



# AAUW NetWorks

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## Presidents' Message

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season as we move on in 2010.

The branch holiday fundraiser in December was a big success. We thank all who contributed. Thanks must go to our outstanding art historian, **Dr. Mary Anne Anderl**, who presented an engrossing and informative program about the Parthenon sculptures. Thanks go to **Elaine Lent** and **Margaret Barney** for publicizing the event and enticing people to come. We must thank all those, including branch members, spouses, and friends, who attended the program at the Little Silver Woman's Club. We also thank **Carol Walther**, who created the beautiful holiday basket raffled at the event, and **Susan Gelber** and **Harriet Moore**, who coordinated the delightful refreshments. And thanks also to all who donated the variety of tasty treats.

The 2009 Member of the Year Award was presented to **Barbara Williamson** at the December program. Barbara has done many things as an AAUW member to support the AAUW mission and to support the activities of our Branch. She is currently serving on both the branch and AAUW-NJ boards. Her contributions are stellar, and the recognition is well deserved.

Change is here! This is the first edition of *NetWorks* that is being sent to the membership by e-mail. Those of you without e-mail will continue to get *NetWorks* by mail. Contact our membership vice-presidents, **Laura Noll** or **Mary Lea Burden**, if you want to change to e-mail delivery.

**Laura Noll** is the chair of the nominating committee for 2010-2012 offices. The committee will be busy preparing the slate of officers to present to the membership this spring. If you have any suggestions or want to volunteer, please let her know.

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## Branch Meeting

**"Global Warming: What You Can Do"**  
**Judith Kramer, Ph.D.**

**Monday, February 1, 7 p.m.**  
**Eatontown Community Center**  
**58 Broad Street (Route 71)**

This month we welcome Dr. Judith Kramer as our speaker. She was trained in the subject of global warming by Al Gore, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his environmental work, and she will give us an update on worldwide efforts to deal with this problem. Most importantly, she will suggest actions we can take right now to be environmentally responsible.

Judith is a practicing psychologist in Monmouth County. Always active in the community, she has been president of the Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts and an organizer of Running and Winning. She was a recipient of AAUW-NJ's 2009 Women as Agents of Change Award and is a member of the Freehold Branch of AAUW.

## Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 7 p.m., at the Eatontown Community Center, 58 Broad Street. All members are invited to attend.

## We've gone digital!

If you've received this *NetWorks* in the mail, that means we don't have your e-mail address. Please notify a membership VP if you do have one.

**BRANCH OFFICERS 2009-2010**

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Items for the March issue are due on January 26 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

**AAUW Bumper Stickers**

Special thanks to Doris Hudak for providing the AAUW bumper stickers.

You can pick one up at a branch meeting.

**Study, Action, Interest Groups****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**

Meets: Monday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Mary Anne Anderl

Please contact Mary Anne for details. New members are welcome!

**Drama**

Meets: Wednesday, February 17

Topic: *Barefoot in the Park* at Two River Theater

Meets: Wednesday, February 24

Topic: Discussion of *Barefoot in the Park*

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.

**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: Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.  
 Topic: *How Doctors Think* by Jerome Groopman  
 Meets: Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.  
*Hands of My Father* by Myron Uhlberg

Contact: Marilyn Parker

This group reads and discusses contemporary non-fiction to increase understanding and knowledge of current issues. New members are welcome! Contact chair for locations.

**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: Thursday, February 18, 1:30 p.m., at Regina Sieben's

Topic: *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
 Contact: Regina Sieben

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: Jeannette Molzer  
 Contact chair to be put on list for receiving details, usually the week before. New members welcome!

**News about Movies and More**

The Movies and More Interest Group will attend matinee performances during the months of February and March, with light suppers to follow at the diner on Monmouth Street in Red Bank.

Please contact Jeannette Molzer to be put on the mailing list for these daytime films.

**Membership****Membership Updates:**

Please update your yearbooks with new e-mail addresses for **Katherine McCleary** and **Marilyn Parker**:

Katherine McCleary

Marilyn Parker

**Coffee and Conversation for New and Prospective Members:**

We invite all new and prospective members to an afternoon of "Coffee and Conversation" about AAUW and our branch activities. It will be held on Sunday, January 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Historical Society, 419 Sycamore Ave (in the Shrewsbury Municipal Complex). We hope to see you there!

**An e-mail address reminder:**

Going forward, NMCB will be increasing the use of e-mail to communicate branch news and activities among the members. If you have e-mail access, please make sure that we have your correct e-mail address in the branch database. Check your yearbook entry if you are not sure. If you change your e-mail address, please send us your new one.

**Need a ride to a branch meeting or activity?**

Please call one of us.

Mary Lea Burden  
 Laura Noll  
 Co-Membership Vice Presidents

**Among Ourselves**

Our honorary life member **Priscilla Brower**, long-time chair of Monmouth Beach's Shade Tree Commission, has been honored by the borough with the renaming of Shorelands Park as Priscilla Ireland Brower Park at Shorelands. Since her appointment to the commission in 1952, more than 2,000 trees have been planted.

## Save the Date!

**Women's Symposium**  
April 30 at Brookdale Community College  
Co-sponsored by AAUW-NMCB, AAUW-NJ,  
and Brookdale

**Keynote Speaker:** Amanda Hesser, former  
NYTimes food editor and cookbook author

**Workshops:** Personal discovery and fun  
Join Doris Hudak, Wendy Murphy, and  
Isabel Kupilik at their workshops!

## Public Policy

To include your voice in the AAUW efforts to eliminate discriminatory gender rating in insurance and preserve women's access to complete reproductive health care coverage, visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and go to "Two Minute Activist." Then click on "Issues and Legislation" to:

- Read about AAUW's position on health care reform and reproductive rights;
- Contact your members of Congress; and
- Sign up to join with coalition partners in Washington on Wednesday, January 20, to lobby Congress. AAUW will assist you in setting up meetings with your members of Congress.



## Barbara Williamson is Member of the Year

The Northern Monmouth County Branch is honored to have a member with the enthusiasm and devotion that Barbara Williamson has for our organization. Barbara has taken on many jobs during her membership. She was president of this branch from 1987 to 1989 and continues to take on new challenges with each passing year. Recently she was our Educational Foundation vice president, and she currently serves as financial vice president. Additionally, she is membership vice president for AAUW-NJ, after having served as Educational Foundation vice president.

Barbara has been involved in many other AAUW activities. She was a leader in creating the statewide Teen Tech program, which encourages female high school students to pursue careers in science and technology. She has also been involved in the branch history project that brings history to local classrooms with our publication about a young woman's involvement in the American Revolution, *The Battle of Monmouth: A Young Woman Goes To War*. These are just some of the many contributions Barbara has made to AAUW.

She is committed to carrying out the AAUW mission to help women achieve high levels of self-worth in our culture. Her vision and willingness to commit to the future are traits that are welcome and honored in this branch.

Barbara Iwanski, Co-President

*Barbara Williamson responds:*

Thank you so much for honoring me with the Member of the Year Award at our December branch meeting! I was so surprised!

When I joined NMCB, I met many amazing women who are my role models, including Nancy Butler, Marian Wattenbarger, and Nancy Collart. I think I did not picture myself in a leadership role, but somehow they did. I really want to thank them for showing the way.

We have such a great branch with so many dedicated, fun women. It is great to work with all of you.

Co-presidents Doris Hudak and Barbara Iwanski admire the engraved clock that was presented to Barbara Williamson, Member of the Year.

## Presidents' Message (cont. from page 1)

We look forward to the interesting programs planned through the next five months, starting with the February 1<sup>st</sup> branch meeting at the Eatontown Community Center. Judith Kramer will tell us about "Global Warming: What You Can Do." We hope to see you there!

Doris Hudak  
Barbara Iwanski  
Co-Presidents



## In Memoriam

Our long-time member and friend **Kay Turner Thomas** died on December 7, 2009, at Knollwood Nursing Center, Worcester, MA. She was 87. Kay was president of our branch from 1999 to 2001, and also chaired the Art History Study Group. A very talented artist, she illustrated our history booklet, *The Battle of Monmouth: A Young Woman Goes to War*, and also designed note cards for the branch. Kay received her B.F.A. from University of Iowa and M.A. from Rutgers, and was an art teacher in Middletown schools. A memorial service was held in Holden, MA, in December, and another will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Little Silver, at 11 a.m. on January 16.

The husband of long-time branch member **Julia Brancato**, Jack, died in September at the age of 96. He was a substitute teacher after retiring as a research chemist, and took enrichment courses at Brookdale until he was 92. It was through Jack's membership in the Garibaldi Society in Red Bank that our Book Sale was located there for many years.

Robert Borys, the son of our member **Barbara Borys**, died on December 28 at the age of 41. He had suffered from brain cancer. He was employed by Monmouth County in various positions, most recently as a county network administrator. We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara and her family.



## Book Sale Location

Old First Church, 69 Kings Hwy., Middletown  
Open Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Book Corner

The **Insights Interest Group's** recommendation for this month is *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore.



Having read this book will be very helpful background for Judy Kramer's presentation at the February branch meeting. We found the book easy reading because it is presented in a straightforward manner that is unusual for a scientific topic such as global warming. The most helpful formats for all of us were the graphs and pictures. The graphs clearly show trends and predictions for all areas of the planet. The pictures show the dramatic changes that have already taken place in many natural treasures. Overall, the book is quite convincing that this problem can no longer be ignored.

Marilyn Parker  
Insights Chair



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## February Branch Meeting: "Global Warming: What You Can Do" Monday, February 1

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, 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  
Donations: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays  
To volunteer: Anne Morrison  
Information: Viki Mischenko, Chair  
732-933-4855

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

### Stay Connected!

AAUW [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
AAUW-NJ [www.aauwnj.org](http://www.aauwnj.org)  
AAUW-NMCB [www.aauw-nj-nmcb.org](http://www.aauw-nj-nmcb.org)  
Branch phone 732-933-4855

**Join the AAUW Action Network:**  
At [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), click on "Quick Links" and drop down to "Join the Action Network." Non-members can participate too.

**On-line Bookstore:** [www.bn.com/aauw](http://www.bn.com/aauw)

**Meeting cancellation information:**  
Listen to 94.3 FM.

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