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President's Notes Sonya Bertini

In November the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) launched an Internet campaign aimed at eliminating violence against women. The organization's Goodwill Ambassador, Nicole Kidman announced, "One in three women may suffer from abuse and violence in her lifetime. This is an appalling human rights violation, yet it remains one of the invisible and under-recognized pandemics of our time." Ms. Kidman urged people to add their names to the campaign, which will run until March 8, 2008, International Women's Day, and say "no" to violence against women. For more information go to <http://www.un.org/news>. Election Day 2008 is less than one year away and the NJ state primary is around the corner. We all need to start preparing now to ensure women's voices are heard on November 4, 2008. Take action by encouraging other women to vote and getting informed. Learn more about AAUW's [Voter Education Campaign](#), and read AAUW's [Congressional Voting Record for the 109th Congress](#) to find out how your elected officials voted on issues concerning women and girls. Log on to AAUW Action Network at www.aauw.org.com for information. Please check our local website which is updated monthly. Go to www.aauwacnj.org to keep up to date with what is happening in the AAUW Atlantic County Branch.

Program Claire Moyer Sonya Bertini

The Atlantic County Branch of AAUW will meet Saturday, January 19, 2008 at the Linwood Library located on Davis Ave. in Linwood. The program will begin at 12:00 noon followed by a luncheon in the library.

The speaker for the day will be Fred Akers, full-time administrator for the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association (GEHWA). Fred is also the Administrator for the Great Egg Harbor River Council which is a combination of twelve municipalities, GEHWA and the National Park Service working together on the management program of the river as a part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Program.

Mr. Akers will be showing slides of our area, both old and new, including aerial photographs. He will present information about the Wild and Scenic River designation, watershed management and the impact of land-use change and stormwater on Birch Grove Park. Most of the Branch members live within the Great Egg Harbor River watershed so this should prove to be of great interest to all.

Members and guests need to make reservations for the luncheon by calling either Priscilla Wilkinson or Audrey Owen before WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16. The cost is \$7.00 which is payable at the door.

Book Group Marylou Breidenstine

Karen Weiss will lead a discussion of "The Man Who Loved Only Numbers" by Paul Hoffman. This fascinating account of a person obsessed by mathematics from a young age will keep your interest from cover to cover. Join us on Wednesday, January 30 at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine.

***Travel Group
Carolyn Bassett***

The Travel Group will get underway again January 16 at 7:30 at the home of Stella Hordes. The program will be provided by Diana Intenzo who took a trip to Italy in September. She was in Capri, the Amalfi Coast, Positano, and more. Diana is also the leader of a weekly Italian conversation group, so she is very up on the culture & language of the country. Please come to Stella's new home for a fun evening. (I even heard talk of an Italian liqueur!)

Please call Stella or Carolyn to let them know you're coming & to clarify directions if need be.

***Movie/Dinner Group
Diana Intenzo***

The Movie Group is anticipating an active January and February to see some newly released award-nominated films such as *Kite Runner*, *Atonement*, *Charlie Wilson's War*, *Starting Out in the Evening*, *Juno*, among others. Dinner always follows at the Shore Diner. If you have not received any recent email announcements about an outing, and if you want to be on the list, contact Diana. And remember, family and friends are welcome.

Forum Newsletter Deadline:

15th of every month

Send information to Sandy Swain

sandras412@verizon.net

***Theater Outing March 12, 2008
Diana Intenzo***

Another Gilbert & Sullivan masterpiece - HMS Pinafore – is coming to Stockton. The date: Wednesday evening, March 12, 2008 at 7:30 pm. A group of us have gone to see the preceding two shows and have enjoyed them immensely. The productions and performers in this troupe are excellent. We usually go to dinner at the Italian Gourmet prior to the show.

Tickets are \$50 and \$35. If we get a group of 10, we'll get a favorable discount. (No contributions requested this year.) And it doesn't matter which priced tickets you choose; we just need a total of 10 tickets to get the discount.

If you are interested, please contact Diana. You should be able to get the libretto off the internet; it helps to know what is being said and sung.

***Treasurer's Report
Betsy Reed***

As of December 15, 2007 we have \$2433.09 in the operating account.

Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Campaign
www.aauw.org

Warning! Voting May Be Habit-forming

Voting is a habit. People who vote have a pattern of voting and are members of social networks of voters. Their friends, coworkers, family members, and neighbors also vote regularly.

On the flip side, people who do not have the habit of voting may be members networks that don't include many regular voters.

AAUW branches can increase the numbers of regular voters by bringing nonvoters into their network. This can be done woman to woman.

Women wield considerable power in U.S. politics.

For more than a century, AAUW has influenced legislative debate and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. Although women gained the constitutional right to vote nationwide only in 1920, they now constitute an important bloc of voters.

The Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Campaign is based on effective voter turnout techniques and will mobilize women to vote.

AAUW members should login to download the *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Manual* (PDF); a PowerPoint for Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout in order to give a presentation at a branch meeting to learn how such a campaign would work in your community; and additional resources on this website..

Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Manual PDF can be download request **(members only)**
 Download the Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout PowerPoint presentation **(members only)**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Travel Group 7:30 at the home of Stella Hordes	17	18	19 AAUW Mtg 12 noon Linwood Library
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The **American Association of University Women** promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and a positive societal change. The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and societal change. **The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. In principal 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 or disability.

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