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THE FORUM

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May Program Helen Riso 641-7085

FUNDRAISER – Saturday, May 15th at Hibiscus (formerly Stumpus) on Maryland Avenue in Somers Point.

Come at 11:30 and review the Silent Auction table. Lunch at 12:30. Price \$35.00.

Menu choice: Grilled Chicken Salsa (Marinated grilled chicken breast topped with pineapple and mango sauce) OR Passion Salmon (Seasoned fresh salmon, moist & juicy, topped with cream lemon sauce) house salad, fried rice & vegetables served with main course. Plus dessert, coffee, tea, soda.

PROGRAM: Baseball ! Travel the U.S.A. with Harry Scott and share in his passion for the game and various stadiums. Reservations a must. **DEADLINE is May 5th**. Seating assigned.

Mail checks payable to AAUW indicating entrée choice and seating preference to:

Judy Page 620 Darmstadt Avenue, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215

President's Report Emely Aiken 822-3601

Donations for May 15th Scholarship Fundraiser Auction

You and our branch's scholarship fund can both benefit from either your purchase of a \$25. gift card from anyplace you choose (restaurant, garden center, book store, supermarket, etc.), OR from donating an item to display on our auction table.

You will benefit because you will receive an acknowledgement letter of your tax-deductible donation from Betty Shearer, co-chair of this fundraiser, and our branch will benefit by raising the funds needed for our annual scholarships to local young women.

If you choose to donate an actual item for auction, please contact Betty Shearer (927-3928 elizabethshr@aol.com). The Fundraiser has an overall theme of spring, or flowers, or (especially!) baseball. So items could be, for example, framed posters/prints, decorative home accessories, unused toys, or baseball-related items. As with any "thrift shop" donation, you will determine the tax-deductible value of the item/s donated.

Gift cards for auctioning will be collected by co-chair Judy Page (965-4380), and should be mailed to her at: 620 Darmstadt Avenue, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215 **by May 5th**

Here is a tear-off to enclose with a gift card, or to give to Betty with an item:

AAUW FUNDRAISER AUCTION 2010 DONOR RECEIPT

Name of Donor _____

Address of Donor _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

Gift/s donated _____

Value of donation/s _____

_____ Check here if you wish your donation to be anonymous

Emely Aiken Presidents Report cont.

A majority of the Board, at its April 12th meeting, reaffirmed the February 1st vote on the issue of unlimited non-member participation in branch interest groups. Until our Branch Operations-Policy Statement is again reviewed in 2 years, (at which time all members will have the opportunity to voice their opinions before a Board vote), non-dues paying guests will continue to be welcomed.

Thanks to Helen Riso, about 15 members enjoyed a relaxed and interesting day at Forsythe Wildlife Refuge. It was definitely a "change of pace" monthly meeting! Now I hope everyone is searching in their closets for a suitable auction donation which will earn the branch scholarship money at the May 15 fundraiser.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney 926-5083

With justice Stevens retirement we will be hearing much information about the nomination process. **AAUW** monitors this process to advocate for judges who will uphold our values of equality and justice and to ensure that "the clock is not turned back on decades of progress for women and girls."

Equal Pay Day is fast approaching – Tuesday, April 20th. As I mentioned in the previous *Forum*, this is a symbolic day when women's wages catch up to men's. I have a few posters to distribute and stickers for members. As always go to our website for more information including how to send an Equal pay e-card to a friend or friends!

"It is no surprise that many of our country's most successful women have been *affiliated* with **AAUW** whether they be members, award winners, fellowship winners or others." From scientists to sociologists, congressional members to classroom leaders, **AAUW** has always welcomed all women who share our mission and who often share their success with others.

Claire Moyer reminds everyone that the Spanish Conversation Group meets every Monday afternoon at 4:15 at different participant's homes where we converse in Spanish until 6:00 PM. There are all ability levels from beginners to advanced and all are welcome. There are no lectures and no homework. For more information please call Claire Moyer at 641-8287 or send an email to her at clairekm@mac.com.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett 927-9095

On May 19th, Claire Moyer will talk about a trip she took to Mexico in 2008, to see the wintering place of monarch butterflies, followed by a visit to a spa. We will meet at Claire's house at 7:30 p.m. The area of Mexico is Michoacan, about 200 miles from Mexico City.

Cultural Interests Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine 927-1779

The final evening meeting of the Book Club for this season will be on June 2nd at the home of Carolyn Bassett at 7:30. Mary Lou, Audrey Owen, and Audrey Moloney will discuss the life and works of Keats. You may bring your favorite poems. In addition, we will give you a copy of some of the poems we would like to discuss. We have enjoyed wonderful participation this year and hope to see all of you for our last meeting before the summer season.

Children's Theater at Stockton College Maureen Page 653-6931

This Fall/Winter season, there will be 4 performances of children's programs. The programs are attended mostly by school groups. AAUW ushers are needed, one usher at each door. (4 per performance). Sign up sheets will be provided at meetings in May and September. Once you have signed up it will be your responsibility to arrive on the date and prior to the performance.

All programs begin at 10:30 am and run about an hour with the exception of The Nutcracker, which runs about 2 1/2 hours including an intermission:

1. The Diary of Anne Frank, Wednesday, October 6 Appropriate for Grades 4 – 8 performed by the Barter Theatre
2. A Christmas Carol, Thursday, December 2 Appropriate for Grades 2 – 12 performed by the Nebraska theatre Caravan
3. The Nutcracker, Friday, December 10 Appropriate for Grades 2 – 12 performed by the Atlantic City Ballet
4. Bay Atlantic Educational Program, Tuesday, May 10 Appropriate for Grades 4 – 12 performed by the Bay Atlantic Symphony – selections are Mother Goose Suite and Piano Concerto in G Major, both composed by Maurice Ravel

Currently, fliers for the Summer Season in Ocean City will be distributed to local schools near the shore in June.

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed 601-6449

April 1, 2010: Operations - Checking : \$3533.96	Savings : \$6815.09
Education— Checking: \$2092.94	CD: \$8251.84

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**2010-2011 dues are due to National AAUW on July 1st.**

**Please send your check made out to AAUW, Atlantic County to:  
Betsy Reed 82 Marshall Drive EHT, NJ 08234 by June 15th.**

Amounts are:

Regular Membership - \$69  
(National \$49\*, State \$10, Local \$10)

Life Member - \$20  
(State \$10, Local \$10)

Honorary Life Member - \$00.00  
\*\$46 of your National Membership is tax deductible.

Don't hesitate - please write and send your check **NOW**. If you have any email or address changes, please enclose with your check.

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DUES RECEIPT 2010-2011 AAUW ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Membership Judy Page 965-4380

We have a new member to welcome:

Aida I. Colon, 2506 Rt. 50, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 965-7274 aicolon46@comcast.net BA CCNY; MA Rowan University

Education Foundation (Scholarships) Christine Ecker & Connie Smedley

ACCC has informed me that Maryfrancis Cahill has been chosen as the recipient of the American Association of University Women Atlantic County Branch Scholarship for this year.

STAR - Sisters Together Against Racism Gail Zona 641-1986

On March 31st, STAR met for a Seder meal at the home of Arlene Groch. It was followed by a discussion led by Helen Walsh on several NY Times articles on the subject of where are we today compared to the vision of Martin Luther King.

The April 26th meeting will be at the home of Phyllis Trackman in Margate with supper followed by a talk/discussion led by local author Turiya Abdur-Raheem's book, "Growing up on the Northside" (of Atlantic City).

The May 24th meeting will be at Linwood Library with a meal and program led by Barbara Coloe on "Women and Aging".

The June 21st meeting will be a Stockton's Holocaust Center with tour and program led by Gail Rosenthal. All are welcome to join us - call Gail Zona (641-1986)

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD Gail Zona

On Saturday, March 20th over 70 people attended our Award/Luncheon honoring Arlene Gilbert Groch. On this sunny day at Greate Bay Country Club, everyone enjoyed a festive time during the cocktail hour, use of the adjacent deck and viewing a display of some of Arlene's legal accomplishments for women's issues, etc. and some of her many interests.

The recognition from public officials and our plaque to Arlene preceded the touching and humorous comments made by her daughter-in-law, Mignon Groch, and sons Jim and Alan Groch and a tribute song by Donna Innis.

A great big THANK YOU to Helen Riso for handling reservations and Greate Bay CC details. My appreciation is extended to Cathy Shippen, Carolyn Bassett, Karen Aarons, Emely Aiken and Barbara Coloe for their help in a variety of ways.

It seems that our Woman of Distinction Award events are getting better each year! I look forward to suggestions from our membership for worthy women to consider for our 2011 award.



May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Spanish group every Monday</i>					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Branch Meeting</i>
16	17	18	19 <i>Travel Group</i>	20	21	22
23	24 <i>STAR</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		6/2 <i>Book Group</i>			

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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