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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,

With pleasure we report that the third annual Girls Hall of Fame induction, held at Passaic County



(l-r) Alysha Acosta, Kellie Cusack, Sabrina Sgobba, Morgan Bencsko

Technical Institute, was a great success. Nineteen branch members attended and we had a total of seventy-three including inductees, their guests, dignitaries and members. Four very worthy girls were inducted. Alysha Acosta, from Paterson, is a junior at PCTI. Morgan Bencsko, from Pompton Lakes, is a junior at Pequannock Township High School. Kellie

Cusack, from Vernon, is a senior at Vernon Township High School. Our fourth inductee, Sabrina Sgobba from Woodland Park, is a senior at Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell.

We were especially pleased to have the principal from each of the inductees' schools attend and present their honored student with a citation. In addition, Paterson Fifth Ward Councilman, Luis Velez, presented a citation to Alysha Acosta from the Paterson City Council. Check out our *Branching Out* column to see Alysha's message to the GH of F Committee.

The PCTI facility offered a spacious and convenient venue for attendees to mingle and get to know each other and the auditorium offered a comfortable space with high-end technology that enhanced the induction ceremony. Our thanks go out to PCTI for their step-by-step help and welcome as we moved through the process of using their outstanding facility for the 2016 ceremony.

On October 19 we held a Cocktails and Convo format



1 Judy Shivy channeling Bella Abzug

meeting at the Lakeside Restaurant in Wayne. The topic for the evening was “Steps Women Have Taken to Rise to the Most Prestigious Position, The US Presidency” and Judy Shivy facilitated the conversation. This format has been well-received by our membership. We will keep this in mind as we continue to seek out appropriate venues and formats for meetings and events.

The first AAUW Start Smart salary negotiation seminar was held on October 25 at William Paterson University. Our Greater Wayne Area Branch joined with the Mountain Lakes Branch in sponsoring the seminar.

On October 26, Jeanne and Lorraine attended the NJ State sponsored AAUW Visits the UN bus trip. Due to *The Advance* deadlines, they will report on this highly anticipated trip in the next edition.

As we keep Moving Forward, we look toward our annual Holiday Social on December 4. Please see the flyer for full details. We will carefully watch weather predictions for January and offer a more casual January meeting, weather permitting. If that does not work out we will try again in February to hold a mid-winter meeting.

Please see the *Applause!* column where we recognize all those who helped to make our events and programs successful.

In closing, we wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy 2017.

Peace,

Lorraine LaShell & Jeanne Michaud



On Tuesday evening, October 25th, the GWA and Mountain Lakes Branches presented the two-hour Start Smart workshop at William Paterson University.

This workshop exposes students to strategies for maximizing their starting salaries and benefits when they enter the workforce.

The facilitator for the Workshop was AAUW member, Carolyn Kaminsky.

Attending the workshop as interested observers were: Mountain Lakes Branch members Barbara Colwell, Adrienne Lesser and Candace Shanks; the Director of the William Paterson Women’s Center, Dr. Librada Sanchez; the Director of the Career Development Department Sharon Rosengart; Barbara Williamson, the NJ Regional Director for Start Smart; and GWA members Stella Hyman, Lorraine LaShell and Jeanne Michaud.

The observers and the facilitator are in the process of evaluating the effect and success of the workshop against our objectives and anticipated results. As future plans are developed, they will be presented in future editions of *The Advance*.

BRANCHING OUT

ALYSHA ACOSTA 2016 Girls Hall of Fame Inductee

Hi Girls Hall of Fame Committee,

I have GREAT news!! After the induction ceremony at PCTI, I was honored at a city council meeting. I was awarded a citation of honor from the councilman, and my family attended as well. I just wanted to thank you for initially choosing me to be inducted into the Girls Hall of Fame. It has truly opened doors for me, and I’m incredibly grateful!

Thanks,
Alysha Acosta
2016 GH of F Inductee



PUBLIC POLICY



VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8!

As the saying goes, “If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.” And what if you’re not in the voting booth? Women must show that candidates and officials will be held accountable for how they stand on women’s issues, November 8 and beyond.

It’s as simple as this: When women vote, we change the conversation. Be sure to make your voice heard this election and encourage your friends and relatives to exercise their right to vote.

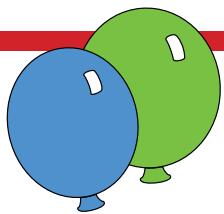
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 7	Bridge Group 7:30 (Every Monday)
Nov. 8	Election Day
Nov. 9	Art Interest Trip to Morris Museum
Nov. 11	Lunch Bunch 12:00 Alexis Restaurant, trip to Lambert Castle
Nov. 11	Game Night Bea Kettlewood’s
Nov. 29	Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 Ruth Liston’s
Dec. 1	Lit Group 7:30 Julie Tiso’s
Dec. 4	Holiday Social Brunch 11:00 Paris Restaurant, Wayne
Dec. 15	<i>Advance</i> Deadline
————— SAVE THE DATES —————	
Jan. 10	Board Meeting 4:30 Bea Kettlewood’s
Jan. 13	Lunch Bunch 12:15 TBA
Jan. 26	Lit Group Joan Hahn’s 1:30

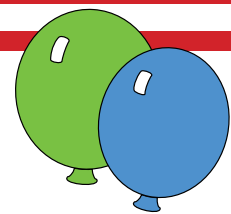
2015-2017 OFFICERS

Co-Presidents

Lorraine LaShell • Jeanne Michaud
 Program VP • Dorothy Quinn
 Membership VP • Julie Tiso
 Secretary • Ruth Liston
 Treasurer • Stella Hyman



APPLAUSE!



We are very proud and pleased to announce that our own Bea Kettlewood has been inducted into the Butler High School Hall of Fame. The six inductees were honored at a dinner at the Carriage House on September 22 and met with the high school students the following day. In addition, Bea and the other awardees were introduced at the Butler football game that evening. During their visit to the school, the honorees shared their educational and career experiences including successes, failures, and of course, what they would have done differently. To quote Bea, “Not only was I thrilled personally with the honor but I was doubly pleased that an art career was recognized.”

All of us at Greater Wayne congratulate you Bea!!

At our Girls Hall of Fame induction we recognized the good work of the GH of F Committee. Now we would like to mention and thank those who are not GH of F Committee members but also made a significant contribution to the success of the event. Kudos to: Peggy Gardner for designing and making our beautiful hallway sign that depicted and introduced each of our inductees; Ruth Liston and Donna Persh for each escorting an inductee for the evening and facilitating the introductions and mingling with guests and branch members; Carol Brown, a new branch member, for making the badges for all of our invited guests. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Thanks, *Jeanne*

Celebrate the Holidays with friends at the AAUW GWA Holiday Social



The Paris Inn
1292 Alps Rd, Wayne

December 4, 2016
11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Cost: \$36



RSVP by 11/21/16
to Dorothy Quinn

Checks Payable to: AAUW GWA Branch
Send to: Stella Hyman



The branch will celebrate the holidays on Sunday, December 4, at The Paris Inn in Wayne with a brunch/lunch between 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Please bring your charity gifts of learning materials identified by Social Concerns Chair, Marlys Huss (see page 6) for Oasis. Since part of our mission is educating young women, how better to practice than by gifting young children

to help them make learning a little more accessible.

Looking forward to seeing you at this annual celebration. Please send checks of \$36 for the luncheon to Stella Hyman made out to GWA Branch AAUW by November 21 to secure your reservation.

Dorothy Quinn, Program VP

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



AAUW Members at Scholarship Dinner May 2016

In May 2016, AAUW GWA held our annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner at Villa Verde restaurant, Wayne. Members were able to meet one of our scholarship winners, Aziza McGill-Ayinde. Aziza spoke eloquently about her experience of growing up and the abuse she endured at the hands of her father. Aziza has bravely overcome these overwhelming family stressors and is now pursuing her BA degree at William Paterson University in the area of Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Aziza plans to use her degree to continue to raise awareness about child sexual abuse and domestic violence. Aziza expressed her gratitude to our branch for the scholarship and how it will enable her to reach her goals.

In August 2016 members were able to meet our other scholarship winner, Danielle Radiola, at an informal Cocktails and Convo, held at Lakeside Restaurant, Wayne. Danielle was raised in an unstable household, with a mother struggling with severe depression, and she left high school before her senior year. Danielle began working with hopes to pay tuition and continue her education. After obtaining her GED, she was encouraged to enter nursing. "It's practical, and you'll fit in well", she was told. After obtaining her LPN, and working as a nurse she quickly found that this career was not a good match for her. She carefully considered her options and decided that a degree in Chemical Engineering would be the right choice. Danielle is currently attending Rutgers University, working toward her BS in Chemical Engineering. In future, Danielle plans to become a process engineering manager in the pharmaceutical industry and will ensure that our medications are produced to the highest quality.

Danielle recently returned from a summer internship in her chosen field. She enjoyed chatting with our members and sharing her experiences as an engineering



Danielle Radiola, Caroline Mossip and Aziza McGill-Ayinde

student. Danielle anticipates graduating from Rutgers U. in May 2017. Danielle noted that she was honored to receive our scholarship, and indicated, "I've gained many great female mentors – and that's priceless!"

Aziza was also able to attend the Cocktails and Convo, and it was a wonderful opportunity for our members to get to know both these outstanding young women.

Thank you to all our members who have supported our scholarships so generously. We couldn't have done it without you!

Caroline Mossip
Committee Chair

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns Committee is planning again to give holiday gifts to OASIS in support of their programs for the children of Paterson.

Saturday tutoring program:

- Leveled Reading Books – Easy Reader
- Educational Board Games from Lakeshore – for small groups focusing on comprehension, context, vocabulary, Idioms
- Workbooks – Common Core prep for grades 3-8

Art Program

- Watercolor paper - 8x10 or larger
- Black sharpies – fine
- Drawing paper
- Construction paper



The website for OASIS for information on all of their needs and activities is www.oasisnj.org. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Marlys Huss

MEMBER NEWS

We are pleased to welcome our two newest members, both of whom are from Wayne. Carol Brown was a guest at several of our programs and decided to join AAUW and our Branch as a student affiliate attending Passaic County Community College. Mary Ann Sgobba is the aunt of Sabrina Sgobba, a 2016 Girls Hall of Fame inductee. Mary Ann, a realtor, first learned about us at the GH of F induction and immediately saw an opportunity to participate and support us in our community service efforts by joining the Branch. We look forward to sharing more about Carol and Mary Ann in future Advance columns as they become fully involved in Branch activities.

GWA member Carol Rosen, LCSW, is starting a new group called **Women Fifty Plus Support Circle**. The first meeting is November 8, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm in Pompton Lakes. Call Carol for details and to register, www.livefullandfree.com.

Let's help ourselves and support Carol!

At a recent Lunch Bunch, Peggy Gardner shared photos of her sculptures. We were so impressed with her talent and asked her to tell us how she got started sculpting. In her own words:

I had my first experience sculpting during one semester in my sophomore year at Pratt. I really liked it and always planned to do it one day, but, life intervened. Marriage, work, children, more work...

until it was time to retire. In 2008, my husband and I just happened to be going to the farm on Black Oak Rd. in Wayne. We passed the American Woodcarving School on Jackson Avenue with a sign up for Life Sculpture and I decided to check it out. Since 2008, I have done about 25 sculptures and am still going strong. Each year there are three offerings of ten three-hour classes. The school is a local gem offering woodcarving, sculpture, watercolor painting and other assorted programs.



Congratulations to Peggy on her beautiful work. Perhaps her story will inspire you to explore your creative sides.

ART INTEREST GROUP

Bea Kettlewood

The Art Interest Group will be going to the Morris Museum on Wednesday, November 9th. We will view the general exhibit plus a special exhibit of an architectural design started in NJ in 1872 - The Diner, including Silk City Diners. Please let Bea Kettlewood know if you would like to join the group so we can arrange car pooling. Our group will leave Pompton Plains around 11 AM, have lunch and visit the museum.

LITERATURE GROUP

All are welcome.

See starting times below. Please let Hostess know 3 days in advance if you plan on attending. However, last minute changes are expected and can be accommodated.

Time: 7:30 pm

Date: Dec. 1

Hostess: Julie Tiso

Book: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*

Author: Amy Chua

Leader: Joan Hahn

Time: 1:30 pm

Date: Jan. 26, 2017

Hostess: Joan Hahn

Book: *What She Left Behind*

Author: Ellen Marie Wiseman

Leader: Ann Raynor

For additional information or car pooling contact Win Reinhardt.

GAMES NIGHT

TGIF's (Thank Goodness It's Friday) next Games Night will be Nov. 11 at Bea Kettlewood's. We begin at 7:30 pm and play games until 10, at which time we have light refreshments. There will be no meeting in December.

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

BRIDGE



Marlys Huss

The bridge group continues to meet 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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Marianne Ritter

Judy Shivy

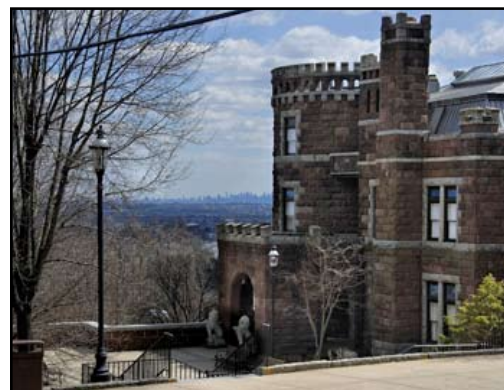
Lunch Bunch and Lambert Castle Outing Nov. 11 Lunch at Noon Sharp at Alexis Steakhouse

Be sure to mark Friday, Nov. 11 on your calendar for our special November Lunch Bunch and outing to Lambert Castle's festive annual Holiday Boutique.



Lunch will be at 12 noon sharp at Alexis Steakhouse Tavern, 955 Valley Rd., Clifton. Alexis Steakhouse has a terrific lunch menu - a variety of sandwiches and wraps, burgers, entree salads, soups, and hot meals for the cool fall months. After lunch, those who wish can drive or ride

with others a short distance to the Holiday Boutique at historic Lambert Castle in Paterson. Admission to the Holiday Boutique at the Castle, which is a fundraiser, is \$6.



If you wish to be part of a carpool for lunch in Clifton and to the Castle after lunch, plan to meet promptly at 11:30 a.m. on



Nov. 11 at the Wayne Tile parking lot on Route 23 South in Wayne. To reserve your seat at the lunch table, please phone Judy Shivy no later than Wed., Nov. 9. Your family members, neighbors, and friends would be most welcome too.

Our next regular Lunch Bunch will be Friday, January 13.

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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.



Greater Wayne Area Branch
428 Boulevard
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

MEMBER TOWNS

Bloomington
Butler
Englewood
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North Haledon
Nutley
Pequannock
Pompton Lakes
Pompton Plains
Wayne
West Milford

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join one of nearly 1,000 AAUW branches across the country. Participate in meetings and community activities.

CONTACT US (For branch use. Fill in or affix label.)

Branch name/state Greater Wayne Area
URL Greaterwaynearea-NJ.aauw.net
Phone/e-mail aauwgwa@gmail.com
No branch listed above? Contact 800.326.2289 or connect@aauw.org to find a branch near you.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Female Male

● Name _____
● Address _____
● City/state/zip _____
● Home phone _____ Work phone _____
● E-mail _____
● College/university _____ State _____
● Highest degree earned _____ Year _____
● Major _____ Date of birth _____

Occasionally AAUW's membership list is made available to carefully screened companies or organizations. Check here if you do not want your name included.

ELIGIBILITY

I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution, as stated above.

Signature _____ Date _____

MEMBER RECRUITER

Name _____ City/state _____
Branch name (if applicable) _____

● REGULAR MEMBERSHIP Valid until July 1st, 2017

FY16 national dues are \$49+ state \$10 + branch* \$21 = total \$80.
AAUW national individual membership dues are \$49; \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

● GRADUATE STUDENTS Graduate students enrolled in a regionally accredited educational institution can join AAUW for \$18.81+ state \$10 + branch \$21 = total \$49.81.

● UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS Undergraduate students enrolled in a two- or four-year regionally accredited educational institution can join as branch student affiliates.

total \$17.

National and Branch dues Free for WPU Students - If join as e-student affiliates

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*The AAUW branch membership year extends from July 1 through June 30.