

# 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...

As we wind down the GWA 2016-2017 year, we look back at everything our branch has accomplished and we are proud. As we often say: We are small but mighty!

This year we inducted four worthy high school girls into our Girls Hall of Fame in an impressive ceremony at Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI). We recognized Lourdes Cortez (President and CEO of the North Jersey Federal Credit Union) and Camelia M. Valdes (Passaic County Prosecutor) as trailblazers in their fields and made them honorary AAUW National, State and GWA members for the 2017-2018 year. This year we will award two scholarships to women over 25 years-old returning to college.

These major events were in addition to a Cocktails and Convo in October with a theme of Women Candidates for President and our Annual Meeting in April. Several branch members also attended the AAUW NJ Annual Meeting in Atlantic City (April 30-May 1) and a few are planning to attend the national convention in Washington DC (June 13-17).

Our branch is gaining momentum with new members who feel compelled to join an organization that works to empower all women and girls. Seven new full-members and one student affiliate joined our branch and are actively involved in branch activities.

- Carol Brown is assisting the Membership Committee by maintaining the official member database and producing name tags.
- Mary Ann Sgobba serves on the Scholarship Committee, is helping our branch become a 501(c)(3) organization, and is sharing fundraising ideas.
- Mary Ellen Owens is redesigning our website.
- Lauren Gurry is managing social media, writing copy for the website, assisting in other writing assignments, and is our new Historian.
- Debbie O'Brien joined the Tech Trek Committee and assisted Ann Raynor with interviews.
- Keomany Ker is also on the Tech Trek Committee and helped with interviews, and is additionally initiating an effort to start a Tech Trek camp in northern New Jersey.
- Diane Ricart joined the Scholarship Committee.
- Ann Wheeler is on the Fundraising Committee.

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*l-r: Lorraine Kroll, NJFCU Board Member, James Griffin, NJFCU Director of Marketing who accepted the award on behalf of Lourdes Cortez, GWA Co-Presidents Lorraine LaShell and Jeanne Michaud, Trailblazer awardee Camelia M. Valdes*

It does take a village, and long-term members have helped and participated in many ways as well. Several have volunteered for tasks and others have stepped up to fill important positions. Through their generosity, members continue to make it possible to award scholarships, one of the main purposes of AAUW. A Fundraising committee is in the process of being formed to generate income for branch initiatives and to help fund scholarships. Membership has expanded to a committee of three, all supporting the effort to increase the size of the branch with new members and nurture and maintain our current membership. A special effort has been made to present meaningful, mission-based programs and events.

We thank everyone for their efforts on behalf of our branch and we approach the coming year with enthusiasm and anticipation for what we can and will accomplish in 2017-2018.

Have a great summer!

**Lorraine LaShell and Jeanne Michaud**  
GWA Co-Presidents

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May. 2	Bridge Group 7:30 (Every Monday)
May 9	Board Meeting 4:30 Bea Kettlewood's
May 12	Lunch Bunch Rails Steakhouse Restaurant 12:15
May 18	Scholarship and Awards Dinner Vila Verde Restaurant, Wayne 6:30
May 25	Lit Group 7:30 Ann Raynor's
May 26	Games Night 7:30 Ann Raynor's
June 9	Art Group Princeton Museum 9:30 Bea Kettlewood's
June 22	Lit Group Planning Dinner 6:00 (new) Stella Hyman's
June 27	Changeover Board Meeting 4:30 Ruth Liston's
June 28	Art Group Newark Museum 11:00 Bea Kettlewood's
June 30	Games Night 7:30 Joan Hahn's
July 21	Summer Social 6:00 Beth Marmolejos's

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **Beth Marmolejos** April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sexual assault disproportionately affects college women and impedes their ability to participate fully in campus life. A 2007 study by the U.S. Department of Justice found that around 1 in 5 women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while in college, compared to about 1 in 16 college men. The report added that college-aged women are four times more likely than any other age group to face sexual assault.

Educational equity for women and girls requires fair, responsive, fully-developed campus sexual assault policies, knowledgeable administrators, and, ultimately, an end to sexual violence on campuses. The AAUW website offers a tool kit to serve the needs of faculty, staff, students, and advocates to raise awareness about campus sexual assault so that everyone can help make campuses safe for all students. Everyone plays a role in ending sexual violence.



William Paterson University (WPU) held a number of events in April to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus. WPU student and a GWA 2016 scholarship awardee and student affiliate, Aziza Kibibi, is a victim of sexual assault and spoke at a rally on April 11 at the college. Her talk was honest and inspiring, recounting her years of abuse and her success at taking control of her life. Three GWA members attended the rally to support Aziza and the college's efforts to fight sexual assault.

As we look forward to entering the 2017-2018 GWA year, let us work with Aziza to develop a strategy towards ending sexual violence on local campuses and in our community.

*AAUW GWA member, Aziza Kibibi, speaking at WPU Take Back the Night rally.*



## PROGRAMS

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held on **Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm, at Vila Verde, 120 Terhune Avenue, in Wayne.** On this evening we will have an opportunity to meet and hear from one of our Annual Scholarship Award recipients. Also, we will install our officers for the upcoming GWA calendar year.

To be part of this celebration please call Stella Hyman by May 12 to notify her that you plan to attend and send a check for \$35 made out to the AAUW-GWA, to be received no later than May 15.

Back by popular demand, we will hold our Summer Social on **FRIDAY, July 21, beginning at 6:00 pm, at**

Beth Marmolejos' home. Besides outdoor socializing, this gathering will offer pool access as well! An informal buffet will be provided, including soft drinks; however, if you chose to enjoy a glass of wine, we ask that you provide this for yourself. We suggest a \$10 donation to cover the cost of food and serving products. Please let Judy Mazur-Shivy know by July 14 if you plan to attend, since she needs to shop accordingly.

Have a fabulous summer!

**Dorothy Quinn**  
Program VP

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER.

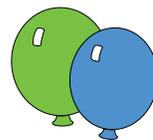
We are pleased to introduce our newest GWA Branch member, Debbie O'Brien. Debbie was a National AAUW member who heard about the Tech Trek program and volunteered to help with the interview process in Passaic County. During a meeting to prepare interviewers, Debbie learned about our GWA Branch and decided to join us. Debbie immediately became involved with the very active Tech Trek Committee and is interested in working with the Committee to investigate the possibility of bringing a Tech Trek camp experience to northern NJ. Debbie currently works as a supervisor for the Passaic County Board of Social Services. Welcome to our branch Debbie. Your enthusiasm and participation are appreciated. We look forward to working with you as we pursue new and innovative projects.



## APPLAUSE!

A round of applause to Ruth Liston for hosting the GWA Annual Meeting at her home on April 19 and to Ada Liggett for taking care of the refreshments. It was a perfect venue for an exchange of ideas and opinions in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and the creative talent of GWA supporter, Karen DeLuca, our branch donated this beautiful basket of Fair Trade items to the raffle at the AAUW NJ Annual Meeting in Atlantic City April 30 – May 1.



### 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

## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Dear Members,

This is a reminder that dues should be mailed to Stella Hyman by June 1st.

Please make the \$80 check out to AAUW-GWA.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Applications for our AAUW GWA 2017 Scholarship were received from several local colleges and universities, including Rutgers University, Ramapo College, Montclair State University and Essex Community College. Your scholarship committee met on April 20, and selected two scholarship winners for 2017. Each winner will receive a \$1200 scholarship from our branch. In addition, our branch will contribute \$500 to AAUW National, through The AAUW Fund, which provides financial support where it is most needed. Thank you to everyone for your support of our scholarships!

Our first winner, **Jennifer Helminski**, attends **Rutgers University**, where she has a double major in Geography and Religion. She anticipates completing her BA in 2018. Jennifer is currently beginning her honors thesis at Rutgers, where she is studying connections between geopolitics, colonial and religious history and ecological pressures. Jennifer plans on continuing her studies in graduate school, focusing on

human rights, social justice and geopolitics. Jennifer was a recipient of a Rutgers Academic Excellence Award in her sophomore year. Jennifer has relied entirely on financial aid to support her studies at Rutgers. She currently works a few hours every week at the Rutgers Climate Institute, and is most grateful for the scholarship support we are providing. Jennifer will be attending our scholarship dinner on May 18.

Our second winner attends college in New Jersey and is a Liberal Arts major.

Our scholarship dinner will be held Thursday, May 18 at Vila Verde Restaurant, Wayne, NJ. Thank you to all those who have so generously supported our scholarships for 2017. We couldn't do this without you!

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



*College Hall Rutgers University*



*Jennifer Helminski*

# ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

**Vila Verde**  
**120 Terhune Drive, Wayne NJ**  
**Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm**

**On this special evening we will meet one of our  
deserving Scholarship Award Recipients  
and we will install our officers for the upcoming  
GWA calendar year.**



Be part of this very special evening. Please call Stella Hyman at 973-595-9292 to let her know you plan to attend.

Also, please send a check of \$35 made out to the AAUW-GWA to Stella Hyman by May 15.



# Splish SPLASH



Come to our  
**SUMMER SOCIAL  
BASH!**

## **Friday, July 21, 6:00 at Beth Marmolejos' house**

Join fellow GWA members for a fun time at our annual summer social. Beth Marmolejos will host the event at her home again. Besides outdoor socializing, this gathering will offer pool access as well so let's make a splash and celebrate all we have done together as a team this past year.

An informal buffet will be provided, including soft drinks. If you choose to enjoy a glass of wine, please provide

this for yourself. A \$10 donation will cover the cost of food and serving products. Please RSVP to Judy Mazur-Shivy by July 14 if you plan to attend.

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Once again, the Social Concerns committee will be collecting Back to School donations for Oasis. Watch for an email no later than June 1 with details.

## LUNCH BUNCH

*Marianne Ritter*                      *Judy Shivy*  
Rails Steakhouse Restaurant, Towaco  
FRIDAY, MAY 12

Let's celebrate glorious spring weather with our Friday, May 12 Lunch Bunch at Rails Steakhouse Restaurant in the Towaco section of Montville. Lunch is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. on May 12. Rails is located at 10 Whitehall Rd., Towaco, NJ, a stone's throw from Lincoln Park and from the Mountainview Section of Wayne.

Don't let the steakhouse name fool you. Rails lunch menu offers a variety of delicious salads, tempting sandwiches, and filling hot entrees to satisfy everyone. You will want to try this restaurant for lunch. If you do want to reserve your seat at the lunch table at this popular restaurant, please contact Marianne Ritter or Judy Shivy by Thursday, May 11 at the latest.

After a summer hiatus, Lunch Bunch will resume in September.

## LITERATURE GROUP

All are welcome.

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Please let hostess know 3 days in advance if you plan on attending. However, last minute changes are expected and can be accommodated.

Date: May 25, 2017

Hostess: Ann Raynor

Book: *What Is Life Worth?: The Inside Story of the 9/11 Fund and Its Effort to Compensate the Victims of September 11th*

Author: Kenneth R Feinberg

Leader: Win Reinhardt

Time: 7:30 pm

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Date: June 22, 2017

Hostess: Stella Hyman

PLANNING DINNER - PLEASE CONTACT STELLA WITH WHAT YOU WISH TO BRING.

Time: 6:00 pm (new)

If possible email me with book recommendations prior to meeting. For additional information or car pooling contact Win Reinhardt.

## ART INTEREST GROUP

### *Bea Kettlewood*

Art Interest Group is planning two museum visits, including having lunch.

Friday, June 9 we will go to the Princeton University Art Museum, leaving #45 Wilrue at 9:30 AM, to see a show of Athenian vases, British drawings and solar/celestial "landscapes".

On Wednesday June 28, the group will head to the Newark Museum, departing #45 Wilrue at 11 AM, for a review of American art from Colonial times to the present.

If you are interested in joining the group for one or both of these museum visits, PLEASE let Bea Kettlewood know in advance so car pools can be organized.

Next year is the Art Group's 22nd anniversary and it will be an active and busy year! We will meet on the second Tuesday afternoons at 2 PM on the following schedule at #45 Wilrue to study style changes leading into Impressionism and how it contributed to styles that immediately branched in varying directions:

- September 12, realism reaction to Napoleon's neo-classic
- October 10, romanticism

- January 8/February 12 (snow date,) U.S. romanticism becoming impressionistic
- March 12, French Impressionism and American Impressionism
- April 9, Impressionism leading into post-Impressionism varying styles

The group will review museum trip possibilities for November and May. An early November trip somewhere up the Hudson to see the Hudson River School would be beautiful.

All are welcome.

## GAMES NIGHT

The next Games Night will be May 20 at Bea Kettlewood's. On June 17 we will meet at Dot Anton'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.

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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.



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## MEMBER TOWNS

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East Orange  
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West Milford