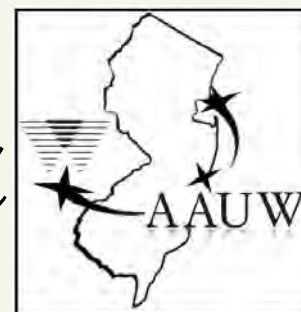


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## AAUW - NJ PRESIDENT'S THOUGHT'S MS. SALLY ANNE GOODSON

### *My thoughts on the New Year, 2012 and moving forward:*

The state of New Jersey has been left with some unexpected challenges from Hurricane Sandy. But, it was also a time when AAUW-NJ members realized the friendships they had formed with their AAUW Branch that helped them feel less alone in getting back to normal. Their AAUW-NJ branch was the place for them to tell their story, find camaraderie, share a few laughs and get some moral support. They made that extra effort to keep in touch and let their AAUW branch become the balance and support that remained constant in their life even after a storm. All

they have to do was reach out and not be afraid to ask. It is that self-assurance in feeling you can meet the obstacles that have been thrown in

have to be thankful for and the past year's accomplishments. Although we had to weather dark days without power, we will soon experience some bright future days ahead. Hooray for the success of this national election where more women were elected into power in unprecedented numbers. You can feel proud being an AAUW member and our nationwide voter campaign accomplishments that helped to drive these women to Capitol Hill.



your way that is also part of AAUW's mission too. A new year helps us to reflect on all the good things we

The 2012 year end was also wonderful time to revisit the past ideals that drove a Woman to the New Jersey's Governor's seat too.

## MY INTERVIEW WITH FORMER NJ GOVERNOR CHRISTIE TODD WHITMAN

I had an interesting opportunity to conduct an AAUW-NJ exclusive teleconference interview with former NJ Governor Christie Todd Whitman in early December. In attendance to this special teleconference were AAUW-NJ Board

Secretary Jane Baus-Niemeyer and Communication VP Garden Statement Editor Michele Guttenberger. Questions were developed by me with AAUW National input. Please read our interview sections.



## CQ StateTrack is a New Game-Changer State Legislative Tracking Tool



Are you tired of our state legislators pushing bills that would limit a woman's right to choose, weaken our education system, or reduce access for higher education? Do you wish you knew about these threats to AAUW priority issues the moment the bills were introduced? And what about the good bills, the ones that will move us forward and that we want to lead on? AAUW now has a state-of-the-art legislative tracking tool.

With the 2012 elections over, it's time to hold legislators' feet to the fire. AAUW -NJ will soon have a state-of-the-art legislative tracking tool to help us take effective and timely action on policy issues here in New Jersey.

CQ StateTrack allows the AAUW staff in Washington, D.C., to work with our state leaders to track state legislation that affects our AAUW priority issues. We will use CQ StateTrack to create a profile for our state, which includes a set of keywords, committees, and legislators that will be used in automatic searches of NJ bills. The searches will automatically generate email alerts when state legislation containing one of our keywords is introduced, being heard in committee, or ready for a floor vote. The search can also generate web reports to give us a snapshot of what the NJ legislature is considering at any one time, based on our state's keywords and key issues.

CQ StateTrack is a game-changer for our state's advocacy on AAUW priority issues. Through its policy experts in Washington, D.C., AAUW already has the capability to track federal legislation down to this specific, instantaneous level, and CQ StateTrack will extend that capability to state legislation in New Jersey.

AAUW-NJ looks forward to using this new tracking tool and hopes to embed the CQ StateTrack legislative report even to our AAUW -NJ website. We hope to make our AAUW-NJ's site the go-to place for up-to-date information on legislation affecting women and families in our Garden State. With this new service, AAUW-NJ will become one of the first advocacy organizations in New Jersey to know about pending legislation

## AAUW IS A NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY - 150,000 STRONG & GROWING

*Action Network*  
*This is a great*  
*way to recruit*  
*AAUW-NJ*  
*branch members*

Today, we are proud to describe AAUW as a nationwide community of more than 150,000 members and supporters. The new language reflects the exciting success of several new marketing initiatives. AAUW's activism is galvanizing support for our work on issues such as fair pay, access to contraception, sexual harassment at work and school, student debt, and the lack of women in

STEM fields and in public office. People who care about these issues too are seeking online ways to get involved, and AAUW is there with our social media channels and online outreach tools such as Care2, Change.org, and our Two-Minute Activist, which allow supporters to take immediate action. AAUW's vision gives voice to their concerns; their voices increase AAUW's power to

effect change.

New activists are spurring growth and renewed Interest. Capitalize on this enthusiasm and passion. Urge these prospective members to sign up for Action Network. This is a great way to recruit AAUW-NJ branch members. Let them try us on for size online, and use that as a tool to turn their interest in to active membership.

## WHY WE INTERVIEWED GOVERNOR WHITMAN

Our attention was peaked to consider an interview with our former and first female New Jersey governor when she provided a recent interview to Tom Moran the editorial page editor of the Star-Ledger. The caption for this Star-Ledger Q&A session was entitled "A moderate approach is still her message". Christie Whitman is a pro-choice Republican moderate. Her book-"It's My Party Too" was written in 2005 advocating for a party shift back to a political center. This book is being revisited with renewed interest regarding her thoughts and positions by her own party after their unexpected loss in this past presidential election.

Christie Whitman is still an important female leadership figure. In reviewing her platform we feel she professes AAUW's mission both in her actions and goals. We are thrilled to present to you these timely topics in the Garden State-ment along with the announcement of AAUW's well-timed and politically innovative CQ State Tracking tool. What an honor it was for us to have had this direct exclusive access to NJ Gov. Christie Todd Whitman and her candid discussions, insider perspective and viewpoints on the current political climate of women's key platform issues that need close tracking and vocalization. We believe in the impor-

tance of moderate women's voices in policy making decisions in politics, education, environment and healthcare. We believe Gov. Whitman has personified these values especially with her latest political initiatives.

We would like to give a special thanks to **Candace Straight – an AAUW-NJ member of the Nutley Branch** and former Co-Chair of Governor Whitman's Budget Advisory Committee and her Treasury Transition Team for making this interview possible. The following is the summarized version of my interview questions to Gov. Christie Todd Whitman and her responses.

## GOV. WHITMAN'S ADVICE TO WOMEN RUNNING FOR OFFICE

**Your daughter had a New Jersey political run in 2008. What advice would you like to give young woman who are thinking about whether they should run for office?**

*Well, first of all, women have to know why they want to run for office. It's a question of finding your passion; what is it that you want to do with the office. There's got to be a reason beyond the title. Most women do run for a reason, they want to correct something. They see government as a way to solve a problem and aren't just looking at the title or the perceived power. But it's very important, you can't convince other people to support you if you don't know why. You have to tell the public what your rea-*

*son is for being in the race beyond that you just want to be elected to whatever office it is. So I'm always telling women, it's very important to be able to articulate why others should support you for this office; what it is you want to accomplish. Then it's lining up people who will support you financially. That task comes before you even start to get into the political process. You need one or two people who are agreeing to either help you with the fund raising or will provide you with some initial cash to get started because that's one of the big raps against women is that they don't have access to the same level of financial support as the men.*

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## DR. MARY RAPUANO - AGENT OF CHANGE

### AAUW-NJ Sussex County

Branch member Dr. Mary Rapuano was the recipient of AAUW's Woman As Agents of Change Award in 2009 for her humanitarian trips to Latin America and the guiding leader and coordinator to the young volunteers from Sussex County's Technical School. She helps lead them on a life learning trip that can't be taught inside a classroom.

The SCTS Spanish Cultural Club has forged ties with our Latin American neighbor the Dominican Republic. This encouraged cultural exchange has given a treasured learning experience to many SCTS students for eight years. Dr. Mary Rapuano is still as enthusiastic with each new group as she was with her very first trip.

This November, the club traveled once again. Twenty five people distributed donations of school supplies, clothing, medical items, and sports equipment to residents of the Puerto Plata area. While there, the group was involved in community projects.

Dr. Rapuano has heard first hand how the women in these poor areas tend to feel the brunt of their situation more than men. Many become pregnant at a very young age, and by their mid twenties have several children they must raise.

The only way to break this cycle, is for women to become educated, or, learn a marketable skill. To help in this endeavor, the Spanish Cultural Club has brought sewing machines, fabric, and other items so young girls can learn how to sew. Many of these supplies were distributed to the local adult woman in need too.

Dr Rapuano and her team got to meet with Sandra, a local child and women's support organizer. She has helped her poor community of Aguas Negras which is located in the city of Puerto Plata.

Over the years Sandra has started a school, a girl's club, and a clinic in her neighborhood. What a great example Sandra is to her community and what satisfaction there is to empower her causes further.



## ANN POMPELIO ESQ. - ADVOCATE FOR THE ECONOMICS OF MEDIATION IN FAMILY LAW



Ann Pompelio Esq. is an **AAUW - NJ Sussex County Branch** member. Ann Pompelio Esq has also been a AAUW-NJ branch program speaker. Ms Pompelio has been educating her community on the economic benefits and the holistic, and amicable family agreement that is reached when a woman chooses Mediation vs., Litigation in her divorce and legal separation issues. Ms. Pompelio is a family law attorney experienced in all areas of

family law. She is sensitive to the fact that family law litigation is probably the last thing a woman wants to encounter in her lifetime. She also believes mediation can also be a beneficial alternative to litigation. She has been a certificated Family Law Mediator since 2009 and on the roster of Mediators for Economic Aspects of Family Law Cases in Sussex, Morris, and Warren Counties.

She is often the key

speaker for IOLTA funded public lectures at Sussex County's nonprofit assistance centers that focus on self sufficiency knowledge for women. The NJ state mandated IOLTA Fund is dedicated to providing legal representation and assistance to the poor, and legal education to the public.

Visit her site on mediation

<http://www.pompeliolaw.com/divorce-mediation.html>

## AAUW - NJ SUPPORTS THE ARTS &amp; MUSEUMS

AAUW supports The National Museum of Women in the Arts. This museum offers a gallery of recognition to the achievements of women artists of all periods and nationalities by exhibiting, preserving, acquiring, and researching art by women and by teaching the public about their accomplishments.

AAUW-NJ in spirit of our national drive to support women in the arts, accepted an invitation from the Newark Museum on a special collection of paintings called Angels & Tomboys. It contained over 70 works of art by iconic American masters who captured traditional girlhood dur-

ing the Victorian Age of America. It was a time when conforming gender roles were on the brink of astonishing change. The change agents for women in this Victorian Age included our own AAUW founder Marion Talbot. Both male and female artists were represented in this collection depicting the life of young girls of this era.

We had members from six AAUW -NJ branches attending this exhibit. In attendance were three AAUW-NJ members who were professional artists too and have a portfolio of their own masterpieces and history of their own gallery exhibits. Luck would have it that our museum docent—Judy Targan of South Orange is also a well noted female artist. She cre-

ates prints with inkless intaglio. Her work is in stylized landscapes and she receives numerous commissions from nonprofits. Her credits include a boxed set of note cards for UNICEF. She is listed in Who's Who in American Art & American Women. She welcomes studio visits by appointment. judytargan@gmail.com



## CELEBRATING AAUW - NJ ARTISTS

The Newark Museum tour was followed by a dinner to celebrate three esteemed AAUW-NJ artists who also supported causes by donating their masterpieces for nonprofit fund raisers.

**Theresa Ruffo** is an artist from the **AAUW Nutley Branch**. She is a Nutley resident, and former (27 years) elementary school teacher at Yantacaw School, in Nutley. She has also taught art to children at Yantacaw School in a group called "The Watercolor Art Club". She is presently the Vice President of the Bloomfield Art League. In 1994, the Bloomfield Art League awarded Theresa with the title of "Artist of the Year". Theresa has won many awards

and jury acceptances from leagues and assoc. in Bloomfield, Clifton, West Essex, Caldwell, and Rutherford.

**Dr. Neela Pushparaj** is an artist and the **AAUW Summit Branch Co-President**. She is a retired (Jan 2000) hospital pathologist. She started her formal watercolor training at the age of 49 and attended workshops by renowned artist Barbara Nechis. Neela's prints hang at the St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY and Atlantic City Medical Center. For the past five years, she has been the art director of a show called WomanArt which is run by the Summit College Club for women artists of the NY-NJ-PA area at the New Providence library. A place where artists can exhibit two

dimensional art in any medium without restrictions for a small fee. Visit her online gallery [www.Watercolorsbyneela.com](http://www.Watercolorsbyneela.com)

**Bea Card Kettlewood** is an artist from the **Greater Wayne AAUW Branch**. She is an art educator and professional artist and has held 52 solo shows over her career. She is a designer and crafter of stained glass windows and an illustrator. Bea's latest post Sandy sketches were done by flashlight. See past GS Issue 82 on Bea.



## GOV. WHITMAN'S ADVICE ON BREAKING THE BARRIER ON CORPORATE BOARDS & EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

**You've served on a number of corporate boards. Men continue to dominate the corporate boards of directors and senior executive positions. Do you have any advice to women on breaking through this barrier?**

Well, you know, to get on a corporate board, you need to let boards know you're interested. There are a number of firms that specialize in placing people on corporate boards; and, actually, more and more of the boards are looking for women members. The problem is today's big boards, the larger ones, the Fortune 500, the publicly traded companies,

are trying to get current CEOs. So that makes it more difficult for women in general. Again, you can start to build a resume by finding those boards that reflect your interests, those companies or boards, the profit or non-profit, that reflects your interests. That's a way to start to get known. But you have to reach out to them. Most boards don't take -- I haven't known a board that really has taken a resume that's come in over the transom- but they all do hire firms to help corporate boards locate good board members and most of them are actively looking for female members.

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## ADVICE ON FIGHTING INTRUSIVE LEGISLATION

**Our members are concerned about the harm of intrusive legislation from special interest groups. Do you have any thoughts regarding the political policy making and individual liberties?**

Yeah. I think right now there's pretty much an attack on individual liberties

ties, at a whole lot of levels, those wanting less government. But some feel that family values trumps wanting less government. Their definition of family values means that government should decide when you can, and how you can, determine your healthcare and your life; primarily focusing on reproductive rights. I think women have got to be very vigilant.

What worries me is that today's generation of young women have grown up with Roe v. Wade. I think for them that seems an impossibility-that Roe v Wade would change- and yet I see a very real chance that a reversal might happen.

*"... I think right now there's pretty much an attack on individual liberties"*

## HER GROUP - IT'S MY PARTY TOO & MODERATION VS. POLARIZATION

**You founded a group called 'It's My Party Too' after you left Federal office to help elect moderate Republicans at all levels of government. Do you think that there's a desire for moderate candidates from both parties and do you feel that both parties have been pushing the extremes?**

Yes, without question. Everywhere I go I get people coming up to me, from both sides of the political aisle, saying, you know, the party's left me,

whichever party it is. They're frustrated by it. It's less obvious right now in the Democrat party because the Dems didn't have an open primary. If they'd had an open primary, you would have seen that pressure from the far-left much more visible, too.

Also, the discussion over the GOP platform got increasingly proscriptive and the description of women's rights and life. It's a direction in which the party has been going now for some years. Those statements just reinforced the

stereotype that people already had about the Republicans.



## GOV. WHITMAN ON MODERATION VS. POLARIZATION CONT'D

Well, I think the first thing is to raise the awareness of issues that are too far-left and too far-right; where there is a gradual erosion of personal liberties. What I always try to do is focus on things in states like Oklahoma and Kansas. When the states withdrew the funding and support for Planning Parenthood that flies in the face of conservative values, because you're talking about planning parenthood, giving children the support their parents want. It also is a big fiscal issue because this is the only access to healthcare many women have in the rural communities. In Missouri, Planned Parenthood is the only agency providing healthcare for most of the rural communities. When women don't get access to healthcare, well, we're talking about mammograms; we're talking about PAP smears. Catching

breast cancer and uterine cancer at much later stages is much more expensive, not to mention devastating for a family to deal with. Unfortunately, organizations like Planning Parenthood have been demonized for so long that they may have to change their name; which is ridiculous.

Providing medical services in late stages is much more expensive than prevention. Organizations like Planning Parenthood are about prevention. I could go through a litany of retrogressive laws on women's rights to access healthcare. I think that would shock a lot of women. They don't really appreciate how much is going on out there.

I am seeing most of what I talked about in my book continue to happen - This increased polarization, the idea that you have to be ideologically pure in order to be an accepted member of

the party. Again, from the Democrat side, the same thing is beginning to happen there, and we've got to be very concerned about that because we're moving into almost a parliamentary approach to government, where a party trumps policy. Now it's all about the party position, not policy that might be best for constituents.

There is definitely a hunger out there for people to come to the center. If you just look at the most recent polls that more than 50 percent of the people, even Republicans, say you're going to have to increase some taxes and you're going to have to deal with Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. I mean, we cannot solve our fiscal problems without moving to the center. The people get it. The average American gets it. They may not like it when an individual issue hits them particularly, but they'll accept it if you explain it to them.

## GOV. WHITMAN'S CONCLUDING THOUGHTS & FUTURE CONCERNS

**I want to say how proud I was when you signed my legislation about discrimination against women in New Jersey Golf Clubs. You truly made me a star throughout the state. And I appreciate that. Is there anything that you'd like to talk about that I didn't bring up?**

I think you have a wonderful opportunity given the basic membership of AAUW; an educated group. But I just don't think you have necessary access to all the facts about what's happening at the state and local levels out there. Everybody is focused on Washington, but I think AAUW should reach out and use the

electronic media and the internet to communicate countrywide.

The other thing AAUW might want to look at, which to me is very scary, is in those states where there are elected judiciaries. A number of state judiciaries this year were attacked precisely because they weren't conservative enough on social issues; like making a decision that might have supported a woman's right to choose.

The Sandra Day O'Connor out in Denver is a good resource for that (note: O'Connor Judicial Selection - [IAALS Initiative - Advancement of the American Legal System](#) at the University of Denver). They track elections,

they track all the judiciaries and I'm on a committee for them to try to enhance the level of the judiciary to get more responsible people. ... trying to get away from the elected judiciary process, because very social conservative groups are targeting judiciaries that are elected in order to get a more conservative bench. And to me that's just wrong. We shouldn't have political agendas for elected prosecutors and judges. .



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## GUEST VISITOR - U.S. CONGRESSMAN RUSH HOLT - GETS A 100% RATING

AAUW-NJ Fall Focus conference was also attended by key AAUW national members. Along with Sally Anne Goodson AAUW NJ President, Sandy Camillo ( National Board Director) and Lisa Maatz (Director of Public Policy and Government Relations) were participating speakers.

U.S. Congressman Rush Holt of New Jersey's 12th District became an invited guest and words of introduction for his excellent pro Women voting record in Congress were given by Lisa Maatz. Rush Holt's national rating by AAUW was 100%.

The AAUW Action Fund provides voting record information along with voter guides for members and the public

during this election year and was active with voter registration drives and candidate forums. These efforts have been part of AAUW's "It's My Vote: I Will be Heard" campaign. The goal was for women to know what was at stake in the 2012 election and where their candidates stood on issues that are critical to women and girls. The voting track records for the United States House & Senate were measured against key women's voting issues. The rating components for the House of Representatives are: Title IX, Reproductive Health, Planned Parenthood, DC Vouchers, Responsible Budget, Full-Year Spending, VAWA, Fair Taxes, Paycheck Fairness Act and Campus Safety.

### HOUSE

	D.C. Vouchers	Title IX	Campus Safety	Responsible Budgets	Fair Taxes	Federal Appropriations	Paycheck Fairness Act	VAWA	Planned Parenthood	Reproductive Health	Score
<b>New Jersey</b>											
Andrews (D-1)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Frelinghuysen (R-11)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Garrett (R-5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Holt (D-12)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Lance (R-7)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0
LoBiondo (R-2)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	20
Pallone (D-6)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Pascarella (D-8)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Payne (D-10)*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Rothman (D-9)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Runyan (R-3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Sires (D-13)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Smith (R-4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

*In photo starting left: Congressman Rush Holt, Sandy Camillo, Sally Goodson and Lisa Maatz.*



## AAUW - NJ 'S TALENT FOR FUN EVENTS

**Beth Forman** is AAUW-NJ Public Policy Director and AAUW **Northwest Bergen Branch** Co-president, but she is also our master of ceremonies and elevator speech specialist. She is a Certified Life-Cycle Celebrant & Ordained Non-Denominational Minister. It is these credentials she taps into to celebrate personal life-cycle events, and to create ceremonies that pay tribute to corporate events and milestones. Beth has found humor to fire up interest on exciting AAUW

topics like Public Policy without a yawn in the house. She knows the art of the creative script. She has been an associate producer of an off Broadway play, and of course a creator and moderator of a few AAUW-NJ skits. Her script for this year's Fall Focus was called Darth and Ella Vader she co-wrote it with **Betty Gregg** the dynamic Co-

president duo of the Northwest Bergen Branch.

**Thanks for the Ella Vader pep talk.**





## BRANCH'S AREA HIGH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN AAUW-NJ'S OWN STEM PROGRAM

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## A COCKTAILS & CONVOS CELEBRATION & ! Adelante! Books

When **AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch member Sylvia Montero's** book became an !Adelante! selected book for Hispanic month, it was cause for celebration. We decided to make this an open event and invite all AAUW-NJ members and friends. The celebration became a **Cocktails and Convos occasion.** This is an AAUW Program -in-a -Box that lets you meet and great new people, share ideas, win fun prizes, and have a glass of wine. Sylvia spoke about her book to attendees followed by a fun quiz that got everyone involved in discussions. The quiz was based on her birthplace Puerto Rico. Having it held at a great Sussex County winery was cool too. We're hoping this Cocktails & Con-

vos event will inspire AAUW-NJ branches to plan one too and make up their own fun quiz discussion starters. Take a look at the quiz on our AAUW New Jersey's Facebook page and let it be your quiz template for your own Cocktails & Convos conversation starter. **Ctrl + Click** to **View the quiz on Facebook** from our GS Editor Michele Guttenberger.

!Adelante! selections are books written from diverse perspectives. !Adelante! was launched in 1996 as part of AAUW's diversity outreach program. AAUW's !Adelante! Book of the Month Club readers get to enjoy exploring new ideas and perspectives through monthly discussions. These !Adelante! gatherings engage both

members and nonmembers to talk about issues of social justice based on the month's selection.

!Adelante! book titles can be found at

**Ctrl + Click**

<http://www.aauw.org/connect/adelante/index.cfm>

AAUW helps their member authors promote their books. Many !Adelante! Authors get the connections and face to face visibility with their nationwide AAUW Book Club readers when they are speakers at the AAUW National Convention.

**!Adelante! author Lilly Ledbetter—Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond,** will be at AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION June 9–12 | New Orleans. Don't forget to bring your book for signing.

Go to our webpage to watch the video of Author—  
Lilly Ledbetter's story of her landmark visit to AAUW-NJ  
<http://www.aauwnj.org/index.htm>

## The Garden State Virtual Branch – Grows to 13 Members & Held Its 1st Meeting



**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.

little business, listen to a brief talk from member Beth Hyre and most of all to get to know each other. Temporary officers were selected until the first branch election in 2013: Penny North, president; Karen Brown, treasurer; and Sylvia Boback, secretary. Those attending were: **Sylvia Boback, Karen Brown, Carmela DeMarco, Susan Gelber, Marilyn Gonyo, Ginny Lyttle, Jan Hall, Beth Hyre, Judy Mangini, Penny North, Flo Schell, Paula Schlager and Barbara Williamson.**

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*or (609-860-8982)*



Thirteen members of the new Garden State Virtual branch met face to face for the first time for a lunch meeting recently. They gathered from all over the state to conduct a

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.



## AAUW-NJ Welcomes New Member — Ed Remsen Planned Parenthood Action Fund of NJ's Executive Director

We are happy to announce Ed Remsen as an AAUW-NJ Member. We could not have had a more important advocate for women's

health issues.

Support of Planned Parenthood is part of AAUW's Action Fund issues under Women's Health, Education and Reproduction Rights. Recently, AAUW LAF has rallied against the defunding of Planned Parenthood by both the private and government sectors. We are pleased to have someone with such great progressive fortitude as Ed Remsen spearheading the Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey as Executive Director. Remsen is well versed in government funded

programs and played a pivotal role in action programs himself. He was the Mayor of Montclair from July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2008. He stated that he would only serve one four year term as mayor. In that term, Mayor Remsen accomplished 75-80% of what he had set out to do. When a movement of Montclair and neighboring towns felt unbalanced disadvantages for being part of Essex County and harbored thoughts of secession, he kept the debate alive. He advocated and helped produce a new public access television show to help broadcast this debate and moving the venue away from

back rooms and into everyone's living room. Now there was a public forum with mayors from Verona, Cedar Grove, Montclair, Glen Ridge and Millburn participating in these talks. The local press had given him the title of Renaissance-Mayor.

The AAUW states of New York, Ohio and California have launched collaborative educational events with Planned Parenthood. With Ed Remsen at the helm we are confident that a collaborative AAUW-NJ and Planned Parenthood NJ program is in our future.

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

# DORIS B. HUDAK'S COURSE 101 - PATIENCE, DETERMINATION & DOGGED FOCUS - A GREAT EXPERIENTIAL GUIDE FOR AAUW-NJ'S C/U CONNECTIONS

**Doris Hudak of AAUW-NJ Northern Monmouth County Branch** is the embodiment of both a life learning experiential education and an academic one which makes her a valuable AAUW-NJ C/U Connection Committee member. She is an alumna of Brookdale Community College and Thomas Edison University, but it is her life's experiential qualifications, that's given her recognition and high honors by the academic world.

Doris B. Hudak was 75 years old when she set off for a lone trip around the world. Doris was inspired by another female author - Without Reservations: The Travels of an Independent Woman by Alice Steinbach and it compelled her to write about her own journey. Her first book of this miraculous trip is entitled, The Journey of a Dream:

One Woman's Travel Tale. Five years later, at the age of 80, she wrote her second book - A Passage. This book was a story of her travels to northern Spain in 2006 where she went on the 117-kilometer pilgrimage, Compostella De Santiag (a pilgrimage honoring St. James), which she accomplished in 8 days.

When Doris Hudak was asked why she wrote a book, her answer was this:

*"The primary reason for writing the book was to have my children and grandchildren know who I am. I wanted them to learn how patience, determination, and dogged focus figured in accomplishing my dream. For all the others I wanted to describe the beauty and wonder of the places I visited and then to tell*

*them I found the secret of a happy life, and it is this:*

*A - You must have a dream no matter how outrageous it may seem (After all, who would believe that after 5 years of planning and saving a 70 year old woman would travel the world by herself?) B - then you make a plan to have your dream become a reality C - and then you live out your dream D - but that's not the end, then you must have another dream,*

*you have to have a reason to get out of bed each day."*



## DORIS HUDAK AAUW-NJ C/U CONNECTION - Brookdale Community College

Doris Hudak is just as passionate today in embracing new knowledge and is still connected on campus as an inspirational guide to others. She was not only a 1983 Brookdale College graduate but also the recipient in 2009 of their prestigious Barringer Award given by the Brookdale Community College (BCC) Alumni Association Executive Board.

**Her achievements and accomplishments were highlighted in her award presentation and**

**they are:**

Hudak's involvement as a chair in the "Knowledge Is Power - Three Cups of Tea" initiative. Through her active fundraising and coalition efforts, \$35,000 was collected to build a school for girls in the name of Brookdale in the Karakoram region in Central Asia under the auspices of Greg Mortenson and his Central Asia Institute (CAI).

Hudak was an active participant in the Monmouth County initial "Running and Winning" project that provided hands-on training for 60

women high school juniors to learn how to conduct a campaign and run for office.

Doris Hudak **designed a bereavement program** and became a bereavement facilitator. She stated "My time as a hospice volunteer at Riverview pointed me in the direction of bereavement. People needed help dealing with grief." And so, Hudak designed a bereavement program for funeral directors in New Jersey, the first of its kind in the state.

In 1997 at age of 68, she joined a Brookdale delegation of **karate** students to Sorbonne University in Paris, and won a **gold medal in the category for women age 60 +**



## AAUW - NJ'S CENTRAL & SOUTHERN DISTRICTS - QUICK TO REACH OUT AFTER SANDY'S AFTERMATH

AAUW-NJ in our Central and Southern district branches have seen some very dedicated members that helped spearhead AAUW school, community and C/U Connection programs. It was no surprise that reaching out to their own members after Hurricane Sandy would be met with the same speed and stoic resolve to fill these needs within their own groups.

Ocean County's **NOCBAAUW** Branch was one of the hardest hit areas from Superstorm Sandy and then a snowy Nor'easter. In the Ocean County area, several members sustained losses from flooding. In some instances, the losses were devastating. They had six members who suffered major damage to their homes. To reach out to them with a gift of love, support, and generosity, **Maria Sendzik**

coordinated a contribution Visa gift card drive that was presented to these members at a social meet-up held at **Vicki Hall's** home on December 7th.

These are but a few of the stories we have heard from our AAUW-NJ members. We realize the members who were hit hard were also the great volunteers of their community that supported local women with scholarships and conducted school AAUW programs and were AAUW ambassadors of our C/U Connection partnerships.

We like to show our solidarity to the Branches that will struggle to continue these programs that have benefited a community that now faces an additional challenge of rebuilding. Please consider reaching out to the Branch Presidents of this area and ask if there is a program you can help sponsor. Visit our AAUWNJ website for this con-

tact info [ctrl click. http://aaunwj.org/BranchLocator.htm](http://aaunwj.org/BranchLocator.htm)

May we also recommend an inspirational book from our author in the Central District **A Passage by Doris B. Hudak**. Sale of this \$15.00 book is donated to the **AAUW-NMCB** branch. It is only available through private publication and Doris personally handles the distribution of the book. Please mail your \$15.00 check with your branch id noted on your check to:

**Doris Hudak  
12 Debmar Drive  
Red Bank, NJ 07701**

Please include your shipping info:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

The Women of AAUW-NJ know how to break barriers, but also know how to bond and build connections after the storm.

## DOUGLAS BECOMES A C / U PARTNER WITH \$ T A R T \$ M A R T

**AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch** each year has awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving Douglass College student. AAUW-NJ Executive Vice President **Barbara Williamson**, thought it was only logical that Douglass should be connected as a C/U partner. Her letter was a persuasive one and included the benefits of having a \$tart \$mart workshop on their campus. The response was very positive and now AAUW welcomes the chance to bring AAUW C/U partnership information to the Douglas College campus. AAUW and Douglass hope to form a great team and will soon be planning initia-

tives for Douglass. AAUW-NJ looks forward to rolling out the \$tart \$mart program to their campus along with the other offerings that a C/U Partnership brings.

\$tart \$mart is becoming the showcase program and a great marketing tool to entice colleges and universities to become a C/U Partner.

This is a very valuable program for young women since it is a salary negotiation workshop that focuses on closing the pay gap that each woman graduate faces in their first career job search.

C/U Partnerships bridges younger generations to engage in the AAUW experience forming a bond that lasts

after graduation. They can find ease in the transition over to our AAUW membership ranks that adds a wave of new vitality, ideas, participation and activism to our AAUW mission. It is for these reasons our AAUW-NJ C/U Committee encourages all branches to become proactive in making a C/U connection with the colleges and universities in their area. It is truly an investment in the future. Each AAUW C/U enrolled student has the potential of becoming the AAUW-NJ member of tomorrow. AAUW becomes the organization with the familiar name and the one that engaged them in great personal development programs on campus. Something that they can remember.

### C/U Connections Co-Chair

Adrienne Lesser, [adrel@optonline.net](mailto:adrel@optonline.net), 973-659-9434

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## NOTES FROM AAUW - NJ DIVERSITY CHAIR LINDA HODGINS PLUS A QUIZ QUESTION

It is my pleasure to be able to serve as Diversity Chairperson. Any suggestions or ideas in this particular area are welcomed .

*"You don't get harmony when everybody sings the same note."* This quote is attributed to Doug Floyd and it is one that I often use when discussing diversity.

AAUW values diversity and seeks a diverse membership. Honoring differences and being cognizant of the needs of all our members makes for a stronger organization.

The very first area and easiest area to address is the physical buildings we use in our Chapter meetings and on our trips. Please be aware of any member with a physical challenge and all buildings used should accommodate the

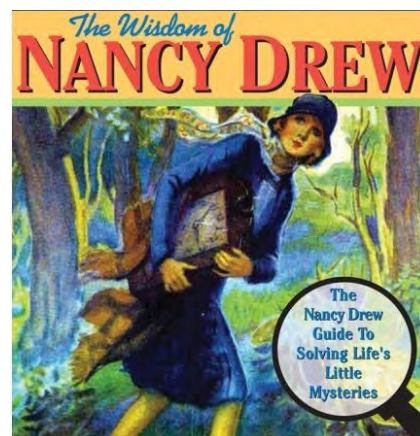
physically challenged. Most newer buildings are not a problem, however, some of our older buildings may be a problem.

When scheduling a docent in a museum you might want to also address whether a member has convenient access to an elevator and mention the need for accommodations within the building as well.

I have also included a question about a great woman. Question hint: (1892-1982 Newark, Essex County)

I welcome all comments and suggestions at [jhodgins@verizon.net](mailto:jhodgins@verizon.net)

*Who is credited with creating more than 200 of the most popular children's books including the Nancy Drew series?*



## YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIPS GAVE GENEROUS FELLOWSHIPS TO RECIPIENTS IN THE GARDEN STATE

Many AAUW-NJ branches find that their contributions to their local scholarship funds have become less momentous than in decades past before college education had a six figure price tag. However, AAUW fellowships are still a generous contribution that provides significant funding for a woman to continue her academic studies and research after graduation. We as members may forget that our AAUW membership makes us the benefactors of these generous fellowships and grants. AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$4.3 million in funding for more than 278 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2012-13 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain

access to educational and economic opportunities.

We at AAUW -NJ are so proud that we had three representatives from New Jersey selected as AAUW 2012-2013 Fellow and Grant Recipients. We are amazed at the spectrum of studies Dyna Kuthyola, Nancy Moinde-Fockler and Chelsea Sharon have been undertaking – Astronomy, Anthropology, and International Development.

We were very pleased that Nancy Moinde-Fockler (Ph.D. , Anthropology) accepted our invitation to the AAUW-NJ Fall Focus Conference as our honored guest. She gave a poignant story on how much this AAUW fellowship meant to her in allowing her to continue her studies as she emigrated from Kenya to the US as a single mom with 2 sons. It was at that moment many at the confer-

ence realized the real life impact we had with our fellowship funding. After her fellowship at Rutgers University She plans to return to Kenya to facilitate wildlife conservation endeavors aimed at facilitating human-wildlife coexistence among local communities.





## SALLY GOODSON STOPPED GENDER DISCRIMINATION ON THE GREENS OF OUR GARDEN STATE

In August of 2012 Condoleezza Rice became one of the first two female members admitted to Augusta National Golf Club, the home of the Masters tournament. This Club had excluded women as members for the 80-years of its existence. The other new member admitted was Darla Moore, a South Carolina financier and philanthropist. AAUW-NJ's President Sally Goodson broke her own golf membership barriers in the Garden State in 1996. In 1996 she discovered first hand that golf clubs were allowed to discriminate against women. She learned her NJ private golf club considered woman to be a guest in their own club. Their membership status was **WORM (Wife of a Regular Member)**.

It was a loophole that existed in New Jersey's law against discrimination that allowed a private club to discriminate against its own members after admitting them. Sally had advocated that:

- When a person is accepted for membership at a private

country club, there should be gender free access to golf membership categories.

- The same membership category and costs offered to husbands should be offered to females and wives.
- The same membership category offered to sons, should be offered to daughters.
- The tee off time on weekends, weekdays, and holidays at country club golf courses should be based on price not gender.

### Prior to 1997:

A female guest was not able to play at prime early times like male guests in most private golf clubs in New Jersey even if the woman paid the same amount of green fees and cart costs as the male guest.

Women could not hold a property right in her membership, even if she paid all the costs.

Women had no right to vote and club affairs. When a member died, the wife was given her husband's

voting bond but the right to vote was taken away from her, she was not allowed to purchase a bond.

Women had no real say in the governance of club life.

Desirable week and tee times were unavailable to women simply because they were women, even when they paid the same membership fees.

Women's tee off wait was placed behind male members, teenage sons, and male guests.

When a male member died the flag was flown at half staff. When the wife of a member died, the flag remained at the top of the flagpole.

Then Bill A-432 amended the Law Against Discrimination (LAD), PL 1945, c.169 (C.10:5-1 et seq.) which prohibited so-called private golf clubs from discriminating against its own members.

And then there were no more WORM's on the greens of our Garden State. And **Sally Goodson got to break some barriers against women with her golf clubs.**

## GREAT TEAMS COLLABORATE IN THE GARDEN STATE

This Fall Focus Conference brought a collaborative workshop from the League of Women Voters—NJ. Attendees learned how to lobby in New Jersey. The mock lobbying issue was Human Trafficking in NJ. Kerry M Butch, Exec. Director of LWV-NJ—Sandy Matsen, LWV-NJ Registered Lobbyist, and LWV Vice President of Advocacy and Programs helped facilitate the workshop.

The best lobbying pitch received an invite to LWV Headquarters in Trenton.

The big take away from the workshop was:

*"If you're not at the table you are on the menu."*

**Beth Forman and Betty Gregg of Northwest Bergen Branch** accepted their Holiday Open House luncheon. They got to see what was at LWV's Festive Table and also heard about the menu.





## CANDACE STRAIGHT - NEW JERSEY PRO-CHOICE GOP LEADER CALLING FOR IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL PARTY



Candace Straight is a member of the AAUW-NJ Nutley Branch. She is taking AAUW's "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" voter education and core campaign principles into her own GOP political party assignment very demonstratively. Candace Straight is the Co-Chair of the

Republican Majority for Choice ("RMC") and a founder of the Wish List (Women in the Senate and the House). It was her recent RMC drive that has gotten her attention nationally with a guest appearance on a radio station in San Diego and an interview with John Celock of the Huffington Post

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/12/20/moderate-republicans\\_n\\_2335063.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/12/20/moderate-republicans_n_2335063.html)

What did she do to do to attract this attention? Straight, (a prominent New Jersey Republican fundraiser and activist) used her holiday cards to push an agenda of change within the national Republican Party. She believes that it is time for moderates to take a stand

and to show party leaders a change is needed. Straight has told the Huffington Post - *"Personally I think people should withhold money to the Republican National Committee until they show they are a 'big tent' party".."If people continue to give the party money, they are doubling down on a losing proposition."*

Straight is taking action to broaden the base of her party to include individuals of differing views on social issues. She is taking the initiative march for the GOP to recruit, train and run more women and minorities for public office.

The Republican Majority for Choice - RMC fosters the same pro-choice core principles as AAUW. Here is the website message that Candace Straight is spearheading with the RMC—Cont'd  
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## SINCE 2005 AAUW - NJ NOCB TAKES THE GIRL SCOUT'S HONOR

Since 2005 the **AAUW-NJ Northern Ocean County Branch** has launched a young girl Anti-Bullying Workshop through Charitable Trust funds. Each year the Northern Ocean County Branch collaborates with the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore at **Georgian Court University an AAUW Partner**. One student from WILD - (Women in Leadership Development) who also belongs to our NOCB assists with the project and presentation of the special Girl Scout Patch. The past programs "Stand Up! Speak Out! Anti-bullying workshops have drawn more than 80+ participants comprising of 4th and 5th grade girls who attend. These AAUW-NJ charitable trust funded programs have provided engaging professional speakers like Gail Poverman Kav to lead lively and informative discussions on bullying, and how to

disagree without being disagreeable. Workshops, role-playing bullying scenarios, and practice in useful dialogues are taught to enable girls to navigate hostile situations. Students formulate in groups and work with trained facilitators from **Point Pleasant Borough High School**. These High School Girls help direct the workshop groups on their role-plays. Our AAUW-NOCB members monitor the sessions and ensure a positive experience for the girls and adhere to our AAUW Mission. AAUW-NJ NOCB **President Patricia Baroska, Community Service Chair Patricia Kurz and Facilitator Trainer Pamela Coratti** are pleased that AAUW-NOCB and the **Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore** assist in a partnership to launch these workshops every year for young girls in their community. AAUW-NJ is proud to be charitable trust fund benefactor to these exemplary AAUW -NJ branch leaders

who have been at the forefront on school age anti-bullying programs years before the State of New Jersey made it a mandatory enforcement issue in New Jersey's schools. The January 19th 2013 anti-bullying workshop at Georgian Court University is called Stand Up for Yourself. This workshop also has a separate workshop program for parents and troop leaders to give them valuable information on anti-bully from expert subject matter experts on this topic. The adult program was added as a free addition to this student workshop. Stand Up For Yourself is similar to their past participatory workshops. Girl students learned how to identify different forms of bullying, how to stop it, and how to provide support for healthy relationships. The program includes both troop and individual sign ups too.



1st row L-R: Susan Wannen, Girl Scouts, Patricia Kurz, AAUW Chair  
2nd row L-R: AAUW-NOCB - Lisa Beck, President Patricia Baroska, Sandra O'Connell, Pam Coratti, Alice Tarlach, Barbara Tuzio, W.I.L.D. rep Kerin McCarthy

## CANDACE STRAIGHT - CALLING FOR IMPORTANT CHANGES CONT'D

*Pro-choice Republicans understand that we can streamline spending AND find ways to balance the needs of countless women and families. Main-stream Republicans are an integral part of the legislative process, committed to the universal application of the GOP's founding principle of personal freedom. We, as a pro-choice Republicans, are vitally important to the nation as we provide a counter to extremists on both sides and foster bipartisan solutions in what has become an increasingly polarized environment.*

AAUW-NJ is pleased to have Candace Straight as a dynamic moderate leader. She brings a wealth of political and corporate

board expertise to our organization. Candace Straight is a private investor and investment-banking consultant specializing in the insurance industry. She serves on various corporate boards and is a former President of the Financial Women's Association of NY. Straight is also a founder of a new production Company :

(<http://nycbrandproductions.com/>) dedicated to producing high quality, original television, Internet, video and live theatrical shows. Straight was appointed by Governor Thomas Kean to be a Trustee of the Public Employees Retirement System of the State of New Jersey and was the Co-Chair of Governor Christine Todd Whitman's Budget Advisory Committee

and a member of Governor Chris Christie's Treasury Transition Team.

She was appointed by Governor Whitman to the Board of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition and was Vice Chairman from 1996 to January 2003. Straight was also nominated by Governor Chris Christie in 2010 to the Board of Governors of Rutgers University and confirmed by the New Jersey state senate in 2011.

Straight is a graduate of Bloomfield High School. She received her B.A. from Wilson College and her M.B.A. from New York University. In June 1994, Wilson College awarded her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

## EMILY GAVE LESLIE CARSON AN INVITE TO THE MICHIGAN SENATE CHAMBERS

Who is EMILY and how do you get on her List? EMILY's List is a political action committee (PAC). Here is short description from [emilyslist.org](http://emilyslist.org) on how they empower women for political office: *EMILY is an acronym – it stands for "Early Money Is Like Yeast," because it makes the dough rise. When Ellen Malcolm founded EMILY's List in 1985, she knew that early money was one of the key ingredients to a successful campaign, but that it was missing for most women who wanted to run for office. So she brought together supporters who wanted to get more women into office and make history! Over the years, EMILY's list has helped elect 86 pro-choice Democratic women members of Congress, 16 senators, 9 governors,*

*and hundreds of women to state and local office.*

**Leslie Carson of the AAUW-NJ Summit College Club Branch** is an EMILY's List member. She received an honored invitation to attend the swearing in and special reception of Senator Debbie Stabenow on January 3rd in the Russell Senate Office Building. Senator Stabenow is a Democrat from Michigan and is Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. A large ballroom adjacent to her office was filled with people eager to greet the Senator after her swearing in which took place in the Senate chamber and was watched on large screens by all the guests. Leslie Carson was also able to share her enthusiasm for this event with Dr. Larimore, who founded the Women's Studies program at the

University of Michigan in 1972, and campaigned for the Senator.

We thank Leslie Carson for living the AAUW mission with her support to a list that recently helped elect women in states across the country from Michigan to California to Washington.



From Left - Dr. Ann Evans Larimore, MU Professor Emerita - Geography & Women's Studies; Sen. Debbie Stabenow; AAUW-NJ Leslie Carson

## WHY YOUR BRANCH SHOULD PROMOTE teentech™ TO YOUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS



AAUW-NJ is always proud to promote our own AAUW-NJ trade marked STEM Workshop Event called teentech™ made possible each year through funding by our own Charitable Trust. We would like to grow our school participation list of AAUW-NJ High schools throughout the state and add schools that have not participated in previous years.

teentech™ started way before other organizations and educators realized the importance of introducing High School girls to STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through fun discovery project workshops held at a host college campus.

Our first teentech™ workshop was in 1999. Even in its first year of inception, its reach was state-wide from High Point to the Pine Lands of New Jersey. AAUW-NJ teentech™ provides a full day of hands-on technology conferences for young women in grades 9-12. Our AAUW-NJ teentech™ conferences serve a key mission - to make technology relevant to young women. It was how we at AAUW-NJ took action in response to AAUW's report - Gender Gaps, which had shown that young women lagging behind

young men in acquiring technical proficiencies.

From its start in 1999 through 2008, AAUW-NJ teentech™ was a collaborative effort with its college partner DeVry Institute, (later renamed DeVry College) in North Brunswick. Now it is a collaboration with other colleges in New Jersey.

Students are offered a choice of morning and afternoon workshop courses to help them become confident in working with computers or exploring areas of science. A teentech™ day begins with a motivational speaker on science. Participants are accompanied by their teacher chaperones from all New Jersey participating schools. Teachers also get to participate in teentech™ with separate workshops designed especially for them.

Please be an AAUW-NJ advocate in getting young women and their teachers from your local High Schools to participate in our AAUW-NJ teentech™ STEM program for girls.

Break down the barriers on Girl's STEM education – get them on the bus to Rutgers University -

## NCCWLS 2013 - MAY 30 – JUNE 1 A BIG VALUE APPROACH TO BRANCH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDER \$500



Are you finding that your customary branch scholarship awards have diminished value with escalating tuition costs? A college student conference scholarship might be a more rewarding direction than a traditional branch college scholarship fund. College Conference Scholarships can offer concentrated worth and importance in providing enrolled and graduating college students' positive guidance and knowledge for their immediate future. The AAUW organized National Conference for College Women Student Leaders -NCCWSL is a two-and-a-half day conference focused on important and con-

temporary leadership issues and is designed to help students:

- Gain confidence in their leadership skills
- Build awareness of one's values as they relate to leadership
- Build collaborative relationships
- Recognize one's responsibility to lead change on campus and in the community
- Develop a greater understanding of women's roles as equal contributors to society

NCCWSL can be a perfect scholarship offer since it is under \$500 per student with an Impact that's worth a million judging by the rave reviews from students who attended the con-

ference. Most importantly, NCCWSL as a college conference scholarship is an exclusive AAUW offering where you have total control in the student selection process. Candidates are from your own local pool of deserving student candidates. The best part of offering a NCCWSL conference scholarship to existing college students, it insures that your student recipient is academically gifted and is steadfast on her path to graduation. The NCCWSL Leadership for Today and Tomorrow Conference will be held on May 30-June 1, 2013 at University of Maryland, College Park. Here is the NCCWSL link for more information on the program benefits and registration <http://www.nccwsl.org/states-branches/support-the-conference/>



**JANUARY 2007 AAUW-NJ HELD THE COALITION  
TORCH AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
JANUARY 2013 A RALLY FOR AWARENESS DAY**

January 11, 2013 was designated by President Obama as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

The State of New Jersey recognized this Awareness Day with its own dedications at the State House in Trenton. However, New Jersey's contributions go beyond paying attention to this issue. New Jersey is taking a proactive stance in combating this criminal atrocity in our state. They have given quick passage of a bill that gives teeth to the fight against human trafficking. We take honor with **Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D-37)** who is the primary sponsor of the bill, called the Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act, which, among other things, calls for victims who are forced into criminal activity to be exempted from prosecution and stiffens penalties for traffickers.

AAUW-NJ did not attend an end human trafficking rally to just show AAUW's awareness of this issue. Our AAUW-NJ members were there because we are one of the 36 group members of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. We were the co-sponsors of this event along with the NJ Office of the Attorney General – Division of Criminal Justice - New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force.

AAUW-NJ gives gratitude to our own champions of this cause who have been past AAUW-NJ Presidents and AAUW-NJ Executive Board members and still remain officers and chairs both at the state and branch levels. They have tirelessly carried this torch

for AAUW-NJ against human trafficking since 2007 and they are the very reason why AAUW-NJ is an active participant and a coalition member organization. The names of our champions who have spearheaded this coalition since 2007 are (alphabetical order): **Arlene Inglis, Adrienne Lesser, Ellen Leuner and Virginia Lyttle.**

The Awareness Day rally was attended by (see photo l to r) **Ellen Luener, Karen Brown, Michele Guttenberger, Ginny Lyttle, Arlene Inglis** and (not shown) **Mara Modes.** AAUW-NJ would also like to extend a special thanks to the **Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ (CRC)** who openly extended bus transportation invites to other coalition groups from the Bergen and Whippany, New Jersey area for this event.



## SNAPSHOT OF 2012 AAUW ANNUAL REPORT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GARDEN STATE



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Lilly Ledbetter and Melissa Harris-Perry will be joining us at convention.

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Student	\$219	\$235	\$250	\$99
Guest*	\$250	\$265	\$275	\$175

\*A guest may only attend convention plenary sessions and purchase tickets for the special events. A guest must use an AAUW member ID as their host member ID to register. Guests cannot be AAUW members.



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## AAUW RECOGNIZES THREE MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ALREADY ARE FEMALE AGENTS OF CHANGE

Our Fall Focus conference had three special young guests that Lisa Maatz AAUW Dir. Of Public Policy Government Relations was excited to present. Achievement Recognitions were given to **Montclair High School - Emma Axelrod, Sammi Siegel, and Elena Tsemberis** who recently received national media attention this summer.

They started a campaign asking the Commission on Presidential Debates to select a female moderator and provide equal gender representation. They got their inspiration from their high school civics class when they learned a woman had not moderated a U.S. general election presidential debate since 1992. Their petition had 180,000 supporters and CNN's Candy Crowley became the moderator for the second presidential debate on October 16 2012.

AAUW was honored to present this recognition to these three young women for their political activism

despite the fact they were not old enough to vote in this Presidential election. AAUW saw their victory in Great Spirit with their "It's My Vote: I Will be Heard" Campaign too.



*In Photo 2 from left to right –  
Elena Tsemberis, Emma Axlerod, Sammi Siegel, Sally Anne Goodson, Lisa Maatz*

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A year ago today, Congress member Hon. Carolyn B Maloney, helped issue that 130 flags be flown over the United States Capitol. This was to commemorate January 14, 2012, the 130th anniversary of the inaugural meeting date that established our organization - the American Association of University Women - AAUW. As state President, I was given one of these flags. I will have great pride presenting this flag at every state and branch meeting I attend. It is also an honor to share in the remembrances of AAUW-NJ's own history and of our commitment to the advancement and equity of women and girls in the Garden State.

**Your AAUW-NJ President  
Sally Anne Goodson**

### AAUW-NJ's Traveling Flag



# FALL FOCUS PRODUCTION CREW CREDITS



The Fall Focus Conference would never have been a success without our Production Crew. Here are the closing credits of our talented and dedicated members who really know how to put on a show:

## PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGERS (SM)

Maintained order in the Speaker Presentation and record blocking notes for best presentation.

Carol Cohen, Sally Goodson, Barbara Williamson

## TECHNICAL DIRECTION CREW

The Technical Direction Crew (TD) is responsible for making sure that all technical aspects of our Fall Focus were carried out in a timely fashion. Paypal Registration form, Room facility set-up and technical provisions during the conference such as: video cameras, slide presentations, audio amplifiers:

Photo Camera & video Equipment: Jeff Guttenberger

PowerPoint Slide Presentation equipment – Michele Guttenberger, Jane Baus-Niemeyer

Audio Amplification: Beth Forman

## COSTUME DESIGNERS;

Beth Forman and Betty Gregg for costumes built from scratch and their costume design for Ella Vader skit.

## WORKSHOP CHOREOGRAPHERS

Designing workshop exercises needed and enlightened our participants. The workshop choreographer's made sure workshop exercises happened at every table.

Kerry Butch, Sandy Matsen, and Nancy Hedinger,

## HANDOUT CREW

The Handout crew was responsible for locating anything needed as handouts to be presented at the conference – award plaques, AAUW Informational Materials at each table . Contest ballots  
Barbara Williamson

## RUN CREW

The Run Crew performs set changes and other miscellaneous tasks as necessary during the presentation.

Barbara Williamson and Carol Cohen

## GUEST SPEAKER MANAGEMENT & GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker Management Team that helped to recruit speakers orchestrated and ensured that all aspects of the presentation including pre-event planning of speaker's schedule and arrival plans and day of event speaker podium ran smoothly.

Behind the Scenes: Leslie Carson and Karen Brown

Pre Speaker & Intermission PowerPoint slide production: Michele Guttenberger

Beth Forman and Betty Gregg – The in-between speaker show "Ella Vader" a Vaudeville styled comedy production

At the Podium Guest Speakers: Lisa Maatz, Sandy Camella, US Rep. Russ

Holt, Sammi Siegel, Emma Axelrod, Elena Tsemberis, Nancy Moinde-Fockler, Carol Cohen, Barbara Williamson, Doris Hudak, Joan Odud, Jean Wadsworth, Jackie D'Alessio,

## PUBLICITY MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Their assistance in promoting Fall Focus . This is a process that begins before opening day. They helped obtain all relevant information from the Fall Focus planners and directors. They handled public announcements and mailings and publicity avenues: Carol Cohen (FFC Content material) Michele Guttenberger (FFC Email Broadcasts – GS & CC) , Carole Monesmith (FFC Website Broadcasts )

## PROGRAM DESIGNERS

The Program Designers responsible for assembling the program that will be handed to all audience members. Collecting information and bios from presenting members: Sally Goodson

## HOUSE MANAGEMENT CREW

The House Manager crew handles all aspects of the show relating to the audience. This includes ticket sales, seating issues, and refreshments. The House Manager answers to the Producer and receives reports from the Ticket Manager: Barbara Williamson, Carol Cohen, Karen Brown and Carole Monesmith (webmaster - PayPal)

## TICKET MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Ticket Management crew helped ensure that tickets are available to be sold, and coordinates reservations. They helped coordinate with the webmaster to handle online ticket reservations.

Carol Cohen, Karen Brown and Carole Monesmith (webmaster)

**Sign- up for our next Great Production April 13 th AAUW-NJ's Annual  
What's New & What's Happening at AAUW  
Look for Box Office Tickets Info inside these pages**

**REGISTRATION FORM  
AAUW-NJ ANNUAL MEETING  
April 13, 2013  
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: April 8, 2013**

**Registration Deadline for Checks USPS: The Form must be postmarked by  
April 8, 2013**

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**

Reg. Email inquiries [carol.co312@gmail.com](mailto:carol.co312@gmail.com)



## 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:

