



## 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.

## JUNE 2016 Newsletter

### Presidents' Corner

This is the final Newsletter of our AAUW year. Thank you so much to Barbara Heinrichs for producing an excellent newsletter each month and please look forward to the next one in September.

Please remember to renew your membership for next year, and if you've decided not to renew please let Barbara know so you won't be sent reminders. It is helpful for us to know why you are not renewing--if you are moving away, or if AAUW did not meet your expectations and how we can improve.

We look forward to seeing you at the final Book Group meeting the evening of June 22 and the annual picnic at the Cape May County Zoo on June 26.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Dottie and Marga

### Cash Donations Update for AAUW-NJ Tech Trek Camp at Stockton University

Dear Atlantic and Cape May Counties Members and Friends,

We are pleased to provide below a bulleted update on cash donations for the AAUW-NJ Tech Trek Camp at Stockton University, July 17-23, 2016.

#### CASH DONATIONS – AAUW-NJ Tech Trek at Stockton University

- We are pleased to report that gifts have been received from **AAUW members and friends** totaling more than \$5,600.

- Donations have been received from several **AAUW-NJ Area Branches** and the **New Jersey Charitable Trust** totaling over \$2,000.
- Grants include \$5,000 from **Lockheed Martin**, \$5,000 from the **Verizon Foundation**, and \$3,750 from **Symantec**.
- Recently, Michelle Douglas accepted a check for \$2,000 from the **Association for Women in Computing, Northern New Jersey Chapter**.
- Special thanks to **First Bank of Sea Isle City** for their generous and continuous support (\$500).

If you want to make a gift

- Online: use the dropdown menu to designate your gift to [AAUW-NJ Tech Trek \(Galloway-Stockton\)](#)
- By mail: make check today **payable to AAUW-NJ Tech Trek at Stockton**, and mail to Dr. Claudine Keenan, Dean, School of Education, Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9914.

*Please note that the above figures may not be inclusive of gifts in progress and may not reflect receipts of recent contributions through the online giving portal.*

*Thank you on behalf of AAUW-NJ and Stockton University!*

Sincerely,  
Peggy

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Above is a picture of the Cape May AAUW scholarship students from the Scholarship Recognition Ceremony on May 17 at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing.

This ceremony was attended by Sandy Harmon Weiss, Marga Matheny, Dottie Pearson and Karen Weis.

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## Membership Renewals

**Dues are due by June 20!**

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AAUW memberships run from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Dues remain unchanged from last year:

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

If you round up to a higher figure, that extra amount will be transferred to our scholarship account.

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

Where do your AAUW National Dues go?

- AAUW's It's MY Vote: I Will BE HEARD campaign to register women voters
- AAUW fellowships and grants of more than \$3.7 million to outstanding women nationwide for the 2015-2016 academic year
- AAUW's newest research report, Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership
- AAUW Work Smart program in Boston which will train 85,000 women in salary negotiations workshops by 2020
- AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund which pays for lawyers in Pay Equity cases, Sexual Assault cases in the Military and on College Campuses
- AAUW STEM programs such as our local Tech Trek, teentech, and Tween Tech
- AAUW Women's Leadership Training Conferences

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Teentech program at ACCC Mays Landing on June 2

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Many thanks to the following members who worked on the planning committee and volunteered on the day of the event: Maria Kellett, Dottie Pearson, Linda Harmon, Diana Intenzo, Carolyn Bassett, Karen Weis, Carol Zerbe, Gail Davis, Gail Zona, Claudine Keenan and Marion Ingram. And a special thanks to Mona Moore, our public relations chair, who spent the day taking photos and then sending articles to the newspapers.

This is the second teentech program for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students that we have done in South Jersey. We also did a Tween Tech program for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls at Stockton University last January and will be holding our second Tech Trek Camp at Stockton this July for 60 rising 8th grade girls including 35 from Cape May and Atlantic Counties. We do hope more new AAUW members will join us next year in providing STEM programs for our local girls.

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## TEENTECH 2016

article and photos by Mona Moore  
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Teentech 2016, a daylong program for girls in ninth, tenth and eleventh grades, was held June 2 at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing. The event was sponsored by the Atlantic and Cape May County chapters of the American Association of University Women.

About 65 girls participated from seven schools in the two counties.

Designed for girls interested in careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), the hands-on workshops included crime-scene investigation, TV production, drones, 3D printing, engineering, the science of cooking and medical training.

During lunch, the girls heard from a panel made up of local women in STEM careers, including Marie Kee, an aerospace engineer at the FAA Technical Center, and Nicole Aszman and Olivia Dunleavy, both engineers and supervisors at South Jersey Gas. The women discussed the hardships and the rewards of choosing nontraditional careers.

Maria Kellett, senior director of resource development at ACCC, announced that a grant from South Jersey Gas will fund a new ACCC scholarship to be awarded to one of the girls who attended this year's teentech. In addition to teentech, AAUW sponsored a similar daylong tweentech program for local sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls, held in January at Stockton University in Pomona.

Also, Tech Trek Camp, which is a weeklong residential program at Stockton, was held for the first time last July with 30 local eighth-grade girls attending. This year the program will serve 60 girls from all over the state including 35 from Atlantic and Cape May counties.

AAUW is a national organization whose primary mission is education for women and girls.



Girls work in ACCC's TV studio as part of a workshop called "You Should Be On TV"



John Heenan shows students how to make a plaster cast of a tire print and a footprint in a CSI-style workshop.



Lauren Costa, a student from Pilgrim Academy, practices using a stethoscope in the nursing lab.





State AAUW President Carol Cohen and member Gail Davis observe a "Science of Cooking" workshop.



Instructor Denise Petro shows students how to take pulses and use stethoscopes.



Local women with technological careers spoke about their experiences. From left, Marie Kee, an aeronautical engineer at FAA Tech Center, Nicole Aszman and Olivia Dunleavy, both engineers and supervisors at South Jersey Gas.



Maria Kellett of ACCC, on left, announces a new scholarship financed by a grant from South Jersey Gas will be available to one of the girls attending the event.

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

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm and are open to the public. The Women's Commission will not meet during the summer. The June meeting has been canceled.

### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW MEMBER

Randi Ziring

Interview by Carol Brill

Randi has lived in the Villas for three years and is neighbors with several AAUW members who encouraged her to join AAUW. (Helene, Kathy, Sue).

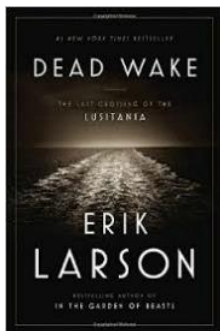
She and her husband moved here from Havertown, PA. She loves living in their "dream home" close to the bay and surrounded by nature.

Randi is a one-on-one teaching aid to children who are Autistic, or have Asperger's, or other mental challenges at Middle Township Middle School. She plans to retire after this school year. Randi always wanted to be a teacher. As a child, she put teachers on a pedestal, believing they "lived in a closet" and only came out to teach. As she got older, she was in awe of teachers, and didn't think she could ever know enough to teach. Her career took other directions, working in PR and advertising. At 55, she decided it was time to finally pursue teaching. She returned to school and earned her certification. Her experience taught her to believe and follow your dream.

After retirement, she looks forward to joining our book club and getting more involved in AAUW. She sees herself as someone who knows a little about a lot. She's eager to meet and learn from AAUW members who, she suspects like teachers, know a lot about many things. She looks forward to retirement giving her time to learn more about gardening, birding, and writing poems and short stories.

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## Evening PLLC Book Group



### Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

We will meet on **Wednesday, June 22**, 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.

## CMC ANNUAL PICNIC

### TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE



Our **annual picnic** will be held this year on Sunday, **June 26**, at the Cape May County Zoo! We have reserved Pavilion A which is near parking and bathrooms. Our picnic will officially begin at 1:00pm but we can start to set up at 12:15. As usual, please bring food to share and let Mary Jane ([shoresluggs@aol.com](mailto:shoresluggs@aol.com)) know if you are planning to attend **before June 23**. You can bring your own chair for more comfortable sitting than on a park bench.

In addition to the usual eating and catching up with each other, we will hold a brief meeting to select books for the daytime group next year.

There is a small charge for reserving the pavilion so we are asking each member to bring \$5 cash to put in the kitty. Any extra money will be donated to our scholarship fund.

**FAST FACTS - PICNIC JUNE 26, 1:00PM,  
PAVILLION A, CAPE MAY COUNTY ZOO, \$5 AND  
A COVERED DISH TO SHARE!**

## *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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Karen Weis

## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

June 2        Teentech at ACCC  
June 22       Evening Book Group  
June 26       Annual Picnic

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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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