

AAUW - NMCB October Branch Meeting

October 2, 2023
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

How Do We (AAUW) Open Doors To Higher Education?

Brookdale Community College
Warner Student Life Building
Room 208
Parking in Lot 7

Meeting is also available via Zoom
Register for Zoom Link before Monday
at: AAUW.nmcb@gmail.com

Open to the Public

Come and hear from
Students and Faculty

See the September *NetWorks* for more
information.

Invite a friend.

Presidents' Message

Dear Members and Friends,
In the 1970s members of this branch supported ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). We are fortunate to live in a state that ratified it early in 1972, but still, in 2023, it has not been ratified by the three-fourths majority of the states required by the U.S. Constitution.

Today, once again, individuals and organizations across the country are working to see that women gain equality under the law by removing the time limit for ratification of the

ERA placed by the 1972 Congress. Plan to join us on the first Monday in November when we will learn more about the current work to meet that goal and how we can support it when **Laura Bagwell**, one of our newer members and a woman dedicated to doing her part to make the ERA a reality, will present the November program.

This is also a time to remember and honor the seven women who, more than 140 years ago, decided that the doors of higher education, then mostly closed to women, should be opened. They were our founders, and we have all benefitted from the work they and many other AAUW members who followed them have done to make higher education a reality for us. Now, let's work together to see that all women finally secure their place under the Constitution of the United States.

Before the November meeting, we hope to see you at Brookdale Community College on Monday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., for the October branch meeting. You have already received information about that meeting, but if you put it aside, we hope you'll take a second look and decide to attend this meeting. It's an opportunity to see other members in person and to meet local students and faculty who have benefitted from the work this branch has done through the years to support girls and young women pursuing educational opportunities. You'll learn more about the ways we have supported students for more than 50 years as well as understand better the financial challenges facing many students in 2023. If you can't attend in person, this program will be available via Zoom.

We think you'll feel a sense of pride when you learn about the support this branch has provided for girls and young women through the years so we can't close without noting that the funds that have paid for this support have been earned with many volunteer hours. The Used Book Sale has been raising funds for scholarships for more than 50 years, and in recent years the Annual Scholarship Luncheon has also contributed to these funds. We hope you will consider some way that you can support these fundraisers with some of your time, knowledge, and creativity. The time and efforts you volunteer will touch many lives.

Heather and Marian

Marian Wattenbarger

Heather Balczarek

Book Sale Book Sale Book Sale

Our book sale needs Saturday volunteers!!! It requires just two hours of your time, 10 a.m. to Noon or Noon to 2 p.m.

You will meet lovely and interesting people who enjoy shopping at our sale. Please contact Irene Gibson when you are able to help out.

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Upcoming Branch Meetings Save the dates

Monday, November 6, 2023
7:00 pm

All Hands on Deck! Equality Under the Law is Within Our Grasp

Shrewsbury Historical Society
419 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

Laura Bagwell, our own Branch member, will provide a brief history of the Equal Rights Amendment, an update on the multi-pronged strategy to put the ERA into the US Constitution at this crucial time in American history, and, most importantly, what you can do to get it done.

Passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is one focus of the 2023-25 AAUW Public Policy Priority: To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society, AAUW advocates.

Our final branch meeting of 2023 will be held on Monday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m., at the Shrewsbury Historical Society. Look for upcoming information.

Barbara Withers
Program Coordinator



At the September board meeting, Mary Lee Burden (r) presented Marian Wattenbarger (l) and Heather Balczarek (c) with the AAUW President chain and pin for their service.

Photo: Karen Topham

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Membership Matters

Membership Report

Membership is Everyone's Responsibility

We plan to publish another yearbook this fall, so please pay your dues if you wish to be included.

New Member:

A new Honorary Life member has joined our branch. She is also a member of the Summit and Vero Beach Branches and has just moved to Seabrook Village.
Carson, Leslie

Membership Co-directors:
Mary Lea Burden

Judy Kramer

As a former high school art teacher I must admit I was unaware of Ecuadorian visual arts. The Frameworks Gallery did a great job displaying the various pieces that Maddie's grandmother has brought to this country. Maddie did an excellent job explaining how the works reflected Ecuador's variety of landscapes and social issues. It was a treat to be with others who asked questions which added to the experience.



Madeleine Carpenter describes the artists' works
Photo: Karen Topham

Study, Action, Interest Groups

Study Group News

Art History

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

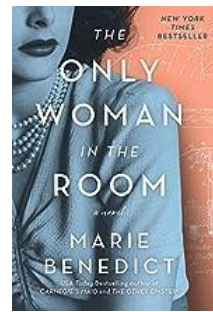
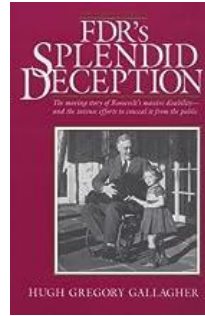
On September 21, we viewed *Ecuador: Through Our Eyes*, an exhibit of renowned Ecuadorian artists curated by Madeleine Carpenter, a Red Bank Catholic senior.

Grace Wolf, a new member of our Branch, reflected on her experience.



Members of the Art History Study Group
with curator Madeleine Carpenter
at the Frameworks Gallery

Next Meeting:
Friday, October 20
"Art about Art: Contemporary Photographers
Look at Old Master Paintings"
Art on Hullfish [Gallery of Princeton Art
Museum]
Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ



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

We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss our September and October selections, *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 and *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict, based on the true story of Hedy Lamarr.

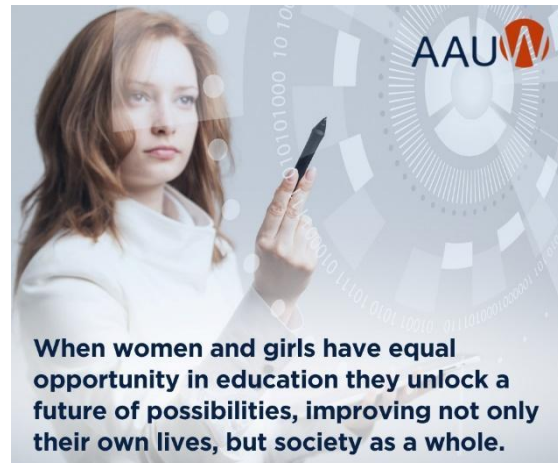
We will also choose titles for the next several months. A list will be emailed to study group members and to any interested AAUW members. Contact chair, Kathy Olsen for more details. New members are always welcome.

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



As soon as girls start school, they encounter attitudes and expectations about what they "should" and "shouldn't" do. This continues throughout their schooling, steering them toward certain career paths and away from others.

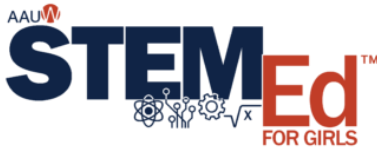
Let all the high school girls you know learn about this program:

STEMEd for Girls is a FREE exciting online program created for high school girls—with a particular focus on girls of color—and the people who support them. Whether you are just starting to explore an interest in science, technology, engineering, or math, or you have already decided to major in STEM in college, this program will help you prepare for the journey from 9th grade to 12th grade.

--aauw.org/issues/education

Join the FREE online STEMEd for Girls session on October 4 at 7 pm ET. “College Search & Selection” will be sharing expert guidance and advice about how to find YOUR perfect college in this informative and interactive session.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3kU7Qwd>



Nancy Butler, Public Policy Director

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**DEVELOPMENT**

**ONE DAY ONLY - OCTOBER 18, 2023**  
**SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

**25% OFF** ★ LOWEST SALE PRICE  
**SHOPPING PASS**

This pass entitles you to 25% off\* your purchases in-store and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions. Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25% discount. Valid October 18, 2023 only. \*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.

**SHOPPING PASSES: \$5 EACH**

100% of your donation benefits the local non-profit organization from which you purchased this pass. For more details visit [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](http://boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends)

Here is an easy way to support our branch's scholarships. These passes make thoughtful small gifts for neighbors, mail carriers, cleaning ladies, etc.

The passes are available at our Book Sale on Kings Highway on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are unable to come to the Book Sale, please contact Ruth Hodum as she will try to accommodate you with alternatives:

You will need to send the collected money in a check made payable to **AAUW NMCB** to Ruth.

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

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



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

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## AAUW Used Book Sale



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

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

**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?

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

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