



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.

NOVEMBER 2019 Newsletter

President's Corner

October was the host month for our Welcome Back Dinner at Aleathea's in Cape May City. It was wonderful to see so many members together again. Both book groups produced much lively discussion—thank you to Connie and Mary Jane for selecting the books and Connie for leading both groups. Now we are into November and the beginning of OUR season at the shore. Less traffic, cooler days and nights, and meters turned off in most towns.

November begins with a Poet-Luncheon with Meredith Trede, one of our members who is a published poet. Please see the details in the newsletter and let me know if you plan on coming. Then, the scholarship fundraiser for Atlantic Cape Community College, or the WOW Luncheon takes place on Nov. 14. A few messages have reached you. There still is time to register by Nov. 1.

And, if November is here, December is coming. Our holiday luncheon is December 15 at 1pm at the Lobster House. Meal choices are included in the newsletter so now is the time to put the date on your calendar if you have already done so. Again, spouses and friends are invited. Baskets will be available for auction as well as a 50/50; all for scholarships supporting students at Atlantic Cape Community College. Your generosity is always –well – generous! I hope to have the Hats Off! Women's Resource Luncheon fundraiser basket list for everyone to peruse. So lists will

circulate as you have experienced in the past. A big thank you to everyone who participates.

Karen



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Our Cape May County AAUW holiday luncheon will be held on **Sunday, December 15 at 1pm at the Lobster House** in Cape May.

Members, spouses and friends are invited to attend this event.

Entrée choices are Shrimp Stuffed with Crabmeat, Broiled Flounder or Chicken Francaise.

The cost is **\$32** which includes salad, entrée, vegetable, potato, dessert and coffee, tea or iced tea. Please make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to **Barbara Heinrichs**, 503 Whildam Avenue, North Cape May, NJ 08204 before **December 7**. Kindly write your **entrée choice** on the memo line of your check.

It will be open seating. Hope you can join us. Don't miss a great time!

Please assist us in keeping our fundraising momentum going!

We hope to have several holiday baskets to bid on at \$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$20. And we're holding a 50/50 opportunity.

We will have another lovely floral arrangement from *Petals* to bid on as well.

If you raise a donation such as the floral arrangement or gift certificate you will receive one 50/50 ticket!

This is a major fundraising event in addition to our joint event with the Women's Resource Center in April and our very generous pledge donors.

POETRY LUNCHEON

On November 6 we are having a Poetry Luncheon with member Meredith Trede. We are meeting at noon at Castaways Café in the private room. Lunch will be ordered off the menu. Meredith will pick poems based on your input regarding subjects you would like to hear about. Please email her with your thoughts at mtrede@meredithtrede.com.

Castaways Café is located 301 Bayshore Rd, Villas, NJ on the corner of Bayshore and Florida. Please Karen Weis if you plan on coming. Meredith has indicated that guests and spouses are welcome to attend.

NJ AAUW TRIP TO SENECA FALLS

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AAUW of New Jersey members went on an overnight bus trip to Seneca Falls NY on September 19. We visited the site of the Seneca Falls Convention, the first women's rights convention. The lobby displays life size bronze statues of the following organizers: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Mary Ann MClintock, Martha Wright, Jane Hunt, Frederick Douglas, James Mott, Thomas MClintock, and Richard Hunt.

This convention declared that "All men and women are created equal." The convention took place in 1848 but women didn't get the vote till 1920.

We also visited The Harriett Tubman museum in Auburn NY. The museum included a dramatic presentation by a re-enactor. He portrayed the life of Harriett Tubman and her connection to Auburn. She built the first Old-Age Home there. This was a facility for elderly free Blacks who had never had one before. We had a tour of the building.

This was of particular interest to those of us in Cape May as we anticipate the opening of the Harriett Tubman Museum here next year.

AAUW FALL FOCUS MEETING

AAUW of NJ held a Fall Focus event, "Empowering Ourselves for 2020," on October 12th at the DoubleTree Mount Laurel. The agenda included presentations from NJ Treasurer, Marian Wattenbarger, and Mary Graves, Charitable Trust Chair, who provided information about the NJ Charitable Trust, finance, budget and project seed money, and from AAUW National, Tremayne Parquet, Deputy Director of Advancement, who presented organization successes (and mentioned challenges!) in 2019.

Marge Price, Founder and Chair of Princeton Community Works, a nonprofit consultant, conducted an eye-opening and heart-warming workshop on simple and expedient ways to develop communication and trust to engage participants in any venue, and especially to engage and empower individuals to focus on a task ahead.

AAUW member Nino Del Collo facilitated a discussion with a Tech Trek camper and her Mom about the Tech Trek experience. It was refreshing to hear the exuberance of a participant, who attended a small school and did not have peers among her classmates who were interested in the sciences. She bonded immediately with other Tech Trekkers, and formed friendships that continue beyond the camp.

Finally, Jacqueline McGuinness, State Secretary, conducted a workshop using the SMART technique to clearly set goals and formulate plans to achieve them.

It was a pleasure to exchange ideas and challenges with attendees from many branches in NJ, and a wonderful buffet lunch was enjoyed by all!

Theresa Basquez <tbasquez_86@hotmail.com>

Fundraising Chairman Changeover

I'm taking over fundraising and scholarship donations for Pat Ford Roegner. For our scholarships, we hope to continue receiving donations from local banks and businesses. Pat also started our own scholarship pledges. She asked that members pledge \$100 for five years. Many have already been doing that since 2017. If you would like to start contributing or make a lump sum contribution toward our scholarships, please contact me or Barb Heinrichs.

Thanks, Chris Rohrman

Daytime Book Club



The Last Romantics by
Tara Conklin

We will meet on **Tuesday, November 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

Because the dates for Thanksgiving and Christmas made our meetings difficult this year, we are skipping November and re-scheduling our December meeting early on **December 4**.

Books for January 2020 onwards have not been selected yet.

EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 6 – Poetry reading by Meredith Trede and luncheon

Thursday, November 14 – Women of Wonder luncheon

Tuesday, November 19 – Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, December 4 – Evening Book Group

Sunday, December 15 – Holiday Luncheon at the Lobster House

Tuesday, December 17 – Daytime Book Club

PUBLIC POLICY

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Fast and easy way to contact your legislators. Members
receive email notices when advocacy is needed

www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-in-the-statehouse/

AAUW in the Statehouse a monthly email bulletin Tips
for advocacy information about good or bad bills in the
states from the Public Policy and Government Relations
Department

www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update

A weekly email bulletin latest policy news

www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues

AAUW updated current information and advocacy issues
related to the biennial Public Policy Priorities in order to
provide resources rigorous analysis and effective
avenues for action

Members should try the websites to keep abreast of
what AAUW is advocating on a state and national level,
especially the easy 2 Minute Activist Tool.

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.

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Connie Smedley

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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
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