

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.

NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter

President's Corner



Hello everyone,

Let's start with some good news: Sue Laufer has agreed to be our **Vice President!** Thank you, Sue!

Some more good news – we had a nice turn-out for our **Welcome Back Dinner** on October 1 at Alfe's.

Our next dinner will be in December. **Our Holiday Dinner** will be at the **Lobster House**. We still need to confirm the date and cost. But we will let you know those details as soon as possible.

Don't forget: if you would like to make a scholarship pledge for 2023, please send it to Barb (Barb Heinrichs, 503 Whildam Ave, North Cape May, NJ 08204) right away.

We will start accepting pledges for the year 2024 in January. Thank you to all who support this fundraising effort.

We could still use a **Fundraiser Chairman**. We have some interesting new ideas but could use an enthusiastic individual to help implement them.

Hope to see you all in December at our dinner.

Chris Rohrman
President of Cape May County AAUW



Welcome Back Dinner at Alfe's.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



Registration is open for **Tween Tech**, to be held at Stockton University on January 3, 2024. Let me know if you'd like to volunteer! tbasquez_86@hotmail.com

Duties will include chaperoning the Middle School girls between the Campus Center and the Unified Science Center right across the way. Activities will begin at 8 am and end at 2 pm – with lunch in the cafeteria included.

In other news, several AAUW members from throughout the State will be attending the NJEA Conference in Atlantic City on November 9-10. The goal is to raise teacher awareness of the STEM programs for middle and high school girls sponsored by AAUW.

AAUW Public Policy



Election Day is November 7th! It is vital to vote in local elections – the voices of our elected officials have a lot of power in determining policy and adopting rules that affect our lives. Locally, the race is on in District 1 for a State Senate seat, and for two seats in the General Assembly.

Ballotpedia is a nonprofit and nonpartisan online political encyclopedia that covers federal, state, and local politics, elections, and public policy in the United States. You can view a sample ballot for your local election at their website:

https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

The League of Women Voters has informative pages at :<https://www.lwv.org/>

The League of Women Voters have developed a helpful app with detailed election information at:

<https://www.vote411.org/>

Let your voice be heard!

**AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES,
ADOPTED MAY, 2023**

VIEW THE GOALS OF OUR ORGANIZATION
HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.AAUW.ORG/RESOURCES/PO
LIC/AAUW-PUBLIC-POLICY-PRIORITIES/](https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities/)

TOUR OF CTT



On **Thursday, November 16** we are having a tour of CTT - Cellular Tracking Technologies - 1:30-2:30. Join us to visit CTT and learn about how tracking devices can be used to trace migration paths of birds and butterflies. Guests are welcome.

CTT is located at 1293 Hornet Rd., #1, off Breakwater Road by the Cape May Airport and Erma Fire Company.

BOOK NOOK

Dear Fellow Readers,

Our last Evening Group book discussion prompted the idea for this month's column. We were discussing *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, an excellent, well-written tome that spans almost 100 years and 700 pages. Only a few of us actually finished the book so my last question was: Is the book too long? The answer was a resounding yes! Then I asked those who read the book which parts could be eliminated.

This led to a whole new discussion about the job of an editor and what they can and cannot do. Obviously the author has the final say. This piqued my curiosity so I did some research on the job of an editor.

Basically the job of a book editor is to help the author improve the book. Book editors review, reorganize and rewrite manuscripts to facilitate their publication. This takes place on many different levels.

First, developmental editing begins in the early stages of the manuscript. It includes fine-tuning the topic and the structure of the book.

Second, an editor will help improve the book's structure by moving chapters around, moving text within chapters and moving text between chapters.

Third, line editing considers factors such as tone, style, word usage and consistency.

Fourth, copy editing corrects more obvious mistakes such as grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Some authors have one editor who handles the entire process from manuscript to publication. Many authors have several editors who each take on different roles during the writing of a manuscript. The Editorial Arts Academy breaks down these roles on their website.

1. Book Coach - This is an editor who gives an author support developing or completing their first draft.

2. Beta Reader - This job is similar to a book reviewer. The beta reader provides feedback, but not direction, about likes and dislikes. Many beta readers are friends, family and a writing workshop group.

3. Manuscript Evaluator - This editor looks at the big picture. For fiction this includes structure, theme, point of view and characterization. For nonfiction it includes chapter organization and content.

4. Developmental Editor - This job is more comprehensive than a manuscript evaluation. The editor writes a detailed report and also provides a page-by-page commentary on the text.

5. Line Editor - This editor looks at every sentence to see if it belongs, reads well and is consistent with the book's voice. Awkward sentences and redundancy are addressed.

6. Copy Editor - This is the stage where the editor fixes errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation using *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

7. Proofreader - Proofreading is the final stage of the editorial process. This is done after the book has been typeset for publication, comparing the proofs to the copy edited manuscript to make sure nothing has been overlooked.

As you can see the role of a book editor is involved and steeped in detail. An author may have one or several editors along the way but good editing produces better writing. The editor is often the first person an author thanks in the Acknowledgments section. I now understand that the book editor is much more important than I knew. However, the author has the final word. We can't blame the editor if we think a book is too long!

Last month I wrote about what makes a good book. Now I know that good editing can make a good book better.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Reading, Mary Jane

NOVEMBER BOOKS

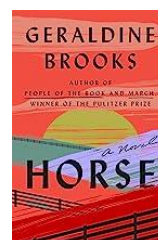
Note: All books selected for December through January 2024 are listed on our website. The website has been updated. Book Groups is now on the opening page.



Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

We will meet on **Tuesday, November 21** at Crest Pier Community Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest (between Crocus & Heather).

Please bring your lunch & beverage. Dessert will be provided.



Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Note **change of date** due to holidays

We will meet on **Wednesday, November 22** 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.

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 7 – ELECTION DAY

**Thursday, November 16 – Cellular
Tracking Technologies tour**

Tuesday, November 21 Daytime Book
Club

Wednesday, November 22 Evening Book
Club – date advanced due to Thanksgiving
holiday

Tuesday, December 19 Daytime Book
Club

Wednesday, December 27 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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