



## 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 2021 Newsletter

#### President's Corner

Hello everyone. Happy November!

We're all thankful for family and friends and the ability to sit down and celebrate Thanksgiving together. Last year was a little lonesome.

We can also be thankful that this year we will have a **Holiday Luncheon** in person. I hope everyone can attend and bring husbands or guest. Here are the facts:

Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021

Time: 4:30pm

Place: **Alfe's Italian Seafood Restaurant** 3401 New Jersey Avenue in Wildwood (corner of Oak and New Jersey)

Details: we will be ordering from their "Sunset Menu" which includes soup and salad, several entrée choices, coffee or tea and dessert

Price: we will collect \$25 for each person; send check (made out to Cape May County AAUW) to me by **November 29** (Chris Rohrman, 774 West Glenwood Ave., West Wildwood, NJ 08260)

Sue Laufer will run a 50/50 raffle (Sue says "bring lots of cash"). Any questions, please call me (609 420 7643). See you there!

Chris Rohrman

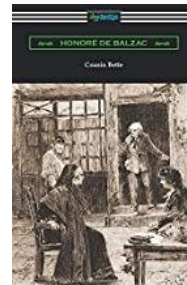


Last year's Thanksgiving table set for 2.

Chris Rohrman  
President

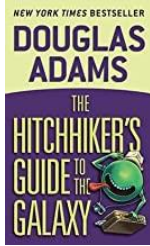
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### NOVEMBER BOOKS



*Cousin Bette* by Honore de Balzac

We will meet on **Tuesday, November 9** at 12 noon at Crest Pier Community Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest (between Crocus & Heather). Please bring your lunch & beverage. Dessert will be provided.



*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

We will meet on **Wednesday, November 17** at 6 pm at Mulligan's Shore Bar & Grill, 310 West Hildreth Avenue, Wildwood.

We will discuss the book after ordering dinner.

Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609 884 7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com to let her know you are coming.

## BOOK NOOK

November means Thanksgiving to me — not only a turkey dinner with family and football games galore but also time to reflect on all the things for which I am thankful. Many are personal and revolve around family. Our firstborn, a son, was born on Thanksgiving Day; our daughter was married in November; our first grandchild was born in November. We traditionally spend Thanksgiving weekend here at the shore with our children and grandchildren. I'm also thankful for a loving husband; a nice home, enough money to live comfortably, and local medical professionals to take care of me. I think you get the picture!

Books run high on my list of things for which I am thankful. As an only child books have

always provided me with companionship. As an adult books have been a way to escape from life's daily ups and downs. I used to bribe myself to do housework with reading a chapter of my current book as a reward after I completed each task. I still get nervous if I don't have a book waiting for me.

Through reading I have travelled to exotic places both real and imaginary. I have made friends with book characters from series by Janet Evanovich, Jonathan Kellerman, Louise Penney, and many other authors. I have laughed, cried, and been scared to death while reading. I have been a fly on the wall witnessing family life around the world, crimes being committed and solved, and torrid love affairs. I have learned about history, geography, science, and everyday life, both past and present. Some of my fondest memories are of reading to my children.

Ever since I joined my first book club in the mid 1990s at the school where I was teaching I have become more and more aware of the value of sharing what I have read with others. Although reading is a solitary pastime, discussing a book deepens our understanding. It opens our minds to new interpretations and insights that we might otherwise miss. It can make a book that we disliked into a story to reflect upon with new understanding. Being part of a book club forces us to read books that are out of our comfort zones and genres that we would have ignored. The sharing of books can forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our AAUW Daytime and Evening groups have enriched my life. The Daytime group has introduced me to a group of women of varied backgrounds with whom I have bonded through books. The Evening group with the addition of men opens ideas and opinions that make me look at the books I read with new

understanding. Leading discussions makes me pay attention to authors and really think about the book and the author's message instead of shutting the book and moving mindlessly on to my next "read". I am deeply thankful for these groups that I am privileged to be part of.

In conclusion I urge you to use this month to reflect on all the things for which you are thankful. I hope you put books high on your list and, if you are not part of one of our discussion groups yet, consider joining us.

Happy Reading!

Mary Jane Slugg

PS I'm also thankful for those of you who take the time to read my ramblings!!

#### DAY BOOK READS

Nov. 9 Cousin Bette by Honore de Balzac  
Dec. 7 My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout  
Jan. 18 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro  
Feb. 15 Long Bright River by Liz Moore

#### EVENING BOOK READS

Nov. 17 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams  
Dec. 15 Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie  
Jan. 26 Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Start Up by John Carreyrou  
Feb. 23 The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

Books on March 15 and 23 will be graphic novels.

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## STEM

We have yet to hear from National AAUW and we do not sign a memorandum of understanding with them until November. We continue to hope we are able to have an in person camp next summer as Virtual this year was an enormous amount of hard work by our volunteers.

As usual AWCO is in need of funding for our future camp. Any donation is fully tax deductible. Contact me if you wish to make a donation.

You can also donate through iGive.com You Shop. Your Charity Gets Money. For Free.

Shop normally (no special codes, no special anything) at any of about 2,200 stores helping to support your favorite cause or charity.

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## PUBLIC POLICY

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As individuals and as members of AAUW, we have used our voices to support legislation important to women and families. In recent years, these have included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

One way to continue and expand this support is to join AAUW's Action Network by becoming a **Two-Minute Activist**. AAUW will notify when action is needed most for pending legislation, and provide means to let our Congressional and local legislators know of the voices supporting action.

Use the link below to become a Two-Minute Activist and support issues important to women and girls!  
<https://ww3.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

### [Two-Minute Activist: AAUW](#)

Take action on issues impacting women and girls by joining AAUW's Action Network. As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most.

## Cat Cronin

Cat was not able to rejoin AAUW this year. She moved to Townbank and has had a rough time lately. Her husband, Phil, passed away October 24 from cancer. Cat's new address is 103 Avalon Road, North Cape May, NJ 08204 if you would like to send a card. Her phone number is: 1-201-572-4747 if you wish to call her.

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Tuesday, November 9** Daytime Book Club

**Wednesday, November 17** Evening Book Club

**Sunday, December 5** **Holiday Luncheon**

**Tuesday, December 7** Daytime Book Club

**Wednesday, December 15** Evening Book Club

### *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

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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