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#### AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT'S Тноиднтя Ms. SALLY ANNE GOODSON

Empowerment for the Garden State AAUW – NJ is a Unity of Branches with a Coalition of Friends

AAUW-NJ has accomplished so many milestones from the start of 2013 that it is hard to focus praise on just one. Amazingly, all of AAUW New Jersey's regions did not miss a beat even when they had their own personal setbacks after Sandy.

We kicked off 2013 with a roar as legislation advocates. Our first AAUW-NJ 2013 milestone was on January 11th. President Obama designated this day as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and six AAUW-NJ members headed to our own state capitol as the AAUW - NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking reps. They rallied support to

Together we are One in AAUW a bipartisan bill called the "Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act." In February we joined the global 1 Billion and Rising



movement in solidarity and a refusal to accept violence against women and girls as customary license. On Val-Day we visited two of our US representatives to urge them to reinstate VAWA - Violence Against Women Act. It was the

first time the bill had not been renewed since 1994. We topped our activist endeavors on June 20th.

AAUW New Jersey was one of the lead sponsors for NJ Women's Lobby Day - 250 women from 50 women's non-profit organization gathered upon the Trenton Statehouse to lobby for women's pay equity and healthcare rights. As the key AAUW spokesperson, I got to claim the importance of Wage Gap bills being reintroduced to the NJ Assembly and the Senate. One Bill A4044 is called "Wage Pay Transparency Act" and Bill A4124 is called the "Unfair Wage Recovery Act". Our AAUW -NJ team of 21 members had the satisfaction of watching these bills pass the state assembly.

#### ΑN ΙΝΝΟΥΑΤΙΥΕ NEW LOOK FOR AAUW'S LOGO & WEBSITE

Besides adopting a new logo, AAUW has made some awesome changes to their website and has offered to host their website platform to states and branches. AAUW-NJ has taken up their offer to move our virtual location to

their site. Unlike moving into a new home, our website server change will be a cost savings of over \$1,000. Hope you enjoy the new look of our website. But, don't worry all the past Garden State Newsletters are in there too. View

our new website. Click Here





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#### AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT'S THOUGHT'S CONT'D

# 2013 Saw Great Success in AAUW-NJ Programs

Our AAUW-NJ teentech™ program at Rutgers University in May was one of the best ever. Over 300 girls and their teachers/chaperones spent a specular day at this highly saluted STEM college campus convention - workshop initiative that started in 1998. It has become AAUW-NJ's hallmark program we can be especially proud of it because it is funded by our own NJ charitable trust funds.

We salute the founder of teentech<sup>™</sup> our past AAUW-NJ President (1998-2002) Jean Wadsworth. So many of our AAUW-NJ past presidents continue on with their leadership, guiding and passing on their program knowledge to rising new leaders in AAUW-NJ. This is what makes New Jersey AAUW strong. From the far north of High Point to the Southern tip of our Atlantic counties there are communities, schools and colleges who now feel more empowered and enlightened by our AAUW programs. So a big thank you to our active emeritus staff of leaders - Jacqueline D'Alessio, Jean

Wadsworth, Joan Odud, and Ginny Lyttle. Their names are sprinkled throughout these issues of the Garden Statement -they are always at the scene of great AAUW state sponsored happenings besides supporting their own branches too. Our motto at AAUW-NJ is :Teaching ourselves to teach others. Getting involved in AAUW state programs really broadens your own personal development when we help facilitate \$tart \$mart, Elect Her, Crossing the Line, or state capitol lobby day events. However, we have adopted a simply pure fun AAUW program "Cocktails and Convo". For this program we met at a winery picked an AAUW inspired topic, handed out guizzes and gave out prizes to the winners. We made it open attendance of members and nonmembers. Inviting some of our coalition friends and associates made it a wonderful informal social to meet up once again.

AAUW is an established name with a national reputation that can open doors for its states and branches. It is important that every program we launch in New Jersey meets this high mark of integrity. AAUW has been named a top-rated nonprofit in two categories through GreatNonprofits' reviews of charitable organizations. AAUW is listed as a top women's empowerment organization and a top education organization. Each one of our states and branches are entrusted to protect this spotless image. We need to educate ourselves about the federal, state, and local regulations that govern AAUW as a non-profit organization. All AAUW leaders and officers must take on the responsibil-

ity to enhance board member development and leadership skills through continued volunteer boardmanship education.

### AAUW-NJ PRESIDENT'S FINAL THOUGHTS

This year was also the year of AAUW's National Convention. It was in early June held in New Orleans and we had a good show of AAUW-NJ members. This convention even became more memorable to us. AAUW-NJ received some wonderful recognitions. We were awarded the Impact Grant of **\$1,000** for our proposed impact area on Human Trafficking and Gender Pay Equity. And, it was a hallmark moment for me at New Orleans. I was told that I was selected to serve for the next two years as a National AAUW Director-at-Large Board Member.

July I spent three days in the Washington, DC area on a board retreat. The experience was both informative and uplifting. What great fortune to serve on a board of bright, interesting, energetic, loyal AAUW members from hometowns in Maine, New Mexico, Florida, Missouri, New York, Colorado, DC, Texas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Vermont, and Seattle. I am the Jersey Gal and the MN representative is a guy. The National AAUW Board currently consists of a board president, vice president, finance vice president, secretary, executive officer, and eleven (11) directors-at-large. in addition to the new federal, state, and local legal obligations. The aim was to make a great board "greater". We accomplished so much at this board retreat. It brought so much clarity to the goals and mission of AAUW. All our board members at

AAUW-NJ agreed that we would benefit greatly with our own retreat. Getting away to a resort location for an overnight stay will help charge engaging discussions and decisions on setting direction, help us set ethical behavior and practices, promote diversity, provide better fiscal over-site, and plan for successful outreach strategies that engage all our special contacts. I promise you all an exciting (and fun) AAUW-NJ Retreat at Resorts in Atlantic City on October 20th and 21st and I urge you not to miss out on this opportunity to take great photo moments, to hear and share great stories, and to create new memories. Join us in celebrating our AAUW New Jersey's First Retreat.

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# C/U Partner—Douglas College Gets \$mart \$tarted by AAUW-NJ Expert Facilitators

Douglass College gave certificates of appreciation to AAUW –NJ for their individual contributions in providing the Douglass Campus staff facilitator training on salary negotiations. This was an important segment to their student professional development programs that they offer on campus.

Jocelyn Tejada Director of Traditional Programs and Student Leadership realized the value of becoming a C/ U Partner with AAUW. Her department is part of the Initiatives Office of Junior & Senior Year Programs at Rutgers University -Douglass Residential College. Tejada had researched the benefits of being an AAUW College/University partnership including AAUW's \$mart \$tart program. She received a package of very relative information provided by AAUW of New Jersey's C/P Partnership Rep and Executive VP **Barbara Williamson**.

This material included AAUW's report -Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation. The AAUW study revealed that despite the passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, women continued to earn less than men in every occupation. This included occupations held by female college graduates with their first post graduation paycheck. Besides publishing this revealing study it has offered some tools to help take action. AAUW had developed "for campus use" programs on running pay negotiation workshops that focused on the female pre graduate student. Our most popular program is \$tart \$mart. On February 23rd our AAUW-NJ Facilitator Experts of the \$mart \$tart program became part of the presentation team for Douglass's Annual Women's Career Conference. The AAUW's contributing members in attendance were: AAUW-NJ President Sally Anne Goodson - resides in Essex & Sussex County area; Virginia Lyttle - C/U Partnership Program Director resides in Morris & Somerset County area; AAUW-NJ Board of Directors Jane Baus-Niemever and President of the Barnegat Light Area; and Joan Odud College & University Liaison

and resides in the NJ Monmouth County area.

The conference was entitled The \$ecrets to \$alary Negotiation for Women. In the conclusion to this conference the take away motto was "Girls Just Want To Have Funds".

L-R Linda Hodgins (Diversity Chair), Sally Goodson (President), Barbara Williamson (Executive Vice President), Jane Baus-Niemeyer (Secretary), Joan Odud (College & University Chair), Branch Member Florence Schell (Garden State), Annie Houle (The Wage Project), Branch Member Susan Buccellato (Freehold)





## AAUW-NJ'S 2013 HEARTFELT RALLIES STARTED ON V-DAY

AAUW-NJ members along with our partner groups rallied for V-Day, Thursday, February 14, 2013. The Northern AAUW region stood in front of their US Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen's office in Morristown to urge them to cosponsor and vote for the newly reintroduced Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). South AAUW-NJ had 13 attendees that brought signed letters from AAUW

national and a letter from Medford 's branch president and members to Congressman Jon Runyan's office.

We also joined up with the global One Billion Rising movement to demand an end to this aggression by walking, dancing, and rising up in an act of solidarity and a refusal to accept violence against women and girls as a given. Yes, we even danced for reinstatement of VAWA. Please visit our website to see our dance video.

#### http://aauw-nj.aauw.net/ welcome/dance/ A special thanks to AAUW-NJ members attending the Morristown Rally Mary Graves, Nina DelCollo -Nutley Branch Barbara Colwell, Adrienne Lesser, and Karen Brown -Mountain Lakes Branch, Michele Guttenberger Sussex County Branch; Mt Laurel Rally Rose Mary Bland, Dian Hattrick, Evelyn Goldner, Bea Chawla, Mary Ann Brookes, Lynne Poag, Rita Manno, -Medford Branch

# SURAYYA JABEEN EDUCATES US ON THE STRUGGLES OF THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S HEALTH

The **Mt. Lakes Branch** hosted an open to the public lecture at the Mt Lakes Public Library to a full room of attendees on Thursday, April 18th. The topic was The Different Lives of Aliya & Rachel - Women's Health in the Third World.

The talk was presented by an AAUWNJ Mt. Lakes Branch member, Surayya Jabeen, who is on the Executive Committee of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She presented the dismal outlook for a typical girl in the poorest regions of south Asia who is married off at the age of 10 and bears her first child at 13: a world that is absent of reproductive education and where customs ban all forms of birth control. With multiple miscarriages, many births and nonexistent prenatal care, these women have a short life span. Many die by the age of 21.

These are the regions that Surayya Jabeen visits three times a year when

she travels throughout the world educating and lecturing about women's health and human development.

Surayya hopes to raise the visibility of "Third World Regions" unmet needs for family planning and the high levels of



unplanned pregnancies and their costs, consequences and solutions. Her goal is providing education in these areas to effect positive change in reducing maternal disability and mortality.

Surayya was happy to share this educational talk close to her home in

#### Boonton.

The Mt Lakes Library talk also had an added topic speaker Nuzhat Khokhar who provided cultural aspects of family and marriage customs of her native Pakistan and her new life in the US raising her American

> born children. She also returned to the custom of wearing a hijab as her own personal lifestyle choice.

This AAUW-NJ lecture enlightened attendees on women's sexual reproductive health and its devastating impact on women lives when it is restricted. Surayya Jabeen has done remarkable work for the women in this world region. Read about it in the

NORTHJERSEY.com article-click here

In Photo L-R. Adrienne Lesser- AAUWNJ (Mt. Lakes Branch) ; Farida Saeed- Guest; Surayya Jabeen -Guest Speaker AAUWNJ (Mt. Lakes Branch); Sally Goodson – AAUWNJ (Nutley/Sussex County Branch); Janice Schindler - PPGNNJ Guest; Nuzhat Khokhar – Guest Speaker ; Susan Wagner – AAUWNJ (Mountain Lakes Branch); Barbara Colwell-AAUWNJ (Mt. Lakes Branch).

#### WΕ LISTENED WOMEN'S то WAS LOST IN WΗΑΤ HEALTH CARE ΙΝ ΝJ FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES

Our Annual Conference in April included lecturer consultant and advocate Michele Jaker—a former Executive Director of the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey (PPANJ) and the Family Planning Association of New Jersey (FPANJ). In 2010, Michele was the driving force behind the Women's Health Matters campaign that fought attacks to women's health care. Her efforts led to the passage of several bills that would restore the funding and provide for much needed federal funding. Michele also served as the spokesperson for the organization advocating for the need to provide health care options for the men and women of New Jersey.

Today in New Jersey there are 30,000 fewer patients receiving basic preventative health care at family planning providers. Patients have lost access to birth control, cancer screenings and basic gynecological care. Others experienced longer wait times for appointments or had to pay more out of pocket

AAUW and AAUW of New Jersey are rallying our support of government funding to Planned Parenthood.

NJ has 30,000 fewer patients receiving basic preventative health care at family planning providers.



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# DR. MARY ANNE ANDERL – TEACHES US THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF US WOMEN IN COMBAT

Dr Anderl has been educating AAUW-NJ Branch members and the public throughout New Jersey about the secret history of US women in combat starting with the Revolutionary War. Her latest public speaking engagement was hosted by the AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch. AAUW's tagline is Empowering Women since 1881. Dr. Anderl is guick to point out that these inspiring women had exceptional valor that was equal or even surpassed their male counterparts in serving in combat roles. They empowered themselves despite the absolute absence of encouragement and with the constant threat of having their gender exposed.

Dr. Mary Anne Anderl's interest in researching this topic started as an AAUW NMCB history study group. She helped to author The Battle of Monmouth: A Young Woman Goes to War, which supported AAUW's Educational Action Funds/scholarships and promoted tourism of Monmouth County's landmarks. It soon became the approved booklet sold at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. The purpose of the book was to engage the young reader of New Jersey's history from a Her-story viewpoint. Although the main female character was fictional, it highlighted the real roles women and girls played in the nation's early history and portions included actual women's names in American history.

What had started as fostering interest in local revolutionary history developed into a very absorbing research and lecture topic for Dr. Mary Anne Anderl of the unaccounted American history of women. Fortunately the combat duty of women serving as men did find its way into historical records after their service when their true identity could be revealed. So much of this heroic heritage has been forever lost in our American history books because they remained a secret buried with these unsung veterans. Thanks to historians like Dr. Mary Anne Anderl, New Jersey folks are getting an education on Women's History that reveals the obscured historical legacy of these intrepid women with their untold combat stories.

These lectures help us with today's issues such as AAUW stance to protect our military women. AAUW supports the reintroduction of the Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention (STOP) Act (H.R. 1593) that will provide equitable and safe climates for these women. Read press article





Joan Odud - R, presents Meyra Green - L with award . Doris Stewart Chair of Woman as Agent of Change was not present for this photo.

# MEYRA GREEN-AAUW-NJ 2013 Woman as Agents of Change

Congratulations to Meyra Green our 2013 recipient of AAUW-NJ's Woman As Agents of Change Award . Meyra is a member of the Madi-

son Branch. The award was presented at our Annual Conference on April 13th at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. Each year AAUW-NJ requests our branches to submit their candidates for consideration. It is our way to honor outstanding AAUW -NJ women who have achieved positive

societal change in the Garden State.

Meyra Green, is a 45-year member of AAUW, and former AAUW-NJ Membership Vice-President and a past **Madison Branch** Vice-President of Programs.

She helped spearhead and currently chairs a mentoring program at Kent Place School, an independent, nonsectarian, collegepreparatory school for girls and young women. The Alumnae Mentoring Program matches college age graduates with one or more experienced alumna mentors who provide career guidance to the young alumnae.

She is a 28+ year volunteer for Atlantic Home Care and Hospice where she is a founding member of Friends of Hospice (Overlook Hospital TWIG 5), that raises money for Camp Clover, a free Bereavement Camp for children ages 7 to 15.

Read more of all her accomplishments from the Independent Press. <u>Click here</u>

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# AAUW-NJ INVITED ASSEMBLYWOMAN VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE TO DISCUSS HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEW JERSEY

At our Annual Conference in April at the Forsgate Country Club, we had the honor of Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle as a guest speaker. She has composed strong state bills against human trafficking in New Jersey.

Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle D-Englewood, introduced the measure that called for a \$25,000 fine for anyone convicted of a crime associated with human trafficking. Such crimes include recruiting someone for trafficking, financing trafficking or allowing it to occur on property owned by the defendant. Huttle has advocated that money from these fines go to a "human trafficking survivor's assistance fund". It is a fund to help victims and increase New Jersey residents' awareness of human trafficking. This legislation will be set before the Super Bowl arrives to MetLife Stadium. These big events often draw an increase in human trafficking crimes.

Assemblywoman Huttle's mission is to expose human trafficking in New Jersey. She has stated "Until recently, human trafficking has remained largely in the shadows of society."

AAUW-NJ has made Human Trafficking an important focus issue thanks to dedicated champion members who continue to help spearhead coalition group rallies and conferences since 2007. Are leaders (alphabetical order): Arlene Inglis, Adrienne Lesser, Ellen Leuner and Virginia Lyttle still continue to educate us on the importance of being heard at the State House on this growing problem.

In May A-3352/S-2239 The "Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act" was signed by Governor Christie.



# AAUW WANTS TO EDUCATE ITS COMMUNITIES ON THE MILITARY'S INVISIBLE WAR

Sexual assault in the military is a significant problem, one that affects 20 percent of women and 1 percent of men in the armed forces, according to the documentary The Invisible War. This is an issue of great concern to AAUW.

One year ago AAUW national hosted a private screening of the Sundance Film Festival awardwinning movie, which documents the pervasiveness of sexual assault in the military.

Since the release of this documentary we have seen more open dialogue on this horrific problem and it has become a topic that is getting

more reporting from major news media outlets and it is no longer a hidden issue.

AAUW-NJ has bought this film though a special offer given to AAUW groups. It

is available to any branch to organize their own screening of this film that invites the larger community to participate. It is a great opportunity to educate the public on this important issue and provides branches greater exposure and presence in the community as social reform educators and advocates. We also encourage our branches to collaborate with partner organizations especially your local college partners. A few colleges have presented this film on their college campuses where they support women's studies.

Please contact President Sally Goodson to reserve this film and projector equipment at sally.goodson@verizon.net

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## AAUW NEW JERSEY TAKES A FEW BOWS AT THE NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION



AAUW-NJ President Sally Goodson was asked to present a workshop at the New Orleans Convention

called As Easy as the Chicken Dance: Ways to Move Pay Equity in Your State. Sally teamed up with Lisa Maatz, AAUW vice president of government relations; and Catherine Hill, AAUW director of research to conduct a workshop about Equal pay legislation and how to move equal pay legislation at the state level. Attendees also learned more about which states have passed equal pay legislation and what was entailed to pass a bill. AAUW-NJ receives announcement at the 2013 National

AAUW convention,

That they have been

Awarded the

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AAUW New Jersey takes a bow at the 2013 National Convention for reaching

85 years (1927 - 2012)

Congratulations to Our AAUW-NJ President

Sally Anne Goodson

In her new position

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# MARK WALLACE AAUW-NJ'S DEVOTED TEENTECH™ SCHOOL PARTICIPANT WINS TEACHER OF 2013 YEAR AWARD

The AAUW-NJ teentech<sup>™</sup> program besides providing STEM workshops for girls also provides seminars for the teacher chaperones to help them energize their schools on STEM projects for girls. Mark Wallace is the enthusiastic teacher who coordinates getting his female students each year on the bus to teentech<sup>™</sup>. It is done in the wee hours of the morning because, High Point Regional High School is located in the far northern region of New Jersey in Sussex County.

It is this type of teacher dedication that makes some New Jersey Schools stand out. We are so happy for Mark Wallace and his NJ 2013 Teacher of the Year Award.

His teaching portfolio is remarkable . At High Point Regional HS he introduced courses and topics such as: robotics, computer-aided design, materials science, architectural design, biotechnology, computer animation, and video game design.

In Wallace's first year at High Point, only three girls enrolled in industrial education, and so his first priority was to set about remodeling the departmental facilities to make them appealing to girls. Wallace said. "We had to make it an attractive place for them to be."

In 2000, after consulting with female students and female engineers, he developed the school's "Women in Engineering" course the nation's first of its kind which is still being taught.

"There were not a lot of female role models in engineering and science," Wallace said. "I had to create that."

### Click here to read more

Besides participating in the AAUW-NJ 2013 teentech workshop

conference held at Rutgers this year, the Highpoint Regional HS participated in **AAUW-NJ**'s **Sussex County Branch**'s Careers in STEM event . **Dr. Mary Rapuano** (Sussex County Branch STEM Program Chair) was instrumental to the launch of this fieldtrip with the Sussex County based company— Thor Labs. This company specializes in Fiber Optic engineering. The Newton, NJ location is their R&D site and the girls got to see engineering in action with a tour and talk of the work being done at the site.



## AAUW-NJ CROSSING GENERATIONS

We wished to continue the excitement of STEM exploration with girls in Grammar School similar to our teentech<sup>™</sup> program for High School girls this year at the Rutgers campus. Our wish was answered by the National Park Service with Edison Day. Michele Guttenberger - VP of Communications volunteers each year as an interpreter guide on Edison Day. She presented the Junior Park Ranger Program as a STEM awareness program for younger children. AAUW-NJ President Sally Goodson looked over their activity booklet for Edison Day and the Junior Park Ranger program and realized it filled all the check boxes as a STEM workshop day for kids ages 5 and up. All AAUW New Jersey members were given an emailed flyer of Edison Days with NPS links to www.nps.gov/edis that included more info on the Junior Park Ranger program. Members were encouraged to engage their kids, grandkids and even their friends' kids to participate in the Junior Ranger program that was part of the free NPS Edison Day in West Orange, NJ held on Saturday, June 1st. Sally did not pass up this opportunity for her own granddaughters. **MacKenzie Goodson (**photo left) age 5 and **Madison Goodson** age 7 (photo right) who spent a delightful discovery day as junior rangers.



## NOTEWORTHY-AAUW-NJ SUSSEX COUNTY BRANCH GETS RECOGNIZED FOR 66 YEARS

Early this 2013 year, AAUW-Sussex Co. Branch was honored with a certificate from AAUW-National for 66 years of service to the county. The branch is strong on its AAUW's mission in Sussex County to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The AAUW-Sussex Co. Branch each year awards a scholarship to a deserving woman at SCCC. Pictured from left: Michele Guttenberger, Margaret Anderson (new Co– President ),

Lynn Beckmann (new Treasurer), Carole Monesmith (exiting President), Susan Green (seated) (exiting Treasurer), Muriel Everhart (Life Member), Connie Fadden (Film Night/Book Club Chair), Sally Goodson, Gail Swain (Life Member), and Diane Crawford (Membership –VP)



## NOTEWORTHY- NUTLEY JAYCEES (NUTLEY JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) AND AAUWNJ

Theresa Ruffo AAUW-NJ Nutley Branch Member was awarded Nutley Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards at the 42nd Nutley Jaycees Award Dinner on April 4, 2013. As a Nutley resident she has donated thousands of hours as a volunteer in dozens of local, civic and religious organizations. .

Nutley Judge Joanne Cocchiola was awarded the Nutley Jaycee Civic Affairs award in 2010. In 2008, AAU-WNJ honored Cocchiola with its prestigious Women As Agent of Change Award. Joanne was the first woman to be elected to the Nutley Board of Commissioners. Reelected and again appointed mayor in 2008 to another fouryear term. She is one of three mayors in the township's history to serve two consecutive terms.

The Jaycee annual awards are given to individuals who distinguish themselves through their hard work to the community, these individuals have willingly given their time and energy for the betterment of Nutley. AAUW is proud of their accomplishments.

Joanne Cocciola top photo & Theresa Ruffo center & bottom photo

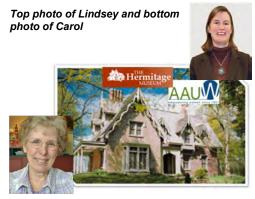


## AAUW-NJ NORTH'S HERMITAGE TOUR WITH CAROL GREENE & LINDSEY GREENE BARRETT

Daughter, Lindsey Greene Barrett, is president of Women Throughout Time, which furthers women's history education. and provides programs for businesswomen and women entrepreneurs. Mother, Carol Greene is an expert Bergen County historian. Together they presented "Women on the Move: Tales of Bicycles, Bi-Planes & Big Cars" at the Hohokus Hermitage Museum center. The early 1900s had spirited individuals seeking adventure and competing to set time and distance records. Women, as well as men, were in the driver's seat or cockpit and risked danger for the challenges and thrills of motoring and flying. In 1909 Alice Huyler Ramsey of Hackensack, New Jersey, was the first woman to drive coast-to-coast. Our Hermitage Lecturers made our inter branch curret on April 14th do

inter-branch event on April 14th delightful which included the fashions worn by these ladies in their exciting pursuits.

Thank you Sue Purcell for coordinating this luncheon, tour and lecture for AAUW-NJ's Northern Region



#### AAUW-NJ NORTHERN Моммоитн Соимтү BRANCH-NMCB CO-SPONSORS CAMPAIGN INSPIRATION FOR YOUNG Wомеn WITH & WINNING RUNNING

The 7th annual Running & Winning Workshop held on May 3 introduced 64 young women to the possibilities of public service. Participants were from 11 Monmouth County high schools, who assembled at Monmouth Regional High School to listen, learn, and roleplay during the day-long program. AAUW-NJ NMCB was a major presence at this event, with Marian Wattenbarger co-chairing the steering committee along with Bobbie Goldstein of the League of Women Voters. The AAUW NMCB team comprised of: Steering committee members Susan Boyce, Susan Gelber, Judy Kramer, and Joan Spring; Facilitators Barbara Iwanski, Ruth Hodum, and Caroline O'Neil; and program assistants Lee Janz, Irene Gibson, and Harriet Moore

Four different organizations came together to sponsor this workshop. Initiated by the Red Bank Area League of Women Voters, it is cosponsored by AAUW-NJ NMCB, the Junior League of Monmouth County, and the Red Bank Chapter of Hadassah.

Participants gathered in groups of four students, each from a different school, and led by a trained workshop facilitator. The topic chosen was "GRASS ROOTS: A Citizen's Role in Environmental Decisions." Most of the day was devoted to each group working to prepare a mock campaign presentation. All students had the same materials representing both sides of a theoretical bill: Safe Lawns and Fields Act. They also worked to create a poster, devise a

tweet, and write a one- to two minute campaign speech. The day ended when the "candidate" from each group read her speech, the tweet was projected, and the poster displayed.



NMCB members on the Running & Winning Steering Committee (left to right): Marian Wattenbarger, Susan Gelber, and Judy Kramer (photos by Rhoda Chodosh)

#### YOUNG RUNNING & WINNING CAMPAIGNERS GOT Тне ADVICE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

The young participants of the Running and Winning program got to meet actual women in government who gave them their advice about serving in public office. They all told their personal stories, of victories large and small, the frustrations, the long hours, and personal sacrifices. They warned that issues are often not as simple as they seem at first, that sometimes compromise is necessary and not a bad thing.

"Always fight for what you want," one woman advised.

"Continue to push forward." And finally, as women, "support each other."

Kim Guadagno, the first lieutenant governor of New Jersey, told how she had gone from serving as a federal prosecutor to her current statewide position. It all began with an unsafe



school bus route that "made me mad," she explained, and propelled her into political life. Told that she couldn't run for sheriff as a woman, she ran for sheriff as a woman and won, becoming the first woman

sheriff in Monmouth County (MC). "You can be anything you want to be" she told the young women. Work hard, get a good education, and make connections, she added, warning that it would not be an easy road. "What was I thinking?" often crosses her mind as she carries out the tasks her position entails.

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