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## ***"Memories and Memoirs: Stories to Touch the Heart"***

Join us for our first meeting of the year to catch up with friends and to hear a delightful presentation by Dr. Leo Lieberman, associate professor at Stockton, as he recalls his upbringing in the Bronx.

Dr. Lieberman's walk down memory lane is humorous, touching and insightful. He'll recount episodes from his childhood where he learned words of wisdom from his grandmother and "Tante Pasha", as reflected in the title of one of his acclaimed books: *"Three Couches, No Waiting"*. You can just hear the humor in that title and in another of his attention-getting books: *"Memories of Laughter and Garlic"*. You won't want to miss this entertaining and moving presentation. So come and join us for a rewarding evening.

**WHEN:** Monday evening, September 17, 2007. Arrival 6 pm; Speaker 6:15; Dinner, 7 pm

**WHERE:** Mac's in Somers Point: 908 Shore Road; Parking available

*Entrée Selection:* (1) Chicken Picatta; (2) Mediterranean Salmon;  
(3) Farfalli al fresco (vegetarian)

*Cost:* \$20 Send check, made payable to AAUW, Atlantic County, to Helen Riso

*Due Date:* September 10, 2007

## ***President's Notes***

***Sonya Bertini***

I am writing this on August 14th and cannot believe that summer is almost over. It is a rather dismal realization when you are a teacher! Nevertheless, I certainly look forward to seeing you all at our September dinner meeting. Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend. This year promises to be a great one thanks to interesting programs, exciting book talks, and inviting special interest groups. For those of you who attend our meetings regularly, welcome back! To those who are new members or who haven't been as active in the past, we really want to see you! Enjoy the dog days of summer and see you soon.

***Book Group***  
***Mary Lou Breidenstine***

The Book Review Group will meet on Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 at the home of Claire Moyer. The first part of this meeting will be to plan the calendar for the coming year. If you have a book you would like to recommend, please try to attend this meeting.

Following the planning session, Claire and Carolyn Bassett will lead a discussion on "Wild Swans" by Jung Chang. Ms. Chang grew up in China during the Cultural Revolution and presents an up-close and personal view of the hardships endured by her family and indeed all Chinese families during this difficult time.

The next evening group will be led by Sonia Bertini. She will discuss "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver. This non-fiction book gives an account of one man's mission to promote peace in Afghanistan by building one school at a time. A date has not been determined but will most likely be the beginning of November.

Begin reading "The Naked and the Dead" by Norman Mailer for the American literature group that will continue to meet several times a year on Saturday mornings. Date TBA. New people are always welcome.

***Treasurer's Report***  
***Betsy Reed***

As of August 1, 2007, we have \$1827.96 in our Operating Account. This Forum will be the last sent to members who have not paid their dues for 2007-2008. RENEW NOW!!!

***Movie Group***  
***Diana Intenzo***

The Movie group was a bit laid back this summer, but a group of us did go see the very powerful and magnificently acted "La Vie En Rose". What a movie!. We followed the show with dinner at the Shore Diner.

If you are interested in adding your name and email address to the list, please contact Diana Intenzo, either by phone or by email. For those of you without computers or email would you please call and reconfirm your interest in being contacted for these outings.

Remember husbands, friends and family are welcomed. This is a good way to introduce potential new members to the branch. So don't hesitate to come and enjoy the show and a friendly dinner discussion.

Forum Newsletter Deadline: 15th of every month Send information to Sandy Swain via mail or email
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### ***Cape May Dinner & Theater Outing*** ***Diana Intenzo***

Once again the Cape May Branch has invited us to join them this fall for a dinner and theater outing in Cape May. The date: *Friday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*. This year, instead of going to a restaurant, we are invited to a potluck dinner at Lee Smythe's house, where the Cape May folks will provide the entrees and we'll bring the salad and desserts. We'll then attend the East Lynne Theater Company's performance of SHERLOCK HOLMES: "*Adventure of the Speckled Band.*"

These outings are always enjoyable and give us a chance to interact with a sister branch. So mark your calendar. If you are interested in attending please contact Diana Intenzo by phone. Once we have a list of prospective attendees we'll decide about the salad and desserts. Come and join the crowd. It will be a fun evening.

### ***Joanna Sykes-Saavedra Speaks about Dante Hall***



Joanna Sykes-Saavedra, our guest speaker at the June meeting, familiarized us with the history and current attractions of Dante Hall Theater of the Arts. Located in the Ducktown neighborhood of Atlantic City, this theater is attracting audiences of all ages with its wide variety of theatrical, musical and other performing arts events. Check their website <http://www.dantehall.org/events.htm> for performance schedules.

### ***STAR /SISTERHOOD*** ***Gail Zona***

STAR met in June at the new home of Stella Hordes followed by a picnic in July at the home of Mildred Thomas that included guests. The membership continues to grow and everyone enjoys the diversity of our programs.

The August meeting was held at the home of Jennifer Off. Jennifer's historic home is believed to be a site of the Underground Railroad with access to the bay via a tunnel from the house! STAR toured the site, enjoyed a meal together and discussed with Laura Hickman some techniques for discussing books and articles to help us question more deeply our attitudes and bias. A review was held of the two visits to the NY Historical Museum's exhibits: SLAVERY IN NEW YORK CITY that STAR took as bus trips in 2006 and 2007.

The September 24, 2007 meeting will be held at a new location, Galloway Library Meeting Room, 306 E. Jim Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ. Meeting begins at 7pm with light dinner starting at 6pm. The discussion will begin on the book, "What Mama Couldn't Tell Us About Love" by Brenda Lane Richard-son and Dr. Brenda Wade. Guests are welcome.



# SEPTEMBER 2007

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16	17 AAUW Branch Meeting	18	19 Book Review Group	20	21	22
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