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THE FORUM

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Program Helen Riso

A party just for us!

Gail and Walter Vreeland will graciously open their decorated home for a holiday get-together on **Saturday December 11 from 1 to 4 PM. (53 Burnside Drive, EHT ...in Village Grande off Mill Road).** Our Treasurer suggested, and the Board has agreed, that for just this once we can afford to lower "the entrance fee" to.....\$5.00!! **If planning to come, please mail your check for \$5.00 to Betsy Reed (82 Marshall Drive, EHT 08234) by Wed. Dec.1** so the Hospitality Committee can accurately shop for food, refreshments, plates, cups, and napkins.

To join the fun, please bring a wrapped item for a "Chinese auction" gift exchange. **In case you haven't played this, each person draws a number; then #1 chooses a wrapped gift and keeps it on her lap; then #2 has the option of choosing a wrapped gift OR the already-opened gift; and so on.....the lucky last person can choose one from all the opened gifts, as well as the last wrapped one; #1 gets the left-over.**

This is a great opportunity for re-gifting (we have all received a wonderful item that is not needed or just not our taste). Otherwise, challenge yourself to find an interesting gift for a \$5.00 maximum (thrift shop? dollar store?).

President's Notes Emely Aiken eaiken10@comcast.net

We are hoping to once again collect gift cards (WaWa, Shoprite, Acme, Walmart, Target, etc.) **for the very needy clients of the Atlantic County Women's Center. Please write the amount on the card or envelope, because the Women's Center needs to know the total amount given to each woman for her family.** Gift cards can be mailed to Emely Aiken, 10 N. Rumson Ave., Margate 08402, or brought to the holiday party on Saturday December 11.

The fundraiser luncheon at the Mays Landing Country Club on November 13 was **VERY successful, thanks to Helen Riso's wonderful choice of Michelle Dawn Mooney as guest speaker and the organizational skills of Loretta Scheetz.** Judy Page, Connie Smedley, and Betsy Reed also stepped in to resolve the crisis when Program Vice-president Helen was hospitalized (and the president was overseas!). Everything about the day was so positive: beautiful weather; great turn-out of members and guests; a charming, interesting, and entertaining speaker; and we made almost all the scholarship amount needed for the 2010-2011 year (an amazing 28 raffle items!).

The Nominating Committee is in place (Audrey Moloney, Gail Vreeland, Judy Page, Connie Smedley, and Priscilla Wilkinson). There will be 7 Board positions to fill for 2011-2012, with the membership voting in April. We all know women who would be an asset as leaders in our branch, but may be too "shy" or new to volunteer. **The Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions!**

Helen Riso, our Program chair, is still recovering from hip surgery. If you need more information about the holiday party, please call Emely (822-3601).

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed hbreed@verizon.net

As of November 1, 2010:

Operations Checking Account \$4376.58 Operations Savings Account \$6827.22

Scholarship Checking \$2660.94 Scholarship CD \$8301.62

Special Thanks to Lucy Jerue who donated her honorarium from our October Program to our Scholarship Fund.

Woman of Distinction Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

Any nominees must be submitted to Gail Zona (641-1986) or gzona1@comcast.net by December 1st. An announcement of the honored woman will be made in January's **Forum and at the branch meeting.**

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca@mymailstation.com

On Dec 1 Mary Lou Briedenstine will make a presentation on Lenox, Massachusetts, based on her many trips to the area. This is the first time the Travel Group has featured an area in the United States. Lenox is close enough to visit for a long weekend and offers many fascinating activities. Mary Lou's program will be at her house & will begin at 7 p.m. Please let her know if you plan to come.

On January 12, at 7 pm Carolyn Bassett will talk about the hiking trip she and her husband took in the Dolomites of Italy in July. The meeting will be at Stella Hordes' house. (You don't have to want to do the hiking to come to the talk!) Hope to see many of you at these programs.

Cultural Interests Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The next book group will meet on December 8 at 7:00. Jan Smith will be the hostess and Terri Dailey will lead a discussion on "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

The Saturday group will be led by Audrey Owen and Mary Lou Breidenstine in a discussion of Richard Sheridan's "School for Scandal."

Children's Theater Maureen Page maureenpage@netzero.net

A Christmas Carol being performed on December 2nd at Stockton College Performing Arts Center, needs one more usher. Please email Maureen if you can help.

Membership Connie Smedley conniesmedley@hotmail.com

Please consider inviting your friends to join our AAUW group. The membership drive is ongoing and Connie Smedley will be happy to call any potential new members. My home number is 398-6367 and my cell number is 289-7924. Ours is a great group and now is the time to increase our membership! Thanks in advance for your input.

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net


STAR will meet on Monday, November 29th at the home of Arlene Groch in Northfield, NJ. Our speaker is TBA. We will also be discussing some current editorials touching on many issues of concern to all of us. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. RSVP to Arlene Groch at 646-9447.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney audreyPZM@aol.com

AAUW hosted experiments and hands-on activities at the first ever [Science and Engineering Festival Expo](#). Oct. 23-24 as part of AAUW's on-going effort to engage girls in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics (STEM) This event was held on the National Mall and offered activities for children, stories about famous female scientists and information about AAUW programs that encourage girls to explore the fascinating fields of science and math.



AAUW has a long history of supporting women in these fields from granting Marie Curie funds to purchase one gram of radium for her experiments in the early 20th century to our current leadership in the [National Girls' Collaborative Project](#).

AAUW's 2010 research  report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Engineering and Technology Mathematics* has helped spur a national dialogue about the under-representation of women in these fields (STEM) while offering recommendations on how to increase accessibility and engagement for girls and women.

Membership Judy Page stpage1@verizon.net

Welcome to new members:

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Judy McClain 408 W. Edgewood Avenue Linwood NJ 08221 Ph: 927-8554
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October Branch Meeting



Lucy Jerue, member and speaker, and
Judy Page

Joan Leavy and new member
Peri Pantazes



December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 STAR	30	1 Travel Group	2	3	4
5	6 Board Meeting	7	8 Book Group	9	10	11 Branch meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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