



# AAUW NetWorks

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## Images of Women in the Media and the Link to Interpersonal Violence

For our October 1st branch meeting, member **Laura Porter** will present images of women in the media and discuss some of the damaging ways in which those images affect our lives. She will speak at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft Campus, Student Life Center.

A graduate of Fairleigh-Dickinson University, where she concentrated on public management, Laura is a former police officer. She was determined to help victims of all kinds, always aiming to empower people. Those goals also led her to AAUW, where equality and empowerment are, of course, central concerns. Since retirement, she has volunteered and worked for organizations dedicated to crime prevention, specifically crimes of sexual and domestic violence.

Of course, Laura says, any field that is dominated by men presents challenges for women, but she has become convinced that negotiation and communication skills, where women tend to excel, are essential to effective police work. She is pleased to report that those "feminine skills" are finally becoming recognized.

While most of us are aware of negative images of women, I was startled to learn that it is the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that has provided the grant that funds the work Laura does. It seems that gender inequality is a risk factor in public health, Laura explains. While exploring why people die or are treated in emergency rooms, the researchers discovered that gender inequality is "right up there," implicated in domestic violence, sexual assault, depression, and substance abuse.

Laura works with at-risk youth in Monmouth County at 180, Turning Lives Around,

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## Branch Program

**"The Image of Women in the Media"**  
with **Laura Porter**

Monday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Warner Student Life Center  
Navesink III (first floor)  
Brookdale Community College, Lincroft

Join us on October 1 when **Laura Porter** will give us the benefit of all her experience on a topic that will interest all of us: the media's effect on the image women have in our culture, and ways in which we can resist negative media influence.



A new member of our branch, Laura is an educator on the prevention of interpersonal violence among students of all age levels. She has volunteered for this collaboration with Women's and Gender Studies at Brookdale Community College, and in doing so helps to strengthen our relationship with our member colleges and universities, as well as with AAUW's future membership. Mark the date now!

Please go to our website or Facebook page for driving directions and parking information, or refer to the program insert in your branch Yearbook. If you need a ride, please call Mary Lea Burden or Laura Noll.

Annette Benanti, Program Vice President



## Board Meeting

Monday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. at Kensington Court, 864 Shrewsbury Avenue, Tinton Falls. All branch members are welcome to attend.

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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 e-mail 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*.

Send address changes, names of prospective members, membership applications and checks, and questions about non-receipt of the newsletter to: Laura Noll, Membership VP

### ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE

- Comment on and propose changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program beginning October 1.
- Comment on and propose resolutions to be approved by the membership by November 15.
- Comment on and propose amendments to the AAUW Bylaws by November 15.

Go to [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/1member1vote/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/1member1vote/index.cfm)

## Presidents' Message

A warm welcome to our new branch members, and welcome back to our continuing members!

This promises to be another exciting and memorable year for our branch, with an expansion of our college/university connections. Many thanks to **Annette Benanti** and her committee for planning a year of varied and interesting branch meetings.

But we would like to see more members get involved in our activities. Here are three possible reasons why members don't become more involved, and my responses:

1. I don't want to waste my time at menial jobs ("licking stamps").

*Our branch has many meaningful positions and functions in which you can get involved, from STEM to Running & Winning, from being on the Scholarship Committee to helping plan our next \$tart \$mart workshops at local colleges.*

2. I don't have a lot of time to devote to AAUW.

*There are many short-term or one-time opportunities; for example, we need people to come to our Book Sale site at the Old First Church in Middletown on a Thursday morning (even once) to help sort through donated books (contact Viki Mischenko, who chairs the Book Sale), or to work an early or late shift at the Book Sale on a Saturday (contact Anne Morrison, who handles scheduling).*

3. I don't think what I have to offer will make a difference to the branch.

*Every member's contribution of time, large or small, is important to our branch. You can start out with a small commitment—our board members would be delighted to mentor you or have you join their committee. When you start that way, you won't be intimidated, and you'll ease into a greater involvement should you choose to do so.*

I have found from experience that the more involved I become with an organization, the more I get out of it. Please contact one of the co-presidents or a board member whose area interests you, and they will be delighted to customize a way for you to help our branch in a way that will be meaningful for you.

Many thanks to the branch members who participated in the League of Women Voters voter registration drive at Monmouth Mall in September: **Caroline O'Neil**, **Judy Kramer**, and **Joan Spring**. This is an example of our collaboration with other local organizations, as well as an example of a one-time commitment.

We thank **Carol Walther** once again for her excellent work on the Yearbook, which all of you who have renewed your membership should have received, or will shortly.

Also, we thank **Alice MacPhee** and her auditing committee for their excellent work on the audit.

November 6 is Election Day; this is an early reminder to vote!

Finally, mark your calendars for our next branch meeting on Monday, October 1, to be held at Brookdale Community College. Find more details on page 1.

An unknown author once wrote: "Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!" Many thanks to all our priceless member-volunteers!

— by Joan Spring, for  
Barbara Iwanski  
Joan Spring  
Co-Presidents



## Study, Action, Interest Groups

### Advanced Spanish Conversation

Meets: 1st Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Contact: Anita Damien

Some of us are native-born, and others are Spanish majors from American universities. We serve brunch, followed by different programs about Spanish culture. We have a covered-dish supper with our spouses in late spring. Call for meeting details.

### Art History

Meets: Please contact chair  
Contact: Mary Anne Anderl

We meet to study and discuss global art of all periods and genres, through member presentations and visits to museums, galleries, and outdoor art exhibitions. New members are welcome!

### Bridge

Contact: Niobe Schabert

Players and their friends are welcome to join. This is a fundraiser for our branch scholarship funds.

### Drama

Meets: Wednesday, September 19, 1 p.m.  
Topic: *Topdog/Underdog* at Two River Theater  
Meets: Wednesday, October 17, 1 p.m.  
Topic: *No Place to Go* at Two River Theater  
Meets: Wednesday, October 31, 1 p.m.  
Topic: *Henry V* at Two River Theater  
Contact: Marjorie Levy

We study plays, classical and modern, and attend performances when feasible. This year we plan to subscribe to Two River Theater in Red Bank. Prospective members are welcome to attend a meeting and/or join the group for a matinee or weekend performance. Call/e-mail for details.

### French Conversation

Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
Contact: Kate Wellauer

Our group enables women with a good knowledge of the French language to maintain their fluency through conversation with other members, many of whom are native-born speakers. Others were educated in France or were French majors at American universities. We all strive to improve our skills, meeting on a rotating basis for lunch at a member's home. We encourage more AAUW members to join us. Call or e-mail for meeting details.

### French Intermediate

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon  
Contact: Anne Morrison

This group offers an opportunity to those with some experience in French to read, write, translate, and speak the language. French culture, customs, and current events are topics for our lively discussions. New members are very welcome! Call/e-mail for meeting details.

### German Conversation

Meets: Twice a month on Mondays, 9:30-noon  
Contact: Walli Rosen

Our members come from German-speaking countries, or have learned to speak German as an additional language. Our common goal is to improve our German language skills. We read about/discuss current events, contemporary German literature, and stories of common interest as suggested by members. Call for meeting details. New members are welcome.

### Insights

Meets: Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Topic: *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel—This coordinates with the November branch meeting at Monmouth University.  
Contact: Ruth Hodum

This nonfiction book group focuses on current issues, with special attention to topics affecting women and books written by women. New members are very welcome! Contact chair for location.

## Book Corner

Insights has been reading *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson for our September meeting. This Pulitzer Prize-winning book is an in-depth study of the migration of African Americans from the South to the North and West of the United States from 1915 to 1970. The author follows the path of three very different individuals as examples of the nearly six million migrants. The book describes how racism hindered their attempts to find better lives for themselves and their children. Ms. Wilkerson provides an interesting look at an often overlooked chapter in the history of our nation.



Karen Van Natten, Insights Member

### Literature

Meets: Thursday, September 20, 1 p.m.  
 Topic: *Memory Palace* by Mira Bartok  
 Meets: Thursday, October 18, 1 p.m.  
 Topic: *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See  
 Contact: Regina Sieben

Our group selects literary fiction or an occasional memoir to read during the year. A different member acts as a leader each month and presents background and critical appraisal of that month's selection. We welcome new members. Please contact chair for meeting details.

### Movies and More

Meets: Tuesday or Wednesday evening  
 Contact: Kate Bigg

Once a month we view a movie at the Clearview Cinema in Red Bank and discuss it afterwards at the Broadway Diner. Contact chair to be put on the list for receiving details, usually the week before. Please join us!

### Writing Group

Meets: Thursday, Sept. 27, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
 at Caroline O'Neil's in West Long Branch  
 Contact: Caroline O'Neil

This group welcomes anyone interested in writing of any kind, such as memoir, poetry, fiction, or essays. Members range from those who write all the time to those who think it might be time to begin, and many

stages in between. We begin with lunch provided by different people each month. The main meeting begins with a journal exercise; then anyone who has a piece of writing to share, short or long, reads it and listens to responses from the group, directed or not, as the writer prefers. Come and see if this is something that would appeal to you! Contact Caroline for info.



## Membership

Please welcome these members to our branch! Most are new to AAUW; some were national members-at-large or members of another branch. Kathryn Kroeper and Alexandria Matz were scholarship students who have graduated: Kathryn from Douglass College at Rutgers University, and Alexandria from Monmouth University. All are listed in the new Yearbook.

**Jane Foss**  
**Kathryn Kroeper**  
**Robin Kucharczyk**  
**Alexandria Matz**  
**Elizabeth Napolitano**  
**Marie Sweeney**  
**Arlene Thoma**  
**Irene Wanat**

At the end of the Yearbook directory there are blank pages for you to add the names and contact information for additional new and renewing members as they appear in the *NetWorks* throughout the year. Please add contact information for renewing member Stephanie Rose.

If you are a 2011-2012 branch member who has not yet renewed for 2012-2013, this will be your last issue of *NetWorks* until your dues are paid. Regular dues are \$69, which includes branch, state, and national AAUW membership. Guest dues are \$40 and do not include state or national membership. Please send your check and up-to-date contact information to AAUW, Northern Monmouth County Branch, P.O. Box 398, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

We would like to thank all those members who included a donation with their dues payment to help defray branch expenses. To date these donations total \$616. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the branch.

**Member Center on AAUW National Website:**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

All members of national AAUW can log onto the “Member Center” on the AAUW website and take advantage of many valuable resources. You need not know your AAUW ID number but can take advantage of the member ID look-up process on the website, which will find your ID number so that you can log in. Do check out the many benefits of being a member of AAUW.

**If you need a ride to a branch meeting or activity,** please call one of us.

Mary Lea Burden  
Laura Noll  
Co-Membership VPs



## Among Ourselves

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Barbara Borys**, whose husband, Alfred, died on July 15 at the age of 90. A veteran of the Army Air Corps, he graduated from Seton Hall University and worked in the printing business for many years. He was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, and in retirement enjoyed traveling and woodworking.

**Elaine Halpern** has been elected to the Democratic County Committee for the 11<sup>th</sup> District, Tinton Falls.

Former NMCB member and co-president **Marilyn Parker** is now a member of the Fairfax City Branch in Virginia. See their website, [www.aauwofva.org/branches/fairfaxcity.htm](http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/fairfaxcity.htm), including a photo of Marilyn in their June newsletter. She is back at work for AAUW on the membership team and the scholarship fund committee of her branch.

**Joanne Stankievich** has written a book, *Living with a Scent of Danger: European Adventures at the Fall of Communism*. It is the story of her and her husband's life in Munich and Prague from 1988 to 2001. Visit Joanne's website, [www.joanneivystankievich.com](http://www.joanneivystankievich.com), to read an excerpt.



## Meet These New Members

### Victoria Snoy

Originally from the Midwest, where she graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, Victoria has lived in New Jersey since 1973. One of her main memories of university days is editing the yearbook her senior year, a major achievement. Her lowest point was a grade of D in her very first class in the school of journalism. After an all-night study binge, she ignored her alarm clock, leaving just 10 minutes to get across campus, and was so groggy that she could not cope with the very detail-oriented exam. She certainly learned not to stay up all night before an exam.

After graduating, Victoria moved to Boston and soon became employed by Prudential Insurance Company, where she worked for 34 years, both there and later in NJ. She held a variety of positions, which was definitely a plus, as was the company's encouragement of its employees' involvement in the community. Victoria worked for non-profits in the arts, including membership on the board of The Newark Art Council. On the less positive side, she was made very aware of gender inequality in terms of pay. At one point she was told that because she was single and had no children, she would be paid less than a man with a family who was doing the same job.

After leaving Prudential, Victoria became the executive director of the Newark Boys' Chorus School, an arts and academics school for grades 4-8. Since retiring from that position, she decided to join AAUW for the opportunity to meet new people and to support its programs.

Victoria is passionate about the arts, both visual and performing. She has taken many art classes at the Newark Art Museum, and is especially interested at this point in mosaics and origami. She and her husband are also involved in NY/NJ Baykeeper; as sailboat owners, they are concerned about the quality of the waters. In her spare time, she also gets in some exercise classes at the Senior Center—hers is a busy life of retirement!

### Rita Giovanucci

Originally from Staten Island and with an associate degree from the City University of NY, Rita considers herself a volunteer professional. She devoted many years to raising her children and maintaining their domestic well-being, while volunteering to help out where help was needed: serving as president of the PTA, involved in the Women's Guild for Mental Health, chairing balls at the World Trade Center, and more.

At one time, Rita felt somewhat insecure about her lack of a four-year degree, but she has learned to appreciate her own commitments and ways of learning. In fact, she considers her main career the commitment to learn something new every day. A neighbor of hers who held a highly prestigious job once told her that if she added it all up and put together all her daily experiences, that would amount to a degree in itself.

She has found the branch Art History Study Group to be particularly stimulating. From each program, she learns something new, and that always leads to something else, Rita explains. She has particular praise for the group's chair, Mary Anne Anderl: "She has a real gift for sharing."

Rita is perfectly satisfied being a student. She finds it interesting to discover new things and, perhaps even more, to observe how different people share their knowledge. She loves to listen to different opinions, loves to see women helping others, and is only sorry that she didn't discover AAUW sooner!

#### Barbara Lipton

With degrees from the Universities of Iowa and Michigan, Barbara's fields of expertise are English and art history. Her career has mostly been in museums, but she has also taught at the college level, lived abroad, and traveled a lot.

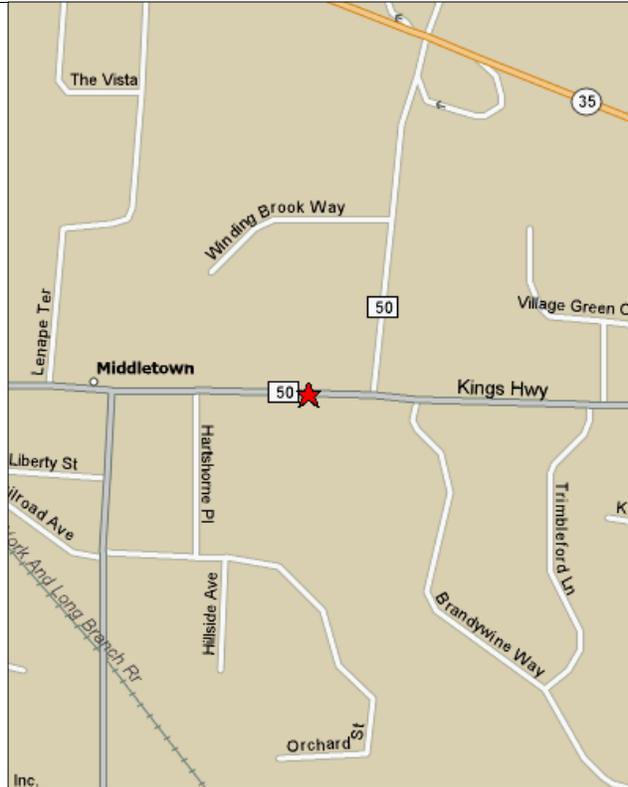
Two areas of specialization are Tibetan art and culture and the Native Peoples of the Arctic. She spent many years in Alaska, studying the art and culture of the Eskimos, work that resulted in exhibits, a documentary film, and books. Part of her emersion in different cultures has been an awareness of how different people treat women.

Barbara has too many interests to begin to pick a few, and a lifetime of varied and rich experiences, she explains. She joined AAUW because she wanted to broaden her group of acquaintances and because she is interested in what the organization does. She likes the programs and thinks it is an interesting avenue to get involved.

— by Caroline O'Neil

## Anita Hill Speaks at AAUW-NJ Program

AAUW-NJ co-sponsored a rousing event that discussed the current societal, financial, educational, and housing inequalities faced by today's women at Mercer County Community College



### AAUW Book Sale

69 Kings Highway, Middletown  
Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays

on May 2. The guest speaker was Brandeis University professor Anita Hill, Esq.

Dr. Patricia Donohue, president of MCCC, opened the event by inviting the audience to have an "open mind and be prepared to learn and engage" in the evening's discourse.

For Ms. Hill, being raised on a farm in rural Oklahoma as one of 13 children presented some difficulties; being an African-American female in the early 1960s served to amplify them. She spoke about her mother, Erma, and the importance of education that she instilled. Reinforcing the message in her new book, *Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race, and Finding Home*, Ms. Hill adroitly spoke of issues confronting women regarding gender pay inequity, unemployment statistics that adversely effect women (especially minorities), the current housing crisis, contraception, and being harassed by others when voicing opposition.

Changes in credit laws that established equal credit for women began in 2002. For the first time in history, the percentage of women homebuyers was unprecedented. Unfortunately, this was also the

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where she teaches a curriculum designed by the New Mexico Media Literacy Project for the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) that focuses on gender equality as a strategy in the prevention of interpersonal violence. In terms of the young people she teaches, Laura explains that they have a different relation to the media than those of us who are over 40: they have a capacity to understand better and are not so gullible, but their greater exposure leads to greater impact.

Always tailoring her presentations to the audience, this time Laura will focus a piece on college women, including many images from television, movies, and commercials. She will discuss prevention strategies and the social and psychological implications of what we are exposed to, and include a few interactive games, “which are fun and also deliver meaning more effectively.” She will end with a discussion of specific ways that people can make a change.

Come and experience this multi-dimensional presentation, and bring a friend or friends!

— by Caroline O’Neil

## Also at Brookdale:

Tuesday, October 9  
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
Navesink III, Student Life Center

Watch and discuss excerpts from the 2011 award-winning documentary *Miss Representation* with BCC Women’s and Gender Studies faculty.

The film exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, and challenges the media’s limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman to feel powerful herself.

*Sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies and Student Life and Activities*

beginning of sub-prime mortgages, and as a result, women have been disproportionately affected. Ms. Hill highlighted research conducted by the Harvard Center on Housing that established women were being targeted and found to be “spending 50% of [their] income on housing.” If the head of the house is a woman and affordable housing isn’t an option, Ms. Hill wondered, “How are we going to ensure these children will go to college?” This type of injustice and persistent wage gap for women and minorities means that “women will always be trying to catch up.”

Ms. Hill emphasized a concern for women achieving equality due to the lack of representatives and significant vacancies in the federal court. She stressed that we need to challenge those who govern and decide our laws by “having our representatives listen to us; to have us *matter*.”

Ms. Hill was thrust into the spotlight and secured her part in our nation’s history by attending the Senate confirmation hearings to oppose Judge Clarence Thomas’s appointment to the Supreme Court in 1991. She is frequently asked why she came forward and whether she would do it again. Ms. Hill explained to the attendees, “The integrity of the court is only as good as the people who sit on it. These are lifetime appointments. The time was right for disruptive conversations about the realities of women’s lives. My testimony didn’t change things. Your

reaction changed things.” She remains proud of her testimony, as it became the starting point for people to tell their stories within the workforce and amongst families.

Branch member Robin-Lyn Williamson attended the event and had the opportunity to ask the last question of the evening: “When strong, fearless women who ask the tough questions are often called words – such as feminist, bitch, or troublemaker – they may retreat out of fear of being labeled, or second guess themselves for challenging others. What advice would you give these women who are inquisitive and fight for their rights, the rights of others, and for, very simply, fairness?”

Ms. Hill replied, “When you ask challenging questions that make people uncomfortable, then you know you’re doing something right. Don’t let other people define you by their labels. Your very existence is at stake. Plan for the future and work hard. If you plan to be as successful as ‘they’ want you to be, then you won’t get far. Your goals will only be achieved if you plan based upon what *you want for your future*. And know that you have a sisterhood behind you.”

With her modest beginnings, Ms. Hill has conquered many obstacles, which seems to have transformed her into an effective advocate for all races and genders in our quest for equality.

The evening concluded with a special presen-

tation to HomeFront, a non-profit that works to end homelessness in Mercer County. Several clients received scholarships to pursue their education at MCCC. In addition, proceeds from the event were donated to HomeFront, fostering the continuation of equal housing and contributing members of the community.

— by Robin-Lyn Williamson



## Public Policy Update

### Job Growth Slows in August

The August jobs report, released in September by the U.S. Department of Education, reveals slow growth in job creation. Employers added 96,000 jobs last month, a drop from the 141,000 jobs added in July.

AAUW recognizes that job creation and economic opportunity are critical issues for women. While the recession may have led to more lost jobs among men, women have borne the brunt of a slow recovery. Additionally, any job creation initiatives must promote equal pay for women, who earn about 77 cents on average for every dollar men earn.

### U.S. Department of Education Leads Back-to-School Bus Tour

The U.S. Department of Education will lead its third annual “Education Drives America” bus tour across the country. The tour, led by U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, kicks off on September 12 in California, lasts until September 21, and travels to 12 states in that time. If you’d like to follow along, you can sign up for email updates on the bus tour website [www.ed.gov/blog/topic/bustour/](http://www.ed.gov/blog/topic/bustour/) and follow the tour on Twitter with [#edtour12](https://twitter.com/edtour12).

AAUW believes quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate an equitable, bias-free public education system and responsible funding for all levels of education.

### Pell Grant Spending Decreases

According to data from the U.S. Department of Education, the cost of Pell Grants—federal grants for low-income students—decreased last fiscal year. Even though the number of students receiving Pell Grants increased by 58,000, the Department of Education spent \$2.2 billion less on the program because stu-

dents received smaller grants.

AAUW believes Pell Grants are indispensable in helping millions of students achieve their dreams of higher education. AAUW opposed the elimination of the year-round Pell Grants because we believe they should be available to all students in need who are willing to make the commitment to higher education.

### U.S. Workforce Lacking Educated Workers to Fill Jobs

A report from the Brookings Institution reveals that the U.S. economy has a high demand for educated workers but not enough of them to fill the available jobs.

AAUW recognizes that job creation and economic opportunity are key issues for women. Even in these difficult economic times, it is critical that we invest in higher education, which is the most direct route to innovation, job creation, and long-term economic self-sufficiency.



### IT'S MY VOTE: I WILL BE HEARD – VOTER EDUCATION AND ELECTIONS NEWS

#### Campaign Spending Expecting to Soar as General Election Funds Become Available

On September 7, President Barack Obama officially accepted the Democratic nomination for re-election, a week after Mitt Romney accepted the Republican presidential nomination. As official nominees, both candidates will now have access to their general election funds, which had been off-limits until now. With two months left of campaigning, this could be the most expensive presidential election in history. The Center for Responsive Politics predicts that the 2012 election will cost around \$2.5 billion.

AAUW supports meaningful campaign finance reform and voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office. Learn more about our new campaign, It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard, at [www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/overview/](http://www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/overview/).

## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATES

### Transgender Individuals Receive Protections Under ACA

The Department of Health and Human Services recently stated that the Affordable Care Act's prohibition against sex discrimination in health insurance decisions extends to protect transgender individuals. The statement is in line with recent court decisions and a similar ruling by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The HHS Office of Civil Rights will now begin investigating complaints of sex discrimination under the ACA and will issue further guidance on the provision.

AAUW believes everyone is entitled to high-quality health care that is affordable and easily accessible. Additionally, AAUW believes no American should be denied the full range of civil rights and civil liberties due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

### Court Strikes Down Another Birth Control Mandate Lawsuit

Last month a U.S. District Court struck down a lawsuit filed by Wheaton College in Illinois against the Obama administration. The lawsuit argued against the new requirement for employers to provide contraception, including birth control, free of co-pays.

AAUW believes that contraception and related outpatient services are basic health care for women. We support the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.

## UNIQUELY AAUW

### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:

#### Apply for College Leadership Programs in Your Community

Applications for the following 2012–13 AAUW campus-based leadership programs are now available:

- Elect Her [www.aauw.org/learn/LeadershipPrograms/electHer.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/learn/LeadershipPrograms/electHer.cfm)
- Student Advisory Council [www.aauw.org/connect/sac/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/connect/sac/index.cfm)
- Campus Action Projects [www.aauw.org/connect/cap/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/connect/cap/index.cfm)

Applications for Elect Her and the Student Advisory Council are due September 30; Campus Action Projects applications are due October 19.

## NMCB Development is participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Program

We will be selling **\$5.00 shopping passes**, which provide a **25% discount** for purchases made on **Tuesday, October 16.**

NMCB Development keeps the entire \$5.00 for every shopping pass we sell.

Passes will be available at the October 1 Branch Meeting, at the Book Sale on Saturdays, and through various study groups.

This fund raiser will help support our scholarship program.

Questions? Call Ruth Hodum or Joanne McWilliams.

**Sign Up Your Friends and AAUW Colleagues for Action Network:** Visit the Take Action page of the AAUW website <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/> where members and non-members alike can sign up for Action Network. It is an excellent way to introduce potential members to AAUW's advocacy.

Rekha Datta  
Public Policy VP





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## Monday, October 1, Branch Program: "The Image of Women in the Media" with Laura Porter

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. 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.

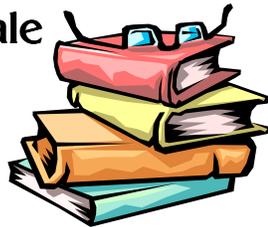
Membership is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Value Promise: "By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

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### AAUW Book Sale

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



Open: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays  
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