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Presidents' Message

Congratulations to **Mary Anne Anderl** on being honored as Member of the Year at our October meeting. We are very thankful for the myriad things that she has done over the years for our branch.

We hope you will not miss the November 3rd meeting at the Eatontown Community Center when Dr. Nancy Mezey, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Curriculum Coordinator of the Gender Studies Program at Monmouth University, will be our speaker. Her discussion of language used by the media in the 2008 campaigns will certainly be appropriate on election eve. Remember that we always welcome guests, so this would be the perfect time to bring a friend.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the voter registration drive with the League of Women Voters at Monmouth Mall. It was indeed a very worthwhile effort.

We have several exceptional events planned for November and December. **Kate Bigg** has arranged a fundraising occasion for EF at CJ Montana's Pub & Grille in Tinton Falls. We need all of you to eat dinner there on the evening of November 19 and encourage others to do the same. Our branch will receive a percentage of all the dinner tabs. What could be easier and more fun? See you all there, and thank you in advance for your support!

Carol Walther has been busy working on ideas for future EF fundraisers, and we look forward to implementing some of them soon.

On December 3, **Mary Anne Anderl** will present a special program about the Lescaux cave discovered in France in 1940. When Picasso viewed these cave paintings, he remarked, "We

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Branch Meeting

"The Intersections of Gender and Race in Current Political Rhetoric"

Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.

Eatontown Community Center

58 Broad Street (Route 71)

How has rhetoric concerning gender and race during this political season shaped the 2008 election? How does such rhetoric reflect and perpetuate deep-seated racism and sexism in the United States?

This presentation will address these two questions by looking at the Democratic primary race between Clinton and Obama, as well as the 2008 election involving Obama/Biden and McCain/Palin. The discussion will focus on how both spoken and written language in a variety of media sources have twisted feminism and tried to hide racism.

Our speaker will be Nancy Mezey, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology and Curriculum Coordinator of the Gender Studies Program at Monmouth University.

All are welcome — bring a friend!

Board Meeting

Monday, October 27, 7 p.m. at Eatontown Community Center. All members are invited to attend.

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**Items for the December issue are due on October 28 to:
Nancy Butler, Editor**

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

Study, Action, Interest Groups

For information on any group, contact Study Group VP

Advanced Spanish Conversation

Meets: First Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact: Alicia Portuondo

We get together for a social coffee and to listen to a speaker on a subject of interest to the group, or we watch a videotape about current events.

Call for meeting details.

Art History (NEW!)

Meets: Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. at Alice MacPhee's

Topic: The Pre-Raphaelites - continued

Contact: Mary Anne Anderl

We hear and discuss presentations by members on selected art history topics; we also plan museum trips. New members are welcome!

Drama

Meets: Wednesday, October 22, 10 a.m.

Topic: Discussion of *Art* (Two River Theater)

Meets: Wednesday, November 12, 1 p.m.

Topic: *Heartbreak House* at Two River Theater

Contact: Marjorie Levy

New 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 and 4th Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Contact: Kate Wellauer

Members with a good knowledge of the French language converse in French on many different subjects. 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/e-mail for meeting details.

French Intermediate

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 to 12

Contact: Anne Morrison

Lively discussion of French customs, culture, current events. New members very welcome! Call/e-mail for meeting details.

National AAUW News

- **Artists:** enter the Note Card Design Contest at www.aauw.org/contests/
- **AAUW Congressional Voting Record** has been released. Find it online (see p. 6) or get a hard copy from Marilyn Parker at parker@monmouth.edu

German Conversation

Meets: Twice a month on Mondays,
9:30-12

Contact: Walli Rosen

To retain and improve German language skills, the group reads about/discusses current events and contemporary German literature. Call for meeting details. New members are welcome.

Insights

Meets: November 11, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: *Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollen

Contact: Marilyn Parker

This group reads and discusses contemporary nonfiction to increase understanding and knowledge of current issues. New members welcome!

Contact chair for location.

Italian Conversation

Meets: 2nd Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m. at Estelle
Yaraschuk's

Contact: Jeannette Molzer or
Irene Gibson

To improve knowledge of Italian language and make Italian travel easier, this group studies customs, culture, and people of modern-day Italy. We would love to welcome new members; please call/e-mail for information.

Literature

Meets: October 23, 2:30 p.m.

Topic: *The Gathering* by Amy Enright

Meets: November 15, 2:30 p.m.

Topic: *Falling Man* by Don DeLillo

Contact: Regina Sieben

We now meet in the daytime, usually on the third Thursday. A different member acts as a leader each month, and presents background and critical appraisal of that month's selection. We welcome new members who might find the change of time convenient. Please contact chair for meeting details.

Movies and More

Meets: Tuesday or Wednesday evening

Contact: Jeannette Molzer

We view and discuss a movie once per month, usually in Red Bank. Last season, we saw nine films and enjoyed them all. Contact chair to be

put on the mailing list for receiving details, usually the week before. New members welcome.

Stock Study Group (NEW!)

Meets: October 22, 2:30 p.m. at Panera
Bread, Shrewsbury (across from
Eastern Branch Library)

Topic: Wall Street Unraveling

Contact: Carol Quinby-Walther

Join us for lively discussion. Some of our favorite financial companies are in dire straits, merging with their archrivals or, worse, going out of business. We are both anxious and fascinated daily as we read the papers and watch the news.

Membership

Regular members have their AAUW National Membership Number listed under their name on the *NetWorks* address label. Use this number to log on to the Member Center on the AAUW homepage (www.aauw.org), where you will find a wealth of information.

Yearbook Corrections:

Please correct these e-mail addresses in your yearbook:

- Vivian Breen
- Irene Holler
- Ann Morrison
- Gail Parfett:

Welcome to our Branch!

Please welcome back the following reinstated member and add her contact information to your yearbook:

Eleanor M. Christensen

Shrewsbury

Hunter College; Rutgers University

Mary Lea Burden

Laura Noll

Co-Membership VPs



An Invitation for Dinner with Friends

Wednesday, November 19, 4 - 11 p.m.

We have reserved a dinner date for all AAUW members, their families, and friends to share an evening of good dining, fellowship, and camaraderie at C.J. Montana's Pub & Grill, 560 Shrewsbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, 732-758-0800.

Our member, Kate Bigg, has arranged the evening with a purpose: The restaurant owners offer a "Dinner for Dollars" program in which a percentage of the evening's take (not including alcohol) up to \$2,000 will benefit a non-profit organization.

Anyone dining at C.J. Montana's that evening will be contributing to our AAUW-NMCB scholarship fund.

If you would like to dine with other AAUW members, plan on being at the restaurant between 6 and 8 p.m.

No one to go with? Join me; I'd love to have your company!

Need a ride? We can help with that too. Give us a call!

Carol Walther, Educational Foundation VP

Educational Foundation: Celebrating 50 Years!

The AAUW Educational Foundation has been breaking through barriers for women and girls since 1958. Our history of helping women further their education goes back even farther: the first AAUW International Fellowship (\$350) was awarded in 1917.

In 1963, during the civil rights era, we stepped up to the plate with The Africa Educators Program, created to provide opportunities to study in the United States for women from newly independent African nations.

Other highlights include an fellowship funded in memory of astronaut Judith Resnick, who was herself an American Fellow. Former Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala received the AAUW Recognition Award for Emerging Scholars.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award recognizes individuals, projects, or organizations

that contribute to the equity and education of women and girls.

In 1991, a landmark research report *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America* was released by the Educational Foundation; it revealed that girls receive an inferior education compared to boys.

Our 1938 publication *The Living Wage for College Women* helped spark the campaign for better employment standards for women. We know pay equity is still an issue.

In 2005 the Legal Advocacy Fund became a program of the Educational Foundation. We rise to the occasion. Many have been helped through our efforts and gifts.

There is nothing better than education to give a woman a voice. An education opens doors; better, it opens minds and inspires women to reach higher. We are proud to be a part of this AAUW mission.

Jeannette Molzer
Carol Walther
Co-Educational Foundation VPs

Scholarship News

We are happy to announce that the Esther Hymer Scholarship at Monmouth University for 2008-2009 has been awarded to Danielle Di-odato, last year's winner, who has now entered her senior year. No other Monmouth County resident was eligible for the Esther Hymer this year, and we are glad to support Danielle, a political science major planning to attend law school.

Mary Anne Anderl
Scholarship Chair

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have learned nothing in 12,000 years." We will see the Neolithic art that astounded a modern master, and Mary Anne will discuss its sophistication, technique, and most enigmatic meaning and purpose. Please return the coupon below so we can plan our special holiday refreshments. Any proceeds will go to our branch's operational fund.

We have two new study groups going this year: Art History and the Stock Study Group. You may want to pay them a visit to determine if you would like to be a regular



The Cave of Lascaux: Enigma & Neolithic Masterpiece

Video presentation/lecture by Mary Anne Anderl, Ph.D.

Wednesday, December 3 - 7:30 p.m.

Little Silver Women's Club - Church Street & Rumson Road

Holiday Refreshments - Donation \$ 15.00 per person

Learn about a cave discovered at Lascaux, France, that contains magnificent artwork representing the cultural and artistic tradition current in France and northern Spain from 35,000 to 12,000 years ago.

See and appreciate the sophistication and technique of this Neolithic art.

Name(s)

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Amount included

Please return by Nov 28 with your check(s) made out to AAUW-NMCB to:

Supreme Court's misstep in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*” The latter legislation was narrowly defeated in the Senate. (See box below.)

To find the Congressional Voting Record and other voting guides, click on “2008 Election Resources” at www.aauw.org.

To learn more about AAUW’s positions on women’s economic security, on the homepage click on “Advocacy,” then on “Public Policy,” and then on “AAUW Issues.”

Washington Update is AAUW's free, members-only weekly e-bulletin. It offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest policy news, resources for advocates, programming ideas, and

updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department. Subscribe by e-mailing VoterEd@aauw.org.

Joan Spring
Public Policy VP

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of former branch member **Susan Bannon**, who died on September 5 at the age of 65. A graduate of Youngstown State University, Sue most recently was a tour guide for the N.J. Marine Science Consortium at Sandy Hook.



AAUW-NJ - Achieving Pay Equity Conference January 24, 2009 Brookdale Community College, Lincroft

Despite considerable gains, pay equity remains a significant issue for women. This AAUW-NJ issues conference will address this vital topic and concentrate on ways to attain equal pay.

The keynote speaker will be Lilly Ledbetter, who gained national celebrity when her case against Goodyear Tire and Rubber was brought to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007. Nearing retirement after 20 years of employment, Ledbetter discovered that she had been paid considerably less than her male colleagues. She lost her case in a 5-4 decision of the Supreme Court; however, considerable attempts have been made in Congress to eliminate legal loopholes.

Additional speakers include:

- Moderator: Dr. Yasemin Besen-Cassino, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Montclair State University
- Dr. Mary Gatta, Senior Advisor of Workforce Policy and Research, Center for Women and Work, Rutgers University
- Lindsey Pollak, lecturer and author on career development issues, who will conduct an interactive session on negotiating, considered by experts to be a critical component in achieving pay equity

The conference will be co-sponsored by and held at Brookdale Community College. For further information and registration go to www.aauwnj.org.



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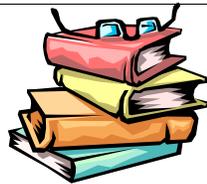
November 3 meeting: “The Intersections of Gender and Race in Current Political Rhetoric”

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, 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, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.”

AAUW Book Sale



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

Open: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturdays
Donations: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursdays
To volunteer: Anne Morrison
Information: Viki Mischenko, Chair
732-933-4855 or

All profits go to local scholarships for women and to the AAUW Educational Foundation for fellowships for women.

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At www.aauw.org, click on “Quick Links” and drop down to “Join the Action Network.” Non-members can participate too.

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