

# The Advance

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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...

Thank you to branch members who participated in the Women's March on January 21. We marched in solidarity with other AAUW members and millions of women across the country and around the world committed to advancing gender equality.



March is Women's History Month, an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. GWA will celebrate by honoring two women trailblazers, Lourdes Cortez, President and CEO of the North Jersey Federal Credit Union, and Camelia M. Valdes, Passaic County Prosecutor, at our March 15 meeting. Both these women have helped open doors for other women to follow leadership paths not previously open to women. See Program for more details.

There are three AAUW events in April: Lunch Bunch on April 7 at PCTI, GWA Annual Meeting on April 19 and the NJ State Annual Meeting in Atlantic City on April 30. Further details about GWA events are in the Program and Lunch Bunch columns. We hope you will support your branch by attending with fellow members and potential members. See flyer for information about

registering for the state meeting. Car pools to Atlantic City can be arranged.

Also, registration is now open for the AAUW National Convention! Join other members June 14-17 in Washington, DC, to lobby Congress, hone your leadership skills, and network with AAUW leaders and members from

all over the U.S. This is an excellent opportunity to see AAUW in action working on behalf of women's rights.

Register now. <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>.

Our membership is growing with women ready and eager to participate in and support AAUW GWA initiatives. Let's keep the momentum going.

*Lorraine & Jeanne*



## **AAUW of New Jersey Annual Meeting**

**April 30 – May 1, 2017**

April 30 (3 – 7 PM), May 1 (8 AM – 1 PM)  
at [Resorts Casino Hotel](#), Atlantic City

[Register Now!](#)



### **“ALL ROADS LEAD TO EQUAL”**

This year, more than ever, women everywhere must unite to further our progress along “the roads to EQUAL”. We must continue to work on pay equity, campus leadership, research studies and STEM as these are our tools to arrive at our ultimate destination along these roads – “EQUAL” in every sense!

### **Speakers (Additional Speakers to be added – Subject to Change)**

(Agenda will be published prior to the meeting)

1. **Yasemin Bessen-Cassino:** Associate Professor of Sociology at Montclair University and author of “Consuming Work – Youth Labor in America” - **“Gender Inequality at Work and at Home: Division of Labor at Home”**
2. **Dr. Mary Gatta:** Associate Professor of Sociology at City University of New York - **“Women, Security and Aging”**
3. **Abigail Lewis:** AAUW VP Campus Leadership Programs. [See Bio](#) – **“AAUW Updates”**
4. **Candace Straight:** Executive producer of “Equity”, a film about a corporate woman in the male dominated investment banking industry. [See Bio](#) - **Award ceremony for the “AAUW NJ Woman as Agent of Change” Award**

**Registration fee:** \$25/pp – [Pay Now!](#) Must also complete [Registration Form!](#)

Sunday evening appetizers and Monday morning breakfast provided by the AAUW of NJ

**Accommodations: Resorts Hotel and Casino Atlantic City**

**Room rate: \$90.50** inclusive room rate (\$65 plus tax. Includes a \$10 resort fee for up to two guests)  
**Self-parking is available in the enclosed garage on North Carolina Avenue for \$5 fee, (Valet parking is \$10.)**

**Call the Hotel to make your reservations, at: 888-797-7700**

**Group Code [VAAW7](#)**

Reservations not canceled 48 hours prior to check-in will result in the one-night's room and tax charged to their credit card.

**Questions about the event?** Contact Margo Lichtenthal email: [magsml0610@gmail.com](mailto:magsml0610@gmail.com)

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## PUBLIC POLICY

### *Beth Marmolejos*

In her letter from the Editor, Hannah Moulton Belec sets the tone for the winter 2017 issue of outlook. In her letter titled "Looking Forward" she begins: "AAUW is greeting 2017 with an iron will. The presidential campaign and its aftermath have raised some alarming concerns with respect to women and girls and AAUW is one of the nonpartisan voices in what is otherwise a maelstrom of partisan strife." The article titled "The Political Road Ahead" details AAUW's 12-step program for these uncharted political waters and reveals the strategy. We highly recommend that you read the winter 2017 edition from cover to cover, if you have not already done so. To whet your appetite, here are main ideas detailed in the 12-step program:

1. Begin as we mean to proceed.
2. Remember that personnel is policy.
3. Hold their feet to the fire – and remain nonpartisan.
4. Understand that facts do matter.
5. Be an ally in the fight against hate.
6. Stand up to everyday sexism whenever you can.
7. Support women leaders.
8. Never forget that voting rights and fair representation are fundamental to our democracy.
9. Recruit a friend (or five!) to subscribe to the AAUW Action Network and help ensure that our message is heard at every level of government.
10. Help build our AAUW community by recruiting new members.
11. Work locally as well as nationally.
12. Keep in mind that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

Happy reading. Keep yourself educated and let your voice be heard.

### 2015-2017 OFFICERS

#### Co-Presidents

Lorraine LaShell • Jeanne Michaud

Program VP • Dorothy Quinn

Membership VP • Julie Tiso

Secretary • Ruth Liston

Treasurer • Stella Hyman

Scholarship Chair • Caroline Mossip

Public Policy Chair • Beth Marmolejos

Parliamentarian • Bea Kettlewood

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 10	Lunch Bunch Rail's Steakhouse
Mar. 10	Games Night Dot Anton's
Mar. 13	Bridge Group 7:30 (Every Monday)
Mar. 15	GWA Meeting Brio's Tuscan Grill 7:00
Mid March	Art Interest Group Newark Museum Date TBA
Mar. 23	Literature Group 7:00 Dorothy Quinn's
Apr. 7	Lunch Bunch Time TBA at PCTI
Apr. 10	Deadline for Applications Scholarship Committee
Apr. 15	<i>Advance</i> Deadline
Apr. 19	GWA Annual Meeting 7:15 Ruth Liston's
Apr. 21	Games Night Ann Raynor's
Apr. 25	Art Group 7:30 Bea Kettlewood's
Apr. 27	Literature Group Win Reinhardt's
Apr. 30	NJ State Annual Meeting Atlantic City
————— SAVE THE DATE —————	
May 17	Scholarship Dinner 7:00 Villa Verde
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention Washington D.C.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Your AAUW GWA Scholarship Committee has been very busy over the past few weeks, contacting colleges and universities in our area, informing them about our scholarship. Applications are already coming in from potential scholarship recipients. The deadline for completed applications is April 10, 2017. The committee will meet at the end of April to determine our winner or winners for 2017. The scholarships will be presented at our annual dinner on May 17 2017. If you know of a potential applicant, please direct her to our website <http://greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net>. Full details and an on-line application can be found there. Thank you to all those who have so generously supported our scholarship for 2017.

Your 2017 Scholarship Committee: Caroline Mossip, Lorraine LaShell, Marianne Ritter, Linda Trongone, Beth Marmolejos, Mary Ann Sgobba, Diane Ricart

### **Caroline Mossip**

Scholarship Committee Chair

## PROGRAM

March is Women's History Month and along with our meeting we will be celebrating a new initiative in recognizing our first Trailblazer Awards to two incredible women:



Lourdes Cortez, the first Latina Credit Union CEO/President in NJ, and Carmelia M. Valdes, the first Latina county prosecutor in NJ, first female prosecutor in Passaic County, and first lead prosecutor of Dominican ancestry in the US!

*Lourdes Cortez*

Please come and join us in

celebrating their success and listening to their ladder-climbing stories at Brio's Tuscan Grill at Willowbrook Mall on March 15 at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$25, plus a cash bar. There are still seats available. Please notify me if you would like to attend and send checks to Stella Hyman to reserve a seat.



*Carmelia M. Valdes*

"Business as usual" could be the mantra of our April 19th Annual Meeting. The time is 7:15 at Ruth Liston's. We will be voting on a slate of officers, reviewing reports from committee and interest groups, and discussing the direction for our Branch in 2017-19. In that discussion, the topic of venue for Branch meetings will also be addressed.

On May 17 we will hold our annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner at Villa Verde in Wayne. Besides meeting and congratulating our awardees, we will also install our officers for the coming year and recognize members with milestone awards. The cost of the dinner will be the same as last year, \$35, and the dinner will start at 7:00 pm to accommodate our working members and guests.

Please let me know by email, phone or text if you will be attending the March and May dinners and kindly forward checks to Stella Hyman. Deadlines for response and checks are as follows:

**March 15 dinner**, Brio Tuscan Grill, deadline Mar. 12  
**Scholarship Dinner**, Villa Verde, deadline May 4

*Dorothy Quinn*, Program Vice President

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Peggy Gardner will be having a solo art show of her watercolors and acrylic paintings. The opening will be on Sunday, May 7 from



1:00-3:00 at the *Waterlilies with Reflections 24" x 30"* First Reformed Church, 529 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444. Your support is appreciated and all are welcome. The show will be up for the month of May and guests are invited to come whenever the office is open.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS 2017 NEW MEMBERS

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have two new members, *Diane Ricart* and *Keomany Ker*.

Diane is a second grade teacher who is happy to have found our GWA Branch. Before joining, Diane had already signed up for the Women's March in Pequannock so, upon meeting with Diane, we immediately recognized that we have similar goals and concerns. Diane depended on scholarships to support her during college and graduate school and therefore has a special interest in our scholarship program. She is currently serving on the 2017 Scholarship Committee.

Keomany Ker has worked in the field of microbiology and plant physiology. She currently is a stay-at-home Mom who was looking for an organization that matched her service interests and would provide opportunities to share her skills to achieve mutual goals. As a STEM person, Keo immediately volunteered to be involved in the 2017 Tech Trek Camp effort. Currently Keo is exploring other opportunities within the branch and NJ State to use her skills, particularly grant writing.

We both continue to be energized by the enthusiasm that our new members have, to use their many and varied skills and experience to work with us on our mission-based projects.

Welcome, Diane and Keo. Speaking for our entire branch membership, we look forward to working with you!

*Jeanne & Lorraine*

## ART INTEREST GROUP

### *Bea Kettlewood*

Our trip to Morris Museum on January 25th was very interesting with a display of works done with Lego “bricks” + other exhibits. The solo show of Barbara Bullock in the Atrium Gallery was worth comparing to what she wrote.

The Art Interest Group meeting was February 28th. We reviewed American Art in preparation for a daytime visit to Newark Art Museum during mid March, on a weekday, date TBA and notification via e-mail to those who have called Bea with interest in going, plus lunch TBA. The Newark Art Museum has an exhibit of American works: Colonial/ Federal, Folk Art, Impressionism, Modernism and 19th C. sculpture. There is also a display of African-American art, a commitment made in 1929 (they knew I would be interested!)

Please call 1) if you plan to attend 2) if you want to go on the museum trip but have not attended the prep-meeting.

The next meeting at Bea's house will be Tuesday evening, April 25th to review what is showing at Princeton Museum. That museum visit will be in May, date TBA.

## BRIDGE



### *Marlys Huss*

The bridge group continues to meet on Monday evenings. We start at 7:30 pm and 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

### *Dot Anton*

The next Games Night will be March 10 at Dot Anton's house. On April 21, we will meet at Ann Raynor's.

We begin at 7:30 pm and play games until 10, at which time we have light refreshments.

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

## LUNCH BUNCH

### *Marianne Ritter*

### *Judy Shivy*

#### **Rails Steakhouse Restaurant, Towaco**

We're happy to announce the March Lunch Bunch for Friday, March 10, 12:15 p.m. is at the popular Rails Steakhouse Restaurant in the Towaco section of Montville. Rails is located at 10 Whitehall Rd., Towaco, just a stone's throw from Lincoln Park and the Mountainview section of Wayne.



Don't let the name steakhouse fool you. Rails offers a delicious lunch menu of soups, sandwiches, main dish salads, and varied hot entrees.

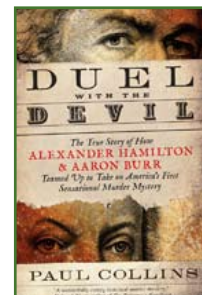
To reserve your place at the lunch table at Rails on March 10, please phone either Marianne Ritter or Judy Shivy by March 9, at the latest.

Also, mark your calendars for April's Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 7 at Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne. A gourmet menu there, to be sure, for just \$12. More details later.

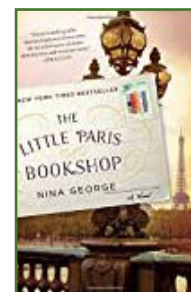
## LITERATURE GROUP

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

Date: March 23, 2017  
Hostess: Dorothy Quinn (new)  
Book: *Duel with the Devil: the true Story of How Hamilton and Burr Teamed Up to Take on America's First Sensational Murder Mystery*  
Author: Paul Collins  
Leader: Win Reinhardt  
Time: 7:00 pm (new)



Date: April 27, 2017  
Hostess: Win Reinhardt  
Book: *The Little Paris Bookshop*  
Author: Nina George  
Leader: TBD  
Time: 7:00 pm (new)



For additional information or car pooling contact Win Reinhardt.

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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.

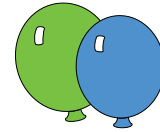
### VALUE PROMISE

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



## APPLAUSE!

Thanks to Mary Bunstead for making the teal armbands members wore at the Women's March on January 20 in Pequannock. Since teal is the official AAUW color, the armbands identified us as members of AAUW. We expected strips of ribbon that we could tie into a bow and instead Mary provided beautiful armbands that can be used for future marches and events!



## JOIN AAUW

Membership in the AAUW is open to anyone who holds a two-year associate's degree or higher degree from an accredited college or university.

Visit <http://greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net> for more information and to apply online.



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### MEMBER TOWNS

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