



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 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner

To members of AAUW Cape May County,

On October 30th, Stephen and I are moving to North Jersey to be closer to our families. We have sold our house in the Villas and are moving to South Orange in Essex County where one of our daughters lives with her family.

It has been an honor and pleasure to be a member of this Branch for the past 20 years. I have gotten to know and work with a group of wonderful women. In addition, I have made friendships that include spouses, friends, and even children among the members of the Branch. It will be hard to leave you all but we are onto the next step of our lives while we are both in good health and still active. A new adventure.

Our new address is 10 N. Ridgewood Rd., Apt 212, South Orange, NJ 07079. I will be using my cellphone whose number 609-972-3458. My email address remains the same, 2xmailbird@gmail.com.

I am sure we will return from time to time and I hope to join you at some AAUW activities. It will be wonderful to be able to see you all in person at some point, but for now, a fond farewell.

Fondly,
Karen Weis

Hello everyone. Well this year has really brought lots of changes. We will certainly miss Karen and I hope thar she and Steve enjoy their next adventure. I will step in as acting president for the remainder of this club year. Please let me know if you are interested in being president or vice president or co-president for next year.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Chris Rohrman

THE BOOK NOOK

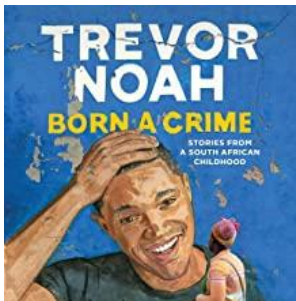
Mary Jane Slugg, shoresluggs@aol.com

It's hard to believe that November is here and winter is not far behind! This will be the third month of our blog, AAUW Book Worms. I wish more of you who were faithful members of the Daytime or Evening book groups would check out our blog and make comments about the book for the month. You can go back to the blog more than once and create a dialogue with the other followers.

Our blog can be a way to connect with other readers. If you haven't read or don't wish to comment on the book under discussion you can let other members know what you are currently reading and ask if anyone else has read the same book. My vision is that the blog

will be a way to connect with each other when we can't meet face to face. Just go to:
<https://aauwbookworms.blogspot.com>

Our November book is *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah, a comedian and TV personality. It is a collection of stories which will make you laugh out loud and may move you to tears. In addition to being very entertaining it is chock full of information about apartheid and how complicated the rules were to keep black people and white people apart.



For those of you who like to read ahead our December book will be *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.



I recently read two books for my Pennsylvania group, The Lady Bookies, that I'd like to recommend to you. *The Girl With the Louding Voice* is a debut novel by Abi Daré. It is told in first person narrative by a young Nigerian girl who is sold into marriage at age 14. It is hard to believe that this mistreatment of women still exists today.

The second book is *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. This is another historical fiction selection which is set in Vineland, New Jersey. The story flips back and forth between the 1800s and the present, telling the story of a woman researching the history of her house. References to the ecology of the Pine Barrens made it particularly interesting for me. Kingsolver has been a favorite author of mine since I read *The Poisonwood Bible*!

Please keep the newsletter handy so you can log on to the blog. Watch for blasts about new ways for us to communicate. And have a very ***Happy Thanksgiving!***

Mary Jane

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

VIVIAN COLSON
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For our long time members, there was an obituary in The Herald for Vivian Colson, a former member of the Cape May Branch.

Vivian was one of the young women featured in the iconic 1954 picture of the "Wildwood by the Sea" sign. She and her family formerly owned and operated Colson's Home and Building Center in North Wildwood and Rio Grande.

She passed away October 9 at the age of 83. I replaced her as treasurer in 2005 when she was retiring from Cape Savings Bank (now OceanFirst Bank) and planned to travel with her husband, Asa.

PUBLIC POLICY

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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.

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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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