

# 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 2023 Newsletter

### President's Corner

Unofficial summer 2023 has started and we have a busy June planned for our club. Hope you are joining us for the Fashion Show & Luncheon on June 4 (we made 12 baskets to be raffled off) or the Grace Kelly Tea on June 7. We also have our last book groups in June before we take a break for the summer.

Then we will see you back in September. Fall will bring our board meeting and Welcome Back Dinner.

Enjoy your summer.

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President of Cape May AAUW  
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Full house at Mulligans for book group

## 2023-2024 Dues are due!

AAUW dues for the next fiscal year are due by the end of June. National dues are \$72 of which \$69 is tax deductible. NJ State is unchanged at \$10 and our branch dues are unchanged at \$10.

If you created an account online with National last year including a password, go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and log in. At the bottom of your Personal Snapshot page is a big blue RENEW button. Or you can create your personal account this year and renewal will be easier next year. Credit card renewal is much easier on your treasurer. Our dual members from Atlantic County can add dual membership when renewing their primary membership.

But you can always mail me a check for \$92 made out to AAUW:  
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Tech Trek is coming July 23-29 to Stockton University, and volunteers are needed to support the students. Please join camp as

often as you can during that week; volunteers are needed in several areas. You are requested to go to the “Volunteers” tab on the website:

<https://techtrek-nj.aauw.net/>

to register your intentions. Background checks are needed for volunteers working with young people, which take time to complete. The process can begin as soon as you are registered, so please sign-up now!



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## ACCC Marion MacEwan Scholarship Award Ceremony

Sandy Sieber and Joan Vicari attended the Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation Scholarship Recognition Ceremony on Monday evening, May 15, 2023.

Kathryn “Katie” Matthews, a recipient of the Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarship Award given by our AAUW Cape May County Branch is pictured below in the center with Joan Vicari (left) and Sandy Sieber (right).

Catherine Versoza, the other recipient of our branch scholarship did not attend the program.



“I want to thank you both so much, it was a pleasure meeting you tonight! It was a very nice ceremony and I feel so honored to be the recipient of the Marion MacEwan Second Chance Scholarship Award. It means a lot to me and I am so grateful for your generosity and that of the entire AAUW. I look forward to seeing you again!  
Sincerely,  
Katie Matthews”



Basket Builders: Barb, Chris, Joan, Theresa, Sandy and Kathy

The above members of AAUW Cape May County branch met at Sandy Sieber's house May 17th to fill and decorate baskets which will earn money for the Cape Women's

Resource Fund in the no-bid auction to be held at the June 4th Fashion/Hat show and luncheon. Thanks to all their hard work we are donating 12 baskets! We then keep 50% of the proceeds for our scholarship fund.



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## BOOK NOOK

Greetings Fellow Readers,

I hope you all had a nice Memorial Day Weekend and are gearing up for summer at the shore: sun, ocean, beach, traffic and company. I used to think of summer as a time to take a vacation with my family. Since my husband and I have retired to the shore we have done our traveling in the winter and opened our house to family and friends during the summer. Whether I am traveling or being a hostess, reading is still a major part of my life.

In both of our AAUW book groups it seems that the format you read from comes up in some way. Do you prefer a physical book, a Kindle, a Nook, an iPad or iPhone or a computer? There are certainly pros and cons for each.

I always need to have something to read with me! This has been true since I learned to read as a child. When my husband and I used to take three or four day trips on Chuck's motorcycle, choosing a book that would fit in my limited packing space and still last for the whole trip was a major dilemma. There were no ebooks back then.

After retiring we began taking birding trips throughout the United States. Again packing room was tight and I needed my books. This is when I got my first Kindle. I had many books to choose from and could add more whenever WiFi was available. I was a happy camper!

I still like to read a "book" book. There is something about the heft, the smell of the paper and the physical turning of pages that calls to me. I can easily go back to reread parts. I like to borrow from the library and return the book when I'm finished. I also like to own certain books that have made an impact on me.

## JUNE BOOKS

However, I'm on my third Kindle, a PaperWhite, that I can read anywhere. I must confess that I rely on it more and more as I get older. I no longer am able to drive to the library and hate to ask someone else to pick up and return my books even though numerous friends have offered to do this for me. I kind of like just tapping the screen to turn the page. I love putting my finger on an unfamiliar word and getting a definition instantly. In spite of my love for books, my love of reading has transferred almost completely to my Kindle.



Whatever your favorite way of reading is, I hope you all have time to catch up on your favorite author or check out the bestsellers from the library this summer. Don't forget to let Joan or me know if you want to recommend a book for discussion. Have a wonderful summer; see you in September!

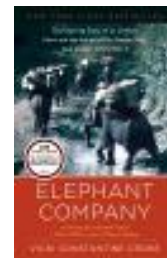
Mary Jane

Happy Reading,



*Funny Farm* by Laurie Zeleski

We will meet on **Tuesday, June 20** 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.



*Elephant Company* by Vicki Croke

Mulligan's is not available to us in June. We will meet on **Wednesday, June 28** at a restaurant **to be determined**. A notification of the time and place will be sent as a separate email. We will discuss the book after ordering dinner.

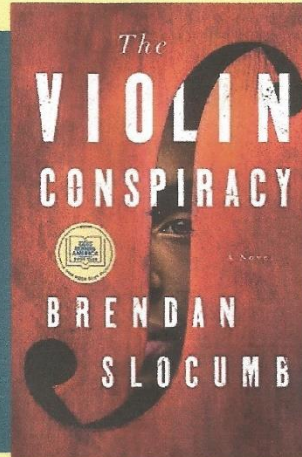
Contact Mary Jane Slugg at 609 884 7041 or shoresluggs@aol.com to let her know you are coming.



The 2023 OC READS book selection is...

# The Violin Conspiracy

by Brendan Slocumb



**OC READS**  
& The Ocean City Free Public  
Library  
invite you to...

A Talk, Q&A, and Book Signing  
with **Author Brendan Slocumb** on

**THURSDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2023**  
**at 6:30 PM**

This event will be held at the  
Ocean City Free Public Library  
and will be free and open to the public.

More details to be announced!

*OC READS is a program designed to bring people  
together through literature by encouraging them to  
read the same book and participate in discussions  
and other events centered on that book.*

Ray McMillian is a Black classical musician on the rise—undeterred by the pressure and prejudice of the classical music world—when a shocking theft sends him on a desperate quest to recover his great-great-grandfather's heirloom violin on the eve of the most prestigious musical competition in the world.

Brendan Nicholas Slocumb was raised in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and holds a degree in music education (with concentrations in violin and viola) from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. For more than twenty years he has been a public and private school music educator and has performed with orchestras throughout Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC. He is the author of *The Violin Conspiracy* (Good Morning America Book Club Pick), and *Symphony of Secrets* (IndieBound Bestseller). Both novels are a celebration of music, but also a cautionary tale about legacy, privilege, and creative genius. Brendan is now at work on his third novel, scheduled for release in 2025.



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## AAUW Public Policy



The results of the national election are in – Kimberly S. Adams, Edwina Frances Martin, Jenna Kirkpatrick Howard and Shaila Rao Mistry have been elected to serve on the AAUW National Board of Directors, and by-law and public policy changes were overwhelmingly approved by over 95% of voters.

Per the election website: “Given the nature of changes to the bylaws, all AAUW affiliates will be required to update their bylaws over the next three years. AAUW’s branch and state boards can approve the required changes with a vote of the board – a full vote of the branch or state membership is not required to implement national-mandated changes to affiliate bylaws.”

Branches and states are required, within the next three years, to adopt the first seven articles provided by a link on this page:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2023-affiliate-bylaws-changes/>

So, all branches will be updating by-laws over the next three years, completing activity by June 30, 2026.

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 4** Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon at the Wildwoods Convention Center

**Wednesday, June 7** Grace Kelley High Tea at the Flanders Hotel Crystal Ballroom

**Tuesday, June 20** Daytime Book Club

**Wednesday, June 28** Evening Book Club

This will be the last Cape May County newsletter until September. Announcements will be sent via email until then.

## *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:

Marge Corson

Chris Rohrman

<http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>

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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