

CAPE MAY COUNTY BRANCH



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The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

NOVEMBER 2015 Newsletter

Presidents' Corner

October was an active month for our Chapter. We helped Atlantic Cape Community College celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Cape May Court House campus with a table staffed by our members where we distributed literature about AAUW and spoke with students, faculty and administrators from ACCC as well as visitors to the campus and community members staffing other tables. We had the opportunity to talk with students about how AAUW can help them and came up with some interesting ideas. They need help and encouragement with preparing paperwork for scholarships and jobs. We will explore how this can be implemented. Several of us attend the NJAAUW Fall Focus where we met with women from around New Jersey and representatives from AAUW National. Much information was shared and we were energized by the potential of what we can contribute and achieve. In addition to the Tech Trek Camp to be held at Stockton again this July, we will work with Stockton on Tween Tech, a one-day STEM program to be held on January 8.

On November 9 Karen Weis will host us for Wine and Wills. In December we'll have A White Christmas on the 12th followed by our annual Holiday Luncheon on the 13th. We'll also continue our monthly book groups. Plans are underway for our annual luncheon at Careme's with the Atlantic County AAUW.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Dottie and Marga

Fall Focus Meeting

Michelle Douglass, Claudine Keenan, Marian Ingram, Dottie Pearson and Suzanne Pelkaus drove through the changing fall landscape on October 17 to attend the NJ AAUW Fall Focus Meeting at Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg. There was a full agenda that moved very quickly and wrapped up with the speakers moving from table to table to answer questions from the attendees. We finished at 2:30 right on schedule. There were presentations on Human Trafficking, Campus Leadership (from college women), the AAUW United Nations Representative for Global Health and Gender Equality (a college student), Title IX: Not Just Sports, Leadership, \$tart \$mart, teentech, Tween Tech and Tech Trek. The spring meeting will be held at Forsgate with following meetings in Atlantic City.

Tween Tech--A New Program

Based on the successful field trip model of Teen Tech, this new AAUW program invites teachers to accompany 6th-8th grade (middle school) girls to a one-day hands-on STEM field trip at a university at their desired regional location. Stockton University will host this event on January 8. Some of you volunteered for Teen Tech at Stockton last year and we hope you'll be able to help with Tween Tech this year.

Volunteers are needed to print rosters early on the event day, organize materials on the registration table, check-in groups, verify

chaperone contact information, answer questions, report final tallies to site/event coordinator, and distribute/collect assessment surveys. Volunteers are needed to meet buses and to accompany small groups of students to and from concurrent sessions, to and from lunch, and through final sessions/campus departure.

Tween Tech will be hosted by Drew University, also on January 8. A site is being determined in central New Jersey for the third location.

Please let Dottie Pearson know if you would like to volunteer or if you'd like additional information.

Atlantic Cape Community College

We were delighted that Tammy DeFranco, Director of Student Services and the Cape May Campus, attended our Fall Dinner. Tammy spoke of some needs at ACCC and distributed a flyer detailing how we can help:

We at Atlantic Cape are proud to be a college community where we help our students in all aspects of their academics, career and personal lives. Our students are very gracious and caring and appreciate all of the services that are offered to them. We have found that many students need extra help and are in need of supplies. With that in mind, Atlantic Cape's Cape May Campus has set up two tables of free supplies for our students.

Here is a list of supplies that will help our students:

Toiletries (lotions, shampoo, etc.), Used books, Men's ties, Women's shoes and jewelry (in great condition), Clothing for Dress for Success (female and male in great condition), Non-perishable food items.

We have been doing this for the last two years and have made many students very happy. Let me share the feedback that we have received from our students: "Thank you so much," "I can really use this," "I do not have the money to buy this."

I am asking if you have any of the above items and would like to donate them to our students, please let me know.

Thank you.

Tammy DeFranco

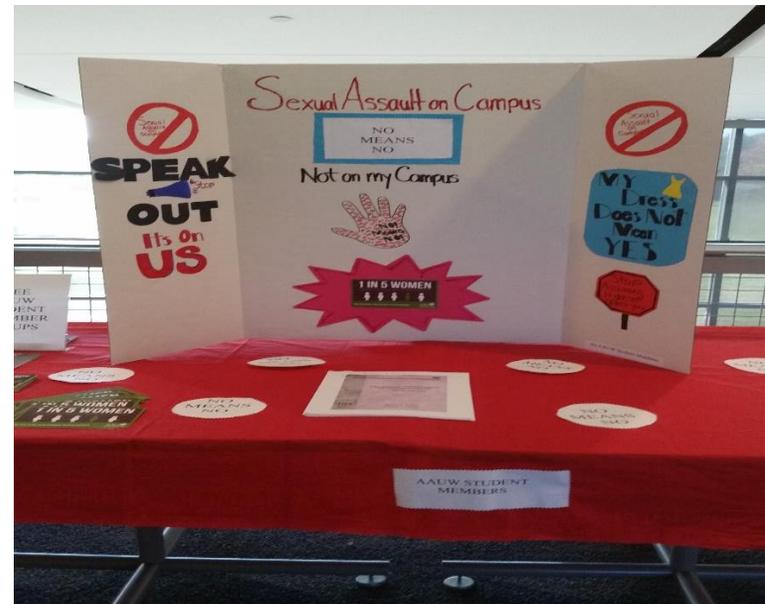
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The 10th Anniversary (2005-2015) celebration of the Cape May Court House campus of Atlantic Cape Community College



Taylor Ivens and her AAUW student poster



Spotlight on Taylor Ivens

by Marga Matheny

I met Taylor Ivens at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Cape May County Campus of Atlantic Cape Community College. Taylor graduated from Middle Township High School and the Cape May County Performing Arts Studio. She is a first semester student at the College. Marion Ingram had met Taylor previously at our AAUW table when she was signing up students for e- memberships and voter registration. Marion learned of Taylor's interest in art, and Taylor volunteered to prepare a display for our AAUW table to inform students about Sexual Assault.

Taylor began the semester as a Graphic Arts major but has switched to Physical Therapy because there are more jobs in medical fields than in the arts. She likes to help people so it will be a good fit for her. In addition to having a job, Taylor is the recipient of 3 scholarships: The Cape May County Art League Scholarship, The Robin Jacobs Fine Arts Scholarship and The Marjorie Ward Leaders Scholarship.

Taylor has been encouraged by Marion to apply to attend the AAUW NCCWSL Leadership meeting. This will cost \$425 to attend and Taylor offered a number of fundraising suggestions to bring in the money!! We all wish Taylor success and are eager to keep up with all of her accomplishments. She is a woman leader in the making.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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Our Cape May Campus of the Atlantic Cape Community College held their 10th Year Anniversary Celebration on October 12th with a large Community Open House event. Many county businesses and organizations were present with display tables including our AAUW Branch. I would like to thank Evelyn Lovitz, Marga

Matheny, Dottie Pearson, Diana Stover-Sowerby, Pat Ford-Roegner, and Barbara Heinrichs for volunteering to work our branch AAUW table.

We also had our first Student AAUW Display Table during October with the topic "Sexual Assault on Campus" to tie in with the campus Domestic Abuse Month. This table was designed by student AAUW Member Taylor Ivens.

Our College Connections program for November will be our second presentation of the AAUW \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiations Workshop on November 10th and 12th. This is the program that we received a 3 year license for last year through an AAUW Grant.

I would also like to thank the members who have donated clothes, toiletries, used books, school supplies, non-perishable food items, and "Dress For Success" clothes for interviewing for jobs (men and women). Most of our students are working their way through school and are very appreciative of any help you can give. Donations may be dropped off to Tammy DeFranco at the college or given to me to take in any time during the year.

PUBLIC POLICY

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On October 15 there was a teleconference call from Mollie Lam, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, concerning the Supreme Court. Cases expected to be judged include Fisher vs. University of Texas. The plaintiff, a white female student, charges that the decision to deny her admission was based on race, which denied her equal protection, a constitutional right. The Court's decision may alter Affirmative Action,- equal protection vs. diversity.

Another case regards access to contraception. The fallout from the Hobby Lobby decision brought forward a lawsuit by a religious order of nuns who have a charitable business with paid employees. Even though there is the ability to have contraceptive services provided by the

government, not their health insurance company, they believe that referring employees to this service makes them complicit in effecting an action which is against their religious belief. Reproductive rights are being challenged by two cases. One is a challenge to a Texas law which says that all doctors in clinics providing abortions must have hospital admitting privileges. This seems innocuous, but hospitals can deny privileges as a way of closing down the clinics. The other is a law that all clinics offering reproductive health services must have surgical center licensing and all the standards met by freestanding surgical centers. In poor rural areas women may have to travel 500 miles to obtain service. AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.

The efforts to de-fund Planned Parenthood would deny these services to millions of women. A letter to the Senate urging senators to vote against S1881, a bill to de-fund Planned Parenthood, was sent by Lisa Maatz AAUW Vice President of Government Relations.

Tech Trek Kick Off Meeting

There will be a statewide Tech Trek Kick Off Meeting on November 23 at 6pm at Stockton University main campus in Room B011. This is an opportunity to meet others working to support the Tech Trek camp, to ask questions and to offer your suggestions. Please let Dottie Pearson (pearson@princeton.edu) if you would like to attend and if you'd like to carpool. Directions will be provided.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO TWO NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CMC-AAUW SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 2016 TECH TREK CAMP!

WE ARE SO PROUD TO HAVE COMMUNITY BUSINESS SUPPORT:

THANK YOU!

DR. MICHAEL F. SPAGNOLO, D.D.S. OF HOLLY BEACH DENTAL IN WILDWOOD, NJ

AMBIANCE SPA AND HAIR SALON at 5201 Pacific Avenue in Wildwood, NJ 609-729-1820

OUR AAUW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 13 at the Lobster House in Cape May



Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be Sunday, **December 13** at the Lobster House in Cape May at 1 p.m.

Entrée choices are broiled scallops, baked stuffed flounder (stuffing includes crab, scallops and shrimp) and chicken francaise. A vegetarian plate can be ordered.

The cost is \$30. Please make your check payable to AAUW, write your entrée choice on the memo line, and mail to Barbara Heinrichs 503 Whildam Ave, N. Cape May, NJ 08204.

Don't miss a great time! Spouses and guests are welcome. It will be open seating. Come early to sit with your friends.

Deadline for reservations is **December 7**.

WINE AND WILLS

On Monday, **November 9**, we will have a presentation by Jane M. Hoy, an attorney from Stone Harbor, who specializes in wills, probate, trusts and estates, estate planning and elder law. Topics may include the above and changes in Federal and State laws regarding retirement and inheritances.

This program will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the home of Karen Weis.

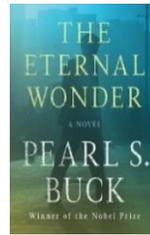
Appetizers and wine will be provided. We will be accepting scholarship donations at the program.



Jane M. Hoy is a member of the Cape May County Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Reservations should be sent to Marga Matheny email margamath@gmail.com or telephone (860) 573-9697.

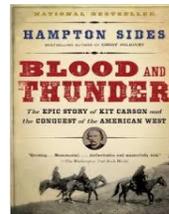
Daytime Book Group



The Eternal Wonder by Pearl S. Buck

We will meet on Tuesday, **November 17** at the Crest Pier Community Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest (between Crocus & Heather) at noon. Please bring your lunch and a beverage.

Evening PLLC Book Group



Blood & Thunder by Hampton Sides

We will meet on Wednesday, **November 18** at Mulligan's, 310 Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood at 6 p.m. We will discuss the book after ordering dinner. Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609-884-7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com to let her know you are coming.

Tributes

Gifts to our Tribute Scholarship Fund are a thoughtful way to recognize an anniversary or remember a friend, member or relative while providing support to our scholarship recipients.

An acknowledgement is sent to you and to the individual recognized. Your name will be made known, but not the amount of the gift.

Please send your gift to Barbara Heinrichs, 503 Whildam Ave., North Cape May, NJ 08204.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 5 CMC Advisory Commission on the Status of Women
Nov 9 Wine & Wills
Nov 17 Daytime Book Group
Nov 18 Evening Book Group
Nov 23 2016 Tech Trek Kick Off Meeting
- Dec 12 A White Christmas
Dec 13 Holiday Luncheon
Dec 15 Daytime Book Group
Dec 16 Evening Book Group
- Jan 19 Daytime Book Group
Jan 27 Evening Book Group

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Events, meetings, book discussion dates, and more!

You can always find up-to-date information here. Book lists and dates for both groups are posted. A calendar of events is handy.

A complete membership list with contact information is available.

To access the information for Members Only call:
Mary Jane Slugg - 884-7041
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and we will give you the password!

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