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KUDOS TO THE AAUW-NJ'S AWARDED GRANT WRITING TEAM - THEY MET, DEBATED, & WROTE THE AAUW \$1,000 IMPACT GRANT

When President Sally Goodson asked some of the AAUW-NJ Board members in late April if they could be part of the Impact Grant team, they were as happy as being asked to fill out their tax returns. It is wonderful to be awarded a grant but, writing grants is not a walk in the park. However, we had some experienced grant writers on our team to keep us to the task of filling out all our grant questions concisely and objectively. The team meet at Sally's Home in Hamburg. Our biggest discussion was to decide on what areas had the most impact to AAUW-NJ and our commitment to pursue them if we were awarded grant money. Our final action plan choices were equal pay and human trafficking.

We thought that Human Trafficking was a timely issue that AAUW-

NJ has been addressing for years. We know that New Jersey faces major challenges for controlling sex trafficking due to our proximity to major international ports of entry.

New Jersey anticipates a rise in these Human Trafficking numbers with the attraction of the Super Bowl in February 2014 especially in the Northern region of the state.

The other impact choice was equal pay and this was another issue that AAUW-NJ has rallied for in our state recently.

Our diligent team made the May 1st deadline submission. We waited in anticipation for a notice. AAUW chose to announce the grant awards at the New Orleans Convention.

We were so excited to have our name called out we sent our hoorays by email to everyone in AAUW-NJ before we even left New Orleans because we are quicker than a storm.

Team photo from left Virginia Lyttle, Adrienne Lesser, Arlene Inglis, Sally Goodson, Jane Baus-Niemeyer and Michele Guttenberger (the photographer not shown).



AAUW-NJ INSPIRES COLLEGE PARTNER STUDENTS TO COACH AAUW PROGRAMS TO A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

On April 25th, C/U Partner **Georgian Court College** student members of **WILD** (Women in Leadership Development) were inspired by AAUW's programs they wanted to conduct their own program lecture. **Karissa Merkel**, led a group of students from Lakewood High School in a 1 1/2 hour program on sexual harassment, using AAUW's *Crossing the Line* and a suggested lesson plan written by **Adrienne Lesser, Mt Lakes branch**. The WILD women introduced the program using a portion of the AAUW Power Point presentation. The high school students were then broken into groups. Lead by the WILD women they addressed certain discussion questions such as what constituted sexual harassment and what experiences they had with the issue. In the third section of the program, the groups were each charged with devel-

oping a scenario to illustrate sexual harassment, the possible responses and ways to prevent it. Issues that arose included, inappropriate photos on twitter, inappropriate remarks made to students, teasing and spreading rumors in class, the passing around of sexual explicit photos, inappropriate text messages. The discussions were lively and animated. The high school students clearly enjoyed



the interaction with the college women. Karissa was a wonderful facilitator and she made sure that the girls not only participated but also had fun.

BETH FORMAN FOUND OUT THAT BLOGGING ABOUT AAUW CAN GIVE YOU A CLARION

We have been fortunate to have **Beth Forman's** creativity to provide some humorous skits on conference topics to lighten our agenda. She is **AAUW-NJ's Public Policy Dir.** We were thrilled to hear she has won a **Clarion Award** for her blog. She says the Clarion Award is a big deal. It puts her in the company of HBO, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Oprah's Magazine, and other such past winners. The Clarions are awarded by the Association for Women in Communications and began in 1972.

What was some of her content on her award winning blog? Well, one of them was about AAUW-NJ's Annual Meeting where she discusses how she put some mustard in her annual speech. Here is some excerpts describing the event:

The New Jersey state branch of the American Association of University Women ("AAUW") held its Annual Meeting on April 14 at the lovely Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg.

Being the resident Thespian, Gourmet Grande Dame was asked to perform her theatrical shennanigans in keeping with the day's theme of "Clueless or Clued In?" Gourmet Grande Dame took ten Alstertor Mustard Mugs and taped to the bottom of each an important AAUW issue: Education Fund, Equal Pay, Stop Human Trafficking, Legal Aid Fund, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Math), National Convention, CQ Tracking, \$tart \$mart, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), Educate Ourselves and Then Others.

When performance time arrived, she placed an Alstertor Mustard Mug in the center of each table in the meeting room. And then, with just a few well-placed flashy accessories to convey the Miss Scarlet character (from the board game Clue), GGD vamped her way up to the microphone...

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*"Want to know
how to get
clued in?"*



WINNING BLOGS INCLUDED WINNING BASKETS

Following **Beth Forman's** GGD's bravura performance, 17 gift baskets donations by the various state branches were raffled off and **raised over \$800** for the **AAUW Education Fund**.

Euro American Brands host to Beth's blog generously donates a basket for this raffle to present from the **North West Bergen Branch**. And who won EAB's basket? None other than this year's Woman as Agent of Change honoree, **Myera Green**. How cool is that?! Note how Myera's outfit matches the basket theme colors.

A special thank you to all 17 branches turning out great unique baskets that represents their branch.



AAUW-NJ'S OWN STEM PROGRAM TEENTECH™ 2013 – GETS SUPER ATTENDANCE

This year's teentech™ was a great success with awesome attendance. On Thursday, May 23rd, 256 girls and 34 educators from schools across the state started streaming into the Busch Campus Center at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. They were welcomed by Dr. Thomas Gillespie, Dean of School of Engineering at Rutgers, and **Sally Goodson**, President of AAUW-NJ. This year our sponsoring organizations were: IEEE, NJTEEA, USDOL, NJSCA. With such popular attendance, we added multiple sections to most of workshops. Students got to choose workshops titled Kitchen Chemistry, Water... Water, Build a Bridge, Walk with Technology, Clean and Green, Wheee! and Take A Seat. These great workshops

are designed to acquaint the students with practical hands-on knowledge that inspires them now to think about STEM related careers in science, technology, engineering and math. It is also a day for them to learn about team collaboration. Students had to work in teams to produce the desired results. They learned important values – that collaborative teamwork is the quickest way to achieve your projects goals and objectives.

The success of teentech™ is owed to the dedication of **Jean Wadsworth** its founder. This year we want to offer a special thanks to **Dawn Domans**, from our Somerset Hills Branch, for her herculean efforts at the registration table that got all participants into the workshops of their choice and

interfaced with the needs of educators from each of the schools.

AAUW-NJ members who attended for support were Sally Goodson and **Carol Cohen** with a big thanks to

Karen Brown and **Jackie D'Alessio**, who escorted the students from their bus drop off to the Registration Desk. Also our acknowledgements go out to **Beth Hyre**, our consultant, who secured the Rutgers location.

[Click to read more in Tech Weekly](#)

TEENTECH™ 2013 TAKEAWAY – TECH STUFF IS COOL GIRL FUN



NJ WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY JUNE 20, 2013



AAUW -NJ still sees a final hurdle for gender pay equity in the Garden State. On Women's Lobby Day, AAUW-NJ lobbied for their second endorsement of New Jersey's Wage-Gap bills. Their first endorsement was in 2012 ([click to see Star Ledger article](#)) when four bills passed the NJ Assembly and Senate; only one was signed into law. On Thursday June 20, 2013, we got to lobby again for these pay equity bills.

AAUW New Jersey was one of the lead sponsors for Women's Lobby Day at the State House along with the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, New Jersey Citizen Action, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey and the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey.

On June 20th these Wage Gap bills were re-introduced to the NJ Assembly and the Senate. One Bill A4044 called "Wage Pay Transparency Act", requires reporting of public contractor employment information. The second Bill A4124, called the "Unfair Wage Recovery Act", provides that unlawful employment practice occurs each time an individual is affected. (This

Bill is a NJ State version of the Federal Lilly Ledbetter "Fair Pay Act"). The two bills aim to eliminate gender-based pay disparities by imposing reporting requirements on state contractors and easing employees' ability to file pay discrimination claims.

On June 20th many AAUW -NJ members stood behind our **AAUW-NJ President Sally Goodson**. She got to give her rally cry again in a lecture room at Thomas Edison College and on the steps of the State House. She stated "Having one of the four bills signed into law was like being given a large gift-wrapped box with not much in it. The single passed bill became an empty container waiting for substance."

The AAUW-NJ lobby group felt the Women's Lobby Day was a productive one. The A4044 - Wage Transparency Act, passed with 45 Assembly members voting in favor, 26 dissenting and two abstaining. The Assembly also cleared A4124, Unfair Wage Recovery Act, with 50 members approving, 23 voting no and three abstaining. Now it is up to the Sen-

ate Labor Committee to get the Senate version voted and passed by the Senate before it heads to the Governor for his signature.

Kudos to our member **Ed Remsen** who rallied during lobby day on behalf of Planned Parenthood for NJ funding to Women's Healthcare programs. Also, kudos to our member **Susan Williams** a candidate for District 24 Assemblywoman. She also rallied that day for a 2nd campaign on NJ environmental protection issues .

AAUW-NJ Members who attended are: NJ President **Sally Goodson**, **Virginia Lyttle**, **Adrienne Lesser**, **Arlene Inglis**, **Karen Brown**, **Michele Guttenberger**, **Joan Odud**, **Barbara Colwell**, **Susan Williams**, **Barbara Williams**, **Ed Remsen**, **Dawn Domans**, **Jane Baus-Niemeyer**, **Doris Stewart** , **Candy Shanks**, **Neela Pushparaj**, **Katie Smith**, **Nelda Festejo**, **Sanum Khan**, **Andrea Bonette**, **Bony Haro**

13 IN 13 BRANCH ACTION CHALLENGE GET READY - PRIZED WINNERS - APRIL 2014



Let's have some fun branch competition. Is your branch up for the 13 in 13 challenge? Each AAUW-NJ Branch will be counted on to participate in our AAUW-NJ challenge to take 13 (or more) actions in 2013 that will create a ground swell of broadly-based grassroots action here in New Jersey.

The goal is to increase AAUW's visibility in your community and AAUW's influence on public policy issues at every level of government. Make sure our legislators realize that AAUW members know about the issues, care about the issues, and are holding

them accountable for their votes, their words, and their actions!

To help you get started, here's a list of some of the Public Policy (PP) actions you might think about taking in your branch. Pick the ones that work for your members, or come up with others! There will be prizes (especially for over-achievers) and recognition given at our state meeting in April 2014.

13 in '13 Actions

- Go to AAUWNJ.org- review the CQ State Track report.
- Write newsletter articles
- Write Letters to the Editor
- Write local media Op-eds
- Make social media posts: Facebook- Twitter- Other?
- Organize a Branch program
- Hold voter registration drives
- Host an Issue forum
- Host a Candidate Forum
- Attend a school board budget meeting
- Attend town, village, and city board meetings
- Continue coalition building efforts
- Videotape an issue forum for YouTube
- Organize campus-based events
- Attend a District PP workshop
- Attend a State PP workshop
- Attend a National PP event
- Dial into a PP teleconference
- Promote Action Network requests
- Set up a Branch Action Network
- Set up a PP Interest group
- Host a Movie Night on a PP topic
- Read a book for your Book Group
- Encourage a woman to run for office
- Visit a legislator's home office
- Take part in other campaigns from groups with similar PP Stands
- Co-host an event with another group

WE JOINED AAUW'S NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE CALL ON PAY DISCRIMINATION

On Wednesday May 15th attending Board Members at Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg added a teleconference call to the meeting agenda.

We joined AAUW's National Teleconference call on Pay Discrimination. The states that participated in this call were: New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, Michigan, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

It was a very productive sharing session. Each state had its own unique situation. In the end we all had one mission—how do we get our state legislatures to act and listen. This was a very informative call and it got us to understand the hurdles and challenges we face state by state on pay discrimination. This conference gave us some pointers in preparing for our NJ Women's Lobby Day in June where we would be lobbying for gender pay equity bills with our state legislatures.



AAUW - NJ WE ARE THE COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEW JERSEY



The war against Human Trafficking is AAUW of New Jersey's key initiatives. We are strongly committed to this issue. AAUW-NJ current and past presidents and executive board members along with branch members have passionately taken up this cause. We were the sponsors of one of the earliest knowledge exchange conventions to be held on the topic of Human Trafficking in New Jersey. This exchange included private and government agencies both state and national to address awareness to the

problem of human trafficking in the Garden State. We are serious members of The New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Our coalition partners are diverse groups comprised of faith-based organizations, non-profits, government agencies, law enforcement, and direct service providers based in NJ. AAUW-NJ as a coalition group partner becomes a united force in the mission of ending human trafficking in our state, country and globally through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors. Through these partnerships, we can form a hub with state and community efforts to increase coordination and visibility to end human trafficking in New Jersey.

[Click here to visit our coalition site](#)

Our former AAUW-NJ President Ginny Lyttle is a key Coalition Liaison for

AAUW-NJ. Ginny attended a training session with coalition partner Community Relations Committee of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ (CRC) for a coalition training session at their center in East Hanover, NJ. Future training sessions at this location are scheduled for August and September. We will be posting enrollment - sign-up info to our AAUW-NJ members who wish to sign-up.

We will be broadcasting all our Coalition event and activities to the greater AAUW-NJ community. We welcome the participation of these events through the promotion and coordination of our branch leaders who help foster our AAUW mission at the local level. However, we also welcome individual members, memberships at large, friends and associates who have a commitment to social activism to join us in our coalition rallies and to pass the word around on our activities to their community.

KELLY - STRONGER THAN SANDY AAUW - NJ BARNEGAT LIGHT AREA BRANCH GIVES AN EDUCATION AWARD TO A VERY SPECIAL EDUCATOR

Every year, the AAUW-NJ (American Association of University Women), Barnegat Light Area Branch, awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local resident who is continuing or returning to college. But after Sandy's devastation and aftermath, they wanted to select the perfect candidate for their scholarship. They thought about selecting someone who was personally set back by the storm and could use a little helping hand. They also wanted to select someone who has unselfishly given themselves to the community. This was quite a task for the five person Scholarship Committee of **Jeri Riffle, Chairperson, Janice Gibbs, Suzanne Gilbert, Linda Hoffman, and Rona Stein.** Their search was over when they found all the prerequisites they were

looking for in **Kelly Turner.**

Miss Turner is the first grade teacher in the Long Beach Island School District. She has a strong passion to teach struggling readers to be become life-long learners and readers. She had aspirations to attend Rowan University to attain her Master of Arts in Reading Education. However, fate had placed some road blocks to this goal. Unfortunately, Kelly's home is in West Creek, one of the hardest hit areas to be destroyed by Sandy. She became one of the many displaced people of the shore area trying to rebuild what was left of their homes and get back into an average American life of proud home ownership. All of her focus and household funds have now been directed to rebuilding their home. It was time for someone to give an outreach to Kelly Tuner who found time in her busy life for volunteer work at maintaining a school garden, Reading



Across America productions, Community outreach programs, and participating with the Shirley Mae Breast Cancer Foundation.

It was an honor for past branch President **Jane Baus-Niemeyer** (photo left) and Chairperson **Jeri Riffle** (photo right) to present this award to Kelly Turner (shown center).

NOTES FROM CAROL COHEN'S DC TRIP ON AAUW HISTORY

On Monday, **March 3, 1913**, lawyer Inez Milholl and Boissevain, clad in a white cape and riding a white horse, led the great women's suffrage parade down Pennsylvania Avenue in the nation's capital along with nine bands, four mounted brigades, three heralds, more than 20 floats and more than 5,000 marchers.

AAUW Headquarters helped celebrate this centennial anniversary of the Woman Suffrage Parade and invited all its members to join them with panel discussions and activities throughout the day.

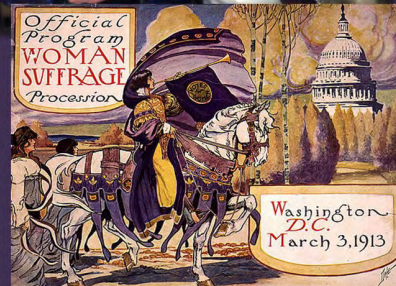
AAUW-NJ Program VP Carol Cohen and **Susan Buccellato -Freehold Branch** accepted the invite. Carol had a wonderful day learning not only Women's Suffrage history but AAUW's own history. She was shown the traveling chest that was their portable headquarters location wherever it rested. But the most impressive history she found was the living history of **Martha Ann Miller** the oldest AAUW member of 102 years.

Martha joined the AAUW in 1944 in Arlington Virginia. At 101 years of age Martha Ann Miller wrote her book: **The First Century: And Not Ready for the Rocking Chair Yet** tells her life story of public school activism. She was a shy Hoosier farm girl and an excellent baker at a young age. She parlayed her talent into a free four-year scholarship to college. She credits the Depression Era as the catalyst to her education and the fulcrum that lifted her up in later life. She worked tirelessly for better education for children in her growing community of Arlington, Virginia. Today those schools are among the best in the nation. As a

teacher herself, she defied the "Massive Resistance" in the Commonwealth of Virginia to Supreme Court-decreed public school integration by welcoming two black students to her junior-high classroom when other teachers had refused, and the principal had resisted.

ISBN 0988293730, 9780988293731 Carol Cohen -R -Photo

March 2, 2013.
AAUW Headquarters
Celebrates
The 100th
Anniversary
of the
Woman Suffrage
Parade



NCCWSL & SYLVIA CAMPBELL'S MEMORY

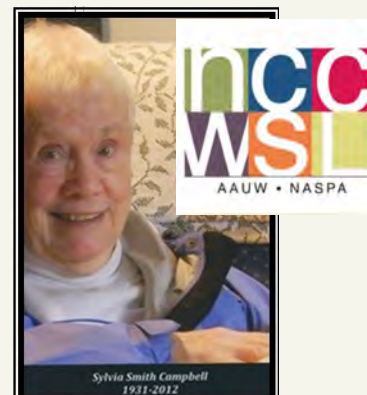
This is the second year AAUW-NJ has selected a college student to send to NCCWSL from the **Sylvia Campbell memorial NCCWSL Scholarship**. The recipient this year is **Amy Falk** a resident from Montville. She is a new graduate with a Master's in Education from Montclair University. Amy found this leadership convention a valuable experience. Here are her own words:

The convention was an amazing experience for me. Not knowing anyone there at first was very intimidating but all the women were so kind and helpful once I arrived. All the programs and speeches I attended were moving and inspiring. I really didn't want to leave

when it was over. I walked away with new insight in how women play a role in our country and how important it is to fight for our rights, be advocates for one another, educate ourselves, and mainly- to be yourself no matter what. I am truly blessed to have been awarded this scholarship. I will love to come in during the month of September to meet the AAUW membership. I can share some photos and memories of the experience.

The AAUW organized National Conference for College Women Student Leaders -NCCWSL is a two-and-a-half day conference that focuses on contemporary leadership issues and is designed to help students become good leaders. Besides our AAUW-NJ state funds, many AAUW-NJ Branches participate in the program because, NCCWSL conference scholarship are

the best value for under \$500 and it is given to existing college students. This reassures the branch benefactor that their student recipient is academically gifted and is steadfast on her path to graduation.



AAUW - NJ ATLANTIC COUNTY BRANCH CREATES A STAR FOR DIVERSITY

STAR founder **Gail Zona** tells the story of how SISTERS TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM started:

STAR began in 1996 as a result of an **Atlantic County Branch** AAUW fundraising event. The program focused on ethnically diverse women and how to improve relations between them and society as a whole.

The enthusiasm created that day by the workshops and speakers led many women to say they did not want to see it end. We were blessed with an African-American woman, Laura Hickman, a human relations counselor, who agreed to lead us through the process, gratis, if we were willing to "do the hard work" of finding ourselves as well as creating understanding and respect for all people – racially and otherwise.

We therefore began by stating there would be no barriers to any woman seeking to be a member – regardless of race, finance, vocation, or education. The only requirement is to have a real

interest in reaching personal and collective goals of STAR.

In this process, we went deep within ourselves to find our personal attitudes and relationships with people of different color, ethnicity, religions and circumstances. We then began to see our progress as we proceeded with exercises such as Blue Eyes/ Brown Eyes and The Fishbowl.

Books read and reviewed covering many topics including Slavery, Civil Rights, Women's Positions in various societies and Religions. STAR has representation of Muslim, Christian and Jewish roots.

Speakers have shared experiences with STAR on subjects of life, religions and the role of women in countries around the world as well as attending seders, Vietnamese New Year celebrations and ethnic musical evenings.

STAR has sponsored trips to New York to see both parts of "Slavery in New York City" exhibits at the New York Historical Museum, visit the African-American Museum in Harlem, Apollo Theater, Cotton Club,

exhibits at Seaport Museum and a walking tour of Lower Manhattan. We viewed the building in process at the site of the slave graves that were far from the white population of the 18th and 19th centuries. The Washington, DC trip focused on the Holocaust Museum and the American Indian Museum. Sisters and friends toured sites of the Underground Railroad in Southern New Jersey and have supported and attended many civic, religious and ethnic events for the purpose of personal growth and understanding.

We have diverse representation in STAR and enjoy the feeling of openness that we share as Caucasian, African-American, Latino, Filipino and Vietnamese women.

It is our desire to see more women form similar associations to present to our communities and our country **the reality of real understanding, respect and civility for all people.**

**S.T.A.R. Author Turiya S.A. Raheem,
Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City:
Wash's and the Northside**



Raheem

[Click here to Read the Interview with
the author in Atlantic City Weekly](#)

KUDOS TO THE GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH - THEY LEARNED THE ART OF ATTENDING

Many of our branches have done remarkable programs and events. But, they would not be successful if no one attended them. So, let's do something a little unc customary in the Garden Statement. We would like to hand out a few kudos to our faithful AAUW branches that faithfully show support for other branch exhibits, lectures or our state events. It is these branch-

es who truly get the mission of AAUW - **We are a Unity of Branches with a Coalition of Friends.** In reviewing our records we found that the Greater Wayne Area Branch has attended the most inter-branch events. Thank You Greater Wayne Area members for supporting us. We offer our kudos to their President Judy Mazur-Shivy who had encouraged the branch to step out and show us **"The Art of AAUW Attendance"**.

Let us not forget branches that have hosted some great open cultural lectures for all to attend. Here is the Constant Contact broadcast **invites from January to April 2013: Somerset Hills Branch** - Authors Luncheon - Jan 4th, **Salem County Branch** History Tea - Feb 20, **Northern District** - Hermitage Museum - April 14th and **Mount Lakes Branch** - Lives of 3rd World Women - April 18th.

Mountain Lakes Branch Lecture Speakers Left Nuzhat Khokhar and Surayya Jabeen chat with Greater Wayne Region President Judy Mazur -Shivy and Bea Kettlewood right side of photo.



TEACHING OURSELVES TO TEACH OTHERS AAUW - NJ OFFERS FACILITATOR TRAINING

AAUW-NJ Members help expand their past professional human development skills into a valuable AAUW role with our college and university partners. In March we offered training for **AAUW \$tart \$mart facilitators**. It was run by Annie Houle, National Director of Campus and Community Initiatives, The WAGE Project. The facilitator training was held March 1st at the Douglass Campus Center in New Brunswick, NJ.

AAUW-NJ Exec. VP Barbara Williamson help coordinate registration for the course. The training Cost was \$100.00,- However,

AAUW member, were reimbursed \$50.00 of the \$100.00 cost. AAUW-NJ President Sally Goodson wanted to have pricing discounts to attract all AAUW-NJ members to become facilitator ambassadors of AAUW designed programs. We even offered Facilitator brush-up's free for those that already been trained as **\$tart \$mart facilitator**, and wanted to learn the updated version. Our latest new AAUW-NJ facilitators were **Linda Hodgins, Florence Schell, Susan Buccellato and Jane-Baus-Niemeyer**.

Seen facilitator **AAUW-NJ** past President **Virginia Lyttle** on campus for

the graduating to a pay gap lecture session.



STAYED TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS COMING
SOON!

A large, multi-story hotel building, Resorts AC, is illuminated at night. The building has a prominent sign on top that says "Resorts AC". The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The foreground is dark, possibly water or a beach.

Save the Date
Come Join us at Resorts AC

Sunday Oct 20th – Monday Oct 21st
AAUW-NJ 1st
Retreat Conference
Soon on its way
The Winning Reservation Offer
that will have you packing

The AAUW logo is a white square with a blue outline of the state of New Jersey. Inside the outline, there are two blue stars and a blue arrow pointing from the top left to the bottom right. Below the outline, the text "AAUW" is written in green, and below that, in smaller green letters, "ENGINEERING WOMEN SINCE 1915".

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KUDOS TO OUR RETREAT PLANNING TEAM

It takes special planning from great people working behind the scenes to make this retreat a memorable one. Here are our Pre Retreat Thank You announcements: **Karen Brown—AAUW-NJ Finance**, without her talent in budgeting redistributions we would never know it was financially doable; Reservations & Scheduling Logistics from **AAUW-NJ Exec. VP Barbara Williamson and Carol Cohen AAUW-NJ Program VP**; **Michele Guttenber—Communications & Marketing VP** who has connected AAUW-NJ with our great Atlantic County Branch to provide their special local contributions to this retreat and for adding pizzazz to our retreat an-

nouncements. We wish to thank our retreat area **AAUW-NJ Atlantic County Branch President Gail Vreeland** who will help host our event and educate us on their wonderful diversity program their chair member **Gail Zona** helped start called STAR—Sisters Together Against Racism. We wish to recognize our facilitators **AAUW Director at Large—Sally Goodson** and **AAUW Liaison—Eileen S. Hartmann** in bringing us together as one to take action on our common goals of advancing the AAUW mission.



Greetings to the outstanding members and leaders of AAUW New Jersey! As your new national board member liaison I look forward to meeting with you to exchange AAUW ideas for action. It was my pleasure to hear about your upcoming plans for the programmatic year 2013-14 during conversation with Sally Goodson.

I stand ready to connect with you on AAUW issues, while representing members throughout the country. Our common goals of advancing the AAUW mission should provide a solid background of mutual support. Contact me any time at eshartmann5@gmail.com or 585.704.4876. Thank you for the projects and programs you arrange and for your membership in this awesome organization.

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