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Memories and Milestones

Neela Pushparaj, MD

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Simple Techniques for Mind and

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Presidents' Message

Dorothy Quinn

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It is with enthusiasm and a bit of trepidation that I embark on this new service position. I am blessed to work with a professional and supportive board and charged by our dynamic State President, Sally Goodson, who was recently appointed to the AAUW's national board.

Not only are there new faces on the board, but we also have new and diverse avenues to explore as we collectively further our mission.

In October a few members will attend an AAUW Retreat in Atlantic City where we will brainstorm branch roles in, one, partnering with county colleges to foster educational opportunities and women who seek this avenue for career preparation, and two, mobilizing awareness of Human Trafficking, a state and national issue.

Also, we must continue to promote ourselves. We are our best sales pitch! Our hard-working and innovative Program Committee has planned insightful and diverse topics for our meetings;/ one of which interestingly coincides our state topic—Human Trafficking. I urge all members to bring a friend to one of our meetings so not only will they benefit from a given topic, but also see us in action, hear our pursuits. Who wouldn't want to join an interesting, diverse group of life-long learners?

Finally, in light of keeping every member informed of our attempts and challenges, I invite our traditional communication members who find email not to their suiting (and I can understand why) to consider an 'email bud' to stay informed of important national, state, branch and Greater Wayne's news between meetings and interest groups.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces, as well as those of your interesting friends, on September 18, our first meeting, where we will hear from a fellow AAUW member, Dr. Neela Pushparaj, share her experiences and empowerment.

I remain,
Dorothy

CALENDAR

Sep 05	Board Meeting
Sep 13	Lunch Bunch
Sep 18	General Meeting
Sep 26	Literature Group
Sep 27	Games Night
Oct 02	Art Group
Oct 11	Lunch Bunch
Oct 15	<i>Advance</i> Deadline
Oct 16	General Meeting
Oct 18	Games Night
Oct 24	Literature Group

Art Interest Group

Bea Kettlewood

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Pooling Art Group's suggestions has created plans for the next three years, which would include southern and northern Europe and north America through seven centuries. Based on time periods, 2013-2014 will view static to movement from late 14th C. through 16th C. The following year we will observe movement return to static during the 17th and 18th centuries. The next year, 2015-2016, the 19th and 20th century art will go to movement in every direction possible. Styles will progress from dominated by religion to moving away from religion to no style influence by religion. Observing painting, sculpture and architecture 2013-2014 will be:

1. Late Middle Ages—October 2
2. Early Renaissance—November 6
3. The Big Three— February 5
4. Other Renaissance March 5
5. BCK's choices April 2
6. Mannerism May 7

Games Night

Dot Anton 973-694-4550

TGIF's (Thank Goodness It's Friday) next Games Night will be **September 27** at Win Reinhardt's. We begin at 7:30 pm and play games until 10, at which time we have light refreshments.

October Games Night will be held on **October 18** at Ann Raynor's.

Games Night is open to all members. Please call the hostess at least 3 days in advance to let her know you are coming.

Social Action Committee

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We collected school supplies again this year at our summer social. While we did not collect as much as in prior years, we did collect some nice things to donate. The delivery has not yet been made (at the time of the submission of this article to the Advance), but it will be done before school starts. We will report on the delivery and the recipients of the supplies in a latter issue.

The thrift shop at Strengthen Our Sisters has temporarily stopped receiving donations, but we are still collecting and donating to people who can use the goods. Please contact Gloria if you have gently-used clothing or household goods to donate.

SAC has been operating for some time now, and it would be interesting to hear from our members how they feel about our charitable efforts. If anyone has feedback, please contact Cathy via e-mail or telephone.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on **September 5** at the home of Dorothy Quinn beginning at 7:30 pm. Please let Dorothy know whether you are planning on attending.

Literature Group

Win Reinhardt  973-835-3621

All meetings this year will be at 7:30 pm. Please let the hostess know a few days in advance if you are planning on coming.

Date: **September 26**
Hostess: June Morgan
Book: "Possession" by A. S. Byatt
Leader: TBD If you are interested, please let me know. In the meantime, I would appreciate everyone bringing a discussion question to the meeting.

Date: **October 24**
Hostess: Dorothy Quinn
Book: "A Dog's Purpose" by Bruce Cameron
Leader: Ann Raynor

If you are interested in attending we can set up carpooling which worked very well last year.

Bridge Group

Marlys Huss  973-838-7051

The bridge group continues to meet on **Monday** evenings. We start at **7:30 p.m.** and we play until 9:30 p.m., after which we have tea, coffee and dessert. Please call Marlys for the weekly location of the game.

Sunshine

Dorothy McMahon 973-692-1696

The first week of August brought a ray of Sunshine into the lives of Esther Flower and her family—a new little granddaughter! Piper Flower was born to son Jim and his wife in Charleston, SC. Esther and Bob have three sons and five grandchildren. Piper is the second girl to join all those boys! We are delighted for them and wish them much happiness.

Public Policy

Janice Rutherford

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The Public Policy Program underscores AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and speaks to women's needs, aspirations and concerns across the life span.

The AAUW Two Minute Activist on the AAUW website is an easy tool to utilize and make your voice heard in Congress regarding the latest issues. For example, AAUW believes the House must act now to modernize our immigration system and use this opportunity to bolster critical funding for science, technology, engineering and math education (STEM) necessary for a globally competitive workforce. By clicking on the Take Action link you can follow the simple instructions to send a personalized message to your elected officials. You can also find out their cosponsorship status on key legislation. Get involved and take action!

Gourmet Group

Caroline Mossip

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The next Gourmet Group will be on Saturday, **November 2** at the home of Judy Mazur-Shivy. We will be celebrating the life of Thea Seibel by making recipes from her favorite cookbooks, which were given to Caroline by Thea's husband, Richard. We will enjoy recipes from around the world, including Canadian dishes, in honor of Thea. If you are interested in attending, please contact Caroline by October 26 at cm@caroline.mossip.net or call/test her cell phone 973-868-7288. We welcome all members and guests to join us.

Lunch Bunch

Marianne Ritter

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Judith Mazur-Shivy

973-835-1743

Lunch Bunch Gatherings

Friday, September 13

Friday, October 11

Lunch Bunch usually meets at 12:15 pm on the second Friday of the month (Sept.-June) at a variety of local restaurants. One Saturday lunch will be scheduled to add variety. All members and their guests are welcome. Lunch Bunch is casual and an excellent way to get to know other branch members better and/or to introduce a guest to the group.

Lunch Bunch in September will meet at 12:15 pm on Friday, September 13 at Monica's Restaurant at the former train station in downtown Pompton Lakes. Monica's is one of our favorite Lunch Bunch restaurants with a variety of delicious hot and cold selections for lunch. An optional after lunch walk at Laurelwood Arboretum in Wayne is scheduled for 2 pm..

October Lunch Bunch will be 12:15 pm, Friday, October 11 at 12:15 at Brio Restaurant at Willowbrook Mall, near Macy's and off Route 46. Brio has an outside entrance and an inside Mall entrance. The restaurant opened last year and offers a wide variety of tempting lunch selections and specials.

Saturday, November 9 Lunch Bunch will meet at Opa Mediterranean/Greek restaurant on Berdan Avenue in Wayne. Bring your appetites!

Don't forget to phone Judy Shivy for September reservations and either Judy or Marianne for October.

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General Branch meetings are held on the THIRD Wednesday of the month from September through May (except November, December and March) at Grace Chapel, First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, Pompton Plains, NJ. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Refreshments are served at 7:15 pm, programs begin at 7:30 pm and the evening concludes with a business meeting. Topics are selected to be both timely and informative and to appeal to the interests and concerns of the membership.

Lorraine and Maryanne thank the members of the Program Committee, Ada Liggett and Jeanne Michaud, for their help in planning the programs for the upcoming year.

PROGRAM DETAILS

September 18, 2013

Neela Pushparaj was born in the south of India during the early days of World War II and grew up to see India free herself from British Rule. Although she came from a middle class college educated family, there were emotional and material hardships as she was one of nine children, and her father had lost his job when only two of the nine were out of the house. Despite a great deal of turbulence on the home front, Neela was able to go to college and on to medical school. Neela came to the US in 1963.

Neela is going to talk to us as to how her art developed during this time of national and personal changes to include the poignant, the sad and the happy and fun-filled events. Come and listen to this remarkable, accomplished and worldly woman.

October 16, 2013

Geri McGurk, health and fitness professional for over 35 years will present her program including observations on aging, areas of concern and ways to incorporate mind and body fitness into our daily routines.

December 8, 2013

Holiday luncheon to be held at the Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ

The next edition of the *Advance* will include details of our 2014 Programs.

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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and 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.

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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