

# 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.

## NOVEMBER 2022 Newsletter

### President's Corner



Hello everyone,

We've had a busy and productive fall – Welcome back dinner, several book group gatherings and a board meeting. Our dinner was well attended even though the date had to be changed. At our fall board meeting we decided that we needed a proper thank you to Karen for her Endowed Scholarship to the Atlantic County Community College. So, we'll be sending her a special thank you gift from the club.

A Holiday Dinner is planned for December. Members and guests or spouses are welcome. The more, the merrier! There will be a whole new venue – The ICONA Diamond Beach. Details forthcoming.

Enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends!

See you soon!

Chris Rohrman  
President of Cape May County AAUW



Board meeting attendees.

### AAUW Public Policy

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Very brief message this month: VOTE!

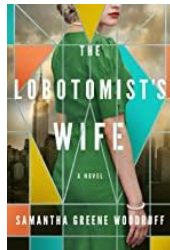
Inform yourself of the issues, and support the candidate representing your values.

## NOVEMBER BOOKS



*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* by Anne Brontë

We will meet on **Tuesday, November 15** 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 Lobotomist's Wife* by Samantha Greene Woodruff

We will meet on **Wednesday, November 30** 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.

For those who were wondering about our former member Joan Husband, we received this text on October 3

Joan & Dave moved to a motel in Miami for the air conditioning which Dave needs.

"We are fine except no internet. The hurricane flood waters came up 5 feet but our house is at 11 ft so we were spared flood damage. Some minor wind damage to our house. Our roof is only 5 years old so it withstood. Winds were clocked at 112 mph! Our power was restored by October 2 so we drove back to Marco Island the next day. If the hurricane had changed course and made landfall nearer to us, we'd be goners.

We are missing our internet/ tv. Next appt for a Century link repairman is October 27th! Still a small inconvenience compared to Sanibel and Fort Myers."

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## EVENT CALENDAR

**Thursday, November 3** – Women of Wonder Celebration

**Tuesday, November 15** Daytime Book Club

**Wednesday, November 30** Evening Book Club

**Tuesday, December 20** Daytime Book Club

**Wednesday, December 28** Evening Book Club

# BOOK NOOK

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I love this cartoon and the message it sends to both children and adults. Even though many of us use our Kindles or other devices for much of our reading, we all seem to use our local libraries as well. It seems ingrained in us that libraries are the temples of all knowledge and, if we have a question, the answer is in the library.

Gracie looks at her library as a source of pleasure and amusement, a place where she can travel to real and imaginary places by reading books. That made me start thinking about all the “theme parks for the mind” that we have visited as a group through the years. We have created our own Disneyland through our reading and discussions.

We have gone to the far corners of the world without leaving Cape May County. How can we forget traveling across the Sahara in *Sahara Unveiled - A Journey Across the Desert*? We traveled to Brazil and joined Theodore Roosevelt on his journey down the River of Doubt during the darkest period of his life. We had a harrowing experience on a whaling ship in the 1800s when we joined Captain Ahab as he pursued Moby Dick.

We have also gone where no humans have ever gone! Remember *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*? Love it or hate it, that book took us on a unique trip worthy of the wildest ride in a space-themed park. We were able to experience living on Mars and almost didn’t survive in

*The Martian*. In our own Epcot Center we learned how AI might impact our own lives in the future. We all may have Klaras instead of human friends! AIs can't replace a good book group though.

We haven't visited Dollywood yet but we have ventured to Mar-a-Lago as the guests of Marjorie Post. We time traveled to the 1700s to join Benjamin Franklin in the newly formed Thirteen Colonies and also to France as we had glimpses of his life. We gained insight into the mind of a genius when we read about Albert Einstein.

Although we haven't toured specific zoos or menageries, we have learned a lot about the relationships between humans and animals. Sled dogs like Buck in *The Call of the Wild* showed how men in the Arctic relied on their dogs for survival. We were there when brave men rescued beautiful white horses from the Nazis in *The Perfect Horse*. We cried for Rosie the elephant and cheered when Jacob and Marlina were able to get her away from the cruel August in *Water for Elephants*. And most recently we fell in love with giraffes as we joined a pair in their journey from New York to the San Diego Zoo by truck.

As I was thinking about what I wanted to write in this essay I went to our website and reviewed a partial list of books we have read and discussed through the years. I am amazed at the breadth and depth of our reading. I am proud to be a member of our discussion groups. I applaud the way our members are receptive to all genres, old and new. I look forward to visiting many more places with our groups. Libraries may be the theme parks of the mind but main attractions are books!

Happy Reading,

Mary Jane

PS I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! As you count your blessings, don't forget to include BOOKS!

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

December 20 - Daytime Group  
*The Days of Afreketete* by Asali Solomon

December 28 - Evening Group  
*Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

## *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:

From Beverly Schechtman in memory of Nelson Norell, husband of Rosalind Norell

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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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