



## 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 2020 Newsletter

#### President's Corner

Greetings Everyone. I hope you are all well and managing in this extraordinary time. I would never have guessed we would have spent a March like the one we have lived through. And, it looks like April will be possibly even more difficult. I am sure we will all have stories to tell when this is all over but for now it is essential that we all keep safe. As you expect, all Branch meetings for April have been cancelled. We will continue to list May activities, but don't be surprised if they are cancelled as well.

It is with regret that I have to let you know that the Women's Resource Hats Off fundraiser scheduled for May 31 has been cancelled. I appreciated all the donations I have already received from members, including items for baskets as well as monetary contributions. I will return donated items so that they can be used as gifts for others or with friends. Similarly, I can return the cash to members who donated or the money can be added to the scholarship fund. Please let me know what you decide. All scholarship gifts will be acknowledged as usual. Thank you for your generous support.

Looking forward to the May newsletter it appears that there will not be much news to report. So, Barbara Heinrichs and I have decided to create a Message Board for members. Members can send a short message of good cheer, helpful hints, books that have been read and enjoyed, and TV shows and movies available on streaming

services, or even recipes to try. We will populate the May newsletter with your messages. Please send them to me at [2xmailbird@gmail.com](mailto:2xmailbird@gmail.com). I hope this will be a way of reaching out to each other as we are unable to visit in person.

Karen Weis

#### TEENTECH 2020

TeenTech 2020 which was scheduled for June 3 has been cancelled.

#### TECH TREK 2020

At this time, Tech Trek scheduled for July 26-August 1 at Stockton University will be held.

Stockton University is closing for the rest of the semester. Tech Trek Meet and Greet could be done two different ways: virtual via ZOOM (maybe by floors) or a shortened version on check-in day on July 26.

Volunteers are needed as dorm moms and day counselors (walking the girls to the workshops). Please ask your members to consider this wonderful volunteer opportunity.

**Please complete the form if you are available to volunteer for camp this summer, even for a day:**

<https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/volunteer/>

Thank you!

Tech Trek Leadership Team (Claudine Keenan, Ann Marchesani, Linda Harmon, Gail Davis)

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### FROM YOUR TREASURER

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Dues collection for July 1 through June 30, 2021 will start in April. Dues remain the same as last year: \$79 which includes National, State and our local branch membership. I will send each member an email with a direct link to renew on-line securely with a credit card. The option to mail me a check, of course, is fine as well. However, last year, two checks mailed at different times from different places were lost in the mail (never cashed). More information will be in the next newsletter and as an individual email from me.

For our dual members, our local branch dues remain the same as last year: \$10. You can pay on-line or by mailing me a check.

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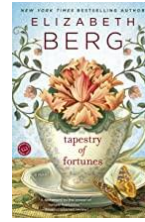
### BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Both book club meetings for April are cancelled. When we meet again, we'll combine discussions.

Stay well and savor your free time for reading.

Keep in mind any suggestions for book club choices in the future. Submit your ideas to Mary Jane Slugg with the name and author of the books.

### Daytime Book Club for April



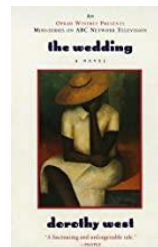
**Tapestry of Fortunes** by Elizabeth Berg

### Evening Book Group for April



**The Library Book** by Susan Orlean

### Daytime Book Club for May



**The Wedding** by Dorothy West

### Evening Book Group for May



**The Innocent Man** by John Grisham

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### EVENT CALENDAR

**Tuesday, May 19** – AAUW Daytime Book Club. A decision on cancellation will be made later.

**Wednesday, May 27** – AAUW Evening Book Group. A decision on cancellation will be made later.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

**Suzanne Pelkaus**

[www.aauw.org/actionnetwork](http://www.aauw.org/actionnetwork)

**cell phone texts text AAUW to 21333**

AAUW Action Network and Two Minute Activist Tool- Fast and easy way to contact your legislators. Members receive email notices when advocacy is needed

[www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-in-the-statehouse/](http://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](http://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update)

A weekly email bulletin latest policy news

[www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues](http://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.

<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 (609) 884-7041 or Barbara Heinrichs (609) 889-1647 and we will give you the password!

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