



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.

JANUARY 2021 Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello everyone. We had our first ever Zoom board meeting and it was very successful. I'm proud of how we have embraced this new technology! Thank you board members and department heads for participating. Even though it has been a totally difficult year, the club is functioning well and even getting new members.

If you have any desire to fill these positions for the rest of this year or next year, let me know:

Historian - safely store and organize our files from the past

Vice President

Let's hope that 2021 is a better year for all of us. I miss our meetings and social get togethers and can't wait for a time when we can safely meet in person!

Happy New Year!

Chris Rohrman

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. Zoom will work on a laptop, tablet, desktop or even a smart phone. It is not necessary to set up a free 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 unique numbers

Click on that link and you will go directly to the virtual "waiting room" of our Zoom meeting if you have a personal Zoom account. If not, you may have to jump through a few hoops to get to the waiting room. The host will "admit" you and there you are at the meeting.

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

THE BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

Here's to a Happy Healthy New Year for all. Things are looking hopeful for an end to the Pandemic with vaccines available to everyone.

As we hinted in December we will now host ZOOM meetings for our book discussions. This month Barbara Heinrichs will send an invitation to a ZOOM discussion on January 19th at 1:30pm. Connie Blocher will lead the discussion for *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier. Please join us!

The Zoom meeting room will open at 1pm. In keeping with the social aspect of our meetings, please free to log in any time after that to see old friends and chat. You can even bring your lunch to your device. However, the book discussion will start promptly at 1:30pm and all extraneous chitchat will come to a close.



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.

Connie and I hope to have two ZOOM discussions in February on the traditional

meeting dates for our groups. The daytime meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday at 1:30pm and the evening meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm. The discussions are open to all members; don't forget spouses, partners, and gentlemen friends are invited to join the evening discussions.

We would really like to know what you have been reading! Please email titles of books you would like to discuss and let us know if you would be the discussion leader. In addition to the books I mentioned last month, members have recommended *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* by John LeCarre who passed away in 2020, *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson, and *Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World* by Fareed Zacharia. I also read *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badini which I recommend to all of you.



Looking ahead, we will discuss *The Butterfly's Daughter* by Mary Alice Monroe on February 16th during our daytime ZOOM at 1:30pm. We haven't chosen a book yet for the evening ZOOM on February 24th. Check your email regularly for updates!

As always, Happy Reading!

Mary Jane Slugg

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Editor's note: The WordPress program on our branch website was recently upgraded. The calendar feature on the home page has been eliminated. Check **Activities – Book Groups** for book lists and times and dates of the Zoom discussion meetings.

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.

Acknowledgements:

Theresa Basquez – A tribute to her niece, Erika O’Callaghan, for her thoughtfulness and care of family members

Marge Corson

Chris Dewaghe

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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 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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