

**CLEAN ENERGY:
CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER &
OUR LEGACY OF A LIVABLE WORLD**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019
7 to 9 p.m.
EATONTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
72 BROAD ST, EATONTOWN**

PANEL OF SPEAKERS

**Amy Goldsmith, Clean Water Action
Taylor McFarland, Sierra Club
Peter Blair, Clean Ocean Action
Pat Miller, Middletown for Clean Energy,
Moderator**

More than 80 Environmental Groups in NJ have banded together to fight all of the more than a dozen proposed new fossil fuel projects—pipelines and power plants. Scientists tell us we have only 10 years left to cut emissions by half globally if we are to leave a livable world for our children and grandchildren.

If we can quickly and successfully make the transition to clean energy, the future will be much brighter for humanity and all life on earth.

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BRING A FRIEND!**

September 22 Season Kickoff:

A Success!

by Pat Miller

It was a hot, sunny Sunday afternoon, the last day of summer – maybe not the best time to get a large turnout at an indoor function. But the setting, company, and program exceeded expectations. The turnout for this fundraiser was about 30 people, with several guests. Thank you so much to our many member volunteers who not only provided a sumptuous buffet but also took turns in an impressive rundown of the branch's many programs and activities. Most exciting was the excellent TED talk video, with stimulating discussion afterwards, of environmentalist Katharine Wilkinson on the huge impact educating and empowering women throughout the world could have in preventing the despoiling of our earthly home. She talked specifically about helping to stop global warming, but it was easy to see how empowering women could improve every aspect of human life.

If you were not able to attend, I would heartily recommend that you watch the 14-minute video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXIJEcrinwg&t=18s>

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“... gender equity is a key answer to our planetary challenge.” Katharine Wilkinson



Viewing TED talk by environmentalist Katharine Wilkinson
(photo: Karen Topham)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're off to a great start of our 2019-2020 season. On Sunday, September 22, we held our first major event of the year: our AAUW-NMCB Season Kickoff Friend/Fundraiser. Though the turnout was moderate for such a warm, sunny last day of summer, we did make a few new friends and raise quite a bit of money for our scholarships. Our members came through with a sumptuous buffet and a very impressive lineup of all our branch activities. The TED talk on Empowering Women to Help Fight Climate Change was a catalyst for a stimulating discussion. Thank you especially to **Lauren Nicosia** for organizing such a fine event. Thank you to all members who contributed to the buffet and contributed by their presence in speaking, welcoming members, and collecting or giving donations.

We were able to announce at the Kickoff our programs for October 21, November 18, December 9, and March 1. The October program is described on page 1, and all the known programs are listed on page 9 in this newsletter. There is an additional program being organized for the March-April time frame, and

possibly another in June. Also, **Arlene Thoma** has announced that the 7th Annual Scholarship Luncheon will take place on April 30 at the Beacon Hill Country Club in Atlantic Highlands.

The 2019-2020 edition of the Yearbook is now printed and is being readied for mailing, thanks to the efforts of **Carol Walther**, **Heather Balczarek**, and **Barbara Withers**. **Betsy Wattley** takes care of our bulk mailing, which should take place within a few days, and you should receive your copy shortly thereafter.



President Pat Miller speaking to *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, during Q & A after the TED talk

(photo: Karen Topham)

I have two pieces of good news about scholarships. First, **Susan Gelber** has been honored by her friends with a special birthday gift to fund a special Brookdale scholarship. Second, we have received a large amount in donations in memory of **Barbara Williamson**. The family specified that they would like the donations to be used to fund another scholarship. So we will be having **two** special scholarships (in addition to our annual scholarships) this year. The two special scholarships will both be given to a Brookdale woman in January, according to the same requirements as our traditional annual scholarships.

The Book Sale has been running throughout September. Many thanks to **Mary Anne Anderl, Irene Gibson, Annabelle Boehm**, and all the volunteers who help make the Book Sale a success. Please visit it at Old First Church on Kings Highway in Middletown any Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Did anyone see **Catherine Duckett** (one of our Monmouth U reps) on TV? She was at the Democratic presidential candidates' climate town hall in NY, broadcast on CNN. She got to stand up, give her name, and ask Bernie Sanders a question. Congratulations, Catherine!

We look forward to seeing you at the October 21 branch meeting or any committee or Study Group you would care to join!

Pat Miller, President

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TAKE TWO—MAKE A DIFFERENCE

What can you do in two minutes? When it comes to advocating for women and girls, you can do quite a bit. The AAUW has made advocacy so easy you can do it in two minutes with a few clicks on the computer keyboard.

We all know that under the leadership of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Title IX protections are in grave danger along with public funding of public schools. Title IX is part of the 1972 Education Amendments Act and states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." This statement protects women and girls in academic and athletic programs and is an essential component to assuring gender equity.

Public funding of public schools is also important in assuring equality of opportunity. Want to speak out for Title IX? Want to keep funding public schools? Go to the AAUW website and click on the two-minute activist link.

The AAUW has recently spoken out against the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's plan to halt their pay data collection. This measure requires employers of more than 100 people to submit pay data sorted by gender, race, and ethnicity annually and helps the EEOC analyze salary disparities. You can submit a comment to the EEOC to urge them to continue this practice. Here is the link: <https://www.federalregister.gov/document/2019/09/12/2019-19767/agency-information-collection-activities-existing-collection#open-comment>

Through the website, you can let our legislators know you support reproductive rights, voting rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, Dreamers, and more.

This link sets you up, with a few clicks, to tell your legislators how you want them to act on these issues.

Here it is: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

You can also write letters to editors through the site. You can then take another minute to sign up for email alerts on other important public policy issues. Every voice raised in support of gender equity is important and, best of all, this site makes it easy and fast. What are you doing in the next two minutes?

Arlene Newman, Public Policy Director

Membership Matters

Membership is Everyone's Responsibility

Late New/Renewals to be added to your Yearbook

Balczarek, Heather

Behr, Tina

Dalton, Sandra

Dorn, Rebecca Lee

Murphy, Wendy

Newman, Arlene

Preede, Nydia [*new to branch*]

Roguski, Barbara

Corrections to your contact information in the Yearbook should be emailed to Barbara Withers, aauw-nmcb@gmail.com.

Mary Lea Burden Membership Co-Directors
Barbara Withers aauw.nmcb@gmail.com

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AAUW-NJ Travels to Seneca Falls

by Barbara Withers

Our well-planned journey to Seneca Falls began with bagels and munchkins on the bus. Our first stop after traveling north through the New York Finger Lakes country was the Women's Rights National Historic Park Site in Seneca Falls, where the first women's rights convention took place in 1848. *The Declaration of Sentiments* was signed which not only declared men and women were created equal, but went on to demand equal rights for women in property and custody laws, educational opportunities, and participation in the church, professions, and politics.

Dinner was at The Historic Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls. Overnight at the Ramada Plaza on Lake Geneva provided beautiful lake views. After a buffet breakfast we visited the National Women's Hall of Fame, founded in 1969, "to honor women whose enduring contributions have transformed the landscapes of America."



NMCB members Mary Anne Krenz (not pictured), Marian Wattenbarger (l), and Barbara Withers (r) traveled to Seneca Falls with 42 AAUW NJ members from 14 branches across the state. (photo: Barbara Withers)

We visited and toured the Home of Harriet Tubman, a newly established National Historic Site, in Auburn, NY. Our final stop was at the Ventosa Vineyard for wine tasting and lunch. It was an amazing learning adventure originally conceived and planned by our **own Barbara Williamson** and **Pat Baroska**, current Coordinator for Central New Jersey AAUW. With Barbara's illness, Pat continued the work that they began together and we are grateful for all she did to make it a success.

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DEVELOPMENT / FUNDRAISING

Our NMCB Used Book Sale has reopened for our 2019-2020 year! We are open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., every Saturday until the end of June, except for holiday weekends. We are restocked with fiction, history, biography, mystery, classics, and BEAUTIFUL children's books. Please come visit at the Old First Church,



Statues in the lobby of the Women's Rights Visitor Center included Lucretia Mott, Frederick Douglass, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (photo: Barbara Withers)

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69 Kings Highway, Middletown, and let's start this year's scholarship fundraising in a big way!

This year our branch is again partnering with **Boscov's** to raise money for our scholarships, awards, and grant funds by participating in the **Friends and Family** event on Wednesday, October 16 at all Boscov's department stores. We are selling passes to this event for \$5.00 each, and the entire sale price of the pass goes directly to us. The pass will allow you to shop all day on October 16 at any Boscov's from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and receive a 25% discount on most merchandise (some items 15% off, some 10% off, some exclusions). There will be free refreshments and the chance to register to win prizes such as \$500 shopping sprees.

Passes will be available at the book sale and by calling or emailing Mary Anne Anderl (I will bring them directly to you). Many members begin their holiday shopping at this event—what a great idea!

"We are each part of the planet's living system knitted together with almost 7.7 billion human beings and 1.8 million known species." Katharine Wilkinson

AAUW Book Sale

- The Fall Book Sale schedule still has room for volunteers.

Many weeks and times are available.
Please let me know if you can help.

Thank you.
Annabelle Boehm



Thanks to Arbor Terrace for hosting our monthly board meetings.

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Study Group News

We look forward to seeing you this fall with renewed enthusiasm. The Study Groups are a very important part of our branch.

Cordially, Your Study Group Director
Marie Gambuzza

Art History

Chairs: Susan Buccellato

Barbara Iwanski

We meet to study and discuss global art of all periods and genres through member presentation and visits to museums, galleries,

and outdoor art exhibitions. New members are welcome!



Art History Study Group June outing – Spring Lake, Seward Johnson sculptures (Photo: Karen Topham)

French Conversation

Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursdays,
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Contact the chair for more information.

Chair: Jeannine Maloney

Our group enables women with a good knowledge of the French language to maintain their fluency through some language structure reviews and conversation with other members. (The group is made up of native-born speakers, those educated in France, French majors in an American university and those who have studied the language for several years.) Grammatical notes and practice sheets are e-mailed to the participants before each meeting and one half hour of the two hours is spent reviewing a grammatical point and listening to the paragraphs written by the participants.

Participants eat together and share their stories in French.

L'hôtesse sert un déjeuner à la française, pour mieux apprécier la vie culturelle du pays.

New members are always welcome.

German Conversation

Meets: Twice a month on Mondays,
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
at Red Bank Library

Chair: Aline Ashkin

We read *auf deutsch* and translate. Our goal is to improve our German language skills in reading and conversation. Our group is a mixture of English-speaking members with a background of college-level German, and several members who are native German speakers. New members are always welcome.

Insights

Meets: Tuesday October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: *The Pioneers: The Historic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*, by David McCullough.

Contact hostess: Mary Lea Burden



(photos: Pat Baroska)

Insights Book Group met at the home of Patricia Baroska in September for a Traditional English Tea and a discussion of the book *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity & Making of the Oxford English Dictionary...* It is known as one of the greatest literary achievements in the history of English.



Upcoming in November

Topic: *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*, by Sonia Purnell.

Chair: Kathy Olsen

This *nonfiction book group* focuses on current issues, with special attention to topics affecting women and books written by women. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We are resuming our Tuesday evening schedule. New members are very welcome!

Literature

Meets: Thursday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.

Topic: *Only Story* by Julian Barnes.

Contact hostess: Carol York

or

Chair: Regina Sieben

Upcoming: November 21 – *Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman

Contact chair for more information.

We select *literary fiction or an occasional memoir* to read during the year. A different member acts as leader each month and presents background and critical appraisal of the month's selection. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. New members are most welcome!

Russian Short Stories NEW STUDY GROUP

Meets: 3rd Thursday, Monmouth County Library,
Eastern Branch, 2nd Floor, Services
Office, 1 p.m.

Meeting: October 17

Contact Study Group Chair: Stephanie Rose

Russia is a continental power of vast proportions, with distinctive traditions, character, national myths and forms of political organization. After a brief survey of Russian geography and culture, this study group will deal with nine short stories, and conclude by examining popular themes within Russian literature.

Presentations are in English. All materials for the study group are available through <https://www.gutenberg.org/>.

Writing

Meets: Thursday, October 31, 1 p.m.

Hostess: Susan Boyce

Contact chair for meeting information

Chair: Patricia Chapman

Members of this group are resolute in their belief in the power of the written word to inform, delight, amuse and transform the reader. With this aim, members present their writings from various genres - poetry, fiction, essays, memoir, non-fiction, opinion. The meetings begin with a timed journal exercise based on a prompt provided by a member. After sharing their responses, members take time out to enjoy light refreshments and conversation.

Following the break, members then read aloud completed pieces or segments of what they are currently working on, eliciting reactions, comments, suggestions. The members are extremely supportive of the efforts of their fellow writers, contributing to the creation of a

reassuring, relaxed atmosphere. Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

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**WORK SMART UPDATE FROM
NATIONAL AAUW
You Did It! AAUW Delivers
on Negotiation-Training Goal**

With a lot of help from our members, AAUW hit a major milestone in our partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to teach women everywhere to negotiate effectively. As of August 23, we've trained **102,656** women to ask for the salary they deserve, either through [Work Smart Online](#) or in-person workshops.

We knew our goal of reaching 100,000 women through Work Smart in less than a year would be ambitious. But we also knew our members would deliver — and you did (and then some). To further expand the program, we're entering into strategic partnerships with [women.nyc](#), Starbucks Global Academy, the city of Wichita, and many others. Through your support, we've engaged 500 professional organizations and state and local commissions through our outreach. The first New-York-based workshop will take place [next week](#).

A huge thank-you to all who helped us spread the word about Work Smart Online. For those who haven't, we still need you! Please continue to share [Work Smart Online](#) with your networks, including alumni groups and other online communities, and helping us [promote women's economic security](#).

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AAUW-NMCB 2019–2020 PROGRAMS

Monday, October 21

“CLEAN ENERGY: CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER & OUR LEGACY OF A LIVABLE WORLD”

Eatontown Community Center, 7–9 pm

More than 80 Environmental Groups in NJ have banded together to fight more than a dozen proposed new fracked gas pipelines and power plants, and instead, switch to clean energy.

Speakers: Amy Goldsmith, Clean Water Action; Taylor McFarland, Sierra Club; Peter Blair, Clean Ocean Action (See page 1 for more information.)

Monday, November 18

“AAUW-NMCB’s OWN SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AWARDEES”

Eatontown Community Center, 7–9 pm

We will showcase NMCB’s scholarships and awards and feature some of the 2018–2019 awardees describing their experiences: High School Book Awards, AAUW’s NCCWSL, Tech Trek, and academic scholarships at local colleges.

Monday, December 9

“CIMABUE AND GIOTTO: THE DAWN OF RENAISSANCE PAINTING”

Eatontown Community Center, 7–9 pm

Our annual holiday celebration will feature a huge dessert buffet, plus slides and commentary from our resident art historian **Mary Anne Anderl**.

Sunday, March 1

“SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL IN BLACK AND WHITE”

Eastern Branch of Monmouth County Library, Shrewsbury, 2–3:30 pm

NMCB and League of Women Voters (LWV) will celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment with a program that tells, via role playing, the suffrage story through the words of five women (and one man) who made it happen – Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, Ida B. Wells, and Fanny Lou Hamer. Co-sponsored with LWV, T. Thomas Fortune, and Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch.

Hold the Date: April 30, 2020, 7th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Beacon Hill Country Club, Atlantic Highlands

NCCWSL 2020

For those of you unfamiliar, NCCWSL stands for NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS. This was an organization that had its inception in 1983 and has since been adopted by AAUW. It is held yearly and provides a wonderful opportunity for young women all over the country to convene and meet with inspirational presenters and speakers during a three-day meeting.

I hope to get an early start for the 2020 May conference. I’d like to have the selection process completed at an earlier date than in 2019, and, as we did last year, arrange for the attendees to meet and get to know one another a bit prior to the conference. Each year, NMCB chooses two attendees.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or pertinent information that may be of help.

Thank you.

Michelle Stein

Scholarship Luncheon Planning Committee

Upcoming Scholarship Luncheon Planning Committee meetings:

October 25 - 1p.m.

December 3 - 5pm

January 10 - 1pm

All meetings will be held at Alice Jesmajian MacPhee's home.

NMCB
Community Outreach Program
2019-2020

Each year, our branch members reach out to women and girls in our community in need of basic toiletries and feminine products. People who visit food pantries are on the SNAP program (Food Stamps) and unfortunately non-food items are not covered!

NMCB Member Betty Randall coordinates the collections and also delivers all collected items to three local agencies: Lunch Break, Calico Cat and the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry.

Some of the most requested donation items include: shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorants/antiperspirants, feminine products (pads, liners, etc.), hand cream/moisturizing lotions, hand soap pumps, and toilet paper.

How Can You Help?

See the list below for suggested items to bring on the designated month.

If you have any suggestions of your own, bring something appropriate.

October 21	Shampoo & Conditioner
November 18	Women's Feminine Products
December 9	Toilet Tissue
March 1	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
March-April	Deodorant
June	Body Wash or Bath Soap

*Thank you for your generosity!
 Our sisters in need are always
 delighted to receive our gifts.*

AMAZON SMILE!

Please support NMCB by starting your Amazon shopping at "smile.amazon.com". A portion of eligible purchases will be donated to the branch at no extra cost to you!

After logging into smile.amazon.com with your Amazon ID and password, set NMCB as your charity of choice. To do this, search for our branch in smile.amazon.com with the name "American Assoc of University Women Northern Monmouth". (Note, use "Assoc" instead of Association.)

To change your charitable organization designation to NMCB:

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select our branch as named above to be your new charitable organization.

Or use our link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2249907>

Welcome, Members and Friends, to a promising new season with the Northern Monmouth County Branch of the American Association of University Women as we work toward empowering women as individuals and as a community.

NetWorks is published by the Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW. Items for the next issue are now **due on Friday, November 1**, to: Karen Topham, Editor

Send address changes, names of prospective members, membership applications and checks, and questions about non-receipt of the newsletter to:
Barbara Withers and Mary Lea Burden, Co-Membership Directors
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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 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*.



“. . . another empowering truth begs to be seen: if we gain ground on gender equity we also gain ground on addressing global warming.” Katharine Wilkinson

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 12, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., AAUW Fall Focus, The Falls at Double Tree, Mount Laurel. Watch for registration details at the AAUW NJ [Events](#) site.

October 14, Board Meeting: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Arbor Terrace, Tinton Falls

October 21, Branch Meeting: Clean Energy: Clean Air, Clean Water & Our Legacy of a Livable World, Monday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Eatontown Community Center
Outreach Donation: Shampoo & Conditioner

October 25, Scholarship Luncheon Committee Meeting, 1 p.m.

November 11, Board Meeting: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Arbor Terrace, Tinton Falls

November 18, Branch Meeting: AAUW-NMCB's Own Scholarship & Educational Program Awardees, Monday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Eatontown Community Center
Outreach Donation: Women's Feminine Products

December 2, Board Meeting: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Arbor Terrace, Tinton Falls

December 9, Branch Meeting: Cimabue and Giotto: The Dawn of Renaissance Painting, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Eatontown Community Center
Outreach Donation: Toilet Tissue



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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 top-rated charity.

AAUW Used Book Sale



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

Open: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays thru June
Donations: 10 a.m. to Noon on Thursdays
To volunteer: Annabelle Boehm 732-687-3880
aboehm@comcast.net

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AAUW's *Outlook* magazine that used to
arrive in the mail?

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<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/outlookmag/>

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