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AAUW NMCB Celebrates Women of Achievement At Annual Scholarship Luncheon

The Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) is proud to announce the two Monmouth County Women of Achievement who will be honored at the group's **Annual Scholarship Luncheon** on **April 17**, at **Beacon Hill Country Club**.

The honorees are Stephanie Cartier, a co-founder of No Limits Cafe in Middletown, and a continuing force in its success in opening doors for adults with intellectual disabilities, and Patty Whyte, a retired Nurse Midwife who since 2015 has played a significant role in the *Let's Talk About Race* program at the Red Bank Public Library.

The luncheon will also feature Elaine O'Brien, PhD, MAPP, a Monmouth County resident and leading figure in the art and science of positive psychology and author of *The Power of Play: Optimize Your Joy Potential*.

Members of the community are invited to attend and can register at www.aauw-nj-nmcb.org or call 732-275-2237 for more information.

AAUW was founded in 1881 to open the doors to higher education for young women. Today its mission has expanded to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. With funds raised at the Scholarship Luncheon and a weekly Used Book Sale, the Northern Monmouth County Branch locally supports scholarships at Brookdale Community College and Monmouth

University as well as educational programs and academic awards for middle school and high school students. The group also works collaboratively with other organizations to sponsor *Running & Winning*, an LWV program for high school junior women, and to educate about the fight for the vote with the locally produced video, *Suffragists Speak*.

Presidents' Message

Dear Members and Friends,

The first day of spring is behind us and the weather is warming. Bulbs are growing and gardeners have started their seeds indoors in anticipation of planting time.

As AAUW members, we all help to plant seeds of change for the generations here and generations to come. Your dues and your help in fundraising and community efforts improve the lives of women and girls in our community and nation.

Running and Winning (back in person again this year!) helps teen girls think about pursuing a political career and foster a knowledge of the political process. They hear from local female politicians and work together with students from other districts to complete a presentation on a relevant topic to a hypothetical school board. It is also an opportunity for this branch to collaborate with other organizations and model the value of collaboration for the student participants.

Volunteering at the Used Book Sale helps to plant seeds of community togetherness and to grow our scholarship fund which in turn helps

the education goals of women and girls in our local area.

The upcoming Scholarship Luncheon, which takes a team of volunteers to run, brings in new members, honors local women for their achievements in community growth, and contributes to the scholarship fund. We hope to see you there on April 17.

Remember this oft-quoted proverb – *A society grows great when it plants trees in whose shade they know they will never sit.*



Happy Spring and Happy Planting!
Marian & Heather

Marian Wattenbarger

Heather Balczarek

PROGRAM REPORT

Report from Interbranch hosted by Northern Ocean Branch. Attending from NMBC: Heather Balczarek, Susan Gelber, Marian Wattenbarger, Barbara Withers.

Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Excellent presentation by speaker Stacy Kallman, from the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Takeaways: Human trafficking can affect anyone, regardless of gender, race, age, finances, citizenship, or language. Through education and awareness, each of us may become alert to the signs and may play an important role in ending it.

For more information: Tel. (201) 903-2111
info@safernj.org

Save the Dates

April 2024 Scholarship Luncheon, April 17,
Beacon Hill Country Club

Women's conference at
Brookdale, April 19

May 2024 Annual Business meeting and
program, May 6

June 2024 End of season social event
Date and place TBD

If you have an idea for a program or would like to help with program planning, please contact me.

Barbara Withers
Program Coordinator

AAUW BYLAWS AMENDMENT

This spring AAUW members will be asked to vote on an amendment to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's important mission of advancing equity for women and girls. A college degree would no longer be required for membership. The AAUW NJ Executive Board has voted to support the measure and is encouraging all New Jersey members to do so as well.

Bylaws voting opens April 3 and closes May 15, after which the results will be announced. You can review the bylaws changes [here](#).

See page 7 for Open Membership Q&A on this measure.



Book Sale Book Sale Book Sale

AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch
Book Sale

Old First Church
69 Kings Highway, Middletown
Lower Level, outside stairs
732-275-2237
September to June

Open: Saturdays: 10am - 2pm, Thursdays:
10am - 12noon

Donate: Saturdays: 10am - 1:30pm,
Thursdays: 10am - 11:30am Thursdays,

Closed Holiday Weekends

Wide selection of items for sale:

New releases, hardcovers, paperbacks,
children's books, fiction, non-fiction, histories,
biographies, CDs, DVDs

Accepted: Books in good condition - children's
books through young adult, fiction, history,
biographies, mysteries, sci-fi, and fantasy.
Also accepted: CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and
videos.

Not accepted: VHS tapes, cassette tapes,
textbooks, encyclopedias, Readers Digest
Condensed books, financial, business,
cookbooks, gardening books, self-help books,
or computer how-to manuals. No books that
have been written in or highlighted or any items
in poor physical condition including moldy,
water damaged, with broken spines, chewed,
etc.

Volunteers Needed!

We need help at the book sale on Saturday
mornings - just a few hours of your time!
Staffed by volunteers, and all proceeds go
toward scholarships for local women at
Brookdale Community College and Monmouth

University, as well as book awards for the
senior girl with the highest math score in 22
public high schools in northern Monmouth
County.

The Northern Monmouth County Branch of
AAUW has been making a difference in the
community for more than 90 years and
welcomes new members to join them in
advancing equity for women and girls.
Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate
holding an associate or equivalent,
baccalaureate, or higher degree from a
regionally accredited college or university.

To learn more about the AAUW and the book
donation policy, visit aauw-nj-nmcb.org or call
732-275-2237.



Membership Matters

Membership Report

Membership is Everyone's Responsibility

Shape the Future

We are featuring AAUW "Shape the Future" at
the Scholarship Luncheon on April 17th. Bring
a friend and have her join AAUW for ½ price
National dues. This can **only** be done at the
luncheon. Pay \$62.00 for National, State and
Branch membership instead of \$98.00. **Cash
and check only.** It's a wonderful opportunity
to encourage someone new to join our branch.
This is available only to **new members** or to
those whose membership has lapsed more
than 2 years.

New Member:

Shelden Pisani

Change of email from yearbook:

Lois Buchanan

Change of address:
Carol Walther

Membership Co-directors:
Mary Lea Burden

Judy Kramer

In Memoriam:

Diana Doll Logan Boyd died on Friday, March 15th, 2024, at the age of 86 at her home in Towson, Maryland. Diana was a long-time member of our branch and a member of the Insights and Art History Study Groups. She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 Years, Gary Delane Boyd, her son Eric Logan Boyd and his wife Letitia Boyd, her daughter Cynthia Melinda Boyd and her husband Gregory Lucas and five beloved grandchildren.



Diana graduated from Wheaton College, Massachusetts, in 1960. Her career as a computer programmer in research at Bell Telephone Laboratories went from punched cards to PCs. She was a pioneer who contributed to both the Multics and Unix operating systems, work that formed the basis of the modern Internet.

A resident of Rumson, New Jersey for 50 years, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson till her death. As a member of the Historic Committee, she enjoyed helping the church—built in 1886 by the famous architect Thomas Hastings—obtain National Landmark Status.

Study, Action, Interest Groups

Study Group News

Art History

Our group met on **Thursday, March 21** at the Rechnitz DiMattio Gallery on the campus of Monmouth University. The featured exhibit was “The Cardboard Show: Beyond the Fold.” The show is “a collection of large-scale sculptures and forms in three distinct voices, united by medium, friendship, and a commitment to a playful approach to creating art for its own sake.” The three artists, Pork Chop, Bradley Hoffer, and Jason Stumpt, talked about their collaboration and their discovery of the properties of cardboard that led to the creation of sculptures.





you know what's in the works for 2024. We always welcome new members.

Contact the Chairs:
Joan Fruchter

Barbara Iwanski

Barbara Withers

French Conversation

Our group enables women with a good knowledge of French to maintain their fluency through language structure reviews and conversations with other members on different topics.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact the chair for further information.

Chair: Jeannine Maloney



Photos: Barbara Withers

Insights into Our Times

On Tuesday, April 9, via Zoom at 7:30 p.m., we will discuss *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams.

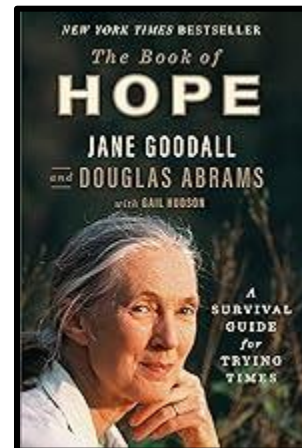
Thursday, April 25. 5:00 pm

Join us at the opening reception of "Conspiracy of Color" at the

Gallery Jupiter
51 Church Street
Little Silver, NJ

May 2024 [tentative TBD]

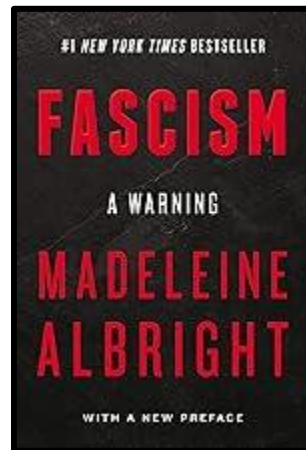
T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center
94 Drs. James Parker Blvd.
Red Bank, NJ 07701



Anyone interested in joining our study group should contact one of the chairs. We will let

Upcoming:

Our May 14 selection is *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeline Albright.



Our meeting date is always the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Contact chair, Kathy Olsen for more information.

New members are welcome.

Russian Short Stories

The Russian Literature Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., via Zoom. This year we will be reading the short stories of Leo Tolstoy, one of the greatest writers of all time. Please contact me if you are interested.

Contact Study Group Chair: Stephanie Rose

PUBLIC POLICY

**IT'S MY
✓VOTE!**

AAUW ACTION FUND

2024 Voter Engagement Campaign

The outcome of the 2024 election could have a major impact on diversity and equity in education, women's economic security, and access to reproductive and civil rights for all women. The good news is that when women vote, we change the conversation.

AAUW is dedicated to making sure that every woman is registered and has the information needed to cast a vote. The new voter education campaign – *It's My Vote!* – includes resources and training to support engagement in voter registration, voter education, and get out the vote (GOTV) efforts.

"It's My Vote: AAUW Priorities in the 2024 Election" – Learn about policy issues at stake in the election, including pay equity, equity in education, reproductive rights, and the ERA. Webinar will take place on April 17 at 7 p.m. (Yes, our luncheon will be over by then!) [Join the call here.](#)

Title IX

From AAUW Action Network: "We are expecting updated Title IX rules from the Biden Administration within the next few weeks. We expect the new rules to reestablish strong protections for students experiencing sexual harassment, strengthen supports for pregnant and parenting students, and clarify that all students, including LGBTQ+ students, have the right to a safe and inclusive learning environment." Because congressional challenges to the rules are expected, it will be important that Congress members hear about strong support for "a robust Title IX rule that supports and protects ALL students."

Take Action

Please let me know about your interest in helping out with these issues!

Nancy Butler, Public Policy Director

Writers Corner

Looking Out My Window

by Judy Kramer

The deer sit in my yard -- it makes me cry...
I stare at them and also wonder why
it comforts me to see them there so still.

I look and look -- I cannot get my fill.
A certain peaceful, calm, and watchful stare
they seem to have. And me? I love them there.

As Judy writes: *The truth is -- we have taken most of their habitat so in my yard they are welcome to eat whatever they find tasty (which in the past has included all my hostas). They belong here on this land every bit, or more, than I do. I believe they were part of the original settlement and I am glad they can still find a way to survive even as we continue to pave over their soft, woodland home. I am only sorry that my ancient apple tree is now a mere shadow of its formerly productive self -- no longer producing fruit for me (applesauce) and them (a tasty bite) in season.*

Submitted with a hope that we protect all the plants and critters of our beautiful home however and wherever we can.

There are writers among our members, and we would love for you to share some of your work in upcoming issues of NetWorks. Please submit your work to Karen Topham.

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### From AAUW National: Open Membership Q&A Session

Learn about the upcoming member vote on candidates for the national AAUW Board of Directors and **on a bylaws amendment to [open membership](#) to all who believe in AAUW's mission of equity for all.**

Please [join us](#) on Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. ET for a Q&A session on all things open membership. [Register now.](#)

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Tuesday 28 May for June 2024

Send address changes, names of prospective members, membership applications and checks, and questions about non-receipt of the newsletter to:  
Judy Kramer and Mary Lea Burden, Membership, Co-directors  
P.O. Box 398, Red Bank, NJ 07701 [aauw.nmcb@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.nmcb@gmail.com)

Our electronic mailing list enables us to inform you about opportunities for AAUW members that arise too late for publication in *NetWorks*. You can be sure that we carefully evaluate each notice before we send it out.

Please note that the use of the branch email list is for branch activities only. Members wishing to share other information with branch members are invited to submit a notice to the "Networking" column in *NetWorks*.

Something to share? Please send the information to Karen Topham for the next *NetWorks*.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society presents

## Vintage Sewing Machines

Grand Opening April 4 from 5-7pm



The oldest sewing machine is from 1876 Domestic Fiddle base VS Treadle machine.

The exhibit highlights the artistry and mechanisms of sewing machines.



Other machines include an 1887 Singer Sphinx, and a 1923 Singer La Vencadora.

An assortment of patterns, spools, buttons, needles and threads will be on display.



Open Sundays & Tuesdays 11A-2P  
Or by appointment

419 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702  
732-530-7974 or 732-747-3635



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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class. Membership is open to any graduate holding an associate degree or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. AAUW-NMCB is designated as a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations to the branch, as well as to the national organization, are fully tax-deductible. AAUW is a highly rated charity.

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## AAUW Used Book Sale



The store is located at:  
Old First Church  
69 Kings Highway  
Middletown

**Open:** Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
through June.  
Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon

**Donations:** Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.;  
Thursdays 10 a.m. to Noon

**Closed for Holiday week on 3/28 and 3/30**

Have you been missing  
AAUW's *Outlook* magazine that used to  
arrive in the mail?

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). At the bottom of  
the home page, sign up for the  
newsletter with your email address and  
zip code.

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