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WELCOME Back!

Presidents’ Message

Greetings to AAUW-Atlantic County members:

We are off to another wonderful year with planning full speed ahead in all committees. We are in awe of the hard work and dedication of each of our board members and interest group leaders. The dedication by our board was seen at its first meeting last week. We continue to make a difference.

STEM Programs

AAUW has a positive impact with the girls that we serve. On the AAUW-NJ Tech Trek website it states, “At Tech Trek, girls are immersed in a world that empowers and encourages them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists.” IMPACTFUL! All three STEM programs that our membership volunteers and sponsors through donations were very successful. Tween Tech and Tech Trek held at Stockton University and Teen Tech held at Atlantic Cape Community College provided a proud variety of opportunities in STEM fields. In fact, through our efforts, we impacted nearly 200 young girls and hopefully elevating their thinking about their futures in a variety of opportunities they may not have seen possible before. That is IMPACTFUL!

Voting

There is nothing more impactful than voting. Please cast your ballot for the person you think best serves your values and beliefs. Just VOTE. Election day is November 5. One important note is that if you received a mail-in ballot in the past and want to opt-out and vote in person, you must do so by September 6 in Atlantic County. Forms are available on the State Voters Website. This will avoid the use of a Provisional ballots. Thank you, Lynn Catterson, for keeping us informed.

Upcoming Welcome Event

We are looking forward to the meet and greet event on September 18 to welcome our new members and get to know each other. We are excited to showcase all we have to offer. There is more information under Programs.

Thank you to all the volunteers for all the STEM programs and we look forward to another wonderful year ahead.

Welcome Back All Members...
Join us for the Social Event of September!

Reconnect with old friends and meet our new members. **Learn more about our branch’s incredible activities, interest groups & mission.** Plus learn more about the state and national AAUW.

Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 • 6pm - 8pm
Light dinner and desserts will be served

Home of our Co-President & Membership VP, Shelly Meyers
 12 Woodstock Drive • Linwood, NJ 08221
Located off Wabash Ave • Between Devonshire & Ireland Aves • Across from Mainland Regional HS

Please RSVP by September 10th: Shelly Meyers: sfmecllc@gmail.com
 609-287-6746 just in case



Sincerely,

Shelly Meyers, Co-President of Atlantic County Chapter of AAUW
 Jean McAlister, Co-President of Atlantic County Chapter of AAUW

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The Planning Committee met via Zoom on July 31st to brainstorm topics for our branch's fall programs. For September, the theme will be Welcome Back, an opportunity to reconnect after the summer break and to introduce new members to our branch's many activities and projects. The program is scheduled for **Wednesday September 18, 2024**, from 6 to 8 pm at the home of our co-president and Membership Chair, Shelly Meyers in Linwood. A light dinner of sandwiches, salads and desserts will be served. This will be an opportunity for our Interest Group leaders and Branch Officers to mentor and recruit new members to our committees and groups. Look for the flyer in your inbox soon. This will have information on rsvp and directions.

On **Wednesday, October 9th**, at 7pm in the Linwood Public Library, our presenter will be Emily Van Duyne, an associate professor at Stockton University and a 2022 Fulbright Scholar. She will discuss her book, Loving Sylvia Plath: A Reclamation. Following the discussion of Plath, she'll facilitate a short interactive exercise with our attendees.

November's program will be our annual fundraiser scheduled for **Saturday, November 16, 2024**. Fundraising Officer Kathy Ziegenfus coordinates this event.

Our Holiday Luncheon will be held **Saturday, December 14th** at the Linwood Library. Mary Lou Breidenstine will coordinate the potluck menu. Committee wants to honor our late member Carolyn Bassett for her many contributions to our branch during her years with Atlantic County AAUW.

Next planning meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 via Zoom at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining the AAUW Planning Committee, please contact me: cohen2475@gmail.com

Membership Vice President

Shelly Meyers

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This is my first newsletter entry as Membership Vice President and I wish to recognize my predecessor Kristina Baker, without whose guidance, transition to this position would not have been as smooth. So, thank you Kris.

Welcome to our newest AAUW members, Helene Drobney, Cynthia Bellavance, and Rita Coyne. I look forward to participating with you in the many interest groups and committees AAUW offers.

In conjunction with the Programing Committee, led by Shelley Cohen, we have planned a Welcome Event on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at my home, 12 Woodstock Drive, Linwood, NJ, from 6-8pm. We are serving a light dinner and encourage all members to attend. Committee and interest group chairpersons will provide information about the different AAUW opportunities and activities, and new members will have a chance to network with long-standing members who are available to answer any questions and to help get involved in our most active branch of AAUW.

Please look for your invitation via email to the September 18th program and RSVP to me, Shelly Meyers, at SFMECLLC@gmail.com so that we can plan for your attendance.

Lastly, we know that some of our members have limited access to transportation to attend AAUW meetings or special events. If you need a ride, please email me in advance at SFMECLLC@gmail.com and we will arrange a carpool.

I look forward to seeing you on September 18.
Shelly Meyers, Membership VP & Co-President

Answers to Your Questions about our Branch's financial matters:

1) How do I make a donation to AAUW in memory to Carolyn Bassett.

Her family has requested that donations go toward a scholarship for a young woman majoring in Education at Stockton University, has a 3.0 average, and has great financial need for assistance.

If you'd like to make a donation immediately, please send a check made out to AWCO (Atlantic Women's Charitable Organization a 501(c)3) and **write in the memo line of the check – Carolyn Bassett, then mail to this address:**

Kris Rudisill, Treasurer AWCO
571 Hollybrook Drive
Galloway, NJ 08205

OR

Wait until you receive your November Fundraiser Letter. This year 3 options will be available for you: STEM, Carolyn Bassett Scholarship & General Scholarship fund.

2) How can I be reimbursed for an AAUW expense that I paid for? Example: Items for Hospitality.

In the cover email, you'll see a button that says "Payment Request Form." Please be certain to complete the form to help our Treasurer, Linda Karp, process the expense correctly. In particular, secure the signature of the AAUW Officer or Committee Chairperson who authorized the expense. They will also note which Budget Line the expense should go to.

3) Do we have enough money in our Budget for a recommended expenditure?

See the attached Budget/Expense Report by clicking the "Financial Report" for our last fiscal year 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. This shows the amount of money our Branch received in Income and what expenses we incurred during the last fiscal year.

This report also includes the balances in our 3 accounts: AAUW Operating, AWOC for STEM & Scholarship contributions, and the Community Foundation of South Jersey AAUW-AC "Trust account" for scholarships.

Your Committee Officers are currently developing our 2024-2025 Budget due to me by September 15th for approval at our next Board Meeting, October 15.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. Thank you. Jackie

Community Partnership Officer

Nicola Tasoff

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I am excited to share an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of women entering the workforce whether for the first time or returning. The mission is to empower women by providing them with access to new or slightly used, clean, professional attire that fosters self-assurance, promotes equality, and supports career success.

To achieve this, I would like to organize a clothing drive called "**Empower Her Closet**" aimed at focusing on bridging the gap between potential and opportunity. By ensuring these women have the wardrobe essentials needed to



make a strong, positive impression in their professional lives, we would be helping them take the first steps toward a successful and fulfilling career.

I am seeking volunteers/committee members to help with this important initiative. Your support will be invaluable in collecting, promoting, sorting, and distributing clothing donations to local organizations that need them most. Whether you can contribute your time, resources, or expertise, your involvement will make a difference.

If you are interested in volunteering or have other ideas to help build our relationship in the community, please contact me by text at 609-226-5547 or by email at nicolatasoff@gmail.com. I look forward to working with you to make a lasting impact in the community!

Scholarship Officer

Lois Fried

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The scholarship committee is responsible for recommending to the Board the amount of scholarships to award annually, the recipient institutions, and the fields of study to support. This year we will also assist in implementing the goals of the family and friends of Carolyn Bassett who are funding a scholarship in her name. For more information on how you can participate in the committee, please contact Lois Fried who follows Karen Poorman as chairman with acknowledgment and thanks for all the bridges she has built with our local institutions.

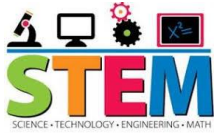


Mark Your Calendar



Greetings AAUW-Atlantic Members!

----->Board Meeting<-----
October 15, 2024 at 7 pm via Zoom



Yet again, Tech Trek was an exciting STEM adventure for 32 rising eighth-grade girls who attended camp from July 21-27, 2024.

Hosted at Stockton University, Interim Provost and AAUW member Dr. Claudine Keenan and Camp Co-Directors Meghan Hooper-Jackson and Jackie McGuinness continued a very well-rounded program.

On the agenda were core classes of Art in Motion, Biotechnology, and Robotics, workshops in food chemistry, tie-dye, lip balm, lasers, E-Sports, STEM Lingo (coding an electronic nametag), Quantum/AI, and a STEAM Escape Room. There were outdoor workshops, mindfulness sessions, a workshop on Business Etiquette and Communication, fun activities in downtime and a tour of several labs on a field trip to the William J Hughes FAA Technical Center Campus. The campers conversed with women established in their careers about education, career paths, and challenges at the Professional Women's Night dinner, which was attended by NJ AAUW State President, Sharon Suber, and organized by Co-Directors Virginia Rettig and Jacalyn Shelley-Tasoff and supported by Atlantic County volunteers: Theresa Basquez, Lynn Caterson, Rona Kaplan, Gay Laubert, and Nicola Tasoff.



During the week of camp, Tech Trek was supported by volunteers from Atlantic County: Kristina Baker, Theresa Basquez, Kathy Ghanavati, Gay Laubert and Nicola Tasoff; and volunteers from Salem County, Marian Haag and Susan Remster. Most Dorm Mom and Counsellor positions were staffed by Tech Trek Alumni and Stockton students and Alumni.

Part of the focus for next year will be to raise the number of campers to pre-pandemic levels. Members will be asked to get the word out to schools, and especially middle-school science teachers, who can recommend girls for the program.



Our Committee has been planning the Annual Scholarship Luncheon and I am happy to say that it will be focusing on Women in the STEM fields, Past and Present. We are close to booking a very popular event venue, one which will be new to us, and one which I'm sure you will enjoy. So, please pencil Saturday, November 16 for our event.

We were most appreciative of your extremely generous contributions to scholarships and our STEM programs in the past. Think of all the good we do for young ladies attending college in our area, and for those pursuing their interests in predominantly male-dominated fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. And think of how the costs of everything have increased so much since Covid.



Our fundraising committee is rather small, mighty, but small. We are calling on you to help us to make our basket raffle a success by acquiring gift cards from local businesses and restaurants as they are very popular basket gifts. If you can find one or two places that you frequent, we will include them in attractive baskets for our special event. We have forms to give the proprietors for tax purposes. Or, you may have a hobby or passion that would motivate you to make up a basket yourself. In the past many members have creatively put together baskets featuring dogs, cats, a shore resort, books, wine, movies, Italian, Irish, or any ethnic themed ideas. Just let us know at our first meeting in September. Finally, if you have any new items which could be used in baskets, like gourmet food, items, wine, scarves, jewelry, handbags, or personal care items, bring them to the meeting or call me for a pick up. With your help, this could be the best luncheon fund ever. (I'm already excited about putting my tickets in the baskets!)

The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends promotion is one of our fundraising efforts again this year. This is such an easy way to support AAUW by purchasing five dollar coupons which will allow you to shop on October 22 with a 25% discount on all your purchases. Buy one for yourself and two, five, or even 10 for family, friends, postal carriers, hairdressers, manicurists, cleaning personnel, teachers, bus drivers, and oh so many others who help you in your every day lives. Send a check made out to AAUW to me at this address: 127 Garnett Lane, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234. Thank you.



Public Information

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I look forward to continuing to help with the designs for the email blasts that go out to our members for our upcoming events. I also am in the process of designing a stand-alone pop up highlighting our chapter that can be brought to events.

Items of Special Interest

**VOTING DEADLINES-Atlantic County
ELECTION DAY-NOVEMBER 5, 2024
Polls open 6am-8pm**

Ways to VOTE

There are 3 ways to submit the **Mail-in-Ballots**: mailing by USPS, by putting in local Drop Boxes, or by hand-delivering to the County Board of Elections Office. A list of Drop Box sites is on the Board of Elections web site and is found on a card inserted with the Mail-in-Ballot.

November 5 - deadline for receipt of Mail-in-Ballots by Drop Box or in person at the Board of Elections. If the Voter has mailed his/her Ballot by USPS that day - the Voter needs to be sure the ballot is postmarked that day. There is a Drop Box at Atlantic Cape near the Security Offices on the Mays Landing Campus.

September 6-If voters received a Mail-in-Ballot in the past will receive one again and may not want it. They MUST get their opt-out form to the County Clerk **BY SEPTEMBER 6th**. The Opt-out form is on the State Voters Web Site. **Receiving and not using a Mail-in-Ballot is the main reason for so many Provisional ballots in Early Voting and on Election Day - 77% in Atlantic County.**

VOTING INFORMATION

October 26 to November 3 - Early Voting Period: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sundays, October 27 and Nov 3 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. There are 7 early voting sites in Atlantic County - the same locations as in the past.

Note that they are not necessarily the same polling locations as for the General Election Day voting. Lists of Early Voting sites are listed on the County Clerk's Election Web Site. If Voter has received a Mail-in-Ballot, regardless of whether it has been used or not, and goes to Early Vote in person, the Voter must vote by Provisional Ballot.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and there are important dates prior to Election Day which the voter must be mindful of. This election only requires that the voter be registered - all party affiliations are eligible to vote and also persons with no party affiliation are entitled to vote. The paper forms mentioned below can be found by having one's Search Engine look for New Jersey State Voter Web Site.

September 21 - Mailing begins for Mail-in Ballots.

October 15 - Deadline to Register for General Election. County Superintendents of Elections will have evening hours.

October 22- Deadline for Challenger Appointments for General Election.

October 23- Sample Ballots begin to be mailed. All registered voters must watch to make sure they receive this Sample Ballot. *Failure to receive the Sample Ballot indicates that there may be a Registration problem.* Also the Sample Ballot gives the location of the Voter's polling Place if the voter plans to vote on General Election Day.

October 29 - Deadline to apply for Mail-in-Ballot by mail. This is all dependent upon the efficiency of USPS and the Voter risks not receiving the Mail-in-Ballot in time. Picking up the Mail-in-Ballot in person is the surest way to get this Ballot timely if the Voter waits until late October.

November 4 - 3 pm deadline to apply for Mail-in-Ballots in person at the County Clerks' offices.

In Remembrance

Stella Hordes, AAUW lifetime member since 1971, passed this summer. AAUW has sent a note of condolences. The following reflection of her impact on our community is submitted by Karen Poorman.



Stella Hordes passed away on July 1, 2024. She was born and raised in Manhattan and earned a BA in mathematics from NYU. She moved with her husband, Herb, to Hartsdale, NY where they raised three children. She worked as a residential Real Estate Broker/salesperson and cared about every client and colleague.

She was a life member of AAUW serving as President of her NY state branch as well as state treasurer. She was AAUW Atlantic Branch Program VP and college fair chair in addition to South Jersey Regional Director. She was an active volunteer and generous supporter of local charity and arts organizations.



Things you might not know about her: She played a powerful game of tennis, and an even better game of Trivial Pursuit. She would hop on a bus to go to a Broadway show with a friend on the spur of the moment and she knew where the best restaurants were. She loved cruises and her pet poodles; even the poodle who ate her parrot when she was at work. She bought some of the most desirable homes in the area and lived in Linwood, Mays Landing and EHT during her time in South Jersey.

Things you know if you knew her: She never spoke negatively about anyone. She was quiet, loving, kind, thoughtful and a steadfast friend. She will be missed.

Carolyn Bassett, AAUW lifetime member since 1965, passed away this summer. AAUW has sent a note of condolences to her family. Further information on the special events celebrating her life are found in this newsletter, as well as scholarship details. The following reflection on Carolyn was written by Ann-Maria Guevara.



Carolyn Bassett had many talents, but her talent for friendship was perhaps the most striking. When I think of her, as I do every day, I think of her among friends. At book group meetings, at her beloved lunch outings, in gardens and gatherings of all sorts, she is always among friends, usually laughing and just reveling in the company. Like many of you, I find myself missing her. She was a source of light and laughter and warmth. We have lost our **friend**. Enough said.



A Special Invitation from Carolyn's Family

A Celebration of Life for Carolyn Bassett



Where: The Clubhouse at the Village at Linwood*

When: Saturday, October 26th, 2024
(Carolyn's birthday)

1pm - 4pm

Program at 2-3pm with an hour to wind down and visit. Cold beverages and light snacks will be served.

Please join us for a celebration of Carolyn's life, mingle with her family and friends, and share memories together.

**Please consider carpooling as parking is limited. There is additional parking at Central Square, located right behind the Village at Linwood.*

INTEREST GROUPS

Documentary/Short Film Group

Jean Mason

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Documentary/Short Film Group- 1st Monday of the month- Linwood Library- 1:00 - October to June 2025

It is my pleasure to share with you some documentaries and short films on topics of interest to women. I am always open to suggestions for any particular films that you have enjoyed. We watch the film, discuss and "chat and chew" after the film.

Since the 1st Monday is on Labor Day in September, we will start on Monday, October 7th at 1:00 at the Linwood Library. I wanted to start with an uplifting film about a young woman struggling to find her way into the music world while today becoming a world wide sensation. October- Miss Americana- watch the [trailer](#)

November- Duty Free (watch the [trailer](#)). "After a 75 year-old immigrant mother gets fired without cause from her lifelong job as a hotel housekeeper, her son takes her on a bucket-list adventure to reclaim her life. As she struggles to find work, he documents a journey that uncovers the economic insecurity shaping not only her future, but that of an entire generation."

We look forward to seeing you at our Film group. I send out a reminder before each meeting, so let me know if you would like to be included in the email blast. Please reach out with any questions. Jean Mason- 610-761-3106, jeanmariemason54@gmail.com



The Explorer group meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:30. Since the last newsletter we have visited:

June: Reeds's Organic Farm and Animal Rescue in Egg Harbor Township

July: Waldor Orchids in Linwood

August: Hindu Temple (Vaikunth Hindu Jain Temple) Pomona, pictured above.

Upcoming Explorer's Outings:

Date: Friday September 13 1:30pm

Place: New Jersey Nature

Address: 2353 Route 47 Delsea Drive Woodbine 08270 (41 minutes from Linwood Library). Steve Serwatka runs the program of taking in "pets" that individuals feel cannot keep any longer. He will talk about the animals: foxes, parrots, alligators, emu, pigs, ducks, goats, otters etc. If we care to, we can interact with the animals. If not, there is a location where you can sit. Event is rain or shine: There is an indoor location for us if it is pouring. Cost is free, but donations are always appreciated.

Date: Friday October 11

Time: Tour starts at 1:15, please arrive at 1 PM

Place: Lucy

Address: 9200 Atlantic Ave. Margate 08402

Parking: there are 6 parking slots next to the museum and should not be an issue to park on the street in September

Program: Jeremy Bingaman (Chief Operating Officer) explained that we will see a short movie on the history of the elephant and have an opportunity to walk inside, up her body.

Accessibility: there are numerous steps in a small space however Jeremy explained that in a few months the gift shop will be torn down and in the new shop there will be a virtual system to that those unable to take the regular tour can avail themselves of this option



Holiday Issue: October 11 is Yom Kippur, so if you are unable to attend due to religious reasons, this tour is the one offered throughout the year

Special thanks: to Kathy Ghanavati for her research into this tour and obtaining a \$1 off coupon

Cost: with Kathy's coupon \$7.50 (payable at the door, please bring cash). Event is rain or shine

If you have a question or concern do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you. Kris

Bon Appetit

Kristina Baker

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Bon Appetit meets monthly to explore food and cuisine in our own homes. Each meeting takes place in a different member's home where they prepare a selection of dishes for us to sample. Various cooking techniques and tricks are shared. Over the summer, we gathered to enjoy the culinary skills presented by Linda Karp. The pictures above display the enjoyable event.

Upcoming Bon Appetit Gatherings:

Date: Monday September 16, 1:30pm

Program: The owner of Enchanted Tea will explain the history of tea, how to store and brew a good cup. We will be able to sample a few teas. Vegan, gluten and nut treats will also be offered. Special thanks goes to Pat for her help in making these treats. We will meet at my house in Marmora.

Date: Monday, October 21, 1:30pm

Program: Mary Lou Breidenstine will be making a soup and hummus at her home in Linwood.

Date: Monday, November 18, 1:30pm

Program: Pat Peiffer (guest vegan cook) will be making a vegan Thanksgiving dish

If you have a question or concern do not hesitate to contact me

Lastly, as of November 1, I will be sharing the duties of the group with Daria. Thank you so much for offering to help out.

The Salon Group

Valerie Koob

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The Salon discussion group is now in its third season! We meet monthly to discuss a timely issue or a philosophical question. Each month, a member volunteers to facilitate; they choose a topic and prepare 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!

Over the past two years, we have hit on a wide range of topics, including: Controversial Works of Art, Obesity and New Weight Loss Drugs, How to Find Happiness, Trends in US Education, Homelessness, Banned Books, Religion in Society, Trans Girls in Sports, The Pros and Cons of Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and Euthanasia, Growing Old in America, and more.

We meet from 2:30-3:30, on the second Monday of each month, usually at the Margate Library, though if the library is closed, we meet at a member's home. Our next discussion will be on Monday September 9th at the Margate Library. The October and November meetings will be held off-site. If you want to join the Salon group, or just learn more about it, please email me at VKoob@aol.com.

Great Decisions Group

Lynne Walters

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This year the Great Decisions group met over the months of March, April and May to discuss various global issues. We met on Mondays in the Margate Library. If you are interested in joining next year to discuss issues that impact the world, this program is for you! We read a chapter in our Great Decisions book, see a film on that topic, then spend the rest of the session discussing it. We generally reserve a spot in the program in February with an announcement in this newsletter. Please send me an email to be included in the announcements.

Book Group

Mary Lou Breidenstine

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The book group meets monthly. The list of the books is below. **Remarkably Bright Creatures** is a debut novel "which is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible."

All meetings are at 10:30 at the Linwood Library. If you are interested in joining this group, please send me an email to be added to the list.

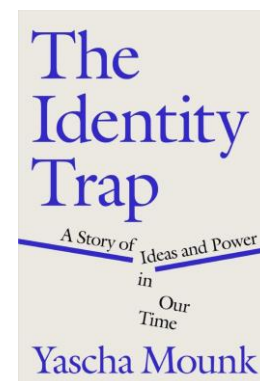
Date	Title	Author	Reviewer
10/4/24	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt	Terry Dailey
11/1/24	My Antonia	Willa Cather	Diana Intenzo
12/6/24	The Worst Hard Times	Timothy Egan	Diana Intenzo
No January Book Group Meeting			
2/8/25	Small Things Like These	Claire Keegan	Ann-Maria Guevara

For A More Equal Society

Ann-Maria Guevara

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For a More Equal Society, a group devoted to reading and discussing issues related to social justice begun by our friend Carolyn Bassett, will resume on September 12. We meet once a month, on the second Thursday of the month, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. For our September meeting, we will finish our discussion of *The Identity Trap* by Yascha Mounk which examines the ways in which the growing self identification by race, nationality, sexual orientation and political party has adversely impacted democracy and ways in which to counter this divisive ethos. Moving forward, we'll look at books, articles from reputable sources and documentaries which examine other aspects of social justice. We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining, please email Ann-Maria Guevara at amguevara@comcast.net.



Conversational Spanish

Jeannette Flax

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Our Spanish group has finally gone from Zoom to in-person meetings! We improve our vocabulary and fluency on Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 at the Linwood Library. There is no homework. We talk about hobbies, books, movies, our families, and food. Everyone is welcome.

Please note that we will NOT meet Monday, September 2, Labor Day, and Monday, October 14, Columbus Day, when the library will be closed. If you would like to join us, please contact me (609) 653-6177. Everyone is welcome!

Our members are very interested in international cuisine. From September through May, this luncheon group meets at local ethnic restaurants to socialize and enjoy good food and good times together. Please send me an email if you are interested in joining us.

Stockton Theater Ushers Group

Theresa Sartorio

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Volunteers are needed as ushers for the Stockton Children's Theater. Fall programs are planned with the first performance on October 23, at 10:30 am. The program is The Science of Magic. If you would like to see the entire schedule, please follow this [link](#) to the Stockton page.



This group is a great introduction to our branch. The responsibilities are simple, and we all work together to help the students enjoy the show. Afterwards, we often go together for lunch and have some time to connect and get to know one another.

If you can volunteer between the hours of 9:45 to noon, please call or email Theresa at 609 965-9521 or theresasartorio@comcast.net for details.

Programs and Board Meetings			
Wednesday Sept 18	6 to 8 pm Linwood	Welcome Back Gathering Shelly Meyers home	Shelley Cohen
Wednesday Oct 9	7 pm Linwood Library	Sylvia Plath Presentation Emily Van Duyne, Associate Professor	Shelley Cohen
Wednesday Oct 15	7 pm Zoom	Board Meeting	Jean McAlister
Saturday Nov 16	TBD	Scholarship Fundraising Event	Kathy Zeigenfus
Saturday Dec 14	TBD Linwood Library	Holiday Potluck: Remembering Carolyn Bassett	Shelley Cohen
Keep up to date with Interest Group Events by emailing the program leader!			

Information on the dates, times and event details for Interest Groups can be found in the sections above or by contacting the Interest Group Leader directly.