

## **AAUW-NJ FALL FOCUS MEETING**

*October 17 at Forsgate Country Club*

Patricia Baroska, Doreen Cier, Alice Tarlach and Barbara Tuzio attended the informative and fast-paced meeting. State president Carol Cohen welcomed everyone and stated that presenters were to adhere to a strict time limit in order to move the day along.



Ginny Lyttle, Human Trafficking chair, introduced Matt Newman, a college student who has established "Project Stay Gold", a high school and college movement to abolish modern day slavery and bring awareness to schools. He spoke of the work that the movement does. (See picture on right.)

AAUW's Program Manager for Campus Leadership, Jessica Kelly, talked about Elect Her, \$start \$mart, National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Student Advisory Council, and Campus Action Grants. She also gave suggestions for starting a College/University (C/U) partnership and stated that there are 800 C/U members nationwide, with 47 in NJ. Work Smart, a new program, will help women to negotiate for raises and promotions.

Toni Gingerelli, a 2014 NCCWSL participant and now the youth representative to the UN told of the work of the Douglass chapter of the United Nations Population Fund. The Douglass women have focused on the Maternal Health and Safe Births issue.

Other morning speakers included Ruth Tyroler, president of the Hoboken Board of Education, who spoke about an upcoming program to empower and inspire young women, and Sydney Faire, an 8th grade girl who enthusiastically related her experiences attending Tech Trek last summer.

After a delicious lunch (pictured on right with Sally Goodson), "Speed Networking" took place. Attendees formed into six groups and the mission representatives spent ten minutes with each group explaining the mission, answering questions, getting suggestions, and asking for volunteers. The mission topics and the reps were:



Human Trafficking---Ginny Lyttle  
Title IX---Sally Goodson  
Tech Trek---Michelle Douglas (program will be July 17-23, 2016 at Stockton U)  
\$start \$mart---Jane Baus-Niemeyer and Barbara Williamson  
Teen Tech--- Karen Brown ( AAUW's oldest STEM program)  
Tween Tech---Claudine Keenan and Mariel Kolher (a new program for middle school girls)

Three WILD women from Georgian Court U. were in attendance with their dean.  
(Women in Leadership Development)

AAUW-NJ is really dedicated to AAUW's mission of education for women and girls!!

*Barbara Tuzio*