

# **American Association of University Women**

# **GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH**

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**YEARBOOK 2015-2016** 

## AAUW's Mission

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# <u>Membership</u>

AAUW is not an invitational organization, but one open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (e.g. RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. 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. Because AAUW is a 501(c) (3) charitable membership organization, most of your national dues are tax deductible on your personal federal income tax return.

# <u>History</u>

- November 28, 1881 Initial meeting of seventeen women from eight colleges in Boston, Massachusetts.
- January 14, 1882 The Association of Collegiate Alumnae is formally organized with sixty-five women; later known as the American Association of University Women.
- Currently, AAUW is a nationwide network of 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 branches, and 800 college/university institution partners.
- The New Jersey Division of AAUW has 21 branches throughout the state. Greater Wayne Area is one of the branches in the Northern NJ District which also includes Madison, Montclair, Mountain Lakes Area, Nutley, Somerset Hills, Summit, and Sussex County branches.

# National, State and Regional AAUW – Information and Activities

## National

Headquarters	1111 16 <sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036
Telephone	1-800-326-AAUW (2289)
Website	www.aauw.org
President	Patricia Fae Ho

# New Jersey State Division

Website	www.aauwnj.org
President	Carol Cohen
Executive VP	Jacqueline D'Alessio
AAUW Funds Coordinator	Ann Raynor
Membership VP	Diane Crawford
Northern District Co-Coordinators	Barbara Colwell &
	Mary Graves
National Representatives	Carol Cohen &
	Diane Crawford

# NJ AAUW State Meetings (Check The Advance for details.)

NJ State Fall Focus Retreat	October 17, 2015
NJ State Annual Meeting	April 9, 2016

#### **AAUW Biennial National Convention**

National Convention June 14-17, 2017, Washington, DC

#### **Greater Wayne Area Branch**

Founded: May 16, 1968

Dues: \$80 per year, distributed as follows: \$49 to National AAUW – includes the *Outlook* \$10 to New Jersey State Division \$21 remains with the Greater Wayne Area Branch

A portion of the National dues (\$46.00) are tax deductible on your personal federal income tax return.

#### **Branch Presidents**

Rosalind Jones	1968-72
Ginny Ruckstuhl	1972-74
Claire Collet	1974-75
Betty Caccavo	1975-78
Lenore Seldeen	1978-80
Ethel Kratz	1980-82
Gail Billow	1982-84
Carol Sheets	1984-85
Cathy Minaudo	9/85-11/85
Lynn Hildenbrand	11/85-6/87
Alice D'Anna	1987-88
Anita Citro	1988-89
Millie Rolls	1989-90
Jeanne Evans	1990-91
Bea Kettlewood &	
Jeanne Evans	1991-92
Laura Beyer	1992-93
Ann Raynor &	
Karen Roberts	1993-95
Ann Raynor	1995-96
Ann Jackie Hill	
& Marlys Huss	1996-98
Beverly Oburg &	
Marlys Huss	1998-99
Mary Ann Buglino &	
Marlys Huss	1999-2000
Mary Ann Buglino &	
Adelaide Spitsbergen	2000-01
Ellie Mekeel &	
Adelaide Spitsbergen	
Ellie Mekeel	2003-05
Ann Raynor	2005-09

Judith Mazur-Shivy & Bea Kettlewood 2009-11 Judith Mazur-Shivy 2011-13 Dorothy Quinn 2013-15 Lorraine LaShell & Jeanne Michaud 2015-present

#### **Board of Directors**

### 2015-2017 Elected Officers

Co-Presidents	Lorraine LaShell &	
	Jeanne Michaud	
Program Vice President	Dorothy Quinn	
Membership Vice President	Julie Tiso	
Secretary	Ruth Liston	
Treasurer	Stella Hyman	

## 2015-2017 Appointed Officers

Parliamentarian	Bea Kettlewood
Public Policy	Beth Marmolejos
Scholarship Committee	Caroline Mossip
Social Concerns	Marlys Huss

### **Board of Directors Meetings**

Elected and appointed officers should attend Board of Directors meetings. Board meetings are open to any branch member interested in attending. If you plan to attend, please let the hostess know at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The meetings begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors meeting dates and locations for 2015-2016 are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
Jun 30, 2015	Bea Kettlewood	Mar 8, 2016	Ruth Liston
Aug 11, 2015	Ruth Liston	Apr 12, 2016	Bea Kettlewood
Oct 13, 2015	Bea Kettlewood	May 10, 2016	Ruth Liston
Nov 10, 2015	Ruth Liston	Jun 28, 2016	Bea Kettlewood
Jan 12, 2016	Bea Kettlewood		

### **Additional Positions and Interest Group Chairs**

<i>The Advance</i> Editor	Peggy Gardner
Bylaws	Ann Raynor
Girls Hall of Fame	Jeanne Michaud
Historian	Donna Persh
Public Information	Caroline Mossip
Social Media	Lorraine LaShell
Website	Caroline Mossip, Ann Raynor
Yearbook	Ann Raynor
Art Interest Group	Bea Kettlewood
Bridge Group	Marlys Huss
Cultural Interests	Judith Mazur-Shivy
Games Night	Dot Anton
Gourmet Group	Win Reinhardt, Caroline Mossip
Literature Group	Win Reinhardt
Lunch Bunch	Marianne Ritter, Judith Mazur-Shivy

### **Membership**

Vice-President Julie Tiso

Any organization, including AAUW-GWA, depends on membership for success (see Page 1 for membership requirements). Please notify Julie Tiso of any prospective members. Also, if you are moving to another area, please call or email Julie so that a transfer card can be sent to you.

### **Program**

Vice-President Dorothy Quinn

General Branch meetings are USUALLY held on the THIRD Wednesday of the month from September through May (except November and December) at the Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne, 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. For details on the upcoming programs, please see our website (http://greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net) and *The Advance*.

#### **General Meeting Dates for 2015-2016**

September 30, 2015:	Girls Hall of Fame Induction
October 21, 2015:	Enhancing Brainpower by Dr. Lauren Parmelee Murphy
December 9, 2015:	HOLIDAY SOCIAL - High SocieTea House, Wayne, NJ
January 20, 2016:	Women's Legal Rights/Investing & Financial Planning by Jennifer Pompeo, Esq.
February 17, 2016:	SNOW DATE for January meeting
March 16, 2016:	Celebrating Women's History Month – Maude Dahme, Holocaust Survivor
April 20, 2016:	Annual Business Meeting
May 18, 2016:	MAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER - Venue to be announced

## **Public Policy**

Chair Beth Marmolejos

AAUW has a comprehensive legislation program which is approved biennially by the nationwide membership. The AAUW has been a forerunner in bringing important educational issues to the public, including research studies on gender equity and sexual harassment in the classroom. AAUW reports have included *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* (2011), *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation* (2012), and most recently *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing* (2015). Our branch has continued to bring these issues to the community by offering to lead discussions for groups in addition to program presentations at our regular meetings to which local education leaders and area residents have been invited.

## Scholarship Committee

Chair Caroline Mossip

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the world. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2015–16 academic year.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, in 2015 the Greater Wayne Area Branch was able to award a branch scholarship in the amount of \$1500. Our 2015 recipient was Genise Deal, a student at Rutgers University, who is majoring in English. Genise plans to continue her studies toward an MBA in Non-Profit Management. In addition, in 2015 our branch contributed \$500 to the national AAUW Fund, which advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all of its programs and activities.

# **Scholarship Winners**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Scholarship Winner</u>	<u>College</u>	
1971	Virginia Randall WPC		
1972	Marlys Huss	WPC	
1973	Carolyn Zadoyko	WPC	
1974	Marilyn Miller	WPC	
1975	Kristin Bello	WPC	
1976	Susan Van Der Brook		
1977	Anne Weinrich		
1978	Gillian Hettinger	WPC	
1979	Pamela Pierson		
1980	L Teel		
1981	Patricia Gamradt		
1982	Karen Withington		
1983	Diane Harris		
1984	Susan Steer		
	Stephany Freifelder		
1985	Jackie Reilly		
1986	Linda Trignaewo		
1987	Catherine Wheeler	WPC	
	Robin Monkowski	WPC	
1988	Judith Giantonia	WPC	
1989	Cynthia Davis-Smith	WPC	
1990	Kathleen Boucher	WPC	
1770	Elaine Struble	WPC	
1991	Audrey Bonnaparte		
1992	Barbara Martin	WPC	
	Katya Calixtro	Ramapo	
1993	Ellen Romaine		
	Mary Del Vecchio		
1994	Joyce Smith	Montclair	
	Patricia Wagoner	Ramapo	
	Dale Mathews	Ramapo	
1995	Kathleen Maxen	WPC	
	Maria Parkham	WPC	
1996	Michelle Tencza	WPC	
	Patricia Gillespie	WPC	
1997	Lois Scian	WPC	
	Yudelnia Paula	WPC	
	Suzanne Harper	Felician	
1998	Eileen Dellagicoma	Felician	
	Christine Connolly	Montclair	
1999	Kathy Ferrara	WPU	
2000	Mary Heyman	Caldwell	
2001	Katherine Hajeski	Felician	
2002	Yu Mei Huang	Montclair	
2003	Vivienne Erk	Montclair	
	Amy Sumner	Drew	
2004	Barbara Hemphill	Montclair	
	Mary C. Ross	Ramapo	
2005	Terry Baglieri	Felician	

<u>Year</u> S	Scholarship Winner	<u>College</u>
2006	Catherine Allora	MSU
ŀ	Karen Ellis	WPU
2007 E	Barbara Kalina	Ramapo
2008 A	Alison Goldstein	Ramapo
2009 N	Nathalie V. Catota	St. Elizabeth
2010 E	Emily Pomykala	St. Elizabeth
2011 H	Karen Jans	Ramapo
2012 J	ulie Petrov	WPU
J	oan Meeche	St. Elizabeth
2013 F	Ronnie Ann Cahill	Felician
2014 N	Mayra Cabrera	Ramapo
(	Omowunmi Adedeji	Rutgers
2015 0	Genise Deal	Rutgers

## **Girls Hall of Fame**

Chair Jeanne Michaud

The Girls Hall of Fame was begun in late June of 2014. The inspiration was the International Day of the Girl on October 11, 2014, which was Eleanor Roosevelt's 130<sup>th</sup> birthday. The initial concept became a search for girls from middle and high school who demonstrate outstanding leadership by initiating projects that make a difference within their local community or the world-wide community.

The first induction ceremony was held at the Wayne Public Library on September 24, 2014, during the Branch's general meeting. Three girls were inducted. **Peyton Porch** was 16 and a Junior at West Milford High at the time of induction. Her project was called "Girls on Fire Summer Challenge", which raised funds for West Milford's Special Olympics. **Nicole Loffredo**, also 16 and a Junior at Wayne Hills High School called her project "Back on Your Feet". She collected used sneakers and distributed them worldwide to needy children and adults. **Grace Nevin** was just 12 and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Macopin Middle School in West Milford at time of induction. "Grace Happens", her project, was an all-day event that featured her singing and raised funds for the West Milford Special Olympics.

Girls Hall of Fame Inductees					
<u>Year</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	Age	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Project</u>
2014	Peyton Porch	16	West Milford High	11	Girls On Fire
	Nicole Loffredo	16	Wayne Hills High	11	Back on Your Feet
	Grace Nevin	12	Macopin Midle Sch	7	Grace Happens

**Social Concerns Committee** 

Chair Marlys Huss

The Social Concerns Committee was formed to help women and children in need. The committee collects donations of school supplies at the branch's summer social and gifts for children at our holiday luncheon in December. SCC also periodically collects gently-used items of clothing and household goods to donate to the thrift shop at Strengthen Our Sisters in West Milford, N.J. Anyone who learns of a needy woman or child may contact a committee member.

# **Additional Positions**

## The Advance

Editor Peggy Gardner

*The Advance* is the news and information bulletin of the Greater Wayne Area Branch of AAUW. It is published five times a year as follows: September/October, November/December, January/February, March/April, May/Summer. It is mailed/e-mailed to reach each member by the first day of the month of issue. Articles are written by the various chairs and include last minute details for upcoming events as well as sharing with the membership the news of past events. In order to assure a timely delivery, <u>the</u> <u>deadline for each issue is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the issue month</u>. Be sure to read *The Advance* for up-to-the-minute news and for details of the activities of the branch. Keep it handy as a reminder of upcoming events.

# <u>Historian</u>

Chair Donna Persh

A record of Branch activities has been kept since the Charter was received in 1968. Photos, news clippings, programs and other items of branch interest are requested to be forwarded to the historian.

## **Interbranch Council**

Representative Bea Kettlewood

While the Northern Interbranch Council is no longer active, the Greater Wayne Area branch is active in supporting other branches' programs and has also joined with branches from throughout New Jersey on state-sponsored events such as our recent trips to Washington, DC and Valkill, the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site near Hyde Park, New York. See *The Advance* for more information as it becomes available.

# **Public Information**

Chair Caroline Mossip

Our local community is kept informed of our branch's activities by press releases to the media from the Public Information Chair. The media list includes our branch website - <u>greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net/</u>, our Facebook page - <u>facebook.com/aauwgreaterwaynearea</u>, local newspapers, newsletters, websites, WGHT Radio and cable television. Anyone wishing to publicize an activity should send the information to the Public Information Chair at least four weeks prior to the event. Press releases are good free publicity and an effective way of attracting new members.

### Social Media

Chair Lorraine LaShell

The Greater Wayne Area Branch maintains an active Facebook page to keep members and prospective members informed about timely topics and branch events. See <u>facebook.com/aauwgreaterwaynearea</u>

### **Website**

Co-Chairs Caroline Mossip, Ann Raynor

Greater Wayne Area Branch maintains a vibrant, comprehensive, informative website (greaterwayneareanj.aauw.net/). Check it out for current activities and updates. Please check the website calendar when scheduling interest group events to avoid conflicts.

## **Interest Groups**

## Art Interest Group

Presenter Bea Kettlewood

2015-2016 will be the twentieth year of the Art Interest Group. From the Renaissance to the present, there have been artists who happen to be women. This year we will study their accomplishments. We will again meet on **Wednesday** afternoons at **45 Wilrue Parkway** from **1:30** – **3:00 PM** for four sessions:

Oct 21, 2015 – The Renaissance through Neo-Classic Nov 18, 2015 – Romanticism, Realism, Impressionism Mar 16, 2016 – Post-Impressionism through Abstract styles to Surrealism Apr 20, 2016 – Abstract-expressionism, Pop, Super-realism, into Conceptual

## **Bridge Group**

Chair Marlys Huss

An informal bridge group meets Monday evenings, year-round, for a relaxing evening of bridge at members' homes. All levels of bridge players are welcome. Play starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by tea, coffee, and dessert at about 9:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please call or email the chair for more information.

### **Cultural Interests**

Chair Judith Mazur-Shivy

The Cultural Interests group will meet throughout the year to enjoy the wonderful entertainment that is available at various theaters and museums. <u>Check *The Advance*</u> for details.</u> Each event will have a chairperson in charge of taking reservations, collecting money, ordering tickets, and coordinating transportation. If you are willing to chair an event, or if you have suggestions for an upcoming event, please call or email Judith Mazur-Shivy.

## **Games Night**

Chair Dot Anton

The Games Night Group meets one Friday each month to play a variety of games of all types – board games, card games, word games, etc. Members are encouraged to bring their own games to share with the group. The main purpose of the group is to have fun, laugh and enjoy each other's company. See *The Advance* each month for information.

## **Gourmet Group**

Co-Chairs Caroline Mossip, Win Reinhardt

The Gourmet Cooking Group consists of members and friends who meet to cook food with an international flavor, explore local restaurants, and share good company in a friendly gathering. We encourage all members with an interest in cooking and food to attend our gatherings. All events are open to members and guests. See *The Advance* for additional details.

## **Literature Group**

Chair	Win Reinhardt

The Literature Group's meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month September through June. The books are chosen at the June Planning Dinner for the next year. Members take turns as discussion leaders and hostesses for the meetings. The discussions are informal and can include short biographies of the author, reviews, questions, pictures, music or other aids that may make the discussion more interesting. Come to one or all Literature Group meetings. **Please contact the Hostess three days before the meeting to let her know you are planning to attend** and plan to arrive by 7:30 pm when light refreshments, socializing and AAUW updates take place.

## To arrange for a ride, please call or email Win Reinhardt.

Date	Leader	Book and Author	Hostess
Th. Sept 24, 2015	Beth Pepper	<i>Doomsday Book</i> by Connie Willis	Joan Hahn
Th. Oct. 22, 2015	Dot Anton	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown	Ada Liggett
Th. Dec 3, 2015	Win Reinhardt	So You've Been Publicly Shamed by Jon Ronson	Ann Raynor
Th. Jan 28, 2016	Dorothy Quinn	<i>All the Light We</i> <i>Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr	Win Reinhardt
Th. Feb 25, 2016	Julie Tiso	<i>Leaving Time</i> by Jodi Picoult	Julie Tiso

# Literature Group Schedule for2015-2016

Th. March 24, 2016	Ann Raynor	<i>The Boston Girl:</i> <i>A Novel</i> by Anita Diamant	Ada Liggett
Th. April 28, 2016	To Be Determined	James Madison & the Struggle for the Bill of Rights by Richard Labunski	Dorothy Quinn
Th. May 26, 2016	Joan Hahn	Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson	Beth Pepper
Th. June 23, 2016		Planning Dinner	Stella Hyman

# Lunch Bunch

Co-Chairs	Marianne Ritter
	Judith Mazur-Shivy

Lunch Bunch usually meets at 12:15 p.m. on the second Friday of the month (September–June) at a variety of local restaurants. All members and their guests, if they wish, are welcome. Lunch Bunch is casual and an excellent way to get to know other branch members better or to introduce a guest to the group. Check *The Advance* for current information about location, date, and time and contact Marianne Ritter or Judy Shivy for a lunch reservation at least one day ahead.

**Friday, September 11, 2015:** The September Lunch Bunch will be **at 12:15 p.m. at Double Ai Bistro, Terhune Drive in Wayne** on the Pompton Lakes border. Double Ai Bistro has a variety of tasty, interesting, and well-priced Chinese and Japanese lunches served indoors in their windowed dining room or outdoors on their deck overlooking the river.

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015**: October Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the branch special tour and lunch at the Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne. See *The Advance* article for details.

Future dates and details will be announced in The Advance.