

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.

MAY 2023 Newsletter

President's Corner



Hello everyone. It's May and signs of spring are everywhere! We love to see the birds returning – osprey in their nests along North Wildwood Boulevard and our own pair of tree swallows.

We had a fun and productive board meeting April 14th. We found out that we currently have 53 members with many dual Atlantic County members. We will be welcoming new members at our Fall Welcome Back dinner. I want to thank all my board members and department chairpersons. We couldn't continue this great club without their help and support!

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the 5-Year Pledge for 2023 – Barbara Heinrichs, Chris Dewaghe and Mary Jane Slugg.

Looking forward to making those baskets for the June 4th Fashion Show and Luncheon. Join us for some fun – May 17 at Sandy Sieber's house.

Chris Rohrman
President of Cape May County AAUW



A good year for my orchids!

Annual Fashion & Luncheon June 4 at the Wildwood Convention Center

May 10 is the deadline for reservations and payments.

Take a chance to win beautiful baskets. Proceeds benefit CWFR & AAUW scholarships.

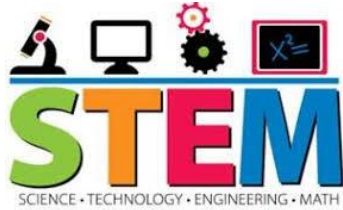
For more information or to pay by credit card, you can call Rita Rothberg at 609-231-1813 or email capewomensresourcefund@yahoo.com

2023-2024 Dues

Our dues for the next fiscal year are coming up soon. National dues are \$72 of which \$69 is tax deductible. NJ State is unchanged at \$10 and our branch dues are unchanged at \$10.

You should have received an email from Katrina Sun Breese on April 25 with instructions on how to renew directly with

National AAUW by credit card or check. Credit card renewal is **much** easier on your treasurer.



Tech Trek 2023 is not far off! From July 23-29, sixty high school girls will attend camp at Stockton for a full week of STEM workshops, teamwork and camaraderie. Many AAUW volunteers are needed to support this effort, so please set aside some time on your calendar and email me if you are able to participate. The details can be scheduled later. Thank you! Tech Trek is not possible without you.

A special thank you to Chris Dewaghe and Kathy Ghanavati for interviewing the Cape May County candidate for Tech Trek.

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BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,



Morning. Breakfast. Coffee. Newspaper. Wait! Newspaper? What day is it? The newspaper only comes on Tuesday,

Thursday and Saturday. With the mail. Not first thing in the morning. Did the mail come yet? It's not like the "good old days" when the newspaper is at the door when we get up in the morning. A beloved routine of reading the "paper" over breakfast and coffee has been shattered. I know I'm not alone in harboring these feelings. Are we witnessing the death throes of the printed newspaper?

It began with our daily papers, *The Press of Atlantic City* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, getting thinner and thinner. Then they were reformatted to make them more appealing. For me the new format was not an improvement. Digitalized editions were expanded. We, the hard core newspaper readers, were urged repeatedly to get the complete version of the newspaper online. All this before the sad news of no more early morning delivery of newspapers to South Jersey subscribers. Our papers would come with our mail.

Is this the beginning of the end for all subscribers? We talked to a friend who lives in Glassboro and his *Philadelphia Inquirer* is still delivered to his door each morning. Are we the first NJ area to experience this change because of the way our population fluctuates seasonally? Obviously I have more questions than answers.

There are a few things I do know. Friends in our book groups, all of us of a certain age, are bemoaning the loss of reading the newspaper with our morning coffee. Most of the next generation do not subscribe to newspaper delivery but prefer to get their news on TV or online. If there are fewer

subscriptions it isn't cost efficient to print and distribute the paper version. The same news, public opinion pieces, entertainment news, sports, comics and puzzles can be delivered online to more people. I understand this dilemma.

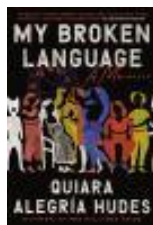
BUT..... I miss my morning paper. I miss reading the paper while I eat my oatmeal and drink my coffee. I miss washing the black ink from my hands before I touch anything after reading the paper. I miss cutting out articles to share with our children and grandchildren. I miss discussing various articles with my husband and laughing together over favorite comic strips. It's like watching an old friend slowly wasting away.

On a brighter note, I guess if I can adapt to reading most of my books on my Kindle, then I can adapt to reading the newspaper online. Change is inevitable and hopefully good journalism will survive online so we can stay informed.

Happy Reading,

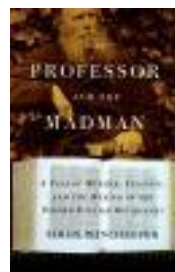
Mary Jane

MAY BOOKS



My Broken Language by Quira Alegria Hudes

We will meet on **Tuesday, May 16** 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 Professor and the Madman
by Simon Winchester

We will meet on **Wednesday, May 24** 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 June:

June 20 – Day Group
Funny Farm by Laurie Zeleski

June 28 - Evening Group
Elephant Company by Vicki Croke

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

Lunch & Library Program

On Thursday, April 20, after enjoying a delicious lunch together at 9 South Restaurant in Cape May Court House, members of our county AAUW and the Atlantic County branch went to the Cape May County Library main branch in Cape May Court House.

Michelle Bingnear, director/library co-supervisor of the Technology Learning Center, welcomed our group and informed us about the resources and services the library system offers. The presentation informed us about ways to access magazines with Flipster, books and audiobooks with Libby, and how to stream audiobooks, movies, music, tv programs and more with hoopla, plus OnDemand streaming video with Kanopy - all for free online through the library system. The Technology Learning Center offers one hour appointments from 9am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, and has walk in Wednesdays, so you can get free help with your phone, laptop, and other devices.

Then, the fun tech time at the library's Technology Learning Center began. Each of us had a turn experiencing virtual reality using Oculus and HTC devices with The Night Cafe Van Gogh program. Next, Geoff showed us the library's Glowforge that can print on paper, wood, and glass. He demonstrated how to find patterns to use, and produced two small wooden puzzles. Our third stop, was the 3D printer where we viewed Thingiverse to locate free 3D patterns. The 3D printer uses spools of PLA (a corn based material that is like plastic) that are heated to become pliable. We observed a small, bright orange, chain link item be created.

Thank you very much to Technology Learning Center Director/library co-supervisor Michelle Bingnear who planned and presented the program, and library staff members Geoffrey Byrne and Taylor Ormston who greatly assisted us.

The library staff, and we who attended the program, greatly encourage AAUW members in the area to checkout all that the Cape May County Library System has to offer!



Front L to R: Lorraine Stoughton, Kathleen, Michelle Bingnear, Joan Vicari
Back L to R: Kathy Ghanavati, Sandy Sieber, Kris Baker, and Geoffrey Byrne



Michelle Bingnear, tech director/library co-supervisor, pointing out online resources available using the library website



Left to right:

Kris uses a virtual reality device

Sandy in The Night Cafe Van Gogh experience with virtual reality

Kathy experiencing virtual reality



Geoffrey Byrne, library assistant, showing us the computer and Glowforge machine that can be used to create items using paper, glass, practical, and more.

Geoffrey showing wooden items produced using the Glowforge machine

Taylor Ormston, library assistant, showing us items printed with the library's 3D printer.

AAUW Public Policy

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An opportunity to lend your voice to the direction of AAUW has arrived in the form of a ballot in the 2023 Election for members of the Board of Directors, approving revamped By-Laws and expanded Public Policy priorities.

An email was sent to members on April 5th with an elector id and password along with a link to the ballot. Cast your ballot by 5 pm on May 15th. A quorum of 5% of voting members is needed for the election to be valid and effect any change.

The By-Laws have been organized and streamlined, and there is a commented copy explaining the changes. There are sweeping changes to the AAUW Public Policy mission and goals, and I encourage you to read about proposed changes and vote!

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 16 Daytime Book Club

Wednesday, May 24 Evening Book Club

Sunday, June 4 Annual Fashion & Luncheon

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.

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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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