



# 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.

## DECEMBER 2020 Newsletter

### President’s Corner

A message from the Acting President

Hello everyone! I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. It was probably different this year as many of us stayed home to stay safe.

A Zoom board meeting will be scheduled for early December. If you have any issues you think need to be discussed, please let me know. Thank you for continuing to support our scholarships.

I hope this holiday brings you joy and happiness.

Chris Rohrman

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### ZOOM



Our branch has purchased a license for Zoom meetings. We plan to hold board meetings, annual meetings and book club meetings with Zoom until we can safely meet in person. We have had some successful test meetings. Zoom will work on a laptop, tablet, desktop or even a smart phone. It is not necessary to set up a personal Zoom account.

You will receive an email at whatever address your newsletter is received each month. In it will be a link which could be in a different color. Will look something like

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/> followed by 11 numbers

Click on that link and you will go directly to the virtual “waiting room” of our Zoom meeting. No password is required. The host will “admit” you and there you are at the meeting.



Just think – we all can talk face to face without masks!



Watch your email for blasts and invitations; don’t miss out on great discussions!

## THE BOOK NOOK

Mary Jane Slugg, [shoresluggs@aol.com](mailto:shoresluggs@aol.com)

Greetings Fellow Readers! I hope you all had a nice, safe “Pandemic Thanksgiving” and were able to find new ways to give thanks with family and friends. I never thought I would say this but I am thankful for the internet which allows me to keep in touch through text, FaceTime, and ZOOM.

Our **December** book is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. This is historical fiction about the exploitation of children by the Tennessee Children’s Home Society in the 1930s.



This month will be the last appearance for [aauwbookworms.blogspot.com](http://aauwbookworms.blogspot.com). Only five members including myself have posted since the blog began in September. I will put a prompt up for our December book, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, for anyone who would like to comment. As of January 1 the blog will be gone but my Book Nook column will continue in the monthly newsletter.

As you read in the beginning of the newsletter we now have a ZOOM account! We will be able to try a ZOOM book discussion toward the end of January. Connie and I have chosen *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier as our next book. Chevalier is an author we have read and discussed before. This novel is historical fiction set in 1932 in Winchester, England, home of

the famous cathedral. After WWI many men did not live to come home and there were “surplus women” who had to find a life in a culture where women were supposed to be married and have children. The main character finds solace and purpose with a group of women called “broderers” who make kneelers and cushions for Winchester Cathedral. Chevalier’s engaging style and meticulous research brings this time period to life. Watch for more information about our ZOOM discussion in the January newsletter.

And now for a few recommendations for those looking for something to read. Two other historical fiction novels have been recommended by Connie. *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson is set in Kentucky during Roosevelt’s Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project. The main character is one of Kentucky’s “blue people”. *This Tender Road* by William Kent Krueger is the story of four runaway orphans who travel the Mississippi River during the Great Depression.

Connie also recommended a nonfiction book titled *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker. This is the story of a family with twelve children, six of whom were diagnosed with schizophrenia. I haven’t read any of these books yet but they are on my list!

In conclusion, watch your email in January for Blasts and announcements for ZOOM meetings. Have a wonderful holiday season with safe celebrations. Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas! Here’s to a New Year less stressful than 2020!

Mary Jane Slugg

## SCHOLARSHIP PLEDGES

Hello everyone! Well, 2020 has certainly been a strange and stressful year so far. Our Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarship 5-Year Pledge campaign is in its next to last year.

Thank you for all your contributions so far! Check your records and if you haven't made your contribution for 2020 yet, please send it to Barb Heinrichs before the end of the year.

Next year, 2021, will be the last year of the 5-year pledge program. So, we will need to start thinking about new options or whether to just continue this program for another 5 years. Get your thinking caps on and let me know of any great ideas for fundraisers. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year all around!

Chris Rohrman

Fundraising Chairman

## PUBLIC POLICY

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

### Acknowledgements

Mary Jane Slugg – In Honor of Karen Weis  
In appreciation of her many contributions to the Cape May AAUW

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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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