AAUW 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.

FEBRUARY 2018 Newsletter

President's Corner

Happy New Year to Everyone and congratulations for having survived the blizzard of 2018. Not much snow but the wind created drifts of 3 ft in my driveway. Due to the storm the Tween Tech workshop day at Stockton University was cancelled. It was quite a scramble at the last minute but the schools couldn't dig the buses out to transport the girls. We had some new programs in January, i.e., our first cooking class, and some continuing one, i.e., movie night. Also the visit to the historic house in Cape May included a guide in colonial dress. Look for some of the programs continuing in February. A travel presentation is on the calendar-check it out. If you need a ride please let Cat Cronin or Karen Weis know and we will try to get someone to pick you up. Remember it is time to deliver items for the baskets we donate at the Women's Resource Fund Raiser May 20th. See instructions in the newsletter. We will miss the snowbirds but come out and join the stayat-homes. We have fun, too.

Karen

TRAVELS IN ICELAND

An AAUW branch travel presentation on Iceland will be offered on Friday, February 16 at the Lower Township library. Presenters are Karen Weis and Charles Brussel. The presentation is from 1-2:30 pm in the Joseph Millman meeting room. Please let Karen know if you are coming (email 2xmailbird@gmail.com). The meeting will be open to the public so please make an early request to attend.

ITEMS FOR OUR RAFFLE BASKETS

Basket items are being collected in February and March. Please bring them to book group meetings, or contact Karen Weis at 2xmailbird@gmail.com for a pick up location. If you don't know what you signed up for let her know and she will email you your list. We are looking for more donations and cash would be very helpful if you don't want to shop yourself. If you donate by check, make it payable to Karen Weis.

STEM 2018

pearson@princeton.edu

Tween Tech 2018 (girls 6th to 8th grade) was scheduled for January 5 at Stockton University. Unfortunately, cyclone bomb storm Grayson forced cancellation.

Teentech (girls 9th-11th grade) will be held on Wednesday, May 23 from 8:30am to 2:30pm at Atlantic Cape Community College's May's Landing campus. It will be for girls in Atlantic and Cape May Counties. You can volunteer to escort girls to workshops via Dottie Pearson pearson@princeton.edu or (609) 898-4585. **Tech Trek** at Stockton University is July 15 - 21. We are still recruiting both campers and members to interview students who have been nominated and applied. You are also invited to volunteer for a day or as a Dorm Mom or just visit (but let us know you are coming).

The **Meet and Greet** will be at Stockton University in the campus center from 1 to 3pm on Saturday, May 12. You are invited to attend and welcome our new group of campers.

Professional Women's Night will be on Tuesday, July 17 for dinner. If you have a professional woman to nominate or if you wish to volunteer as a table moderator, contact Dottie Pearson.

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

Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women

Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of the month at 5:00pm and are open to the public.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 1, at 5:00pm in the second floor Conference Room of Crest Haven Nursing & Rehab Center in the County Complex.

So Close to the Finish Line of \$20,000: Who Will Step Up and Pledge?

For the first time in our history we have over \$18,000 in our Marion MacEwan 2nd Chance Scholarship Fund. Our fundraising goal is \$20,000 for this campaign, we are so close. Won't you join us?

Thank you to the 15 member pledgers who have made the 5 year commitment of \$100 per year or the lifetime commitment of \$1000. We will work with you whichever way you want to go! We thank our anonymous donor who matched the 5 new donors who pledged at the end of 2017. CMCC is so lucky to have all of you.

This campaign with its \$20,000 goal enables the AAUW-CMCC Board to consider increasing the number of scholarships or upping the amount given per year. It helps Sue and I in our outreach to businesses to demonstrate our members own these scholarships and the support of the women who get them.

Our second goal was having 20 members pledge. We stand at 15. Will you join us? Please let me know, I await your email. Mine is <u>pfrvalley@gmail.com</u>

These contributions to our C-3 organization are tax deductible to the full extent of the law as it now stands.

Thank you all! Pat Ford-Roegner Co-chair Fundraising and Board Member

Learn To Knit Starting February Groups Meet Weekly 2018 At Each Others' Home

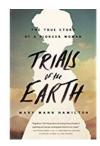


Email Me: RandiZiring@Ymail.com With Your Choice Of Day And Time Mornings 9:00 - 11:00 Mid-day 1:00 - 3:00 Zate Afternoon 2:00-4:00

Attention Readers

All books (day and evening) have been chosen for 2018 and are listed on our website <u>http://capemay-nj.aauw.net</u>. Under the heading **Activities** on the home page, go to **Book Groups**.

Daytime Book Club



Trials of the Earth by Mary Mann Hamilton

We will meet on **Tuesday, February 20** 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



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The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore

We will meet on **Wednesday, February 28** at 6 pm at Mulligan's, 310 Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood. We will discuss the book after ordering dinner.

Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609-884-7041 or <u>shoresluggs@aol.com</u> to let her know you are coming.

We want to welcome our newest member:

Mary Turner 12 Fernwood Road Cape May, NJ 08204 Phone (609) 854-3208 Email: lpt44@yahoo.com

Tip from your Treasurer

National AAUW dues will be increased by \$10 for the July 2018-June 2019 year. If you know someone thinking of joining our branch, they can still join after March 15 for \$69 which includes March 15, 2018 through June 30, 2019 membership.

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: Judith A. Gatt Jim Tartala in honor of June Tartala Karen Weis

Sturdy Savings Bank, Cape May Court House

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs, Feb 1	Women's Advisory Commission
Thurs, Feb 7	Board Meeting
Fri, Feb 16	Iceland travel
Tues, Feb 20	presentation Daytime book club
Wed, Feb 28	Evening book group
Tues, March 20	Daytime book club
Wed, March 28	Evening book group
Tues, April 17	Daytime book club
Wed, April 25	Evening book group

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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 <u>Members Only</u> call: Mary Jane Slugg 884-7041 or Barbara Heinrichs 889-1647 and we will give you the password! President Karen Weis

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