



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.

DECEMBER 2017 Newsletter

President's Corner

I hope everyone has had a fulfilling Thanksgiving wherever you enjoyed my favorite meal of the whole year. Now it is time to move onto December. We start off with our Holiday Luncheon at the Lobster House. This is also an opportunity to sign up to provide items for the baskets that are raffled off at the Women's Resource Luncheon Fundraiser on May 20, 2018.

The traffic and crowds have subsided and the area prepares for winter mode after the holidays but that doesn't mean our branch activities are slowing down as well. The STEM day camps are scheduled and we are asking for volunteers. Some new activities are beginning as well. I would like those interested in cooking to join me in January to try our hands at Polpette, or Italian meatballs. However in Italy they are not always made with meat. If you would like to experiment, join me at my house on January 18 at 2pm and we'll make a few different versions.

Finally, National AAUW through the State organization has provided a list of compliance requirements for each branch.

We are reminded that the AAUW name belongs to the national organization and should not be shared with other organization or political candidates. Please review the following statement.

"Political Campaign Compliance: AAUW is a non-partisan organization and does not endorse any person running for office in a partisan campaign. Each member may support a candidate of their choosing, but neither the member nor the candidate can lend AAUW's name to the list of supporters."

Karen Weis

STEM 2018

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Tween Tech 2018 (girls 6th to 8th grade) will be held on January 5, 2018 at Stockton University.

Teentech (girls 9th-11th grade) will be held on May 23, 2018 at Atlantic Cape Community College's May's Landing campus. It will be for girls in Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

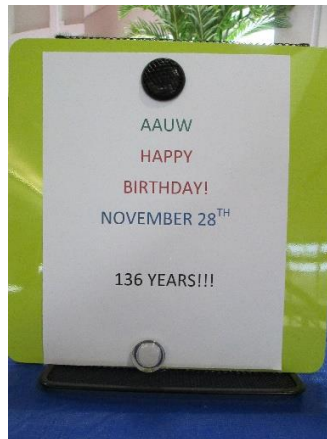
Tech Trek at Stockton University July 15 – 21, 2018

The Volunteer Form and more information can be found at <https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/volunteer/>

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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Photos by Debbie Walker



The AAUW, Cape May County Branch, volunteered to supervise and assist with the distribution of free healthy foodstuffs packaged and delivered by the local Community Food Bank. The boxes were delivered to the Cape May Court House campus of Atlantic Cape Community College by Food Bank personnel. Association members Ann Marchesani and Debbie Walker oversaw the signing for and receipt of boxes of food in time for the holiday season. Ann and Debbie coined the phrase "Thanksgiving Starter Kits" which encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunity. Twenty-five of fifty boxes of food were distributed on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017.

The AAUW display on the 2nd floor of the CMCH campus was updated to announce the 136th Birthday of the American Association of University Women.

Director of Student Services Dr. Tammy DeFranco and Dean Maria Kellett stopped by to say hello. We hope to see them at our Holiday Luncheon at the Lobster House on December 3.

STEM Team Report Dec 2017

Marisel Kolker
STEM Chair, AAUW-NJ

Tween Tech 2018

- Set for Friday, January 5th at Stockton
- Tween Tech is OVERbooked at 273 student participants. To keep class sizes low, we invite additional facilitators for 90-minute hands-on STEM workshops that repeat 9-10:30am and 11:30-1:00pm. Brunch is provided for all facilitators; please sign up online:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TweenTechFri6Jan2018>
- We are also welcoming additional AAUW volunteers to help welcome buses and walk girls to workshops. Contact Dottie Pearson pearson@princeton.edu to volunteer for any part or all of the day from 8:30am-2:00pm.

Teen Tech 2018

- May-June 2018
- Teen Tech is a highly successful one-day STEM workshop held on a college campus, for high school girls.
- Bloomfield College (north), Atlantic County Community College (south)

Tech Trek 2018

- Will be run in July 2018.
- Tech Trek is a highly successful summer camp program for rising 8th grade girls.
- Fundraising for this continues to be a challenge, as the camp is 96% funded by private and corporate donations.
 - **Please consider donating a portion of your branch's fundraised dollars to this camp for 2018.**
 - If you have a contact at a local or national business, please send that information to Ann Marchesani at annmarchesani@gmail.com

Challenges for 2018

- Current AAUW member volunteers are needed at all levels of the process
- Recruiting new AAUW members interested in STEM
- Engaging NJ National members (not in a branch)

Volunteers Needed

We need 17-20 volunteer escorts for Tween Tech at Stockton University on January 5. We currently have 12. You would lead a group of girls to a workshop in the morning and stay with them throughout the workshop. You would then lead them back to the Campus Center where lunch will be served before leading them to the second workshop. We will try to match you with the workshops of most interest to you. Please contact Dottie Pearson (pearson@princeton.edu) if you would like more information or to volunteer. Check with others who have volunteered and you'll discover it's a wonderful opportunity to learn about AAUW STEM programs and to meet other women. Thank you.

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

We will meet once a month with the hostess and view the movie chosen the previous meeting.

The December movie will be held at Sue Laufer's house, 5 Delaware Ave., Villas on **December 6th**. We will meet at 4pm and start viewing the movie **Selma** at 5pm.

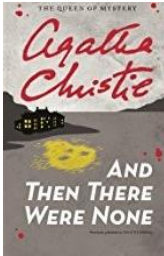
RSVP text to 973-879-1782 or email lauer5@comcast.net. Space is limited! If you plan to attend, please reply to Sue as soon as possible. Due to space constraints, there is a limit of 10 people.

Attention Readers

All books (day and evening) have been chosen for the 2017-18 year and are listed on our website <http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>. Under the heading **Activities** on the home page, go to **Book Groups**.

Barb Heinrichs has some extra copies of the January evening book, ***Sahara Unveiled***, to lend.

Daytime Book Club



**And Then There Were None
(Ten Little Indians)** by
Agatha Christie

We will meet on **Tuesday, December 19** at 12 noon at Crest Pier Community Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest (between Crocus & Heather). Please bring your lunch & beverage. Dessert will be provided.

Evening Book Group



Any book by Penelope Lively

We will meet on **Wednesday, December 27** at 6 pm at Mulligan's, 310 Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood at 6 p.m. 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.

*Learn to Knit
Groups Meet Weekly
at Each Others' Home*

Starting
February
2018



Email Me: RandiZiring@Ymail.com

With Your Choice Of Day And Time

Mornings 9:00 - 11:00

Mid-day 1:00 - 3:00

Late Afternoon 2:00 - 4:00

We want to welcome our newest members:

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Diane Smith

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Jeanne Sykes, a former member of AAUW, passed away October 25, 2017. Jeanne was a former Vice President of the branch and a school teacher for many years in Middle Township. She had a variety of interests but teaching was her passion. We will miss her.

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:

Margaret Corson
Mary Ann Montemurro in memory of
Carol Brill
Sandy Sieber
Deborah Walker

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Dec 3	Holiday Luncheon
Wed, Dec 6	Movie Night
Tues, Dec 19	Daytime book club
Wed, Dec 27	Evening book group
Tues, Jan 16	Daytime book club
Wed, Jan 24	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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