

## 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.

## MARCH 2016 Newsletter

### Presidents' Corner

I am sure we will all welcome Spring when she arrives. If you want to get a bit of a head start and see some beautiful flowers, I suggest a day trip to Longwood Gardens to witness the beauty and variety at the Orchid Show which will be there until the end of March.

We are now at the stage of interviewing our young women candidates for this summer's Tech Trek camp at Stockton University. We are enjoying reading the recommendations and essays about their budding passion for the STEM areas of learning. Thanks to a concerted effort by our branch members, we DO have a good number of applicants from Cape May County.

#### **TECH TREK** - update

Overwhelming!! We have over 130 nominations from 11 counties. 77 from the South, 25 from the Central and 30 from the North. Student application deadline is March 4 and our volunteer interviewers are already busy arranging to meet with applicants. The entire selection process will be completed by April 24.

Gail Davis- Student Selection Chair

The breakfast on March 12 represents another important collaboration for AAUW. Working with the Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, we have been able to fundraise and help to broaden the scholarship offerings to girls in our area for STEM education.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Greate Bay Country Club to hear what Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno has to say.

This leap year has really been one of a great leap forward for our branch!!

Marga and Dottie

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### A Special Thanks to Sturdy Savings Bank for their Generous Support!

Once again our partner, Sturdy Savings Bank, has sent a generous contribution to support the *Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarship Fund*. Our community partners are critical to the continuation of these Scholarships sponsored by AAUW Cape May County.

A special shout out to Meg Tornetta who helped secure our support from Sturdy Savings Bank. Thanks Meg!

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

The Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women has organized a breakfast at the Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 10 am until 12 noon.

This breakfast buffet will be a fundraiser for the AAUW teentech and Tech Trek programs. It has been planned as a celebration of Women's History Month.



Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno is the featured speaker. Follow this link <http://nj.gov/governor/admin/lt> for more information on her background.

Tickets are still available. Contact Bridget O'Brien at 609-425-1438 to purchase them. The cost is \$25.

There are vacancies on the Commission and women are encouraged to apply for appointment by contacting the Commission Chair, Bridget O'Brien at [Bridget.obrien@co.cape-may.nj.us](mailto:Bridget.obrien@co.cape-may.nj.us). Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 3 on the second floor of Crest Haven Nursing & Rehab Center in the County Complex. Meetings are open to the public.

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## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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February 25th we held a well attended Human Trafficking Program at Atlantic Cape Community College, Cape May Courthouse campus, presented by FBI agent Paul Vannaman and the Assistant Prosecutor from Atlantic County. This program was televised to the other two campuses and was also videoed for use in classrooms. AAUW has been very active in the prevention of Human Trafficking at the local, state and national levels. Thank you to the AAUW women who assisted and attended the event.

I am hoping to present a Panel of "Women Leaders in Cape May County" near the end of March for Women's History Month. I do not have a date or time set yet. We will also have the PBS DVD series "Makers: Women Who Make America" and several DVDs from the National Women's History Museum on the TVs in the cafeteria throughout the month.

The NJ AAUW state office just announced they will sponsor one Student AAUW member for NCCWSL (The National Conference for College Women Student

Leaders) which will be held at the University of Maryland this June. We do hope one of our Student AAUW e-members will be chosen.

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## Women's History Month Lecture

Where: Historic Cold Spring Village  
When: March 9, 7pm

Free Program: Carol J. Binkowski, co-author of the 2003 text "More than Petticoats: Remarkable New Jersey Women," will highlight the lives of several women living in New Jersey prior to the turn of the twentieth century.

More Info: Call 609-898-2300

## Women's History Month Event

The Cape May County Library invites the public to an educational lecture and viewing of a film on the history of women's suffrage presented by Pary Tell of the Cape May County Historical Museum. The lecture will focus on lesser known players of the women's suffrage movement in America. A film on the lives of Alice Paul and Lucy Burns will follow the lecture.

Where: Cape May Court House Library  
When: March 2, 6pm

Where: Wildwood Crest Library  
When: March 21, 5:30pm

Where: Sea Isle City Library  
When: March 28, 6pm

More info: Call 609-463-6386 or visit [cmclibrary.org](http://cmclibrary.org)

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## We want to welcome new members:

Kathie Elliott  
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Claudine is a primary member of Atlantic County AAUW.

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Ann is also a primary member of Atlantic County AAUW.

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## Daytime Book Group

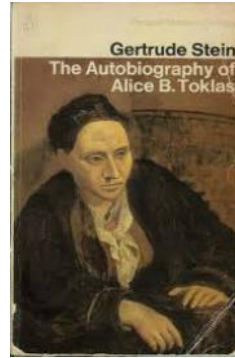


**The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah

We will meet on Tuesday, **March 15**, again at Crest Pier Community Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest (between Crocus & Heather) at noon. Please bring your lunch and a beverage.

If you have items for our Cape May County AAUW baskets for the Women's Resource Fund Luncheon, please bring them. These items are needed by the end of March.

## Evening PLLC Book Group



**The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas** by Gertrude Stein

We will meet on Wednesday, **March 23**, 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](mailto:shoresluggs@aol.com) to let her know you are coming.

Also please note our April PLLC book has been changed to **That Old Cape Magic** by Richard Russo.

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## SPOTLIGHT on our new members

Interviews by Carol Brill

### Peggy Dougherty

Peggy learned about AAUW from her neighbor, AAUW member Pat Ford-Roegner.

Peggy and her husband, Dan, moved from Newark, NJ to Legacy at Cape May about 1 ½ years ago. Before retiring she was V.P. for Development at a museum, a position she held for 27 years. She is a volunteer with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts in Cape May and also chairs the monthly newsletter for Legacy.

Peggy is interested in our book clubs. She wants to get more familiar with our programs to see how her background in development, writing, and event planning might fit with AAUW's activities.

She may be interested in working with Pat coordinating programs.

She holds a Masters of Visual Arts Administration from NYU and Bachelors in English and Political Science from Kings College.

### **Laurie Dutton**

Laurie learned about AAUW from her friend and colleague, Karen Matsinger and from others when she was a member of the Women's Club of Cape May.

Laurie is Director of the Women's, Gender Sexuality Center, part of Stockton's Wellness Department. Her department has close ties to The School of Education which runs AAUW STEM programs. Peggy's role is to expand advocacy, education, and support for women on campus on issues of Gender, Sexuality, Transgender, LGBT, bullying, women's equality in sports, and to educate and ensure transparency in campus sexual assaults.

She sees AAUW as a great resource to help her relate to students, stay current with issues women face, and ensure Stockton is offering proper programs to support women. AAUW's mission and advocacy fit with her department's goal to educate and advocate for women.

Laurie is a Licensed Professional Counselor, with a Masters of Arts in Counseling from Marymount College. She is also a Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

She also has a Bachelors of Arts in Economics and Asian Studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

She works full time so evening or weekend activities work best for her.

Laurie lives in North Cape May. She doesn't have a lot of local connections to Cape May County

youth and is interested in getting more involved with educating/mentoring young girls so they recognize their many educational and career options and opportunities and help grow a college bound mentality.

She is interested in helping to launch a program to one-one mentor young students similar to a Big/Little sister model.

### **Kathie Elliot**

Kathie heard about AAUW from Mary Jane Slugg. She knew Mary Jane's husband, Chuck, from being part of a teacher's negotiating committee.

Kathie is interested in book clubs. Her husband is in PT currently and she's his driver, so her availability for book clubs and other activities depends on his/her schedule.

Kathie has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Penn State. She originally started her career in Advertising and wanted to be in Human Resources. In the 60's, HR job opportunities for women were limited. The Ad agency where she worked only accepted men in their Executive prep program.

For better career opportunities, she returned to school and earned a Master's in Education at State University of New York, Rockport. She also holds a reading specialist certificate from Beaver College.

She taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade and served on her union negotiating committee.

She and her husband bought their home in 1986 and moved here full-time in 2005.

## LUNCHEON AT CAREME'S



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

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.



## HATS OFF TO AMERICA!

Save the date...**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. Invitations with menu choices and table reservations will be sent in March. Tickets are \$35. The event funds scholarships for young women in Cape May County and proceeds from the no-bid auction benefit the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. For tickets or 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. Please mark your calendars to attend.

If you have items to be packed in our Cape May County AAUW baskets, please bring them to the daytime book club on March 15. Or alternatively contact Karen Weis to make arrangements to drop them off. These items are needed by the end of March.

## **GREAT DECISIONS FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION GROUP**

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This group was started many years ago by our Cape May County AAUW Branch by Shirley Williamson and Sue Jacobson and is still in existence.

We will again be meeting at the Avalon Library for 8 weeks starting on March 7 from 5:45 - 7:45PM. Again our moderator will be Conrad J. Weiler, Jr., J.D., an Associate Professor of Political Science. You MUST register by phoning the Avalon Library at (609)967-7155. The only cost is the purchase of your 2016 Briefing Book for \$25. Our sister branch in Atlantic County is also offering this Special Interest Group at the Margate Library this year. Come join us and discuss critical global issues

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## **OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

We need a volunteer to become responsible for our AAUW Cape May County Facebook page. The last update was in October and that was a posting by AAUW National. If you would like to volunteer to keep it up to date, please let Dottie or Marga know or we will delete it. Our website contains information about our events and any last minute changes. Information is also available on the website for potential members to contact us or join. Thank you.

## 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

March 2	Women of Wonder
March 3	CMC Advisory Commission
March 12	Women's History breakfast
March 15	Daytime Book Group
March 23	Evening Book Group
April 19	Daytime Book Group
April 27	Evening Book Group
May 4	Luncheon at Careme's
May 22	Women's Resource Fund luncheon

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

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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

Barbara Heinrichs - 889-1647

and we will give you the password!

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