



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.

OCTOBER 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner

I hope everyone is in good health and good spirits. I know that casual outings continue to be limited. I look forward to the opportunities to see a few friends now and then and I hope you all are doing the same.

It looks like October is going to be the same as September regarding Branch activities. I call this phase--limited. The Daytime Book Group is active via the book blog and there have been several posts commenting on *Slaughterhouse Five*, the September book. Join the conversation and recommend more books. I am sure you all are reading.

There is information in the newsletter regarding voting in the November election. I saw the dropbox at the Lower Township municipal building so the boxes have been deployed in the county. There appear to be several around the county so voting with a mail-in ballot should be more convenient this year for those who choose to do so.

I hope everyone enjoyed the pictures of the Branch activities and get togethers last year. Hopefully we will return to meetings, book groups, and dinners in 2021. In the meantime call members to chat and meeting in small groups if you can. We should continue to enjoy outdoor dining while the weather is sunny and warm.

Karen Weis

THE BOOK NOOK

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October is here and it's time to unveil book for us to read and discuss. We have chosen ***The Murmur of Bees*** by Spanish writer **Sofia Segovia** and translated by Simon Bruni. It has received excellent reviews and 4 1/2 stars on Goodreads. This historical fiction novel is the first of Segovia's books to be translated into English.



The saga of the Francisco Morales family is set in Northern Mexico in the early 1900s against a backdrop of the Mexican Revolution and the Spanish Flu Pandemic. Although the historical parts are carefully researched, Segovia infuses the story with magic in the character of Simonopio, a foundling cloaked in a blanket of bees, who is adopted by the Morales family.

Simonopio's gifts and his partnership with the honeybees are central to the story. This tradition of magical realism is a mark of Mexican writing. Sit back and let the story leisurely unfold in her beautiful writing. You will find prompts for our discussion on our blog at: AAUWbookworms.blogspot.com.

Please take time to add your thoughts. Remember you can go back to the blog more than once to see what other members have written and comment on their insights. We had 4 brave members take part in September's discussion. We would love to see more participation. We will continue the blog through December and then re-evaluate whether or not we will continue.

To access the blog type in or click on

<https://aauwbookworms.blogspot.com/>

You will find the title and author of the book for the month with some background information and things to think about as you read.

A note about other books I've read that might be of interest! Many of you who are teachers or have children who are readers may remember Madeleine L'Engle, author of *A Wrinkle in Time*. I have recently discovered that she wrote adult fiction too. I recommend *The Other Side of the Sun* and *A Severed Wasp*.

Happy Reading

Mary Jane

VOTING BALLOTS

It is very important to enclose your ballot in the envelopes in the correct order, filled out properly and signed.

This link sends you directly to a short video narrated by Rita Fulginiti, our county clerk, illustrating the process quite simply and clearly

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0018hmN_talDyGIDk_khHSqN-fYulzFpeOnMJv8oaDbNHJ9jG7VwTaj5iPGz8l_oRUXbbb_Rc8pVXrXFrgFppu3EQ4QJLKtuWQvbtVAXiJB3PSi9OFnsBN1g73a0MgFMfW3Nu1MK4aiAHdD3b-OtO8xt_zEhG2SNNj18w3ph4J4kpprguXj0hQgl_a2qSy9Go2ndxxC8tu2g2Y19oOW5fDc7OK8m1G17yC9MnQY47B8GYzirOTY0aPeYqh87CkqBU1AnG81bUPtTGX5Joc0JBktbjbVw==&c=8uzEdJhrS49nEqYeZy_MFm4bBzU7Wzw_oHW5nAxJHsKCby66wvV-sg==&ch=VWQjQY2amFoOKVrhY7sqJ5pSG2c4WorctmXXylkjzze1R3NZOdiMvQ==

Or you can go to youtube.com and use the Search box for *Cape May County Clerk*. After arriving at that website, go to *How to fill out and submit your mail-in ballot for the 2020 General Election*. This will bring you to the same video.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

NEWSLETTER

Election 2020

How to Vote-By-Mail
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Cape May County Voting Information

The Cape May County League of Women Voters

As the election season is underway we wanted to bring some current and updated information about elections in Cape May County.

There are many great resources online that are listed below but here are some answers to general FAQ's!

Normally we would be out in the community educating the public on voting but due to COVID-19 safety regulations we will be virtual until further notice. Our contact info is listed below if you have any questions or comments.

Drop Box Locations•

- Cape May County Clerk's Office**, 7 North Main Street, Cape May Court House•
- Cape May County Public Works Building**, 536 Woodbine-Ocean View Road, Oceanview•
- Cape May Municipal Hall**, 643 Washington Street•
- Cape May- Lower Township Municipal Hall**, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas•
- Lower Township Public Safety Building** (court entrance) in the Cape May County Airport Complex, Erma•
- Martin Luther King Center**, 207 W Main St, Whitesboro•
- Ocean City Municipal Hall**, 861 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City•
- Sea Isle City Branch Cape May County Library**, 4800 Central Avenue, Sea Isle•
- Stone Harbor Branch Cape May County Library**, 9516 2nd Avenue, Stone Harbor•
- Upper Township Municipal Hall**, 2100 Tuckahoe Rd, Petersburg•
- Wildwood Municipal Hall**, 4400 New Jersey Ave, Wildwood

FAQ'S

(Also see links below!)

How do I register to vote?

To register in New Jersey you must:
be a citizen of the United States
be at least 17 years old (you must be 18 to vote)
be a resident of the State and county 30 days before the election
not be serving a sentence or on parole or probation as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States

Am I registered to vote?

To find out if you are registered to vote please follow the link below!

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Democracy is not just the right to vote; it is the right to live in dignity.”- Naomi Klein

How do I vote by mail?

To receive your ballot by mail, the application must be received by the County Clerk 7 days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 p.m., the day before the election. The County Clerk cannot accept faxed or emailed copies of a Application for Vote by Mail Ballot, unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter, since an original signature is required.

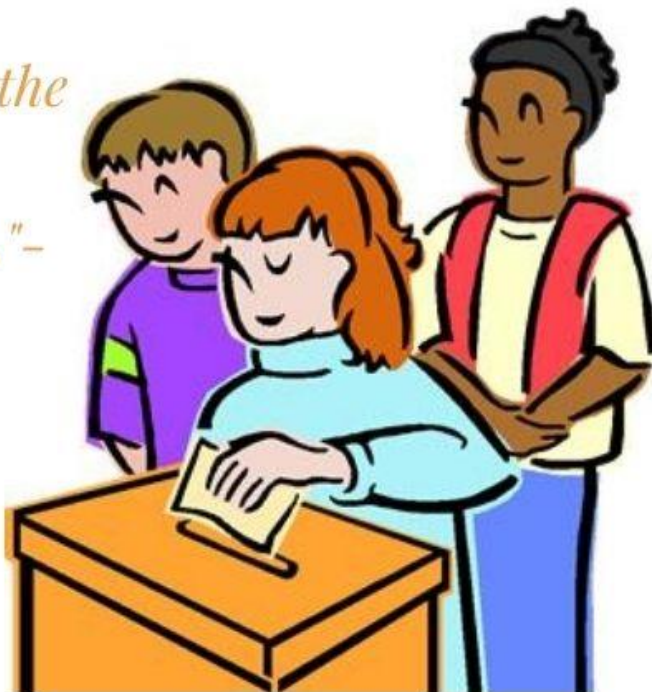
Election Deadlines

Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Election Day

Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The deadline to register online to vote

Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The deadline for registering by mail to vote is (postmarked by 10/13/2020)

Saturday, September 19, 2020 to Monday, November 2, 2020. Early voting period, dates and hours may vary based on where you live.



[Am I Registered to Vote?](https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check)

<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check>

[Register to Vote ONLINE](https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register)

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PUBLIC POLICY

www.aauw.org

From AAUW's home page you can select **Explore the Issues** or **Get Empowered** which includes issues like Work Smart and Start Smart.

By selecting the **Take Action** page, you can sign up to receive timely action alerts by email. You may also receive these alerts on your cell phone by texting AAUW to 21333 for the Two Minute Activist tool. This is a fast and easy way to contact your legislators.

You can also subscribe to AAUW's newsletter by email.

Members should use these web pages to keep abreast of what AAUW is advocating on a state and national level.

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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