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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...

March and April bring thoughts of spring and inspire us to go outdoors and enjoy the weather. Get out and move!

GWA Meetings

Although we had to cancel our scheduled January meeting, the weather cooperated on February 21 when we hosted fellow member and GWA scholarship awardee, Aziza McGill-Ayinde, who recounted her experiences on a recent humanitarian mission to Vieques, Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria knocked out the only radio station on Vieques prompting William Paterson University to organize and fund a mission to donate equipment and expertise and lend a helping hand to the island's ongoing efforts to rebuild. Aziza



(L-R) Beth Marmolejos and Aziza McGill-Ayinde at GWA February 21 meeting.

was one of nine communications students on the trip which also included members of the college radio station's staff.

In addition to her studies and work, Aziza, a survivor of domestic violence, is the founder of *Precious Little Ladies*, <http://www.preciouslittleladies.org>, a non-profit whose mission is to strengthen the bond between mothers and daughters through information, education, empowerment, support and understanding to combat child molestation, abuse, incest and domestic violence.

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(L-R) Lorraine LaShell, Dorothy Quinn, Aziza McGill Ayinde, Jeanne Michaud

Aziza was featured in the February issue of Glamour Magazine and we encourage everyone to read the article, "Love Triumphs".

We are very proud of Aziza, GWA member and friend, and support her in her social justice work.

Join us on March 21 for a presentation about the AAUW STEM program and on April 18 for our branch Annual Meeting. See details inside.

State Annual Meeting

There is still time to sign up for the AAUW State Annual Meeting being held on March 24 at Forsgate CC. You can sign up using this link: <https://aauw-nj.aauw.net/events/#Meeting>. Carpooling can be arranged.

These meetings are wonderful and you will come away with a renewed enthusiasm for what AAUW NJ and its branches are accomplishing. GWA will commemorate its 50th

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GWA basket for State meeting raffle.

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anniversary at this meeting with a special raffle basket of 50 dollar bills. Thank you GWA friend, Karen DeLuca, for creating the basket and to Dorothy Quinn for making table favors of chocolate coins.

Dues Announcement

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59. Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. No decision has been made yet regarding a corresponding increase in branch dues.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming GWA events.

Your Co-Presidents, Jeanne and Lorraine

SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for scholarships are being received already!

The Greater Wayne branch scholarship committee is pleased to announce that applications for our branch's 2018 undergraduate scholarship are already coming in. The deadline for applying is April 10, and all applications will be reviewed by the committee the last week of April. Our scholarship winner will be announced by early May.

If you haven't yet had a chance to contribute to our 2018 scholarship, it is not too late. Any amount you give will help greatly - \$25, \$35, \$50, or more. If you already contributed, thank you very much for your generosity. By contributing, you are helping a deserving women in our area complete her undergraduate education.

Please give your scholarship donation to our branch treasurer Stella Hyman or mail it to her. Thank you!

*Marianne Ritter, Mary Ann Sgobba
Co-Chairs Scholarship Committee*

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new member Susan Hart-White. Sue received her BA and MBA from the University of Rochester and JD from Pace University School of Law. She is recently retired and following in the footsteps of her mother, sister and daughter who are all AAUW members. Sue resides in Ridgewood.

GWA GENERAL MEETINGS



Sometimes plans are not totally pinned down and that will apply to Programs for March and April! Our March 21 meeting will be held at Anthony Franco Pizzeria on Hamburg Tpk. in Wayne, at 7:00 – 9:00 pm. An individual cost of \$10 will cover pizza, salad and desserts. We have two alternatives for this informational meeting about the STEM Program sponsored by the State AAUW. First alternative is to have an organizer for the state program speak to our group about the objectives and accomplishments of the program. The second alternative is to include with the organizer's address, two young girls who were recipients of the Tech Trek scholarship. If they can make it, they will share their experience with our membership. Let's show our support of this AAUW program for girls by attending on March 21. RSVP to Judy by March 19. Payment can be made at the door.

April 18 is our branch Annual Meeting with election of officers. Local libraries are booked or unavailable to us so this meeting is in search of a venue! Mark your calendars with the date. Further details to come by email.

Dorothy Quinn, Judith Mazur-Shivy

PUBLIC POLICY

EQUAL PAY DAY

Tuesday, April 10 is Equal Pay Day. This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color. **Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!**



AAUW NATIONAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT VOTE 2018

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that it believes will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address:

1. Creating three-year staggered board terms
2. Opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership
3. Eliminating the degree requirement for membership.

The overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

The proposed amendments will be on the agenda at the GWA April Annual Meeting. We encourage our members to consider and discuss these proposals and exercise their vote.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS DINNER

May 23, 2018, 6:30 PM, \$38

Vila Verde Restaurant

Mail checks to Stella Hyman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 5	Bridge Group 7:30 (Every Monday)
Mar. 9	Games Night Joan Hahn's
Mar. 10	Saturday Lunch Bunch Portobello's
March 13	Art Interest Group 2:00 Bea Kettlewood's
Mar. 21	STEM Program Anthony Franco's Pizzeria 7:00
Mar. 22	Literature Group 7:30 Dorothy Quinn's
Mar. 24	AAUW State Meeting Forsgate CC
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Apr. 10	Art Group 2:00 Bea Kettlewood's
Apr. 10	Equal Pay Day (wear red)
Apr. 15	<i>Advance</i> Deadline
Apr. 18	Branch Annual Meeting
Apr. 25	Voting opens on National Bylaws Amendment
Apr. 26	Literature Group Ada Ligget's
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SAVE THE DATE	
May 23	Scholarship Dinner

GWA BRANCH OFFICERS

Co-Presidents

Lorraine LaShell - Jeanne Michaud

Program Co-VPs

Dorothy Quinn - Judy Mazur-Shivy

Membership VP

Ann Raynor

Secretary

Ruth Liston

Finance

Stella Hyman

Diversity & Inclusion Chair

Beth Marmolehos

Scholarship Co-Chairs

Marianne Ritter - Mary Ann Sgobba

Parliamentarian

Bea Kettlewood

ART INTEREST GROUP

Bea Kettlewood

The final two presentations and discussions for our American art year will be varied in styles from very real to minimal non-objective. On Tuesday



People of Chilmark by Benton

March 13, we will review The Eight and American Scene Painters including George Bellows and Thomas Benton. Following this and Depression years, Hans Hoffman introduced abstract expressionism into the United States. On Tuesday

April 10 we will review this style followed by up-down realism, abstract and non-objective styles: Pop, Sharp-focus Realism, Post-Painterly, Minimal to Conceptual, from Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner to Philip Pearlstein to Larry Poons whose one painting title example is #569.



Number 3 by Pollack

As usual we will meet at 2 PM. Please, call if you plan to attend.

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 9 at Joan Hahn's house. April's Games Night TBA.

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

**SPECIAL SATURDAY MARCH 10
LUNCH BUNCH PORTOBELLO**



Be sure to make your reservation for a special Saturday lunch bunch on Saturday, March 10, 12:15 p.m. This Saturday lunch bunch will be at Portobello Restaurant in Oakland, one of our favorites.

To reserve your seat at the lunch table at Portobello, please phone Marianne Ritter or Judy Shivy by March 9.

This Saturday lunch bunch gives an opportunity for all to attend a lunch bunch and to get to know other like minded women in a casual small group setting - women who work during the week or who are otherwise scheduled on weekdays, our friends, neighbors, co workers, or prospective members.

Mark Saturday, March 10 on your lunch bunch calendars.

Date and place for April Lunch bunch will be determined soon.

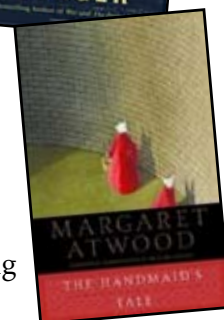
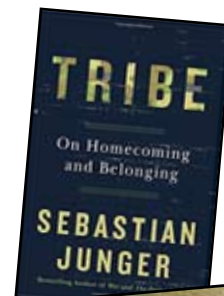
LITERATURE GROUP

All are welcome. As usual, please let Hostess know 3 days ahead of time if you will be attending. However, last minute changes are expected and can be accommodated.

Date: March 22, 2018
Hostess: Dorothy Quinn
Book: Non fiction *Tribe*
Author: Sebastian Junger
Leader: Win Reinhardt
Time: 7:30 pm

Date: April 26, 2018
Hostess: Ada Liggett
Book: *The Handmaid's Tale*
Author: Margaret Atwood
Leader: Ann Raynor
Time: 7:30 pm

For additional information or car pooling contact Win Reinhardt.



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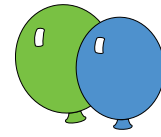
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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

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.



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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