

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.

JUNE 2022 Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello everyone! It's time to get ready for summer. So, whether you're planting a garden, working in the yard or getting your deck or patio in ship shape, enjoy the nicer weather.

We had a wonderful program in May presented by Chris Dewaghe. She shared her mother's and father's letters from World War II. Joan Vicari has graciously agreed to be our Program Chairperson for the upcoming year. Thank you, Joan! We look forward to some exciting adventures!

Our book groups are just delightful! I hope everyone has enjoyed them as much as I have (and my husband, Russ). Thank you, Mary Jane and Joan. Wonderful job!

A Welcome Back Dinner is planned for the fall. More information will be available in September.



Enjoy your summer.
Chris Rohrman
President of Cape May County AAUW



Sandy Sieber & Chris Dewaghe at the May program

FROM YOUR TREASURER

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DEADLINE JUNE 30

Renewal of AAUW dues for 2022-23

For Primary Members of Cape May County AAUW:

National AAUW has revised their website and dues renewals are quite different from the last several years.

You must of your own volition log onto aauw.org. At the upper right corner is a LOG IN box where you

create a logon identity and password. If you had a previous logon identity, you now must create a new logon and password.

After logging on, you will be at a Personal Snapshot page. At the bottom of that page is a blue box RENEW.

You may be required to re-create part of your profile including month, date and year of your highest degree earned. I had to pull out my diploma from my closet.

If you have dual membership in another branch, you must pay that dual membership at this time along with National, State, Cape May County Local dues. One of the menus asks about dual memberships. Total will be \$87 for our branch membership or \$97 if you also belong to Atlantic County.

Upon completion of all the steps, you will receive a confirmation which you can print.

And, of course, you can still mail me a check made out to AAUW in the amount of \$87 for Cape May County membership.

Mail to:
Barbara Heinrichs
503 Whildam Ave
N. Cape May, NJ 08204

Our dual Atlantic County members will renew their Cape May affiliation when they renew their primary

membership with Atlantic County. You will come across a menu which asks about dual memberships.

Our fiscal year ends on June 30 so please renew your membership before then. If you are not renewing, please let me know and I'll take you off the reminder list.

STEM

Our alumni have been contacted for our STEMINIST camps the last week in July. Please let me know if you can volunteer a day or 2. (609-513-6281- texting is fine). Theresa Basquez will take over this position as of June 2022. It has been my pleasure to serve in this position as our STEM opportunities are so vital for women.

Teen Tech- was held on May 25 at ACCC- Mays Landing very successfully. The girls were addressed by the head of the FAA Technical Center, who had a series of short videos that explained all aspects of the Tech Center- it was GREAT and enlightening!. The girls then had 2 classes: I went to Biology/Genetics where they learned the process of discerning DNA and my 2nd class was flying drones. ACCC offered DRONE Certificate Program and students can begin at 14 but cannot test until age 16.

Linda Harmon and Jean McIntyre did a fabulous job!! And the staff at ACCC were wonderful. The girls also were able to interact with professional women and ask them questions. A most successful day.

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Joan Vicari (AAUW Scholarship Committee Member), Alena Sharp (Scholarship Recipient Studying Radiology), Fausta Kawesi (Scholarship Recipient Studying Nursing - just completed her LPN and about to begin a RN), Sandra Sieber (AAUW Scholarship Committee Member)

On Monday evening, May 16, Sandy Sieber and Joan Vicari attended the Atlantic Cape Community College's 55th Annual Scholarship Recognition Ceremony. Sandy and Joan represented our branch of AAUW and met two of our current scholarship recipients, Alena Sharp and Fausta Kawesi. It was a wonderful opportunity for Sandy and Joan to get to know Alena and Fausta. Alena and Fausta showed themselves to be caring people, and hard working mothers, in addition to being excellent students. We can be very proud to have awarded them scholarships. Sandy and Joan enjoyed telling Fausta and Alena about AAUW. We looking forward to hopefully having Alena and Fausta attend an upcoming meeting and/or event.

JUNE BOOKS

Murder Beach

Coastal Corpse

A Corpse for Christmas

These books were written by Rena Leith, our member and author. You can choose one or two or all three for our discussion.

We are delighted that Rena will be present for your comments and to answer any questions you may have.

We will meet on **Tuesday, June 21** 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 Rose Code by Kate Quinn

Mulligan's is already overwhelmed with patrons. Sometimes our Maria is the only server for the entire place.

Wednesday, June 22 Evening Book discussion will be held at **6pm** at the home of Sandy & Chuck Sieber, 3409 Shore Dr., Villas, phone-1-571-214-4006. Please bring a food of your choice to share with the group.

Looking ahead to the Fall:

September 20 - Daytime Group

Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey by
Kathleen Rooney

September 28 - Evening Group

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

October 18 - Daytime Group

The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by
Allison Pataki

October 26 - Evening Group

Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler (Part of the
Hogarth Shakespeare Project based on
The Taming of the Shrew)

BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

I can't believe Memorial Day Weekend is over and THE SEASON has started. It's time to enjoy visits from family and friends and avoid the traffic in Cape May and The Wildwoods. And, most importantly for me, it's time to read and enjoy books that I have been itching to read that aren't part of any book group discussions! (Of course, some may become books to discuss in the future.)

A new book that I am anxious to read is *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candace Millard. You all may remember her from our discussions of *The River of Doubt* (Teddy Roosevelt) and *Destiny of the Republic* (Garfield). Another book I want to read is *Booth* by Karen Joy Fowler who also wrote *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*. I was

looking at her website and she has several other books that sound good.

I also want to catch up with some authors who are old friends: Dean Koontz, Jodi Picoult, Jonathan Kellerman, Lincoln Child and Douglas Preston, Diana Gabaldon, Lee Child, and Lisa Scottoline, to name a few. I need to check their websites to see what I've missed. I'll probably pick up some pure escape books and chick lit on BookBub too.

Right now I'm reading my classic for the summer, *East of Eden*, by John Steinbeck. I read this a long time ago, probably when I was 14 or 15. I remembered it being a very long story based on the Biblical accounts in Genesis about the Garden of Eden and Cain and Abel. Well, there is a lot in this book that went right over my young head. It is chock full of history and philosophies of life that I completely missed. I am enjoying every word. Steinbeck is an amazing writer. I also recently read *The Book Woman's Daughter*, a sequel to *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson. If you enjoyed her first book I heartily recommend her second.

I hope you all have plans for a full summer of reading as well as trips, visits, and fun. As you read please make note of any books you would like to discuss with one of our book groups and send these titles to Joan Vicari or me. Also please send titles of any books you think our members would enjoy. I wish you a wonderful summer and I'll "see you in September." (How many of you had to hum as you read that?!) Until then...

Happy Reading,
Mary Jane

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EVENT CALENDAR

Here's a success story reported on the AAUW site (<https://ww3.aauw.org/research/solving-the-equation/>). These kinds of actions are too isolated – our educational institutions have to make a focused effort to change the fact that women represent only 26% of workers in computing fields.

“Harvey Mudd College has dramatically increased the number of women computer science graduates at the school with three simple interventions designed to welcome beginning students into the curriculum rather than weed them out. The college

1. Revised its required introductory computer science course to emphasize broad applications of computer science and accommodate different levels of experience.
2. Provides students with early research opportunities.
3. Sends women students to the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing.

In just five years, the percentage of women Harvey Mudd computer science graduates grew from a historical average of 12 to around 40 percent, while the national average stalled at 18 percent. What if we took the lessons from these efforts and applied them to businesses and K–12 education?”

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Wednesday, October 26 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
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Acknowledgements:

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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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