



# 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 2018 Newsletter

### President's Corner

It is hard for me to believe but the end of our AAUW year is fast approaching. We did a lot and accomplished a lot. My thanks to all the members who contributed on committees, with donations to scholarships, carpool drivers, donations to baskets and the more that you all do. But, we still have activities for June. Details on the picnic June 19th are in the newsletter. Please read the directions to Kathy's house carefully. The Cape May Stage season is on and there is a pay what you wish opportunity to see a play at the theater. And, dues for next year are due this month. Please send them in after you read Barb Heinrichs explanation on the new dues amount.

#### Teentech



The Lower Cape Regional High School group (part of the group as there were two tables). Our member Kathy Ghanavati brought 3 tables of girls with another teacher

to Teentech from Ocean City High School. The girls I spoke to really enjoyed the workshops. And a shout out to the volunteers who, along with Atlantic Cape Community College, did a great job in making everything run smoothly.

Karen

### DUES for our next Fiscal Year [bheinrichs46@earthlink.net](mailto:bheinrichs46@earthlink.net)

It's time for me to collect your dues for the next AAUW fiscal year which runs July 1 through June 30, 2019. National AAUW voted to increase their dues by \$10 for the next fiscal year.

DEADLINE for receipt of dues is **June 22**.

National, State and local dues: **\$79**

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

The Cape May Branch does not participate in the credit card payment system online through the National AAUW website. Dual members from Atlantic County should mail me a check for \$10 made payable to AAUW.

If you are not renewing for any reason, we will be sorry to lose you. Just let me know and I'll take you off the reminder list.

FOR DUAL MEMBERSHIP TO ANOTHER CHAPTER

If you are a primary member of Cape May County and wish to renew your dual membership with Atlantic County, you can use their online payment system (aauw.org) or mail a check for \$10 made payable to AAUW to Beverly Schechtman.

If you wish to join the Atlantic County chapter as a dual member for the first time, contact Lynne Walters at [rrwalters321@hotmail.com](mailto:rrwalters321@hotmail.com) or phone (609) 343-0131 for an application.

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## CAPE MAY COUNTY

### ANNUAL PICNIC JUNE 19!

It is our pleasure to host the annual AAUW picnic on 6/19/18 at 12:00. We will be serving shrimp rolls, spanakopita, tofurkey, coffee and tea. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you are coming, please phone or email me at 609-548-0588 or [catbirdflynn@comcast.net](mailto:catbirdflynn@comcast.net). Thanks.

Since parking is limited, we have arranged for you to park your car at the Dennisville municipal complex and we will shuttle everyone to our home and back. It is a very short distance. The address is:

Dennis Township Municipal Complex  
571 Petersburg Road

Park in visitor area along the tree line. Directions are easy. Rt 47 to Rt 610 (Petersburg Road). Through the town, over the RR tracks and the Municipal Complex is in the right.

Hope to see all of you,  
Kathy and John Flynn

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## THEATER OUTING

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We have an event planned for **Sunday, June 10** at the Cape May Stage.

The play is "At Wit's End" by Erma Bombeck. This is a "pay what you wish" at 3pm. Please arrive by 2:15 if you are attending.

Cape May Stage is on the corner of Bank and Lafayette Streets in Cape May.

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## AAUW recognized in ACCC Donor Reception

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Photo by Karen Weis

Atlantic Cape Community College held their Scholarship Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, beginning in their new Student Center. The Ceremony held in the Gymnasium recognized AAUW Cape May County for its three Marian MacEwan Second Chance Scholarships as represented by President Karen Weis and Scholarship Chair, Sandy Sieber.

We were seated with two of the three recipients and had an opportunity to talk with them. The three recipients were: Angelia Montello, Holly Righter and Madeline (Maddie) Smock. Holly is from Wildwood, is currently licensed practical nurse and is studying to become a registered nurse. Maddie, from Seaville, is studying at Shore

Medical Center's School for Radiologic Technology and expects to graduate this year.

The recipients will be invited to future branch events and look to meeting other branch members and expressing their appreciation for the scholarships.

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## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

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The Cape May County Branch of AAUW has championed Women's issues with invitations to participate in AAUW as advocates and registered voters. Nineteen student members have signed up as AAUW e-student affiliates from the Atlantic Cape Community College campus since August 2017. They will continue to receive monthly newsletters from National Headquarters and regular Action Network news on current legislation that provides direct links to our local New Jersey legislators.

Our student members have been exposed, through our presence on campus, to the history of the women who have provided us with role models in the American past. We hope that our members enjoy their summer and we will see them again on New Students Day, August 8, 2018.



Photo by Linda Harmon

## Teentech

Thank you to teentech volunteers!

A Big Thank You to: Marge Coach, Terry Dailey, Christine Dewaghe, Linda Harmon, E. Marie Hayes, Marion Ingram, Claudine Keenan, Ann Marchesani, Audrey Owen, Maria Torres, Debbie Walker, Lynne Walters, Karen Weis and Kathy Zeigenfus who stuffed bags, greeted buses, staffed the Registration Desk, guided girls to their workshops and back to the gym, gave directions, helped with lunch and evaluations and made the day possible.

Dottie Pearson

## Atlantic Cape Hosts STEM Careers Event for Teen Girls on May 23

Amanda McCullough [amccullo@atlantic.edu](mailto:amccullo@atlantic.edu)

More than 100 visiting high school students spent a full day in hands-on, science-based workshops during the second Teentech event to be held at Atlantic Cape Community College on May 23.

The event, sponsored by the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) Cape May and Atlantic County branches, South Jersey Industries and the Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation, was aimed at encouraging young women in grades 9-11 to further their education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Jobs in the STEM fields are among the fastest growing, and generally have higher salaries than jobs traditionally held by women.

Teentech featured a series of laboratory, engineering and math workshops that attendees could choose from based on their interests, including food science, media studies, nursing, drones and more.

As part of the day, a panelist of women in STEM careers addressed participants over lunch. Speakers were Dr. Christina Young, project lead and industrial engineer of Modeling and Simulation Branch at the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center; Kim

Gabel, staff engineer of the new business and compliance design department of South Jersey Gas; and Nicole Aszman, manager of system planning at South Jersey Gas. Atlantic Cape nursing student Zoya Khan of Egg Harbor Township and recent graduate Merna Gerges of Mays Landing also spoke to students.

According to Karen Brown, AAUW NJ's project coordinator for Teentech, "There are many reasons women are still underrepresented in STEM careers, but AAUW research shows that one way this can be changed is by actively countering stereotypes. AAUW NJ organizes events such as Teentech to give girls the chance to experience success in a college setting. We want young women to get on an educational path that will empower them to take full advantage of lucrative, exciting, fulfilling technology careers. We know companies want to hire more women, and hire locally, so we're helping the young women to be prepared. AAUW NJ is grateful to Atlantic Cape Community College for bringing this opportunity to the young women in their counties."

Ravi Manimaran, dean of STEM programs at Atlantic Cape, said the theme of the workshop activities led by college faculty and the lunch panel discussion spearheaded by women scientists and engineers mirrors the quote by Sally Ride, the first American woman in space: "Young girls need to see role models in whatever careers they may choose, just so they can picture themselves doing those jobs someday. You can't be what you can't see."

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## TECH TREK

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**Tech Trek** will be held at Stockton University from Sunday, July 15 through Saturday July 21. Ten girls were nominated from Cape May

County Schools (Avalon, Cape Trinity Catholic, Crest Memorial, Dennis Township, Lower Township, Margaret Mace, Middle Township, Ocean City, Wildwood and Woodbine). All ten girls followed through with applications and interviews. Interviewers were Connie Blocher, Kathy Ghanavati, Marion Ingram, Dottie Pearson, Suzanne Pelkaus, Mary Jane Slugg and Karen Weis. We were allocated 5 slots based on the number of girls who applied statewide. Marion Ingram, Ann Marchesani and Randi Ziring are chairing the Fund Raising Committee and are writing grant proposals. We have a \$2000 shortfall and we will need funding to commit to holding Tech Trek in 2019. Evelyn Lovitz is working on securing volunteers, supply lists and field trips. Contact Evelyn if you'd like to volunteer for a day or as a Dorm Mom or just a visit (but let her know you are coming).

**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/>

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## TECH TREK CAMP Fundraising

We have been very busy writing grant proposals for camp during the past three months, now is the time for us to move on to Branch Donations and Community Donations from our local banks, businesses, and community organizations. Can you volunteer a little of your time to help us raise the \$1,500 it costs for each of our Cape May County girls attending our camp at Stockton this July?

Please contact:

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Co-chairs Tech Trek Camp Fundraising

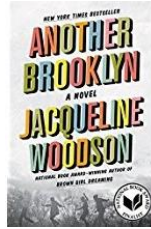
**TECH TREK CAMP Snack Drive**  
[marion.ingram@comcast.net](mailto:marion.ingram@comcast.net)

We need help to call on the grocery stores the last week of June and the first two weeks of July for snack donations for our camp. This is an easy way for new members to get involved since it only takes an hour or so of your time. We give you a cover letter and a copy of our tax number, you explain our camp to the manager and he/she gives you a gift card to shop for the needed snacks. I will have the copies available at our AAUW Picnic. Be sure to get the address of the store and the managers name so we can send them a Thank You note. The collected snacks can be dropped off at the homes of Evelyn Lovitz 1012 Cape May Avenue, Cape May; Marion Ingram 213 S. Commonwealth Ave., Strathmere; or Gail Davis 3045 Bay Ave, Ocean City to be transported to camp. I am also looking for someone to replace me as chair of this Camp Snack Drive this year. If you are interested, please call me at 263-6402 or email me at [marion.ingram@comcast.net](mailto:marion.ingram@comcast.net)

IT IS ONLY A *TWO WEEK*  
COORDINATING JOB BY COMPUTER A  
GREAT WAY FOR NEW MEMBERS TO  
MEET OTHER MEMBERS!

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**Evening Book Group**



**Another Brooklyn** by  
Jacqueline Woodson

We will meet on **Wednesday, June 27** 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 [shoresluggs@aol.com](mailto:shoresluggs@aol.com) to let her know you are coming.

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**Arlette Michaelis**

Arlette Michaelis, a former member of our branch, passed away May 13, 2018 at her home. She was 93 years old. Arlette grew up in Belgium during World War II. She had an eventful life; I loved hearing her stories about teasing the German soldiers and taking Jewish children to save places to hide them. She came to the USA as a bride of Lansing Michaelis. Both worked at Sabena Airlines at the time. She resided in South Dennis for over 50 years, taught at Avalon Elementary School, and entertained anyone who knew her. She had a song for every occasion, kept in contact with former students and enjoyed her family and friends. She will be missed by those fortunate to have known her.

Karen

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**NEW EMAIL**

NOTE: Chris Rohrman has a new email address: [crohrman39@gmail.com](mailto:crohrman39@gmail.com)

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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

### Acknowledgements:

Marion Ingram in Memory of all our Mothers  
and Grandmothers

Raffle participants at our Annual Meeting at  
Avalon Links

## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sun, June 10	Cape May Stage
Tues, June 19	CMC Annual Picnic
Wed, June 27	Evening book club

Sunday, July 15 thru Saturday, July 21  
Tech Trek

<http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>

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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