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THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch
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February Program Helen Riso 641-7085

Saturday February 20th CRAB TRAP on the circle in Somers Point.
Arrival 12:30 p.m. and lunch to be served at 1:00 p.m.

Program: Judge Nelson Johnson will discuss his very popular book "Boardwalk Empire". If you haven't read this fascinating account of Atlantic City's history, I suggest you rush out to the library and reserve a copy. I promise you will be mesmerized! Judge Johnson will entertain us with an exciting discussion about the intrigue and politics that has plagued Atlantic City for decades.

Because we will be having lunch at the Crab Trap I must confirm our reservations and indicate our menu choices:

Crabcake ~~ Grilled Filet Mignon ~~ Chicken Cordon Bleu

Please send your check to me @619 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ 08201, asap, with your meal choice listed on it. (February 12 is the last date)

Guests are welcome. Seating will be assigned. You may also bring your check to the January branch meeting.

President's Report Emely Aiken 822-3601

We have the quick and flexible thinking of our Program VP, Helen Riso, to thank for what is sure to be a fascinating February program. We had hoped to experience a change of venue in Ocean City, (as printed in the back page of your roster), but the presenter has to undergo shoulder surgery. We wish Marian Talese a successful recovery.

The AAUW Board will be meeting February 1, and foremost on its agenda will be reviewing our Branch Policy Statement. This document states board job descriptions and branch operation procedures. It was last accepted in May 1997, and our By-Laws require a review every 10 years. The results of any Board revisions will be made available for membership consideration and response in the March *Forum*.

As the focus of our March branch meeting will be the Woman of Distinction Award, the next opportunity for an "open-ended" business meeting will be at the April Forsythe Refuge picnic. Please do remember that you have all the Board's contact information in your roster, and we always want to hear your ideas, suggestions, and opinions.

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed 601- 6449

Balances as of January 1, 2010

Operating Checking - \$3785.30 Operating Savings - \$6809.21

Scholarship Checking - \$1797.91 Scholarship CD - \$8216.00

Nominating Committee Audrey Owen 927-9288 Nominations: Branch Officers / Committee Chairs 2010-2011

Branch Officer and Committee Chair positions for the years 2010 and 2011 are the following: Officers: Membership Vice President, Judy Page and Connie Smedley; Treasurer, Betsy Reed; Recording Secretary, Catharine Shippen; and Committee Chairs: Educational Foundation (Scholarships), Christine Ecker and Sonya Bertini; Public Information, Loretta Scheetz; and Public Policy, Audrey Moloney.

The Nominating Committee would like to express their thanks and gratitude to these members who generously volunteered to serve our organization continue to further and support our mission and goals!

Nominating Committee: Christine Ecker, Audrey Moloney, Audrey Owen, Judy Page and Priscilla Wilkinson

Public Policy Audrey Moloney 926-5083

Thank you to all members who contributed to LAF through our collection at the November meeting. We were able to send a check for \$50.00 to the legal Advocacy Fund. The LAF works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and in the workplace.

"The Obama Administration's First Year: A progress Report on AAUW Priority Issues, is now available at www.aauw.org. Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, stated: "overall AAUW is pleased to report that Washington has heard the concerns of American women and has taken positive steps toward addressing some of our most serious problems with respect to **economic security, work-life balance, education and civil rights....**" Read the entire report by going to the web site.

Cultural Interests Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine 927-1779

The book group will meet on March 10, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is to discuss "Waiting for the Barbarians" by J.M. Coetzee. Ginney Dominick will lead the group at Gail Vreeland's home.

Our Saturday group will meet on February 13th at Gail Vreeland's to discuss "The Canterbury Tales." We will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. New people are always welcome.

Woman of Distinction Award Gail Zona 641-1986

Arlene Groch is our award recipient for 2010. We hope you will attend the luncheon and award program being planned for Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point, NJ. Luncheon cost is \$30.00. Further details will be announced soon.

Arlene is a very dynamic woman who has served this area in many capacities; among them participating in the early development of what has become the Atlantic County Women's Center.

Let us all come out to honor this special woman.

STAR - Sisters Together Against Racism Gail Zona

On Monday, January 25th, STAR and guests met at the home of Gail Zona for a light supper followed by a fascinating power point program by Lisa Whittaker on her travels and teaching experiences in Afghanistan and her reunion in Kyrgystan with graduates of Discipleship Training School. Positive steps are being made in a very volatile part of the world.

Dear friends of AAUW,

Thank you so much for the generous gift card to Border's. I just got a chance to use it over the holidays and was able to purchase Ted Kennedy's book and a paperback copy of Ulysses for my brother-in-law (among other things).

It was my pleasure serving as president of an organization I believe is so valuable and worthwhile. I very much appreciate your recognition of my my work.

Happy new year to all! Fondly, Sonya

Invitation from Denise Green, Program Chair AAUW Cape May County Branch,

We hope that Atlantic County AAUW members will join us on March 7, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Renault Winery Restaurant, 72 N. Bremen Ave, Egg Harbor City, for brunch (\$19.95 per person). The restaurant is located 14 minutes (7.2 miles) from the Stockton College PAC. Your members may call the restaurant (609 965 2111) by 2/20/10 to reserve and ask to be seated at the AAUW table.

and

The Bay Atlantic Symphony concert at the Stockton College PAC, College Dr, Galloway Twp at 2 p.m. (with a pre-concert discussion at 1 p.m. with Maestro Jed Gaylin). All tickets are \$25 and your members may call 609 652 9000 or visit www.bayatlanticsymphony.org to purchase tickets.

Thanks to Emely for your help in planning this joint outing.

***Please send all Forum reports to Joan Leavy at sk8s2@comcast.net by the 15th of each month. ***

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Board Meeting 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	Book Group 10	11	12	Book Group 13
14	15	16	17	18	19	Branch Meeting 20
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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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