

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.

JANUARY 2016 Newsletter

Presidents' Corner

What a wonderful Holiday Luncheon we enjoyed at the Lobster House! Forty one members and guests attended which is a record number for our recent events. We hope to see many of you volunteering at our STEM events, beginning with Tween Tech at Stockton on Friday, January 8. Our January Newsletter highlights our upcoming events and we hope to meet and greet you there.

Best Wishes for 2016!!

Dottie and Marga

Tween Tech on Friday, January 8--Volunteers Invited!

Tween Tech for girls in grades 6-8 will be held on Friday, January 8 at Stockton University! Two hundred (200!) girls have registered to attend. That's full capacity! Carolyn Bassett, Connie Blocher, Gail Davis, Barbara Heinrichs, Marion Ingram, Diana Intenzo, Evelyn Lovitz, Marga Matheny, Dottie Pearson, Suzanne Pelkaus as well as others from the Atlantic County Branch, parents and professionals have volunteered to help at the event. Volunteers should be at Stockton in the Campus Center by 8:30am. Some volunteers will need to stay until the end of the program which is at 1:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn first hand about an AAUW STEM program. Please let Dottie know if you can volunteer for January 8.

Marga, Marion and Dottie will be going to Stockton on Monday, January 4 to tour the areas where the event will be held so we can be prepared for January 8. We will also be preparing the bags of information for the attendees. We expect to arrive there at 11am. You are welcome to join us for this preview. Please let Dottie know if you can volunteer for January 4.

On the next page is a proposed time-table for January 8:

Friday, January 8, Tween Tech at Stockton University
Coordinated by Dottie Pearson, AAUW Cape May & Atlantic Member

- 8:30am Set up registration tables
- 9:00am Greet arriving groups, hand out materials, direct to meeting room
 Sit at meeting room tables with groups of girls, review campus maps
- 9:30am Stand to be identified as a volunteer during opening remarks
 Escort groups of girls to workshop session 1. There are 14 concurrent workshops.
 Remain in workshop session 1 to provide hands-on help
- 10:45am Escort from workshop 1 to lunch (same meeting room as 9:00am)
 Share lunch with girls, informal conversation
- 11:15am Escort from lunch to workshop session 2
 Remain in workshop session 2 to provide hands-on help
- 12:30pm Escort from workshop 2 to closing (same meeting room as lunch)
 Women in STEM volunteers give “5-10 words of advice” impromptu closing
 Circulate and collect program evaluation forms
- 1:00pm Collate program evaluation forms
 Clean up any remaining materials/supplies



Friday, January 8th, 2016

Science, Technology, Engineering
& Mathematics are for girls!

Bring your students & daughters to learn about what Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics are all about during a fun, interactive and inspiring day of girl power!

Who: 6th – 8th grade girls and their teachers or parents

When: Friday, January 8th, 2016

Where: Drew University in Madison, NJ for Northern NJ students

Stockton University in Galloway, NJ for Southern NJ students

What: **Tweentech** is a mini-conference designed to develop girls' interest and self-confidence in STEM. Both sites will feature:

- Local female teachers, professors, and professionals to lead hands-on workshops for middle school girls
- Admissions and advising professionals to talk with the girls and their teachers about STEM majors
- Information about the 2016 **Tech Trek Summer Camp**, for rising 8th graders

Cost: Just \$15 per girl, no fee for chaperones. Lunch is included, and fee waivers are available.



Sample Workshop Titles: Mystery Diagnosis, Solve a Murder with Forensics, Chemistry of Modern Cuisine, Science of Clay, What's the Chance of That? All workshops are engaging, hands-on science, technology, engineering or math-focused (STEM). Chaperones will participate in an AAUW workshop on *Solving the Equation: The Variable for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing* (AAUW, 2015) and another with university academics and admissions professionals to discuss planning for STEM majors. Spaces are limited – register today!

To Register:

<http://www.ettc.net/tweentech/>

Pay online with PayPal or request a Purchase Order/Invoice for your school.

Due to anticipated demand, schools are limited to 15 students each.

For More Information:

Claudine Keenan
keenanc@stockton.edu
609-626-3593



Gail Hilliard-Nelson
gnelson@drew.edu
973-408-3345

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Teentech at ACCC

Members of the Atlantic Cape and AAUW Teentech program planning committee met on December 18. Teentech will be held on June 3 instead of May 26 in order to accommodate faculty schedules and room availability. The timeline for the program was discussed and responsibilities were assigned. Duties assigned to AAUW are:

Teentech Project Coordinator--Dottie Pearson
Registrar--Evelyn Lovitz
Assistant Registrar--Karen Weis
AAUW Branch Volunteers--Marion Ingram

Members of the Planning Committee are: Dottie Pearson, Evelyn Lovitz, Diana Intenzo, Carolyn Bassett, Donna Vassallo, Maria Kellett, Karen Weis and Marion Ingram.

If you would like more information please contact Dottie (pearson@princeton.edu)

Special Thank You Shout Out to 1st Bank of Sea Isle City!

On behalf of Cape May County Chapter of AAUW we salute Lisa Ehmann and the 1st Bank of Sea Isle City for their generous contribution of \$500 on behalf of CMC-AAUW to the 2016 Trek Tech Program at Stockton University next summer.

This local business support is so very key to our success as an all-volunteer organization. Thank you again on behalf of our members and the girls we support, our future engineers, astronauts, math teachers and scientists.

Please thank our local business supporters as you travel Cape May County.

Pat Ford-Roegner pfrvalley@gmail.com

Two Minute Activist

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Following is an important way all chapter members can help with public policy issues that AAUW supports or opposes. Numbers are important! Please take the time to join the "Two Minute Activist." Go to www.aauw.org and click on the link on the menu on the top of page "What we do" On the next screen choose and click on "Public Policy" Scroll down to the picture with the title "Become a 2 minute Activist" After signing up online, you will receive e-mails about issues that are urgently in need of contact with Senators and Representatives. You will automatically be sent to Senators Menendez and Booker and Representative LoBiondo. You can send a prepared message with one click. It literally takes only two minutes.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. A Human Trafficking Enforcement Fund was established in the Department of Justice for training local police and public safety personnel and county attorneys to recognize human trafficking. The NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking suggests that a good way to raise awareness would be for members, who are part of movie night groups, to show "Trade," an American film starring Kevin Kline that premiered in 2007. Some of it takes place in New Jersey. This movie can be ordered by the library or on Amazon.com. A documentary "Not My Life: a film about slavery in our time," gives the global perspective. This movie can be ordered from the Polaris Project <http://www.polarisproject.org>. A book recommended is: "Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not For Sale: A Memoir" by Rachel Lloyd who was a victim of commercial sexual exploitation.

Women Artists You Should Know About



Self-Portrait by Elisabeth
Vigée Le Brun (1755-1842)

This program will be offered by Ed Carson at the Lower Township Library **January 15, 2016** from 10:30am to 11:30am. Lunch at a local restaurant to follow the presentation.

There are women artists who painted right along with the major male artists of the time reaching back to the 16th century. Women artists came into their own in the 18th and 19th centuries but only a few are recognized today. Come hear a presentation at Lower Cape Library by Ed Carson, head librarian, a student of the subject. Our introduction to the women artists of this period should be exciting and fascinating.

Please contact Karen Weis if you are interested in attending this program.

AGING IN PLACE

Thursday, **January 28, 2016** from 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of Pat Ford-Roegner, 105 Tidewater Ave, Rio Grande.

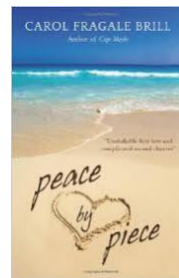
Aging in Place is a national movement and sounds good to all of us and our loved ones who want to stay as active as we/they can. Come hear what services and resources Cape May County Department of Aging and Disability has to offer! Donna Groome, Executive Director, will bring us up to date on services which are available to all residents of the County and those that are income determined. Also known as

ADRC - Aging and up-Disability Resource Connection - was created by the Federal Older Americans Act and is part of the nation-wide area aging agencies.

Please contact Pat at either pfrvalley@gmail.com or phone (703) 126-3008 to let her know you are coming.

The snow date for this event is February 1.

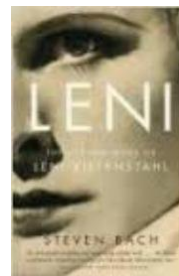
Daytime Book Group



Peace by Piece written by our member Carol Fragale Brill

We will meet on Tuesday, **January 19** at the home of **Helene Bertino** at noon. Helene lives a few doors down from Kathy Flynn. Please contact Helene by e-mail HB6102@gmail.com to let her know you are coming. Bring your lunch and a beverage.

Evening PLLC Book Group



Leni: The Life and Work of Leni Riefenstahl by Steven Bach

We will meet on Wednesday, **January 27**, at Rio Station on Route 9 in Rio Grande 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.

White Christmas with The Jersey Shore Pops Orchestra and Linda Gentile: An Enjoyable Event and AAUW Fundraiser!

Thanks to the 14 people who attended this lovely afternoon event on December 12, 2015 at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center. We enjoyed being together and we raised \$100 for the Second Chance Scholarships! The show led by Linda Gentile had great music, dueling violins, incredible singers, new local talent, a barber shop quartet and a special production by the Middle Township Middle School band. For more information on The Jersey Shore Pops go to

www.JerseySHOREpops.org

Next year perhaps: The Nutcracker?

Gift Basket Raffle at the Lobster House Holiday Luncheon Nets \$255 for The Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarship Fund

Thank you to all our generous CMC-AAUW members and their guests for your support of our Second Chance Scholarships. We are working hard to find interesting avenues to raise the money needed to continue our support to local women to return to college and maybe someday soon to endow a scholarship. Congrats to Mary Conley who won the basket!

I want to thank the following people for their help on this basket: Marga Matheny for several gifts to the basket and Barbara Heinrichs for the basket to hold the items.

Pat Ford-Roegner, Fundraising Chair

Fundraising 2016:

Pat Ford-Roegner Fundraising Chair

I need your ideas for fundraising projects and your commitment to doing one. *I would like to have 2 additional people join me as a committee to brainstorm ideas.* Hard to do by yourself. Please let me know if you are willing to do so.

pfrvalley@gmail.com

In addition to your regular generous contributions at CMC events, I need your business contacts and introductions. Many of you contribute items to the spring baskets and I know you will continue to do so.

I would like to thank Marion Ingram for seeking out and securing a contact at the First Bank of Sea Isle (see previous shout out). More please!

USED BOOK SALE FEB 25-28

The Wilmington (Delaware) branch is looking for publicity for its 47th annual used book sale to raise money for college scholarships. It will be held February 25-28, 2016 at the Concord Mall, north of Wilmington, Delaware.

You can shop **40,000 or more books tax-free!** For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Ken Mammarella delawareken@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Our 4th annual joint luncheon with Atlantic County AAUW will be **May 4, 2016** at Careme's, the restaurant of the Academy of Culinary Arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing.

In August 2015, Careme's revised their format to support a local farm to table curriculum. The lunch menu will be a bistro style selection highlighting the bountiful harvest in the Garden State and its neighboring resources within a one hundred and fifty mile radius.

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.

We have received a donation from Sue Laufer for our scholarship students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 8	Tween Tech
Jan 15	Women Artists
Jan 19	Daytime Book Group
Jan 27	Evening Book Group
Jan 28	CMC Department of Aging & Disability Speaker
Feb 16	Daytime Book Group
Feb 24	Evening Book Group
March 15	Daytime Book Group
March 23	Evening Book Group

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KEEP OUR WEB ADDRESS HANDY

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

Barbara Heinrichs - 889-1647

and we will give you the password!

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