

AAUW 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.

SEPTEMBER 2022 Newsletter

President's Corner

Welcome Back!



Hello everyone,

Hope you all had a great summer. Our club began the summer with a daytime book group which featured a new member and author, Rena Leith. We had a wonderful discussion and learned a lot about the process of novel writing.

One of our first FALL activities will be a Welcome Back Dinner. It will be held at Alfe's on Sunday, October 2 at 4:30pm. We will again choose from the Early Bird Menu and the cost will be \$30. All members and potential members are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there. Send your check to:

Chris Rohrman
774 W. Glenwood Ave.
West Wildwood, NJ 08260

Alfe's Italian Seafood Restaurant is at the corner of Oak and New Jersey Avenues (3401 New Jersey Avenue) in Wildwood.

All members are supposed to be receiving the State Monthly Newsletter. If you are not, let me know. Barb Heinrichs is busy

keeping track of new members and dues payments. Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership for this year 2022-2023.

See you soon,
Chris Rohrman
President of Cape May County AAUW



Our June book group and guest author/member Rena Leith.

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TECH TREK

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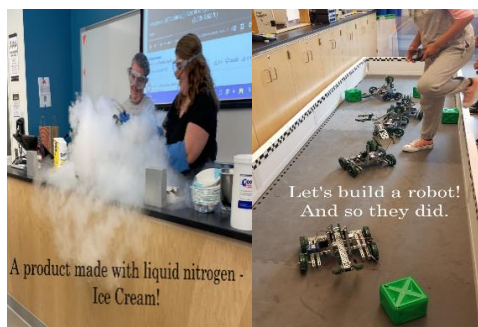


AAUW partnered with Stockton University to offer a "Steminist" summer program for 34 high school girls throughout the State who were alumni of 2018 and 2019 Tech Trek camps, and the 2021 virtual Tech Trek event. The program ran in two stages, Sun-Wed and Wed-Sat, each session fully booked with science workshops and fun activities. Sporting STEMINIST t-shirts, attendees were engaged all day, every day with chemistry and biomedical labs, robotics, physics, polyhedron origami, interview role play, e-sports and on-campus trips to observe the stars through a telescope, maple trees and syrup evaporator, and sustainable farming fields.

The hard work and long hours of the Tech Trek Leadership Team were instrumental to the success of the camp: Ann Marchesani, Linda Harmon and Gail Davis from Atlantic County AAUW, and Stockton University's Dean of Education, Claudine Keenan, as well as AAUW volunteers from Atlantic, Camden, Cape May and Salem counties who supported the event.

The Tech Trek program is strongly aligned with the AAUW mission to provide girls with opportunities to become aware of possibilities not previously imagined. As one camper who had attended Tech Trek in 7th Grade said: "Tech Trek changed my life."

Here's to the resumption of Tech Trek in 2023! And, as in the past, we will be looking to our members for support.



PROGRAM – COSTA RICA

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I have a lunch reservation for us at:
Bella Vida Cafe
406 N. Broadway
West Cape May, NJ 08204

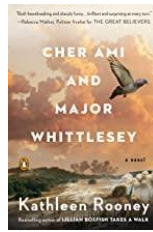
Thursday, September 22, 2022
at 12:00 noon

We will sit outdoors - weather permitting, otherwise we will have our own room indoors.

There will be a presentation by the owners about Costa Rica focusing on its foods and culture.

Please RSVP with an email to Joan Vicari (jbvicari@yahoo.com) by 9:00pm on Monday, September 20.

SEPTEMBER BOOKS

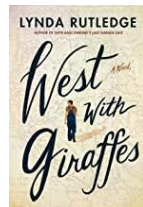


Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey
by Kathleen Rooney

Tuesday, September 20 Daytime Book Club – Note **change** of our usual location -

We are meeting at 12:00 noon at **Castaway Café**, 301 Bayshore Road in the Villas. We'll order lunch first and then have our discussion.

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



West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

We will meet on **Wednesday, September 28** 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.

SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday, September 29 we will have a Monarch Tagging event. Time and place to be announced later.



SAVE THE DATE

Women of Wonder Celebration on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 11:30 am at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City.

For more information visit atlantic.edu.wow

BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

Welcome back! The summer went quickly for me with visits from our kids and grandkids and reading, reading, reading. A highlight of our summer was receiving our 2020 Christmas present from our kids! They had given us a coupon for a make-over for our computer room/library and walk-in closet. Then Covid hit and all was put on hold. They took up ratty carpeting and installed beautiful laminate flooring. We cleaned off the book cases which

were packed three deep in places. My daughter, the librarian, was ruthless as we sorted the books. If I hesitated about why I needed to keep a book, it was quickly bagged! We donated twenty-two shopping bags full of books. Half went to the AmVets Thrift Shop in Villas and half to the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Shop in CMCH.

I did a lot of reading this summer. I caught up on several Alex Delaware books by Jonathan Kellerman. I also read several Jack Reacher books by Lee Child. *What Happened to the Bennetts?*, Lisa Scottoline's newest book, was very interesting. I learned about how the Witness Protection Program works as well as enjoying the story. Right now I'm about halfway through the most recent Outlander book by Diana Gabaldon. If you aren't familiar with it, you can catch some of the story on TV. My daughter says it's pretty true to the books but I haven't watched any episodes.

There are nine books so far and, according to the author, there are more to come. The books are packed with lots of characters, action, adventure, romance, American and Scottish history, and a bit of time travel. The first book was published in 1991. We meet the main characters

although they haven't met each other. Jamie Fraser is involved in the Jacobite Rising in Scotland in 1743. Claire Randel, a married woman and a WW II nurse, is visiting Scotland in 1945 when she is transported back in time to 1743. She meets Jamie, they fall in love, and the rest is a life of mind-boggling experiences. This series tells a rollicking good story!

I have already read the four books we've chosen for September and October and enjoyed all of them. The stories are all very different but are all well-written and well-researched. I'm looking forward to all of the discussions as well as seeing you all again. We will be back at Mulligan's in September for the Evening Group. The Daytime Group can't start at Crest Pier until October. Therefore, we will have our September meeting at Castaway Cafe in Villas as noted in the Newsletter. Please let me know if you will be joining us at one or both discussions so I can let the restaurants know.

Happy Reading,
Mary Jane

PS I have a new gadget that I just have to share with you. It's a book stand that will hold a heavy hardback book upright so you can read hands free. I am having difficulty with my hands and this is a lifesaver. I found it

on Amazon. It's called MSDADA Book Stand and costs \$11.99.



If you like to read ahead, following are our fall selections:

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*)

November 15 - Daytime Group
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Brontë

November 30 - Evening Group
The Lobotomist's Wife by Samantha Greene Woodruff

December 20 - Daytime Group
The Days of Afrekete by Asali Solomon

December 28 - Evening Group
Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

AAUW Public Policy

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On June 24th of this year, AAUW issued a press release in response to the Supreme Court's opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The announcement read in part:

“AAUW believes everyone has the right to make decisions

about their own reproductive lives without government interference. Abortion access is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity.

Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security—a crucial component of AAUW's mission. This is particularly important in a country that lacks accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave and workplace protections for pregnant workers.”

Read the entire statement at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/medi-a/press-releases/aauw-statement-strongly-condemning-the-u-s-supreme-courts-opinion-on-dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-organization/>

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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.

Acknowledgements:

Many thanks for the generous donation from the **Cape Women's Resource Fund**

Mary Conley

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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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