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President's Notes *Sonya Bertini*

An article appearing in the Wall Street Journal on August 15, 2007 discussed the importance of women voters, noting that in 2004, women outnumbered men voters by 8.8 million. In 2006, female voters supplied the margin of victory in Senate races in Missouri, Montana and Virginia, where Republican defeats enabled Democrats to take control of the House. AAUW's Voter Education Campaign encourages women to get involved in the political process and shows the impact congressional action has on their lives and the lives of the people they love. Go to www.aauw.org and click on advocacy, public policy and then voter education to find out more. At the September dinner meeting Public Policy chair, Suzanne Helmer spoke briefly about the work of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. This supports numerous, mostly university employees, who have experienced sexual harassment or discrimination, and have decided to seek justice in the courts. Presently the fund is supporting 16 cases nation wide and they need money.

Please consider making a donation to this important branch of AAUW when asked at a future meeting.

Fun, Fun, Fun *Mildred Thomas*

We are having a picnic on October 13, 2007 (rain date October 20, 2007) at Birch Grove Park starting at 12:00pm.

Please bring a dish of your choice (salads, cold dishes, vegetables, bread, desserts) and have lots of fun with us.

For those who may wish to be a participant in our community service activity of cleaning the park, please join us at 9:30am. We are asking you to bring your work gloves.



**2007-2008 Budget
Betsy Reed**

Income Branch

Dues	\$750
Interest	\$40
College Fair	\$500
Luncheons/Dinners	\$400
Raffles/50-50	\$200
Operational Fundraisers	\$500
TOTAL	\$2390

Disbursements

Post Office	\$450
College Fair	\$350
Newsletter printing	\$300
Roster printing/Labels	\$200
Insurance	\$350
Venue Rental	\$200
Incorporation/Legal	\$100
Hospitality	\$100
Programs	\$1000
AAUW Legal	\$100
Conventions/Conferences	\$200
Chair/Officer Expenses	\$300
TOTAL	\$3650

As of September 1, 2007, the amount in the checking account is \$1865.71

**Thank you Ralph Cooper
Karen Aarons, Joan Leavy
and Sandy Swain**

We can not thank Ralph Cooper of R.J Cooper Web Development for volunteering his time and talent in the design, development, and transference of our local AAUW web site. He guided us through the entire process while always exhibiting great patience and humor. Thank you, Ralph.

View our chapter site at www.aauwacnj.org

**Book Group
MaryLou Breidenstine**

Join us on Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 as Sonia Bertini leads a discussion on "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. Kathy Shippen is the hostess. Celeste Yost will be the hostess for our Saturday, December 15 gathering. We will meet at 10:00 to discuss "The Naked and the Dead" by American icon Norman Mailer. Following the meeting, Celeste will serve a delicious holiday lunch. Please call Celeste at 926-324 if you plan to attend. New members are always welcome.

**Art Lovers
Sally Roik**

Sally Roik will be having a "One-Woman" art exhibition at the Egg Harbor City Hall on Fire Road.

Her painting entitled "Heritage" will be the main featured work. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am until 4:30pm for the month of October. Sally teaches Fine Art at Cygnus Creative Art Centre and also at her home studio.

Landscapes, figures and abstract expressionism works can be viewed. Come and enjoy.

Forum Newsletter Deadline:
15th of every month
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The Roster has been printed and distributed to those who attended the September meeting at Mac's Restaurant. If there are any errors in the spelling of your name, addresses, college information and email addresses, kindly email me so that I can update the AAUW database.

Dr. Leo Lieberman
Caroline Bassett

The first Branch meeting of the year was a big success! Dr. Leo Lieberman and his wife Anna were our guests, and Dr. Lieberman entertained us and warmed our hearts with inspirational anecdotes from his books, seasoned with a bit of humour. There were 56 members in attendance - let's keep it up! Dr. Lieberman very generously renounced his usual honorarium because AAUW represents the values he works for - bias free support for education and equity.



Behind the Pay Gap
AAUW Press Release

Washington – New research released recently by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.

In the report, [*Behind the Pay Gap*](#), the AAUW Educational Foundation found that just one year after college graduation, women earn only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn. Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination. Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows.

The research also shows that ten years after graduation, college-educated men working full time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts. Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others, and setting pay.

"By looking at earnings just one year out of college, you have as level a playing field as possible," said AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill. "These employees don't have a lot of experience and, for the most part, don't have care-giving obligations, so you'd expect there to be very little difference in the wages of men and women. But surprisingly, and unfortunately, we find that women already earn less — even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts."

To read the entire report, go to WWW.AAUW.org and click on press releases.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Birch Grove Clean-Up
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Birch Grove Clean-Up (Rain Date)
21	22	23	24	25	26	26
28	29	30	31			

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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