



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.

JUNE 2021 Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to summer! June is a time to celebrate graduations! As AAUW members, we love education and graduations.

Our new officers for the coming year are Chris Rohrman, president, Sandy Sieber, secretary, and Barb Heinrichs, treasurer. Thank you everyone who attended our Zoom board meeting; we had enough attendees for a quorum! Hooray!

National AAUW elections were held last month and a vote on changing membership requirements was defeated.

Love our book groups! Russ and I had such fun listening to *The Martian* for the evening book group. Sometimes the book choices are challenging and sometimes the books are "not our cup of tea," but the discussions are always top notch! Please join us for our next GREAT discussion!

Chris Rohrman
President



Celebrating graduation – 2021 style!

FROM YOUR TREASURER

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DEADLINE JUNE 25 !

Dues collection for July 1 through June 30, 2022 is in progress. Dues are: \$82 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 for you and had a direct link to National AAUW. If you successfully renew with a credit card,

you can print the receipt which immediately appears on-line. Also you will receive an confirmation email from National, 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 (\$82), of course, is fine as well.

Barbara Heinrichs
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Thanks to all who have renewed already. That makes my job easier.

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.

And if you can't find your personalized renewal link in your email, let me know and I will instruct National to send another one.

TRAVEL CLUB ENCORE PRESENTATION

Carolyn Bassett and Karen Weis have researched and prepared a Zoom program on Small Cemeteries of New Jersey.

The program will be on **Friday, June 11 at 10:00 am**. If you were unable to attend the first presentation, this is your opportunity to see it.

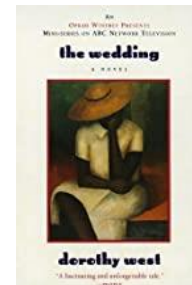
Why would you want to visit a cemetery? There are many reasons. The tombstones can give a little lesson in art history, symbolism, and changing attitudes towards death and the afterlife. Until about the 1850s most people in the U.S. were buried in churchyards or in family burial plots on their own property. Thus, there are many small cemeteries scattered about New Jersey, some with only one or two graves. About two years ago, Karen Weis and Carolyn Bassett spent several days locating and visiting several of these cemeteries.

Please join us.

Karen Weis will give the presentation on small cemeteries in New Jersey on Friday, June 11, at 10:00 am. For those who had to leave the first presentation early, she will begin with the Cape May County cemeteries. She will go from south to north Jersey this time.

Please let Barbara Heinrichs know (609 889-1647 or bheinrichs46@earthlink.net) if you plan on joining the Zoom call.

BOOKS IN THE STATE PARK JUNE 15



In lieu of our usual annual picnic, we are holding an in-person book club meeting at the **Cape May Point State Park North Pavilion** on **June 15 at 2 pm**. We will be discussing ***The Wedding*** by Dorothy West.

There are benches under the pavilion or you can bring your own chair. Also bring your own beverage and a snack if you like.

BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

Memorial Day has come and gone so summer has officially begun here at the shore. My topic for our summer issue is: How do you choose your next “read”?

I have been a voracious reader for as long as I can remember. When I was a child I was allowed to walk to the library every two weeks to check out new books. Children could only check out four books at a time. I would look for the fattest and well worn books that I could find, much to my mother’s dismay. My thinking was that a fat book would take longer to read and a well worn book must have been enjoyed by a lot of children. I still like long books that I can lose myself in!

I have become a little more discriminating in my choices since then but I’m still rather random in my reading. I have loaded many books on my Kindle from the daily cheap choices on BookBub. I am going to try to read some of the older downloads this summer. As I look over these titles I can’t even remember why I downloaded many of them!

I choose many of my reads through word-of-mouth. Most of my friends and family are readers who are more than willing to recommend a good book. Members of my three book clubs often mention titles that we don’t discuss as a group. My cleaning lady and I often have book discussions and exchange volumes. When I’m in a waiting room and someone is reading I try to see the title.

I love lists! I can't resist reading and saving lists of books that have titles like “Books Everyone Should Read” or “The 100 Best Books”. First I check off the ones I have read and then I mark the titles I want to read. This is how I decided to read *Anna Karenina* and to recommend *Madame Bovary* for our daytime group. I also check the best seller lists in the Sunday newspapers for possible future reads.

Finally I choose to participate in three book groups and read these selections. Often they are books that I would never choose on my own. I like this because it stretches my mind and broadens my reading spectrum.

Please note that Joan and I have chosen books for both our groups for September, October, and November. Barbara has included titles, authors, dates, and pictures for us. I know some of you like to get a head start for fall meetings.

I wish all of you a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with family, friends, sun, fun, and, of course, good books! See you in September.

Happy Reading,

Mary Jane

P.S. Don’t forget we will have a final discussion of *The Wedding* by Dorothy West on June 15th at the Cape May Point State Park (Lighthouse) in the North Pavilion at 2:00 pm.

Our website (See top of Page 1 for the full web address) lists the book selections and meeting dates for September through November. Some dates for fall meetings are revised due to holiday conflicts.

At the top of the home page on the website, select Activities – Book Groups

TECH TREK 2021

STEM - Gail Davis

PUBLIC POLICY

Theresa Basquez

Our virtual Meet & Greet on May 15 was a success with Claudine Keenan hosting 49 virtual campers. Ann Marchesani addressed the girls about the purposes of Tech Trek expanding their career options. They learned who their virtual roommate was to be and how to contact them. They also learned what their core class would be. The teachers addressed them also explaining their class. They had time to ask questions and were assigned to virtual dorm floors and 4 chat rooms. It was fun and as they were just beginning to vaccinate 12 and up, of course, the question was "Could we possibly meet in person?" National AAUW will not allow that this year and proudly I report that out of 20+ Tech Trek camps we are one of 4 that is operating!!! The girls were also promised that if they fully participated in this virtual camp they would be invited – (funding permitting) to an alumni camp next year for just \$50.

Their day will consist of yoga, core class, afternoon workshops (yes- even tie dying), movie night, campus tour, nature walks.

They were asked to suggest the tee shirt color and one camper did and the shirt will be Kelly Green. We had several who either could not attend for a wide variety of reasons (including getting a vaccination!!!).

The virtual Meet & Greet was recorded and can be viewed on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqtOKITZkz8>

Here's hoping 2022 will be back to normal!!

Gail Davis

Public Policy Proposals Adopted

Through the national elections held in May, the AAUW Public Policy proposals for 2021-2023 were adopted by 92% of AAUW voters. Public policy continues to focus on Removing Bias from Education, Fighting for Fair Pay and Economic Equity and Advancing Women in Leadership.

Studies using the Implicit Association Test (IAT) have shown that most people more easily associate men with science and women with the arts, men with careers and women with homemaking, and men with being leaders and women with being supporters. For example, academic scientists who looked at identical résumés belonging either to "John" or "Jennifer" perceived Jennifer as less competent.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Friday, June 11 10:00 am – Small Cemeteries of New Jersey Zoom presentation

Tuesday, June 15 2:00 pm – Book Club at the Cape May Point State Park – North Pavilion

From Linda Harmon, AAUW NJ Secretary

Sans 2020, every year, AAUW NJ has sponsored an annual event. These have always been fun and you get to know AAUW members across the state. Staying closer to home this year, the AAUW NJ State District Coordinators are sponsoring our next in person fun event. It is limited in number, first come, first serve.



- Sponsored by AAUW NJ and Coordinated by Central, Northern, and Southern Districts
- Allaire State Park, Monmouth County, 4265 Atlantic Ave. Wall Township, NJ
- (Additional Information provided on Allaire State Park website or 732-938-2371)
- **DATE: Saturday September 11, 2021----11:00 am**
(Travel in groups on your own statewide to this Central Location)



Inclusive:

- Open Car Antique Steam Train Ride in Park
- Picnic Area Individual Lunch from Jersey Mikes (sub, chips, cookie, water)
- Picnic Tables available or bring your own folding chairs



- At your leisure tour Open Flea Market (creative vendors)
Historic Village (tour at leisure (All buildings open and appropriately staffed for information and questions))

Cost: \$40.00 Non- Refundable Checks made out to: AAUW NJ

First Come First Serve limited spots available

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Donation: will be given to AAUW National Greater Needs Fund by AAUW NJ

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 Conley

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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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