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THE FORUM

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March Program Helen Riso 641-7085

It is with great pleasure that the Atlantic County AAUW Board announces the selection of Arlene Gilbert Groch as our 2010 Woman of Distinction. The luncheon and award program will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Greate Bay Country Club, Somers Point, New Jersey. Noon to 1 p.m. will be a social hour followed by lunch and the program.

The accomplishments, abilities and range of interests of our Woman of Distinction 2010 have enriched many lives in our communities, our state and our nation.

As a trial lawyer, Arlene argued cases before the N.J. Supreme Court and Federal Appellate Courts on subjects including adoption, spousal abuse, discrimination (age, race and gender) and health insurance coverage. She represented women nationwide and up to the U.S. Supreme court to compel insurers to cover high dose chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.

Arlene helped found the Northfield Public Library, the Atlantic County New School and the Atlantic County Women's Center and was the first female major party candidate for N.J. Senate from Atlantic County – and the list goes on!

Please join us to celebrate her activism and dedication to improving the quality of life for so many. It will be a memorable day for us to share together.

Sincerely, Gail Zona, WOD Award Chair

Make check payable to Atlantic County Branch AAUW - \$30 per person, and mail by March 11th to

Helen Riso, 619 Pitney Road, Absecon NJ 08201. Seating will be arranged.

Entrée choices are Herb-crusted Salmon or Chicken Picante – please note your choice on your check.

March 20, 2010 Luncheon Reservation

Name : _____

Phone number : _____

Dinner Selection : _____

Seated with : _____

President's Report Emely Aiken 822-3601

We announce with sadness that Elizabeth Hess, a long time member of AAUW (67 years!) and past president (1953-55), recently passed away. Her family received a condolence card and a formal resolution in her honor from our branch.

As winter finally melts away, it's time to turn our thoughts to our most important spring event, the **May 15th fundraiser!** Our branch has an annual goal of raising \$3,000 for the scholarships we are committed to give, so it is very important that as many members as possible help make our only fundraiser fun and profitable.

We have departed from tradition this year, because the featured program will be about.... **BASEBALL!** Branch members who have enjoyed Harry Scott's presentation were enthusiastic about hearing him again, so we think this fundraiser will appeal to the men and boys in our lives, a valued addition to our guest list.

What is specifically needed are volunteers to join the Fundraising Committee to organize for the big day. It will be in a public venue, so no cooking/baking is involved, but we will need lots of word-of-mouth publicity as well as hands-on help with decorations on May 15. Please contact Judy Page or Connie Smedley with money making ideas.

On a different note, the Board voted at its February 1 meeting to revise our Branch Policy Statement regarding guest invitations to branch meetings and interest groups. Unlimited attendance to all programs will be open to everyone, regardless of AAUW membership qualification or intent to join AAUW.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett 927-9095

There was a great turnout for Nasrin Majd's excellent presentation on Argentina in January. Our next meeting is March 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Stella Hordes. Please let Stella know if you plan to come (926-1971) and ask her for directions if you need them. Jackie Hall-Smith will present the program, which is on Ethiopia. Jackie has traveled a great deal and has especially visited many countries in Africa, so her insights on Ethiopia should be very interesting.



Here are some photos from our January meeting.



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

Judy Page Membership

Welcome to new member : Lois Fried 5 S. Union Ave., Margate, NJ 08402

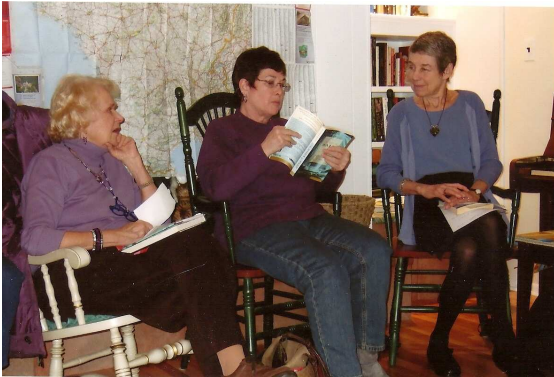
823-1038 lsfried@capaldireynolds.com BA from Brandeis University, Massachusetts

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed 601-6449

February 2010: Operations - Checking : \$3491.42 Savings : \$6809.21
Scholarship - Checking: \$2797.74 CD: \$8237.53

Cultural Interests Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine 927-1779

The next book group meeting will be March 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ginny Dominick. The book is "Waiting for the Barbarians" by J.M. Coetzee. New people are always welcome. Please call Ginny if you are coming at 404-3418.



Carolyn Bassett was the discussion leader for *Book of Salt* at the January book group meeting.



Emely Aiken presented our Wawa gift cards to Claudia Ratzlaff, ACWC Director, at the January branch meeting.

Some of our members enjoying lunch, which followed the presentation.



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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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