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President's Notes *Sonya Bertini*

Saturday, March 8th was International Women's Day. In honor of the day, AAUW joined with coalition partners in supporting the Global Resources and Opportunities for Women to Thrive Act. This critical piece of legislation would help shape U.S. international assistance and trade policy to give women in developing countries the tools and resources they need to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. By helping impoverished women start and grow businesses, promoting women's land and property rights, increasing women's access to employment, and improving the quality and working conditions of jobs dominated by women, the Growth Act seeks to enhance women's economic security. To urge your US senators to cosponsor the Growth Act, go to the AAUW website for more information.

Berenice Kennedy Woman of Distinction Award - May 19, 2008 *Gail Zona*

Our 2008 award will be presented to **Corinne Sparenberg** of Linwood, NJ. Ms. Sparenberg has been a true leader in our county and beyond by her service in many organizations and causes. Her present roles with the Miss America Organization include Hostess Chairman since 1999 and as an active member of the Miss America Organization Board of Directors.

The Monday, May 19, 2008 Dinner Meeting will be held at **Mays Landing Country Club**, Cates Road, Egg Harbor Twp. **Checks for \$35** made out to Atl.Co.Branch AAUW may be **sent to Helen Riso**, Cash bar opens at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Please **note entree** choice on your check (Chicken Marsala or Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce or Broiled Tilapia with Chutney Sauce.).

Program - A Tourist in Your Backyard *Mildred Thomas*

Have you ever wondered what to do with your houseguests who have come to visit from a distance? There has to be more to do than Casinos and Lucy the Elephant! Come find out just how much is in our area when Karen Aarons talks to us about the interesting and unique attractions in our county. She'll supply us with all the information we need in time for the summer season. This gathering will take place at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Northfield on April 21, 2008 at 7:30pm. Can't wait to see you there!

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

As of March 1, 2008 the balance in the checking account is \$2,196.06 in the Operating Account.

***STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism)
Gail Zona***

STAR and friends (22) are going to dinner followed by the performance of **Sweet Honey in the Rock at Commerce Bank Art Center in Sewell, NJ on Friday, March 28, 2008.**

The April meeting will be at the home of Gail Zona on Monday, **April 28th**. Dinner at 6pm, meeting and program at 7pm. Carolyn Bassett will lead us in a review and discussion of **Gangs of New York** from the perspective of ethnic attitudes in 19th C. New York City.

***Book Group
Mary Lou Breidenstine***

The group will meet on April 9 at 7:30 to discuss the poems and short stories of Edgar Allen Poe. Try to read "The Fall of the House of Usher", "The Murders in the Rue Morgue", "The Black Cat", "Elenora", and "Ligeia". Also, read any of his poems. We will meet at the home of Audrey Moloney and the discussion will be led by Audrey Owen.

Keep in mind "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen on May 21 at Jan Smith's.

Sue Helmer has volunteered to host the Saturday, April 26 meeting to discuss "Herzog" by Saul Bellow. We will meet at 10:00 for the discussion which will be followed by lunch. Be sure to notify Sue if you plan to attend.

AAUW Releases Congressional Voting Record

Members of Congress Held Accountable for Their Votes in This Critical Election Year
Source: http://www.aauw.org/About/newsroom/021108_CVR.cfm

Washington, D.C. — The American Association of University Women today released its *Congressional Voting Record for the 110th Congress, First Session*, which provides AAUW members and the public with critical information about how their members of Congress voted on equity issues affecting women and girls in 2007.

"Voters deserve to know where their elected officials stand before they head to the polls in November," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "AAUW members across the country will use the voting record in their voter education and get-out-the-vote efforts this year, ensuring that people who care about women's equity know exactly how their members of Congress voted on key issues."

Priority issues reflected in the voting record are education, economic security, and civil rights. This year, AAUW is pleased that more than half the representatives and senators supported AAUW's position on at least 80 percent of the votes that were scored. (To continue reading this article, refer to "Source" above.)



AAUW DUES REMINDER

Please mail 2008 - 2009 dues by June 8th to:

Betsy Reed, Treasurer

AAUW dues include:

\$49.00 AAUW National (\$2.00 increase)

\$10.00 AAUW NJ State

\$10.00 AAUW Atlantic County Branch

\$69.00 - Total AAUW regular dues

***NOTE**

*Lifetime Members - \$20.00

*Dual Membership (i.e. Cape May Co. Branch members) \$10.00

*Members-at-Large (out of state) \$20.00

The IRS requires us to inform you that AAUW dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, but may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense when applicable.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Board Meeting 7pm Audrey Home of Audrey Moloney	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Book Group 7:30pm (Poe) Home of Audrey Moloney	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Branch Mtg. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 7:30pm	22	23	24	25	26 Book Group (Herzog) 10am Home of Sue Helmer
27	28 STAR mtg Dinner 6pm Program 7pm Home of Gail Zona	29	30			

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