



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.

MAY 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner

Salutations to all of our Members.

We have survived and thrived the month of April with our normal lives curtailed and turned around. I hope each of you is safe and in good health. I have spoken to several members and found that some are receiving help from family in exchange for babysitting, some are in contact with family and grand kids frequently and some are calling and messaging friends and some are finding companionship at home and in the garden. Congratulations to all of you for finding ways to feel connected in this new world. It will come as no surprise to you that May activities have been cancelled. That includes TeenTech and the book groups. Thanks to Mary Jane and Connie for letting everyone know what future plans are for the fall.

The Tech Trek Summer Camp in July has been cancelled as well. Linda Harmon shared the following information with each AAUW Branch in the state.

"100 girls were nominated, applied and interviewed for camp this summer. As you are now aware, due to Covid 19, camp is postponed - it will be held on July 18 - July 24 2021 for this group of girls. Because of this postponement, we, the leadership team with the assistance of advice from National, decided to find out if any of these girls were unable to attend camp next summer. The 8th grade girls will attend July 18 - 24th and the new 7th

grade campers will attend July 25th to July 31st."

As you can see the Camp Directors are going to offer back to back camps in 2021 so that girls who would have gone this year still have an opportunity to enjoy and profit from the experience of the week with like-minded girls.

As the Women's Resource Hats Off Fundraiser was also cancelled, I contacted each member who donated cash to the baskets for the Fundraiser. Each member has now allowed that money to be deposited in our Branch scholarship fund. Thank you.

Also, you each received a message from National that they redesigned their website. It is a bit easier to navigate. You should try it out.

And finally, a few members responded to the call for postings to a Message Board. They are included in the newsletter. Please continue to share your thoughts with our Branch members.

Karen

FROM YOUR TREASURER

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Dues collection for July 1 through June 30, 2021 is in progress. Dues remain the same as last year: \$79 which includes National, State and our local branch membership.

National AAUW has sent you an email option to renew on-line using your credit

card. This came as an email from memberinfo.aauw.org. It was personalized with your name, address and a link to National AAUW. If you renew with a credit card, you will receive a second email from EONSupport@aauw.org with a confirmation of your payment, copy to me. On-line renewal is available to primary and dual members alike. Dual member dues remain the same as last year: \$10.

The option to mail me a check made out to AAUW, 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).

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If you're 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.

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS TO OUR MEMBERS

We have had plenty to do in woods, garden, cooking, etc. I can share that the Met Opera is streaming opera in HD performances for free from its website, metopera.org. They start at 7:30pm and continue to be available to 6:30pm the next day. We have watched them almost nightly. Last night was Nixon in China by John Adams. Tonight is Don Carlos by Verdi. They are beautifully done, subtitles available, by the what is probably the world's premier opera company. It doesn't quite make up for the necessary cancelling of the season, but it has been a delight. The website isn't always easy to negotiate, and different for computer, iPad,

and TV (Met Opera on cable), but it is worth persisting.

BJ Wagner, PhD

Pat King-- stay safe and healthy!

I've read the 2 books for book club and enjoyed them very much. I'm home recuperating from surgery but Phil and Chris have been very helpful. During this crisis my only concern is catching Covid. I wish all our members stay safe and good health.
Cat Cronin

Watch "Le Boléro de Ravel par l'Orchestre national de France en #confinement #ensembleàlamaison" on YouTube
https://youtu.be/Sj4pE_bgRQI

Tips From Someone With Nearly 50 Years Of Social Distancing Experience : NPR
<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/01/824001085/tips-from-someone-with-50-years-of-social-distancing-experience>
Chris Dewaghe

Walks and being outdoors on nice days is working for me. I miss walking on the beach but enjoy seeing spring blooms in people's garden on my walks in the Villas.

Holly Fesler from Margaret Mace School in North Wildwood, and Jadea Lemma, from Middle Township were accepted to the Tech Trek Summer Camp. They have indicated that they plan on attending the 8th grade girls camp in 2021. Congratulations to the girls and their families.

Meredith Trede has provided a link for those who attended the poetry luncheon last November. She was asked for information about a chapbook contest.
<https://www.writerscenter.org/contest/>
Meredith is staying in place like the rest of us but in New York City.
Karen Weis

I'm enjoying watching nature come to life as it always does in springtime. Nature has no issues with social distancing or anything else that comes with a pandemic. This restores some normalcy in my life although I'm starting to look like a 1970's hippie.
Barb Heinrichs

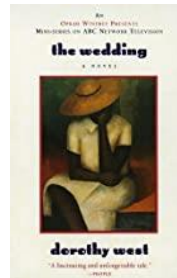
BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Because of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of the next few months we are cancelling the remainder of our book discussions. We can start fresh in September when things should be back to normal.

We have several very interesting books that we have read but didn't get a chance to discuss. We won't forget about them. We can double up and do more than one book at a meeting or we can have more than one meeting a month.

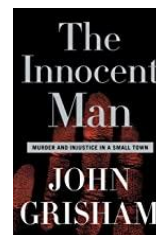
I hope you are enjoying extra time to read. Please make a note of any good books that you think the rest of the group would enjoy too. Submit your ideas to Mary Jane Slugg with the name and author of the books.

Daytime Book Club for May



The Wedding by Dorothy West

Evening Book Group for May



The Innocent Man by John Grisham

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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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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