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Newsletter September 2015

Co-President's Corner

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On September 17, at the Golden Inn in Avalon, we look forward to catching up with all of our members, both "old and new" to exchange news of our summer adventures and to plan for continuing and new projects which will support our mission. The social time will begin at 6 with the buffet dinner service beginning at 6:30. Our guest speaker will be our member Michelle Douglass who so ably led the effort to initiate and carry out the first Tech Trek in New Jersey. She will tell us about how the program succeeded and plans for expansion in 2016.

Gail Davis, member of Atlantic County AAUW and dual member of Cape May County May has asked for a volunteer from Cape May County AAUW to co-chair the Camper Selection Committee for Southern Jersey with her. Gail did this alone last year so she is experienced with the process. Many of us participated in interviewing in 2015 and this is an opportunity for you to become more involved this year and work with a wonderful woman. Please contact Gail atgdathh@me.com or 399-4027 if you would like more information or to volunteer.

On the Cape May front, Marga has graciously volunteered to act as Program Chair until we have a new Chair replacing Evelyn Lovitz who planned our programs for several years. Evelyn stepped down from this position following the lovely picnic in June. Please contact Marga for more information or to volunteer.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and we look forward to our new year.

TECH TREK 2015

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Public Policy In Action This Summer Through Tech Trek!

By Michelle J. Douglass, Esq., Director Tech Trek-NJ

AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through education could not have been put to better action this summer by the collaborative effort of the Atlantic and Cape May County Branches.
Tech Trek hosted at Stockton University in July was a huge success! For those of you who missed the posts to Facebook, you would have seen the daily photos of the campers, our Volunteers, the classes, the workshops and field trips.

Since 1998 AAUW Tech Trek camps have been designed to help girls continue their interests in science, math, engineering & technology (STEM) exploration and learning, through the tricky years when new distractions enter their lives. Studies have shown that girls' interests can be sustained if they are exposed to the careers available to women in science today. Tech Trek provides some of that exposure.
The girls and their families as well as the women who participated in the Professional Women's Night all had tremendously positive feedback here is just a sampling of comments.

What a night. The young ladies were wonderful. Dressed professionally and acted properly. I am so very proud to be apart of this program. The future will be a better place with them in it! Thank You —Joanne Imperatore

There are no words to describe how grateful we are. Thank you, Gina Roche

Hi Michelle-
Just wanted to thank you again for inviting me to participate in Tech Trek. I really enjoyed meeting the girls, they were an impressive group of young women. I just received the thank-you note they sent, that was very nice of them. You did an amazing job organizing this event, you should be very proud, I know it will have an impact on all participants well into the future- Nancy Mauro, P.E., Cape May County Engineering Dept.

I would just like to take the time out and thank you for letting me experience the Tech Trek program firsthand. I really enjoyed the program and I know that other girls will like it too.
Thank You,
Malini

Congratulations, Tech Trek-NJ. Photos show a successful week!—Marie Wolbach

Dear Alexis:
Please tell Michelle it was my pleasure to participate in such as a great program. Please let me know how I can help in the future!
Marie Hayes
Cape May County Freeholder

Ladies,

Just a quick note to tell you how great I thought the evening went last night. These young group of girls are so inspiriting; they are clearly exceptional young women. Their interest, enthusiasm and candor about who they are and what some of their dreams are left me awestruck. Thank you for allowing me to participate in the event, and I look forward to helping the next generation achieve, contribute to society, while they also find fulfillment in STEM fields.

Awesome work!! Michelle D. Reed

Best regards,
Barbara Prince
AAUW Freehold Branch, former Verizon Director, IT

Congrats on a job well done. California salutes you for all you learned and the fun you had!
Barbara Palmer

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. Mekkah had a WONDERFUL time. She showed our family her flashlight, lipgloss and the Apps. This was her very first time being away from home and this experience taught us both a lot. I hope you cont. the Tek Trek Prog. God bless you all. Terri Faulkner

I loved being a part of this amazing experience! I was impressed and inspired by all the girls! — Beth Stuehler Krawczuk

It was a pleasure to participate, I was inspired by these amazing young women!—Jenny Carleo

What a wonderful experience the girls had. Huge thanks to everyone that worked together and volunteered to afford these girls such a memorable experience! —Sandra Illi DeRitis

I am reaching out on behalf of Camp Director Michelle Douglas and Stockton University/AAUW liaison Claudine Keenan to request your assistance with providing volunteers for the 2016 Tech Trek program. In the summer of 2016, the camp will be held from July 17 to 23.

The pilot program of 2015 was a huge success! Last year's camp was (only) open to 30 girls from Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

With that in mind, the program will double in size and be extended to 60 girls. The program will be open to 8th grade girls throughout the state.

We need assistance in recruiting volunteers. We could use help in the following areas:

- Dorm Monitors
- Student Selections
- Safety
- Public Relations/Marketing/Media
- Supplies

Thank you for your help in the matter and we look forward to working with our AAUW members throughout the state to make next year's camp as successful as the first camp.

Please contact me directly, if you would like to volunteer!

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COLLEGE connection

Marion Ingram, College Connection Chair

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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

From **Judy Gatt** *in memory of* **Leota Zones**

From **Mary Ann Montemurro**

From **Maureen Enderle**

Maria Kellett and I shared a table at ACCC/ Cape May Campus on Tuesday August 11 for New Student Orientation Day. We were one of many tables in the cafeteria. We signed-up 15 new student AAUW e-members, met many parents and faculty members, and distributed our AAUW Branch brochures along with Second Chance Scholarship information.

We will again have an eMember sign-up table, during the Welcome Back Week when all the students return to campus. In addition we will host a Student Voter Registration Table on September 22, National Voter Registration Day. This year our AAUW eMembers will receive 4 AAUW e-Newsletters (2 each semester from National AAUW). Any Branch members wishing to volunteer with the College Connections Program this year, please contact Marion Ingram marion.ingram@comcast.net , 609-263-6402.

In addition, Atlantic Cape Community College is excited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Cape May Court House Campus (CMCC). Since 2005, CMCC has served as a pillar in the community by providing higher education in the southernmost part of our state as well as a place for individuals to come for career and personal support.

On Monday, October 12, from 2 pm to 6 pm CMCC will host a Community Day to commemorate their decade-long presence in Cape May Court House. The day will be full of excitement, celebration, fun and resources for all who attend. The day will also serve as an opportunity for AAUW CMC to attend as an exhibitor so that attendees get to know who we are as a community resource. I invite you to take part in what will be a great day for networking and supporting Atlantic Cape's efforts to further solidify relationships with the community. Any Branch members wishing to volunteer for Community Day, please contact Marion Ingram marion.ingram@comcast.net , 609-263-6402.

AAUW Cape May County members donated $261, with dues payments. Many thanks to our scholarship donors.

Sue Conrad
Mary Dudley
Maureen Enderle
Pat Ford-Roegner
Judy Gatt
Wilma Greisman
Sandy Harmon-Weis
Joan Husband
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Beverly Linn
Evelyn Lovitz
Audrey Moloney
Claire Moyer
Mary Jane Slugg
Lee Smythe
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June Tartala
June Waters
Barbara Wilson

Welcome Back Dinner

Thursday, September 17
6:00 pm
at Luigi's, Golden Inn
Oceanfront & 78th Street
Avalon, NJ

Please come & enjoy the buffet of soup, salad. chicken parmesan, penne ala vodka and seasonal vegetables. Dessert to follow.

Please send **$25 per person**, *payable to AAUW*:
Barbara Heinrichs
503 Whildam Avenue
North Cape May, NJ 08204

Checks must be received by **September 9**.

Sept 2015 Calendar
Please visit:
http://capemay-nj.aauw.net/calendar/

9/17 Welcome Back Dinner
9/17 Daytime Book Group
9/22 ACCC Voter Registration
9/23 Evening Book Group
10/5 Feminist Stories
10/12 ACCC CMCC Community Day

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"THIS FILM WILL HELP KEEP THE MOVEMENT MOVING"...Jacqui Ceballos *VETERAN FEMINISTS OF AMERICA*

"...ENTERTAINING, INSPIRING AND DELIVERED WITH JUST THE RIGHT TOUCHES OF INFORMATION, WARMTH AND GRACE. BRING THE KIDS! BRING THE MEN! BRING THE RELATIVES!"...Ellen Snortland *PASADENA WEEKLY*

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FEMINIST STORIES FROM WOMEN'S LIBERATION

DIRECTED AND EDITED BY
JENNIFER LEE

COMPOSER
ROBERT WAIT

"BORROWED TIME" AND "CAT FEVER"
By FANNY

DIGITAL COLORIST
GRAY MARSHALL

www.feministstories.com

You're invited to attend this great program!

Filmmaker Jennifer Lee will be flying in from California to show and discuss her film!

Leadership: Yesterday/Today/Tomorrow
NY/NJ WILD Program Continues!
Guest Speaker Jennifer Lee, Filmmaker

Film: "Feminist Stories from the Women's Liberation"

Theme: Focus on Feminism & Issues: Feminism & Pay Equity

See the Feminist Stories Website!

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, October 5, 2015

Film Screening & Discussions - 10:00 AM

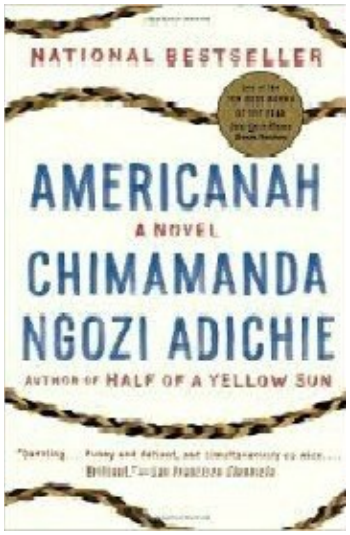
Georgian Court University
900 Lakewood Avenue
(for GPS: 517 Ninth Street)
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

More details to follow!

A list of participants wishing to attend is being created, on a first come, first serve, basis. Participation must be reserved in advance, by contacting Carol Cohen at: 732-995-4044 or via email at: carol.co312@gmail.com.

Structured as a personal journey of rediscovery by filmmaker Jennifer Lee, this documentary brings the momentous first decade of second wave feminism vividly to life. Its trajectory starts with the earliest stirrings in 1963 and ends with the movement's full blossoming in 1970-from the Presidential Commission's report on widespread discrimination against women and publication of Betty Friedan's Feminine Mystique up through radical feminists' takeover of the Statue of Liberty and Friedan's calls for a women's strike for equality. A wealth of period footage captures landmark events and the pivotal roles of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC), the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Redstockings, and other organizations. Thirty-five diverse interviewees, including rank-and-file activists along with well-known feminists Betty Friedan, Frances M.Beale, Gloria Steinem, Robin Morgan, Ti-Grace Atkinson, and others, share memories of the period as well as issues and challenges that still resonate today. A great introduction to Women's Studies and critical viewing for historians and academics interested in feminism, activism and the Women's Movement.

ACTIVITIES



The Daytime Book Group

will meet on

Tuesday, Sept 15, at Noon

at the home of

Joan Husband
115 E. Rambler Road
Wildwood Crest

to discuss

Americanah
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Please bring lunch and a drink.
Dessert will be provided.

Any questions, contact Mary Jane at 884-7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com

The Evening Book Group

Pot Luck Literature Club

will meet on

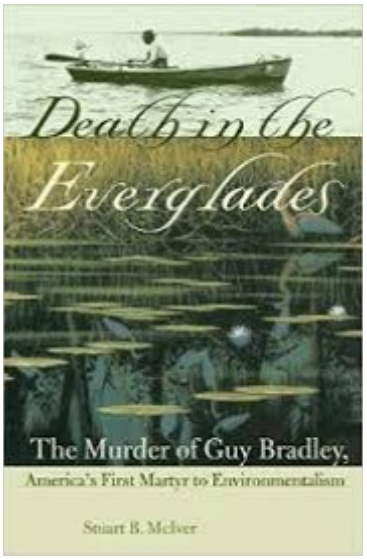
Wednesday, Sept 23, at 6:00

to discuss

Death in the Everglades
by Stuart B. McIver

Mulligan's Bar and Grille
310 Hildreth Avenue
Wildwood

We order dinner from the menu. We will order dinner from the menu. **Please RSVP to Mary Jane, by Sept 20,**
609-884-7041 shoresluggs@aol.com



IN MEMORIAM

Our long time member, Mildred Moore, died peacefully June 17, 2015. Mildred reached 99 years and 10 months making her our oldest member. Mildred joined the AAUW Cape May Branch July 1, 1980 made her a member of 35 years. Her membership manifests her belief in and longtime support of the AAUW mission and goals. Up until several years ago Mildred continued to be active in book group; and enjoyed monthly outings such as our ferry trip to Lewes, Delaware. Other members provided rides when she no longer had a car.

"When I arrived at Victoria Commons to pick up Mildred she was always ready in the lobby, dressed-up and ready to go."-Kathy Flynn

Mildred had a wide range of interests reflected in her trusteeship at the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society. Her Fascinating Fact in the picture membership book is:

"I love parades and history!"-Mildred

Mildred's commitment to our Branch was visible to everyone who knew her. During periods of falling membership she was known to remind members of the purpose and goals of AAUW, emphasizing the organization's inclusiveness of all women, and the importance of supporting education for young women.

"Mildred that membership in AAUW was importantly different than membership in other women's groups and she never let her membership expire even as she grew older."-Peggy Long

"When she came to book group she was very attentive. And, when she said something it was very thoughtful."-Mary Jane Slugg

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