



AAUW NetWorks

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Presidents' Message

We look forward to seeing you at the Eatontown Community Center on May 4, when Sheriff Kim Guadagno will be our honored guest. Sheriff Guadagno is the chief executive of a multi-million-dollar agency encompassing a law enforcement division, a 1,328-bed maximum security correctional facility, a youth detention center, and a police communications/9-1-1 emergency dispatch center. We're certain that she will have fascinating information to share with us about her position. At this meeting we also will report on the events of the annual meeting of AAUW- NJ and tell you about our Agent of Change Award winner, Judith Kramer.

We are happy to say that our new branch co-presidents are in place for next term. **Doris Hudak** and **Barbara Iwanski** will be taking the helm at the June meeting. Barbara will be representing our branch at the national convention in St. Louis in June; she will be accompanied by **Barbara Williamson**, who will be attending as an AAUW-NJ board member.

Doris Hudak is to be commended for another achievement outside of AAUW. She was selected as a recipient of Brookdale Community College's annual Barringer Award. This is a very distinguished honor presented to individuals who demonstrate unwavering commitment to educational excellence and Brookdale's mission. Congratulations, Doris!

Please be sure to read the particulars about our next fundraising dining opportunity at CJ Montana's. This time we will have more choice in dining times, but we will need to have invitation cards to present on entry. One will be included in your dues mailing; get as many as

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Branch Meeting

"Women in Nontraditional Political Office" Monmouth County Sheriff Kim Guadagno

Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.
Eatontown Community Center,
58 Broad Street (Route 71)

Women have begun to take their places in political office, but they rarely hold some elected positions, such as sheriff, as does Kim Guadagno. At her swearing-in ceremony in January 2008, she remarked that she sees no special challenges in being the county's first female sheriff. "First, I am qualified, and second, I am a woman. As the first female sheriff, I feel the attention to this historic fact will offer more opportunities to promote issues important to the people of Monmouth County." Join us for our May meeting, when Guadagno will update us on her experiences as sheriff and share her thoughts on being a woman in what is still considered a man's job.

Sheriff Guadagno is the chief executive of a 695-member, \$60 million agency. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office achieved the unprecedented "Grand Slam" award in national accreditation in four major areas of operation. It is the only agency among 3,088 across the United States to earn this distinction.

Guests are welcome! If you need a ride, please call Alice MacPhee or Marilyn Parker.

Board Meeting

Monday, April 27, 7 p.m. at Eatontown Community Center, 58 Broad Street (Route 71)
All branch members are invited to attend.

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**Items for the June issue are due on April 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**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: Please contact chair for details about May activities.
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, April 22, 9:30 a.m.
Topic: Discussion of *Melissa Arctic*
Meets: Wednesday, May 20, 1 p.m.
Topic: *Private Lives* 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.

AAUW Online Bookstore:

Receive a **5% discount on your purchases and free shipping** at Barnes and Noble. Look for link on NMCB website or go to www.bn.com/aauw

Other member benefits:

Click on "membership benefits" at www.aauw.org

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, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama

Meets: Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: *China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power* by Rob Gifford

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

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, April 16, 2:30 p.m.

Topic: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Hosseini

Meets: Thursday, May 15, 2:30 p.m.

Topic: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace*, Mortenson/Relin

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

Contact chair to be put on list for receiving details, usually the week before. New members welcome! (See article below.)

Stock Study Group: Financial Education and Discussion

Meets: Third Tuesday, 3 p.m.

Contact chair for location

Contact: Carol Q. Walther

The group enjoys "lunch and learn" meetings and welcomes new members. Contact chair for details of next meeting.

Movies and More: Update

The Movies and More interest group has enjoyed several Academy Award-winning films this winter: *Milk*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *The Reader*, and *The Class*. Now that spring is here, we will again plan to go to Clearview Cinema in Red Bank for evening shows and discuss the film over refreshments at the diner on Monmouth Street. Please contact me if you would like to be on our e-mail list. Notices usually go out on Friday for a movie date the following week.

Jeannette Molzer, Chair

Possible New Study Group**Writers Support Group**

Are you a writer or wanna-be? Let's get together for mutual critiquing and pulling in speakers on writing topics, getting published, and marketing ideas. I'm polishing a memoir including misadventures behind the Iron Curtain with KGB harassment.

Joanne Ivy Stankievich

Membership

Member Update:

Honorary Life Member (that means 50+ years!) **Hannah Klein** has moved from Lincroft to East Windsor. We wish her well in her new surroundings closer to family members.

Dues for July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010:

A separate dues notice will be mailed to you shortly; a copy is also included here. Please pay your dues by June 1 and your name will be entered in a drawing at the June 1 branch meeting for a free membership (payment will be refunded). You need not be present to win, but it would be nice to see you at our final meeting of the year at Monmouth Beach Cultural Center.

Regular: \$69 (national \$49, state \$10, branch \$10); \$46.00 will be tax deductible.*

Guest: \$40 (not eligible for national membership). Those with two-year degrees are now eligible for regular membership so they must pay Regular Member dues.

Life Member: \$20 (state and branch dues)

Member-at-large (MAL) joining NMCB: \$20 (state and branch dues, in additional to national \$49 already paid)

Student Affiliate: \$27.00 (national \$17, \$16 tax deductible*; branch \$10)

*Beginning April 1, 2009, of the \$49 AAUW national individual member dues, \$46 is tax deductible if payable to "AAUW," our 501(c)(3) charitable organization; \$3 goes to support your AAUW Lobby Corps and election-related activities and are not tax deductible.

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

Mary Lea Burden
Laura Noll
Co-Membership VPs

Presidents' Message (cont. from p.1)

you want from board members, study group chairs, and at the Book Sale. We hope you will circulate them widely among friends in and outside of AAUW to support our Scholarship Fund member, and we will make sure you get as many invitations as you would like.

2009-2010 AAUW-NMCB Membership

Name _____ Current Member ____ New Member ____

Circle Member type: Regular, Guest, Life, Hon Life, MAL joining branch, or Student Affiliate

Current Members: Enter information to be updated in the 2009-2010 Yearbook.

Check here if your information in 2008-2009 Yearbook is correct _____

New Members: Enter all your information to be included in the 2009-2010 Branch Yearbook

Address: _____

City _____, State _____, Zip _____ - _____

Phone (for yearbook) _____, Email _____

College / University _____, State _____, Degree _____

Additional Schools & Degrees _____

Profession _____, Interests _____

Mail your membership form and check (made out to "AAUW") to Susan Gelber

Spring is the season when our scholarship chair is most busy. We appreciate all the work that **Mary Anne Anderl** has been doing to make sure our local scholarships and high school Book Awards are implemented. This year, thanks to the bequests of Frances Dunbar and Carla Wilkinson, we are offering to send two Monmouth University students to the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in June. The program will address contemporary leadership issues and hone skills for campus, community, and workplace leaders.

With graduations approaching, think about honoring a graduate with a gift of a free, one-year AAUW membership-at-large. Simply go to www.aauw.org and fill out a form on-line, or download the application and send it in. While your graduate will not become a member of a branch, she will receive publications such as the *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more. Should she decide to join a branch, she can always add that portion of dues, or you could decide to upgrade her graduation gift.

Don't forget that to match men's earnings

for 2008, women have to work from January '08 to April '09. That is an extra four months! Equal Pay Day on April 28 will recognize this inequity. Did you know you could send a pay equity e-card to someone? It can be found through the "Equal Pay Day" link at www.aauw.org.

You probably have already received your dues renewal form for 2009/10, and we urge you to return it promptly with your check so it will not get lost in the back of your desk drawer. The good news is that the dues amount has stayed the same, but we believe the rewards of membership have greatly increased!

Be sure to join us for our very special May 4 branch meeting. We will no doubt also see one another when we dine at CJ Montana's any time from April 30-May 3. Please make sure you have their yellow invitation with you to present at arrival so our dollars spent will benefit our Education Foundation.

Best wishes for a delightful and much awaited springtime... and happy Mother's Day!

Alice MacPhee
Marilyn Parker
Co-Presidents

Second "Dining Out With Friends" Event

We invite our members, families, and friends to dine together at
CJ Montana's Pub & Grille
560 Shrewsbury Ave (corner of Apple Street), Tinton Falls

Lunch and Dinner from 11:30 a.m. till 11 p.m., April 30 to May 3

Our guests with invitations will dine on their own at their pleasure during the four-day period. CJ Montana's will generously tabulate the invitations of AAUW guests and rebate 10% of the food checks to our branch Scholarship Fund.

CJ Montana's is a favorite of our members – the menu is wonderful and the ambiance charming (not to mention the homemade desserts).

One invitation will be included in your dues mailing.

More will be available from board members, study group chairs, and at the AAUW Book Sale on Saturdays at Old First Church in Middletown.

Information: Carol Walther

Hudak Wins Barringer Award

Doris Hudak, our incoming co-president, has received Brookdale's highest honor, the Barringer Award. BCC President Dr. Peter Burnham applauded Doris for her years of service, noting that she is the first non-faculty recipient of this award. Surrounded by family and friends, Doris said, "This is the biggest moment of my life."



She began college with gusto after her family was grown, graduating from Brookdale with her A.A.S. in Human Services in 1983. Doris says, "My life began at 50." She worked with students as a cooperative education coordinator and became very active in the Brookdale Alumni Association. As an officer, Doris implemented many programs for the school, including the Buy-a-Brick campaign and installation of the bronze statue of the Kentucky Derby-winning filly from Brookdale Farms. She served as the group's president from 2003-2005. Doris also works actively with the National Catholic Ministry of the Bereaved.

With her zestful spirit for life, it seems that Doris doesn't want to miss anything, and that nothing is too difficult to attempt. She has traveled the world by herself, written a book on her travels, completed a walking pilgrimage in Northern Spain, received a gold award for martial arts in Paris, and still has time for family and friends.

Doris, we are inspired by you and we applaud you!

Barbara Williamson, Finance VP

Among Ourselves

Friends of our long-time member **Carla Wilkinson**, who died in January at the age of 91, will hold a memorial gathering on June 6 at 2 p.m. in the Shrewsbury Room at the Shadow Lake Village Clubhouse in Middletown. Please come to honor Carla and, if you can, bring any photos of her that you may have and stories

about her to share with the rest of us. Light refreshments will be served

We are sad to report that former member **Judy Gabbe's** husband, John, died on March 16 in Hingham, Massachusetts, after a long battle with cancer. They had moved there three years ago to be closer to their son. Judy was a faithful member of the Art History Study Group and also served on the board. She can be reached at 208 Linden Ponds Way, CL-503, Hingham, MA 02043. Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. Yariv Houvras Thyroid Cancer Fund, c/o MGH Development Office, 165 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Linda Lees**, whose companion, Donald Clayton Hamilton, died on March 7 at the age of 94. A former executive for CBS News, he was a great lover of the arts, travel, and the New York Yankees.

Running & Winning

The 3rd annual Running & Winning Workshop will take place on Friday, May 1, at Monmouth Regional High School. This is our joint venture with the League of Women Voters-Greater Red Bank Area, which initiated the workshop, as well as the Red Bank Chapter of Hadassah, Junior League of Monmouth County, State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of New Jersey, and the Monmouth County Regional Chapter of the Women's Political Caucus.

Many months of hard work and planning will culminate in a wonderful hands-on opportunity for more than 60 young women who are juniors at 13 local public high schools to learn about the political process. During this full-day workshop, the students will be introduced to women in local and state government who will share their experiences and provide mentoring. The students will also have the opportunity to network and then, in small groups, to discuss a non-partisan issue, take a position, work on a mock campaign, and speak in public. This year's

topic pertains to legal and illegal immigration.

AAUW-NMCB members serving on the steering committee are **Marian Wattenbarger** (co-chair), **Susan Gelber**, and **Joan Spring**. Several other branch members are involved: **Ruth Hodum** and **Marilyn Parker** will be facilitators, and **Mary Lea Burden** and **Harriet Moore** will be workshop volunteers.

Public Policy

Workplace Discrimination Filings Rise

Workplace discrimination filings rose dramatically in FY'08, up 15% from FY'07, according to an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission report released in March. More than 95,000 charges were filed in the past fiscal year, securing \$376 million in monetary relief for victims of discrimination. "The EEOC has not seen an increase of this magnitude in charges filed for many years. While we do not know if it signifies a trend, it is clear that employment discrimination remains a persistent problem," said the commission's acting chair Stuart Ishimaru.

According to EEOC's data, every major category of charge filings in the private sector - which included charges filed against state and local governments - saw increases. Racial discrimination charges were the most frequent, totaling nearly 34,000, and represented over 35% of all claims. Sex discrimination claims rose by nearly 4,000 over the previous year, accounting for nearly 30% of total claims filed. Another 954 charges were filed under the Equal Pay Act.

ACTION: AAUW applauds EEOC efforts to enforce non-discrimination employment laws. Such efforts both help victims of discrimination and discourage future injustice. You can help fight wage discrimination by urging your senators to support the **Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182)**. A much-needed update of the 45-year-old Equal Pay Act, this act would create stronger incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen federal outreach, education, and enforcement efforts. Learn more about AAUW's

position on pay equity at www.aauw.org, and visit the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund's Resource Library for more information.

2009-10 Federal Policy Agenda Released

AAUW remains focused on closing the sizable wage gap between women and men while pushing for policies that promote family-friendly workplaces and address the educational achievement gap. To see the entire policy agenda, visit http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/upload/fedpolicyagenda.pdf

Joan Spring
Public Policy VP

Looking Ahead

AAUW-NJ Annual Meeting*

Saturday, April 18

Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Twp.

Speaker: Sally Chamberlain, EF program VP and candidate for Association president

* Register online at www.aauwnj.org

AAUW National Convention

"Breaking Through Barriers"

Friday-Sunday, June 26-28

St. Louis, Missouri

More info online at www.aauw.org

Wanted: Book Award Presenters

Would you like to attend the award ceremony at one (or more) of our 22 local high schools to present our Book Award to the top graduating female mathematics student? A letter will be provided for the presenter to read in making the award. Please contact Mary Anne Anderl, scholarship chair, for the dates, times, and venues of the awards ceremonies.



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May 4 Branch Meeting: "Women in Nontraditional Political Office"

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

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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