



## 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.

### APRIL 2019 Newsletter

#### President's Corner

Happy April to everyone. I am sure thoughts of spring, gardens, and shedding down jackets and coats are on everyone's mind. And welcome back to the snowbirds that drifted south for the winter that wasn't. March has been a busy month with meetings of both daytime and evening book groups. The Code Girls discussion was led by Sandy Sieber. In addition, Cat Cronin related stories of her mother who was a Code Girl herself during World War II. The evening group hosted a group of many and the discussion of the book was led by Chuck Slugg. Thanks to all the participants.

The month ended with a program at the Cold Spring Brewery where Jim Stephens provided a history of the Village as well as the story of how a dissembled barn from Upper Township was moved and remade, boards and beams, to its place at Cold Spring Village. Several glasses of beer and sarsaparilla made the program authentic and the establishment of the brewery was explained as well.

In April the program is an outing to the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve on April 25. See the link [bhwp.org](http://bhwp.org) If you are interested in going with the group call Chris Dewaghe at 215-805-4847 or Karen Weis to sign up. We need to know if you are coming as we will car pool to Bowman's Hill Preserve.

Looking ahead – the Women's Resource Luncheon fundraiser is in June this year. Please put June 9 on your calendar. Also the Picnic/Annual Meeting will be at the zoo in one of the pavilions again this year. The date will coincide with the monthly book discussion date of the third Tuesday of June.

Karen Weis

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Our group seated in the Cold Spring Brewery barn listening to Jim Stephens tell the story of Cold Spring Village and the barn.

## STEM

Gail Davis [ghdath@comcast.net](mailto:ghdath@comcast.net)

We still need 4-5 escort volunteers for Teen tech at Stockton on Wed. May 29 from 8:30-2:30. Please contact me ([ghdath@comcast.net](mailto:ghdath@comcast.net)) if you'd like to help. It's always fun, you'll learn something and lunch is provided.

I'd like to thank Lory Golden for serving as the county chair for Atlantic County Tech Trek Selection. Volunteers who interviewed 11 applicants were: Lory, Kathy Ghanavanti, Marge Coach, Arlene Groch, Shelly Myers, Ann Carson, Virginia Rettig, Carol Zerbe, Kathy Zeigenfus and me. Thank you all. Thank you Mary Rydzewski for reading all the essays 'Blind'. I believe this is her 3rd year doing this.

**Dottie Pearson** [pearson@princeton.edu](mailto:pearson@princeton.edu)

Cape May County had 9 nominations from 9 schools for Tech Trek Camp. Karen Weis and Chris Dewaghe interviewed 3 of the applicants, Marion Ingram and Suzanne Pelkus interviewed 3, and Connie Blocher and Dottie Pearson interviewed 3. We are in the process of sending the results of our interviews to the Tech Trek selection team. Thanks to all for the time and thoughtful effort involved.

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### SEEKING 2 FUNDRAISING GURUS to JOIN US!

Sue Laufer and I are seeking two new or not so new members to work with us on the CMCC-AAUW fundraising committee. After 5 years one needs fresh and new ideas and new walking shoes.

Fundraising is a way to meet great people who want to help our community, try out creative ideas and find out who follows through in their support.

If you would like to join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the 2018-2019 year (ends with the picnic in June) please send us an email or give us a

call. We also plan an event for the September fall meeting.

It's fun and exciting work which has allowed us to increase our scholarship amount and find additional money for STEM.

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### TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST

Suzanne Pelkaus

National AAUW headquarters wants our members to be aware of the AAUW Action Network.

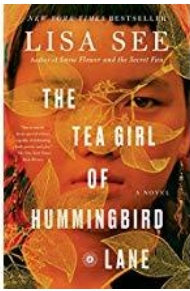
Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). Then on the left click on What We Do, then Public Policy then Two-Minute Activist. This is an easy way to advocate on issues that are important to AAUW. Once signed up you will be notified about issues by e mail with a button to click to automatically notify our legislators. By zip code, the prepared message goes to the correct legislator. The message is automatic and has additional space to personalize it if desired. It is fast and simple to support advocacy issues and be kept totally informed.

To sign up for text message advocacy, text AAUW to phone number 21333.

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READERS NOTE – Books for the Daytime and Evening meetings for April through June are posted on our website under Activities - Book Groups

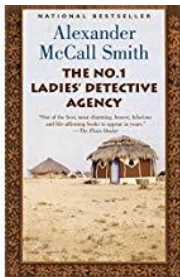
## Daytime Book Club



**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** by Lisa See

We will meet on **Tuesday, April 16** 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



**The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency** by Alexander McCall Smith

We will meet on **Wednesday, April 24** at 6 pm at Mulligan's Shore Bar & Grill, 310 West Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood. 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.

## EVENT CALENDAR

for April, May & June

**April 25, departure time to be announced:** Tour of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve located in New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania in the Pidcock Creek Valley.

The Preserve contains over 700 native plants on 134 acres. There are 4 and 1/2 miles of trails. The Preserve was created in the 1930's in part by vision of Mary K. Parry who was then Chairman of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs. The Parry trail which is a beautiful trail of Bluebells is named for her. The guided two hour tour will include walking on trails that are mostly easy walking on mulch but are not meant for wheelchairs though visitor center and few concrete trails are available. Lunch will be arranged by reservation at Bowman Hill Tavern which is nearby. Two car pools have been arranged with space for 3 people in each car. If more people are interested, we will ask for additional drivers. **Reservations are necessary.** Please phone or text Chris Dewaghe at (215) 805-4847 if you would like to go. The guided tour is limited to 10 people.

**May:** Tour of the *New Jersey Aquaculture Innovation Center* at *Rutgers University (AIC)* 3920 Bayshore Road *Cape May*. The tour is coordinated by member Eleanor Bochenek. Date and time will be announced as we get closer to the month of May.

**June 9: Hats Off luncheon fundraiser** with Women's Resource Fund at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. Invitations will go out in May. This is our Scholarship Fundraiser for the scholarships we award yearly.

## 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:  
Barbara Heinrichs  
Sandy Sieber

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, April 16	Daytime Book Club
Wed, April 24	Evening Book Group
Thurs, April 25	Bowman's Hill Walk
Tues, May 21	Daytime Book Club
Wed, May 22	Evening Book Group
Sun, June 9	Hats Off Luncheon
Tues, June 18	Annual picnic
Wed, June 26	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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