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THE FORUM

Atlantic County Branch
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Program Helen Riso 641-7085

Do come out to our Installation/Dinner meeting on Monday, May 16th, at the Historic Smithville Inn. Our speaker will be Virginia Lyttle, immediate past president of the New Jersey AAUW and also the New Jersey LAF chair. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Garden State Branch and the **focus is the college women's initiative.**

Time: Social Hour: 5 - 6 pm; Dinner: 6 pm.

Menu Selection: Chicken Francaise OR Pan Seared Salmon OR Grilled London Broil

Please send check for \$25 per person payable to AAUW Atlantic County Branch to:
Helen Riso 619 Pitney Road Absecon NJ 08201

Indicate menu choice and seating preference. **DEADLINE: May 9.**

President's Notes Emely Aiken eaiken10@comcast.net

Thank you to the members who brought books for Bob Ruffolo to appraise. Their donations added \$100.00 to the Book Scholarship account.

As we discussed at the branch meeting last week, some of you who have signed up for the Philadelphia Murals tour on April 30 may want to get together for the trip. Helen Riso has offered to be the clearinghouse for car-pooling arrangements. Please call her (641-7085) if you plan to drive and **have room in your car, or if you need a ride. There are a few seats left, don't miss out, call Betsy now.**

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**Two years have zipped by, and the time has come for a "changing of the guards". It's been a great run, with many interesting monthly programs, the continuing GED program at the Women's Center, as well as the resolution of the Trust scholarship recipients. Our branch should be proud that we now give three \$1,000.00 scholarships to Stockton (two from the Trust and one from our annual fundraiser) as well as seven \$300.00 ACCC book-store scholarships to a senior woman from the Atlantic County public high schools.**

Since last September, twelve new members have joined our branch. What is more impressive, the incoming board will include two who joined last year and two who just joined this year. This bodes well for the vitality of our branch – new energy and fresh ideas.

Membership Judy Page [stpage1@verizon.net](mailto:stpage1@verizon.net)

Welcome to new members:

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**PhD Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**

**Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed** hbreed@verizon.net

Balances on hand as of April 1, 2011:

|                    |            |                   |            |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Operating checking | \$3,701.33 | Operating savings | \$6,832.98 |
| Education checking | \$3,508.27 | Education CD      | \$8,317.74 |

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca@mymailstation.com

The Travel Group had two well-attended meetings in March and we are looking forward to hearing a presentation by Gail Vreeland at her home on May 11 at 7 p.m. on interesting vacations she and Walt have taken using their timeshare. These include a trip to Wales, to Mexico, and to the Luray Cavern's area of Virginia. Gail wants to announce that she is NOT selling time shares (I asked her to make this presentation with the idea it would be a little different). Call Gail at 653-8894 if you plan to attend.

Cultural Interests Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

Join us on April 27 at Ginney Dominick's to take part in a discussion of "One Thousand White Women " by Jim Fergus. Lucy Jerue will lead us in what is sure to be an enlightening and provocative evening.

Women's issues will continue to dominate this year, as we travel to Terry Dailey's May 25th to take part in a review of "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave. Gail Vreeland will be our leader.

Finally, don't forget "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Christine Eckert is both reviewer and hostess on June 15th. This is the session we had to cancel in January due to bad weather. All of the meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

It will be July before we know it and time for our summer group. This group will meet on July 8, 15, and 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine. We will be moving into the Romantic period of English literature with the following poets: William Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Lord Byron, and Robert Burns. For the July 22 meeting, plan to discuss "Jane Eyre." New people welcome.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney audreyPZM@aol.com [AAUW: Breaking Barriers Every Day](#)

AAUW continues to advocate for the [Equal Pay Act](#). Last winter the act passed the Senate and received a majority of votes in the House but was defeated because of procedure (not having a large enough% of votes).

Our congressional champions have reintroduced the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), the bill that would provide women and businesses the tools and resources to help close the wage gap. You can [support the bill by contacting your representatives](#).

AAUW has just published a brand-spanking-new, clearer-and-simpler-than-ever-before fair pay guide: this is a GREAT recruitment tool for talking about fair pay with potential members. FYI : Almost 90% of new stimulus job opportunities went to men!

Women Candidates on Ballot Across the Country. After the 2010 midterm elections, the number of women in Congress fell from the previous Congress for the first time in 30 years. It is heartening, then, that women candidates are already positioned to play big roles in the 2012 election cycle. Several women have already announced their candidacy for open seats in Connecticut, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Texas.

**AAUW's** joint initiative with [Running Start](#), acknowledges the necessity to build the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing political leadership gender gap. This initiative consists of a full continuum of programming to empower women from high school onward to view themselves as political candidates.

Science and Technology: Women still face discrimination in science (as reported many times in these articles). Dr. Paul Greengard, a year 2000 [Nobel Prize](#)-winner in biophysics, used the \$400,000 plus his own money to start a \$50,000 yearly award to recognize women scientists. A true champion of women!

**Noteworthy:** Joan Ganz Cooney, founder and president of the Children's Television Workshop (producers of Sesame Street, The Electric Company, and 3-2-1 Contact), earned the [AAUW Achievement Award in 1984](#).



Christine Ecker Scholarship Chair mcmmecker@msn.com

Atlantic Cape Community College has announced the recipients of our two scholarships awarded this year. Arnelle Lyles and Rebecca Burgard have each received \$1250 toward the cost of their tuition at Stockton College. It is through the commitment of our members we are able to make these scholarships happen. Thank you!

Gail Zona Woman of Distinction gzona1@comcast.net

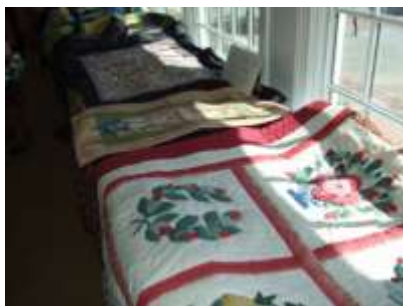
It is with great pleasure that I share with you the outstanding support of our branch in staging this year's Woman of Distinction Award for Sandra Johnstone Miller of Northfield on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Membership attendance was 45+ and total attendees numbered 91. The good food at Atlantic City Country Club and perfect weather added to our enjoyment of viewing Sandy's quilt exhibit during the Social Hour.

The string trio that played during the Social Hour are members of the Atlantic Youth Orchestra. These fine musicians are students of Mainland Regional High School and certainly made us all proud to hear of their academic and musical interests and plans beyond high school graduation. They are Base Violin - Colin Hutchinson, Violins - Elizabeth Rha and Amina Elsayed.

A huge thank you to Helen Riso for another outstanding job of handling location, menu for the event and especially Reservations. It was fun to sing "Happy Birthday" to this special lady with a March birthday. Thanks to Rosa Ojserkis, Claire Moyer, Dot Himmelstein, Loretta Scheetz, Audrey Owen and Anne Marie Glenn who kept things running smoothly during the Social Hour. Member and branch lawyer, Lynn Caterson's invocation and remarks about our Woman of Distinction were memorable.

Tributes to Sandy's passion to create a youth orchestra for string students in South Jersey were shared with all of us as daughter Jennifer Shaw and President Emely Aiken recognized her effort of over 20 years. Sandy's own remarks about the arts and the difficulty to maintain and grow in presence lead all of us to see that she truly is a woman who has made a difference. Her devotion to giving the opportunity to young string players in four counties to perform in public lead to the creation, development and conducting of the Atlantic Youth Orchestra. Winter and Spring Concerts are given each year. They are excellent musical events - look for information about upcoming concerts.

It is with great satisfaction that I say, It was a "fantastic day" for AAUW and our Woman of Distinction Award Luncheon. \*\*\*\*\*See pictures below\*\*\*\*\*



I have arranged with the Somers Point Applebee's for our branch of AAUW to be the recipient of their "Dining to Donate" program. Here's the deal. You print many copies of the attached flyer and distribute them to your friends, neighbors, relatives, and anyone else you know. They take the flyer to Applebee's on Thursday, May 19th (lunch or dinner) and give the flyer to their server when they order food and/or beverages. Ten percent of whatever they spend will be returned to AAUW by Applebee's. (excluding alcoholic beverages) This seems to me to be a very effortless way to make money but it won't work unless you circulate those flyers, so get busy, girls. Somers Point Applebee's top amount donated for a day is \$300. Let's try to beat that. Any questions?? Call me at 927-7643 or e-mail me.



  
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Betsy Reed Treasurer hbreed@verizon.net 2011 - 2012 Dues

Due to National by July 1, 2011

The members of the Atlantic County Branch of AAUW are now able to pay their dues on line or by check sent to Betsy Reed, the Treasurer. All dues are the same as last year - \$49 (National), (\$10 State) and \$10 (Local). Forty six dollars of the total are tax deductible.

To pay by check:

Send your check for \$69 made out to AAUW of Atlantic County to:  
Betsy Reed 82 Marshall Drive Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Life members please remit \$20.

These checks should reach Betsy by **June 15th** so payment can be made on time to National.

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To pay online with your credit card AFTER May 1:

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

Go to MDB.

If you have a pass word from previous use, log in here.

If you do not, follow the information provided to establish your password for future use.

The Membership Payment Program (MPP) is a menu option located within the Member Services Database. The Membership Renewal Dues Payment Process and Payment information sections display only when your membership is up for renewal.

Follow the instructions.

There is also a place to make a contribution if you choose.

Once your payment has been submitted you will receive an email confirmation and a copy will be sent to the Branch Finance Officer for her records.

This method of payment has been adopted by AAUW to cut down on costs and streamline the payment of dues. You can still send a check to me. Questions? Call Betsy at 601-6449 - **I'll try to help.**

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) Gail Zona [gzona1@comcast.net](mailto:gzona1@comcast.net)

STAR meets on Monday, April 18th at the home of Juanita Habron in Pleasantville, NJ. Juanita's sister, Rebecca Hayes, author of *Private Cathy's Secret*, will discuss her book on this true story of a young woman who joined the Buffalo Soldiers during the Civil War. Husband, Roland Hayes will speak to us about the Buffalo Soldiers - in uniform! Call Gail Zona at 641-1986 for further information.



April Book Group at Carolyn Bassett's home



Travel Group at Karen Aarons' home

# May 2011

| Sun | Mon                     | Tue | Wed                   | Thu             | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2                       | 3   | 4                     | 5               | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9                       | 10  | 11<br>Travel<br>Group | 12              | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16<br>Branch<br>Meeting | 17  | 18                    | 19<br>Applebees | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23                      | 24  | 25<br>Book<br>Group   | 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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