on Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Otto Bruyns Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield. If you need convincing, please call me at (609)653-6177!

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

ETHNIC LUNCH

APRIL IS GREEK!

Hope you can join us for a Greek treat at the

ATHENIAN GARDEN

619 S. New York Rd., Galloway

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, AT NOON

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO'VE JOINED US THIS YEAR.

THE MORE, THE MERRIER !

Please RSVP to Gretchen at gretchenb66@gmail.com

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Next Book Group Meeting is March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Linwood Library. The book is **Exit West** by Mohshin Hamid and will be reviewed by Shelley Cohen.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

There will not be a travel group meeting in March. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 at the Linwood Library at 7 pm when Mary Lou and Joe Breidenstine will present a program on a trip they made to Avignon, France with Road Scholars last fall. More information to come.

STAR Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

There will not be a STAR meeting in March. STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) will be working with AAUW members in the areas of Title IX and STEM programs.

DATES TO REMEMBER MARCH & APRIL:

March 16 Branch meeting 1:30 p.m.

April 2 Ethnic Luncheon Noon

April 3 Fundraiser Reservation deadline

April 7-8 AAUW NJ Annual Meeting in Atlantic City

April 13 BRANCH FUNDRAISER 11:30 a.m..

Photo Album

Stockton Children's Theater Ushers



Marge Coach, Ann Carson, Lynne Walters, Aida Colon, Audrey Moloney

Ethnic Luncheon



Ann Maria Guevara, Joan Naden, Lynne Walters
Bev Schechtman



Stella Hordes, Gail Davis, Gail Vreeland,
Gretchen Braunwarth, Justine Laredo

Fundraiser at Stockton University

