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Program Helen Riso 641-7085

Yes, I fell and broke my hip so I missed the Fund Raiser ! However, the Show did go on and I am deeply indebted to all the wonderful members who pitched in and carried the torch for me. I understand the affair was a huge success and you all loved Michele Dawn Mooney. Thanks a million for your get well cards, phone calls, visits and wishes for a speedy recovery. Be assured that I am making good progress and expect to see you all at the January luncheon at the Crab Trap.

Saturday January 22nd lunch at the Crab Trap. \$20 pp. Social hour 12-1, lunch promptly at 1 p.m. Reservations are a must. Deadline is January 15. Assigned seating.

Speaker: Paul Somers from the Bay Atlantic Symphony.

Menu choice: [Crab cakes](#) OR [Filet Mignon](#) OR [Chicken Cordon Bleu](#). Mail checks with menu selection and seating preference to: [Helen Riso 619 Pitney Road Absecon NJ 08201](#)

President's Notes Emely Aiken eaiken10@comcast.net

Coming to the end of an eventful year, I want to thank you all for contributing to the positive energy of our branch by participating in the various interest groups and by supporting the branch meetings and fundraisers.

Thanks to Helen Riso, we were "ahead of the pack" when we had (now famous) Nelson Johnson as guest speaker at the Crab Trap way back last February.

Thanks to an unplanned encounter with Michael Cool at a Stockton performance, we have revived our **branch's usher-volunteer program for their Children's Theater, now in winter instead of summer.**

Thanks to Christine Ecker's perseverance over many months, our Trust Fund scholarship-distribution problem has been resolved.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Judy Page and Connie Smedley, we continue to increase membership.

Thanks to our Interest Group chairs for enticing and welcoming newcomers, who may join us as members.

Thanks to Betsy Reed, for "soldiering" through a third (!), unglamorous, term of keeping our finances in order.

Thanks to Audrey Moloney, for reminding us that we are part of AAUW National, and need to be aware of the important issues it addresses.

Thanks to Joan Leavy for faithfully waiting for and getting the news out to us each month.

With interesting programs coming in the next five months, 2011 promises to be another great year. Best wishes!

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed hbreed@verizon.net

As of December 1, 2010:

Operations Checking Account—\$4223.00 Operations Savings Account—\$6828.45
Education Checking—\$4508.27 Education CD—\$8304.62

Total \$23,864.54

Woman of Distinction Gail Zona gzona1@comast.net

I am happy to announce the selection of Sandra Miller of Northfield as the 2011 recipient of the Atlantic County Branch AAUW's Woman of Distinction Award.

Please SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, March 19, 2011 - Luncheon/Award Ceremony at Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield, NJ

Sandy is an accomplished musician, dedicated violin teacher and established 21 years ago the Youth Orchestra of Southern New Jersey. Her desire to see that string students get the opportunity to play before audiences is important to these young people and their families in a variety of ways.

Come and hear her speak on March 19th as we recognize another outstanding woman in Atlantic County. She has worked tirelessly to improve the arts in South Jersey. Let us all gather to honor her at this luncheon.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca@mymailstation.com

The Travel Group met at Mary Lou Briedenstine's on Dec 1st where we listened to a well-illustrated introduction to the many activities in Lenox & Stockbridge Mass. presented by the hostess. The next meeting is January 12th at the home of Stella Hordes. Carolyn Bassett will talk about a hiking trip to the Dolomites in Italy that she and her husband took last summer.

Also mark your calendars for March 16th when Karen Aarons will tell us about a trip to four African countries she went on with her husband and another couple. Place will be announced later.

Cultural Interests Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The next book group will be on Jan. 26th at 7:00 p.m. Christine Eckert will be both reviewer for "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak and the hostess. The February 23rd meeting will feature "Pompei" by Robert Harris. Gail Zona will be the reviewer and the meeting will be at Mary Lou Breidenstine's home.

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!

Membership Judy Page stpage1@verizon.net

Welcome to our newest member:

Diane Mozzo
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Ph: 814-0665 email: damozzo@aol.com
BA Douglass College/Rutgers U. M.Ed. Wright State University, Ohio

Various photos from the November Fundraiser

A superior time was had by all members, as you can see.



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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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