

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.

APRIL 2023 Newsletter

President's Corner



It's spring and April looks like a busy month. We will have our semi-annual board meeting on April 14 at 1:30pm at the usual place (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wildwood). Everyone is invited and we will have refreshments! We will be discussing among other things: officers for next year and our contribution of baskets for the Fashion Show Luncheon on June 4. If you would like to be an officer for next year, please get in touch with me or Barb Heinrichs.

I have been attending Zoom meetings with presidents of other clubs in New Jersey this past winter. We're exchanging ideas for future projects and the direction of AAUW. Looking for ideas for a community service project (maybe involving the local college). Get your thinking caps on!!

See you at all our activities!
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A special Victorian tea at Lilian Place Heritage Center, Daytona Beach

Coming soon... **Hats Off to the Wildwoods Fashion Show and Luncheon**

Sunday, June 4



TWEEN TECH 2023

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AAUW-sponsored TWEEN TECH was held at Stockton University on March 17th. Sixty 7th Grade girls arrived at the Campus Center, and during the course of the event, were escorted to two workshops by AAUW

volunteers, with lunch in between. Workshops included Beekeeping, Anyone?, The Great Plankton Race, Broadcast Technology Overview, Coding Your Sphero Robot, CSI, Lasers and Lissajous Figures, Food Chemistry, Modular Origami, Sap to Syrup, and a STEM Challenge Lab.

The students were intrigued by the science and the opportunity to participate in hands-on projects – and rose to the challenges that were presented.

Attendance this year was low because schools have trouble allocating buses for transportation and scheduling substitute teachers. Post-pandemic turmoil is still with us.

Many thanks to all volunteers and to STEM program donors – the event is not possible without you!

It was a fun day – sign up to volunteer for Tech Trek 2023 at Stockton this summer - July 23-29!

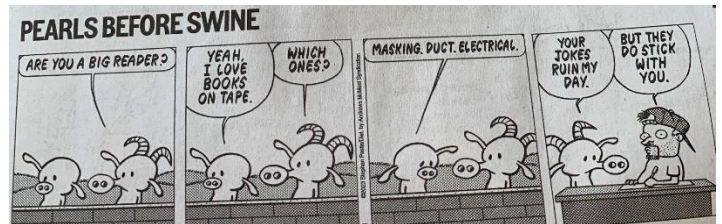


Theresa Basquez

BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

Which do you prefer, printed books, either on paper or e-readers, or audiobooks or books on tape? I started thinking about this after reading the “punny” comic below in the newspaper.



All kidding aside, books on tape and audiobooks have become an important part of life for many people who enjoy a good book but don't like to read or have time to sit and read. When you listen to a book you can multi-task. Many folks fill the time commuting to and from work by listening to a best seller. Taking a walk around the neighborhood or exercising on a treadmill or bike can be enlivened by listening to a good mystery. Snowbirds traveling to and from warm climes can enjoy the same book together and discuss the story over dinner each night. Seniors with cataracts or failing eyesight can still enjoy books by their favorite authors. The whole listening experience can be enhanced by a talented reader who adds lots of expression to the oral reading.

That being said, I still prefer the printed word over audiobooks. My first choice is a “book” book whether from the library, a book store or Amazon. I used to try to use the library exclusively but since Chuck and I both become less and less mobile I find I order most of our books from Amazon or

put them on my Kindle. When I try audiobooks I find my mind wanders and I miss whole chapters. I need to have the printed word in front of me so I can follow along.

Books have always been part of my life and there is something calming and soothing about holding a book and opening it to the title page and dedication. The smell of a book, be it a new one or a well-used library book, is intoxicating. I know I will find new friends, new adventures and ideas and facts that I have never come across before. I can look back and reread passages and conversations as needed as the story progresses. I can stop and start the story and peek back at the previous page so I know exactly what's happening. When I finish the book I can give it to a friend or relative, put it on the shelf to keep or donate it to a worthy group.

These days I do a lot of reading on my Kindle. It's not the same as a "book" book but at least I have the print in front of me. My biggest complaint is not being able to turn back in the story easily. I like the ease with which I can put new books on it so I always know where my next read is coming from. I get daily lists of inexpensive books from BookBub which I can download if a title catches my eye.

I first started reading on my Kindle when Chuck and I were still traveling. It was always a big dilemma deciding which books to take especially if we were flying. They couldn't be too heavy but they had to be long enough to last through the trip. And I had to leave room for the bird guides that we both needed. My Kindle fulfilled my needs perfectly! Now that we are homebodies my Kindle goes in my purse so I always have something to read if I'm stuck in a waiting room.

I've rambled on enough for this month. My point is that as we age we can still be voracious readers. We have choices to accommodate our changing needs so reading can remain a major part of our lives.

Happy Reading,

Mary Jane

APRIL BOOKS



Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez

We will meet on **Tuesday, April 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.



Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

We will meet on **Wednesday, April 26** 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.

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

May 16 - Daytime Group
My Broken Language by Quira Alegria Hudes

May 24 - Evening Group
The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester

All books through June are listed on our website capemay-nj.aauw.net under Activities – Book Groups

who makes science fun for everyone through music and pop culture.

- Professor Kristin Henning, a professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she is the Blume Professor of Law and the director of the university's Juvenile Justice Clinic. She is known for her book, *The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth*.
- Pat Stocker, Ph D, an advocate for women in both her professional life and volunteer activities. She founded The Conference Board's Women's Leadership Council, helps organizations broaden opportunities for women and advocates for equity for women and girls.

EVENT CALENDAR

AAUW Public Policy

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One of the ways AAUW supports women is through fellowships and grants for continuing education, and recognition of achievements through awards. The AAUW Women of Distinction program pays tribute to women leaders who have made extraordinary accomplishments in their professions or their communities. The honor is given at a special event held in conjunction with AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The recipients are leaders, innovators and role models from diverse backgrounds and fields.

In 2022, award recipients were:

- Dr. Raven Baxter, known as "The Science Maven," a science communicator, molecular biologist, STEM educator and public speaker

Friday, April 14 at 1:30pm at the usual place (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wildwood)

Tuesday, April 18 Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, April 26 Evening Book Club

Tuesday, May 16 Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, May 24 Evening Book Club

Tuesday, June 20 Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, June 28 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:

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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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