



AAUW NetWorks

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Presidents' Message

We look forward to seeing you at our June 1 meeting at the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center. What a perfect venue this is for our program on NJ maritime history given by our guest speaker, Deborah Whitcraft. Notice that we will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers, and our program will commence at 7 p.m. At this meeting, we will turn over the helm to our new co-presidents, **Barbara Iwanski** and **Doris Hudak**, as they begin their new term. We express our deep appreciation for all the work done by the board and our committees, and we thank the members and friends of AAUW who attended and supported our programs.

Please indulge us in a brief look back at the past two years of our term of office. These are certainly not our accomplishments as co-presidents, but the results of the efforts of so many ambitious and dedicated members.

One of our most important activities has been our wonderful, ongoing Book Sale, which still provides the bulk of our scholarship monies. We have had several other fundraisers for EF, including a wine and cheese reception and authors' book signing in September 2007. In April of the following year we had another special event to unveil our branch project centered on *The Battle of Monmouth - A Young Woman Goes to War*, a booklet complete with a teacher's guide, all produced by our members. The sale of this booklet will continue to provide a source of income for the branch. Other funds for EF were brought in from two "dining for dollars" events at CJ Montana's and several theater parties.

We are well past the halfway mark for our pledged amount of \$35,000 for the second Northern
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Board Meeting

Potluck Salad Supper for incoming and outgoing board members: Monday, May 18, 6 p.m. at Eaton-town Community Center, 58 Broad Street (Route 71). Please bring a salad to share.

Branch Meeting

"The Mayor's Museum"

**Deborah C. Whitcraft, founder of the
Museum of NJ Maritime History**

Monday, June 1

**Monmouth Beach Cultural Center
128 Ocean Avenue, Monmouth Beach**

Hors d'oeuvres buffet, 6 p.m.

**Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres
to serve 6.**

Program, 7 p.m.

In July 2007, Deborah C. Whitcraft realized a life-long dream to pay homage to our state's rich nautical past by opening the Museum of New Jersey Maritime History in Beach Haven. She and two partners funded and built the museum to allow the public, particularly the young, to learn more about this fascinating part of the state's history and to give them an incentive to preserve this legacy.

Drawing on her extensive knowledge of shipwrecks, storms, pirates, rumrunners, and shark attacks, Deborah will be sharing with us some of the little-known but thrilling stories of the Jersey shore.

But Deborah's life is so rich and varied that we've asked her to tell us about some of her other endeavors as well. She has been a multiple-term mayor of Beach Haven and appointee to numerous state commissions, and is an emergency volunteer for the Beach Haven First Aid Squad and the Marine Mammal Stranding Center; a member of the Alliance for a Living Ocean, Neighbors in Need, the NJ Bipartisan Coalition for Women's Appointments, and the National Organization for Women; and an ordained minister—to name just some of her activities and memberships.

Come and hear about it all at our June meeting. Guests are welcome! If you need a ride, please call Mary Lea Burden or Laura Noll.

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**Items for the October issue are due on August 23 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

Meets: Tuesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. at Susan Gelber's. RSVP to Susan.
Topic: Planning meeting for 2009-2010
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, May 20, 1 p.m.
Topic: *Private Lives* at Two River Theater
Meets: June Luncheon
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.

- See page 7 for information on two upcoming events.

- **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

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, June 9, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: *The Golden Spruce* by John Vaillant

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
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, 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!

Stock Study Group: Financial Education and Discussion

Meets: Third Tuesday, 3 p.m.

Contact: Carol Q. Walther

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

**Program Planning Meeting**

A meeting to plan programs for the 2009-2010 year will take place on Monday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Anne Anderl. All branch members are welcome to attend; please let me know if you will be coming. Even if you can't attend, your ideas are also welcome, so please get in touch with me before the meeting with any program suggestions that you have.

Mary Anne Anderl
Program Vice President

**Membership****2009 - 2010 Dues Reminder:**

Pay your dues by June 1st to be included in the drawing for a free membership to be held at our June meeting. (You don't have to be present to win.) Call one of us if you have any questions.

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

Mary Lea Burden
Laura Noll
Co-Membership Vice Presidents

Welcome to our Branch!

Please welcome the following new members to our branch and add their contact information to your yearbook. Betty Yager is a former branch member and we welcome her back!

Joanne McWilliams

University at Buffalo-SUNY, MLS

Megan Strain

Ramapo College NJ, BA; La Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnologia, San Jose, Costa Rico

Betty Yager

Virginia Intermont College (Bristol); University of Maryland (College Park)

Presidents' Message (cont. from p. 1)

Monmouth County Branch Fellowship, and we continue to fund three local scholarships as well as the high school book awards. Thanks to bequests from former members, we were able to sponsor two young women to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in '08 and '09.

We have tried to focus on some of the broad issues of AAUW in planning our programs. As a follow-up to the AAUW-NJ Pay Equity Conference featuring Lilly Ledbetter, we addressed the gender pay gap at a branch meeting. At our most recent program, we highlighted the nontraditional career of Sheriff Kim Guadagno, and through our members' participation in Running & Winning, we encouraged young women to become interested in politics and perhaps some day run for public office. AAUW-NJ's TeenTech has been another avenue whereby some branch members increased young females' awareness of the opportunities that may await them in technology fields.

We have supported AAUW's voter turn-

2009-2010 AAUW-NMCB Membership

Regular: \$69 (National \$49, State \$10, Branch \$10)

Guest: \$40 (for those without a two- or four-year degree)

Life Member: \$20 (State and Branch dues)

Student Affiliate: \$27 (National \$17, Branch \$10)

Name _____ Current Member _____ New Member _____

Circle Member type: Regular, Guest, Life, Honorary Life, or Student Affiliate

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

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

New Members: Enter your information to be included in the 2009-2010 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 payable to "AAUW" to Susan Gelber

Dear Barbara Williamson:

My name is Sister Agatha Munyanyi of Zimbabwe. I am in the graduate program here at Old Dominion University. ...I asked [AAUW in Washington DC] to whom I could send my letter thanking for the 2008-2009 AAUW fellowship I was awarded. [I was told] that the Katharine E. White Fellowship sponsored me.

Through you, may I sincerely express my gratitude to the Educational Foundation for supporting my fellowship. I felt so honored and affirmed that what I am doing here is worth investing in. The fellowship has enabled me to concentrate on my research and course work. The stipend was very generous and enabled me to live reasonably comfortably.

I have been invited to several meetings of Virginia AAUW branches to share what I am doing during my fellowship year. My research is on elucidating the role of a-synuclein protein in Parkinson's disease. People are very interested in this topic, since most of us have somebody, relative or friend, who may be suffering from Parkinson's disease.

I thank you Barbara and all you work with for this fellowship. May many more women benefit from your foundation. Wishing you God's blessing in everything you do. Take care now. Sincerely yours,

Sr. Agatha Munyanyi
Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA
amuny002@odu.edu

out campaigns by participating in joint voter registration drives with the League of Women Voters at the Monmouth Mall, and we have also encouraged voter registration at Brookdale.

Our branch is always well represented at both the AAUW-NJ Fall Focus Meeting and Annual Meeting, and now **Linda Beltran** and **Barbara Williamson** will be serving on the AAUW-NJ board. This March we attended the Interbranch meeting hosted by Northern Ocean County Branch, having taken our turn last year to host the event when our speaker was Dr. Judith Kramer, who also was our branch's nominee and a winner of the 2009 Women as Agents of Change Award given by AAUW-NJ.

Our membership chairs have been quite successful in attracting new members by holding yearly events to target prospective members and to welcome those newly joined. We have showcased AAUW whenever possible at such places as the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library and Brookdale. Our branch has been successfully getting increased visibility from our local newspapers. Our communications have also included a first class brochure, website, and yearbook, along with a very interesting and professional newsletter. We have done large mailings for our special events; this effort has improved our attendance and, hopefully, our visibility within the community.

Although we have lost a few study groups, two new ones have emerged. Our study groups have always been a vital part of our branch, and we urge you to participate in an existing one or start a new one if you have a topic of special interest. A study group is the perfect combination of a social environment and an opportunity for learning and sharing.

Our last two December holiday meetings were great successes in terms of numbers of attendees, extra funds made for the branch, and the general level of enjoyment. We were treated to two cultural evenings featuring in-depth studies of the Bayeux Tapestry (2007) and the Cave of Lascaux (2008). Another special event was our June 2008 meeting at which we celebrated the branch's 80th anniversary.

There is a quote from Henry Ford that seems to sum up the spirit and experiences of AAUW: "Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success."

Let us expand our friendships, enthusiasm, and commitment to make the upcoming term even more enjoyable and productive.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer. See you on June 1!

Alice MacPhee
Marilyn Parker
Co-Presidents

Among Ourselves

We wish **Joan Brearley** a full recovery from her recent surgery. She is recuperating at Care One at King James, 1040 Route 36, Atlantic Highlands 07716.

Running & Winning

Many thanks to the members of the Northern Monmouth Branch of AAUW who contributed greatly to the success of the 3rd Annual Running & Winning Workshop, which was held at Monmouth Regional High School on May 1. These include four Steering Committee members: **Marian Wattenbarger**, co-chair; **Susan Gelber** and **Joan Spring**, in charge of hospitality; and **Ann McNamara**, who represented League of Women Voters and also was one of the women in government. In addition, Ann, Susan and Roy Gelber, and Marian and Blake Wattenbarger were generous financial donors.

Marilyn Parker and **Ruth Hodum** were new facilitators this year. Each worked with a group of four students during the workshop, guiding and assisting them and keeping them on track. **Irene Gibson**, **Harriet Moore**, and **Mary Lea Burden** were volunteers for the day, and ably assisted as needed.

Because Marian gave the welcoming address to all the participants and introduced the women in government, she had the opportunity to give special mention and recognition to our branch and to AAUW. She also made a point of stressing the spirit of cooperation among the participating members of the five sponsoring organizations, which besides our branch consisted of the League of Women Voters-Greater Red Bank Area (which originated the workshop), the Junior League of Monmouth County, Red Bank Chapter of Hadassah, and the Monmouth County Regional Women's Political Caucus.

Over 60 young women who are juniors from 12 local public high schools participated in the day-long workshop. Organized into groups of four, they met and interviewed 15 Monmouth County women in government. Then the stu-

dents were provided with notebooks containing information about this year's non-partisan topic, which was Legal and Illegal Immigration.

It was amazing to see the students in each group, in just a few hours, organize and design a campaign exercise, including assuming various campaign roles; writing a speech; designing a campaign slogan; and making a poster. After a working lunch, everyone went into the auditorium to listen to each group's presentation and view their poster. Each student received a certificate of participation.

Public Policy

AAUW to Offer Negotiation Workshops for College Women: AAUW and the WAGE Project have partnered to offer \$tart \$mart Campus Negotiation Workshops to 500 college campuses over the next three years. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator, sponsoring a facilitator training session for yourself and other AAUW members, or recruiting campuses for these workshops, please fill out the registration form online. Contact Joan Spring for more information.

FDA Ordered to Lower Age Requirement for Emergency Contraception: In a 52-page decision, U.S. District Judge Edward R. Korman has ordered the Food and Drug Administration to make emergency contraception available to women age 17 and older without a prescription within 30 days, and to consider making the drug available to all women, regardless of age, without a prescription.

AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services, including efforts to increase education and access to emergency contraception for all women, including minors. Read more about AAUW's position on emergency contraception at www.aauw.org.

Report Shows No Gains for Target Students in DC Voucher Program: The U.S. Department of Education has released a report that found no improvement in academic achievement for stu-

dents receiving vouchers from public schools in need of improvement—the target audience of the voucher program. This five-year pilot, the nation's only federally-funded voucher program, funnels taxpayer dollars to private schools. The DC program, which currently receives approximately \$15 million, provides vouchers of up to \$7,500 to about 1,900 students. Previous DOE and GAO reports found no gain in academic achievement and numerous problems with the program, such as participating schools conducting classes in unsuitable learning environments taught by teachers lacking bachelor's degrees.

AAUW opposes all private school voucher programs and favors sending resources to improve public schools rather than diverting public funds into private institutions.

New Report on Work-Life Balance Released:

A study released by the Families and Work Institute shows a change over the past three decades in attitudes and actions toward women's evolving role in the workplace. The study finds that women want to advance in jobs with more responsibility just as much as men, men are being more accommodating in helping women achieve their career goals, women are contributing more income to dual-earner families, and men are spending more time at home. To read the report, *Times Are Changing: Gender and Generation at Work and At Home*, go to familiesandwork.org.

ACTION: AAUW works to advance policies that will improve workplaces for employees with family responsibilities of all kinds. Such protections and improvements are critical to women's equal opportunity and economic security. With unemployment rates rising, an unprecedented number of women are now the family breadwinners, making fair pay even more critical, not simply to family economic security but also to the nation's economic recovery. Urge your senators to support the **Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182)**, a much-needed update of the 45-year-old Equal Pay Act. Learn more about AAUW's position on pay equity and our Federal Policy Agenda at www.aauw.org.

Joan Spring
Public Policy VP

AAUW-NJ DAY AT THE UN

Friday, May 29
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See the UN in action with AAUW's UN representative Carolyn Donovan: briefings on CEDAW, UNIFEM, Commission on the Status of Women, Beijing + 15, Women & Global Warming, UNiTE to End Violence Against Women. Lunch in delegates' dining room.

Deadline 5/22 — limited to 40 people
Cost: \$33 for lunch
Contact Arlene Inglis

SAVE THE DATE!

Wine & Cheese/Meet the Author
to celebrate the new Book Sale season

Sunday, September 13, 4 to 6 p.m.
AAUW Book Store
Old First Church, 69 Kings Highway,
Middletown

"Titanic: The Story of a Great Ship"
a presentation by Charles A. Haas,
NJ author of books about the Titanic and
president of Titanic International Society

Haas is a retired teacher of English and journalism who has had a life-long interest in the Titanic: the ship, the artifacts, and the wreck site, which he has explored. His presentation will include the historical and social background of the 1912 disaster.

This program will benefit the
NMCB Scholarship Fund.
Tickets in advance: \$15
Contact Carol Walther



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June 1 Branch Meeting: "The Mayor's Museum" and hor d'oeuvres buffet

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



June 27: Annual Bag Sale, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed during July and August
Reopening in September
To help with special projects during the summer, contact Viki Mischenko, chair, at 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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