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## ***President's Notes Sonya Bertini***

Elections were held on Tuesday, November 6th in several states across the country, changing the control of state legislatures in some states. New Jersey elected a record number of women to the state legislature-34 women out of 120 seats. The 28 percent proportion of women legislators ranks New Jersey 15th in the nation. Go NJ!!

Biased-based bullying/harassment is all too common a problem for children and adults. Discover what can be done to uncover, prevent and alleviate this situation by attending the Bullying/Harassment Conference, Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Brookdale Community College. The conference is co-sponsored by AAUW NJ and Brookdale Community College. For more information go to [www.aauwnj.org](http://www.aauwnj.org) or contact [lyttlevirginia@yahoo.com](mailto:lyttlevirginia@yahoo.com).

I look forward to seeing you all at our holiday luncheon. I am sure it will be as lovely as always! It is a wonderful way to kick-off the holiday season and celebrate with fellow members. Happy Thanksgiving to all and see you on the 8th!

## ***Annual Holiday Luncheon Helen Riso and Marylou Breidenstine***

The annual holiday luncheon is Saturday, December 8th at Harbor Pines Golf Club. Doors open at noon, with lunch being served at 12:30pm. The cost for lunch is \$25 with no charge for the wonderful entertainment provided by the AAUW players. This talented group will present another delightful farce that is sure to put us all in a holiday spirit. Join us as the good guys triumph over the bad guys while a most improbable situation unfolds on Christmas Eve. Whatever you choose to celebrate this season, you will be sure to cheer as the evil Mr. Glowerpuss is finally thwarted and everybody lives happily ever after.

Advance reservations are a must! The deadline for making a reservation is November 30th. Checks should be made payable to AAUW-Atlantic County Branch. Please indicate your choice of entree (Chicken Marsala or Grilled Salmon Filet) on your check.

We are requesting that all members who attend the Holiday Luncheon on December 8th consider bringing a gift that will be donated to the Atlantic County Women's Center. If you are interested, please bring a gift for a boy or girl. Indicate which sex the gift is intended for and the age of the intended recipient.

Our branch has done this in the past and we believe it is a wonderful tradition to uphold. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

***Travel Group  
Carolyn Bassett***

The Travel Group will get underway again December 5 at 7:30 at the home of Stella Hordes. The program will be provided by Diana Intenzo who took a trip to Italy in September. She was in Capri, the Amalfi Coast, Positano, and more. Diana is also the leader of a weekly Italian conversation group, so she is very up on the culture & language of the country. Please come to Stella's new home for a fun evening. (I even heard talk of an Italian liqueur!)

Lakeview Dr. is off Steelmanville Rd. on the south side of Ocean Heights Ave. From Northfield, Margate, Linwood, etc. turn on Rt 9 onto Poplar Ave away from the Bay. When you reach a 5 point intersection where Brownie's Lodge used to be bear left onto Steelmanville Rd. (Not the right angle left which is Blackman.) Continue to the traffic light on Ocean Heights Ave, cross, continue about half a mile & Lakeview Dr is on the left. It is opposite the golf course of Harbor Pines.

From Ocean City & points south, get off the Parkway on Rt 9 in Somers Point, continue to the light at Ocean Heights Ave (after the major intersection by Shoprite) turn left, continue to the light at Steelmanville Rd., turn left, and go about a half mile to Lakeview Dr.

Please call Stella or Carolyn to let them know you're coming & to clarify directions if need be.

***Nov. Meeting Reminder  
Helen Riso***

The Irish are coming on Monday, November 19th at 7:30pm at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Northfield. You don't have to wear green, but do come and witness one aspect of Irish Culture as you enjoy an informative and entertaining program. The Jersey Shore Dancers look forward to showing off some advanced steps honed at their monthly "ceili". Guests are always welcome. Refreshments and business meeting will follow the program.

For directions, please call Helen Riso.

***Roster Update  
Joan Leavy***

Please make the following changes to your AAUW Roster booklet::

- Joan Beth Vicari's correct email address is jbvicari@Yahoo.com
- Mrs. Christakos' correct name is Zoe Christakos.
- Pam Saunders' email address has changed to saundersaul@verizon.net
- Francine Bates' new email address is fbates30@comast.net

If there are any other changes, please call Joan or email her to sk8s2@comcast.net

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

STAR has begun to meet at the Meeting Room of the Galloway Library on Jim Leeds Road as of September. The final phase of discussion on the book "What Mama Couldn't Teach Us About Love" led by Syvetta Snowden will be held on **Monday, November 26th at the Galloway Library**. Following a "bring your own dinner" and social time beginning at 6pm, the discussion and meeting will follow.

The December meeting will be at the home of **Rosalind Norrell-Nance's home in Egg Harbor Township on Monday, December 17, 2007** beginning at 6:30pm with a holiday dinner. It will be followed by an introduction to exploring our attitudes, perceptions and bias led by our **Master Facilitator, Laura Hickman**. Please contact Gail Zona if you wish to attend and contribute to the holiday meal by calling the above number or an email to gzona1@comcast.net. before December 12.

Forum Newsletter Deadline:  
15th of every month  
Send information to Sandy Swain  
sandras412@verizon.net

### ***Movie/Dinner Group-AAUW MG Diana Intenzo***

The movie group is up and running again, after a short summer break. In October, we had two outings. On Sunday October 21 we saw George Clooney in Michael Clayton, a thriller about corporate and legal shenanigans, and on October 28 we saw Into the Wild, directed by Saun Penn and based on a true but sad story about a young man who seeks unity with nature. In our dinner discussions that followed we explored several of the themes presented in the films.

We're keeping an eye out for Atonement and Kite Runner, both of which are scheduled for release in December. The book club read both books upon which these movies are based.

Future notices should reach you under the title AAUW-MG. A computer glitch forced a reconfiguration of the distribution list. If you wish to be added to the list, please contact Diana either by email or phone. Remember friends and family are invited to these outings. They can serve as a great recruitment tool.

### ***Woman of Distinction Award 2008 Gail Zona***

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD 2008 We are in the process of gathering names and information on women living in Atlantic County/ South Jersey who will be considered for the branch award at the May 2008 dinner meeting. Candidate criteria include living in the area for a number of years, outstanding service and personal/ professional accomplishments worthy of attention. Please call/email Gail Zona with your suggestions.

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

The balance in the checkbook as of November 15<sup>th</sup> is \$2574.14.

### ***Cape May Success Diana Intenzo***

This year's dinner/theater outing with the Cape May AAUW branch proved to be a great success. On Friday, Nov 2, a group from our branch joined with members from the Cape May branch for a potluck dinner at Lee Smythe's beautiful house in Wildwood Crest. Members from the two branches had an opportunity to mingle and chat over a delicious dinner and to share in a general good time.

Afterwards we drove to Cape May to attend a performance of the East Lynne Theater Company's rendition of a Sherlock Holmes' mystery presented in the format of a vintage radio show (shades of our own AAUW drama presentations).

Many thanks to Lee Smythe for opening her lovely house to us and to all who contributed dishes for the potluck dinner. And special thanks to Jim and Claire Moyer for providing the transportation down and back in their van.

Make a mental note to keep an eye out for a similar outing next year. We've participated in this two-branch activity for about 4 years and have found it most enjoyable. Think about joining in next year. It's great fun!

### ***Book Group Marylou Breidenstine***

Join us on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 for a discussion of the life of Norman Mailer and his masterpiece, "The Naked and the Dead". Please call hostess Celeste Yost if you plan to stay for lunch. Diana promises to entertain us with one of her famous Holiday Surprises. All are welcome.

The January 30 meeting will feature Ken Weiss leading a discussion of "The Man Who Loved Numbers" by Paul Hoffman. We will gather at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine at 7:30.

Diana Intenzo will lead a discussion on "The Painted Veil" by Somerset Maugham on March 25.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 Travel Group 7:30pm Home of Stella Hordes	6	7	8 Holiday Luncheon 12:30pm Harbor Pines
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Book Club 10:00am Home of Celeste Yost
16	17 STAR Mtg. 6:30pm Rosalind Norrell-Nance's home	18	19	20	21	22
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The **American Association of University Women** promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and a positive societal change. The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and societal change. **The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. In principal 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 or disability.

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