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Program Helen Riso 641-7085

Our October 18th program at 7 p.m. features our own AAUW member Lucy Jerue, who will speak to us about the Philadelphia Murals Arts Program.

Philadelphia is recognized internationally as a "City of Murals" and is the "Mural Capital of the World." **The city is home to some 3,000 murals. It is all the result of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program** which began in 1984. Within the last two years, Lucy participated in three of the two-hour official Mural Arts Tours. During the six hours on tour, she traveled throughout **many of the city's neighborhoods in an open air trolley, which gave her the perfect opportunity** to take photos of all the murals visited. She will share those photos with us and tell the story of this inspiring program. Not only has the Philly Mural Arts Program produced more than 3,000 murals, it has educated over 20,000 underserved youth in neighborhoods across Philadelphia. It is a model program. **Frommer's travel guide lists the *Mural Arts Tour* as one of the most inspiring must-do- things for anyone visiting Philadelphia.**

Learn more at the Mural Arts website at www.muralarts.org/ and come out to the program on Monday, October 18th at 7 p.m. This program will be held at the Galloway Branch of the Atlantic County Library located on Jim Leeds Road, behind the municipal complex in Galloway Township.

President's Notes Emely Aiken eaiken10@comcast.net

Membership participation is **URGENTLY** needed to make our one and only 2011 scholarship fundraiser a success this November. You can help by coming and bringing friends with you OR mailing your tax deductible donation to Helen Riso.

The total scholarship money needed is \$3000 and the planned Chinese Auction will ensure that we reach this amount. Loretta Scheetz will chair the Chinese Auction and gift certificates are needed. Members will receive the formal solicitation letters and we are asking for your help to make this a success. The more gift certificates we have, the more likely we will reach our goal. Further information will be found on the next page.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Judy Page and Connie Smedley

The Atlantic County AAUW branch is looking for new members and you can help! Find someone who wants to make a difference, meet interesting people and become a member of AAUW.

Please forward the names and phone numbers of these prospective members to Judy Page (stpage1@verizon.net) or Connie Smedley (conniesmedley@hotmail.com) and Connie will make a follow up call. Let's work together to build our membership!

Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed hbreed@verizon.net

As of September 1, 2010:

Operational Checking	\$4609.98	Scholarship Checking	\$2285.94
Operations Saving	\$6821.04	Scholarship CD	\$8289.07

November Fundraiser **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mark your calendars now for the Saturday, November 13th Fundraiser** at the Mays Landing Country Club. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Cost will be \$40 per person.

Our featured speaker is popular local celebrity Michele Dawn Mooney, newscaster on Channel 40 at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. A Chinese Auction will also be held.

Menu choice: Roast Stuffed Chicken with Wild Rice OR Baked Atlantic Salmon with fresh dill sauce OR London Broil Bordelaise.

Mail checks to Helen Riso, 219 Pitney Road, Absecon NJ 08201.

Please indicate your menu choice and seating preference. Seating will be assigned at tables of eight. DEADLINE for reservations is October 31.

Our annual fundraiser has been moved to November. This will raise money for the 2011 local scholarships including money funding college books for graduating students from county high schools as well as a \$1000 scholarship for an ACCC student who will attend Stockton College. **Please recruit friends and family to attend this event.

We need your help in soliciting gift certificates for the Chinese auction. For information, contact Loretta Scheetz, auction chair, 927-7643 or email her at las2571@comcast.net.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca@mymailstation.com

The first meeting of the Travel Group will be October 13 at Carolyn Bassett's house. Carol Zerbe will tell us about a barge trip she took in May through Provence and Burgundy on the Rhone & Saone rivers. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn's house is 328 Poplar Ave Linwood 08221.

On November 3, also at Carolyn's. Vickie Biron will tell us about her many trips to Amsterdam and other places in Holland. Let Carolyn know if you're coming.

On Dec 1. Mary Lou Briedenstine will make a presentation on Lenox, Massachusetts, based on her many trips to the area. This is the first time the Travel Group has featured an area in the United States. Lenox is close enough to visit for a long weekend and offers many fascinating activities. Mary Lou's program will be at her house & will begin at 7pm. Please let her know if you plan to come.

Children's Theater Maureen Page maureenpage@netzero.net

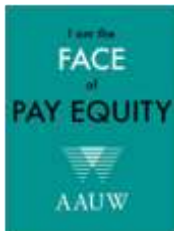
The Diary of Anne Frank October 6 (Wednesday) has been cancelled.
One usher is needed for a December performance. Contact Maureen if interested.

STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism) Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

The October 27th meeting will be held at the home of Juanita Habron in Pleasantville. We will bring information (from the best sources we can find) to discuss Muslim issues in the USA and worldwide, and the controversy regarding the mosque proposal near the World Trade Center site in New York City. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Gail at 641-1986.

Sisters joined the discussion of Human Trafficking – Modern Slavery held on Saturday, September 18th at the Salem Methodist Church in Pleasantville. STAR will share the work (large or small) that many of us can join in on to reduce this human tragedy in South Jersey.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney audreyPZM@aol.com



The paycheck Fairness Act (S182) is poised for action in the Senate, having cleared the House in January, 2009. National urges us to call our senators toll-free at 1-877-667-6650 and ask them to pass this extremely important act before the end of September.

AAUW coordinated efforts of women's organizations that culminated in the 2009 passage of the *Mathew Shepherd and the James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act*. Recently a challenge to this act was defeated and AAUW will continue to oppose any attempts to use our constitution or laws as vehicles to enshrine discrimination.

Visit AAUW's website for updated resources on our public policy issues and to read our position papers on important topics such as Medicare and social security.

Cultural Interests Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Wednesday evening book group will be held on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn Bassett will lead a discussion of "Housekeeping" by Marilyne Robinson, at Audrey Moloney's home. At this meeting we will choose books for the following year, so please bring your suggestions.

The Saturday group will continue on October 30 at 10:30 at Carolyn's. We will read selections from the Puritan and Restoration period. The selections will be available at the September branch meeting.

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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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