AAU 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 2019 Newsletter

President's Corner

June is here and we are approaching the end of our official AAUW year 2018-2019. Many thanks to all members who have served on the Board, volunteers at the STEM workshops at Stockton University, and on and on. You are all marvelous and an inspiration to everyone, especially myself. But we are not done yet! The Annual Picnic is coming up June 18. See details in the newsletter—thanks to Cat Cronin and Mary Jane Slugg for planning the event. And there is a final Evening Book group on June 26.

The TeenTech program at Stockton University saw just about 100 high school girls from schools in Atlantic and Cape May counties participate in workshops, one in the morning and one after lunch. Not only did the AAUW volunteers walk the girls from class to class but we had an opportunity to talk with some teachers about the growth of STEM school programs in our two counties. I am impressed with the progress made in the last several years and many of you have been supporters and volunteers throughout the year. Thank you all.

We had an informative visit to the Rutgers Cape Shore Laboratory (Oyster Research Center) in Middle Township May 31st. Given we had a beautiful day with a breeze (no bugs) we were able to also visit one of the Oyster Farms as well. Eleanor Bochenek, a member and fishing research scientist, and Lisa Calvo, a marine scientist and oyster farmer, gave us a great tour of the farm and research facility. We have wonderful natural resources here in Cape May County. It is a pleasure to delve into the treasures in our area, some of which are hidden in woods and marshes that surround us. There are a few pictures in the newsletter.

In May, we met our scholarship students at Atlantic Cape Community College at the award recognition ceremony at the Mays Landing campus. See the article and picture in the newsletter.

Finally, I hope to see many of you and some new faces at the beginning of our new year that will begin in September. Have a great summer!

Karen Weis



OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

This year our AAUW Cape May County Annual Picnic will be back at the **Cape May County Park and Zoo** on Route 9 in Cape May Court House. We have reserved **Pavilion 6** (near the rest rooms) on **Tuesday, June 18**. Expect to arrive about noon. We will begin eating at 12:30. The pavilion needs to be cleaned up afterwards and we need to be out by 3 pm. Mary Jane Slugg will supply paper products. Barb Heinrichs will bring some water, lemonade and iced tea. Everyone should bring a dish large enough to share.

The pavilion includes 4 tables with benches but that probably won't be enough so please bring a folding chair just in case. Also, any card tables or folding tables would be useful.

If you have read any good books recently that would be appropriate for our book groups, write down the title and author and give to Connie Blocher or Mary Jane Slugg.

Barb Heinrichs will be at the picnic collecting any dues checks.

MOVIE AFTERNOON

This month's Movie Afternoon will be held Monday, June 10th at Evelyn Lovitz's house at 4pm. The movie is *The Bletchley Circle*. Call or email Evelyn if you plan on coming. Snacks are appreciated.

Editor's Note: In the May newsletter, we wish to point out the information on the State Annual Meeting was gathered by Debbie Walker and Carolyn Bassett with their added comments.

> FROM YOUR TREASUREER bheinrichs46@earthlink.net

Dues are due before **June 17**. July 1 starts our next fiscal year.

National AAUW has completely revised their system of collecting dues for the July 2019-June 2020 year. Members are encouraged to renew their membership on-line. Paying the treasurer by mail with a check, of course, is still an option. Each member should have received an individual, personalized dues notice via email from aauw.org. with a link to renew your dues with a credit card or check if you so choose. When entering your credit card, eliminate the spaces between the groups of numbers.

Dues remain the same as last year for Cape May County members: \$79 for National, State and our local chapter.

If you are not renewing for any reason, please let me know and I will take you off the reminder list.

ACCC Scholarship Ceremony

Co-Presidents Karen Weis and Chris Rohrman, and Scholarship Chair Sandy Sieber, attended Atlantic Cape Community College's 52nd Annual Scholarship Recognition Ceremony on May 21, 2019. Our Branch was thanked by President Barbara Gabba and the Atlantic Cape Foundation. We had the opportunity to meet two of our three recipients.



Judith Lund (pictured on the right) is a returning scholar to Atlantic Cape Community College after a long hiatus. She has spent the last 30 years raising a family and working on fishing boats -- the Sea Star and the Miss Chris--out of Cape May. She is taking courses to become a Para Legal and received a second scholarship from the Paralegal Studies Club as well as our scholarship. She lives in Erma in her childhood home. With grown children, one attending Atlantic Cape also, she found herself in the same class as her daughter last semester.

Philicia London (pictured second from left) is studying nursing. She is also very interested in radiology. This scholarship will help reduce her future educational debt.

The third scholarship was awarded to Felicia Wickham.

PICTURES FROM OUR VISIT TO THE OYSTER RESEARCH CENTER



Lisa sorting oysters



Learning how to grow oysters



Shack which was the original research facility

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 2nd 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.

Pat Ford Roegner 703-216-3008 pfrvalley@gmail.com Sue Laufer laufer5@comcast.net

Evening Book Group



The Dinner by Herman Koch

We will meet on **Wednesday, June 26** 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

June 9: **Hats Off luncheon fundraiser** with Women's Resource Fund at the Grand Hotel in Cape May.

June 10 – Movie Afternoon

June 18 Our Cape May County Branch annual picnic at the zoo.

June 26 Evening Book Group

NJ AAUW trip to Seneca Falls, NY September 19-20

Cat Cronin is interested in going on this trip. Please contact her if you would like to carpool to Forked River and share a room the night before the trip. Details of the trip follow.



AAUW of New Jersey Goes to Seneca Falls, New York... Thursday and Friday September 19-20, 2019 **Coordinated by Central District**

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The Seneca Falls Convention was the first women's rights convention. It advertised itself as "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman". Held in Seneca Falls, NY. This was at the forefront of the Women's Movement and Women's Suffrage...

We will visit the * Historic National Park Site, *The Women's Hall of Fame, * The Home of Harriet Tubman one of our American Abolitionist in nearby Auburn, and a Finger Lake Winery.

AAUW-NJ will travel from NJ by Bus with Three Stops within our State... 9/19 1. Ocean County Forked River Service Area GSP mile 76 at 7:00 am 2. Monmouth County Service Area GSP mile 99 at 7:30 am and 3. Union County Vauxhall Service Area GSP mile 142 at 8:30 am linking with I-78 W and I-81 N towards Seneca Falls our destination. Breakfast-Bagels and water on Bus. Lunch-TBA individual expense. Our over-night stay would be at Ramada Plaza in Geneva. Double Rooms will be available serving two per room. Dinner-TBA individual expense. 9/20 Breakfast included at Hotel. Lunch with Wine tasting included. Homeward bound New Jersey.



The Total Cost is \$198.00 Immediate Commitment Payable to AAUW-NJ... ASAP Limited Availability-Send Checks and Information to Patricia Baroska 2 Wisteria Pl. Howell NJ 07731 A DONATION WILL GO TO AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust

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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: Mary Conley Marge Corson Pat Ford-Roegner Pat Quinn

Movie Group

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, June 9	Hats Off Luncheon
Mon, June 10	Movie Afternoon
Tues, June 18	Annual picnic
Wed, June 26	Evening Book Group

July 21-27 Tech Trek Camp at Stockton Univ.

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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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