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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...



Happy New Year!

Our branch ended 2017 with a well-attended and enjoyable Holiday Social at Brio's in Wayne. Thank you for coming and adding to the holiday spirit.

Under discussion are plans to celebrate GWA's 50th Anniversary. Stay tuned for more information and your suggestions are always welcome.

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. See the article on page 4 for ways we can become informed and involved on this important human rights issue.

We are so proud of our 2016 Girls Hall of Fame inductee, Alysha Acosta. Read Jeanne's follow-up article on page 3. We hope you will be inspired and share your stories.

Mark your calendars for the next general meeting



GWA members at the Holiday Social brunch, Brio's, Wayne

which will be held on January 17 at Anthony Franco's and feature two special STEM guests along with delicious food.

As always our interest groups continue to meet and provide important opportunities for personal growth and social interaction. Check the calendar for dates and times.

We look forward to sharing ideas, actions and time with you in 2018.

May we all have a great year!

Your Co-Presidents

Jeanne and Lorraine

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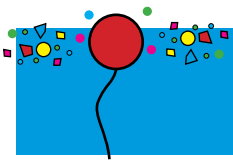
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GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 17

(SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 21)
7:00 PM

Anthony Franco's Pizza, Party Room
1176 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne



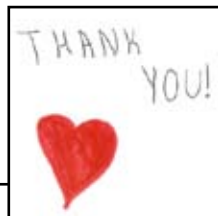
\$10 includes pizza, salad, dessert. Payable at the door.
RSVP to Judy Shivy by Monday, January 15.

Two 7th grade girls who attended the week-long Tech Trek STEM camp will tell us about their experiences at the camp and the impact Tech Trek has had on them. Join your fellow members in welcoming our guests. You will be proud of them and AAUW for sponsoring this program.

In 2017, Tech Trek was expanded to include girls in all counties in New Jersey. Students were nominated by their teachers then interviewed by AAUW members, including several from our branch. Sixty-two girls were accepted into the camp. Thanks to our members who volunteered to assist with Student Selection.

AAUWNJ also sponsors two one-day STEM camps which include a day of hands-on technology workshops for girls: Teen Tech (grades 9, 10 and 11) and Tween Tech (for grades 6-8). We will learn more about all three STEM camps and how our members can support these programs.

One of the Tech Trek attendees sent this thank you note to AAUW members.



Dear donors and volunteers,
I have had such a good experience at Tech Trek. I have enjoyed the professional women's night and all the workshops I have done throughout the week. I love astronomy and physics and my rocket science class has taught me a lot about aerospace. Thank you so much for helping make my experience here awesome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 8 Bridge Group 7:30 (every Monday)
- Jan. 9 Art Interest Group, Bea's house, 2:00
- Jan. 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- Jan. 12 Lunch Bunch, Lakeside Restaurant, 12:15
- Jan. 12 Games Night, Bea's house, 7:30
- Jan. 17 General Meeting, Anthony Franco Pizza, 7:00 RSVP 1/15
- Jan. 23 Board Meeting, Ruth's house, 4:30
- Jan. 25 Lit Group, Stella's house, 7:30
- Jan. 28 National Liberator Awards Celebration, Calvary Temple, Wayne, 7:00
- Jan. 31 Scholarship donations due

SAVE THE DATE

- Feb. 9 Lunch Bunch, Thatcher McGee, Pompton Lakes, 12:15
- Feb. 21 Snow date for January meeting
- Feb. 22 Lit Group, Win's house, 7:30



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AN UPDATE
ALYSHA ACOSTA
A 2016 GIRLS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



As you may remember, Alysha Acosta, then a junior at Passaic County Technical Institute was inducted into our Girls Hall of Fame in September, 2016. After her induction PCTI recognized Alysha's accomplishment at a PCTI School Board meeting. Lorraine and I were invited to attend and support Alysha and also briefly introduce our GWA Branch's mission and

activities to the Board.

Alysha then contacted me and asked me to complete a recommendation to support her nomination to become a member of PCTI's National Honor Society chapter. When she became a member I was happy to pass along the good news about her accomplishment to our Branch membership.

More recently Alysha asked me to complete a recommendation to be entered on an app for applications to colleges and universities (yes there is an app for that). Using the app, she then easily attached the recommendations to her applications.

Alysha recently contacted me to let me know that she was accepted to Columbia University. I am particularly delighted to announce that she not only was accepted by Columbia but also has been **awarded a full scholarship!** Alysha will begin her studies at Columbia next fall.



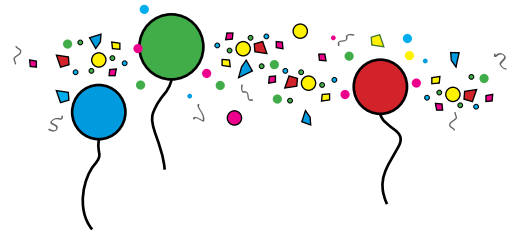
I have asked Alysha to keep in touch with me and let me know about her college experiences and she has agreed to do so. I will definitely keep you posted. The opportunity to interface with Alysha has been rewarding for me and inspired me to pursue similar opportunities in the future.

Call to Action

Recognizing that we are a Branch of successful and talented women, it is possible you have had similar mentoring opportunities either through personal,

professional or AAUW activities. I ask you to share your stories with our members in future copies of the Advance. These stories may spark an interest in others who, after evaluating their personal interests and available time, would consider pursuing similar mentoring and supporting opportunities. I guarantee that they will not be disappointed if they choose to do so.

Send your stories to aauwgwa@gmail.com.
 Jeanne



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to OASIS for their educational program. Ada and I delivered the donations and they were greatly appreciated. We also took along several flyers for scholarship which were then posted on their bulletin board. They currently have a woman from Honduras there learning English as a second language who has dreams of becoming a nurse. I encourage everyone to check out their website: <http://www.oasisnj.org>.

Marlys Huss
 Chairperson

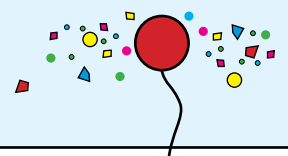
SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Please be as generous as you can with your donation toward our branch's 2018 scholarships. In the past your contributions helped exceptional women in our area continue their studies toward their first undergraduate degree.

Please mail your much appreciated scholarship contributions by Jan. 31 to our branch treasurer, Stella Hyman.

Thank you, and Happy New Year to all!

Marianne Ritter
Mary Ann Sgobba
 Scholarship Co-chairs



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND ACTION

Thursday, January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in 2018.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11. by Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. ... This helps raise public awareness of modern slavery.

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. AAUW NJ was actively involved with the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking to secure the passage of legislation (A3352), known as the Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act into law.

How can we get involved?

There are several events happening in New Jersey this month, one, The Liberator Awards Celebration, right in Wayne on January 28 at Calvary Temple International in Wayne. Why not gather a group to attend?

Visit www.njhumantrafficking.org for more information about this and other events.

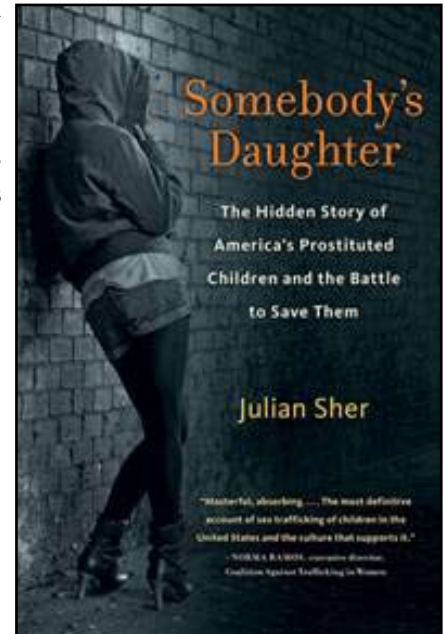
The GWA Lit Group might consider adding *Somebody's Daughter* to its list of books to read.

Somebody's Daughter: The Hidden Story of America's Prostituted Children and the Battle to Save Them by Julian Sher.

Highlighting mainly a famous Atlantic City sex trafficking case from the early to mid 2000's, *Somebody's Daughter* tells the story of a young teen and how she was forced into prostitution around the casinos of Atlantic City and Las Vegas. This is an excellent way to learn about the life of a trafficker/pimp named "Knowledge"

and the history behind how these men lure and prey on children to do what they want. There are other stories of a couple other teens as well, who were rescued, that are very horrific and sad. It may be a hard book to get through, but it was one of the best on sex trafficking.

Warning: This book has raw information with a lot of talk that you would hear on the streets, using vulgarity throughout it.



With so many of us having access to streaming TV services we can organize a film night to view *Queen of Katwe*.

Queen of Katwe is a 2016 American biographical sports drama film directed by Mira Nair and written by William Wheeler. Starring David Oyelowo, Lupita Nyong'o, and Madina Nalwanga, the film depicts the life of Phiona Mutesi, a Ugandan girl living in a slum in Katwe. She learns to play chess and becomes a Woman Candidate Master after her victories at World Chess Olympiads.



The important thing is to "do something" to fight this modern version of human slavery. Send me an email or call to discuss your ideas.

Lorraine

LUNCH BUNCH

Marianne Ritter

Judy Shivy

LAKESIDE RESTAURANT, Packanack Lake, Wayne

Get off to a good start in 2018 at Lunch Bunch on Friday, January 12, 12:15 p.m., at the Lakeside Restaurant, Packanack Lake, Wayne. The Lakeside Restaurant is where our branch has held lively cocktail and convo meetings, but January 12 will be our first lunch bunch there. The Lakeside Restaurant is located on Lake Drive West next to the clubhouse at Packanack Lake in Wayne.

To reserve your place at the lunch table at Lakeside on Jan. 12 at 12:15 p.m, please phone either Marianne Ritter or Judy Shivy by Jan. 11.



Also, be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 9 when the February Lunch Bunch will be held at Thatcher Mc Gee's pub restaurant in Pompton Lakes.

See you in the New Year!

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

The next Games Night will be Jan. 12 at Bea Kettlewood's house. In Feb. date TBD we will meet at Joan Hahn'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.

ART INTEREST GROUP

Bea Kettlewood

A reminder that our group will meet at #45 at 2 PM on Tuesday, January 9th. We will review American Impressionism. introduced to the United States by Mary Cassatt who had worked in France with French Impressionists. American artists moved from romanticism to impressions of the visual in late 1800s into early 1900s.



Sarah in a Green Bonnet 1901 by Mary Cassatt

LITERATURE GROUP

All are welcome.

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

Time: 7:30 pm

Date: Jan. 25, 2018

Hostess: Stella Hyman

Book: *ROSIE PROJECT*

Author: Graeme Samson

Leader:

Time: 7:30 pm

Date: Feb. 22, 2018

Hostess: Win Reinhardt

Book: *THE HORSE DANCER*

Author: Jojo Moyes

Leader:

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.

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.



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