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AAUW-NJ President's Message

Ms. Sally Anne Goodson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AAUW-NJ FALL FOCUS:
OCTOBER 15, 2011

AAUW-NJ ANNUAL MEETING:
APRIL 14, 2012

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION
IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:
JUNE 9-12, 2013

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Dear AAUW-NJ Members:

I have always found AAUW women to be intellectually bright, physically energetic, and fun to be around. As your AAUW-NJ State President, I have attended our members' monthly branch meetings, game nights, branch picnics, breakfasts, luncheons and dinners, joined our members at their inter-branch meetings, met at diners for strategy sessions, sat in on meetings with committees at colleges and universities, talked to members on the telephone, emailed many from my computer, texted with you from my iphone and on Facebook, and been a part of state and national telephone conference calls. I have reconnected with AAUW friends from years ago and met new ones throughout New Jersey from Salem County in the south to Sussex County in the North. My first year as your State President has been most exciting for me. This is one volunteer job I truly enjoy. I sincerely thank you for your trust and support.

ABOUT OUR AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

New Jersey State Board and Branch Members met in Washington, DC to attend a highly-successful 4-day July event. One whole day was spent lobbying our New Jersey US Senators and Congressmen; a highlight of our national get-together. Your New Jersey Delegation met AAUW members from across this country; we also got to know one another even better.



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AAUW-NJ President

Having everyone's cell-phone number and email was a big communication help. Your delegation was able to keep in constant contact with one another no matter whether we were on Capitol Hill, at a conference dinner, or attending a program meeting. Mark your calendar for the next AAUW National Convention scheduled to be in New Orleans in July, 2013.

ABOUT OUR UPCOMING FALL FOCUS MEETING

I hope to see all NJ AAUW Branches represented at our Fall Focus on Saturday, October 15th at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Cranbury, NJ (NJTP Exit 8A). A dynamic committee has been working over the summer on this annual fall event. We will be spotlighting exciting programs that every branch can use at their local meetings. I promise you a fun time, delicious food, the camaraderie of a spectacular group of women, as well as, gaining learning experiences that

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will be personally rewarding and professionally beneficial.

ABOUT OUR NEW COLLABORATION

I am very proud of our AAUW-NJ collaboration with a number of similar-mission women's organizations. Even though individually, these organizations are very important to women throughout New Jersey, our leadership rarely meets in one place to simply talk about our "areas of sameness". AAUW-NJ hopes to foster ways in which we can cooperate with one another to build a network of understanding. It is my hope that a creation of networking relationships can enable us to promote public debate about our similar missions, goals, and policies. Simply by coordinating our organization's programs and seminars, we can more-effectively deal with the many social issues that affect New Jersey women and their families.

ABOUT OUR TEEN-TECH PROJECT

Our famous Teen-Tech Project was, as always, an SRO production. This year the event was held at Rowan University, in Salem County. This was a spectacular day-long program at a great educational facility. High school girls from across the state came together to enhance their hands-on knowledge of S.T.E.M. academic studies (Science, Technology, Engineering and

Mathematics). The professional workmanship by the dedicated Teen-Tech committee highlighted AAUW "specialness". Once again, AAUW showcased why we can and do make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

ABOUT OUR C-U CONNECTION

Our College-University (C/U) Connection Project is most important to AAUW and AAUW-NJ. This Project has an energetic group of AAUW State Board and Local Branch Members coming together to make C/U Connection a success. AAUW leadership understands that our future is going to be "connected" with these undergraduate students and their faculty. Plus, AAUW can make a difference in these women's lives by providing personal and professional enrichment programs, employment connections, and educational options. If you want to be involved with the programs I have mentioned above, please let me know.

ABOUT YOU AND ME

If you need to reach out to me, please call me at: 973-715-4128 or you can email me at sally.goodson@verizon.net. And lastly, remember to stay connected online at: AAUW.org, AAUWNJ.org, and Facebook.

Sally Goodson



AAUW will celebrate our 130th Anniversary on November 28, 2011. To honor this auspicious occasion, we are declaring November National AAUW Month!

Each November, we will host a nationwide Cocktails and Convos night by inviting all of our branches to host their own event — on the same evening — at a popular restaurant in their area. This year, the nationwide Cocktails and Convos event will be held on Tuesday, November 8, approximately one year before the 2012 presidential elections. The focus of the evening will be AAUW's new **My Vote campaign**,

with special emphasis on prompting young women to register to vote.

We have created a Cocktails and Convos Program in a Box, which gives you a basic format to follow. We also recommend that you have a guest speaker or panel; however, branches are encouraged to customize the event for their own community.

Be sure to share photos and videos of your branch's anniversary Cocktails and Convos celebration on your website and with us. Let's make this an event to remember!

2011 AAUW National Convention Highlights

June 16 - 19 in Washington, D.C.



NJ Delegation in front of the Hart Senate Building
on Lobby Day, June 17, 2011

One of the Best Conventions I've Ever Attended

I've been aware that AAUW is a well-respected group of women who are well-prepared, well-spoken, well-educated, dedicated, and committed to thoughtful goals that move our society toward a more peaceful future. But after this year's convention, I'm overwhelmed by that awareness.

~AAUW Blogger~



Reception at the Brazilian Embassy
Greater Wayne Area President Judy Shivy with the Brazilian ambassador



Greater Wayne Area delegation - Seated
(L - R) Stella Hyman, Dorothy Quinn;
Standing (L - R) Ann Raynor, Judy Shivy

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MEMBERS OF AAUW-NJ WERE PART OF THE TEAL MACHINE WHICH STORMED CAPITOL HILL FOR THE AAUW LOBBY DAY

Submitted by Ms. Jacqueline D'Alessio

Nearly 50 AAUW-NJ members, led by State President Sally Goodson, joined the more than 800 attendees from across the country to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of AAUW at the National Convention in Washington, D.C., from June 16-19. The convention participants returned to New Jersey inspired to bring the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls to life in their communities.

On Thursday while State President Sally Goodson participated in the State Presidents' Pre-Conference Workshop, other convention attendees toured the Woman's Suffrage Newseum, the National Portrait Gallery, or the AAUW National Office. All returned to the Renaissance Hotel at 1 P.M. for the Opening Ceremony followed by the Capitol Hill Lobby Day Briefing.

After dinner on Thursday evening, AAUW members gathered at the opening panel to hear from powerful women in the Obama administration. Participating were Tina Tchen, chief of staff to first lady Michelle Obama and executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, Russlyn H. Ali, Department of Education's assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Jocelyn Samuels from the Justice Department, and Patricia A. Shiu from the Department of Labor. The panel's moderator was Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations. The discussion centered on the administration's attempts to have every federal agency pay attention to women's issues in life and in the workplace.

On Friday morning, the Teal Machine stormed Capitol Hill for the AAUW Lobby Day. Members from New Jersey met with their lawmakers or their staffs to advocate for Social security protections, funding for the national Women's History Museum, and sponsorship and passage of the Campus SaVE Act, an anti-sexual assault bill. Lily Ledbetter, Pay Equity advocate and AAUW member, joined the 700 Lobby Day participants. Hot and tired from their trek around Capitol Hill, AAUW members returned to the hotel for the AAUW General Session at 2:45 pm where the AAUW Breaking through Barriers Award winners were announced. AAUW-NJ

received Honorable Mention for its issues conferences. In the evening several members of the New Jersey delegation, who were not attending the Evening at the Embassy, joined together for dinner at Legal Seafoods.

Saturday was a hectic day beginning at 7 A.M. with Briefings by National AAUW committee members. As a member of the Branch Program Resource Task Force, Jacqueline D'Alessio, a past AAUW-NJ President, presented at the Briefing on Programs. Following the Briefings, Wal-Mart vs. Dukes plaintiff Edith Arana and co-counsel Arcelia Hurtado, executive director of Equal Rights Advocates, spoke to AAUW members about the historic workplace discrimination lawsuit. Unfortunately, a few days later AAUW was disappointed in the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in favor of Wal-Mart. The morning events continued with a panel—Transforming the 21st Century Workplace: Women and Men as Allies. Author and attorney Joan C. Williams of the Center of Work Life Law and John W. Curtis, director of research at the American Association of University Professors, spoke about the fundamental changes to the workplace necessary to bring about real equality.

A series of workshops such as *Demystifying Social Media*, *All You Need to Know: Engaging College/University Partners*, and *What Makes Women Decide to Join or Stay in an Organization Today* followed the panel. During lunch Carolyn Garfein, AAUW President, announced the results of the historic AAUW One Member, One Vote election. More than 10,000 ballots were cast on line and by mail. The number of votes cast this year exceeded the delegate votes at the 2009 convention in St. Louis. The luncheon speaker was Cynthia D'Amour, the author of seven books including *The Lazy Leader's Guide to Outrageous Results* and *How to Turn Generation Me into Active Members of Your Association*. AAUW members have the benefit of participating in her online community for volunteer leaders—Chapters Leaders Playground. Cynthia's humorous presentation *Lead, Laugh or Get Out of the Way* offered

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strategies for successful leadership and encouraged members to embrace lazy leaders, be the party and celebrate with their team. Another set of workshop focusing on branch concerns followed the luncheon. Jacqueline D'Alessio of AAUW-NJ participated in the workshop *Mission-Based Programming 101* where members of the Branch Program Resource Task Force offered practical suggestions on using mission-based programs such as the Programs in a Box (PIAB).

The evening ended with the AAUW National Convention Banquet which celebrated the contributions of individuals, branches, and states to the AAUW Funds. The Montclair Inc. Branch and AAUW-NJ were among the top supporters of the AAUW Funds. AAUW-NJ also was among the top supporters of the AAUW Action Fund and the Somerset Hills Branch was among the top supporters of the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The featured speaker of the evening was Sarah Brokaw, daughter of journalist Ted Brokaw and author of *Fortytude*, which encourages women

approaching 40 to celebrate the rest of their lives. Abigail J. Stewart, a professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at the University of Michigan and editor of *Transforming Science and Engineering: Advancing Academic Women*, received the 2011 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award.

On Sunday morning, AAUW members participated in a series of workshops and a panel announcing AAUW's newest research report on bullying in schools which will be released in the fall. At the end of the closing session—*Taking AAUW Home*—the site of the 2013 AAUW Convention was announced—the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel on June 9-12, 2013.

The best part of convention is the opportunity to network and socialize with women from all over the country and to share ideas and feel the power of educated, articulate women who share a common cause—braking through educational and economic barriers for all women and girls.

AAUW-NJ Report to The Women of NJ

Ms. Sally Anne Goodson, AAUW-NJ President

On June 17th, when the AAUW-NJ delegation was attending the 2011 AAUW Convention in Washington, DC, Beth Forman (Northwest Bergen Branch), Stella Hyman (Greater Wayne Area Branch), and I (AAUW-NJ Pres./Nutley Branch) met with Rose Hacking, the Health Policy Advisor to New Jersey Congressman Bill Pascrell (NJ-08) in Congressman Pascrell's Office on Capitol Hill.

We discussed a variety of topics that addressed AAUW issues, missions and goals. One important item in particular was the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (The Campus SaVE Act (H.R. 2016/S. 834). The Campus SaVE Act would help end sexual assault and violence on college campuses by requiring schools to spell out their policies, conduct prevention activities, and ensure

necessary assistance for victims. AAUW believes that this Act would enhance Title IX rules and regulations.

Ms. Hacking emailed me today that Congressman Pascrell has signed on as a cosponsor of the bill and that Congressman Pascrell wanted to thank AAUW-NJ for bringing this bill to his attention.

As President of AAUW-NJ, I want to thank all the delegates for reaching out to their NJ Congressmen and Senators and to extend a special thank you to the legislators who, because of our lobbying efforts, have come on board with AAUW at this critical time for women and women's issues nationwide. And of course, my special thanks to Congressman Bill Pascrell for his support as a cosponsor of H.R 2016/S. 834.

Hijacking the AAUW Webmaster National Correspondence Lands Me a Convention Roommate

Ms. Beth Forman, Public Policy Chair

My AAUW branch -- Northwest Bergen -- very generously offered to finance my registration portion of the AAUW National Convention held in Washington, D.C. this past summer. Next hurdle: finding a roommate to share the cost of the hotel room. I first checked in with Sally Goodson, and she put me in touch with several potential NJ attendees, but as it turned out, these women were unable to attend.

Given that a fellow New Jerseyite was not going to materialize as a roommate, I had to figure out how best to extend my search nationally. An e-mail thread titled "Web Managers at Convention" was quite active, so I jumped on board. "I am taking this opportunity to reach out to all of you," I wrote on May 31. "I am looking for a roommate for the Convention. I have already booked a room with two double beds at the Renaissance for Wednesday through Saturday nights (i.e., checking in on Wednesday and checking out on Sunday). If you know of anyone looking to share a room, please pass on my name/phone, etc. Thanks so much! (And sorry for intruding upon the integrity of this correspondence thread.)"

Kay Koehler responded that same day: "Not an intrusion, a smart move!" she wrote. "However, as of the last time I checked, no one in my branch, including me, is planning to attend this year."

Bummer.

Nancy Shoemaker, web manager, e-mailed me back at 3:42 PM on June 1. She suggested I try the Facebook Convention Page and provided the link, but explained that it's hard to "push" messages from individuals out to others on that page -- that it depends on people going to the site. She also offered to let me room with her and her roommate. I was very moved by Nancy's generosity of spirit and the bond of AAUW sisterhood. (Inviting a third woman in to share one bathroom... that's pretty amazing!)

At 6:20 PM that same day, I received an e-mail from Brenda Wolfe, Co-President of the Fort, Collins, Colorado branch. Her incoming Branch

President, Barb Slattenow, had been looking for a roommate. Moments later, I received an e-mail from Barb, we connected, and we became Convention Roommates. But the story doesn't end here.

On June 8, I received an e-mail from Carol Davis McDonald, Treasurer, AAUW of Missouri (former web manager), informing me that the MO Public Policy Chair, Holly Burgess, was looking for a roommate. I thanked her for contacting me and explained that I was set. The following day, however, I received an e-mail from Rachel Hirsch, the state webmaster for Wisconsin, asking if I was still in need of a roommate. So I was able to play matchmaker and put Rachel in touch with Holly.

When I mentioned to Sally Goodson how I had found my roommate, she asked me to write it up as an article for the *Garden Statement*. She also wondered aloud about the idea of there being a "clearing house" where members looking for Convention roommates could connect.

In fact, during one of the convention sessions, an AAUW member commented on the expense of attending: registration, transportation, meals, and \$200 per night hotel rooms. Linda Hallman explained that the rate AAUW negotiated and received for the hotel was actually a best value deal given its quality and location. And I'm sure it was. But I suspect a lot more members would attend the convention if their hotel rates were cut in half simply by sharing the room.

AAUW New Jersey should propose to AAUW National that a roommate clearing house be set up for 2013.



Reflections of a Novice Conventioneer

Ms. Dorothy E. Quinn
AAUW Greater Wayne Branch

I have always considered myself an ardent promoter of growth. Whether it is in my garden tending and cultivating flowers, fruits, and vegetables, or as mother nurturing and gratefully watching my children grow (and now delighting in the miracle of their offspring, my grandchildren), or in the classroom fostering young minds; growth has been my source of satisfaction, seeing the product of my efforts develop.

However, not only do I give importance to seeing others grow, but place great merit on my own personal growth. It was with this value that I signed up to attend my first AAUW Convention. I admit that I was enticed by the fact that it was to be held in Washington, D.C., a city that always continues to fascinate me, but also, it was within driving distance from my home in New Jersey, and a first attempt to drive to and in this city. The bonus was an opportunity to get to know my traveling companion branch members a little better and on a more personal level.

Thursday morning the opening ceremonies were awe-inspiring. To see nearly a thousand women of all ages gathered for the goal of Breaking Through Barriers for women and their own personal growth as well was rousing. I did not regret the choice to come and be part of this stirring group.

That afternoon we received a thorough briefing for our Capital Hill Lobby Day which was to follow the next day. Lisa Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations of AAUW gave a rallying presentation. We received policy information on AAUW's position on saving Social Security from budget cuts, sponsoring the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, and promoting support for the National Women's History Museum Act. Albeit, I was familiar with the possible congressional intent of raiding the Social Security trust fund to balance budgets, but I was unfamiliar with the philanthropy for archiving women's achievements, and the policies and vehicles necessary to assist victims of sexual assault, harassment, and violence.

With information digested, we were then given the task of lobbying on Capitol Hill the next morning. I have to admit I found the mission a

bit daunting. Number one, I have never been outside the tour zone of the Capitol, nor did I ever become politically involved save for emails to my congressional representatives, a township rally and petition to save the woods behind my home, and, oh yes, there were those Stop the War demonstrations in my youth. Notwithstanding those efforts, this was to be my first interaction with my representatives at the federal level. With adrenalin soaring and the sisterhood of the AAUW en masse walking up the steps of the Capitol, the scene was pretty impressive! It helped shake any butterflies that surged through me.

This turned out to be an unanticipated growth experience. The importance of the mission and the support of all the women made the charge of speaking to congressional aides, since our congressional representatives were in session trying to come to some agreement to balance the budget, much easier. In fact, I found my passion for the issues with the help of my fellow lobbyists. Yes, we were lobbying. We were women from all walks of life from various backgrounds and experience, lobbying congress, putting democracy in action. This experience I will never forget!

The growth did not stop there. The evening dinners with crowded tables fostered intermingling with women from other branches. Cocktail parties were also opportunities to meet women from all over the country. How natural and effortless conversations flowed. We were all women seeking growth, personally and professionally, and seeking ideas to bring back to our branches and foster growth at the local level. And yes, I developed a special bond with the branch members with whom I travelled and lodged. The AAUW convention was the common thread that bound us together. We expanded with new friendships, new stories, and new experiences.

I look forward to seeing my new friends at the Fall Focus gathering and joining my AAUW sisters in New Orleans next year with new chances to grow and more issues to tackle advancing growth and opportunity for all my sisters.



National Women's History Museum Moves Closer to Becoming a Reality

Legislation which would allow for the creation of a National Women's History Museum on the National Mall passed out of committee in the House of Representatives yesterday. The museum, which would be paid for entirely through private donations and which would have to pay fair market price for the land it would occupy, would be the only museum specifically about women and their contribution to American history in the nation's capital.

AAUW believes that it is critical that we as a nation recognize the importance of remembering how far women have come and honoring those who have played an integral part in getting us here. With women's history missing from so many other venues in Washington D.C., the NWHM will provide a necessary and meaningful home to the history of women's struggle for equality.

Justice Ginsburg Says Women's Rights Work Would Prevent Her Confirmation Today

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said this week that her work as director of the ACLU Women's Rights Project would probably disqualify her from Supreme Court consideration today. Ginsburg, who was confirmed in 1993, said then -White House staffers grilled her on her ACLU work before her Senate confirmation hearings, but she ultimately didn't face that sort of scrutiny from the Senate, which confirmed her with an overwhelming bipartisan majority.

Although President Barack Obama has successfully nominated two women to the Supreme Court, Washington Update has reported previously that every district court nominee with party-line opposition from Senate Judiciary Committee Republicans has been a woman or a person of color. In addition, the Senate went on recess this summer with 20 judicial nominees left on the floor, and Obama has fewer judges confirmed than either George W. Bush or Bill Clinton at this stage of their presidencies.

Obama has also made fewer nominations.

AAUW pays close attention to judicial nominations because so many of our fundamental rights and liberties have been established and are protected by the federal courts, state and U.S. Supreme Court precedents, and executive -branch enforcement efforts. Not only do our courts need judges who will uphold our constitutional values of liberty, equality, and justice for all, they also need judges who reflect America's diversity. This is the best way to ensure that the clock is not turned back on decades of progress for men and women of all races.

AAUW urges the Senate to move nominees more expeditiously and the administration to move more quickly in submitting outstanding nominations.

Survey: Online Courses Offer Less Value than Classroom Learning

Most adults think that online courses do not offer equal value to courses taken in the classroom. According to a Pew Research Center survey this spring, 29 percent of a nationally representative sample of adults said they think online courses offer equal value. However, 51 percent of college presidents surveyed said the value offered is the same. More than three-fourths of college presidents said their schools offer online courses.

AAUW advocates for a full range of college options to better serve the needs of all students. This includes night, weekend, and online programs that put postsecondary education within the reach of more nontraditional students and offer the same rigor and resources as other courses, as well as a path to gainful employment.

AAUW Public Policy Fund Pins and a Bonus

Show your support for advocacy for women and girls — and get a tax deduction. Contribute \$100 or more to the AAUW Public Policy Fund and receive the fund's annual pin. Please support this crucial work with a tax-deductible contribution through our secure website.



"I could not, at any age, be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. The fatal thing is the rejection. One must never, for whatever reason, turn one's back on life." —*Eleanor Roosevelt*

The 17 women who founded our organization in 1881 lived this truth even though they had never heard these words. The women were college graduates with great potential in a world that seemed reluctant to let them succeed. They were determined to make their own pathways and refused to wait for someone to do it for them. Thus, they founded the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in Boston. Forty years later, the organization would merge with the Southern Association of College Women to become the American Association of University Women. From the beginning, our mission has always been to provide education and opportunities for women.

With our founders in their minds, each AAUW branch and state takes pride in and upholds the AAUW legacy. Each individual member has added her or his own unique contribution to the national goals of AAUW. I hope you find ways to celebrate those contributions during your state and branch events. The activities of several branches were recognized at this year's convention; as you saw, AAUW is active and vibrant! At 130 years old, we're still breaking through barriers, just as our foremothers did. It is our turn to keep things moving forward!

World Medical Card

Were you aware that several of AAUW's member benefit partners also have programs in place that can help your branch raise funds?

The World Medical Card allows everyone to be in control of her or his personal medical information and have access to it anywhere at any time, even in an emergency. Use this **AAUW Program in a Box** to help distribute this valuable resource and prevent medical errors.

The World Medical Card Offers Benefits to your State, Branch, and/or Community:

- Help protect your family and people in your community from preventable medical errors
- Raise funds for your branch: Your branch receives \$2 from World Medical Card for every card sold to a family member and \$5 for every card sold to family, friends, or members of your community
- Raise awareness of AAUW states and branches as organizations that care about the community

How can I make sure that donors get full credit for their tax-deductible contributions?

When collecting donations, the best way to ensure that each donor gets her or his proper tax deduction is to give AAUW an accurate report of the donor's name, address, the amount they gave, and the fund to which the gift should be designated. One of the best ways to do this is to use a downloadable contribution report form.

This form provides an easy and concise method for a branch or state leader to give this essential information to the national office when they send the contribution. You can use this form whether you send the donor's checks directly to AAUW or deposit the checks into your account with others and forward one check for the total amount of donations. Remember that without these individual names, AAUW staff will process the contribution as a branch gift, and none of the generous individuals will receive recognition or an appropriate receipt for their taxes! If you include this form, every donor will get credit for her or his contribution.

Your Contributions Made It Happen!

More than 215 women were awarded AAUW fellowships for the 2010–11 academic year. Thanks to the collective contributions from branches, states, and individuals like you, more than \$3 million was awarded to deserving recipients.

AAUW MISSION & ACTION

e-newsletter



An Update on Lead Testing for Books

Local AAUW Book Sale Volunteers:

Federal Restrictions on
Used Children's Books Lifted

Recently, AAUW notified branches that the federal government had imposed restrictions on reselling children's books published before 1986 due to concerns that they contained unacceptable levels of lead in their ink. However, after lobbying from AAUW and other groups, the House and Senate recently passed legislation that would exempt "ordinary" books intended for children over three years of age from the law's testing requirements, and President Obama will soon sign this exemption into law. ***Once enacted, the lesser restrictions will allow resale of the overwhelming majority of used children's books with extremely limited exceptions.***

What You Need to Know

- The legislation expands a recently-imposed stay of enforcement on book testing and removes the requirement to test products produced before 1986, which were not included under the original stay of enforcement on testing.
- Certain resale items will not be excluded from the testing requirement when it resumes in January 1, 2012. These items include: 1) Books designed or intended for a child 3 years or younger; 2) Books with "inherent play value" (such as a coloring book); 3) Novelty books; and 4) Toys or other articles that are not books and sold or packaged with a book. *Until then, testing requirements for these books will not be enforced.*

Please contact Beth Scott, at 202-728-7617 or scotttb@aauw.org, with any questions.

Travel to South Africa with AAUW

Please join AAUW President Carolyn Garfein on the trip of a lifetime as our delegation visits South Africa, October 24–November 2, 2011. Meetings with leading NGOs during the day and fascinating cultural events at night make for a do-not-miss experience. E-mail [Academic Travel Abroad](#) for details or to make reservations.

Empower Students to be Leaders in your Community

The AAUW Student Advisory Council, AAUW Campus Action Project, and Elect Her–Campus Women Win applications will go online this month. These programs are great opportunities to support college women leaders and build relationships with local campuses.

Recent College Grads Eligible for Free AAUW Membership

Invite a recent grad to become a member for free — give an AAUW membership through AAUW's [Give a Grad a Gift](#) program! The program enables members to give a free, one-year national AAUW membership to recent college graduates. What better way to introduce someone to AAUW and bring in the next generation of AAUW leaders?

Shape AAUW's Future by Encouraging E-SAF Registrations

Students at [AAUW college/university partner member schools](#) who want to become e-student affiliates will now find it easier to do so! Encourage undergraduate students at partner member schools to receive all their great benefits by visiting the [e-student affiliate join application](#) page on the AAUW website and filling out the simple form.

Special \$130 Anniversary Rate for College/University Partners

AAUW is celebrating our 130th Anniversary with a special rate of \$130 for new [C/U partner members](#). Visit the [online directory](#) to see if your local school or alma mater is a member. If not, use these [tips](#) to encourage schools in your community to join and give their students priority for AAUW's many opportunities.

AAUW's 130th Anniversary Grad Student Rate

Special [130th Anniversary introductory rates](#) are also available for [graduate students](#), who can join AAUW for just \$18.81! Individuals and branches that focus on recruitment can win prizes, be recognized in AAUW's [Hall of Fame](#), and help strengthen the organization for years to come.



AAUW to Co-sponsor Summit on Workplace Sexual Harassment

AAUW will co-sponsor a summit at Hunter College in New York City on October 15, 2011, that will focus on workplace sexual harassment. Anita Hill is the keynote speaker. Local AAUW members are invited to attend, and we expect the summit to be broadcast online. Look for details in September.

Apply for Funds to hold a Campus Program

AAUW states and branches can apply to receive up to \$750 to hold an AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Campus Outreach Program at a local college or university. States and branches select the campus and choose the program's format and topic, such as sexual harassment or assault, pay discrimination, or Title IX. Because LAF Campus Outreach Programs are funded through an LAF grant, even branches with few financial resources can participate.

If states or branches need help with ideas for the programs, LAF staff can offer advice and assistance. LAF staff highlight state and branch Campus Outreach Programs in LAF publications and on the AAUW blog.

Benefits to your state, branch, or community

- Collaborate with faculty and students at a local college or university
- Strengthen or create ties with a local college or university
- Recruit new AAUW college/university partner members
- Recruit new student members
- Build camaraderie among AAUW members

For event ideas, review the LAF Campus Outreach Program in a Box at AAUWNJ.org or AAUW.org.



Title IX Compliance: Know the Score!

Facts:

Today, girls comprise 49 percent of the nation's high school population, but they only account for 41 percent of high school athletes. All over the country, there are schools that fail to treat girls and young women fairly with respect to athletic participation, athletics facilities, and other benefits. Not only is this unfair, it also is potentially illegal under the federal law Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination against students and employees of educational institutions.

[Read AAUW's position on equity in athletics.](#)

Read the Dec. 2009 research report by the Women's Sports Foundation called "[Her Life Depends on It - II](#)"

Project:

In collaboration with the nonprofits [The Legal Aid Society — Employment Law Center](#) and the [Women's Sports Foundation](#), the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund produced a Program in a Box for AAUW members with materials about Title IX and high school athletics and documents that can help AAUW members find out if their local school is Title IX complaint regarding athletics.

Through this program, AAUW members can take concrete steps toward ensuring equitable athletic opportunities at their local schools as required under Title IX. And, if there is inequity, it can be fixed before schools are sued for it. The program also helps AAUW members learn more about Title IX as it relates to athletics and provides them with opportunities to educate the community.

Get Started:

Download the [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#) and use the step-by-step guidance to learn more about Title IX and investigate your local high school.

[Download and view/listen to the one-hour Webinar](#) from October, 29, 2009, to learn more about the Program in a Box, how you can use it, and why we need your help ensuring that schools are compliant with Title IX.

AAUW-NJ Fall Focus October 15, 2011; 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

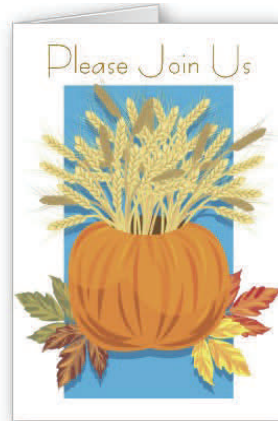
Ms. Carol Cohen—Program Vice President
Article submitted by Ms. Jane Baus-Niemeyer

Fall Focus Prep is Underway!

The prep work for the upcoming Fall Focus is underway. Carol Cohen has formed a committee to handle the details for this year's meeting. The committee consists of Carol Cohen, Jacqueline D'Alessio, Adrienne Lesser, Joan Odud, Barbara Williamson, and Jane Niemeyer. We have had one meeting so far by teleconference. This was a way to get together and start the planning process, and it went very well. The focus this year will be on *The Program in a Box Series* that is on the national website. The goal is to make our members familiar with these programs and to encourage them to use them at their branch meetings.

We selected six *Programs in a Box* to be discussed at the Fall Focus meeting. There will be copies of each program for discussion. The committee is working on ways to make the discussions of the programs interesting and informative.

A tentative agenda was developed and the day promises to be informative and fun. The committee is working hard to make this a success.



All branches are encouraged to have as many members attend as possible. It's a good way to meet other AAUW members and to re-energize for the upcoming year.

The Registration Form is located on page 27

AAUW-NJ Fall Focus
Courtyard Marriott
420 Forsgate Drive, Cranbury, NJ
October 15, 2011
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

AAUWNJ.org and Paypal are a New Team!

Ms. Carole Monesmith—AAUWNJ.org Co-Web Designer

For the first time, AAUW-NJ is prepared to accept Fall Focus registration fees via Paypal. Members may now choose between two registration/payment options:

1. Make a payment on AAUWNJ.org via Paypal, then complete an online registration form
2. Send your registration/payment via USPS

Selecting USPS as an option:

- Print and fill out the registration form
- Mail it with your check payable to AAUW-NJ
- Address is located on the Registration Form located on page 27.

Selecting Paypal as an option:

- You must have a paypal account, but you may select any credit card that you wish.
- When your Paypal payment has been processed, you will be directed to an online registration form.
- After you have completed the online registration form, a "thank you" screen will appear, confirming the information that you submitted.



AAUW-NJ CHARITABLE TRUST

Ms. Jean Wadsworth, President, AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust

The much anticipated booklet summarizing the work of the AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust over the past twenty years was completed this June. Trust board members Carol Holmelund and Luci Webb researched the files of applications from branches for trust grants for community programs, and Carol composed the text of the booklet based on that research. Information about state-wide programs receiving grants was written by Jean Wadsworth.

In the booklet, with its sub title of *How one bequest keeps giving and giving and giving... to New Jersey's program and branches*, Carol wrote about projects as varied as Windows to the Future, a career exploration conference for girls; a Women's History Book Project, where Medford Branch members purchased and donated books about women to area elementary and secondary school libraries; a Girls Can! Career day project by the Metuchen-Edison Branch; a City Force 2000 program by the New Brunswick Branch to address the shortage of women working in the science, technology, engineering and math; a Sisterhood: Harmony in Diversity seminar presented by the Atlantic City Branch for women in Atlantic and Cape May counties; GIRLS on the Move, a project of the Sussex County Branch for middle school girls to raise girls sights about possible career paths;

How to Say What You Mean Without Being Mean conferences for dealing with bullying presented by the Madison Branch and the Northern Ocean County Branch and Running and Winning conferences organized by the Camden County and Northern Monmouth County branches to explore public service as a career and to learn leadership skills needed for holding public office.

Copies of the booklet with many other branch projects and the state sponsored conferences and projects that were funded by the AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust are available for branches and branch members. Please contact Jean Wadsworth, JSWPAAUWNJ@aol.com.

If reading about the projects which have received funding has spurred your interest in applying for a grant for your branch's community project, please check the AAUW-NJ web site for information about the application process.

Hopefully, reading about these worthy projects which advance AAUW's mission will spur your interest in contributing to the Trust. *Consider donating a portion of you branch's fund raising proceeds to the AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust. Personal contributions to the Trust are also welcome and are tax-deductible. Please send your donations to Marian Haag, 308 Jefferson Road, Elmer, NJ 08318*

Girl Power Wins at Google's First Science Fair

Ms. Sally Goodson

Jessica Pierson, AAUW-NJ State Board Member, shared New York Times article, **Girl Power Wins at Google's First Science Fair** with members of the State Board.

This article (on page 14) truly supports the importance of our New Jersey AAUW teentech program-- that AAUW-NJ sponsors each year for our local high schools girls ---and speaks to our AAUW national study of "Why So Few? - women in STEM job fields".

The following article is a reminder to all of us to encourage our women and girls to participate in AAUW programs like our annual New

Jersey's teentech Program and to continue to fund New Jersey participants from local colleges and universities so that they can attend the annual National Convention of Women Student Leaders (NCWSL) at Maryland University sponsored by AAUW.

These AAUW programs should be spotlighted at both the State and Local AAUW branch levels. Let's shout out the news to other organizations and individuals that AAUW intends to continue to make a positive difference in women's lives in the future, as AAUW has done in the past for 130 years.

Girl Power Wins at Google's First Science Fair

By MS. CLAIRE CAIN MILLER—NEW YORK TIMES

July 13, 2011, 7:15 pm

If Google's first science fair is any indication, the top scientists of the future will be women. Google has announced the fair's winners, and they are all young women.

Shree Bose, age 17, from Fort Worth, Tex., won the grand prize for developing a way to improve ovarian cancer treatment for patients who have developed a resistance to chemotherapy. Naomi Shah, 16, from Portland, Ore., found ways to improve indoor air quality and decrease people's reliance on asthma medications. And Lauren Hodge, 14, from Dallastown, Pa., researched the effects of different marinades on potential carcinogens in grilled chicken.

"As a girl, to see that my gender actually is going to come into this field that's been so dominated by men is exciting to me, and to be a part of that is even more exciting," Ms. Bose said in an interview.

Surprisingly for Google, a computer science company, the winners each did bioscience projects. But the entries were wide-ranging, as was the science fair. Teenagers from all over the world could enter the fair in areas from computer science to space exploration. Unlike other science fairs, like those of Intel and Siemens, students entered online instead of presenting their projects in a school gymnasium.

Ten thousand students from 91 countries entered 7,500 projects in the science fair, including transforming recycled cans into solar ovens, building robotic prosthetic limbs and developing 3-D indoor navigation for blind people. For a clue about what tomorrow's scientists care most about, the most popular category was earth and environmental sciences.

Google invited 15 finalists to its Mountain View, Calif., headquarters this week. The winners received scholarships, internships at Google, CERN and Lego, and for Ms. Bose, a trip to the Galapagos Islands with National Geographic Explorer.

Google started the science fair to promote curiosity about science and experimentation among students, and it is one of the company's several education projects. It is also a marketing tool for Google Apps, which compete with Microsoft and other companies. Google hoped to introduce students to Google's Web products, like Google Sites, App Inventor and SketchUp, so they might continue to use them in college and the workplace.

That plan may have paid off. Ms. Bose said that she started her project planning to "cut and paste it onto a board" to present at an in-person science fair. But entering it online was much easier, she said. She used Google Sites, Docs and Scholar, and plans to continue to use the services.

Promoting women in science was not an explicit goal of Google's and gender did not play a role in the judges' decisions, said Vint Cerf, a Google Science Fair judge and the company's chief Internet evangelist.

"But I was secretly happy to see that happen, because for ages men have dominated the science field, and in many cases women who have done excellent work have been ignored," Mr. Cerf said in an interview.

In Silicon Valley, where men vastly outnumber women, Google has consciously tried to recruit more women. One way it did that was to hire women early on, like Marissa Mayer in engineering and Susan Wojcicki in ad sales, because the founders thought women would be more likely to join the company if they saw other women working there.

The New York Times
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Tech Trek in the Spotlight

Article Submitted by Ms. Katie Broendel,
AAUW's Media and Public Relations Manager

CBS News turned to AAUW member Marie Wolbach, founder of AAUW of California's Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls, for an insider's perspective on getting girls engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. This is an important topic that has been in the news again recently since three girls won the Google Science Fair.

Tech Trek got its start 13 years ago when Wolbach applied for a Community Action Grant from AAUW to open a science camp for girls on the Stanford University campus in the summer of 1998. Now Tech Trek camps are hosted on a number of campuses throughout the state and are regularly attended by over 800 girls a year.

The girls who attend the camps are each nominated by a math or science teacher and come from diverse backgrounds, reflecting California's demographics. Many of them come from homes where English is not the primary language and have parents who did not attend college. The girls live on a college campus for a week and get a taste of what it is like to be a student and the excitement of pursuing a dream. They not only get a chance to perform hands-on experiments, they also work with girls from previous camps who come back as counselors and meet real-life female role models in STEM fields, many of them former campers and great examples of what a girl can do when she is given the right tools.

CBS contacted Wolbach and went to film parts of the segment at the Tech Trek camps at the University of California, Irvine, and Stanford. With all her experience, institutional knowledge, and involvement, Wolbach was a fantastic representative to interview, and her comments were included in the final segment that aired on the CBS Evening News.

AAUW members are doing amazing things, and it was phenomenal to have such a spotlight shone on Tech Trek and Wolbach's story. Wolbach and her fellow volunteers celebrated additional good news this year when Tech Trek

was honored as a finalist for the Breaking through Barriers Awards, which were announced at the 2011 AAUW National Convention.

AAUW supports opportunities for women and girls in STEM fields in many ways. Our most recent research report, Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, continues to make the news, and in an effort to support local programming around girls in STEM, AAUW has been a partner in the National Girls Collaborative Project for the last five years.

The NGCP website has a searchable program directory with more than 2,200 different programs for girls in math and science run by various organizations, companies, and school systems, including over 80 programs from AAUW members and branches. These are only some ways that AAUW is promoting STEM — find us on Facebook and Twitter under AAUW STEM and make sure to tell us about STEM programs in your area.



Marie Wolbach, AAUW member since 1976 and NGCP liaison since 2005, appears in a CBS News segment on Tech Trek and girls in STEM.

teentech 2011

Ms. Jean Wadsworth

teentech 2011



130 Students gathering for the day's events



Time out for lunch for students and teachers representing 19 schools and 1 home school

at Rowan University May 24, 2011

A Collaborative effort with
AAUW-NJ, Rowan University,
NJTEA and EIRC



The TEAM:

Sally Goodson, President AAUW-NJ; Luci Webb, Registrar; Beth Hyer, Consultant, and Jean Wadsworth, teentech coordinator



Listening to Sheranee Nedd, Associate Engineer, Nuclear at PSEG's Salem Plant and Donna Scalia, Department of Labor, Division of Apprenticeship & Training

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teentech Workshops



The Power of the Wind: one of the teams designing a blade for a turbine generator



Professor Ralph Dusseau, Ph.D, helping a student design a bridge to carry heavy traffic



Students designing a bottle rocket --- to be launched later



Professor Kauser Jahan, Ph.D, showing educators how to make safe lip gloss from contaminated water

An exciting educational day for all !

Photos by Don Wadsworth

TECH TALK NEW WAYS TO GET TOGETHER

Ms. Jane Baus-Niemeyer
Barnegat Light Area Branch President

Technology is marvelous tool and when it works for you it is thing of beauty ! I wanted to share with everyone a way to hold a meeting without having to meet in person.

There are times when it is just not practical to have everyone get together physically, but it is important to meet. The summer is a busy time for everyone, but we still need to get things done. This was true when the committee for the Fall Focus needed to get together and begin working on the program.

We decided to meet via conference call. I checked with National and found that they do not offer Branches or the States a conferencing service. So a web search was in order. It turns out that there are a few free conference call services on line, and they are free to set up.

The one that we used is called:

www.freeconferencecall.com



Here's how it works:

1. Set up an account. No credit card is needed, just your name and contact information
2. You will be given a call in number and a call reservation number. You need to give these to your participants.
3. The service runs 24/7 no time reservation is required. This is really good news because you can set up a meeting whenever you need to, you are not dependent on an outside party's availability. Each conference call can last up to six hours. Hopefully no one meets for that long!
4. If you need to, or want to, you can record the entire call. This may not work for you but it is an option.
5. The cost to you, and the people who are meeting, is the cost of the telephone call. An 800 number service is available, the details are online. You can choose which one you want to use.

This is how our committee met and it went well. Anyone can use it. If you think that it fits, your branches need to try it—you might be in for a pleasant surprise!

How It All Began...

It all began with a meeting of 17 like-minded women who had defied society's standards by earning college degrees. What started out as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in 1881 has grown into a powerful network of more than 100,000 women who have influenced—and at times even shaped—the debate over equity in education.

Marion Talbot and Ellen H. Richards invite 15 alumnae of eight colleges to a Nov. 28, 1881 meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. They envision an organization in which women college

graduates can band together to open doors of higher education to other women and to find wider opportunities to use their training.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, AAUW's forbearer, is formally organized on Jan. 14, 1882, with 65 graduates of eight colleges and universities as founding members. Their purpose: to unite alumnae of different institutions in "practical education work." Wesleyan University (Conn.) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are admitted as charter members.

Northern Jersey District News

Submitted by Ms. Bea Card Kettlewood

As time passes some things change; other things do not. Nearly a quarter of a century ago at a Northern Interbranch meeting, one "more mature" lady was very upset. She had attended a state meeting and noticed a lady was there in pants and, would you believe, socks - a university woman at a state meeting in socks! Over the years, not only are pants and socks OK but the branches in Northern Interbranch have changed. What has not changed is the quality of Northern Interbranch and the opportunity to meet, visit and exchange ideas among branches.

Years ago Northern Interbranch was 6 branches: Closter, Northern Valley, North West Bergen, Nutley, Paramus and Pequannock Township which became Greater Wayne Area in 1989. Early in the 1990s, Nutley became interested in establishing a more urban-interest Interbranch and joined with Essex-Newark to form Essex Interbranch. Montclair-Glen Ridge joined them. Northern Interbranch became 4 Bergen County branches plus Greater Wayne Area Branch. As years progressed some branches ceased to exist: Closter, Northern Valley and Paramus. The urban group returned to Northern Interbranch and by 2010-2011 branch membership spread to include Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union Counties.

Northern Interbranch meetings were held at Bergen Museum auditorium until it closed. Following that, it moved to Bergen Regional Medical Center which deserves a large thank you and much credit for support. BRMC provides the AAUW Interbranch with a meeting room without charge and - yes, there is such a thing as a "free lunch" with salads, sandwiches and coffee/tea. Branches do bring the desserts. This past year, because BRMC was remodeling, Northern Interbranch met at the New Jersey Aviation Museum. Although an interesting location, it cost \$252.00 for the room and lunch.

At one point, it was decided to have a reserve to pay a non-member speaker at an average honorarium of \$150.00; each branch would donate \$20.00 per year. A basket-raffle was

started and served a greater function than just earning funds; it got people to come to the March meeting. Most branches contribute a theme basket. It was basket money that helped Northern Interbranch survive attending the New Jersey Aviation Museum.

Over the years, Northern Interbranch has had speakers or presenters at the March meeting in 4 categories:

- The Arts
- Socio-Human Rights
- Occupations
- History and/or Travel

There has been a conscious effort to keep a balance. A number of authors have been speakers; a number of AAUW members have shared experiences. In the past four years, Northern Interbranch has had two yearly meetings. To date, the second meeting has been an entertainment performance at Montclair State University theatre followed by a restaurant dinner for those who wish to attend. In the future, other options will be investigated. Watch for publicity on this.

In 2012, the March meeting will return to Bergen Regional Medical Center. Whether branches participate with a \$20.00 donation, a fund-raiser basket, bringing a dessert and/or attendance, it will be rewarding for all to join with Greater Wayne Area, Montclair, Mountain Lakes, North West Bergen, Nutley, Somerset Hills, Sussex County, and possibly Elizabeth, Madison and Summit in Northern Interbranch of AAUW-NJ. The dress-code may have changed but the quality of Northern Interbranch has not changed.



Central Jersey District News

Ms. Penny North – Central District Co-Coordinator

The Central District is small geographically, but large in impact. Each branch has its own individual projects, but all are united in furthering equity for women and girls.

The three branches in the eastern part of the Central District, Northern Ocean, Northern Monmouth and Freehold Area, have held an annual Interbranch meeting in March for many years. This time the Northern Ocean branch will host Interbranch on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Worthington, 458 Jack Martin Blvd. in Brick. The program will be a theatrical production by the Guild Theater-works.

The Northern Ocean branch recently awarded two scholarships: one to a female high school senior and one to a woman returning to college. They will be holding their annual Girl Scout Anti-Bullying Workshop in December, at Georgian Court College. The program helps fourth and fifth grade girls gain strength and confidence in their convictions.

The Northern Monmouth branch continues to operate their ongoing book sale, which functions as a used bookstore. Profits help fund three annual local college scholarships, mathematics awards to seniors at twenty-two area high schools and national AAUW Funds donations. The branch will continue to co-sponsor the annual Running and Winning Workshop, which fosters high school juniors' assumption of leadership roles in their communities. The branch has also established College/University connections with Brookdale, Georgian Court and Monmouth University and interacts in various ways with the three colleges.



"Women have proved their ability to enter every realm of knowledge. They must have the right to do it."

Marion Talbot
AAUW Founder

The Freehold Area branch is planning a STEM project this year and has set the schedule for their weekly social or trip events for the year.

Two branches in the rest of the Central District are celebrating milestones this year. The Summit branch will celebrate its seventy-fifth year of affiliation with AAUW with a luncheon meeting at the Canoe Brook Country Club on September 24, at 11:30 a. m. (See separate article.)

The Trenton branch is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary this year. After a gala dinner in the spring, they continue to support many projects, including two local graduate fellowships, scholarships for seniors at nine area high schools, a challenge grant to the Trenton Kiwanis Camp Fund, and supporting Home Front, Anchor House and the Trenton Soup Kitchen.

When the Trenton College Club was founded one hundred years ago, each member contributed \$.25 at each meeting. After two years, when they had grown to one hundred members, their money was invested in common stock. In 1916, the Trenton College Club awarded its first scholarship: \$150.00 to pay for one year at Smith College for the lucky recipient.

The Club sought affiliation with AAUW early on. However, several members were graduates of Wesleyan College, not then recognized by AAUW. When AAUW finally accepted Wesleyan graduates, the Trenton College Club became affiliated with AAUW in 1927. Their early astute investments continue today to help them fund their many projects to benefit women and girls.

Breaking through Barriers
for **130**  Years

Membership

Ms. Barbara Williamson - Membership Vice President

Membership matters. Everyone in your branch is on the committee to recruit and retain members. Invite your co-workers, neighbors, and friends to attend meetings as your guests and pick them up for the meeting. The personal touch is huge. Make sure that your branch is welcoming to guests and new members. Greet them and follow up with your prospects. Invite the new members and prospective members to a "coffee" and explain how AAUW national, state and branch work. This personal touch will make all the difference. Involve the new members on a committee or board position right away. They will welcome the attention and you will welcome the help!

Leadership matters. Each of us has the ability to be a leader. On a personal level, I deeply value the leadership skills that I have learned from AAUW. By "stepping up" as a leader in the branch and state, we learn how to run meetings with parliamentary procedures, makes many wonderful friends, complete important AAUW work for women and girls, and feel a sense of accomplishment for a job well done. Our NCCWSL participants commented that they appreciated meeting our AAUW leaders and hope to be mentored by them. This gift is so valuable and important.

MAL - (member at large) Seek out these AAUW members. They belong to national but could be a member of your branch and state as a transfer. They are already AAUW members so it is easy to recruit them to join your branch.

Take advantage of the membership campaigns:

- **Give a Grad a Gift-** allows current AAUW members the opportunity to give free national memberships to college graduates who have earned their degrees within the last 12 months.
- **Shape the Future** – campaign to help branches recruit new members and student affiliates by offering 50 percent off the national membership rate to new members who joins on the spot at an event that is open to the public and signs the Shape the future form. For every two new members who join, the branch earns one free national membership (up to three max each year). You can award these free to speakers, members who are having financial difficulties, or whatever your choice.
- **Half Year National dues** - January 1 through March 15, **new** members joining a branch for the current year, which ends June 30 2012, pay only half the national dues and state dues. **Special bonus:** If you use the half year program in conjunction with Shape the Future, new members pay only 25 percent of regular dues.
- **130th anniversary** membership campaign (thru June 30, 2012). You can recruit new graduate students with national dues of only \$18.18 instead of regular \$49.
- **New AAUW college/university partners** join at the rate of only \$130 for the first year.
- **Member-Get-A-Member** campaign is designed for current members to recruit new members. Reward your recruiter with a certificate when they sign on a new member and added to AAUW Hall of Fame. After recruiting five new members they can be honored with a free Member-Get-a-Member recognition pin. Member ID number must be included on sign up sheet for new members.

Questions? Consult AAUW.org website or feel free to call me: 732-995-7749

Membership Matters



AAUW-NJ News

AAUW-NJ Lobbying in Washington

In June, AAUW-NJ members lobbied at Congressman Scott Garrett's office. We explained that we wanted Rep. Garrett's support in three areas: protecting and strengthening Social Security, one of our nation's best anti-poverty programs that is particularly important to women; support for a bill that would allow the creation of a privately funded women's history museum, called the National Women's History Museum Act; and support of an anti-campus sexual assault bill called the Campus SaVE Act.



L—R: John Maniscalco, Legislative Assistant To Rep. Garrett, Ginny Lyttle, Arlene Inglis, Beth Forman, Dorothy Quinn

Congratulations are in Order

On June 17, 2011 during the General Session of the AAUW Convention in Washington, DC, the AAUW Breaking through Barriers Award winners were announced. We are pleased to inform our members that **AAUW-NJ received Honorable Mention for its Issues Conferences.**

Congratulations on the completion of the **Northern Ocean County Branch Research and Project Grant for \$35,000.** A certificate of Recognition was given to them by National AAUW.



AAUW-NJ's 100 Club Gains AAUW-Virginia's Interest

The Garden Statement is mailed to all 50 AAUW state presidents and officers. Recently our state president, Sally Goodson, received an email from the AAUW Funds Chair for AAUW VA, which read as follows: "Caroline Pickens, our state president gave me a copy of a page from your newsletter, **The Garden Statement**, which listed the AAUW-NJ 100 Club 2010. We both like the idea of such recognition of state members and would like to have some details on how this works."

Pleased to help, AAUW-NJ Past President Virginia Lyttle responded, "Hello, the idea of the NJ 100 Club was borrowed from another state, several years ago. Our program goes like this. A state member is included in our 100 Club if she/he:

- Donates \$100 to EF, LAF, or to our NJ Charitable Trust
- Donates 100 hours to her/his branch or to the state

Inter Branch Meeting March 20, 2012

Patricia Baroska

Hi ladies. I hope you all had a great summer. I am Pat Baroska, the New President of Northern Ocean County Branch AAUW. It is our turn to host the Inter Branch Meeting in March 2012. The date and location for this meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2012 -7:00 p.m. at "The Worthington Assisted Living", 458 Jack Martin Blvd. Brick, N.J. 08724. This is where we have our regular meetings.

The program will be a Theatrical Production by "The Guild Theatreworks". I am not sure of the subject matter at this point, but I can assure you that it is a very interesting and talented group. I just wanted to let you know so that you could put the date on your branch calendar. I am happy to say that we have rotated and had these Inter Branch Meetings for several years now. It always seems to work well. I will send more specific information in the future when it becomes available.

Let's have all of the branches keep in touch with scheduled programs for additional support!!!

AAUW-NJ Branch Highlights

Salem County Branch Congratulations to New Officers and 50 Year AAUW Branch Members



*Congratulations to Joanne Davis,
50 year member of AAUW*

This past spring, I (Sally Goodson) was invited by AAUW-NJ Executive Vice President, Luci Webb, to speak to the Salem County Branch about their illustrious AAUW member, Joanne S. Davis. I was delighted to congratulate Joanne for being a 50 year member of AAUW. To see Joanne after all these past years was such a pleasure.

Joanne Davis was president of AAUW-NJ from 1986-88. I remember Joanne's service to NJ when I attended state meetings many years ago. It was very special for me to see her again, and to speak of my many fond memories of her as a state leader.

AAUW's women-leaders have taught me many leadership skills. Without a doubt, Joanne was a very inspirational leader to me because she walked and talked our mission. I thank her for the lessons I learned while watching her leadership style.

Joanne's 50 years of service should be remembered and heralded. Her influence should be saluted by AAUW-NJ and its Branches.



Newly installed officers Salem County, NJ Branch
L-R: Marian Haag, president; Lynn Saunders, recording secretary; Sue Dolbow, treasurer; Shirley Brooks, membership; Jean Jack, vice-president/programs



L—R: Carol Foulke, 50 year member; Sally Anne Goodson, AAUW-NJ President; Jean Bailey, 50 year member; Grace Counsellor, 50 year member; Seated: Joanne Davis, receiving her 50 year member certificate.

AAUW-NJ Branch Highlights

Salem County Branch

*Congratulations to New Officers and
50 Year AAUW Branch Members*
(continued)



(L-R) Sue Dolbow, installed as treasurer by 50 year member, Grace Counsellor. Jean Bailey, 50 year member, waiting to install Shirley Brooks, membership chairperson.

Northern Ocean County Branch Upcoming Programs, Installation of New President, and Scholarship Recipients

On September 20th, Rosemarie Poverman, M.S. W., LCSW, of the Guidance Group Inc, was our featured guest speaker, giving her talk on "Positive Humor, Personal Perceptions, Powerful Results".

A **Psychic Night** will be held on October 27th, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at "The Worthington", 458 Jack Martin Boulevard, Brick, New Jersey. This fun evening is our fundraiser to benefit our annual Branch Scholarship.

The **"Girl Scout Bullying Workshop"** will be held on December 3rd, 9:00-1:00 p.m. at Georgian Court University. The goal of this project will be to help 4th and 5th grade girls develop respect for and confidence in themselves and to give them the strength to stand up for their own convictions.

On June 21, 2011, AAUW – NOCB presented its \$1000 re-entry scholarship for an adult female continuing her college education to Maria Pipitone from Toms River who is attending Georgian Court College in Lakewood for Social Work. Presenting the award was Joanne Messina, Scholarship Chair.

In addition, the Kathleen Barra Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 which is awarded to a High School senior went to Chevelle Brown from Paterson NJ who graduated from Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology. She will be attending Rider College next semester majoring in Accounting.



Joanne Messina (R), Scholarship Chair, Northern Ocean County presenting branch scholarship to Maria Pipitone (L) on June 21, 2011.



AAUW-NJ President Sally Goodson (L) installed Patricia Baroska (R) as the new president of the Northern Ocean County Branch on June 21, 2011

AAUW-NJ Branch Highlights

Summit College Club

*Celebrates 75 Years of
Affiliation with AAUW*



Summit College Club was founded in 1920 and affiliated with AAUW in 1936. On Saturday, September 24th, the club celebrated its anniversary by hosting a luncheon at the Canoe Brook Country Club.

The menu, consisting of Chef's Signature Cream of Mushroom Soup; Asparagus and Gruyere Cheese-filled Frenched Chicken Breast with Mesclun Greens Tossed with Dijon-Apple Vinaigrette, Garnished with Grilled Vegetables; Praline Ice Cream with Wafer Cookie served with Chocolate or Butterscotch Sauce; and beverages was enjoyed by the attendees.

President Diva Norwood and Vice President Marilyn MacLean discussed their experiences at the AAUW Convention. AAUW-NJ Funds Chair Jessica Pierson explained how fellowships are awarded by AAUW.

Northern Monmouth County Branch

Bookstore Reopens



Book lover alert! The NMCB AAUW Used Book Sale reopened on Sept 10th. It will be open every Saturday, with the exception of holiday weekends, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Old First Church, 69 Kings Highway, Middletown. Children's books, paperbacks, hard copies, videos, and DVDs are available. Sale proceeds provide scholarships for local women. Call 732-933-4855 for information.

Sussex County Branch

3rd Annual Road Rallye

Are you interested in revving your engines and viewing some scenic country roads that this region has to offer? If your answer is "Yes!", then come and enjoy Sussex County Branch's 3rd Annual Road Rallye fund raiser on October 29th at 10:00 .

We will begin our road adventure from the instruction pickup point at McDonald's in Byram Township and we will then begin our journey through Sussex and Warren Counties. In the spirit of Halloween, we have selected some cemeteries to check out along the way. This is not only a casual fall excursion, but a real competition, with trophies awarded. Instructions will include course-following "traps", based on MCNJ (Motorsport Club of North Jersey) official general instructions. Trophies will be awarded during our luncheon at Mama's and Café Baci in Hackettstown.

The cost per carload is \$25.00. You will need a driver, a navigator, a pen, and a working odometer. There are a limited number of cars before registration is closed, so please pre-register at <http://www.mcnpj.org>. For more Rallye information contact Lynn Beckmann at blek@ptd.net or call 862-268-1782.



Sussex County Branch member and Road Rallye course designer, Lynn Beckmann, awaits cars at one of the checkpoints of the branch's 2nd Annual Halloween Road Rallye

AAUW-NJ Branch Sad Farewells and Highlights

Greater Wayne Area Branch Sad Farewells

Farewell, my
sister, fare
thee well.
The elements
be kind to
thee, and make
Thy spirits all
of comfort:
fare thee well.

~William
Shakespeare~

Within one month this summer, Greater Wayne Area Branch lost two long-time active members. Brief bios for each woman by Caroline Mossip and Bea Kettlewood are as follows:

Elizabeth MacCulloch 1919 – 2011

Betty, who passed away on June 12, 2011, was a long-time member of AAUW. She transferred from Thousand Oaks (CA) Branch to Greater Wayne Area in 2001. In GWA Branch,

Betty served as secretary for one term, was Interbranch co-rep for seven years, was a prime mover for the Social Action Committee and was in the Bridge Group. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honor society for women in education and BCREA. Having earned a BS degree from Rowan University and an MA from Columbia University, Betty was an elementary and junior high school teacher before being appointed principal in New Milford NJ. As principal from 1953 to 1977, she was the only woman administrator in the district and the only principal of two schools at the same time. Betty served as president of the Bergen County Administrators Association.

Betty also traveled, from Australia, Hawaii and Alaska to Ireland, Scotland, Germany and Italy. She cruised the Caribbean and the Panama Canal. She drove across the USA 38 times. Betty was an independent lady and descendant of Benjamin Rush. Throughout her career and her life, Elizabeth MacCulloch was "breaking through barriers".

Thea Seibel 1947 – 2011

Thea, a long-time, AAUW Greater Wayne Area Branch member, passed away July 11, 2011. Born in Holland, Thea moved with her parents and siblings to Canada, where she spent her childhood in Alberta. She received her BA from

Dordt College in Iowa and her M.Ed. from Temple University in PA. Thea was a teacher in Alberta, Canada and, later, in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey. After teaching for many years, Thea changed careers and entered industry. After receiving training in software/IT, she worked at Peat, Marwick and Mitchell before moving to AT&T, working in project management. When AT&T started to downsize, Thea took advantage of training offered by the company, and returned to teaching. She began working as a reading specialist in the West Milford NJ schools, a position she held until she retired on medical disability.

At AAUW, Thea was active in the Gourmet Group, where she was chairperson, the Book Group and Educational Scholarship Committee. Greater Wayne Area Branch is renaming their scholarship in honor of Thea. Also an active outdoorswoman, Thea enjoyed biking, rock-climbing and cross-country skiing. She often led trips to Vermont with her husband, Richard Seibel. Thea Seibel was another AAUW member moving those "barriers".

Somerset Hills Branch

A Successful Book Sale and National Honor

The branch's 2011 Book Sale is now officially over. Initial reports show gross sales of \$28,755 with money still remaining to come in from the sale of left over choice books to local dealers. A group of ladies are also planning to learn how to sell selected left-over choice books on the internet. The branch logged in more than 2300 hours from members and volunteers in putting on this year's sale.

The branch was honored at the 2011 AAUW National Convention for achieving **Ninth Place** among the Top Ten Protectors of the legal rights of those facing discrimination through **Total Branch Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund**. This is a wonderful accomplishment that clearly demonstrates the commitment of Somerset Hills Branch members by generously supporting the mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. *Top Ten Branch and State Fundraising Awards* are among AAUW's highest branch and state honors.

**REGISTRATION FORM
AAUW-NJ FALL FOCUS
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Courtyard Marriott Cranbury/South Brunswick
420 Forsgate Drive, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512
October 15, 2011**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Branch _____

Registration Cost includes a Continental Breakfast Buffet and a Wrap Buffet Lunch.

AAUW Members and their guests: **\$30.00**

Students: **\$20.00**

Registration Deadline using Paypal: October 7, 2011

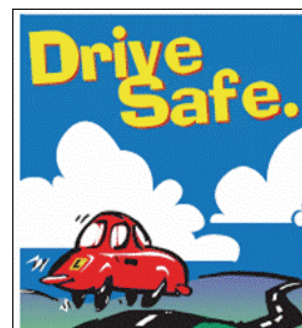
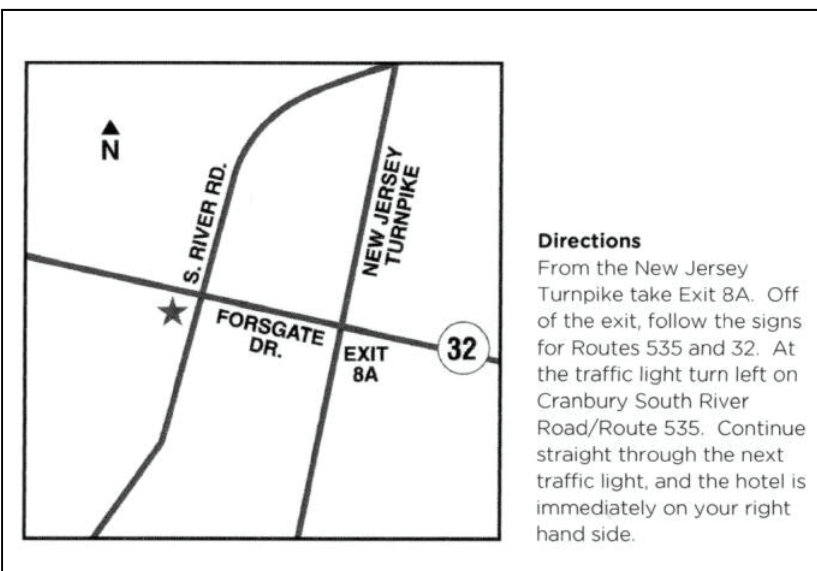
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