

AAUW - NMCB October Branch Meeting

Save the Date!

We're back in person!
Monday, October 2
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Brookdale Community College
Student Life Building, Room 208

Topic: How Do We [AAUW] Open Doors to Higher Education?

Our Branch has supported women with scholarships for many years both entering or returning to college. We also provide an opportunity for two young women each year to attend three days of leadership training, inspiration, and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Come and hear from several of these local women. We fund these programs through our weekly Book Sale and annual Scholarship Luncheon.

Nationally, AAUW is one of the largest funders of women's graduate education. Learn about how recipients are selected for the Fellowships & Grants program. We also recognize the challenges facing students, particularly women, today. In addition to the cost of tuition are the increasing costs of basic expenses. We'll look at the impact of student debt on families.

AAUW -NMCB makes a difference in the lives of women and girls in Monmouth County.

Watch your email inbox for your invitation coming soon! Invite a friend.

Presidents' Message

Dear Members and Friends,
Welcome to a new year of joining AAUW friends both long-time and new. As we participate in study groups and monthly branch meetings, support the book sale, and other special projects, we will further AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

We are delighted that you have chosen to be part of the Northern Monmouth County Branch and look forward to meeting you if you are a new member and seeing long-time members whom we haven't seen for a while. We invite you to look at our letter with the President's report to the membership in the June 2023 NetWorks, which you can find on our website. This report includes a variety of programs and projects that continue in this new AAUW year, and we hope you find one that you'd like to be part of.

Since that letter with the report was long, this one will be short – a heartfelt welcome to a new AAUW year that will give you an opportunity to engage with a special group of women and make a difference. Welcome back!

Heather and Marian

Marian Wattenbarger

Heather Balczarek



At the August board meeting, Marian Wattenbarger (standing l) presents Alice MacPhee Jesmajian (r) a thank-you plant for all her many years of service to NMCB and its board. Katharine McCleary adds her thanks to Alice.
Photo: Barbara Withers

of fiction as well as a variety of nonfiction - biographies, history, sports, DIY, etc. As you know, the net proceeds from the sale help to provide scholarships for women at Monmouth University and Brookdale Community College as well as programs supported by AAUW for women and girls.

We are always looking for volunteers! Our customers are the nicest people who truly appreciate the service we provide.

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Book Sale Book Sale Book Sale

**Book Sale Reopens on Saturday,
September 9 at 10:00 a.m.**

Our annual Book Sale will open for its 56th year on Saturday, September 9. Our hours have changed to 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursdays, to better accommodate our customers. Sales and donations are accepted and welcome on both days. We are still located in the basement of the Old First Church, Kings Highway, in Middletown.

We have a wonderful selection of paperback (\$3.00) and hardcover (\$4.00) books for every reader, from preschool to adult. Books for children start at 25¢. In addition, we have received numerous donations of DVDs (50¢), CDs (25¢), books on tape, and vinyl records (50¢), as well as games and puzzles. We have a great selection



At the August board meeting, Marian Wattenbarger (standing r) presents Pat Miller (l) a thank-you plant for all her many years of service to NMCB and its board.

Photo: Barbara Withers

Upcoming Branch Meetings Save the dates

Monday, November 6
7:00 p.m. Shrewsbury Historical Society
Topic: The ERA

Monday, December 4
3:00 p.m. Shrewsbury Historical Society

Barbara Withers
Program Coordinator

Membership Matters

Membership Report

Membership is Everyone's Responsibility

Welcome Judy Kramer as the new Co-Director of Membership. Judy has been a great help over the past year at branch events and was successful in recruiting quite a few new members at the scholarship luncheon.

Many thanks to those who have paid their dues and returned the interest forms. We truly appreciate those of you that have added an additional donation with your dues. We also thank those Honorary Life members (who no longer pay dues) that have sent generous donations. Over \$1800 has been received to date to allow us to provide stimulating programs and continue our mission projects. If you are a Regular branch member and paid the \$98.00 dues amount, then \$85 of that amount is tax deductible. If you added an extra donation that would be tax deductible as well.

Congratulations to Barbara Bassell who has been granted Honorary Life Membership. She has been a member of NMCB since 1973.

Reinstated:

Please add to your green yearbook

Berman, Cheryl

Swartz, Renee

Deceased:

Annabelle Boehm – our current Communications Co-director and Book Sale volunteers' coordinator passed away on August 21. As soon as she joined our branch, Annabelle jumped in to help wherever she could. She was also a member of a couple of Study Groups.

Annabelle worked for many years in various roles in special education, including as a paraprofessional, teacher, child study team member, and Kean University professor. She is survived by her two sons, Paul and Eric, and their families.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary, Mother of God church, on Friday, September 1, at 10 a.m.



<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/>

Carol York – long-time member of our branch, passed away in mid-July. She received a B.A. in English from Old Dominion University and a Masters in English Literature from Brown University, where she met her husband.

Carol became an avid genealogist after helping her son David compose a family tree for a school project. She worked part-time at the New Jersey State Archives helping clients trace their roots. Carol was also a former President of Monmouth County Genealogy Society.



<https://www.johnedayfuneralhome.com/tributes/>

Carol's hobbies included reading about history and archeology, cooking, enjoying live theatre and participating in NMCB literature discussion and writing groups. People will remember Carol for her sharp wit and sense of humor.

She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Harold L. York, son Greg and wife Anna of Portland, OR, and son David and wife Dawn of Houston, TX, as well as her four adored grandchildren.

Lucille Brothers passed away at the age of 100 in July 2023. She was a member of our branch for a few years and worked at the Used Book Sale.



<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/>

Membership Co-directors:
Mary Lea Burden

Judy Kramer

Study, Action, Interest Groups

Study Group News

Art History

Anyone interested in joining could contact one of the chairs. We always welcome new members.

During the summer, the Art History members visited Lavender Farms.





Joan Fruchter in field
Photos: Barbara Withers

November 15 [depending on Museum availability]

“Transformed: Objects Reimagined by American Artists”

Montclair Art Museum
Montclair, NJ

Art History Co-chair, **Barbara Withers**, points out that the Guild of Creative Art is featuring an exhibition:

Women Together: Contemporary Realism

The Daphne Hobson Group of women artists includes Beth Bauer, Sherly Bennett, Elizabeth Diamond, Laurie Flannery, Daphne Hobson, Carole Rogers.

Reception: September 10, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In the Guild Gallery, 620 Broad St., Shrewsbury, from September 2-26.

Contact the Chairs:

Joan Fruchter 848-459-8765

Barbara Iwanski 732-687-5907

Barbara Withers 212-662-3263

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 732-747-2806

Insights into Our Times

Our NMCB non-fiction book group meets on the second Tuesday of each month usually at 7:30 p.m. We are holding afternoon meetings for the fall but most likely will resume evening Zoom meetings for the winter months.

September 21 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

“Ecuador: Through Our Eyes”

Artwork from renowned Ecuadorian artists

Guided tour by curator

Watch your email for details.

Frameworks Gallery

135 Monmouth Street

Red Bank

Dates and times to be confirmed. Lunch together following each event.

October 20 [Friday]

“Art about Art: Contemporary Photographers

Look at Old Master Paintings”

Art on Hulfish [Gallery of Princeton Art

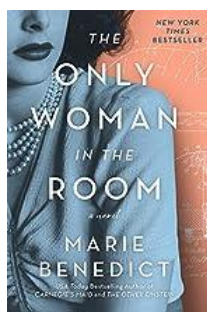
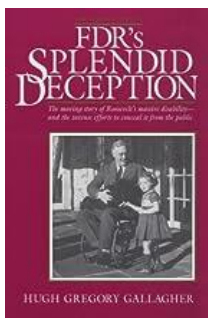
Museum]

Nassau Street

Princeton, NJ

On September 12, we will discuss *FDR's Splendid Deception: The Moving Story of Roosevelt's Massive Disability--and the Intense Efforts to Conceal It from the Public* by Hugh Gregory Gallagher. The meeting will be held at the home of Michele Meany at 3 p.m.

October 10th: book choice is historical fiction, *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict, based on the true story of Hedy Lamarr.



New members are always welcome. Contact chair, Kathy Olsen, for more details.

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. In September we will be discussing *Anna Karenina*, which is the suggested summer reading. At the beginning of September those participating in the group will be sent an excellent video of this masterpiece. Please contact me if you are interested.

Contact Study Group Chair: Stephanie Rose

PUBLIC POLICY



The U.S. is one of the only developed countries that does not guarantee paid annual leave, paid time off for illness or family care, or paid parental leave.

We cannot fully achieve gender equity without it. Learn more and join the fight for paid leave for all!
<https://bit.ly/3soMfSk>

Nancy Butler, Public Policy Director

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## NETWORKING

Marilyn Baldi and Barbara Withers were both accepted into the Monmouth County Senior Art Show held at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan, during the month of August. Congratulations to you both!

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

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

Due dates for *NetWorks* copy for Volume 68 are as follows:

Wednesday 27 September for October 2023

Thursday 26 October for November 2023

Wednesday 29 November for December 2023/January 2024

Tuesday 30 January for February/March 2024

Monday 25 March for April 2024

Tuesday 23 April for May 2024

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*.



**Photo: Karen Topham**



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.

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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.

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

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

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the home page, sign up for the  
newsletter with your email address and  
zip code.

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