



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.

SEPTEMBER 2016 Newsletter

President's Corner

After a long, hot summer, we will all look forward to an occasion to get together with friends to share our summer experiences and plan for the future activities of our branch.

Both Barb Heinrichs and I visited the renovated Icona Resorts Golden Inn. It is unrecognizable compared to the event space last year. Come early to take a tour. Jackie Battaglia and her assistant, Alyssa, have made special arrangements for our Welcome Back dinner. The chef is featuring his Italian specialties for the evening.

The summer was not an idle one for many Cape May AAUW members. Organizing Tech Trek engaged our members in a great deal of planning and successful execution of programs during an entire week of July. During the Professional Women's Night, I sat with and engaged in conversation with our Cape May attendees. Their excitement regarding the educational aspects as well as the social aspects was obvious from their stories and interactions.

Book clubs are educational and social ways to connect and begin the new season. Book selections and dates for September are listed below.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.
Marga



Welcome Back Dinner

Monday, September 26

Our Welcome Back dinner will be Monday, **September 26** at the Icona Resorts **Golden Inn** in Avalon. The dinner will start at 6 pm. Don't miss this chance to see your fellow members for good times and good food. The entrée choices are Chicken Parmesan or Penne Ala Vodka.

Mail your check for \$25 made out to **AAUW** with your **menu choice** on the memo line to:
Barbara Heinrichs
503 Whildam Ave
N. Cape May, NJ 08204

Deadline for receipt of reservations is **September 16.**

The Icona Resorts Golden Inn is located at 7849 Dune Drive in Avalon. The hotel has just finished a total renovation in a beautiful Hawaiian Resort Spa décor.

TECH TREK 2016

By Mona Moore mmoore609@yahoo.com

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP – Sixty eighth-grade girls from all over New Jersey participated in AAUW's Tech Trek camp July 17-23 at Stockton University.

Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, the program is designed for girls who are interested in careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Campers learned coding and how to create an app. They built electric circuits and rockets and operated drones. They visited the air traffic control tower at Philadelphia International Airport and met with 40 professional women in STEM fields to talk about potential careers.

Campers who participated from Cape May County were: Robin Altman, Ocean City; Leah Benichou, North Wildwood; Madeleine McCurdy, Dennisville; Drew Montanero, Cape May; Ishika Patel, Cape May; and Margaret Worchel, Petersburg.

Atlantic County campers included: Rebecca Brown, Northfield; Fantah Camara, Atlantic City; Kaitlyn Conant, Egg Harbor Township; Theresa Foell, Elwood; Medina Griffin, Atlantic City; Madison Hardiman, Galloway Township; Priscila Hernandez, Atlantic City; Ariel Jarvie, Egg Harbor Township; Gloria Lino, Absecon; Ava McDonough, Mays Landing; Samantha Min, Atlantic City; Bailey Norton, Dorothy; Brushiel Oblea, Atlantic City; Kelsi Sweeder, Somers Point; and Jenna Wilkinson, Brigantine.

AAUW's Tech Trek camps began about 15 years ago in California. The Atlantic and Cape May County chapters organized NJ's first Tech Trek last year at Stockton with 30 Atlantic and Cape May County girls attending. This year, it was open to 60 girls from all over the state. Students were nominated by their seventh-grade science or math teachers and underwent a selection process that included essays and personal interviews.

For more information, see: aauw-nj.aauw.net/projects/tech-trek

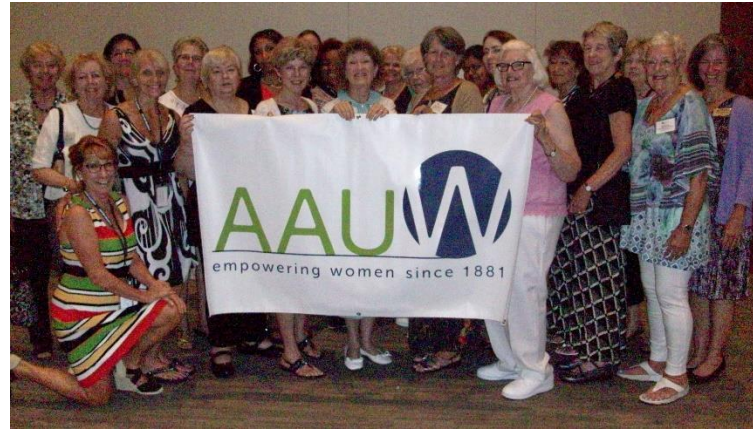


Photo by Mona Moore
See how many AAUW members you can recognize!



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Cape May County girls attending Tech Trek pose with Dottie Pearson and Marion Ingram. From left, Drew Montanero, Leah Benichou, Ishika Patel, Robin Altman, Margaret Worchel, Madeleine McCurdy. In back, some of the Cape businesswomen who talked to the girls about careers: Heather O'Shea, Water Resources Engineer and owner of Global Hydro; Inga La Puma, Science Communications Director of North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange; Nancy Mauro, Senior Engineer, County Department of Public Works; Bess Dyer, County Director of Information Management Systems; AnnMarie McMahon, County Director of Facilities and Services; Stormy Freese, Microbiologist with the County Mosquito Control Commission.

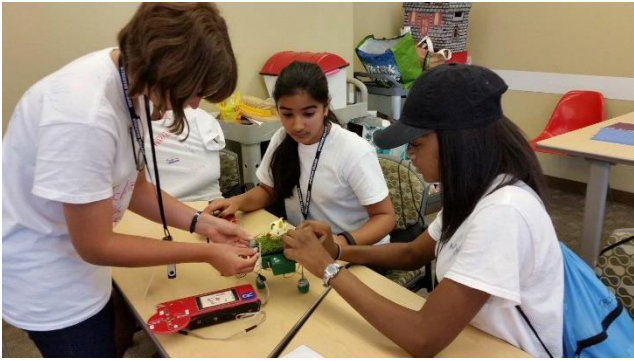


Photo by Mona Moore

Campers work at building robots during the weeklong event, attended by 60 girls from all over the state.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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Our first College Connections program for the 2016-2017 year was a table at the New Student Orientation Day on August 10th. We signed up new members and distributed Student Voter Registration Forms. We will have our next event on Sept. 13 with another table to sign up new AAUW Student Members and distribute Student Voter Registration Forms. Any members wishing to work with our student members please contact Marion Ingram at the above e-mail.

TECH TREK- was a resounding success with 60 girls from throughout the entire state of NJ!! We are now working towards raising the necessary funds for the '17 camp. We should be asking for volunteers to interview nominated and applied students in October/November. This year we will only allow one nominee per school making a bit less work for interviewers.

Gail Davis - Student/Family Coordinator for Tech Trek

STEM 2017

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Tween Tech (girls 6th to 8th grade) will be held at Stockton University again in 2017 on a date to be determined.

Teentech (girls 9th to 11th grade) will be held at Stockton University on May 23. It will also be held at Ramapo College in Mahwah, NJ on a different date.

Tech Trek (girls entering 8th grade) will be held at Stockton University from July 16 through 22. Professional Women's Night will be on Thursday, July 20.

Daytime Book Club



Around the House and in the Garden by Dominique Browning

We will meet on **Tuesday, September 20** at Bella Vida Garden Cafe, 406 Broadway, West Cape May (609-884-6332), at 12 o'clock. We will order lunch from the menu.

On October 18 we return to the Crest Pier.

Evening Book Group

Note: Since the evening book group is no longer a potluck literature club, we have dropped that name.



Animal Farm by George Orwell

We will meet on **Wednesday, September 28**, at Mulligan's, 310 Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood at 6pm. 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.

We want to welcome new members:

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On May 22, the Cape Women's Resource Fund hosted its annual luncheon & fashion show at the Grand Hotel. Baskets prepared by our Cape May County branch were part of the raffles. From the proceeds, we received \$1,350 for our scholarship account.

We added \$50 to our scholarship account from donations at our Annual Picnic at the Zoo in June.

We also added \$231 to our scholarship account from extra money added to membership renewals.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, Sept. 20	Daytime Book Club
Mon, Sept. 26	Welcome Back Dinner
Wed, Sept. 28	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
Barbara Heinrichs - 889-1647 and we will give you the password!

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