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November Program Helen Riso 641-7085

Monday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 207 Northfield Avenue (behind Tilton Market)

If you do any airline travel - domestic or international - you will surely be interested in this program. Our speaker will be a Public Outreach Liaison officer from the Transportation Security Administration. He will educate us about the new policies and regulations of airline travel and TSA's role in aviation security. We will learn the "why's" of airport security as well as all the improvements at ACY Airport, including the new family friendly lane. Come with your questions and go home enlightened.

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Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 5th at 12:30 p.m. at the Mays Landing Country Club
Social Hour is 12:30 p.m. and lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m.
Donation is \$25.00 per person, all inclusive, payable to: AAUW Atlantic County Branch

Menu: Roast Stuffed chicken with wild rice OR Baked Atlantic Salmon with dill sauce
OR London Broil Bordelaise

Send check to: **Judy Page 620 Darmstadt Avenue Egg Harbor City NJ 08215. Deadline is November 25th.**

Please include menu selection on the check and with whom you prefer to sit. (seating will be assigned)

The program will be a female NYC Opera singer, cousin of our Past President Sonya Bertini.

President's Report Emely Aiken 822-3601 Top of the list: An enormous debt of gratitude to Joan Leavy for quickly stepping in to take on the job of *Forum* editor. We caught Joan after her recent retirement, during her recovery from knee surgery, and before other groups grabbed her! A busy fall with many interesting activities. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us. The more you participate, the more you affect what we offer (please make use of Judy and Connie's enclosed questionnaire).

NOTE: A woman's watch was found after the Sept. 21 dinner at Blue Heron CC. Contact Emely.

Membership Report Judy Page 965-4380 Welcome to our new member

Maria Heckendorn

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BA & MA Rowan University

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed 601-6449 Please add to your Roster the following renewal members:

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salliestrotbeck@comcast.net (BA Temple M.Ed. LPC Temple)

Barbara Wolnerman 3 Carann Lane, EHT 08234 Ph: 926-8497
Blw425@aol.com (BA Rowan)

AAUW Education (College Fair) Betsy Reed & Christine Ecker 926-5411

This year's college fair held at Atlantic Cape Community College was very well attended. As usual, AAUW co-hosted the fair with Atlantic City Kiwanis. Thank you to Gail Zona who came and manned the front door, graciously welcoming students and parents.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett 927-9095 The travel group heard a very informative presentation by Karen Weiss in September about a birding trip she & her husband took to Spain. Sixteen people were present at Stella Hordes' house. In December, Esther Howie will talk about a trip she and her husband took to Manchuria and Russia, including a trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway. It will be given Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30 at the home of Carolyn Bassett. It was previously announced for Dec. 16, so please take note of the change in date.

*** Please call Carolyn if you plan to attend.***

Cultural Interests Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine 927-1779 Join us on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 for a discussion of "The Help" by Katherine Stockett. Audrey Moloney will lead the discussion and Priscilla Wilkinson will be our gracious hostess. This novel, which describes the relationship of a group of women with their "help" in the early sixties, will bring back memories to those of us who lived through the era. If you are too young to remember, this gives you amazing insight into the everyday life and attitudes of young women of the time.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney 926-5083 AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman, attended an event at *Number One Observatory Circle* (residence of the Vice president) to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the landmark **Violence Against Women Act**. Vice President Biden wrote the act while serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1994. This act calls for stronger enforcement efforts and provides funding for victim services. AAUW was instrumental in the enactment of this law which will come up for review in two years.

AAUW supports the *Healthy Families Act* (H.R.2460/S. 1152) which would provide full-time employees 7 paid sick days a year. Part-time employees would receive a pro-rated share of sick days. This is an important public health issue and the CDC recommends that all employers plan for and encourage sick workers to stay home without fear of job loss. (especially critical with flu season upon us.) Learn more about these and other AAUW initiatives by going to our website. Follow the prompts and sign up for "The Action Network" and also sign in to receive our "Mission and Action Newsletter." **Don't forget to vote !**

Noteworthy AAUW Activist: Carrie Chapman Catt: Head of the *National American Women's Suffrage Association* in 1915 and a central figure in the fight for a woman's right to vote.

Woman of Distinction Award Gail Zona 641-1986 Names of Atlantic County women nominees for the 7th Annual Woman of Distinction Award are coming in and a Board decision will be made in the near future. If you have someone in mind, please call Gail or email her at gzona1@comcast.net.

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

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) Gail Zona 641-1986 On Thursday, November 12th, Superior Court Judge Nelson Johnson will be discussing his book, *Boardwalk Empire*, (Atlantic City history, political powerbrokers, etc.) with Sisters and friends. We are asked to read the book prior to the meeting so that we can discuss it together with him. All are welcome to join us that evening. Light supper begins at 6 pm, program follows at 7 pm. Please call Gail Zona if you plan to attend (for dinner coordination). The meeting will be at the home of Rosalind Norrell Nance, 101 Cherry Drive in Egg Harbor Township. Need directions? call 677-1340.

AAUW Questionnaire Judy Page & Connie Smedley Thank you to all the members who completed the *Members' Questionnaire* at the September dinner meeting. Your input will help us plan future activities that are meaningful to all of you. If you have not provided us with your input, it's not too late! Just complete the questionnaire and send it to Judy Page at 620 Darmstadt Ave., Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215. Copies will also be available at future meetings. We look forward to hearing your ideas and thank you for your support !

Name _____ **AAUW Members' Questionnaire**

1. I have participated in the following AAUW activities: (Check all that apply)
- Monthly Meetings Movie/Dinner Group Book Club
 Travel Group Spanish Conversation Group
 Other _____

Preferences for Saturday lunch meetings:

- Restaurant (Set price) \$7-\$10 for sandwich tray, beverage, dessert
 Brown Bag

2. Suggestions for additional AAUW activities (i.e. special interest groups, trips, cultural activities.)
- _____

3. I would be willing to help with individual AAUW activities. Yes / No

4. Do you know someone who would be interested in speaking at an AAUW meeting?

Yes / No

Name _____ Field of Expertise _____

Contact Information _____

5. Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming an AAUW member?

Yes / No

Name _____ Contact Information _____

6. List other organizations you participate in. _____

7. What motivated/prompted you to join AAUW? _____
- _____

8. Additional Comments _____
- _____

Movie Group Diana Intenzo The movie group has started its pre-Oscar outings. We saw *Bright Star* about John Keats. The acting was excellent and the visuals beautiful. Our dinner discussion explored various views of the characters and their situations. We're looking forward to seeing a new film on Queen Victoria and one on Coco Channel. So keep posted. To get on the email list contact Diana Intenzo. (see your Roster for her email address)

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

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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