



## CAPE MAY COUNTY BRANCH

Website <http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>

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.

### APRIL 2016 Newsletter

#### Presidents' Corner

It's been a busy month for all of us and we're glad to enjoy the spring weather. We have interviewed the 14 Cape May County girls who were nominated and applied to be campers at Tech Trek at Stockton this summer. Thank you to Connie Blocker, Marion Ingram, Evelyn Lovitz, Marga Matheny, Dottie Pearson, Suzanne Pelkaus and Karen Weis who interviewed the girls and their parents. Plans are progressing well for teentech at Atlantic Cape Community College on June 2 and Tech Trek at Stockton from July 17 through 23 at Stockton.

We hope to see many of you at Careme's on May 4. If you have any suggestions for a location for our annual June picnic, please let Marga (email) or Pat Ford-Roegner (email) know.

Please remember Equal Pay Day on April 12. Freeholder E. Marie Hayes plans to send a letter to Governor Christie on Freeholder stationery to encourage him to sign the bill sent to him by the New Jersey legislature. Thank you to Suzanne Pelkaus for working on this with Freeholder Hayes.

#### Enjoy the Spring!

Dottie and Marga

#### LUNCHEON AT CAREME'S

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Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual joint luncheon with Atlantic County AAUW will be **Wednesday, May 4**, at 11:30am at Careme's, the showcase restaurant of the Academy of Culinary Arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing.

Opening remarks will be made by Donna Vassallo, Dean of Career Education and Bo Zilovic, Interim Division Chair/STEM Programs and Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems.

Last fall, Careme's revised their format to support a local Farm to Table curriculum. Our lunch will be a sit-down (not buffet) bistro style service using produce from local area farms.

Our luncheon menu will consist of a soup or salad course, an entrée from a limited menu and a choice of desserts. Coffee, hot/cold tea, soft drinks and water are included. All this for **\$20!**

Make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to:  
Barbara Heinrichs  
503 Whildam Avenue  
N. Cape May, NJ 08204

Don't miss this fun get-together with your friends!

Reservations must be received by **April 23**.

Careme's Gourmet Restaurant is located on the Atlantic Cape Community College campus, 5100 Black Horse Pike, in Mays Landing.

# Women of Wonder

By Marga Matheny

On Wednesday, March 2, Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholder **E. Marie Hayes** was honored as the "2016 Woman of Wonder" at a cocktail reception at The Reeds in Stone Harbor. Ten members of the Atlantic and Cape May County Chapters of AAUW joined in the celebration.



Left to right: Suzanne Pelkaus, Gail Davis, Marion Ingram, Marga Matheny

Freeholder Hayes spoke about her journey as a shy student who began her education at Atlantic Cape Community College to her present job and life. She is a retired Captain of Detectives for the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, FBI National Academy graduate, Atlantic Cape Community College alumna and adjunct professor. Her family, including her granddaughters, were in attendance.

The event was also a fundraiser for the WOW League tuition assistance program for at risk youth attending ACCC. WOW assistance has provided 25 academically promising Cape Educational COMPACT High School students the opportunity to experience college. The principal spoke about the value of this program for our community. Three students, some presently in the program, and some recent graduates now college students, related their experiences at the school.



Left to right: Suzanne Pelkaus, Marion Ingram, Maria Kellett, Marga Matheny and Gail Davis

Maria Kellett, dressed as "Kim Possible" a cartoon crime fighting high school student, described the educational relationship between the high school and ACCC. Sandra Harmon-Weiss, a representative of the ACCC Foundation Board, encouraged contributions that would cover the cost of one credit at the college or more.

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## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BREAKFAST on March 12

By Mona Moore



Photo by Mona Moore

From left, AAUW co-president Marga Matheny, Freeholder E. Marie Hayes, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno and AAUW co-president Dottie Pearson.

SOMERS POINT – New Jersey **Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno** was the guest speaker Saturday, March 12, at a Women’s Leadership Conference breakfast at Greate Bay Country Club sponsored by the Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women.

Hosted by Cape May County Freeholder E. Marie Hayes and the County Freeholder Board, the Women’s History Month event was a fund-raiser for the Atlantic and Cape May County chapters of the American Association of University Women. The funds will go toward the group’s one day teentech program for 9th through 11th grade girls to be held in June at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing and a weeklong Tech Trek Camp for eighth-grade girls in July at Stockton University.

Guadagno, who was the first female sheriff of Monmouth County, emphasized the importance of getting girls involved in (STEM) science, technology, engineering and math areas where women are under-represented. “Our job is to show people you can do things, despite the fact that you are a girl,” she said. “When you get a chance to do something nobody thinks you can do, you do it.”

She pointed out that at the NJ Institute of Technology only 25 percent of students are female, although technology and engineering jobs are among the highest paid in the country.

“We have to do better,” she said. “We need to grab those girls, and tell them there is a path forward for them. We have to get them in kindergarten through eighth grades. If we wait till high school, it’s too late. We have to reach and grab them as we rise, so they rise, too.”

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**Cape May County Advisory Commission  
on the Status of Women**

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm and are open to the public.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7, at 5:30pm in the second floor Conference Room of Crest Haven Nursing & Rehab Center in the County Complex.

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## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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Last month's Women's History Month Panel "Cape May County Women Leaders" had to be cancelled due to lack of interest at the college. We could not get any teachers to commit to bringing their classes down for the presentation. We will try again next year.

April 12th is National Equal Pay Day, a very big AAUW concern. We will again be having an Equal Pay Day Table at the college for the 4th year in a row to hand out literature and educate the students about the wage discrepancies between Male and Female employees. This is a very important year for Equal Pay Day as our NJ Pay Equity Act S992 has now passed both state houses and is in the Governor's office awaiting his signature. If you have not already done so, please phone Governor Christie today at 609-292-6000 and ask him to sign the NJ PAY EQUITY ACT S992 GIVING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

Again I will need some AAUW members to work at the college Equal Pay Day Table on April 12th. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact me at the above e-mail or phone 263-6402. I am also the volunteer coordinator for the AAUW teentech program on June 2nd at Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing campus. Both are wonderful short time commitments for our NEW members to become involved in our AAUW projects. Step up and become involved!



## We want to welcome new member:

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## APRIL PROGRAM

**Wine, Women (all of us including partners are welcome) and Song (if we feel like it) on Sunday 4/24!**

On Sunday April 24th from 2-4 pm at **Hawk Haven Winery** on Seashore Road in Middle Township, near Rio Grande, let us celebrate spring and friendship!

*We need at least 15 of us to sign up so we can enjoy a private wine and cheese tasting. If we are 15 or more, the cost will be \$18 per person. I need a confirmed list and then we can pay at the tasting.*

*If the weather is good, we can be in the lovely outside covered tent.*

**Please email Pat Ford-Roegner at [pfrvalley@gmail.com](mailto:pfrvalley@gmail.com) or call me at 703-216-3008 by April 17th if you plan to attend!**

## Membership Renewals

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AAUW memberships run from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Soon I will be sending dues notices for the upcoming fiscal year. Dues remain unchanged from last year:

National, State and local dues \$69  
Atlantic County dual members \$10

If you would like to get this task out of the way early, please make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to:

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Thank you.

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## Daytime Book Group

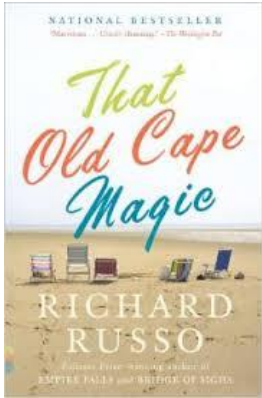


**Cape Maybe** by Carol Fragale Brill

We will meet on Tuesday, **April 19**, at Crest Pier Community Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest (between Crocus & Heather) at noon. Please bring your lunch and a beverage.

Carol is a member of our AAUW Chapter.

## Evening PLLC Book Group



**That Old Cape Magic** by  
Richard Russo

We will meet on Wednesday, **April 27**, at Mulligan's, 310 Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood at 6 pm. We will discuss the book after ordering dinner. Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609-884-7041 or [shoresluggs@aol.com](mailto:shoresluggs@aol.com) to let her know you are coming.



**HATS OFF TO AMERICA!**

**Sunday, May 22nd**

Cape Women's Resource Fund will host its annual luncheon & fashion show Sunday, May 22, at the Grand Hotel of Cape May, 1045 Beach Avenue with fashions from Bellanova and Nesting, both of Stone Harbor.

This event funds scholarships for young women in Cape May County. Proceeds from the no-bid auction also benefit the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women.

Tickets are \$35. Reservations can be made through the Cape Women's Resource Fund and must be received by May 14. For tickets or more information, call 609-231-1813.

This is a wonderful spring event where we will enjoy a delicious luncheon with friends from a variety of women's groups and enjoy the raffle of baskets contributed by CMC AAUW as well as other groups.

## 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

April 7	CMC Advisory Commission
April 9	AAUW NJ meeting
April 12	Nat'l Equal Pay Day
April 19	Daytime Book Group
April 27	Evening Book Group
May 4	Luncheon at Careme's
May 17	Daytime Book Group
May 22	Women's Resource Fund luncheon
May 25	Evening Book Group
June 22	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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