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AAUW GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH PURPOSE

The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS' DESK...

Dear GWA Branch Members,
Before we address how we will be Moving Forward in our 2016-2017 GWA year, we want to mention three important and successful recent events. The first two, the May Awards Dinner and the August 10 Cocktails & Convo, were related to our two 2016 scholarship winners. Please refer to the Scholarship Committee section for full details. The third event was our annual Summer Social. This year found us at a new location, Beth Marmolejos' home where we enjoyed a wonderful deck and pool, fabulous food and camaraderie. It was an enjoyable and memorable evening.



As we begin a new GWA year, we will Move Forward to new adventures, events and challenges. Our third Annual Girls Hall of Fame Induction on September 21 will again honor young girls for their leadership and community service. This year's event will be held at the Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI), a venue we have been welcomed to and enjoyed in the past. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue building a relationship with this amazing Passaic County high



school. Please see the flyer for further details and mark your calendars for this special event.

The October 19 program will use the Cocktails & Convo format. Please see the Program section for all the details. In addition to this event we also have a tentative date of October 25 for the first presentation of the Start Smart seminar at William Paterson University. Over several months our branch has worked closely with WPU, National, AAUW NJ Start Smart facilitators and the Mountain Lakes Area



Branch to bring this valuable seminar to WPU. More news will follow about this exciting collaboration once the venture is finalized. We look forward to working with WPU to continue the Start Smart seminars and to bringing other AAUW offerings to the WPU community.

Lastly, we are happy to introduce two new Advance columns that will appear for the first time in this issue. The first is **Applause!** which recognizes members who have made special efforts, beyond their official responsibilities, to make a project or event successful. We feel that our members deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts on behalf of our branch.

The second column is titled **Branching Out....** Among the people who will find a voice here are those whom we have recognized and rewarded with scholarships or induction into the Girls Hall of Fame, AAUW and community collaborators and friends both old and new. We are pleased that contributors in this issue are Aziza McGill-Ayinde, a 2016 scholarship winner and Stephanie Reifman, a 2015 GH of F inductee. This inaugural column exemplifies how our GWA Branch can build on the success of the Scholarship and Girls Hall of Fame programs. It describes how we can

continue to support and work with the beneficiaries of these programs. Finally, it allows them to inspire us and explain how they and we can collaborate to build additional vehicles to actively support the AAUW mission, goals and programs.

Your thoughts and comments on how we can strengthen our branch and support our goals are always welcome. Let's continue to build our community together!

Lorraine LaShell & Jeanne Michaud
GWA Co-Presidents

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 5	Bridge Group 7:30 (Every Monday)
Sept. 9	Lunch Bunch 12:15
Sept. 19	Literature Group 10:00 am Diner (TBA)
Sept. 16	Games Night 7:30 Joan Hahn's
Sept. 21	Girls Hall of Fame Induction 7:00 PCTI
Sept. 26	Art Group 7:30 Bea Kettlewood's
Oct. 4	Board Meeting 4:30 Bea Kettlewood's
Oct. 14	Lunch Bunch 12:15
Oct. 15	Advance Deadline
Oct. 19	Cocktails and Convo 5:00 Lakeside
Oct. 21	Games Night 7:30 Ann Raynor's
Oct. 25	Start Smart Workshop, WPU, 5:00
Oct. 26	Day trip UN
Oct 27	Lit Group 7:30 Ada Liggett's
Nov. 11	Lunch Bunch 12:15
Nov. 29	Board Meeting 4:30 Ruth Liston's
Dec. 4	Holiday Social brunch 11:00 Paris Inn

PROGRAMS

Our first meeting for the 2016-17 branch year will be September 21. This is our annual Hall of Fame Induction Program to be held at Passaic County Technical Institute, 45 Reinhardt Rd, Wayne, NJ (www.pcti.tech.nj.us). This venue will give us comfortable accommodations for recipients, their families and guests, and members. The event will start at 7:00 pm.

Our October gathering will be a Cocktails and Convo at the Lakeside Restaurant and Bar, 56 Lake Dr. W, Wayne, NJ (www.lakesiderestaurantwayne.com) on October 19 at 5:00 pm. The topic for discussion will be "The Shattered Glass Ceiling" and conversations will include how Hilary Clinton's nomination will open opportunities for women's rights and the Equal Pay Amendment. The League of Women Voters will be invited as well. Members and guests are welcome to stay for dinner.

The Holiday Social has been confirmed for a brunch at the Paris Inn on December 4, 11:00 am, through the gracious efforts of Judy Shivy. (It even takes a village to run a GWA branch!) Not only will we continue to support the children from OASIS with our gifts that we bring to the social, but also we will again play our "Regift Game." Details will follow as the time draws nearer.

Finally, the proposed meeting and program for March's Women's History Month will be a presentation entitled, "The Quiet Revolution - Famous New Jersey Women" by Jim DelGuidice. Date and time are pending venue confirmation. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the events thus far arranged. Mark your calendars and bring along a friend to share in our fun and mission.

Respectfully,
Dorothy Quinn,
Program VP

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GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH

Presents

THE THIRD ANNUAL GIRLS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Join us as we recognize middle and high school girls for their outstanding leadership of projects that make a difference within local and world-wide communities.

Meet the inductees and enjoy an exciting and rewarding evening. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Open to the public.

Wednesday, September 21
7:00 pm to 9:15 pm
Passaic County Technical Institute
45 Reinhardt Road, Wayne

Call Bea Kettlewood before 9/6 with your commitment to attend.

For additional information, contact girlshalloffame@gmail.com

To learn more about the Greater Wayne Area Branch of the AAUW
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BRANCHING OUT

AZIZA MCGILL-AYINDE 2016 GWA Scholarship Winner *Sends Us a Message of Thanks and Inspiration*

I was 35 years old when I went to school for the first time. Although I was homeschooled to the age of 11, for reasons I never understood, by age 12 doing “schoolwork” became cause for a beating or some other outlandish punishment. As the eldest, those punishments also included violent sexual abuses inflicted on me by my father.

Fast forward 24 years later. Standing in a college hallway void of sunlight, gripping a cold metal doorknob that seemed too large for the palm of my hand, my anticipation of my first day as a college student compelled me to make use of the extra inch standing on my tippy toes would allow, so I could peep through the small glass window on the door leading to my first class in sociology. As a grown woman having had 5 children, the sight of developing men and women young enough to be my own sons and daughters, evoked the thought: “What am I doing here?” And for a moment, I felt as if the doorknob wouldn’t turn.

Whether due to my mental hesitancy, or technical difficulties of the door’s hardware, the pause caused by the door not opening almost changed my mind. Then I thought: “Aziza, you’ve been through so much worse; walking through a door is nothing. What are you waiting for?” Having no answer to my own question, I chose not to allow my anxiety to overpower my will to succeed, and the doorknob turned with ease.

It has been suggested that our lives are the sum of the choices we make. And though as a God loving woman I know that the Creator has authority, I understand that in having the freedom of choice we have control over the life we end up living. It took 17 years of abuse, and the passing of one of my children before I had the opportunity to go to school. God may have given me the opportunity, but getting my GED, going to college, and applying for the AAUW scholarship were all choices that I made myself. And now here

I am 3 years later; a published author, an advocate for other women and children who have been abused, a student on the fast track towards earning two bachelors degrees, and the mother of two college goers just like the ones sitting in my first class.

Of course on my journey I’ve had many more what I call “stuck doorknob moments.” Many people do; especially women. Sometime it seems opportunities are far and in between and that our choices are limited. Juggling family, finances, career, relationships, school (our own and our children’s), and contributing to our communities, require skill and focus that a circus would be glad to employ as their main attraction. But even with all of our capabilities; fear, insecurities and plain old exhaustion just causes the knob on the doorway leading to the rest of our lives to get stuck. However, even in these instances we still have a choice. We could stand outside the door anxiously looking through the little window, or we could tug, pull, turn and if we have to, kick the door open.

I am proud of myself and all the other women who choose to open the door no matter what. It is those women that not only open the door for themselves, but for others. And organizations like the American Association of University Women are a collection of such women. I am truly grateful to the Wayne branch of the AAUW for choosing my academic career to support. Thank you for giving women even more opportunities to make it easier to choose to open the door.



BRANCHING OUT

STEPHANIE REIFMAN

2015 Girls Hall of Fame Inductee Reports Her Progress and Asks for Our Support to Expand Her H.A.P.P.Y. Project Beyond Bergen County

Since being inducted into the AAUW GWA's Girls Hall of Fame on September 30, 2015, I have been very busy bringing my heroin awareness program H.A.P.P.Y. (Heroin Addiction Prevents People's Years) Week to many more high schools and middle schools in Bergen County.

In addition to Cavallini Middle School, Northern Highlands Regional High School and George



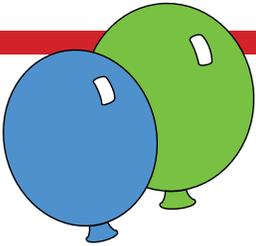
Washington Middle School, I am honored to have presented the program at Glen Rock Junior Senior High School, Emerson Junior Senior High School, Ramapo High School, Franklin Avenue Middle School in Franklin Lakes and George G. White School in Hillsdale. In addition I have brought the program to youth

groups including BBYO as well as a program for teens at the Wyckoff Y.

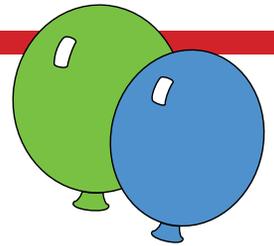
The program has been incredibly well-received and I have also had the privilege of talking about it in many different forums such as the NW Bergen Mayor's Association, a Fair Lawn Municipal Alliance meeting and the Hidden in Plain Sight Program in Hillsdale.

I am thrilled with the progress I have made growing the program to date and my hope is to expand the program beyond Bergen County to as many other New Jersey Counties as possible this coming year. I would love any help AAUW GWA Branch members can provide to expand my program to schools in the Greater Wayne Area, Passaic County and beyond.

For more information on H.A.P.P.Y. Week, please take a look at my website: happyweek.org. I can also be reached at info@happyweek.org. Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you!



APPLAUSE!



In this issue we are introducing APPLAUSE!, a new column that will be a vehicle for recognizing members who have stepped up and offered their expertise and time to accomplish special results for our branch.

We thank **Bea Kettlewood** for offering her home to use for past Summer Socials and **Beth Marmolejos** and her accommodating family for hosting this year's event on July 21. Also, the event would not have been possible without **Donna Persh's** and **Ada Liggett's** new approach to the planning, shopping, preparation and delivery of the delicious food to feed our hungry members and guests. Thank you, all for a wonderful evening!

Thanks to **Caroline Mossip** for organizing and hosting an opportunity for members to meet scholarship winner Danielle Radiola at a Cocktails & Conversation held

on August 10 at the Lakeside Restaurant in Wayne. Caroline's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Stella Hyman has been working hard to bring the AAUW Start Smart salary negotiation program to William Paterson University. As of now, we have a tentative date scheduled in October. Thank you Stella for your efforts to help young women as they begin their careers.

Judy Shivy took the initiative to visit the Boys & Girls Club in Paterson to find out how our organizations can work together to support young girls. Judy will announce a monthly volunteer activity at the club for our members. Good work, Judy.

Kudos to members who work year round to fulfill their branch commitments. There are too many to mention... but we all know who you are!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

I received a letter from Jennifer Brady, Executive Director of OASIS thanking us for the “generous donation of six boxes of school supplies together with Michael’s gift cards with respective values of \$20 and \$25,” and thanking us for the continued support of their work.

The SCC also collects gently-used items of clothing for women being mentored to re-enter the workforce.

Anyone who learns of a woman or child in need should contact a committee member. Thank you for your generosity.

Marlys Huss
Chairperson, SCC.



**A letter from
National AAUW**

July 6, 2016

Stella Hyman

Dear Greater Wayne Area Members,

You didn’t just give a donation; you gave someone a chance to achieve her dreams. By providing the necessary resources to fuel AAUW’s programs and mission, you are making a difference in the lives of countless women and girls.

Your philanthropy is crucial to AAUW’s work to advance equality for women and girls. I thank you for your gift and your continued commitment to the challenges we face - and the challenges we can overcome - together.

When you and I support AAUW, we are powerful. And women and girls become powerful because of us. Please visit our website at www.aauw.org to read stories about some of the women and girls who benefit from your kindness.

With gratitude,

Linda D. Hallman, CAE
AAUW Executive Director/CEO

Your branch gift of \$500.00 on 6/2/2016 supported the following funds:

\$500.00 to 9110-AAUW Fund

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

START SMART Workshop at WPU



On August 24 Lorraine LaShell, Stella Hyman, Carolyn Kaminsky (the program Facilitator) and Barbara Williamson (the Regional Director for Start Smart) met with Dr. Librada Sanchez (WPU Women’s Center Director) and Sharon Rosengart (WPU Dir. of Career Development). We addressed and resolved the many details involved with the project. The next step is getting approval of the contract from the WPU legal department. An appropriate conference room has been reserved for 5-8 PM, October 25, in the WPU Student Center. When the students return from the Summer vacation, WPU departments involved will advertize the workshop and register students.

GWA and the Mountain Lakes Area Branch are jointly funding the workshop. The money GWA contributes is from the grant we received from the AAUW NJ charitable Trust.

This is a very exciting venture for our branch. More details to follow.

PUBLICITY INFO REQUEST

Caroline Mossip

If you see any article about our AAUW GWA Branch in your local newspaper or newsletter, or on a website, please save a copy and let Caroline Mossip know. As publicity chair, she needs this feedback to see where our PR information is appearing. This will assist her in finding the best places to provide information about our branch. You can contact Caroline by phone/text or by email.

ART INTEREST GROUP

Bea Kettlewood

2016-1017 art interest group will be different with visits to museums: Newark, Morris and Princeton during a day in October, March and May, depending upon the current exhibitions at the time, weather considerations, car pooling and lunch. Three pre-meetings at my home to review artists/history about the show to be seen in the following month. They will be held on the last Tuesday evening of the previous month: September, February and April. At that meeting finalization of museum trip will be done. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 26th, at 7:30.

Please let BCK know if you are interested.

Editor's Note: Several of Bea's paintings are hanging in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary at Rutgers University until the end of 2016. The New Brunswick Theological Seminary was founded more than 230 years ago and is the first seminary established in North America. Maybe one of the Art Interest Group's field trips could be to the New Brunswick Theological Seminary!

LITERATURE GROUP

All are welcome. Please let the hostess know 3 days in advance if you plan to attend. However, last minutes changes are expected and can be accommodated.

Date: Sept. 19, 2016 (Monday)

Time: 10:00 am

Hostess: Win Reinhardt (diner location to be determined)

Book: *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*

Author: Ramson Riggs

Leader: Julie Tiso

Date: Oct. 27, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

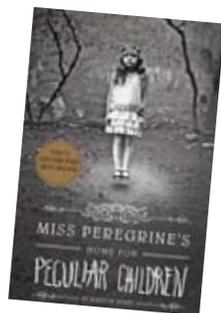
Hostess: Ada Liggett

Book: *The Nightingale*

Author: Kristin Hannah

Leader: Dorothy Anton.

For additional information or car pooling contact Win Reinhardt.



LUNCH BUNCH

Marianne Ritter Judy Shivy

Double Ai Asian Bistro 107 Terhune Drive, Wayne

Fall is arriving soon in New Jersey! Let's celebrate the end of summer with lunch bunch on Friday, Sept. 9 eating outdoors on their deck (if weather cooperates) at the Double Ai Asian Bistro, 107 Terhune Drive, Wayne. Lunch will be at 12:15, our usual starting time. After lunch, women who are interested in a walk at nearby Laurelwood Arboretum, a gem at Pines Lake in Wayne, will drive to Laurelwood. Those not wanting to walk much can visit the new visitors center at Laurelwood and their lovely sensory garden close to the main entrance, very worthwhile. There is also handicapped parking at Laurelwood, next to the visitor's center.

All branch members, guests, co-workers, neighbors, and friends are most welcome at lunch bunch. It is a fluid bunch and a chance to get to know other women in a casual and relaxed setting. To reserve your seat for Sept. 9 at the lunch table, please phone either Marianne Ritter or Judy Shivy no later than the afternoon of Sept. 8.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 14, for lunch bunch in Clifton with an interesting outing, too and Friday, November 11 for lunch bunch at Packanack Lake in Wayne. More details later on these lunches in e-mails and announcements.

BRIDGE



Marlys Huss

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

GAMES NIGHT

Games Night will be Sept. 16th at Joan Hahn's house. We begin at 7:30 pm and play games until 10, at which time we have light refreshments.

October's Games Night will be held on Oct. 21st at Ann Raynor's house.

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

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, the deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to the issue month. 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.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

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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