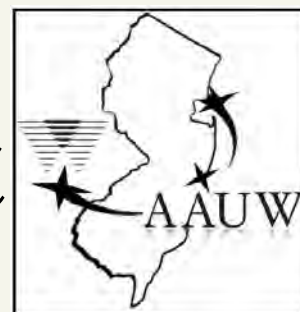


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AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS MS. SALLY ANNE GOODSON

My thoughts.

Meeting Ms. Anita Hill, Esq. was an exciting, historical event for me. At the welcoming party before Ms. Hill arrived, I spoke to many of our AAUW collaborative leaders. We agreed to meet before this summer to review our similar mission statements and goals in addition to clearing our annual organizational calendars. AAUW calls this type of get-together: "Cocktails and Conversation"

Anita Hill was given a standing ovation by the enthusiastic crowd of supporters. Ms. Hill spoke of her testimony before the Supreme Court Congressional Committee (1991) regarding what she knew about

her former boss, Clarence Thomas. When she testified the Supreme Court, and most national politicians, did not



Sally Anne Goodson
President AAUW-NJ (2012-2014)

respect a woman's right to be free from sexual harassment in the workplace. They held the belief that women "invited" sexual harassment; it was "a women's fault" if it occurred.

20 years later, Hill believes that her testimony, "did not change anything but it did start the conversation." She believes women's main concern in the November 2012 Election should be about future Supreme Court nominees. It's also about all the judges that need appointing at the Federal Appeals Court level, too. (Currently about 70 vacancies.)

INTRO & TRIBUTES FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR — Michele Guttenberger

This message comes as my introduction and a tribute to the memory of my old friend Thea Seibel. I am honored to be part of a Women's Organization that focuses on women's social activism that is over 130 years old. As your new Communication VP, I look

forward to working on each publication of The Garden Statement. I carefully viewed these past issues to understand the proverbial shoes of Carole Monesmith that I would be filling. Sadly in the Spring Issue, I came upon the passing of an old friend I lost touch

with -Thea Seibel, a long standing member of The Greater Wayne Area Branch. My last contact with Thea was a decade ago. We drifted apart when the organizations and groups we belonged to no longer existed..

AAUW - NJ PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS CONT'D

She spoke about the Lilly Ledbetter/Goodyear Supreme Court Decision. She said that she is highly concerned about the lack of female elected officials, the lack of women judges, the on-going pay gap disparity for women, and the attack on women's healthcare funding.

Ms. Hill spoke about her newest book: "Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home." I highly recommend her best-selling first book: "Speaking Truth to Power" and have downloaded Hill's latest book to my Kindle Fire.

In her second book, Hill said she wrote about her belief that women were most harmed by the current housing situation—mainly be-

cause of women's wage gaps. And because this wage gap will be continuous even if the so-called "market gets better", a woman will always be playing catch-up. For example, women were often targeted for subprime housing loans when they were actually eligible for conventional loans. Women were "gamed" to take the subprime bank offer. When wages remain less for women than men, women will remain less able to buy that "dream" house or send their children to college.

When I listened to Ms. Hill, the Whack-a-Mole arcade game came to my mind. This item could be viewed as a "visual GENDER INEQUITY instrument" where discrimi-

nation issues keep popping up over and over again. Issues like healthcare discrimination, pay gap discrimination, workplace hiring and firing discrimination, discrimination in the courts, sexual harassment, school bullying, loans and credit discrimination—keep popping up as women try to hammer them down—again and again.

[http://
www.anitahill20.
org/](http://www.anitahill20.org/)

**SEX, POWER AND SPEAKING TRUTH:
ANITA HILL 20 YEARS LATER**

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

*"Why are we
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Anita Hill believes women's rights are going backwards. She challenged every woman in the audience to get involved. She warned: "We do not have any time to waste. It is either now or never".

In summary, Anita Hill said that:

Women need to fight for their future today. We need "to

define" what we truly care about. We need "to stand up" for our values. For example, she asked: "Why are we allowing politicians to cut monies for childcare and women's healthcare?"

To Hill, the big picture today is "Gender and Racial Inequity". She used the phrase: "We have to be twice as good, to get half as much".

NEW EDITOR CONT'D

Many remember Thea Seibel as a great teacher. My decades with Thea were our mutual interest in Judo and our careers at AT&T that spanned from the early 80's into the late 90's. You see, Thea and I practiced the martial art of Judo in our early years. My husband Jeff was my former Judo instructor and he volunteered his time for over two decades as an instructor. Knee injuries had prevented me from pursuing the sport beyond my early 20's. I met Thea and her husband Rich (who is also a Black Belt in judo). They became the benefactors and partners of our dojo when the male principal founders hung up their gis to move on to new retirement ventures. Two Black Belt female members urged us to keep this club going but did not have the financial backing. It was Rich and Thea Seibel who empowered these two women to become the new sensei's of our old club. Our dojo continued on into the next decade providing judo martial arts classes for all genders and ages but this time with two women at the helm.

Somewhere, in the late 80's Thea was looking forward to a new career field. I urged her to apply to my company

(AT&T) because I felt there was opportunity for her there. She followed my advice and was hired at AT&T.

Our paths never did cross at AT&T mostly because I had a very unique position. I developed a training program for administrative assistant new hires. I had my own classroom that was a non AT&T facility in historical downtown Morristown. Although, I was helping to develop other people's skills I was in a rut because I was not networking with my own peers. It was Thea who suggested that I join the AT&T Women's Networking Group. I then followed her advice and I joined. We met each other at some great Women's networking events at AT&T. By the late 90's Thea and I took the same retirement package that was offered to us and we went off to other career destinations. Our dojo also closed and we all moved on. But, I can't help but feel that Thea's spirit is standing behind me encouraging me to join in this empowering network and Rich is still championing women's leadership ventures. His wife's memory continues to live on with an endowment to the AAUW National Scholarship Fund in her name.



New AAUW-NJ - Officers 2012-2014

New and continuing officers were installed by Ginny Lytle. AAUW-NJ officers are:

Sally Goodson—President	Carol Cohen-Vice President Program
Jane Niemeyer-Secretary	Karen Brown-Treasurer
Mary Switzer and Doris Stewart-Southern District Co-coordinators	
Michele Gutenberg-Communications VP	
Jessica Pierson and Ginny Lytle-AAUW Funds	
Diane Crawford-Membership VP	
Susan Gelber and Penny North-Central District Co-coordinators	

[Visit our website to see the complete listing of our NJ Officers and Chair Members](http://www.aaunwj.org/Board.htm)

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THEA SEIBEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Julie Petrov, a young mother working toward her BS in Biology at William Paterson University, was awarded the Thea Seibel Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500.

In remembrance of her dedication to the Scholarship Committee and in education, through the cooperation of her

husband, family and friends; The Greater Wayne Area Branch created a memorial scholarship in Thea's name.



"I have always been proud of Thea and her accomplishments, but never as proud as the last year and a half when she exhibited grace and courage in the face of her terminal illness. Most people were unaware that she was even sick – they just thought she had slowed down a bit due to age. Thea was not a complainer. She told a friend who asked how she was, 'I'm fine, but don't ask again.'"
~ Richard Seibel



Thea Seibel - 1947-2011

IN MEMORY OF SYLVIA SMITH CAMPBELL

She was a Member of **Mountain Lakes Area Branch of the American Association of University Women** and a Member of the **AAUW-NJ Board of Directors**. She also spent time working in politics as a lifetime member of the League of Women Voters.

Sylvia Smith Campbell died on April 10 at the age of 81. Her lifetime was spent inspiring many students to achieve their best and she left the world a better place with her environmental and humanitarian volunteer work.

She taught in the Parsippany school system from 1953 to 1992, working at Central and Brooklawn Middle Schools.

Sylvia excelled in the classroom,

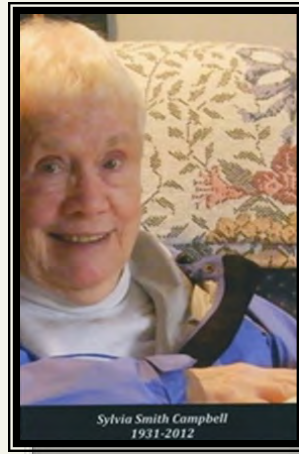
being honored as Parsippany's Teacher of the year, recognized with the New Jersey Governor's award and named in Who's Who in America's Teachers.

She belonged to several educational associations including Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary sorority. The organization gave her a Distinguished Member Service award.

Outside of school, Ms. Campbell traveled the world, working with Earthwatch along with other

national and international conservation organizations.

Sylvia shared her Earthwatch



brightened every life she touched.

Please visit her memorial page to [Ctrl + click here to read them all.](#)

"... She also presented a wonderful Earthwatch program to our branch"

"... I invited Sylvia several years ago to speak to my Environmental Science and Biology classes about her Earthwatch trips. She was so knowledgeable!"



terer in Union, NJ. In attendance at the gala dinner party were numerous fellow teachers from her local Newark ele-

CELEBRATING
ELEANOR BOWSER'S
RETIREMENT

A member of AAUW since the early 1970's, Eleanor Bowser celebrated her Retirement after 48 years of faithful Educational Service on May 11, 2012 at the Galloping Hill Ca-

mentary school, leadership from the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), AAUW-NJ president Sally Goodson and past president Jackie D'Alessio along with her many life-time friends, neighbors and family members.

Eleanor is a longtime member of the **AAUW-NJ Board of Directors as its Parliamentarian**. She is noted through New Jersey for her expertise in this field.

She also served as President of the **Elizabeth Branch of AAUW-NJ** for many years. If you would like to send her a card to salute her for all the volunteer and professional time she has given to AAUW and the children and educators of New Jersey for almost 5 decades, she can be reached by mail at: PO Box 2062, Newark, NJ 07714, or by email at: Eleanor.bowser@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FROM SENATOR LORETTA WEINBERG — SHE CONTINUES ON FOR WOMEN

Dear Sally,

Thank you so much for this honor. I am sorry that I could not be there in person to accept this prestigious award. If I were not in California visiting my family for the holidays, I would have been there with bells on! I am sure Senator Linda Greenstein represented me well. It's organizations such as the AAUW-NJ that me and others in the legislature advance equity for women everywhere.

Keep on fighting the good fight and thank you again!

Loretta Weinberg
Senator, District 37
Majority Leader

[Ctrl + Click here to Read her accomplishments](#)

WOMEN SENATORS -- USE UNTAPPED JOB TRAINING DOLLARS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

NJ BUILD fund lapses \$6 million to General Fund, Lawmakers Would Rather See Funds Be Put to Good Use to Obtain Federal Matching Dollars

"Rather than funnel unused job training dollars back into the General Budget, the unused funds should instead be invested in women's healthcare for women who have been unable to find work in the current job market," said Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, D-Bergen.

"When Governor Christie drastically cut funding for women's health care in the last two State budgets, he made it more difficult for women to access the tests and treatments which can save lives. If we're now at a point where we can identify sur-

plus funds in underutilized programs, our first priority should be restoring some of the painful cuts from budgets past."

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**Nominated for National Recognition by Daughter
WEINBERG CHOSEN AS A
'MOTHER OF ACHIEVEMENT' FOR 2012**

"Through the years, the love, guidance and strength that I've derived from my family has helped me in my public service career."

AAUW - NJ SENDS TWO TO NCCWSL

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders was held May 31-June 2, 2012, at the University of Maryland, College Park. The conference attracted more than 500 young women participants from all 50 states, including the District of Columbia, Guam, and Jamaica. NCCWSL is the only conference that brings college women together to address important and contemporary leadership issues. It provides a transformative experience for attendees, who return home ready to improve their campuses and their communities.

Thanks to some quick scouting from Funds Chair Jessica Pierson, She identified a few good candidates for the special sponsorship in memory of Sylvia Campbell to attend this event. Jessica remembered Mary Rapuno from AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch (a former recipient of the Woman Agent of Change award) had a college age daughter. Jessica thought it would be great to have her daughter attend NCCWSL since she would be familiar with AAUW and support the message. Without delay she called Mary and asked if her daughter would be interested in attending

through AAUW-NJ. Mary's daughter Nina DePalma was delighted to attend. However, she wasn't the only proposal made by AAUW-NJ. Khali Serna from Wharton, NJ also wanted to attend. She was the first to respond and an excellent candidate. Without reservation the Board sponsored Khali. Sadly, the State Board was only able to send one student. What a dilemma! Fortunately, the Charitable Trust was also interested in sending someone too. Jessica proposed that Nina be our selection for NCCWSL from the Charitable Trust. The other Trustees agreed and Nina was told she was able to go too. AAUW-NJ thinks it's good to travel in pairs. We're sure Khali and Nina thought so too!



<http://www.nccwsl.org>

AAUW-NJ SEES HOW A LIFE'S PORTRAIT BECOMES A MASTERPIECE

Former AAUW-NJ Branch President is just a few of the accomplishments in the tapestry of Dr. Bea Card Kettlewood life's portrait. She has spent 33 years (from 1960 to 1984) as an educator and over 50 years as an artist. In May the **Greater Wayne Area Branch** - Joanne Polner, Ruth Walker, Dot McMahon, Judith Mazur Shivy (Branch President), Gloria McCormick and Sally Goodson (AAUW-NJ President) got a chance to view her nationally recognized paintings locally at the Pequannock Township Library, Pompton Plains, NJ. This exhibit was part of Education and Artist Exhibition and Talk

2012 Series.

Dr. Bea Card Kettlewood is accomplished in using watercolors, oil, and pen and ink. But, she also honed in on a unique and unrivaled craft - designing stained glass windows. A showcase of her amazing glass creations can be seen in the stained glass windows of Chilton Hospital and the First Reform Church of Pompton Plains.

As an educator she was known by many as Dr. Kettlewood - the director of the art department at New Milford High School. There she was recognized as a noted artist and educator. In this role, she developed an excellent fine arts pro-



gram to promote and channel students' creativity and talent. In her words *"Top on the list of objectives-goals ... teaching students to see. There is beauty to see everywhere whether it be weeds and wildflowers or peeling paint on weathered boards"*. She received her doctorate of education in creative arts, specializing in painting, from New York University. She has displayed her personal work at 52 solo shows, and has been featured in numerous juried and invitational shows throughout the United States. In March - June of 2012, she had an exhibit at Penn State University. From this exhibit, a student Tony Gallo shares these paintings by Dr. Bea Card Kettlewood with web photos. [Ctrl + Click to visit the gallery.](#)



THE WOMEN'S HERITAGE TRAIL OF NEW JERSEY INCLUDES MINA EDISON - WEST ORANGE, NJ

The Women's Heritage Trail of New Jersey includes sites where women played a pivotal role. Nearly 100 sites have been designated. It is the nation's first comprehensive statewide survey of historic sites that recounts the significant contributions females made to the history of their state. Visit online

www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/WHTrail_Book.pdf

Edison's wife Mina Edison is honored with a marker. The American Magazine called her "the custodian of one of the greatest geniuses the world has ever known". She called herself the "Home Executive". Mina knew her husband's world was too important to

accommodate the fanfare of his icon status. Despite his world stature, there would be no travel circuit to big lectures or conferences that would temporarily take him away from his work. Even those very affluent and prominent would journey long to see him at his domicile in West Orange, NJ. Mina Edison understood the importance of her husband's vocation and she became the diplomat of Edison - the World's Greatest Inventor enterprise. She was like the CEO of Thomas Edison's meeting agenda that was booked in their own home. She opened up the 30 seat dining room to invite dinner guests that ranged from the Wright Brothers, Henry Ford, Charles Lind-

bergh, Helen Keller and the King of Siam.

May 20, 1891, Mina Edison was host to members of the Federation of Women's Clubs. They also were given a tour of the famous Edison Laboratory. Her husband showed them a short film housed inside an experimental viewer called the Kinetoscope. These women were unaware that in this exclusive "a Man's World" era, they had become the participants in a pinnacle technological moment. They were the first to experience a public exhibition of the prototype that soon became the original motion picture system. Mina helped introduce Edison to his true customer base of his household inventions - other "Home Executives".

THE NUTLEY BRANCH COMBINES CINEMA & DINING OUT TO SHARE IN THE NOW & THEN

AAUW's Nutley Branch watched the highly acclaimed movie entitled "Ironed Jawed Angels" at the Nutley home of member Mary Graves. The movie traces the history of the women suffragettes' struggle for the Right to Vote in America just 90 years ago. After the movie, a lively discussion took place about the importance of women's votes today, as well as, the importance of remembering the hardship faced by the strong, dedicated, determined women who fought for our right to express our opinion in the election booth today.



L. to R. Row 1: Barbara Wallace, Bernadette Santoriello, Barbara Wood
Row 2: Nina R. DelCollo, Bernice E. Paschal, Beverly Apple Row 3: Bony Haro, Rebecca Shulman, Patricia Williams (Nutley Branch President)

*Movies that Move
Women to Keep
Moving Forward
and
Food for Thought
is Dining Out with
the Dining
Dollies*

Besides watching cinema that recalls momentous events in women's history, these women meet monthly where they discuss these issues over dinner. They have named their dining out group the "Dining Dollies". Their dinners may be savored slowly, but they don't "dolly" around on their commitment to women's empowerment Issues.



L. to R. Patricia Williams (President AAUW Nutley Branch), Nancy Greulich, Marian Butler, Beverly Apple, Sally Goodson (President AAUW-NJ), Barbara Wood, and Barbara Wallace

LYNN BECKMANN'S MOTORSPORT FUNDRAISING

Lynn Beckmann is a woman of free feminist spirit. She and her husband Brian have planned vacations to include hikes up Mt Kilimanjaro. Many of their exotic traveling destinations included a family package plan with their sons. Although the two Beckmann sons are well into adulthood, this Baby Boomer Mom has recently trekked the family through the bamboo trails of Viet Nam. It was only natural for Lynn Beckmann to think of an innovative way to have a fund raiser for her **AAUW-NJ**

Sussex County Branch. With her aptitude for reading maps and developing course trails, she along with Brian has transitioned this experience to motorsport road rallies. Lynn has often become the Rallyemaster for the Motorsport Club of North Jersey. She is skilled at developing challenging traps to her Motor Rallye Courses. Lynn also puts a lot of consideration into the theme for these courses. The last Motor Rallye she developed for her AAUW fund raiser was for a fall excursion through Warren County that included old historic cemeteries.

Lynn along with John Groot of the Motorsport Club of North Jersey - MCNJ has developed another course to benefit the AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch Scholarship Fund. Although it is a challenging course, the novice participant was encouraged to sign up with awards presented to the best placed Novice Class too.



AAUW OF NEW JERSEY INC EMPOWERED TEAM-CAMPUS TCNJ-TEENTECH 2012

Acting like an Event Production Company the AAUW-NJ orchestrated a girl focused STEM campus workshop event on May 23, 2012. This event was made possible through our own Charitable Trust funding. The College of New Jersey, had a day of hands-on "Girl Delighted" workshops designed to make technology, science, engineering, and math exciting and relevant. Our event mission was getting girls interested in high-demand careers in the global economy where women are still greatly underrepresented. High school girls from around the state had the opportunity to learn problem-solving skills with engaging hands-on workshop sessions that teamed with faculty and

students in Technology and Engineering disciplines.

Let's Give it Up to the great planning team of AAUW-NJ, Inc.:

Jean Wadsworth,
Sally Goodson,
Dawn Domans

Teentech 2012 Partners

Alison Goeke, Lisa Grega
and Mary Switzer

The College of New Jersey
(TCNJ) an undergraduate and residential college with a diverse community of learners.

The Women's Bureau, US Dept. of Labor:
Grace Protos
Since 1920 it has formu-

lated standards and policies to promote the welfare of wage-earning women and advance their opportunities for profitable employment.

NJ Technology and Engineering Educators Assn:
Ken Zushma

An Association that fosters the development of technological literacy through Technology Education programs.

New Jersey School Counselors Association:
Jim Lukach

BMH Community Relations: Beth Hyre

This program was made possible by the AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust. Find out more about our Charitable Trust program.

[http://
www.aauwnj.org](http://www.aauwnj.org)



THE WORDS OF SUCCESS ON TEENTECH 2012

*"...we will succeed
for future
generations to
come"*

I am impressed with today's girls and the encouragement they receive to strive for what is not always the perceived easier path. Perhaps my life would have been different if there had been more encouragement to set goals and work for them. However, my life has turned out well and I now use my skills to encourage others to move forward.

Thanks to AAUW for constantly reminding me that while the path to personal success is filled with twists and turns that with the help and encouragement of others we will succeed for future generations to come.

~ Dawn Domans

**AAUW branch member
(Somerset Hills) & TeenTech
2012 organizer.**





Julia Child left an indelible mark on American cooking with her very popular television show the "French Chef". She became a personality icon of the 1960's who also gave a public voice to women's causes. She presented numerous fundraisers for Planned Parenthood. In 1968 she was exceptionally open in announcing her mastectomy to the public. She wanted to dispel the stigma of breast cancer.

She made it her mission to get women into professional kitchens and was legendary in berating the Culinary Institute of America for not enrolling enough women. Child was always watchful on the progress of women in the industry. She considered herself a feminist but in a less

100TH BIRTHDAY - CHEF JULIA CHILD AAUW MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ AREA BRANCH GIVES MONTHLY HONORS

fundamentalist way. Some can recall her march inside kitchens of American restaurants asking 'How many women are in here?' and telling the great chefs, 'You need more women here.'

August 15, 2012 marked Julia Child's 100th Birthday that was celebrated with a new biography by Bob Spitz along with "JC100" - a 100-day celebration of Child's life that includes celebrity-hosted dinners, blogger tributes, readings and other events around the country. But, AAUW Mountain Lakes, NJ Area Branch have their own tribute to this great chef with the Julia Child Memorial Society. Here is their notice:

JULIA CHILD MEMORIAL SOCIETY

We meet monthly in members' homes and share gourmet meals, which we prepare. If you have interest in forming a

new group, please contact Laura Locklin (973) 361-2144,

lauralocklin@yahoo.com

SATURDAY EVENING GOURMET GROUP

We invite all AAUW members to join our friendly group. We like to cook and love to eat. We meet monthly at 7 p.m. on the third Sat. A Sunday brunch starts and ends the year. For info, call Rosemary Skeele at (973) 334-9854, rosemary.skeele@shu.edu

WOMEN'S DAYTIME GOURMET GROUP

Daytime Gourmet meets for lunch in members' homes on the first Friday of the month. Members take turns "chairing", cooking, and as hostess. Call Betty Davis (973) 887-8712, bettyD404@gmail.com

WOMEN'S EVENING GOURMET—We meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at a member's home. We take turns hosting the meal and preparing the menu. Call Maryann Wargo (973) 335-5253, Visit their Branch Website to Network, learn, and become energized while having fun.

www.aauwnjml.org

ONE VIRTUAL & FOUR BRANCHES OF CENTRAL JERSEY DISTRICT HAVE A POWER LUNCH

The Central Jersey 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 four branches of the Central Jersey District had their important face to face meet-up of all branch representatives with Penny North and Susan Gelber as the Central Co-district Coordinators. They met in March at Nordstrom's Café in the Free-



hold Raceway Mall. They found that they had many common concerns which made this a power lunch that bonded this team with shared goals. It was the first time representatives from every branch in

the district were together. They came to hear presentations given by two AAUW-NJ Board members. Barbara Iwanski, substituting for Barbara Williamson, spoke about recent College-University Connection activities and Carol Cohen described ongoing STEM projects in the Central District. In attendance: Penny North and Susan Gelber - Central Co-district Coordinators; Anne Roughly and Maggie Kramer-Trenton Branch; Barbara Iwanski - Northern Monmouth Branch; Phyllis Ostrega, Dee Wenzelburger, Joan Odud, Carol Cohen, Shirley Kaplan and Marcia Saltzman - Freehold Branch; and Pat Baroska and Barbara Tuzio - Northern Ocean Branch. Also attending was Sylvia Boback and Adele Collier - the Garden State Branch (a newly formed virtual branch).

The Garden State Virtual Branch – Enables Those Remote a Rewarding AAUW-NJ Branch Experience

With so many people actively connected to internet social networks, AAUW-NJ thought it was time to venture into the e-World too and offer a virtual branch. Penny North is spearheading this team as the acting President of the Garden State Branch - the newly formed Virtual Branch.

Penny North is an AAUW Life Member. Many AAUW Life Members find importance in actively connecting to AAUW's mission by joining a branch. Penny North is the past president of the Rossmoor branch. She has a long history of AAUW-NJ branch participation. However, there was a time where she herself had experienced a period of displacement. This happened when her Rossmoor branch was disbanded. Fortunately, she was able to rejoin the Northern Monmouth County (NJ)

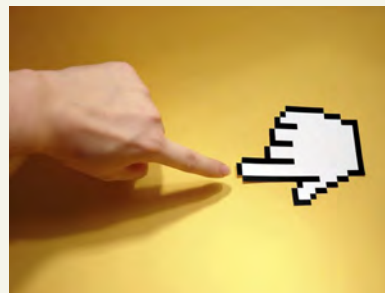
Branch - a branch she had first joined in 1974. Understanding the impact of losing your branch connections, Penny has embraced the unique challenges of organizing a virtual branch. Her experience as a retired school librarian might be her secret. Penny's mission to make this virtual branch a success insures no enthusiastic AAUW-NJ member is left out without a branch to team with. It is like a unique book that is finally given a category and now has an important place upon the shelf.

The Garden State Virtual Branch continues to grow and evolve. The branch provides a home base for AAUW members who live far away from any established branch, or for whatever reason cannot participate in traditional branch activities. The Garden State Branch is thankful for candidate referrals by other AAUW members. Current AAUW-

NJ Members at Large- MAL's that express remote participation needs, but also wanted to be involved in AAUW-NJ projects are the perfect candidates for what the virtual branch has to offer.

***For membership, please
contact
Penny North
at
northstar@comcast.net***

or (609-860-8982)



The Garden State Virtual Branch is Real Active

All members of the Garden State Branch are national members and pay \$10.00 towards AAUW-NJ state dues. There are no Garden State Branch dues. Members receive the Garden Statement several times a year, along with other mailings, and can attend AAUW-NJ events at member rates. This new Branch has the experience of a past branch President Penny North - the acting branch president. Karen Brown is the acting branch officer. Karen also provides her valuable experience as the AAUW -NJ Finance VP to this branch.

Despite being a virtual branch with remote members, they have scheduled real meet-ups. Several branch members have met each other at the State Annual Meeting in April. The branch will congregate again with a special reserved table at the Fall Focus meeting in October. They look forward to the opportunity of meeting-up with more virtual branch members in person at this event. They are also excited about planning a future luncheon that is ideally located to share ideas and have input for the fu-

ture directions of their virtual Garden State Branch. For further information on the Garden State Branch activities and membership, please contact Penny North at northstar@comcast.net or (609-860-8982.)

AAUW & LWV RUNNING AND WINNING

The League of Women Voters & AAUW are together on Running and Winning

Over 10 years ago The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Camden and Monmouth County were concerned that many high school girls in their own region had a strong distaste for politics which set off alarm bells that the prospects of future female leaders in government looked bleak. From this emerged a workshop program for high school girls called "Running and Winning". It was a relatively simply program consisting of 2 main parts – interviewing candidates on a key issue and designing a campaign to promote their candidate. What was impressive about this program was that LWV was able to involve the county's most influential women to participate. AAUW-NJ co sponsorship started with Dr. Judith Kramer an AAUW-NJ Northern Monmouth County member and also an involved person in the League of Women Voters- Greater Red Bank Area (LWV-GRBA). She felt this was a great program that both the AAUW-NJ and the LWV could join

together and cosponsor. They had their first collaborative co sponsored and co chaired workshop in 2007.

Running and Winning is an AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust granted program. This year they had their 5th annual Running and Winning (R&W) Workshop that brought 15 of the county's most influential women such as: Monmouth County Freeholder Amy Mallet; Red Bank Councilwoman Sharon Lee; and Sen. Jennifer Beck of District 12. The most noted leader was New Jersey State Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno. They were all there to encourage young women to aspire to leadership positions and to consider public service and political participation as goals in their future. Sixty young women from 12 Monmouth County high schools participated in this event that was co-chaired by Bobbie Goldstein of the Greater Red Bank Area League of Women Voters and Marian Wattenbarger of AAUW.

The girls were divided into small groups that worked through an as-

signment on the citizens' role in environmental decision making. They were able to discuss the issues with assembled leaders who provided them with their views on the topic. These women included Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande of District 12 and Tinton Falls Councilwoman Nancyanne Fama.

The event was also sponsored by Junior League of Monmouth County and HADASSAH, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.



THE IMPACT OF R & W

Running and Winning program has presented some interesting topics for these young women to address in past workshops. Some past topics have been:

"Should teenagers accused of violent crimes be tried as adults?"

"Should development in the Pinelands be allowed?"

"Should the U.S. increase trade with countries that do not respect human rights?"

"Should electronic voting be

used in the U.S.?"

"Is it acceptable for the government to suspend civil liberties in a time of war?"

The AAUW-NJ Northern Monmouth County Branch has become the key contributors to the R&W steering committee. R&W workshops fulfill AAUW's core mission of educating and instilling leadership in today's young women. They are making the important inroads to addressing these issues in our political



arena by empowering and motivating woman at an early

age. These programs are so important today, because there still remains a lack of women holding public office at all levels of government. In the six years since the first workshop was held in Monmouth County, the number of women in the state legislature in NJ has increased, but there are no women in New Jersey's congressional delegation, and the number of women in Congress has actually declined, so we have lots of work left to do.

AAUW - NJ SUSSEX COUNTY BRANCH - PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUMS THAT CONNECT AAUW WITH THEIR COMMUNITY

The AAUW NJ Sussex County Branch has been fortunate to host and offer two exceptional book authors to county public libraries. These authors are motivational and enlightening guides that have valuable knowledge to share with everyone. It was a creative Public Relations approach by the branch of introducing AAUW to their community and the issues they stand for. Their first library speaker was their branch member Sylvia Montero author of *Make it Your Business - Dare to Climb the Ladder of Leadership*. Sylvia provided her life's story a personal journey on becoming the highest ranking Latina in the history at Pfizer Inc. Her book illustrated how to climb the Corporate Ladder through: Self Confidence; Performance; Organizational Savvy; and Presentation of Self and Leadership. Sylvia Montero's presentation was a motivational example of reaching the top even with very humble beginnings.

Vincent N. Parrillo - A professor of sociology at William Paterson University of New Jersey and an internationally recognized expert on immigration contacted Branch President Carole Monesmith. Parrillo was also the executive producer, writer, and narrator of the award-winning PBS television documentary, *Ellis Island: Gateway to America* (1991). He wanted to present his first novel "Guardians of the Gate" based on his extensive history of Ellis Island interwoven into a fictional story. At first Carole was hesitant that this novel would not fit in with the branches topics and programs that embraced AAUW principles.

However, Parrillo's novel was based on real history and actual events that included women too. One underlying theme in his book was how sexual predators who were immigration agents and officers targeted lone single women who were processed at Ellis Island as

their victims. The novel did touch on key AAUW issues human trafficking.

The Sussex County Library System had the honor of getting two book authors from the AAUW Sussex County Branch to host these events to the public. The Branch had the



opportunity to connect the public to the benefits of having an AAUW branch in their community twice in one program year.

Carole Monesmith found the lecturer Vincent Parrillo a delightful speaker and very informative on women's American history and socio-economic struggles these women faced.

Please visit the branch website at

<http://www.aauwsussex.org>

THANK YOU

C / U MEMBERSHIP THANK YOU'S

I also want to congratulate Joan and the rest of the committee for the great work you are doing in this area. Forming a State C/U Committee is another idea that my national committee has been promoting. You can understand how delighted I am that you in NJ recognize that the job of recruiting, retaining, supporting C/U partner members, along with encouraging branches to establish strong connections with them, is way too big for one person.

I'm hoping that you and your branches are also going to help us promote support for and attendance at 2012 NCCWSL. This has been a life-changing experience for hundreds and hundreds of young women over the years.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you again. Please keep up the good work.

*Warmest regards,
Carol R. Virostek, Ph.D.
Chair - AAUW College/University
Relations Committee*

Dear Carol,

Thank you so much for your kind words about the NJ Garden Statement article. We consider the C/U partnership program one of the key initiatives for our State and indeed for the future of AAUW. I remember listening to a Webinar a couple of years ago and you and others who spoke were an inspiration to us.

I have attached a copy of the article. Please feel free to share it as you see fit.

Best Regards,
Adrienne Lesser
Virginia Lyttle

AAUW - NJ MADISON BRANCH - A PATH FOR MATURE WOMEN & A TRIBUTE TO THEIR LATE PRESIDENT ANGELA STUEHLER

For several years the AAUW-NJ Madison Branch awarded scholarships to several local women called the Mature Women's Grant. To qualify, a woman needed to be 25 years or older, enrolled in an educational program and pursuing a certificate, an undergraduate, or a graduate degree. It is offered to local women living in Chatham, Chatham Township, Madison, Florham Park, or Morristown.

This scholarship has taken on even greater sentiment to this branch since their President's Angela Pulsinelle Stuehler untimely death at the age of 67 years on January 17, 2010. It was requested that memorial donations be made to the Mature Women's Grant

of the Madison Branch of AAUW. Angela graduated from Rutgers University, received a master's degree from Montclair State College and worked in adult education. Since Angela was involved in adult education, the scholarship was a worthy tribute to her memory.

These scholarships are especially career focused since they also include certificates beside the traditional degree. Some of the recent recipients were pursuing specific vocational degrees such as nursing, registered dietitians, and a criminal justice program.

In step with these career direction principles, they provided a program in the spring of 2012 to the public at the Madison Public Library. They hosted a panel of women entrepreneurs. These women imparted their entrepreneurial knowledge on what they experienced setting up and running their own busi-

nesses. They had the benefit of having 3 very local business women that are the showcase of Madison's main street businesses. Brooke Accardi - Statements, Main Street, Kathy Bridge, Bridge Kitchenware - Waverly Place (in the alley), and Trish Wilson, Doodlebugz - Main Street. Three very different businesses, but within the same block of Madison, NJ.



WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR WOMEN IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION? AAUW - NJ SUMMIT TO HOST LISA MAATZ - OCT 21, 2012



**The Summit College Club
Branch of AAUW
To Host
AAUW Director of
Public Policy and
Government Relations,
LISA MAATZ
at its General Meeting on
Sunday, October 21, 2012,
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
at
The New Providence
Memorial Library,
377 Elkwood Avenue,
New Providence NJ 07974.
Lisa will discuss:
What is at Stake for Women
in the November Election?
Guests are welcome**

Women won the right to vote in 1920. Today women surpass the number of men who are eligible to vote. Many states, including our neighbors to our east, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, have passed new ID requirements targeting students, people of color, and women.

According to the National League of Women Voters (LWV) many states have recently enacted voter photo ID laws. Millions of Americans who could vote do not have government issued photo ID's."

"At this time, a serious effort is taking place throughout the country to enact laws that will significantly tighten voter restrictions. Over 100 bills were introduced in States attempting to strengthen or implement new voter ID laws. If successful, enactment of these laws would result in voter sup-

pression that would undermine the very essence of our democracy."

Pennsylvania has passed such laws (Photo ID Required to Vote Bill: H.B. 934 Status: Signed into law. Effective Date: March 14, 2012).

And in West Virginia such laws were passed as: Restrictions on Early Voting Updated June 28, 2012 Bill: S.B. 581 Status: Signed into law.

The LWV states that: "Voter suppression laws will affect millions of eligible voters, especially low income, minority, students, women, and older voters."

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AAUW - NJ ADDRESSED NJ'S HUMAN TRAFFIC ISSUES 2007 - IT IS STILL A MAJOR ISSUE IN 2012

The American Association of University Women of NJ - AAUW-NJ, applauds the issuance of Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa's statewide directive for law enforcement to increase investigations and prosecutions of sex- and labor-related human trafficking in New Jersey.

Since 2007, the AAUW-NJ has advocated the need to provide more comprehensive services to law enforcement agencies to better identify and rescue human trafficking victims and train personnel to recognize signs of human trafficking.

The AAUW- NJ with a grant from AAUW/NJ Charitable Trust organized a conference in Jan. 27, 2007 at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. The conference was named Human Trafficking – Modern Day Slavery. The audience included leaders and officials from government and social

service agencies. Addressing this 2007 conference were the most current subject matter experts on this topic. They included: Prof. Terrence Coonan of Florida State University, Linda Rinaldi, NJ Deputy Attorney General, and Chiaki Nishijima of Polaris Project NJ; Mark Kelly of the US Bureau of Immigration & Customs of Newark, and Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

In this conference we announced how an estimated 25,000 slaves were brought into New Jersey through force, fraud and coercion from every region of the world. Seventy per cent of this population was women and girls. Many were children from ages 12 to 17 years of age. It was estimated then that the human trafficking business grossed \$9-billion a year worldwide and New Jersey was a prime area for bringing in people to work without pay. These people were often beaten by their employers, gang-raped, and given threats to their families back

home. About half of this population work as sex-slaves, the rest are domestics, farm workers, cleaners, and restaurant and nail parlor workers. Some were even sub-contractor workers to respected legitimate businesses.

The AAUW-NJ conference proposed that citizens and communities look beneath the surface, notice signs such as no English language ability, a group leader who always speaks for the group, bruises and signs of violence, wall-to-wall mattresses in a room. They were told to report these signs to local police or the county prosecutor's office with their Human Trafficking Liaison. The AAUW-NJ conference helped promote the efforts of non-governmental agencies too, such as the Polaris Project. These projects offered care and safety to escaped slaves while awaiting the trial of their captors. AAUW- NJ stressed the need for more Polaris type safe houses in New Jersey to create a modern underground railroad for the persecuted.

The AAUW has made this issue part of their Public Policy Program priorities for 2011- 2013.

SALLY GOODSON GIVES PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON VOTER SUPPRESSION

The League of Women Voters—LWV states that: "Voter suppression laws will affect millions of eligible voters, especially low income, minority, students, women, and older voters." A personal family example: My Mother lives in Morgantown, West Virginia. She had moved from Florida to live with my sister (also an AAUW member) about six years ago. What a nightmare it was for my family to help my mother (age 90—who had not driven a car for

many years) to get a non-driver photo ID so she could vote. She needed to get:

1. A stamped birth certificate from California showing her birth name,
2. A marriage certificate showing her married name (*even though she had been divorced for over 40 years*)
3. A notary-signed certificate from her local Bank stating that she was who she said she was. (*This was a time and dollar expense to my mother taking over 3 months.*)

AAUW-New Jersey is working with the New Jersey League of Women Voters to "never allow false voter challenges, intimidation, or other illegal deceptive practices to occur at New Jersey Election Polls."

AAUW-NJ needs to team up with our AAUW members in our sister-states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia to strive to prevent voter suppression that would undermine our hard-fought-for right to vote; the core of our American Democracy.



AAUW - NJ BRANCHES EMPOWERED BY A CHARITABLE TRUST GRANTS TO KICK-OFF GREAT AAUW'S MISSION INSPIRED PROJECTS

The AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust originated in 1991 with a \$10,000 bequest from member Helene Phillips' estate. Member-at-large Pat Mitchell began working with the program over the first few years vetting suggested programs. Member Joan Dersh of Somerset Hills Branch then ran the Trust almost singlehandedly for ten years with two others as advisors – Jean Wadsworth and Dianne McKay. Through their diligent management, the Trust's have increased in value to their current high levels today. They did this through sound return on investment spending and leaving capital to grow. It has received many further donations, too, from individuals and branches. A seven-member committee is now in place to do all the work originally done by those first few members. The Trust has grown to over \$99,000 in 2011.

The Trust finances projects sponsored by the state board, branches or individual members furthering

AAUW's mission statement, initiatives or publications. Information is sent to every branch each fall showing how to apply for a grant (maximum now \$750). Most grant programs include AAUW membership materials for adult or student attendees to take home. A committee of readers reviews all requests to insure that projects for consideration fulfill AAUW's basic mission.

Carol Holmelund, Sussex County Branch and Lucille Webb, Salem County Branch have compiled all the information on the history and projects of our AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust into a booklet. We thank Carol Holmelund for her editorial efforts and Hector Jimenez for the design of this booklet. We hope that reading the great projects that have been undertaken through this Trust you find inspiration in developing your own branch programs and projects.

Here is link to the booklet

<http://aauwnj.org/Newsletters/CharitableTrustInfo.pdf>



Photo from left to right are Candace Shanks and Laura Locklin, Rockaway, Joan Sherman, Florham Park, Barbara Colwell, Rockaway, Sue Wagner, Kinnelon and Ann McCarthy, Denville

Hope you are having a Great Summer! Our AAUW Mountain Lakes, NJ Area Branch continued with 'AAUW- New Jersey Girls Always Have Fun' in August with a Tribute Toast to Chef Julia Child's 100th Birthday Celebration off the deck of a restaurant on scenic Lake Hopatcong.

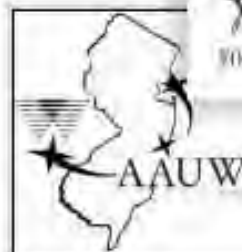
What Fun they will have at Fall Focus on October 20th at Forsgate Country Club

"Find something you're passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it."

~ Julia Child



**REGISTRATION FORM
AAUW-NJ FALL FOCUS
October 20, 2012
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Forsgate Country Club
375 Forsgate Drive
Monroe Township, NJ 08831**



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Branch _____

Registration Cost includes a Continental Breakfast Buffet and Buffet Lunch.

AAUW Members and their guests: \$35.00

Students: \$20.00

Registration Deadline using Paypal: October 16, 2011

**Registration Deadline for Checks USPS: The Form must be postmarked by
October 13, 2011**

Pay using **Paypal** on line at **AAUWNJ.org**

<http://www.aauwnj.org/paypal.html>

OR

Send Registration Form with your **\$35.00 check**

(\$20.00 check if a student)

made payable to

AAUW-NJ Program Vice President

Carol Cohen

20 Sandy Court

Freehold, NJ

07728

Directions

Forsgate Country Club

375 Forsgate Drive
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Phone: 732-521-0070

Fax: 732-521-6118

Email:

Driving Directions:

From Freehold/Shore Area

Route 9 to Freehold to Route 33 West - Continue on Route 33 West for approximately 10 miles to Applegarth Road (exit on the right) - continue straight on Applegarth Road and make a right at the 7th traffic light onto Forsgate Drive (Route 32 East) - Forsgate Country Club will be on your left - use the Clubhouse entrance (second left).

From Princeton

Route 1 to Scudders Mill Road East - Continue on Scudders Mill Road and make a left at the 5th traffic light onto Dey Road. Continue on Dey Road to the end (South River Road) - make a left onto South River Road - At 2nd traffic light (Route 32) make a right - continue straight for 1 1/4 miles through 2nd traffic light - Forsgate Country Club is on your left - use the Clubhouse entrance (second left).

From Trenton Area

Interstate 195 East to the New Jersey Turnpike North - Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 8A - exit the left ramp (Jamesburg, Route 32 East) - continue straight for 1 1/4 miles through 2nd traffic light - Forsgate Country Club is on your left - use the Clubhouse entrance (second left).

From New York / New Jersey

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 8A - exit the left ramp (Jamesburg, Route 32 East) - continue straight for 1 1/4 miles through 2nd traffic light - Forsgate Country Club is on your left - use the Clubhouse entrance (second left)

Garden State Parkway

From North

Garden State Parkway to Exit 129 (195 New Jersey Turnpike) South to Exit 8A. At Exit 8A, turn Left onto Ramp towards Jamesburg/Cranbury. Keep Straight to stay on Ramp towards Route 32 East Jamesburg/Monroe. Continue Straight for 1 1/4 miles through 2 traffic lights- Forsgate Country Club is on your Left. Use the Clubhouse Entrance which will be your Second Left after the traffic light.
Garden State Parkway

From South

Garden State Parkway to Exit 98 (195) West to Exit 21. At Exit 21, turn Right onto 526 Jackson/Siloam towards Route 527. Keep Straight onto Route 527 (Woodville Road) and turn onto Route 33 West. Continue on Rt. 33 for approximately 10 miles to Applegarth Road (exit on the right)- continue straight on Applegarth Road and make a right at the 7th Traffic Light onto Forsgate Drive (Route 32 East)-Forsgate Country Club will be on your Left. Use the Clubhouse Entrance which will be your Second Left after the traffic light.

Surrounding Area Map:



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