



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 2017 Newsletter

50th ANNIVERSARY & WELCOME BACK DINNER

President's Corner

An event not to be missed!!

Welcome Back is a phrase you will hear throughout September. But Welcome For is also appropriate. Aren't we hoping for

Our 50th Anniversary & Welcome Back Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at the Avalon Links Restaurant at 1510 Route 9 North in Cape May Court House.

- Cooler weather
- Less traffic anytime of the week, not just weekdays
- Meeting AAUW friends we haven't seen over the summer

We will begin at 5:00pm with short reports and important information. Then comes the fun! We will have a display showing our 50 years of achievements. A trivia game will test your knowledge of our branch and bring back memories. A 50/50 raffle offers a chance to win cash and raise money for scholarships. And surprise! you can take away a souvenir. As well, someone will win the centerpiece on each table to conclude our celebration. The buffet begins at 6:00pm.

So Welcome Back to our 2017 - 2018 Branch year.

It will be a deluxe buffet including chicken piccata, oven-roasted turkey and broiled salmon with salad, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables and a personalized AAUW sheet cake for dessert.

We are going to celebrate our 50th anniversary with more than a dinner. A committee is working on a history of achievements and we have had fun pouring over old clippings, newsletters and pictures.

The cost is **\$30**

As the year unfolds programs and activities will be offered. STEM programs for girls at Atlantic Cape and Stockton are planned. And we continue with the College Connections program at Atlantic Cape.

Please make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to:

We Welcome your ideas and participation to make this an eventful and enjoyable year for all.

Barbara Heinrichs
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Karen Weis

Reservations must be received by September 28

No entrée choice is necessary with your payment.

STEM 2017 RECAP

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Tween Tech (girls 6th to 8th grade) was held at Stockton University on January 6 and Drew University on January 13. Despite the snowy weather, 230 girls attended Stockton on January 6 and each participated in 2 of the 20 workshops offered. Following the workshops, the students, their teachers, the workshop presenters and volunteers enjoyed lunch.

Teentech (girls 9th to 11th grade) was held at Stockton University on May 23. We had 272 girls attend who each participated in two of the 19 workshops. Thank you to the AAUW members from Atlantic and Cape May who volunteered to staff the Registration Desk and escort the girls to and from their workshops.

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

Thank you to all of our AAUW members who volunteered to make **Tech Trek 2017** the best ever. Beginning with Connie Blocher, Marion Ingram, Dottie Pearson and Suzanne Pelkaus who interviewed girls from Cape May County and continuing with the many of you who raised and contributed funds to make the camp happen, Marion Ingram who led up the collection of snacks which involved many of you, to Evelyn Lovitz and Randi Ziring who served as Dorm Mothers, to Carolyn Bassett, Connie Blocher, Peg Fraatz, Gail Davis, Linda Harmon, Marion Ingram, Lucy Jerue and Evelyn Lovitz who were Moderators for Professional Women's Night, and it goes without saying, Claudine Keenan and Ann Marchesani, who directed Tech Trek, thank you for making Tech Trek a wonderful experience for the 62 girls who attended from throughout New Jersey.

TECH TREK

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How can I express my joy and enthusiasm this 2017 Tech Trek as a dorm mom?

From the first night through to saying goodbye, it was an incredibly exhilarating and rewarding experience. The girls were delightful, enthusiastic and smart. I learned from them how to keep order and still be

"cool" in their eyes. I slept well, even though lights out (10:30) was way past my bedtime. They did their evening clean-up chores willingly and even made up their own shower schedule, so that everyone would get a shower each day.

During the day, when I wasn't on duty, I went to their classes and workshops which were all educational for me. And to watch them pick up concepts in a variety of disciplines was awe inspiring.

Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women

Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm and are open to the public.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 7, at 5:30pm in the second floor Conference Room of Crest Haven Nursing & Rehab Center in the County Complex.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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Photos by Deb Walker

The Cape May County Branch of AAUW was in attendance at New Students' Day on campus in Cape May Court House on August 8, 2017. President Barbara Gaba spoke to students

following an introduction by Dr. Tammy DeFranco. Vice President Mitchell Levy spoke at length of the opportunities for assistance provided by his office and staff. Several College/Campus organizations were represented and each table awarded gift-buckets/bags full of back-to-school items to students in a raffle after the initial program and introductions.

Marion Ingram, our outgoing College Connections adviser, was present as we signed on eleven girls for e-membership in AAUW. We expect to sign on more girls next month at Voter Registration Day (September 12th).

We were happy to learn that a woman, Maria Kellett, is the new Dean starting this Fall Semester of the Atlantic Cape Campus in Cape May Court House. We welcome her to her new role and wish her luck. She will be an invaluable asset in our efforts to support girls and women in their pursuit of college level degrees.

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Come Prepared to Participate in our **50/50 ticket fundraiser** at the Fall Welcome Back Dinner!

Tickets will be \$10 each, have fun and win some cash.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the AAUW *Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarship Fund*.

Dear AAUW Member of the Cape May County Chapter:

Congrats to all of us! **We now have 11 pledges of \$100 or more to Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarships. Won't you join us at this level or the level you can afford! We want**

to reach 20 pledges by the end of the 2017. (see the form at the end of this newsletter) **And we have an anonymous pledge to match the next 5 donors that sign up by December 2017.** **SO PLEASE HELP US DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

A few members have asked if they could contribute \$1000 and fulfill a lifetime pledge. That would be great too! We want to meet your goals in contributions as well. Some members said they could pledge \$50 for each year - that would be most welcome.

Each year we assist three to four women who have made their commitment to meet our requirements as a scholar at either Atlantic Cape Community College (Atlantic Cape) or a four-year college following Atlantic Cape.

Many of us have met our recipients and we have been so impressed with their determination and strength. And they are so appreciative of our modest support.

So my dear colleagues, as your fundraising chair, I am asking us to own our scholarships by pledging to give \$100, if possible, a year for 5 years.

Many of you contribute to our scholarship fund already, family members may want to contribute in your name for a special birthday, anniversary or event. This could count towards your pledge. So will you join our pledge effort by signing and sending back the form below?

Thank you for your consideration of this request! Remember your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law!

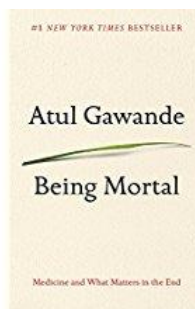
Sincerely, Pat Ford-Roegner



Mary Jane Slugg and Evelyn Lovitz will be painting a sunflower picture with Artist on the Rocks on **September 21**. The cost is \$25. If you would like to join us, go to: artistontherocks.com, click on schedule, and the Sept. calendar. Go to Sept. 21, the picture of a sunflower, click on it and follow the directions to register and pay.

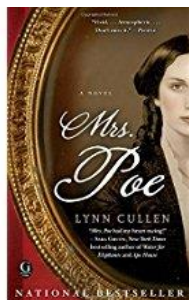
A list of the books we will be reading as they are chosen can be found on our website <http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>. Under the heading **Activities** on the home page, go to **Book Groups**.

Evening Book Group



Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

Daytime Book Club



Mrs. Poe by Lynn Cullen

We will meet on **Tuesday, September 19**, at **Bella Vida Garden Café**, 406 North Broadway in West Cape May at noon.

We will order from the menu and have separate checks.

We will be trying a new restaurant for our Wednesday, **September 27**, Evening Book Group. We will be at **Red Brick Ale House (formerly The Bayshore Inn)**, 3832 Bayshore Road, North Cape May at 6pm. The easiest way to find it is to head to the ferry and turn right on Bayshore. The restaurant is on the left side. Several members have eaten there and like the food. Management has agreed to separate checks.

Since this is a new venue, please contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609-884-7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com by **Monday, September 25**, if you will be coming.

We want to welcome our newest members:

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I am sad to report the death of our former Cape May County branch member, Janice Brown, of North Cape May. Janice passed away in July.

From your treasurer

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After collecting our dues for the next fiscal year, I would like to report our members added **\$151** extra with their payments. This amount has been transferred to our Scholarship account. Thanks to all who participated.

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 loving memory of their aunt, **June Tartala**, from the Bird Family of Broomall, PA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs, Sept 7	Women's Adv. Comm.
Tues, Sept 19	Daytime book club
Wed, Sept 27	Evening book group
Tues, Oct 3	50 th Anniversary & Welcome Back Dinner
Tues, Oct 17	Daytime book club
Wed, Oct 25	Evening book group

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KEEP OUR WEB ADDRESS HANDY

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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Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarships

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Please complete the following:

Your Name (as you would want it to appear in donor recognition)

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

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Send to Pat Ford-Roegner/Sue Laufer
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