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President's Notes Sonya Bertini

The quick passing of time never ceases to amaze me. I seem to always be taken by surprise by the date! It has been a good year for the AAUW Atlantic County branch. We have new members, a hard working board, vibrant special interest groups and we have enjoyed informative and entertaining programs. We are financially sound, and able to give out our annual scholarships. I am extremely thankful to my fellow officers and committee chairs. You are all kind and helpful and thanks to you, I have successfully completed my first year as branch president.

Since this is my last installment of notes until September, I would like to take this opportunity to make a special request. Although I am happy with the quality of the programs we offer, I would very much like to offer programs that more closely reflect the mission of AAUW. I think it is extremely relevant at this time in history to address the issues that our organization advocates and lobbies for on a national level. I have tried to include these issues in every Forum. However, I think it is time we do this through our programs. Which issues would interest you? What kind of program would you like to attend? Do you know anyone who would be an interesting speaker? I am asking you to please e-mail any of your ideas to me. I promise you I will give them serious and careful consideration appreciate all of you so much! I hope to see you at the May dinner meeting. If not, have a wonderful summer!

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

We are delighted to honor CORINNE SPARENBERG of Linwood, New Jersey as the recipient of the 2008 Atlantic County Branch AAUW Woman of Distinction Award at our May 19th dinner meeting, Mays Landing Country Club, 1855 Cates Road, Hamilton Twp., NJ.

Meeting and greeting members and guests will begin at 6pm. Cash bar is available. Dinner at 7pm will be followed by installation of branch officers and the presentation of the above award and address by Ms. Sparenberg.

Corrine has an amazing background of volunteerism. Many years of service to organizations such as Contact Cape Atlantic (Crisis Hotline), NJ Federation of Women's Clubs, Town and Country Women's Club, South Jersey Aids Alliance, Ruth Newman Shapiro (RNS) Cancer and Heart Fund and the Miss America Organization has occupied much of her past 50 years.

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Gail Zona***

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In her 30 years of active participation with the Miss America Organization, Corrine has been a leader and role model for area women and to the many young women competing annually in the pageant. Presently over \$300,000 is awarded to the finalists plus larger scholarship totals going to young women in the local and state pageants in our 50 states annually.

Her effectiveness in advancing women's educational opportunities has been enhanced by her roles of Chairman of the MAO's Hostess Committee and as the Director of the Board since 1999.

We look forward to all of you joining us at this dinner and final meeting for Spring 2008.

Please send your reservations to HELEN RISO, Make checks payable to Atlantic County AAUW for \$35.00.

Note on your check your entree choice: Chicken Marsala or Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce or Broiled Tilapia with Chutney Sauce.

Invitations have been mailed to members of Corinne's many organizations who plan to join us.

***Children's Theater
Jan Smith***

The 23rd annual children's summer playhouse schedule is out, and once again AAUW will be providing ushers for the following shows:

July 2nd, Peter and the Wolf, July 9th, How the Elephant Got His Trunk & Other Animal Tales, July 16th, Little Red Riding Hood & Other Stories, July 23rd, Really Good and Funny Songs. There will be two shows: 11:00 a.m. & 2 p.m. If you are able to usher one of these performances, please call Jan Smith.

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

As of 1 April the balance in the Operating checking account is \$1781.32. Thanks to the "Ghost Luncheon" our Scholarship Fund is \$1317.75 richer.

We are now collecting dues - For your convenience a AAUW Dues form is included on page 3 of this issue. Please send your check today.

Membership

If you have not yet sent in your membership dues for the 2008-09 year, please do so by June 8th. Simply complete the membership form on page 3 and mail it to Betsy Reed Thank you.

New/Old Board Meeting

There will be a New/Old Board meeting on June 16 at 7:00pm at Priscilla Wilkinson's home.



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.

PLEASE SUPPORT FUND-RAISING EFFORTS!

Tear off and mail to:

Betsy Reed, *Treas.*, _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Type of Membership _____ Amount _____



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.

May 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Dinner Meeting "Woman of Distinction" 6pm Mays Landing Country Club	20	21 Book Group Home of Jan Smith	22	23	24
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AAUW, Atlantic County Branch
Jackie Sarnier



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