



CAPE MAY COUNTY BRANCH

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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 2022 Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year!

The club had a great holiday luncheon at Alfe's. I'm so glad that 26 people could attend! We not only had a wonderful meal but also a fun raffle and Chinese auction. We raised \$370 for our scholarship fund.

The past year (2021) was the last year of our 5-year scholarship pledge program. If you're not sure if you are up-to-date with your donations, please call me (609 420 7643) and I'll look it up for you. A new pledge program for 2022-2026 is being created and more information will be available next month.

We could still use a program chairman. We've got lots of ideas; we just need someone to coordinate everything. Please consider volunteering for this important but FUN job!

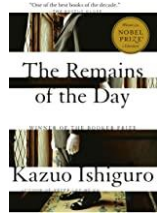
Stay safe and warm!

Chris Rohrman
President

Holiday Luncheon at Alfe's December 5, 2021:

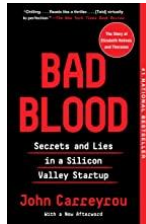


JANUARY BOOKS



The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

We will meet on Tuesday, January 18 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.



Bad Blood; Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou

We are meeting on Wednesday, January 26. We'll discuss the book after ordering dinner.

Please read – Mulligan's is closed in January. Instead we have booked **Alfe's at 4:30pm** ordering from the same Sunset Menu we used at Christmas. Alfe's Italian Seafood Restaurant is located at 3401 New Jersey Avenue in Wildwood (corner of Oak and New Jersey).

You must bring \$25 in cash (exact amount, please). The restaurant will not accept any kind of separate payment through your

personal credit or debit card, check, phone app or any other digital payment method.

Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609 884 7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com to let her know you are coming before **Monday, January 24th.**

We will be paying for the number of reservations we book so please contact Mary Jane before January 24 and keep in mind we will be paying for no-shows. Illness and emergencies excepted, of course. Do not come if you have any signs of Covid.

BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

Happy Healthy New Year to All! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for some new books to read and discuss. Many of us make Resolutions for the New Year that are forgotten by February. I don't usually make resolutions but this year I am making one for myself: I will read at least two classics that I have never read. I plan to read *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens and *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift.

I'm a sucker for lists! I make a "To Do" list daily and find immense satisfaction in crossing things off. I read the list of best sellers in the Sunday newspaper each week and make a list of the books I want to read. I make lists of the books you suggest for our book groups. Most of the books we end up discussing come from these lists

although Barbara Heinrichs pushes us to read at least one classic each year. The internet is full of book lists too. The list I am using to fill in some gaps in my reading is from 2018 - "The Ultimate Reading List" from PBS's *The Great American Read*.

In keeping with my theme of lists, I would like to issue a challenge to all of you. Think about all the books you have read and send me a list of three books that have changed you in some way. Any books are fair game: picture books, children's or young adult's books, books you had to read in high school or college, or books you just happened to pick up. You get the drift! With each title and author please write a few words about why that book is on your list. Please email, snail mail, call me, or hand me your list at a book group by the end of February. I'm as good at nagging as I am at listing so I will be reminding you often.

Before you think I have finally gone bonkers, I will explain why I am asking you to make this list. In April the Daytime Group will be discussing *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Without spoiling the story I can tell you that this book has captured my imagination. I hope it captivates you too. We will use the lists you send me in our discussion and I will do a recap in May's Book Nook for those of you who are not part of the discussion.

Whoops! It's time to make a new "To Do" list now that this column is ending.

#1 Proofread before sending to Newsletter

#2 Finish reading books for January Book Groups

#3 Fold laundry

Etc, etc, etc!

Happy Reading,

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That's it for now!

DAY BOOK READS

Jan. 18 *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Feb. 15 *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore

EVENING BOOK READS

Jan. 26 *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Start Up* by John Carreyrou

Feb. 23 *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

All day and evening books through June are listed on our website if you wish to read ahead.

STEM

AAUW NATIONAL has not approved in person Tech Trek camps for 2022. So our team will meet in January to decide what we can do to further the goals of TT without any assistance from AAUW NATIONAL. We should have more details in the February newsletter.

We will NOT do a virtual camp.

Whatever we end up doing will require funding so please consider donations to AWCO to fund our project.

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In line with the AAUW goal of equal pay, in October, November and December of 2021 AAUW conducted webinar roundtables titled *Equal Pay Every Day*. Designed to begin a constructive conversation with employees, managers and senior leaders, the focus was on pay equity solutions in support of womens' efforts to close the gap.

The truth is that pay inequality exists because of the silence surrounding salary discussions - and another truth is that caution is required in attempts to open the subject among coworkers and managers, and in some areas, may be prohibited by law.

View the discussions, or a summary, at:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/equal-pay-every-day-an-employer-roundtable-series/>

Though many of us are retired, it would be helpful if we direct our working families and friends to these AAUW resources. It's great information!

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 18 Daytime Book Club
Wednesday, January 26 Evening Book Club

Tuesday, February 15 Daytime Book Club
Wednesday, February 23 Evening Book Club

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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

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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