

AAUW 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.

MAY 2022 Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello everyone,

Welcome to May! As we wind down this part of the year, we need to congratulate ourselves on trying to get back to normal. We've now had several book groups in person and a holiday luncheon. We still have lots to do. The club needs a program chairperson and fundraising chairperson.

We have an exciting program scheduled for May: **Chris Dewaghe** is going to share her stories and family letters from **World War II**. It will be Thursday, May 12 at 1:30pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wildwood (2810 Atlantic Ave.). Friends and spouses are invited. Please join us for this special event!

Dues are due in June. National is still working on their website, but Barb will keep us informed on how to pay for dues this year.

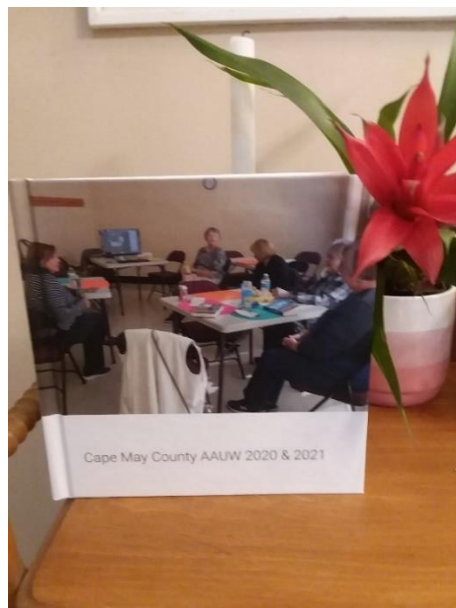
MaryJane has an exciting daytime book group planned for June. She'll give you more details.

Had a great board meeting on April 29th and lots of information exchanged.

Following in Karen's footsteps, I've created a photo book of our AAUW activities for 2020 and 2021.

(Two very unusual years!!) I'll bring it to share at our book groups and any other get togethers.

Enjoy the milder weather of May!



Chris Rohrman
President of Cape May County AAUW

World War II Memories

Chris Dewaghe is going to share her stories and family letters from **World War II** on **Thursday, May 12** at 1:30pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2810 Atlantic Avenue in Wildwood.

Friends and spouses are also invited to this program. No advance reservation is required. Just come and enjoy this presentation!

We will still need volunteers for core class duties, etc. So please contact me if you can spare a day or 1/2 a day during July 24-30 for a fun time! Meals provided and most likely a T shirt too.

We always need monetary donations so please consider donating to AWCO.

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TEENTECH 2022

TeenTech 2022 – will be held **Wednesday May 25, 2022 at Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) Mays Landing Campus.**

The tentative time schedule is 8 am to 1 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help as bus greeters, workshop monitors, and public relations.

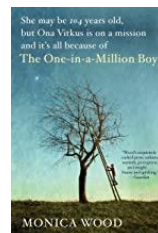
*If you are able to **volunteer** that day, please call or email **Linda Harmon 609-204-8596** linda.harmon@gmail.com*

STEM

Ann Marchesani, Steminist Camp Director assures me that teachers are in place. Soon our alumni will be contacted to see who will make themselves available for the respective camps.

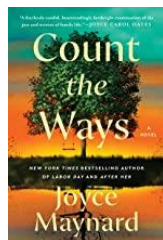
I believe invitations should go out shortly for the Steminist Camps and surely hope they do. Everything is in place for them to happen.

MAY BOOKS



The One in a Million Boy by Monica Wood

We will meet on **Tuesday, May 17** 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.



Count the Ways by Joyce Maynard

We will meet on **Wednesday, May 25** 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

Way back in January I challenged all of you to think about all the books you have read and send me a list of three books that have changed you in some way. I promised to let you know the results of this challenge.

I issued the challenge after reading *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. The Daytime Group discussed this book in April and we shared our lists before we began the book discussion. For me this sharing was one of the most meaningful discussions that I can remember. Each individual approached their list differently and the books mentioned covered a large range of topics and genres. There were eight of us sharing: two books from *The Reading List* were mentioned; two classics

that appear on lists of books that “everyone should read”; one poetry book; some biographies/autobiographies; several historical novels; and two science fiction books.

A couple of members approached the challenge by choosing a book from childhood, a book from high school or college, and a book from adulthood. One of us spoke about reading books that culminated with meeting the authors in person. Others told of books that led to trips to visit places that were mentioned or trips that led them to find books about the things they had seen. Many contemporary books, some from our own discussions, were also mentioned.

As we talked about our lists we learned about each other. Some of us were emotional and teary-eyed as we shared what specific books meant to us. The mention of some titles led to what we used to call “bird walks” in teaching where we got off-topic and reminisced about a book from one of our lists. Even members who hadn't written a formal list remembered books that were special to them.

I want to thank everyone who took part in this challenge and shared their list even though there was some grumbling about how hard the assignment was. As we talked about these books it reaffirmed for me the importance of books in our lives and how bleak life would be if we didn't have access to the printed word. Being able to share these books with a discussion group is like icing on the cake!

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BOOK LIST from *The Reading List*:

The Time Traveler's Wife
To Kill a Mockingbird
Rebecca
The Kite Runner
Life of Pi
Pride and Prejudice
Little Women
Beloved
A Suitable Boy

BOOK LIST from discussion (in no specific order)

The Good Earth
Little Women
Fahrenheit 451
Anna Karenina
The Nightingale
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Thornbirds
Still Alice
The Naturalist and other books about
Teddy Roosevelt
Chesapeake
This Perfect Day
The Best and the Brightest
Isaac Asimov's Autobiographies
The Moved-Outers (a Young Adult book)
The General's Daughter
Honey and Salt - poetry by Carl Sandburg
Lord of the Flies
The Poisonwood Bible

That's all, she wrote!!

Happy Reading,
Mary Jane

While not directly related to Public Policy, it's important for all members to vote online by May 16th at 5:00 pm (EDT). If voting by mail, ballots must be postmarked by Friday, April 29th). It's a way to learn about the candidates for Board of Directors who will serve the AAUW organization, and express your opinion about amending the Bylaws in sections relating to Nominations and Ballot Administration. These changes are intended to streamline the ballot process and modify the member eligibility date for voting to reduce costs and streamline ballot administration. Also, a procedure has been specified in case an annual or special meeting must be adjourned before business is completed.

Here's the link

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>

[National Election – AAUW - Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

National Election 2022. It's your AAUW, and your voice counts. Please vote on the national Board of Directors and changes to the AAUW bylaws.. Welcome to the 2022 AAUW National Election page.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday, May 12 – WW II Program

Tuesday, May 17 Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, May 25 Evening Book Club

Tuesday, June 21 Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, June 22 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.

Acknowledgements:

Chris Dewaghe

Sandy Sieber

<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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