



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.

NOVEMBER 2016 Newsletter

President's Corner

This November I'm reminded of the phrase "Think globally, act locally." In Cape May, we are applying the Public Policy principles of National AAUW by fund raising for Second Chance Women scholarships, encouraging college students to vote and providing the program \$tart \$mart regarding pay equity for women. In book groups, our discussions can include social, cultural and racial issues regarding women.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Luncheon and hearing about your enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Marga Matheny

OUR AAUW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 11 at the Lobster House in Cape May



Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be Sunday, **December 11**, at the Lobster House in Cape May at 1 pm.

Entrée choices are broiled flounder, broiled shrimp with crabmeat stuffing and chicken francaise.

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.

Also we are preparing a Holiday-themed Gift Basket which will be raffled off. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund.

Deadline for reservations is **December 5**.

CMC BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2016
1 p.m.
Home of Mary Jane Slugg
3 Bottle Creek Drive, North Cape May

RSVP to Marga at 860-573-9697 or margamath@gmail.com

Board members and chairs please attend.

Public Policy November 2016

Suzanne Pelkaus sgtp414@verizon.net

With all the noise from the current Presidential race, it is difficult to remember what happened in Congress this past year, but it very important to remember before you make your choice. Members are urged to go to the website: <http://www.aauwactions.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record>

(long address!) Download the Congressional Voting Record for the 114th Congress for the period January 2015- August 2016. President Obama pulled a save and vetoed legislation that AAUW opposed. Congress passed legislation that would have nullified the Department of Labor rule that requires that retirement investment advisors follow a fiduciary standard that puts client's interests before their own. This rule protects retirement investments from being put into high fee products from which the advisor may receive payment, and which are not the best product for the client. Since women receive less social security than men due to a lower salary history, they need to keep and grow their retirement savings. Senators Booker and Menendez voted against the legislation to nullify the rule. Congressman LoBiondo voted for it. Also President Obama vetoed legislation that was passed to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act and to defund Planned Parenthood, AAUW opposed this legislation. Senators Booker and Menendez voted against this legislation and Congressman LoBiondo voted for it. Speaker Ryan vows that it will be brought up again in January if a Republican President is elected.

With regard to the ACA, "ObamaCare", though it has massive problems, AAUW notes that the rate of uninsured women in the country went from 19.3% to 8%. Also, even women with employment health insurance no longer must pay out of pocket for preventive services, such as contraceptives. Congress unanimously passed a bill to allow WASPs to be buried in Arlington. Both Senators and Congressman LoBiondo voted for that bill.

A bill to establish a constitutional amendment to limit the amounts of "dark money" campaign financing that was allowed through the "Citizens United" court decision did not go forward. Senators Booker and Menendez co sponsored it Representative LoBiondo did not.

As you are aware, Congressman LoBiondo is running for re-election. AAUW compiled a score card that evaluated Senators and Representatives concurrence with AAUW supported or opposed legislation.

Congressman Lobiondo's compliance score was 44%
The Senators both were 88%.

In New Jersey State Senator Nia Gill of Essex and Passaic County sponsored a bill that adds a statement to an antidiscrimination bill that would prohibit employers from obtaining a salary history from prospective hires. This would greatly help women get equal salary offers, as usually their past pay is less than men, which suppresses the amount of salary they are offered upon employment. That bill is in the Labor Committee. Since it is part of a much larger antidiscrimination bill it may not make it out of Committee. The bill number is S2536. Anyone wishing to read the bill can go to www.njleg.state.nj.us and look up the bill by number.

STEM 2017

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Tween Tech (girls 6th to 8th grade) will be held at Stockton University on January 6 and Drew University on January 13.

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 May 22.

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.

Tech Trek - a program of AAUW

Volunteer for Tech Trek New Jersey 2017!

Volunteering with Tech Trek is a great way to get involved in helping 8th grade girls discover their potential in STEM. Tech Trek is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, and couldn't be done without volunteer efforts. All overnight volunteers receive reimbursement for obtaining required clearance, complimentary room and board on campus, and a modest stipend.

Selection Committee Members are AAUW volunteers responsible to read all nominations and applications, following Tech Trek selection

criteria and guidelines. Some selection committee members will also be responsible to conduct interviews with prospective campers and their parents or guardians.

Dorm Monitors are responsible for a small group of Tech Trek campers, provide emotional support, and respond to campers' questions and concerns for 2-3 day shifts throughout the week.

Each Dorm Monitor will have a "dorm group" Of seven to ten girls. Dorm Monitors will hold daily meetings with their dorm groups and keep track of their whereabouts throughout the day. They will accompany girls to campus activities and field trips and will be in charge of the enforcement of camp rules and policies. Dorm Monitors will rotate throughout the camp and pass along updates to their replacements for each shift.

Workshop Presenters should be organized, prepared and have a disposition that reflects excitement for Tech Trek and STEM learning. They should have a good reputation in their workplaces, schools, or communities as an involved STEM practitioner or educator and role model.

Professional Women Panelist – July 20, 2017 applications being accepted now

Tech Trek camp welcomed 41 Women in STEM professions to a networking dinner with the campers at Stockton University's Campus Center Event Room on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:30 pm. We are seeking at least 40 again for Thursday, July 20, 2017. Contact Dottie Pearson pearson@princeton.edu or (609) 898-4585.

<https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/volunteer/>

SAVE THE DATE

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TWEEN TECH - January 6, 2017 at Stockton University. This is an exciting one day STEM program for girls in 6-8th grades (200-250 of them!) It will run from approximately 8:00am 'til

1:30pm and includes lunch. If you would like to volunteer (we need at least 20) to escort the girls to workshops OR if you possibly have an idea for a workshop, contact Dottie Pearson pearson@princeton.edu phone (609) 898-4585.

This year, escorts will be able to indicate a preference for which workshops they would like to attend and to attend two different workshops.

Cape May County AAUW Members

I have taken on the responsibility of chair of the Dorm Mom/Counselor Team for 2017 Tech Trek. I cannot emphasize enough how much fun and satisfaction working with these very smart and peppy girls is. Dorm Moms are on duty from after dinner to breakfast for two nights, off a night and on again for two. The duties are activities after dinner, monitoring cell phones, rules emphasis and lights out. And deal with any personal problems that come up.

Please consider volunteering for this summer's Tech Trek.

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COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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During October we again had another "Sexual Assault on Campus" table display to tie in with the CARA Domestic Abuse Month display and showed the movie "The Hunting Ground" about college seniors preying upon new college freshman girls. We also held our third and final student voter registration day. On November 7, the day before the election, we will hold a Voter Rally and plaster the campus with VOTE! signs. November is also Culture Awareness Month on Campus so we will be doing something on Famous Women in the Arts and Music. Your ideas are very welcome.

I would like to thank Claire Nagel, Marga Matheny, and Pat Quinn for helping at the college this month

CAPE MAY STAGE – NOVEMBER 13

Cat Cronin, Program Chair primroseinn@yahoo.com

We are planning to attend The Cape May Stage production of **Buyer and Cellar** on Sunday, November 13. It is a comedy about an actor and the price of fame. It is "Pay what you want night" so there are no reservations. You need to be there by 2PM and the play starts at 3. We will be going to Lucky Bones after the show but again they don't take reservations but there is always parking. We will be sitting in the back room. We will order off the menu.

The Cape May Stage is located at 405 Lafayette Street, Cape May. Lucky Bones is located at 1200 NJ-109, Cape May.

GIFT BASKETS

Pat Ford-Roegner, Fund Raising Chair

We are trying to get more gift baskets together for our Holiday Luncheon so that you can put your raffle tickets in the one that interests you the most. We would like to get everyone in the club involved in getting donations to be raffled off. Please ask places that you patronize for a donation. An example would be your hair salon or any merchant that you see on a regular basis. I am going to ask my salon for a gift certificate for a one-hour massage.

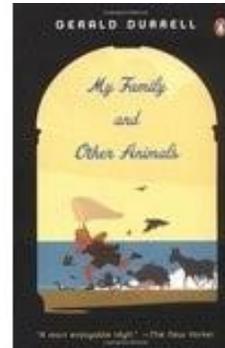
We will give out a free raffle ticket to those who bring in a donation for a basket. Pat Ford-Roegner and Sue Laufer will be collecting the donations. You can contact Sue at laufer5@comcast.net or phone (973) 879-1782.

FROM YOUR TREASURER

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Donations to our scholarship fund in honor of June Tartala, our long time member and past president, have reached \$1,570.

Daytime Book Club



My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell

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

A list of the books we will be reading until June 2017 can be found on our website <http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>. Under the heading **Activities** on the home page, go to **Book Groups**.

Evening Book Group



Any book about Eleanor Roosevelt

We will meet on **Wednesday, November 16**, at Mulligan's, 310 Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood at 6pm. We will discuss the topic of Eleanor Roosevelt after ordering dinner. Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609-884-7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com to let her know you are coming.

We are meeting one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving week.



Photo by Gail Davis



Photo from Mary Jane Slugg

Hawk Haven Vineyards Event: Such a Beautiful Day

Pat Ford-Roegner, Fundraising Chair

Nineteen CMCC-AAUW members and dual members from Atlantic County came together on a gorgeous fall day, October 16, 2016, at Hawk Haven Vineyards on Seashore Road in Rio Grande. The various white and red wines were paired with familiar cheeses such as brie as well as unique merlot aged cheddar. The tasting included special editions wines in addition to one not on the list.

Several members and their guests stayed after ordering hummus/chips or special sandwiches to further enjoy the view and weather.

We are pleased to report we raised \$85 towards our Second Chance Scholarship Fund. Another vineyard soon, new brewery?



A bus full of AAUW members visited the UN on Wednesday, October 26. We met Gloria Blackwell who comes up once per month from National to work with members and the UN. We met the AAUW intern who comes up once per month from Lehigh College to work at the UN. We had a lovely tour and lunch.

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.

Acknowledgements:

In memory of June Tartala:

Mary Hayes
Karen Weis
Jesse Wright

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat, Nov 12	Atlantic Co. luncheon
Sun, Nov 13	Cape May Stage
Tues, Nov. 15	Daytime book club
Wed, Nov. 16	Evening book group
Sun, Dec 11	CMC Holiday luncheon

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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 or Barbara Heinrichs -
889-1647 and we will give you the password!

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