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Calendar:

April 30, Friday **"Learn. Laugh. Lunch."**
Women's Conference at Brookdale CC
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April 17, May 1 and 2
Monmouth Civic Chorus Concerts
Fundraiser for LAF *(See page 10)*

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Branch Meeting

"An Unlikely Advocate for Affordable Housing"
Beverly Bova Scarano

Monday, May 3, 7 p.m.
Eatontown Community Center
58 Broad Street (Route 71)

Our May speaker, Beverly Bova Scarano, will discuss housing for the working poor in Monmouth County. She is president of the Community Outreach Group, a coalition of ten Middletown-area churches that operates the Calico Cat Thrift Shop, Emergency Food Pantry, and Emergency Assistance Fund, serving individuals and families in crisis.

Beverly is also a board member of New Creations in Christ's (NCIC) Affordable Housing Initiative, made up of 22 area churches, along with other organizations and individuals who unite to advocate for more affordable housing in the county. NCIC works with and under the auspices of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey.

Beverly will describe how she works on the housing problem, focusing on awareness through education, creative advocacy, and action against all odds.

All are welcome! If you need a ride, please call membership VPs Mary Lea Burden or Laura Noll.

Board Meeting

Monday, April 26, 7 p.m., at Shrewsbury Historical Society, 419 Sycamore Avenue

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Items for the June issue are due on May 4 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

CHECK OUT THESE MEMBER BENEFITS

Publications at MagazineLine
Books etc. at Barnes & Noble online
Test Prep at Princeton Review (family/friends too)
Rosalind Wiseman Webinars
CareerBuilder.com job search
Marsh Insurance at group rates
Vision Direct contact lenses
Jitterbug cell phone ... and more!

Presidents' Message

The branch annual meeting was held on April 5th. Sadly, there was not a large turnout of members. And it was an excellent meeting! The slate of new officers for 2010 - 2012 was approved, as were the new bylaws for the branch.

We welcome **Susan Gelber** as Study Group VP, **Laura Noll** and **Mary Lea Burden** as Co-Membership VPs, **Jeannette Molzer** and **Ruth Hodum** as Co-Development VPs, and **Alice MacPhee** and **Karen Topham** as Co-Recording Secretaries (with **Annette Benanti** agreeing to serve as an alternate Recording Secretary if needed).

The April program "Women's Workplace Equity, Then and Now" was stimulating. Speaking of their experiences in the business world were four women, including branch members **Laura Noll**, **Betty Randall**, and **Wendy Murphy**, and one potential member, **Susan Boyce**. The speakers covered the years from the 1960s to the present and a variety of types of work, including technical fields, finance, marketing, and owning one's own business, covering a multitude of work areas and interactions in their jobs. In their presentations we were able to see the many changes that have taken place for women in the workplace. Each woman had a story to tell of the problems and types of management styles she had encountered. The contrasts were both loud and subtle. Women have really come a long way, but there is still a distance to go. This was an interesting program, which hopefully will be repeated again at another time for a larger audience.

With the spring comes our time to award our branch's college scholarships and high school book awards. We will also be sponsoring two local students to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in June. We are looking forward to having outstanding women receiving all these recognitions.

Once again we will be sponsoring a horse at the Battle of Monmouth Reenactment in June. **Please help Lord Cornwallis get defeated again!** (See page 5.)

We need help! **We are in need of someone to step in to be Co-Meeting Coordinator with Harriet Moore.** The Meeting Coordinators work to set up the refreshments at our meetings. A volunteer would be nice.

We hope to see you at the next branch meeting on

May 3. Beverly Bova Scarano will present the program about "Housing the Working Poor." Everyone is invited!

Doris Hudak,
Barbara Iwanski,
Co-Presidents

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: Thursday, May 20
Topic: Trip to the Garden for Sculpture
Contact: Marian Wattenbarger
New members are welcome!

Drama
Meets: Wednesday, April 28
Topic: Discussion of *Orestes*
Meets: Wednesday, May 26
Topic: *Picasso* 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.

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, May 11, 7:30 p.m.
Topic: *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals
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
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, May 20, 1:30 p.m., at Adelaide Swanson-Bonner's
Topic: *The Shack* by William P. Young
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!

Spotlight on Study Groups

Literature Group

The Literature Group is led by **Regina Sieben**. The meetings now are held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the months from September to June, except December. At a summer meeting, this group selects literary fiction, with an occasional memoir, to be read during the coming year. A different member acts as leader each month and presents background and critical appraisal of the month's selection.

Some of this year's selections were: *The Way We live Now* by Anthony Trollope, *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel, *The Peppered Moth* by Margaret Drabble, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, and *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson.

The group would welcome new members who might find the change of time convenient. Please contact the chair or hostess of the month for more information.

Art History Group

This relatively new study group is led by **Mary Anne Anderl**. Two of this year's activities were museum trips. In November they visited the Montclair Museum to see the exhibit of works by Cezanne and the American artists whom he influenced.

Their recent March trip took them to the Barnes Foundation in Merion, PA, where they saw an extensive collection of mostly 19th and 20th century European paintings. The group enjoyed a general tour with a very good docent.

Barbara Sickmann
Study Group Vice President

Membership Reminders

Member Updates

We welcome new members **Janet Kenny** and **Carol Stokes** to our branch. **Joan Norman** has a new address. Please add their contact information to your yearbook.

Janet Kenny

Carol Stokes

Joan Norman

Membership for 2010 - 2011

Membership runs from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. Current members: It is time to renew your membership. AAUW friends: would you like to join AAUW and the Northern Monmouth County Branch? Be part of a powerful national network that has been promoting equity for women and girls for more than 125 years. Play a part in your local branch that has served our area since 1928.

A separate dues notice will be mailed out shortly; a copy is also included here (page 9). Complete and return the membership form with your check so that your membership information will be listed correctly in our 2010-2011 Yearbook. Please consider including a $10 donation to help defray branch expenses.

If you pay your dues by June 7th, your name will be entered in a drawing at the June 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 on June 7th.

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

Congratulations to **Wendy Murphy,** who has been named one of "New Jersey's Best 50 Women in Business" by NJBIZ. A financial advisor and financial planning specialist at the Murphy Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Wendy was one of the speakers at our April branch meeting.

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Breaking through Barriers

NetWorking

WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH is a two-day event when most of the historic places in Monmouth County open their doors to visitors all at the same time! The Third Annual Tour will be May 1 and 2, 10:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, including last year's tour map and booklet, go to http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=3464.

"A PASSPORT TO YOUR FUTURE," the 2010 NJ Governor's Conference for Women, will offer educational workshops, networking opportunities, and motivational stories on May 4 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. A networking reception will be on May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. For information go to www.nj.gov/dca/hmfa/home/womensconference/.

ARTHRITIS WALK: Join hundreds of walkers for the "Let's MOVE Together" Arthritis Walk on Sunday, May 16 at Middlesex County College. The walk starts at 10 a.m. To register online go to http://msxaw.kintera.org.

A Horse for Cornwallis!

This year's Battle of Monmouth re-enactment will take place on the weekend of June 19-20 at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, and our branch has been asked to sponsor a horse for Lord Cornwallis. This will be a famous general's horse, so we have come up in the world since we provided a mount for Colonel Scilley. True, this is an enemy horse, but there would be no re-enactment without British troops.

Filming of the re-enactment will finish this year, so this is the last time that we will be asked to finance a steed. We need to raise a total of $300, and $100 has already been donated!

Our branch will be named on the front page of the re-enactment program, and we will receive acknowledgement from Trenton, so this is an opportunity for state-wide publicity. **If you would like to contribute**, please send your check made out to "AAUW Funds" to Mary Anne Anderl or to Jeannette Molzer, and mark your check "horse."

We also will be at the park on both re-enactment days selling our book, *The Battle of*

Food for Thought
Learn. Laugh. Lunch.

Women's Conference
Friday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Brookdale Community College

Co-sponsored by AAUW-NMCB and AAUW-NJ

Share a day of inspiration, fun, and spring renewal. The Women's Conference offers a unique opportunity to hear memorable speakers and sample subjects of interest all in one day through morning and afternoon workshops.

AMANDA HESSER is a food writer, editor, and cookbook author who plays herself in the new movie *Julie & Julia*. A former New York Times Magazine food editor, she is best known for her Food Diary columns. She is now working on a new on-line, virtual kitchen community at www.food52.com as well as the first crowd-sourced cookbook. Don't miss Amanda's presentation "What Makes A Good Cookbook."

PAMELA REDMOND SATRAN is the author of the best-selling humor book, *How Not to Act Old*, based on her blog www.hownottoactold.com. She is also the author of five novels, including *Younger* and *The Man I Should Have Married*, and coauthor of ten best-selling baby name books and the popular Glamour List column.

Branch members **DORIS HUDAK**, **WENDY MURPHY**, **ISABEL KUPILIK,** and **CAROL JANSSON** are among the presenters.

Fee: $65 includes morning coffee, lunch, speakers, and two workshops

To register: call 732-224-2315 or email lmartin@brookdalecc.edu.

Monmouth: A Woman Goes to War, and members are needed to help staff the table. **Please contact me if you can help on June 19 or 20, morning or afternoon.** You'll have time to browse the merchants' tents and watch the activities. It's a lot of fun, especially if you've never seen the re-enactment!

Mary Anne Anderl
Program Vice President

Running & Winning

On Friday morning, April 30th, women gathered at Monmouth Regional High School to take part in the 4th annual Running & Winning Workshop, a leadership program for young women in their junior year of high school. The steering committee for this and the three previous workshops has been composed of volunteers from five local organizations—League of Women Voters-Greater Red Bank Area, Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW, Junior League of Monmouth County, Monmouth County Regional Women's Political Caucus, and the Red Bank Chapter of Hadassah—who have come together to foster a common goal.

Running & Winning introduces young women to the realities of the political process and seeks to change their negative attitudes about politics and leadership positions. By drawing them into discussion and helping them find their way to positions on issues, the program expands their understanding of how public policy affects individuals and communities, and how women can take a larger role in shaping public policies by participating in the political process. It is hoped that their attendance may start them on a path that will ultimately result in an increased number of women running for public office.

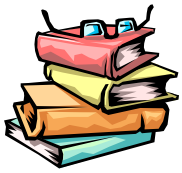
The program also introduces the students and their teachers to women who are currently or recently in governmental positions in New Jersey. This year the 15 to 20 women in government who were scheduled to participate included Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno (who previously participated when she was Monmouth County Sheriff); Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande; Suzanne Castleman, Mayor of Little Silver; Pamela Brightbill, former mayor of Middletown; Amy Mallet, Monmouth County Freeholder; M. Claire French, Monmouth County Clerk; Anna Little, Mayor of Highlands; and Rosemarie Peters, Monmouth County Surrogate and former Middletown mayor. Meeting these women in public office has always been a highlight of the workshop for the students.

The participating students came from at least 12 area high schools and were accompanied by teachers who attended with the hope of transferring their experience at the workshop into their classrooms. Trained volunteers from the organizations listed above served as facilitators for students and teachers.

The above information was adapted from an article by Ruth Korn, a representative of Red Bank Hadassah who has served on the steering committee. We would like to thank the members of our branch who so ably participated in Running & Winning this year. They are **Marian Wattenbarger**, who has co-chaired the committee for the past two years, and **Susan Gelber**, **Joan Spring**, and **Ann McNamara**, who served on the steering committee. Also, **Ruth Hodum** and **Marilyn Parker** were facilitators, and **Mary Lea Burden**, **Irene Gibson**, and **Harriet Moore** helped at the workshop.

Susan Gelber
Joan Spring
Marian Wattenbarger

Book Corner



The **Insights** Interest Group's recommendation for this month is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver. You may be familiar with some of the author's well-known novels. This nonfiction work describes the occurrences, hardships, and joy that followed the author's family's decision to move to a farm and live only off the harvest of their labor. Initially, this reviewer found the author's position quite strident, although no one else in the group reacted negatively. However, when it comes down to it, she really writes about topics of which we should all be aware and embrace to the extent possible. A good way to start would be to frequent local farmer's markets and to select local products whenever possible.

Marilyn Parker
Insights Chair

LAF Update

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) currently supports five legal cases. Updates on their status can be found on the AAUW Web site noted below. LAF continually reviews new case support applications. These may be submitted to laf@aauw.org. AAUW has published an updated LAF brochure, which can be ordered from the ShopAAUW Web site.

Another of LAF's functions is to provide educational programs. Often these are packaged in what are called "Programs in a Box." There are programs entitled "Title IX Compliance: Know the Score" and "LAF Campus Outreach." Campuses are encouraged to apply for up to $750 from LAF to hold their own campus outreach events and use the Program in a Box as a guide. A new program being developed with AAUW partner SAFER (Students Active for Ending Rape) is focused on how AAUW members can address sexual assault on their local campuses.

Find more information on LAF, including a summary of current and past cases, at http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/ .

Pat Miller, LAF Representative

Public Policy

New AAUW Research Report

On March 22, AAUW released the new research report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. The report takes a comprehensive look at the continued under-representation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at a time when women are increasingly represented in medicine, law, and business.

The report was funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the AAUW Letitia Corum Memorial Fund, the AAUW Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle, and the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.

Drawing upon a large and diverse body of research, AAUW's report provides compelling evidence of environmental and social barriers, including unconscious gender bias, stereotypes, and the climate within college and university science and engineering departments, that continue to limit women's participation and progress.

A presentation on the report was held at George Washington University in Washington on March 25. It was also broadcast live online. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion among invited experts on how to move this important research to practice.

Visit www.aauw.org/research/whysofew.cfm for more information on the report.

Grassroots Advocacy

On March 16, I participated in a public policy conference phone call, during which Seth Chase and Lecia Imbery from the AAUW national office reviewed resources available on the AAUW website. The topics discussed are listed below, including links to on-line information.

- Schedule a meeting with an elected official: www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/meet_your_MC.cfm
- Be a well-informed and articulate advocate: http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm
- Communicate your concerns to elected officials as policy is shaped: http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/
- Educate and mobilize women in your community to vote on the issues at stake for women: http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/index.cfm

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/
https://svc.aauw.org/calendar/index_view.cfm

By participating in this call, I also learned that every Thursday morning when Congress is in session, AAUW's paid lobbyists plus volunteers meet in Washington for a 9:30 a.m. briefing, and then make office visits on Capital Hill from 10 am to noon. They lobby on AAUW issues, and any member who is in the DC area can shadow them.

Joan Spring
Public Policy Vice President

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Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

May 3 Branch Meeting: "An Unlikely Advocate for Affordable Housing"

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."

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 toward local scholarships and fellowships for women.

Stay Connected!

AAUW	www.aauw.org
AAUW-NJ	www.aauwnj.org
AAUW-NMCB	www.aauw-nj-nmcb.org
Branch phone	732-933-4855

Join the AAUW Action Network:
At 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

Meeting cancellation information:
Listen to 94.3 FM.

2010-2011 AAUW-NMCB Membership Dues

Membership runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Dues for 2010-2011 are:

Regular - $69, (national $49*, state $10, branch $10).
Life Member - $20, (state & branch).
National Member-at-Large (MAL) joining NMCB - $20 (state & branch, national dues already paid).
Student Affiliate - $27*, (national $17, branch $10).
Guest - $40, (for those without a two- or four-year degree).

[*] $46 of Regular dues, and $16 of Student Affiliate dues are tax deductible for payments made 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.

Name _____ Current Member ____ New Member ____

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

Current Members: Enter information to be updated in the 2010-2011 Yearbook, or
Check here if your information in the 2009-2010 Yearbook is correct _____

New Members: Enter all your information to be included in the 2010-2011 Yearbook

Address: _____

City _____, State _____, Zip _____ - _____

Phone (for yearbook) _____, Email _____

College / University _____, State _____, Degree _____

Additional Schools & Degrees _____

Profession _____, Interests _____

Dues amount enclosed: $_____ , Donation enclosed: $_____

Mail your membership form and check (made out to "AAUW") to:
AAUW, PO Box 98, Little Silver, NJ 07739

2010 Concert Fundraiser for LAF

Join AAUW in your choice of concerts

THE MONMOUTH CIVIC CHORUS

Dr. Mark Shapiro
Artistic Director and Conductor

CLOSE TO PERFECT, CLOSE TO HOME

Sing the Body Electric

Vibrant music
for chorus and brass

Recently rescheduled to

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 4:00 pm

United Methodist Church
247 Broad St., Red Bank NJ

American Folk

A musical and historical invocation of our American landscape

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 2, 2010, 4:00 pm

Middletown Arts Center
36 Church St., Middletown, NJ

MCC will donate $5 for each ticket to AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund, and a member has pledged a matching $5 for every ticket.

To reserve your seat(s), choose one or both concerts (and which performance if American Folk). Then give Pat a call or email and send $25 for each ticket ordered at least 5 days before the concert selected, payable to Pat Miller