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SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION



Meet Celeste Tsang first recipient of our scholarship for Scientific Glassblowing

President's Message

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Dear Friends,

Nancy Rubin (left) and Joan Vicari (right), members of the Scholarship Committee, and I had the pleasure of meeting Celeste during the Explorers Group tour of Salem County Community College's Scientific Glassblowing facility.

Scientific glassblowing is the creation of glass apparatuses used in laboratory research at government, industrial and educational laboratories. Did you know SCCC is one of a few places in the US that is accredited for scientific glassblowing? Students come from as far away as California, Montana, and Florida. The Scholarship Committee with Karen Poorman as Board Officer, Nancy, Joan, Lois Fried, Stella Hordes, Connie Smedley, and Virginia Rettig, saw the funding of this scholarship as a complement to our support of STEM initiatives. What drew Celeste to be certified as a scientific glassblower? The ability to translate the skills she learned as an artistic glassblower into skills that will secure her employment opportunities any place in the US. She told me that without this scholarship, she wouldn't have been able to take these classes. She expressed her gratitude for our generosity.

This is the power of your annual donation to our scholarship fund by providing under-resourced students the ability to earn a degree not only at SCCC, but also at ACCC and the Richard Stockton University.

Don't forget our STEM Camp! Your donations for the annual July STEM Camp at Stockton College gives teenage girls throughout NJ the opportunity to learn more about STEM subjects and to meet role models who will encourage them to use their talents in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

I hope to see you on November 17th via Zoom for our annual fundraising event.

Program Vice President

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Aided by perfect weather on a beautiful fall day, our October 22nd program began with a delicious lunch at the Farm & Fisherman Tavern in Cherry Hill. About eight miles from there our group of nine, including South Jersey State District representative Jackie McGuinness, enjoyed an informative and fun visit to the Alice Paul Institute. For those who missed this trip, check out the website and make it a point to visit the home of New Jersey's own champion for equal rights for women. <https://www.alicepaul.org/>.

On November 17th join us for a fun ZOOM scholarship fundraiser (See Kathy Zeigenfus' report). In December, we will kick back in celebration of our year of interesting, stimulating, and educational programs and have a little bit of fun, too! Details to be announced.

Before the year is out, we will announce our program line-up for February to May 2023.

Membership Vice President

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Welcome new member this month: Ellen Barkalow of Northfield.

As we continue to expand our membership, we have expanded our Interest Group offerings. Therefore, new interest groups have formed over the past several months.

Documentary/Movie Group: This new group is based on the idea to watch a short movie (less than an hour) at home. We would then meet for an hour to discuss. The first meeting of this group was in late September. The November meeting will be the second meeting of this group since COVID took its toll on this group. This month the group will meet at the Linwood Library. The format of the meetings and meeting date may change due to interests of the group. Please contact Kris via email if you are interested in joining the Documentary/ Short Film Group.

Salon: Meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 at the Margate Library to discuss a timely news event.

See more details on these groups and others in the Interest Group section of the Newsletter.

Please take a moment to check the Membership Directory located below the button for this Newsletter on the email. This information is updated monthly, so look to see if your information is correct. If not, please contact Linda Karp at lindakarp@gmail.com.

Facebook

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What you need to know about our presence on Facebook: There is an AAUW Atlantic Page and an AAUW Atlantic Group. The **Page** can be read by everyone and anyone can join it. The **Group** is members only and can only be seen by members. Fifty of our members are having daily discussions, posting information, photos and updates on our activities on the group page.



Join Facebook. Go to Facebook.com and click "Create New Account." Enter the information they ask for. Click "Sign Up." To finish creating your account, you need to confirm your email or mobile phone number.

Once that is done, type "AAUW Atlantic Members" in the Facebook search bar. It will bring you to a screen that will ask if you are a member. I will receive a request from you and will approve you. That is the closed group page. You can "like" the AAUW Atlantic County Branch page.

It is good to "like" or post on Facebook at least occasionally because inactive accounts are the ones that tend to get hacked, so post on our group page. I hope to hear from you soon.



We are again looking forward to our Annual Scholarship and STEM Camp Fundraiser. We have decided to act with caution once more and will have a virtual meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022. We raised close to \$8,000 last year and hope to match or surpass that as the need for scholarships continues.

A drawing for restaurant gift cards and other items will be part of our program to be chosen from our members who contribute to the fundraiser no later than November 14th.

For your convenience we've attached the Scholarship and STEM Camp donation slip to the cover email. Click on the green button that reads "Donation." All donation slips should be mailed to Claudine Keenan. Her address is on the donation slip. Thank you for your generosity!

INTEREST GROUPS

Documentary/Short Film Group

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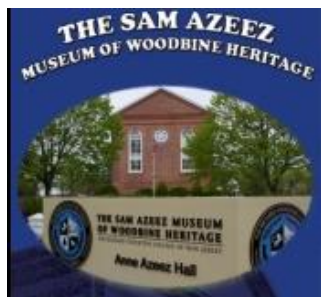


The Film Group will meet Wednesday November 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 at the Linwood Library Senior Room to discuss the movie Belfast. It can be watched at home on various streaming services. We will then discuss the movie at the November meeting. This will be the second meeting of the group since COVID took a toll on the original group. The format of this group can change from month to month. For instance, the member who picks that month's movie can decide if the movie would be watched at home, in a movie theatre or at someone's home. The location of the meeting can change from the Linwood Library if the group feels another location would be better. Also, since this is a new group those who attend may decide to change the date and time each month to meet to accommodate the group. Please contact Kris via email if you are interested in joining the Documentary/Short Film Group.

Explorers Group

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IMPORTANT CHANGE IN DATE

Since the 4th Friday in November is the Friday after Thanksgiving and the 4th Friday in December is the day before Christmas Eve, the group will meet on **Friday December 9 at 1:30** at the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage. This Museum represents 125 years of Jewish history that was created to remember and record its past while actively collecting materials to preserve its continuing heritage. Education, religion, tolerance and inclusion were values shared by the community. The Synagogue building is listed on the National Register of Historic places. The private tour will last about an hour and a half.

The Museum is located about 10 minutes from the Garden State Parkway (Exit 17, Sea Isle City/Woodbine).

RSVP to receive updates during the next few weeks on this visit.

Please contact Kris via email if you are interested in joining the Explorers Group.

The Salon Group

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The Salon is a new discussion group, formed from the Great Decisions group. We meet monthly to discuss a timely issue or a philosophical question. A facilitator chooses the topic and prepares questions to pose at the meeting. There are no right or wrong answers, and we are not searching for a consensus. The discussion is the point!

Past topics have included: An America Divided; The Battle Over Transgender Therapy, The Emerging Adult Phase of Life, and Ethics and Euthanasia.

Our next discussion will be on November 14th. If you want to join the Salon group, or just learn more about it, please email me at If you want to join the Salon group, please email me at VKoob@aol.com to be added to the group.

Book Group

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The AAUW Book Group will meet on Nov. 4 at 10:30 am. The reading this month is Circling the Sun, a fictional biography of the early life of the first women to fly solo across the Atlantic. The discussion will be led by Diana Intenzo. Most meetings, including this one, are in the Linwood Library unless otherwise noted.

This Book Group has been meeting for almost 50 years. Several of us are original members, however we keep viable because we are always welcoming to new participants. Each season we try to maintain a variety of books that include fiction, non-fiction, biography, poetry, etc. If you would like to be on the Book Group reminder email contact Mary Lou Breidenstine at breidensti@aol.com. Hope to see you soon.

For A More Equal Society

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For a More Equal Society: The next meeting is Thursday, November 10 at 1pm on ZOOM. We will be discussing The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. This is another frequently banned book and also treats the subject of growing up caught between two cultures. Since our meeting is two days after the election, we may also talk about the election results and what they might mean. This article from the AC Press is interesting too:



SLAVERY IS ON THE BALLOT IN 5 STATES

by Kimberlee Kruesi, Associated Press, October 21, 2022

https://pressofatlanticcity.com/ap/national/slavery-is-on-the-ballot-in-5-states/article_9d450242-d81a-5fa8-b8fc-9c74ce87bb8c.html

Let me know via email if you want to participate and I will send you a link the day of our discussion.

Conversational Spanish

Jeannette Flax

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Our Spanish conversations continue via Zoom Mondays from 4:00 to 6:00. One of our members has shared quite a few books with us, most in Spanish. If you would like a list of the novels, stories, and Latin American history and culture titles, please contact me. And, more important, consider joining us!



Ethnic Cuisines

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On Thursday, Nov. 17, we will meet at noon at Yozu Japanese Restaurant in North Cape May. Offerings include sushi, traditional Japanese fare and hibachi.

Here is the website: <https://www.yozusushihibachi.com/>

Note that you will need to go to another website [here](#) to check out the menu.

Please send an email if you would like to be added to the list to receive updates about our outings.

Stockton Theater Ushers Group

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From left: Jan Smith, Theresa Basquez, Carolyn Bassett, Aida Colon, Bonnie Warwick, and Theresa Sartorio. August 2022

The AAUW have been asked by Stockton to volunteer as ushers for the Children's Theatre. The next show will be Friday, December 9th. The show is The Nutcracker: The Atlantic City Ballet. The show starts at 10:30 but I ask everyone to be there by 9:45 since the doors open at 10. We usually go to lunch after the show when it ends about noon.

If you are available to help out please let Theresa Sartorio know at theresasartorio@comcast.net. If you need more information, you can reach her at 609 965-9521 home or 609 287-0775 cell.

Travel Group

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The next meeting is Wednesday, November 30 at 1pm on ZOOM. Carolyn Bassett will present a program on New Jersey lighthouses. Carolyn has visited 8 lighthouses of NJ and she will share some of their histories, both human (lighthouse keepers, events associated with them) and how they work. Maybe by November 30 she will have visited the last one on her list - Barnegat Light. Let Carolyn know if you want to receive a link to join the presentation.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Mondays | 4:00 pm Zoom | Conversational Spanish | Jeanette Flax |
| Nov. 4 Friday | 10:30 am Linwood Library | Book Group Circling the Sun by Paula McLain | Mary Lou Breidenstine |
| Nov. 10 Thursday | 1:00 pm Zoom | For a More Equal Society Topic: Banning Books | Carolyn Bassett |
| Nov. 14 Monday | 2:30-3:30 pm Margate Library | The Salon Discussion Group | Valerie Koob |
| Nov. 16 Wednesday | 1:30 pm Linwood Library | Short Film/Documentary Group | Kristina Baker |
| Nov. 17 Thursday | Noon North Cape May | Ethnic Cuisine Yozu Japanese Restaurant | Ann-Maria Guevara Gretchen Braunwrath |
| Nov 17 Thursday | 7:00 pm Via Zoom | Our Annual Fundraiser | Kathy Zeigenfus |
| Nov. 30 Wednesday | 1:00 pm Zoom | Travel Group New Jersey Lighthouses | Carolyn Bassett |
| Dec 9 Friday | 9:45 am Stockton Univ. | Stockton Theaters Ushers The Nutcracker | Theresa Sartorio |
| Dec 9 Friday | 1:30 pm Woodbine | Explorers Group Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage | Kris Baker |