

The Garden Statement



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AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS AAUW-NJ HAVING FUN TOGETHER

Our recent New Jersey mission has been to educate ourselves and our communities about the horrific crime of Sex and Labor Human Trafficking and the continued importance of Gender Equity for Women. And, we had fun.

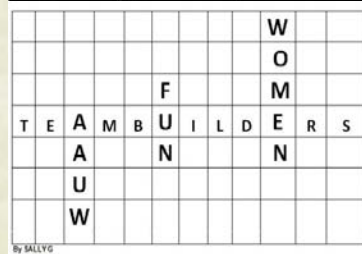
Our members have shown themselves to be committed to the vital task of discussing the issues surrounding modern-day slavery with our neighbors, families, and elected officials. We educated ourselves about this appalling criminal behavior against New Jersey's most venerable, under-age residents. And, we had fun.

We have also stood up for Pay Equity legislation and against those who espouse the belief that women should be paid less than men for doing the same job. These rallies by AAUW-NJ members are having a big impact in our state. And, we had fun.

Being a member of AAUW is a responsibility but it also should be enjoyable. While

volunteering ones time should be inspirational and result oriented, it also should be socially rewarding.

The spirit and fabric of AAUW is



found in our New Jersey Branches. Our organization values our member's time and expertise. We understand that if our members are not enjoying themselves, many will stop volunteering their labor and talent. Why should they stay if they are not having a good time?

AAUW members want to participate in meetings that are both

interesting and enjoyable. AAUW's mission and goals are extremely important for women and their families. Getting together with women with similar beliefs and dreams should be fun. Our Members enjoy having a good time. We understand that having fun with others leads to respect and togetherness.

AAUW's serious business develops positive relationships with women of substance, passion, and purpose. AAUW volunteerism is about communicating positively with others. It is about having worthwhile experiences at meeting and workshops while making positive societal changes.

AAUW-NJ salutes members who works for positive changes for women and young girls while having a good time.

AAUW-NJ-making a Societal Difference while having FUN together

SAVE THE DATE

AAUW-NJ State Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 12, 2014
9 AM to 2:30 PM

Forsgate Country Club
Jamesburg, NJ
Start planning your branch baskets.



AFL-CIO OF NEW JERSEY THANKS AAUW-NJ FOR SUCCESS IN NJ'S RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE CAMPAIGN



December 12, 2013

Sally Goodson, President
American Assoc. of University Women
203 Whitford Avenue
Nutley, NJ 07110


Dear Sally:

Thanks to your efforts this year, we made history in New Jersey by amending the state constitution to raise the minimum wage and include an annual cost of living adjustment. As you know, this policy will directly benefit over 400,000 workers in New Jersey and help to elevate the standard of living in communities across the state.

The role you played in the campaign was critical to our success, and we cannot thank you enough. The enclosed poster is a token of our appreciation for all of your hard work and commemorates this milestone achievement.

We could not be prouder of what we were able to accomplish together, and we look forward to continuing our work together to raise the standard of living for all working families.

In Solidarity,


Charles Wowkanec
President


Laurel Brennan
Secretary-Treasurer

AAUW-NJ'S LETTER TO GOV. & STATE LEGISLATURES SEPT 16, 2013

The Honorable Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey
Assemblyman Angel Fuentes, New Jersey State Legislature
Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, New Jersey State Legislature
Assemblywoman Celeste Riley, New Jersey State Legislature
Senator Loretta Weinberg, New Jersey State Legislature
Senator Linda Greenstein, New Jersey State Legislature

because
equity
is
still
an
issue

Dear All,

On behalf of AAUW of New Jersey, I write to thank you for your leadership in enacting new protections for workers fighting unlawful pay discrimination (NJ A 2648). This much-needed legislation will expressly prohibit retaliation against employees who request or disclose pay information, including information regarding their compensation, benefits, or occupational category, based on a reasonable belief that there is a discriminatory pay practice occurring in the workplace.

Without legislation like this, New Jersey workers would have continued to be silenced in the workplace—prohibited from talking about wages with coworkers because of a fear of being demoted or fired. This forced silence keeps men and women from discovering pay discrimination against them. The fear of being fired is strong enough to keep employees from even broaching the subject, especially in this economy. We believe this new law will protect workers who simply want to know if they are paid equally for the same work.

We would also like to draw your attention to several other anti-discrimination bills that were not passed during the current term, such as A2649, A2650, A4044, A4124, S1933, S2760, and S2822. We are happy to meet with you to discuss AAUW's support for these important bills, which we hope to see passed and signed into law during the next legislative term.

We look forward to working with you to promote workers' rights and protection from discrimination.

AAUW - NJ Joins Coalition Projects

AAUW-NJ has been a coalition member of the **NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking** since the start of its inception. AAUW-NJ is one of strongest coalition teams because, we offer an expansive geographic range in New Jersey. Our 23 branches are a network of communication from the far northern areas of Sussex County to the far Southern areas of New Jersey in Atlantic County. We have advocated our stance against human trafficking and have received our AAUW impact grant to continue on with this campaign.

September's first coalition training meeting, **twenty AAUW-NJ volunteers** embarked on a coalition project focused on Northern NJ. We had representation from all our branches in Northern NJ when we attended training sessions held by the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest in Whippany. We rallied support for **ECPAT-USA** (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking). They held four conference training sessions.

These conferences trained leaders and volunteers for a **campaign outreach and sign up mission with hotel managers throughout New Jersey in anticipation of the 2014 Football Super Bowl Game** in Secaucus, New Jersey on February 2014. They connected with hotels to bring awareness to the rise in human trafficking for commercial sex during the time leading up to and including Super Bowl XLVIII. Minors become easy prey to fill this demand. Sex traffickers find their human inventory from venerable troubled runaways and destitute minors they can enslave in commercial sex work behind the closed doors of hotel rooms.

AAUW [webpage](#) Photo and AAUW's Outlook magazine. Photo from first coalition training conference Shown left to right - Sally Goodson- President AAUW-NJ, Barbara Colwell - AAUW Impact Grant Reporter, Adrienne Lesser-C/U Connection, Margot Morris-Program Associate Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment

(NJ Coalition Against HT Trainer), Ginny Lytle – AAUW-NJ Representative to NJ Coalition Against HT, and Sr. Pat Daly, OP-Executive Director of the Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment (NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking Chair).



AAUW - NJ RALLIES FOR COALITION

STAND AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING
The NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Sunday, October 27, 2013
9:30 am – 6:30 pm
Morristown Green

Please attend a mobilization on the Morristown Green to raise awareness about Human Trafficking - a form of modern day slavery taking place in New Jersey.

- Stand together with other community members for 30 minutes, one hour, or the full day.
- Hear from: prominent speakers, clergy members, community activists, students.
- Learn about what you can do, how to get involved and what action to take to stop this terrible crime.

Your participation matters - stand up and be counted.

Sponsored by the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
www.njhumantrafficking.org

teentech™ A NATIONAL AAUW PROGRAMS-IN-A-BOX ASSET

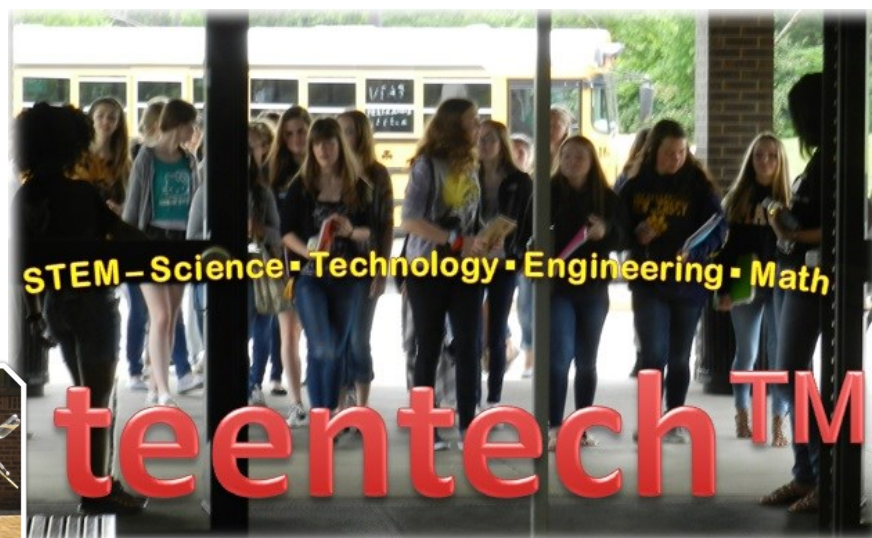
Finding inspiring STEM educational programs that appeal to girls is not an easy quest. That is why AAUW New Jersey designed its own teentech™ program for High School girls in 1999. Although the program was inspired by AAUW's national study, it remained in New Jersey – but not any longer. AAUW of New Jersey was proud to announce in October 2013, that the teentech™ program had just become an AAUW National Program in the Box workshop available to all AAUW chapters across the country. The submission process to enter teentech™ as an AAUW national program was started by a request from **Sally Goodson** (AAUW-NJ President) to one of the program's founding chairpersons **Mary Switzer**. She had performed her program role under the direction of its lead teentech™ creator and former AAUW-NJ President **Jean Wadsworth**. Switzer summarized the teentech™ program providing step-by-step details on how to replicate the program which was an AAUW national submission requirement to be consid-

ered as a program-in-a-box model. The submission took several weeks to complete which included **AAUW-NJ, Salem branch Luci Webb** providing final proof-reading edits. It was submitted to the AAUW committee for review in the fall of 2012. Cordy Galligan an AAUW Director of Marketing and Business Development in Washington, DC was AAUW-NJ's main liaison throughout the review process.

In spite of a formal review more than 12 years after its inception, teentech™ had withstood the test of time as an outstanding program for today's high school students. New Jersey's teentech™ is a national AAUW programs-in-a-box asset. Now even a high

school as far as Fairbanks Alaska has the opportunity to be delighted by the same STEM program that inspires our New Jersey girls.

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/teentech-program-in-a-box/>



ARE YOUR AREA HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDING teentech™ ?

teentech™ 2014

THURSDAY, May 29, 2014

**GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
LAKEWOOD, NJ**

A day of hands-on technology workshops for girls in grades 9, 10 and 11

Look for registration forms soon

teentech™ 2014 collaborators:

**American Association of University
Women – NJ**

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

NJ Technology & Engineering Educators Association

NJ School Counselors Association

**Institute of Electrical & Electronics
Engineers**

**U.S. Department of Labor – Women's
Bureau**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION on teentech™
2014**

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A WEBSITE WITH AAUW - NJ'S HISTORY IN-A-BOX CAN BE FOUND AT RUTGERS

In the nearly two years as AAUW NJ Garden Statement Editor, Michele Guttenberger has tried to focus a spotlight on outstanding branches with outstanding individuals. They further magnify this brilliance when they become a part of AAUW - NJ's state board. However, some of our AAUW NJ brilliance remained unknown to our state. The internet age has made history sleuthing real expedient. Finding interesting Garden Statement material also includes google searches of each branch which helps to uncover the branch's traditions, local programs and interest groups. We have some simply amazing programs that our branches are doing and have made a continued tradition of doing them for 12, 45 or even 75 years! Many businesses today do not have this longevity and dedication like our AAUW-NJ branches. Giving recognition and tribute to the people and milestones of our past is the stuff legacy and heritage is made of. And,

these Garden Statement articles help provide a journey of discovery of who we are. AAUW of New Jersey is a bastion of New Jersey's Women's history, heritage and legacy that has benefited our communities in multiple ways for decades. Each Garden Statement article is a record of the history we are making right now and interwoven with it is our past history too that completes this splendid tapestry. We encourage all our branches to make the most of their branch communications. Put a history section to your newsletter or website. Think of these places as the virtual home locations of your branch where you can permanently keep your memorabilia. We can preserve our history electronically too besides filling boxes and paper photo albums. We can take small steps by scanning a great old branch photo and making it a jpeg image. Past programs and projects tell a story about team

work and involvement in your community and the causes your branch supported. Speaking of electronic archiving, here's a marvelous discovery - Rutgers University has boxes and boxes of AAUW New Jersey's history. A catalog webpage reveals the contents of these boxed archived treasures and the story of AAUW -NJ's glorious past. Now the big mystery is to find the person in AAUW-NJ who was responsible for shipping these treasures. If you know the story behind these Rutgers' boxes please contact Michele Guttenberger at mguttenb@optonline.net. There are few branches besides our state org's preserved in these boxes. Just reading the summary of its contents for AAUW-NJ was interesting information to share in this newsletter. Please go to the Rutgers Library link to discover the rest. http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/libs/scua/womens_fa/wfa_a_b.shtml

WHAT THE ARCHIVED BOXES HAVE TO SAY ABOUT US

Organized in 1927 as the New Jersey State Division of the American Association of University Women by members of the three existing A.A.U.W. branches in N.J. and some general A.A.U.W. members; as a primary goal, promotes education at the local, national and international levels, particularly with regard to the concerns of women and children; also has promoted other causes over time, including world peace through participation in the New Jersey Committee for the Cause and Cure of

War, the improvement of child welfare conditions in N.J., activities of relief organizations during the Great Depression, consumer affairs and other concerns during World War II (when it also was active in issues relating to women in industry) and, during the 1960s and 1970s, a safe environment; first organized a standing committee on the economic and legal status of women in 1942; has sponsored numerous workshops and seminars on various topics for its membership and, for many years beginning in the 1950s, an annual creative

arts festival; shortened its name about 1973 to New Jersey Division.

"...including world peace through participation in the New Jersey Committee for the Cause and Cure of War,

AAUW-NJ'S RETREAT PLANNING TEAM SET A BLUE PRINT FOR FUTURE OVERNIGHT CONVENTIONS

AAUW-NJ New Jersey's first retreat convention in Atlantic City was such a success due to the great managerial skills of its team honed from their professional careers and past AAUW programs. We may be AAUW volunteers but, we bring to our AAUW state and branches some impressive professional resumes that required a good college education. Many of us yearn to lend our own career skills to develop and create great events and programs through our non-profit volunteer work at AAUW. It is no coincidence that AAUW events and programs are successful accomplishments because behind it is a professional team with experience and education that is connected to empowering attitudes of "Yes we can."

For the Atlantic City Retreat we had the following professional talents: a **Budget Manager** who knew how to reallocate a budget and provide a spending cost estimate; a **Contract Manager** who

knew how to negotiate a conference facility and lodging contract; An **Educator** who had managed workshop enrollments and scheduling; A Presentation **Technical Master** to coordinate each presenter's PowerPoint presentations seam-

lessly; and an org. **President** that realized the AAUW resources available to us to obtain facilitators and presenters that were the right fit for this event.

Bravo to Karen Brown, Barbara Williamson, Carol Cohen, Jane Baus-Niemeyer and President Sally Goodson for setting up the template for future overnight retreat conventions.



QUICK TAKE

GREAT AAUW BRANCH PROGRAMS WE DISCOVERED IN NJ

Resorts Atlantic City had become the perfect site for AAUW-NJ to showcase AAUW's state and national mission programs and to give a reach out to its most southern branches.

This retreat location was an ideal spot for our Atlantic County Branch (100+ members). They quickly pitched in to help welcome retreat attendees during sign-ins along with their neighboring branch Cape May County.

AAUW Atlantic County Branch got to showcase their own branch program and projects: **STAR (Sisters Together Against Racism)** was initiated by its own member **Gail Zona**. The **Atlantic County Branch** showed AAUW-NJ how you can create solidarity in **diversity support groups in your own community**. It is a program that listens and brings together the voices of minority groups that is often not heard.

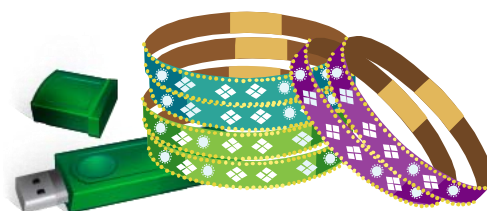


QUICK TAKE

COOL RETREAT BLING - FLASH DRIVE BRACELETS

The Resorts Atlantic City Retreat had the best souvenir jewelry. Attendees received a New Jersey AAUW AAUWNJ.ORG flash drive bracelet. The bracelet contains the key to unlock some great doors on increasing branch memberships, organizing your branch structure and run-

ning great AAUW-NJ programs. We hope you discover all the gems that we put into this bracelet and you get to share this bling with your branch. Don't let the rubber appearance fool you. There is gold in that flash drive!



MEMORIAL TRIBUTE
**AMELIA KRESSLER - HER AAUW
 ACHIEVEMENTS LIVE ON THROUGH HER
 GLOUCESTER COUNTY BRANCH LEGACY**

AAUW Gloucester County Branch President Amelia Kressler died on November 1st after her heroic battle with cancer. She remained active to her many community volunteer causes up to the very last days of her life. She even attended the AAUW-NJ Atlantic City Retreat Conference held on October 20th.

Amelia's legacy will live on as a Woman of Achievement who honored other "Women of Achievement". She is the founder of an AAUW Gloucester County Branch initiative. Here is the description of this initiative and Amelia's en-

dowing legacy she leaves for Gloucester County:

Women Of Achievement - Our branch co-hosts this event bi-annually in partnership with the Gloucester County Commission for Women to recognize women for outstanding contributions to their professional fields, humanitarianism, volunteerism, and contributions to their communities. Over the years almost 100 women have been recognized and honored for their work. Awards are made at a

festive event in the fall of even numbered years.

*She was nothing less than
 an inspiration To
 South Jersey*

The community for which Amelia served created a Lifetime Legacy Award in her honor for the extraordinary service she gave to South Jersey throughout her life. Despite the advanced stage of her illness she was resolute to accept the award in person on October 26, 2013. Through the help of family, friends and a gracious hospital staff she was there to accept the award. The room of 300 attendees gave her a lengthy ovation. Amelia was so loved by her AAUW friends and also by the many local community groups of Gloucester County. Bob Shryock of South Jersey Times dedicated his column to her ([link to article](#)) Here he posted the eulogy tributes from Sue Dixon, AAUW member and former executive director of the Volunteer Center:

Amelia understood that there were people in need. She understood that if she could inspire volunteerism and harness the power of volunteers we all could do great things.

Volunteerism was in her heart. It was who she was. Over the course of her lifetime, she volunteered many thousands of hours. She served on dozens of boards. She poured her pas-

sion and talent into many causes. She was nothing less than an inspiration.

"The very best way that you can honor Amelia's life is to give...your time, your talents, your resources. Amelia had many talents and unique qualities, but that one thing she had was the capacity to give back.

We got to know each other through the local branch of the American Association of University Women, She served as president of the AAUW two different times, and still held the position when she passed away. She led numerous committees and opened her home to group meetings and activities many times. Amelia was among a small group who founded the Volunteer Center of Gloucester County in 1996. The following year, on the recommendation of Amelia, I came on board as the center's second executive director, and we worked together the next 13 years.

Amelia believed strongly in the power of women as agents of change. When interest in the Women of Achievement awards waned in the



90s, it was Amelia who kept the awards alive, first by taking on primary responsibility, then by persuading AAUW to become a partner. This was her strength - seeing what needed to be done and then working to make it happen.

She often took on leadership roles and sometimes worked behind the scenes. "Her interest in women's empowerment also led to many years of serving the Girl Scouts of South Jersey and the Alice Paul Foundation

Please visit the Volunteer Center webpage to see the community she made.

<http://www.sjvolunteers.org/about/past-events/>

AAUW - NJ SUSSEX COUNTY BRANCH CONNECTS WITH LOCAL GRASS ROOTS CO-FOUNDER ON THE SOUND ECONOMICS OF PEACE

The AAUW -NJ Sussex County Branch was pleased to discover a local fellowship in their own community that shares similar ECOSOC ideals. The **Northwest New Jersey Peace Fellowship** brings a grass roots level promotion of community public consciousness for global peace and humanistic government spending. This AAUW branch saw recognition in the fellowship's local endeavors as a match to AAUW's Mission. AAUW is one of the few nongovernmental organizations at the United Nations that has consultative status. It also has a special consultative status to The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). ECOSOC's role is to initiate reports, makes recommendations, and promotes respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The branch **Program Chair Gail Swain** saw an opportunity to connect with its leadership with an invite and introduction of **Litza Binder** the co-founder of the Northwest New Jersey Peace Fellowship (nwnjpeace.org) in Sparta, NJ. They did this through its own open monthly lecture program held at the Sparta Methodist Church on Sat-

urday November 9th.

The NWNJ Peace Fellowship's key mission is to bring public awareness that peace is prudent and that the continued escalation of US military spending is another underlying factor of our own country's declining socio economics. The group received local media attention from its "Speak Out for the People's Priorities" Rally in Newton, NJ on October 15, 2011.

In these organized rallies, Litza Binder has urged voters on the importance of contacting their District, State and US Government representatives. Their rally cries ask government to reprioritize spending budgets from military and enforcement spending to investing in its people.

AAUW as well as the NWNJ Peace Fellowship, advocate that registering your concerns to your representative forces them to respond back. This makes them aware that you are taking them to task on their obligation to consciously pass legislation that supports the social and financial wellbeing of their constituents and also helps to promote global peace. Binder added that this is the most powerful and inexpensive tool we

have as Americans.

Both AAUW and the NWNJ Peace Fellowship share the belief that If you care about education, healthcare for all, enforcing environmental regulations, or developing renewable energy, and if you believe the U.S. government should be cooperatively and peacefully preventing deadly conflicts instead of waging war, then you should contact your congress and senate, to speak out on shifting our priorities toward addressing these pressing needs.



(L-R) AAUW Branch Program Chair – Gail Swain; NWNJ Peace Fellowship – Litza Binder; AAUW Branch Co-President Carol Homlund; AAUW State President Sally Goodson

AAUW - NJ AUTHOR GIVES BLACK HISTORY ADVICE TO HBO'S BOARDWALK EMPIRE

We gave a spotlight at our October A.C. Resorts Retreat to **AAUW-NJ's Atlantic County Branch author Turiya S.A. Raheem**. She is the author of *Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City: Wash's and the Northside*. The book looks at the life of the Black community in Atlantic City and the history of her family - her grandparents opened the Wash's sandwich shop in 1937. The book received praise for being the first book to focus on the city's black community by someone born and raised there. Not everyone gave her encouragement to write AC's Black history. In the book's pre-Obama draft years, a New York agent told her there was no interest in

black history. Despite this advice, she went ahead with this story and it became a self-published book in December 2009. *A year later HBO premiered Boardwalk Empire* and attitudes started to change.

The series ushered an explosion of interest in Atlantic City's past and the city's historic Black Community. Before the series aired, HBO called her about *Boardwalk Empire* a book they were making into a series. HBO felt stalled on their own historic research. They knew there was a huge Black Community in Atlantic City during the 1920's era however; they could not find anything on it. They needed her facts on this local history. She was included in their

history interview among other Atlantic City historians. Ms. Raheem found her own moment in history when she claimed "everything gets to be about *Boardwalk Empire*. And that blows up over the summer and I'm going to the premiere and the parties. It was amazing".

HBO production's details transports us through time. Now, when we watch this series we can take pride that an AAUW member made the backdrop of these scenes true to its history.



DORIS SCHAPIRA - 20 YEARS UN NGO OBSERVER & WORKING GROUP ON GIRLS WGG

Doris Schapira is a returning **AAUW and CWC - College Women's Club of Montclair** member. She was the League of Women Voters UN Observer for 20 years from 1990 to 2010. She is scheduled to give her presentation on Human Trafficking for AAUW. Doris Schapira has worked closely with AAUW's UN Observers during the committee's ground breaking years for the Working Group On Girls. Today, the **Working Group On Girls (WGG)** is a coalition of over 80 national and international non-governmental organizations with representation at the United Nations.

In 1993 UNICEF presented a challenging new course for the NGO UN Observer volunteers. They wanted **Mary Purcell (IFUW Rep at the UN, and former AAUW and IFUW president)** and a colleague to help form a committee to work on the inclusion and development of girls' rights in the work of the United Nations system. This was a challenging undertaking be-

cause back then, women were barely thought of on the international agenda but, worst of all girls were just invisible. There was a vacancy of international attention given to the unique needs and problems of girls. Mary invited Doris and her LWV colleague Margery Cohen and a few other NGO organizations to join her as founding members. For LWV Observers Margery Cohen and Doris Schapira, **UNICEF's** request meshed with LWV priority issue of "*children at risk*." Schapira states "We felt then, as we feel now, that the girl child is the most at risk in the world". They concurred the request fit their NGO's mission and so they took on this additional commitment to their UN NGO roles.

The WGG's first endeavors were simple. They drafted their own version of the preparatory documentation for

the "Prep Comm" Meeting that took place during the 2 years prior to the World Summit on Social Development Conference. The working group had the opportunity to meticulously review all draft pages and inserted the words "and girls" in every place where it said "women". They drew up a one page document explaining to the government delegates their change requests. This one page document listed the many problems endured by the girl child. When the Prep Comm Meeting took place, they lobbied for these changes. Only government delegates could make wording changes. So, the group needed to deliver a convincing appeal. Their first Prep Comm Meeting was met with great fortune. The chair of the Prep Comm to the World Summit For Social Development was Ambassador Juan Somavia from Chile. He was very favorably disposed towards NGOs and gave the WGG time to speak on the floor of the sessions.

Her 1st Lobbying Assignment Topic was - Infanticide of the Girl Child in China

Doris Schapira's recalls her first lobbying assignment was a very tense moment. She was to speak to the representatives from China. One of their problem topics listed on the groups one page document was about infanticide of the girl child which was occurring in China. Schapira remembers how very concerned she was about speaking to them. With trepidation, she approached the head of the Chinese delegation and presented her card and asked if she might speak with him. He agreed. She handed him the lobbying paper and spoke to him for a few minutes about the plight of the girl child. He listened politely, turned to his colleagues and spoke to them in Chinese after each of her sentences. When she finished her short address, he thanked her and bowed and she did the same in return. Schapira remarks, "Although we did not really have any dialogue

between the two of us I felt so relieved when it was done". In fact I said to myself this is really a piece of cake, I can do this."

When Doris Schapira reflects on the prophetic importance of words inserted in the United Nations dialogue, she had this to say, "My biggest achievement in those early days was having one sentence of my wording about Human Trafficking inserted into the Platform for Action of the Beijing Women's conference, which was held in 1995."

To further understand the great work the **Work Group on Girls** does visit their website <http://girlsrights.org/about-the-wgg-and-the-infge/>

For a recent **Human Trafficking Study**, drafted by Doris and her LWV Montclair Area colleague, Elizabeth Santeramo, for LWNJ visit:

http://www.lwnj.org/issues_womenfamily.html



45+ YEARS - CCAAUW INNER CITY MUSIC PROGRAM THAT INSPIRES GIRL TRUMPETERS

Camden County Branch (CCAAUW) has been sponsoring Camden County 's school children and their teacher chaperones to attend a 50 year old Philadelphia Orchestra Family Concert program. This is an exciting occasion for these school kids. Camden, New Jersey has the reputation as a city full of violence and impoverished neighborhoods where 65% of its population contains at-risk children.

Over the past two years the CCAAUW has started to include two after school/Saturday program groups in place of schools. "Kids Alley", a faith based, after school, safe place for any child residing in Camden. Their Director, Rev. Vivian Tan, had performed professionally with the Philadelphia Orchestra for several years and was thrilled her center children were sponsored. The second group they invited was the Boys and Girls Clubs through the Director, Bernadette Shanahan. Both groups fully used the 23 tickets offered and

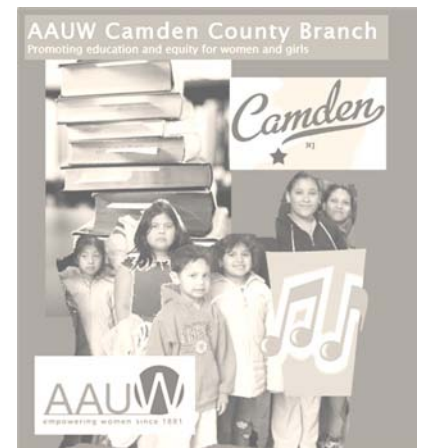
want to continue to participate. AAUW-NJ's Camden County branch has given thousands of inner city children ages 6-12, a wonderful introduction to the performing arts. An experience that allows learning and listening to a live classical orchestra.

Camden Inner City students and their teachers discover these classic master pieces at the Kimmel Center. Attending groups participate in pre-concert sessions designed to help them develop musical appreciation. They become engaged in learning the components of classical music from their seminar educators.

CCAAUW's Barbara Sparks (program chair), recalls a young trumpet player who attended a concert about 4 years ago who heard Beethoven's "Ode to Joy". She was so inspired that she purchased the sheet music and taught herself to play the piece. Last year, despite braces on her teeth, she performed for CCAAUW as a soloist

and was accompanied by the music instructor Mr. Dorrell.

For Barbara Sparks stories like this keeps CCAAUW committed to continue this program. It has been such a popular draw with Camden girls. The wonderful spectacle of a beautiful grand orchestra theater is the stepping-out style dream of many city girls and AAUW has the tickets to these musical dreams.



AAUW ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH JOINS UNITED WAY IN SUCCESS BY 6

AAUW-NJ Atlantic County branch has collaborated with **The United Way WLI** - Women's Leadership Initiative of Atlantic County for their Success by 6 Initiative. It is a program where volunteer readers go into low-income classrooms to host a read aloud session for young children, 6 and under. After the reading session, every student receives a copy of the book to take home.

Getting an early start on education is crucial to a child's later success. Children in affluent families learn 30 percent more words than children from low-income families. Unfortunately, over 60 percent of low-income families have no children's books in their homes. By providing children's books to a child that they can take home and keep, adds these books to low-income family homes. The Women's Leadership Initiative has found that the number of books

in the home was the key variable that affected the reading scores of young children.

AAUW Atlantic County Branch got their first training session on Success by 6 on Wed, Oct 23rd which was held at the United Way offices on Jimmie Leeds Rd. Their training was conducted by Dianne Lennon who oversees the program for WLI and Amanda McGowan of United Way who coordinates the reading assignments and book distribution. They reviewed tips on how to engage the children, making reading interactive, reviewed the calendar of participating schools and talked about how to be a good reader. Lennon said their goal is to reach 500 children this year in Atlantic County, so she is glad to have a good group of readers.

Branch President Gail Vreeland, a retired teacher, participated last year stating "I loved it. There is nothing I love to do more than read, and to

pass on that appreciation to preschoolers." Others from the Atlantic County Branch participated last year too.

We give our kudos to this year's volunteers: **Carolyn Bassett, Lee Ellenberg, Pam Family, Ann Marie Glenn, Arlene Groch, Audrey Owen, Arlene Roller, Beverly Schechtman, Gail Vreeland, Lynn Walters, Joan Leavy and Lucy Jerue**. [Read what Atlantic City Press reporter Dianne D'Amico had to say about AAUW volunteers](#)



SMART TALKS ON STEM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL SCOUTS

This November **AAUW-NOCB** was one of the key organizers for an engaging three-hour session of STEM (Science, Technology Engineering & Math) to approximately 60 scouts from the local **Girl Scouts of America** who filled the GSA Ocean Service Center in Tom's River. The AAUW – NOCB's own partnership of support helped set the climate of great collaborative team work: **Maureen Ap-towicz** designed the event and secured the panelists; **Pat Kurz** provided the meeting room set-up and ensured the Girl Scouts' participation. **Maria Sendzik** and **Pat Baroska**, current and former Branch presidents assisted in the morning's events. Pat Baroska also donated STEM-oriented young adult books for door prizes.

The day was planned to encourage girls to keep their academic/career options open in the 'treacherous' middle school years. Middle school is a very important crossroad period that channels a girl's study interests for high school and beyond. The objectives were to demonstrate (in the

activity) the strong skill set of communication, creative problem solving, networking and negotiation/persuasion that girls possess. These are increasingly important attributes in today's STEM jobs. The young grad students reinforced this message in relating their experiences. The girls did their project with glitter, glue and guidance that sparked their dreams on future careers in STEM.

Our prospective tech girls got a chance to interact with five female graduate students in STEM fields and a female engineering professor. They became the panelists for a question and answer session.

The panelists gave Millennial Generation discussions of their lives and careers in STEM. They talked of specific challenges they've faced and how they overcame them, and urged the girls to find a passion in their lives and never give up. These coaching panelists represented varied careers: oceanography, structural engineering, neuroscience, math, biology and computer-aided engineering. They each projected a charged atmosphere of

enthusiasm, passion and humor when they spoke about their professional lives. The final mission of this event was – Girl Power to click on STEM in their own Middle School Study shopping cart. Judging from the post-session evaluation comments the day was a success.

"...I learned that teamwork and communication are important in jobs today. Girls do that stuff better than boys...so I might be good in a science job"

"I liked asking the panelists about their jobs. They told us not to give up when things get hard and to follow your passion ..."



REVIEWING THE MOM INFLUENCE ON A DAUGHTER'S FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

AAUW-NJ Mountain Lakes Branch invited author of: *Mothers, Daughters, and Political Socialization -Two Generations at an American Women's College*.

Krista Jenkins is an author and Associate Professor of Political Science at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Her book posed the question—*How much do we influence our daughters?* To find the answer to this question a survey was conducted with a group of 46 women: 23 mothers and their daughters. Both groups of women attended Rutgers' Douglass College 25 years apart — the mothers who were interviewed attended Douglass in the mid-1970s and their daughters in the mid-1990s.

One of the tasks that faced Jenkins in her data analysis was to determine "the influ-

ence of a mother versus the influence of a generation" in the daughters' answers. Jenkins' book provided compelling stories and life histories to help fill important gaps in our understanding of the persistence of gender inequality and women's attitudes toward feminism and the women's movement. Jenkins has perceptively observed the changes in how women acquire their attitudes toward gender roles and behaviors in the post-women's movement years.

Surprisingly, more often than not, the answers the daughters gave reflected some of the same language as their mothers' responses.

Krista Jenkins has also done extensive poll research on the Millennial Generation 's FDU students on voting perspectives and in-

volvement in the 2008 Presidential Campaign through FDU's Public Mind Polls.



ML Branch Program Organizers L-R Pat Heller, Author Krista Jenkins, Carol Schneider, & Bonnie Cytron.

HER 1940'S PIONEER START TO A WOMAN'S PATH ON MATH WAS A WONDERFUL NEW JERSEY CAMPUS JOURNEY

Statistics have shown girls have often faced discouragement to pursue a nontraditional path in STEM. Dr. Leef's personal journey is a contradiction to this view. The former **AAUW-NJ President (1970-72) Rev. Dr. Audrey V. Leef**, loves to tell how she found math to be the wonderful path on a mostly male treaded NJ campus. Her 1940's pursuit in mathematics was filled with encouragement. She also states that it was her older brother's reputation that helped her break down those first barriers of doubt.

At the age of 16 young Audrey Vincentz, became the valedictorian graduate from Hoboken's A.J. Demarest High School where she was encouraged by one of her high school math teachers to concentrate her studies in math. She was accepted in Montclair State Teachers College (now Montclair State University) and received her bachelor degree in 1943. Audrey wanted to follow in her big brother's footsteps. Her brother was an exceptional student at Stevens Institute of Technology. He participated in bachelor's degree coursework while still in high school. He received both his bachelor's degree in 1933 and master's degree in 1937 from Steven's. The Vincentz name was proudly

noted at Stevens and Audrey parlayed her brother's reputation to win the Dean's approval of her studies to obtain a graduate degree in Math. She would be the first female to be matriculated in a Master's of Science program at Stevens. She recalls her convincing appeal to the dean "I told him I was Chet Vincent's little sister and said to him, 'how about letting me in?' And he looked at me and said, 'alright'.

In 1947 she was the first female student at Stevens to receive her Master's degree in Math. She found her commuter college environment wonderful despite finding few women for sorority. She felt protected making the daunting walk to the Hoboken train station with her male classmates. Security was also a tall fellow MS student passenger named George "Bob" Leef. Her train stop was Milburn and his stop was West Orange. They finally combined their station stops with a marriage. Bob and Audrey adopted 4 children and have kept passage to this shared journey for over 65 years.

A dedicated wife and mother to her family, she adeptly found the best timeline balance to add a career as a professor at Montclair State and also further her graduate studies. She received a doctorate in mathematics education from Rutgers in 1975.

In 1985 she obtained a master's in divinity (magna cum laude) at Drew while continuing to teach full-time at Montclair. She would also serve eight years as Protestant Chaplain at Montclair State University along with the title Professor Emerita in Mathematics. She literally handed out great guidance on counting your blessings. In September 2009, she received an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Montclair State University.

In receiving her Honorary Doctorate Degree, Rev. Dr. Audrey V. Leef had these words of wisdoms on math: "Ninety percent of math is attitude and

patience, With the proper teaching, everybody can do math. Women, in particular, need to be persistent in math studies.

Juggling many things — children and careers and studies...I for one can certainly understand that!

But, I also want them to know that you can do it all... if you are passionate about it all. I always tell women that if you have any leaning toward mathematics at all, pursue it now. Don't put it off. It's an open door for you, if you only stick with it."



*Notes from a Past
AAUW-NJ President
(1970-1972) & Active
Mountain Lakes Branch
Member*

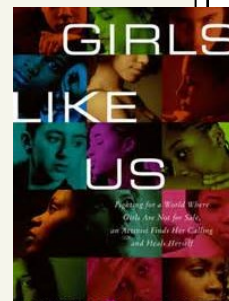
GARDEN STATE BRANCH'S MUST READ

Penny North president of the virtual branch –the **Garden State**, wanted to find the right book for her virtual group that would incite discussion on AAUW-NJ's key campaign against Human Trafficking .Girls Likes Us by Rachel Lloyd does just that. It is a memoir that illuminates the sexual exploitation

of children that is tough, gritty and brutally honest . She tells of her difficult childhood that led to a journey of risk, recruitment, violent abuse and finally breaking free from sexual exploitation. and then finding ultimate healing. She now is a top activist in the anti-trafficking movement.

Finding her purpose in working with girls "in the life." She is the founder of

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) formed in 1998.



AAUW - NJ MONTCLAIR CWC OVER 100 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, BOOKS & LECTURES

The AAUW-NJ branch members of Montclair's College Women's Club - CWC have learned a lot from their decades of book sales. With a sale of 40,000 books in dozens of categories, finding a nonfiction book of great female role models is an easy adventure. You can find real stories of legendary women who remain inspiring figures today thanks to the readings that include great biographers and historians.

Montclair is a community that has a penchant for books, book authors and educational lecturers. The CWC has spent over 75 years organizing a semi-annual Book Sale that has generated over two million dollars in scholarship aid to area girls. Since its inception in 1911, they have been an enlightening community presence in Montclair. It all started when a group of college women living in Montclair organized their group friendship into the College Women's Club. They began with simple objectives of promoting congenial sociability. However, by the second year they began raising college

scholarship aid to girls graduating from local high schools. In 1928, they made another milestone decision - they joined the American Association of University Women.

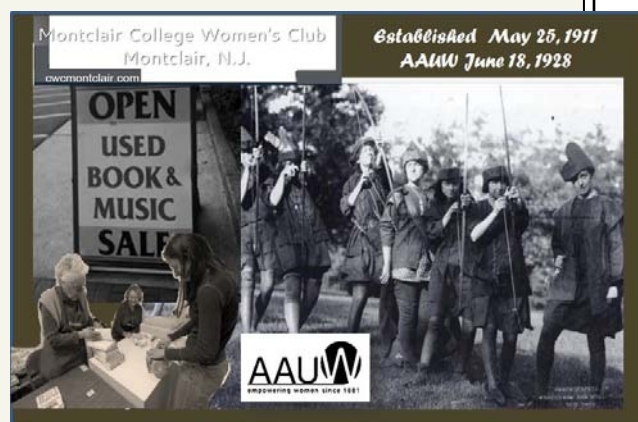
For over a century, many local authors, historians and lecturers have found an opportunity to present their thoughts and work through CWC's open public meetings. Today these AAUW lectures are mostly held on the second floor of the First Lutheran Church, 153 Park St, Montclair, on monthly Saturday mornings. However, February and March 2014 their meeting will be held at the Montclair Public Library at 1 pm. Non AAUW member guests are always welcomed to listen to these great AAUW topic speakers. (Check cwcmontclair.com for further info)

The Montclair CWC branch was pleased to find a local book collector, author and an historian of a great American woman of modern history - Amelia Earhart. Michele Cervone was their October speaker. She presented the history, accomplishments and mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart, the world's most famous female aviator. Cervone, a Clifton NJ resident has become the expert authority on Amelia Earhart.

In 2012 when Hillary Clinton was

Secretary of State, she unveiled a new privately financed expedition by the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery. The expedition will explore the shores of the tiny Pacific atoll Nikumaroro where experts believe Earhart's wreckage is located. This recovery project has made Michelle Cervone a sought after local Earhart historian.

New Jersey women such as Cervone and women executives and professionals of the Passaic-Clifton chapter of the Amelia Earhart Society of Zonta keep the spirit of Earhart alive today. The branch hopes a new generation of women will visit these books about Amelia Earhart under the nonfiction category of great reads. Spotlighting these iconic women of the past brings inspiration and empowerment to women living today.



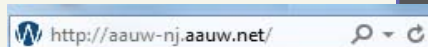
AAUW - NJ GREAT PHOTO SITES - GO VISIT THEM

AAUW-NJ Women have been there: to events, to programs, to rallies, to public causes, to conferences and retreats. There is just so many photo moments to capture our AAUW-NJ memories. Our Atlantic City inaugural retreat at Resorts Casino was one of these occasions where we wanted to keep and share our memories. There was no way to fit all these photos in the latest issue of the Garden Statement. Your editor's answer to this dilemma was to create an electronic scrapbook of these occasions and provide a

dedicated place for this memorabilia. Yes, - memorabilia! besides these great photos we added links of information behind these photos. We thought it would make your memory experience easier in recalling the reasons behind our activities. So please visit our scrapbook of this fabulous state event at Resort Casino on our AAUWNJ.net website [click here for the pdf link](http://www.aauwnj.net)

Sometimes, we receive great photos after our scrapbooks have been published. This is an ideal situation to connect with the AAUW New Jersey Facebook page and share these photos with us. It is also a great place to boast about your recent

branch accomplishments. Why wait for the next Garden Statement issue to share this news. Here is the link to our Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.nj> The current primary administrator of our Facebook page is **AAUW-NJ Secretary Jane Baus-Niemayer**. She can be reached at niemayer2@comcast.net



NOTEWORTHY BIRTHDAY

MARY ALMA BUSHONG IS 100 YEARS OLD

The AAUW Summit College Club Branch got to celebrate Mary Alma Bushong's 100th birthday. Leslie Carson recalls the special bond she had with Mary. *In 1971 we attended the AAUW Biennial Convention in Dallas together. I remember meeting a physician attending the Convention who had worked for NASA. Very unusual for a woman in those days. She told me how the space program had provided new ideas and materials that made our civilian lives better. The Convention discussed the need for legalizing reproductive choice and voted to make it a part*

of AAUW's public policy. Though I was Program Chair of Summit Branch (Mary Alma was EVP) I was only in my late twenties and felt that I was in the middle of a great dynamic at that Convention.

Summit College Club AAUW members:
Back row, left to right: Ann Carty, Susan Edmondson, Anita Meritt, Diva Norwood, Erna Hoover, Judy Jenkins Gaudino.

Front row, left to right: Ann Soper, Mary Alma Bushong, Leslie Carson, Liv Price.



MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

SHE WAS A LEADER IN HOLISTIC HEALTH AND A
DYNAMIC AAUW NORTHWEST BERGEN BRANCH
PRESIDENT

The former AAUW Northwest Bergen Branch President, Eileen Fahey Cobb of Wyckoff, NJ will be remembered for her mental acuity and her incredible knowledge of vitamins which she generously shared with many who clamored for her advice. Foremost, we will remember her for showing us education and career achievement has no age barriers.

In her younger years Eileen Fahey Cobb received her first degree from City College of NY in history, government and economics. Then, she returned to school to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing from Bergen County Community College (Lodi, NJ). She found passion in continuous education and at the age of 65 she accompanied other younger nursing professionals in obtaining a Master's degree in Nursing from Seton Hall in 1988.

Her proudest accomplishment was being awarded Holistic Nurse of the Year 2005 at the age of 85. The American Holistic Nurses Association stated the award was *"for her tireless promotion of holism through her nutritional counseling, futuristic thinking and constant quest for knowledge to help*



others and because of her long career and personal boldness".

We recognize what an inspirational branch leader she was. AAUW of New Jersey was so fortunate to have her dedicate a portion of her remarkable life to serve as a dynamic branch president for many years. Her brilliance drew many to join AAUW.

We share AHNA's esteem of her as an active participant in the community that also included communities throughout the world. Her views on the importance of each nurse's per-

sonal contribution to the whole made her a motivational force to nurses everywhere. Her lectures provided enlightenment and we also valued the knowledge she brought to many in AAUW as branch Environmental Chair.

On Sunday, December 29th a Memorial tribute was presented at the Wyckoff Public Library, where she was honored by family, friends, AAUW's State President and AAUW's Northwest Bergen Branch plus the health community groups she touched.

The Legacy of AAUW's social holistic presence that Eileen Fahey Cobb helped foster in the North West Bergen region continues on under the current leaderships of the Northwest Bergen Branch – Beth Forman, beth.forman@gmail.com Northwest Bergen – Elizabeth Gregg, greggol@optonline.net. They are also dynamic AAUW-NJ Board members who have helped enlighten and enliven our past State conferences with their AAUW mission focused **exuberance a hallmark quality of AAUW's Northwest Bergen Branch.**

AAUW - NJ PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS 3 MONTHS OF AAUW CALENDAR THEME IDEAS

Are you stumped on theme ideas for your next 3 months of branch meetings? Here are some suggestions taken from AAUW's & AAUW-NJ's Calendar of Recognition Dates:

February

African American History Month
7 – National Women in Sports Day
(think 2014 Winter Olympics)

March

National Women's History Month
8 – International Women's Day
12 – Girl Scout Birthday

April

Equal Pay Day
7 – World Health Day
12 - Branch Basket Day - Forsgate
22 – Earth Day

Here are some great links from AAUW on easy doable **FUN** to Read and LAF theme ideas.

Adelante Books of the Month List

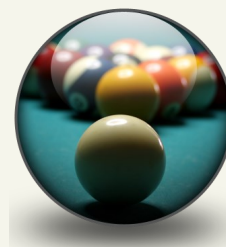
Find any AAUW-NJ authors on this list? (*hint: uses a ladder*)

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>

New Jersey branches love a good script to LAF at:

AAUW-CA LAF Reader's Theatre Script <http://www.aauw-ca.org/Assets/resources/ReadersTheater.pdf>

AAUW-NYS LAF Reader's Theatre Script <http://www.aauw-nys.org/attached%20files/LAF/ARE%20YOU%20lafing%20yet.pdf>



AAUW - NJ 13 IN '13 PUBLIC POLICY BRANCH CHALLENGE

AAUWNJ Branches were challenged to **take 13 (or more) actions in 2013** that would create a ground swell of broadly-based grassroots action here in New Jersey.

The goal was to increase AAUW's visibility in your community and AAUW's influence on public policy issues at every level of government. AAUWNJ wants to make sure that our legislators realize that AAUW members know about the issues, care about the issues, and are holding elected officials accountable for their votes, their words, and their actions!

Here is a list of some of the Public Policy (PP) actions you might think about taking in your branch. Pick the ones that work for your members, or come up with others!

There will be prizes and recognition given at our state meeting in

April 2014.

13 in '13 Actions

1. Write newsletter articles
2. Write Letters to the Editor
3. Write local media Op-eds
4. Make social media posts: _ Facebook _ Twitter _ Other?
5. Organize a Branch program
6. Hold voter registration drives
7. Host an Issue forum
8. Host a Candidate Forum
9. Attend a school board budget meeting
10. Attend town, village, and city board meetings
11. Continue coalition building efforts
12. Videotape an issue forum for YouTube
13. Organize campus-based events
14. Attend a District PP workshop
15. Attend a State PP workshop
16. Attend a National PP event
17. Dial into a PP teleconference
18. Promote Action Network requests
19. Set up a Branch Action Network

20. Set up a PP Interest group
21. Host a Movie Night on a PP topic
22. Read a book for your Book Group
23. Encourage a woman to run for office
24. Visit a legislator's home office
25. Take part in other campaigns from groups with similar PP Stands
26. Co-host an event with another group
28. Other support of AAUW mission and goals

Let AAUW-NJ know what your branch did in 2013. Prizes will be given to the best branch involvement in our AAUW mission and goals at the Annual Meeting on April 12, 2014. Please send your Branch Brags to: Sally Goodson, 203 Whitford Ave, Nutley, NJ 07110 or sally.goodson@verizon.net or fax: 973-235-0594.

KUDOS TO
BARBARA J. MCMARROW
AUTHOR OF AAUW-NJ'S ADAPTED VERSION OF
THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION AGAINST
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AAUW-NJ was fortunate to have the contributions of **Freehold Area Branch member Barbara J. McMorrow**. She offered her expertise in the area of political action, governance and service to write an adapted AAUW proclamation for mayors in New Jersey to sign and support the goals and ideals of observing a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11th of each year. Her proclamation version gave more fervor and initiative for our AAUW-NJ Branches to present to their Mayors. It was no surprise that AAUW-NJ had a great author to do these revisions. Here is the profile of her credentials on the Freehold County webpage:

Barbara J. McMorrow served as Mayor in 2013 and has served as an Alternate on the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. She taught English for almost 20 years at Freehold Borough High School then being named Assistant Principal and then Principal at Howell High School, retiring in 2003. She was a member of the Monmouth County Board

*of Chosen Freeholders from January 2007 through December 2009, serving as the Director in 2009. Mrs. McMorrow is President of the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of Monmouth County, a member of the Board of Directors of the Monmouth County Friends of the Parks, a member of the Board of Directors of the InfoAge Museum, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Mrs. McMorrow has been honored with several awards including **Honorary Associate of Letter from Brookdale Community College** in 2010, Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore in 2010, received the Government Partnership Award by the Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board in 2010, 2010 Asbury Park High School Alumni Hall of Fame, the 2010 Greater Monmouth Chamber of Commerce Circle of Excellence in*

Public Service Award, Monmouth University's Public Servant in Residence for 2008-2009, and in 2008 was honored as one of the "40 Who Make a Difference in Monmouth and Ocean Counties" by Gannett News.

By the way, Barbara signed her own authored proclamation as Mayor.



**BRANCH NEWS ON CAMPAIGNS AGAINST
HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUBMITTED TO
AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT**

The Atlantic Co Branch found out that a local secure facility had just designated 4 beds for rescued victims of Human Trafficking. Their branch committee member spoke with the appropriate person who told them they needed toiletry supplies, towels & sweat suits. The branch put out a plea to the AC Co. branch members & collected 12 huge bags of supplies, which another committee member & AC Co Branch President delivered to the facility in Dec.

On Jan. 29th, the AC Branch was invited to join Cape May Co. Branch to hear someone from their County Prosecutor's Office speak on Human

Trafficking. It was well responded by both branches. AC Co Branch is planning a spring program to have a person from Atlantic Co. Prosecutor's Office speaking in the fall. It will be open to the public & also directed invites will go out to high school counselors.

*~ **Atlantic County Branch & Cape May County Branch***

HT discussions at all of our meetings. We had branch presence at Morristown NJCAHT rally. Some did Hotel campaign visits and also wrapped Hotline No. bar soap.

*~ **Mountain Lakes Branch***

One member participated in the daylong rally at the Morristown Green October 27, 2013 sponsored by the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Individual Members from Madison signed the Human Trafficking petition circulated by AAUWNJ. An Educational Article on Human Trafficking was in the Branch's newsletter distributed just before the Super Bowl.

*~ **Madison Branch***

BRANCH NEWS ON CAMPAIGNS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUBMITTED TO AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT CONT'D

We include updates on this topic at Branch and Board meetings here at Camden County.

We reached out to the Mid Atlantic Region Women's League for Conservative Judaism who collected several pages of names for our petition including names from Temple Sinai, Cinnaminson. This inspired them to create their own resolution on HT to present at their national July Convention.
~Camden County Branch

We jointly organized two Ocean County Library programs about human trafficking in January and dis-

cussed ways that individuals can halt this crime. The Jan 15th Library lecture the speakers were: Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove and Vilma Applegate, president AAUW Barnegat Light Area Branch. The Jan 23rd Library Lecture the speaker was: Senior Assistant Prosecutor Roberta DiBiase.

~ The Barnegat Light Area Branch & Northern Ocean County Branch

Working with the Monmouth County Library Headquarters on getting either our Assemblywoman, Carolyn Caserne or Congressman Chris Smith for a meeting in the spring. Chris

Smith was the author of the federal legislation and has been our representative 30+ years. ~Freehold Area Branch

We have a speaker presentation scheduled for Thursday, April 17th. This will be open to the public since we secured a meeting place at Salem Community College ~ Salem County Branch

Sent 80 letters to county realtors alerting them of possible criminals asking for vacation rental property to house or carry on HT prostitution during the Super Bowl. Also wrote to leaders of the Sussex County Association of Realtors on HT issues separately. Some realtors we spoke to showed interest in doing more awareness on HT issues.

~Sussex County Branch

AAUW-NJ BRANCHES WHO PRESENTED PROCLAMATIONS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR MAYORS TO ENDORSE

Dover	Sussex County Branch AAUWNJ
Freehold Borough	Freehold Area Branch AAUWNJ
Freehold Township	Freehold Area Branch AAUWNJ
Hamburg	Sussex County Branch AAUWNJ
Jackson	Freehold Area Branch AAUWNJ
Long Beach	Barnegat Light Branch AAUWNJ
Manaplan Township	Freehold Area Branch AAUWNJ
Marlboro Township	Freehold Area Branch AAUWNJ
Nutley	Nutley Branch AAUWNJ

Manalapan Township Proclamation designating January 11, 2014

as Human Trafficking Awareness Day

L to r: Freehold Area Branch Members Front Row

Carol Cohen, Shevi Salberg, Maizie Frenkiel, Dale Mellin, Sue Richman
Back Row Helen Elliot, Janet Kronish, Maureen leach, Joan Odud, Sue Buccellato,
Linda Powers



INNOVATIVE COMMUNICATIONS
LINDA ADAMS
USED HER RETAIL COMIC BOOK SHOP TO
SPREAD THE WORD ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HAMBURG — Bob and Linda Adams, the proprietors of Bob Collectibles in the borough are helping champion the American Association of University Women's campaign against human trafficking. Linda Adams is the Sussex County branch chairwoman of the AAUW. The state chapter of AAUW is a coalition group member for the N.J. Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Patrons of Bob Collectibles were asked to sign a petition on their awareness of the problem of human trafficking in New Jersey and to support their local authorities and agencies in their efforts to combat this crime. Patrons were cooperative in signing the petition once they were told they would be **fighting against a growing force that captures and enslaves young innocent lives**. The N.J. Coalition Against Human Trafficking has a drive against sex trafficking of minors during the associated Super Bowl events in Northern New Jersey. **These**

moral battle concepts like heroic mortal battle concepts are keen on the minds of comic book readers. Linda Adams presented Hamburg Mayor Paul Marino with a proclamation to sign and endorse.

Mayor Paul Marino embraced

the words of the proclamation

and *designated Jan. 11 and of each year, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the Borough of Hamburg, to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout the State of New Jersey and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.*

Read more of this story here:
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Comic shop owners fighting human trafficking

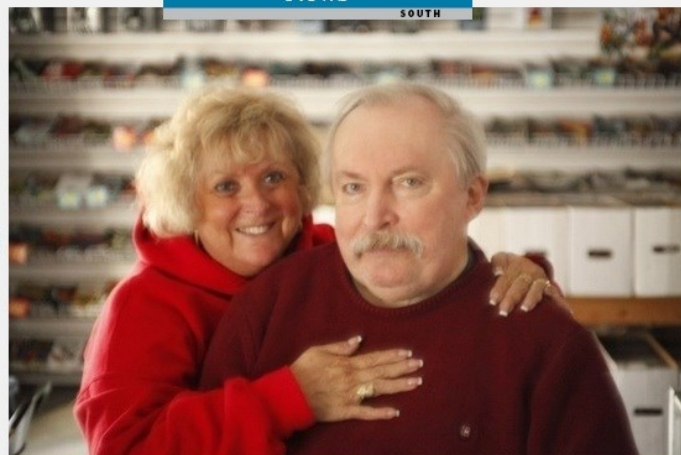
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Linda and Bob Adams, owners of Bob's Collectibles