

**AAUW NMCB
Summer Branch Meeting
Monday, June 3
3:00 pm to 5 pm**

Join us for a casual gathering with Branch friends. Enjoy refreshments while taking in the beauty of the Atrium Garden and the Navesink River.

Hosted by Barbara Withers, Program Coordinator.

**The Atrium at Navesink Harbor
40 Riverside Ave.
Red Bank, N J 07701
Valet Parking**

Presidents' Message

Dear Members,

With the final newsletter of each AAUW year, the presidents are charged with providing an annual report for our members. What you will find below is a summary of the activities and mission-related projects that you and other members have supported with your participation and financial support this past year. It takes many members working together to do this work and we are grateful for what we were able to accomplish as a branch.

Note: The final treasurer's report is not filed until the close of the Fiscal Year, June 30 for this branch, and a copy will be shared with the membership later in the summer.

The following summary is drawn from reports prepared by the Directors of each area of responsibility. Those final reports are available to members if you would like to see them.

Contact either one of us to receive them; we have also added additional items of note.

Programs: **Barbara Withers** planned and hosted a variety of entertaining and informative programs. All were well attended.

Brief synopsis is below:

October 2

How NMCB Opens Doors to Higher Education

Brookdale Community College

Featured students for whom we had provided scholarship support and a student whom we had sponsored to attend NCCWSL in 2023. This program also featured a BCC financial officer who talked about the increasing economic challenges for students and how the college seeks to meet them.

November 6

All Hands on Deck: The ERA is Within Our Grasp

Shrewsbury Historical Association

A program on contemporary actions to codify equality for women by ensuring the ERA is finally ratified was presented by **Laura Bagwell** one of our newer members who has made ERA passage her mission.

December 4

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

Shrewsbury Historical Association

Lisa Bagwell is a local artist who for more than 20 years has scoured the shore looking for thrown-away items that can be used to create sculptures. She inspired and

encouraged attendees to create their own recycled art.

February 21

Madam C.J. Walker: A Legacy of Entrepreneurship & Empowerment via Zoom

Developed by AAUW-NJ this virtual program was attended by a number of members. Walker was an entrepreneur, and political and social activist, and the first female self-made millionaire. We also heard from contemporary women of color entrepreneurs who were inspired by Walker's legacy.

March 6

Coalition Against Human Trafficking

InterBranch hosted by Northern Ocean Branch

Excellent presentation by Stacy Kallman, from the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

May 6

Membership and Mission

Shrewsbury Historical Association

A presentation that informed members about the National AAUW vote to change membership requirements. (See post-vote letter from National in this *NetWorks*.) The program also included an update on the ERA Campaign, other public policy initiatives, and the local Running & Winning project.

June 3

Garden Party Get-together

The Atrium at Navesink Harbor

Public Policy: Nancy Butler, Public Policy Director, kept us up to date about AAUW Public Policy efforts and provided encouragement and opportunities for taking action including:

- At branch meetings, she provided updates that members could take
- In *NetWorks* she provided a column covering a range of topics focusing on:

The ERA, AAUW's support for paid leave for all; voting issues and engagement, Title IX, Paycheck equality and women's health, and tips on how to take action.

Nancy attended the live-streamed AAUW NJ Annual Meeting and Public Policy Committee meetings, webinars provided by National AAUW on issues and the 2024 Vote Campaign launch, and Florida AAUW public policy webinars by former NMCB branch board member **Mary Gatta**.

During the summer, Nancy will be working with a committee to plan an event for students in the WILL program (Women in Learning and Leadership) on voter information and registration for the November election using the resources in the 2024 Voter Engagement Campaign.

Study Group: Susan Gelber maintained an active and good relationship with study groups and their members. She asked them for baskets for the annual scholarship luncheon, which were very well received by attendees. Susan kept the study groups up to date on branch events.

Current groups are Art History, Insights, French Conversation, and Russian Literature. Though there are only these four groups, they have a continuing and active membership. If members are interested in a new study group, they can contact Susan for information on how to get started.

Membership: Membership co-directors **Mary Lea Burden** and **Judy Kramer** recruited several new members this year. They maintained connections to new members at meetings, through emails, and phone calls with the goal to keep new members engaged.

Three new members were signed up at the scholarship luncheon through Shape the Future and three memberships were gifted to **Patty Whyte** and **Stephanie Cartier**, our two

Women of Achievement, and the speaker **Elaine O'Brien**.

Mary Lea notes that unfortunately, National has done away with the Give a Grad a Gift program which was a wonderful way to introduce recent college graduates to AAUW.

Current membership stands at 116, this includes 14 Honorary Life, 2 Life, 2 Guests, 3 Dual and 4 C/U representatives. There are three new honorary life members this year who have been paid members for 50 years: Barbara Bassell, **Theo Mulgrum** and **Mary Lea Burden**. This brings our total to 14 Honorary Life Members presently in our branch.

Deaths: **Carol York** and **Annabelle Boehm**; Former Members: **Lucille Brothers**, **Diana Boyd**, **Florence Apy** and **Madeline Muise**.

Yearbook: **Mary Lea Burden**, with a yearbook committee, was able to again produce a printed yearbook which was mailed to each member in early December. An email version was also sent to members who have email. Member updates were also published in each issue of *NetWorks*. For those without email *NetWorks* is mailed via USPS to approximately 12 members monthly.

Communications:

NetWorks: Our amazing newsletter editor and communications director, **Karen Topham**, produced (including this June edition) eight beautiful and informative *NetWorks* issues. Each issue is packed with articles from members, information on upcoming events, new members, and beautifully edited photographs that Karen and other members took of meetings and events. Copies are posted online with the references to phone numbers and other personal information removed, and redacted public copies are also available at the used book sale.

Website: The website, run by **Heather Balczarek**, Co-president, provides information on upcoming events, book sale hours, and

public policy, and is a way for new and current members to join by paying online. The scholarship luncheon receives its own page and includes payment information as well.

Facebook: The Facebook page is the dynamic cousin to the website. It changes often with posts from **Karen Topham** and **Nancy Butler** on AAUW news as well as NMCB meetings and other AAUW events. They keep the Facebook page up-to-date and timely.

Development:

Annual Scholarship Luncheon:

As the location for last year's luncheon was so well received, the luncheon committee, led by **Kathy Olsen** (also our Member of the Year!) reserved the Beacon Hill Country Club again for April 17, 2024. With PayPal providing an easy way to pay online and paper invitations mailed to all members, there were 89 guests. (Beacon Hill required a minimum of 50 guests for the event). The luncheon takes a committee to pull off – a thank you to Kathy Olsen for chairing this important event for a second year and also a big thank you to committee members: **Alice MacPhee**, **Ruth Hodum**, **Annette Benanti**, **MaryLea Burden**, **Marie Gambuzza**, **Susan Gelber**, **Barbara Iwanski**, **Judy Kramer**, **Lauren Nicosia**, and **Janet Richter**. Alice MacPhee once again handled a seamless reservation process making arrival and seating easy and Ruth Hodum oversaw donations and prep of 30 amazing gift baskets. Many compliments of the baskets were overheard by us.

The honorees for Women of Achievement were **Stephanie Cartier**, founder of *No Limits Café* and **Patty Whyte**, nurse practitioner, midwife, and volunteer at The Parker Clinic and Red Bank Library.

The speaker this year was **Elaine O'Brien**, author of the book *the Power of Play*, that reminds us to take time for ourselves and add wonder to our lives.

Used Book Sale: The Used Book Sale is chaired by **Kathy Olsen**, **Irene Gibson**, and

Ruth Hodum. Together they manage and run this valuable but challenging resource. The book sale serves as funding for branch scholarships and is also a way to publicize NMCB and our events. It is a link to the community and has recruited a few new members.

The book sale opened the Saturday after Labor Day and will continue until the last Saturday in June. Hours were changed this year to a later opening and closing time, open at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to be open when there were more customers. In addition, they now welcome shoppers on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon while they are accepting donations, sorting, and shelving books. This seems to be working better for both volunteers and customers. At **Maureen Paoni's** suggestion, a sign outside brings in curious shoppers.

Irene Gibson has taken over the task of recruiting and scheduling Saturday volunteers. They do need more volunteers – please consider spending some of your time at the book sale so this valuable resource is able to continue. Last fall, two students from Brookdale Community College volunteered. On Thursdays, there is a faithful group: **Kathy Olsen, Irene Gibson, Ruth Hodum, Barbara Withers, Sonia Dorn, Sherri Rao,** and **Ellen Jackson Patterson.** They also assist with the task of summer sorting and purging.

Education/Outreach:

Scholarships: At the recommendation of **Connie Goddard,** Education Outreach Director, Marian, Heather, and she met with the Vice President of Advancement at Brookdale, Nancy Kaari, and her confidential assistant, Margaret Agha, to clarify how our Brookdale scholarship recipients are selected. They were very supportive of our goal to see that the most deserving students, who meet our criteria, receive these scholarships. Over the summer we will be reviewing and updating our scholarship requirements where needed.

High School Math Book Awards: Connie Goddard and Judy Kramer worked on organizing the Book Awards with personalized bookplates and certificates provided by **Ruth Hodum.** A committee of members met at Judy's house to assemble and deliver the 20 book awards. Thanks to **Laura Bagwell, Heather Balczarek, Mary Lea Burden,** and **Peggy James** for helping.

The book selected this year was *Hope* by Jane Goodall. The books were again purchased from River Road Books, an independent woman-owned bookstore in Fair Haven.

NCCWSL: The NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) was an in-person event again for 2024 and we are pleased to report that NMCB will be sending a student from Brookdale Community College to attend this three-day event at the University of Maryland. We hope they can join us for a meeting next year to share their experiences at this event that has been very powerful for students and that NMCB has supported in the past.

Two special projects:

Preserving BCC History - The board was asked if we could provide at least a portion of the funds required to restore and preserve the original taped interview sessions made when our members researched and wrote *A Triangle of Land*, the original history of Brookdale Community College, for its tenth anniversary celebration (subsequently updated for its 25th anniversary by the college). The tapes were given to BCC by the branch after the original project was completed and some were deteriorating and no longer usable. To preserve the remainder, the college hired a preservation expert and asked the branch to help fund this work. The board agreed and the project has been completed and the tapes should be available for years to come for future historians.

Running & Winning Workshop resumed for the second-year post-Covid and the 15th presentation year since its inception in 2007.

Our biggest collaborative project with other organizations, Running & Winning is sponsored by this branch of AAUW, the Monmouth County LWV, the Junior League of Monmouth Co., the Red Bank Chapter of Hadassah, and now for the second year, the Central Jersey Club. Running & Winning 2024 included students from 12 area public high schools and introduced them to women who currently hold elective office and included a presentation to a hypothetical school board that the students prepared in small working groups. This is a non-partisan event designed to encourage young women to vote and to consider running for public office someday. **Marian Wattenbarger** Co-chaired it and **Judy Kramer** and **Ruth Hodum** served on the Steering Committee.

One final thought, while members and mission are at the heart of every organization, without some individuals who are willing to assume leadership positions, organizations cannot survive for long. Please consider becoming a board member or running a meeting or new study group. If you have an idea for a program or a new study group, please let us know. We'd be delighted to hear from you.

We wish to thank all board members and volunteers who make this branch a success. A special thank you to recording secretary, **Sonia Dorn**, who attends every meeting and submits extensive minutes every month; Treasurer **Katharine McCleary**, whose report will be submitted at the end of the fiscal year and who has been instrumental in financial recommendations and is knowledgeable about NMCB financial matters; and **Marie Gambuzza** member at large, who liaises with members and brings concerns to the board. **Betsy Wattley**, after 14 years, will no longer be our corresponding secretary. Betsy is the one who made sure that all those yearbooks we've found so helpful were mailed to all of us, and she is the one from whom you may have received a get-well, congratulations, or sympathy card on behalf of the branch through the years. We will miss her and thank her for all she has done to keep us connected.

Thank you to **Marion Giles** for conducting our annual audit for the year 2022/2023 this past September. Marion has provided this service for the branch for several years, and we appreciate her expertise and support. We are also glad that Brookdale Community College and Monmouth University are College/University partners of AAUW and appreciate the many ways through the years they have supported our programming and helped us support their students.

Have a wonderful summer – enjoy the sunshine! We'll see you in the fall!

"What will you do with your one wild and precious life?" - The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Heather and Marian

Marian Wattenbarger

Heather Balczarek

Re-cap: Branch Meeting May 6

ERA Update presented by Branch member, Laura Bagwell.

This is crunch time! We have been given this year to get the ERA into the Constitution. We need to pull out all the stops for this to take place.

- The ERA has been **ratified**, and simply needs to be **published** as the 28th Amendment
- The ERA is a necessary component of the US Constitution to ensure sex discrimination is prohibited in all future cases going before the Supreme Court
- 38 States have ratified the ERA
- 50 years since the ERA was passed by Congress

- 3 out of 4 of all adults favor adding the ERA to the Constitution

One of many action steps you can take:

Sign the petition: Sign4ERA.org and ask three of your friends to sign.

Click on the link to read the history of the ERA and its current status.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-era/>

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Extremists have shown what frightens them most: a girl with a book.
 -- Malala Yousafzai

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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

Open: Saturdays: 10am - 2pm, Thursdays:
 10am - 12noon
 Donate: Saturdays: 10am - 1:30pm
 Thursdays: 10am - 11:30am Thursdays

JUNE 29 IS OUR FINAL BOOK SALE DATE UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

SPECIALS! SPECIALS! SPECIALS!

MYSTERIES – HALF PRICE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

HALF PRICE SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 15

BAG SALE – JUNE 29 - \$5 PER BAG

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.

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.

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Membership Matters

Membership Report

Membership is Everyone's Responsibility

Dues:

Dues notices for fiscal year 2024-2025 were mailed first class in May to all members. The annual National dues of \$72.00 is now **fully tax deductible** due to a change by the AAUW National Board of Directors. All dues remain the same amount as in 2023.

Please fill out the volunteer interest form on the reverse side of the dues page. We need your input as to how you can get involved in our many programs.

If you are an Honorary Life member, you no longer need to pay any dues, but please fill out the interest form and send a donation to the branch if you are able.

New Honorary Life Members:

Congratulations to **Mary Lea Burden** and **Theo Mulgrum** who are new Honorary Life Members having paid dues for 50 years!!

In Memoriam:



Diana Boyd – September 13, 1938-March 15, 2024. Diana matriculated to Wheaton College, in Norton, Massachusetts, graduating in 1960. A math major, she was intrigued by the new opportunities offered up in computers, introduced to her by dear friends from Wheaton. 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 which now forms the

basis of the modern Internet. A resident of Rumson, New Jersey for 50 years, Diana made many lifelong friends there. Diana loved to read, watch birds on the Navesink River, and travel, especially to Scotland. Diana was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson till her death. Diana will be remembered for her strong faith and dedication to the Church. 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.



Madeline Muise – February 10, 1943-May 5, 2024. Madeline's life was marked by a deep commitment to family and friends, compassion for others and community. Madeline was always keen for an adventure and was a lifelong learner. Madeline dedicated her lifelong work to helping individuals, couples and families find renewed meaning, purpose and joy in their lives. Madeline received a Master's degree in social work from Rutgers University and went on to have a long and fulfilling career as a Mediator and Marriage and Family Therapist. Madeline was in private practice at Mediation & Therapy Associates where she was known for her work with families experiencing divorce and was passionate about supporting and empowering families. Madeline never retired, found joy in her work and was happily talking to her clients to the very end.

Community was dear to Madeline; she was a member of AAUW for over fifty years, where she made some of her dearest friends. She joined our branch in 1972 and ran the Juvenile Justice Study Group for several years which led to branch members volunteering to help troubled teens. Madeline and her husband Dick

loved to sail and enjoyed their time engaged in activities at the Shrewsbury River Yacht Club.

Membership Co-directors:
Mary Lea Burden

Judy Kramer

Study, Action, Interest Groups

Study Group News

Art History

On Friday, June 21, 12:15 p.m., we will meet at the gallery, *Locals Art Space*, 408 Main Street, Asbury Park, to see member artist Renee Michelle Moreau's exhibit, "The Clocks That Stop Time," kinetic clock sculptures expressing moments of wonder and kismet where we stop experiencing linear time and connect with the magic of life . . . and the Divine. Come see and experience!

In this intimate gallery space, visitors will be surrounded by 14 clocks, cosmic music, framed works, and have access to a guided meditation recorded by Renee for download.

"I am happy to be part of this minority woman-owned non-profit - a small space with a huge heart and vision for Asbury Park and beyond! Patricia Arroyo is the owner/director - she's been part of the AP landscape for over 30 years mentoring young artists."

Locals Art Space is across from the post office at Bangs Ave. Free parking anywhere surrounding the post office (big white building) in front on Bangs Ave, in back on Summerfield Ave. West, or anywhere on Main Street.

Then join us for lunch at a local Asbury Park restaurant and possibly visit several other nearby galleries after lunch.

Please let **Barbara Iwanski** know if you plan to attend.

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

Insights into Our Times

Our non-fiction book discussion group will meet on Tuesday, June 11, at 2 p.m. at the home of **Marian Wattenbarger** to choose titles for our fall meetings. Members will submit choices at least a week in advance so that others can have time to read reviews and make decisions. For more information, contact Kathy Olsen, Chair, or call and leave a message, if necessary. All 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 NEWS AND RESOURCES

Title IX: Advancing Gender Equity in Schools

“On April 19, the U.S. Department of Education issued strong and comprehensive protections against discrimination in school through their final Title IX rules. The new regulations clarify that student survivors of sexual harassment, pregnant and parenting students, and LGBTQ+ students have equal educational opportunities free from sex discrimination. The new rules take effect on August 1, 2024.” --

www.aauw.org

Advancing Pay Equity in Higher Education

“Joining forces with AAUW, the NSF ADVANCE Partnership Project ‘Let’s Talk Money’ takes aim at bringing gender equity to higher education compensation. Rooted in AAUW’s commitment to dismantling equity barriers for women and girls, ‘Let’s Talk Money’ aims to expand knowledge of best practices for faculty pay to the higher education community by:

- Building understanding of university pay-practices and outcomes.
- Incorporating an equity lens into pay-decisions.
- Expanding productive conversations about pay.
- Improving communication of pay decisions.”

-- www.aauw.org

Download resources and tools at <https://www.talkingsalary.org/>.

NCCWSL

AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for leadership training, inspiration, and networking at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, held at The University of Maryland, College Park, on May 30-June 1.

NMCB is supporting attendance by a Brookdale student.

Summer STEMEd Program for High School Girls and Caregivers

This free virtual program for high-school girls and their caregivers will take place from June 1 to July 20, and is aimed at encouraging students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

With a particular focus on girls of color, the sessions seek to pave the way for students’ success in college and beyond. Piloted in summer 2021, the program reached over 600 teen girls and 350 caregivers. [Click for more information or to register for the program.](#)

AAUW Fellowships and Grants

CEO Gloria Blackwell announced in April that “AAUW is awarding \$6.25 million to 260 exceptional fellows and grantees to achieve their academic and professional goals or to lead community-based projects that empower women and girls! We are so proud that AAUW is unique among nonprofits with the distinction as the oldest non-institutional funder of graduate-level women. And your support continues to be vital to increasing higher education access and opportunity.”

Application opens August 1 for American Fellowships; Career Development Grants; Community Action Grants; International Fellowships; International Project Grants; Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine, and Science; and Selected Professions Fellowships.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fello-wships-grants/current-opportunities/>

IT'S MY VOTE!

AAUW's voter engagement campaign – It's My Vote! – is providing training and resources for the upcoming election. The May 16 voter registration virtual training was provided by When We All Vote, which was started by Michelle Obama to “bring together individuals, institutions, brands, and organizations to register new voters across the country and advance civic education for the entire family and voters of every age... and to empower supporters and volunteers to take action through voting, advocating for their rights and holding their elected officials accountable.”

AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund are creating materials to engage and motivate voters, including fact sheets and voting rights information. Find an overview here: <https://www.aauwaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/AAUW-Its-My-Vote-2024.pdf>

NMCB will be working with **Roseanne Alvarez**, one of our college/university reps and coordinator of the WILL (Women in Learning and Leadership) program at Brookdale, to plan an event with her students in the fall. To be involved, please send me an email.

Nancy Butler, Public Policy Director

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NetWorks is published by the Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW. Please submit copy to Karen Topham, Editor.

The due date for *NetWorks* copy for Volume 69 Number 1 is Tuesday, August 27, for September 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

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*.

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## Note from National

*We think this is an important message and hope you will read it and reach out to non-members you know to share what NMCB is doing to advance equity for women and girls. Heather & Marian*

AAUW Members,

The 2024 AAUW election is now complete and we are grateful for all those who took the time to vote. Congratulations to Melissa LaDuke, Dianne Owens, Sona Pancholy, and Christine Schmitz on their election to the AAUW Board!

On behalf of the AAUW Board of Directors, we are disappointed that the initiative to open AAUW's membership did not pass. We understand that this outcome may feel exclusionary to some. But AAUW's history is one of continual change and growth, even in the face of challenges. That same resilient spirit must guide us now as we seek to fulfill AAUW's purpose to advance equity for women and girls.

There are many ways to engage with AAUW and support our mission beyond membership. Please encourage members and non-members alike to engage with us — to become [Two-Minute Activists](#), to attend our webinars and events, to apply for a [fellowship or grant](#), and to share the information and resources from our [website](#), which support women's economic empowerment.

The AAUW Board of Directors is committed to AAUW's future and to strengthening the connection with all our members and our

community of branch and state organizations. We can all do more to support AAUW's efforts — and we won't stop working for an equitable future for women and girls.

Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Board Chair, 2017-2024  
Cheryl Sorokin  
Board Chair, 2024-2025



## Changemakers | Women as Agents of Change

Saturday, June 15 2024

10 AM EDT | Virtual on Zoom



Please join us on June 15 as we present our **2024 Woman as Agent of Change awards**. This year, we are pleased to honor **First Lady Tammy Murphy and Democratic Majority Leader Senator Teresa Ruiz**, two outstanding gender equity champions working tirelessly to lift and empower women, making them both ideal examples of the values we embrace with this award. We will be joined live by both leaders and look forward to hearing about the work they are currently engaged in.



The awards will be followed by the panel featuring a group of women working to create change and lead in different ways. **Helen Archontou** is a powerhouse who continues to guide YWCA Northern New Jersey in its intersectional mission to eliminate racism and empower women by advocating against oppression. **Prema Roddam** is an immigration attorney who also serves on the board of Manavi, the only organization on the east coast supporting South Asian survivors of gender-based violence. **Claudine Keenan** is not only Interim Vice Provost at Stockton University, she has also been the force behind AAUW NJ's successful Tech Trek residential STEM summer camps at the university. **Brielle Winslow-Majette** is an inspiration as Deputy Executive Director at Garden State Equality where she has overseen many initiatives helping to bring awareness and solutions to multiple inequities affecting the LGBTQ+ community. Each of our panelists will share their stories — about their personal journeys and their work that is affecting real change in their communities.

The event will be held virtually and start at 10 AM. We expect the panel to begin at 10:30 AM and last for about an hour.

[Register Now](#)

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The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and more than 800 college and university members. AAUW of New Jersey is the state affiliate representing approximately 1200 members in 20 branches throughout New Jersey.



American Association of University Women  
Northern Monmouth County Branch  
P.O. Box 398  
Red Bank, NJ 07701

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.

## 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 through June.

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

The Book Sale will be closed for the summer in July and August.

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

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