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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 ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK...

Greater Wayne Branch held their annual luncheon meeting on March 21 at PCTI with 17 Branch members attending. While we enjoyed our delicious lunch, the Branch committee members gave their annual reports. On March 26 our own Beth Marmolejos



was honored by the Passaic County Board of Freeholders as a Visionary Woman who is a Champion of Peace & Nonviolence. Stella, Lorraine and I were honored to represent the Branch at the presentation.

I attended the Annual State AAUW meeting held in Atlantic City on April 7-8. It was

Congratulations to GWA member, Beth Marmolejos, for being honored by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders on March 26 at their annual celebration of Women's History Month. Beth was honored as a Visionary Woman who is a champion of peace and nonviolence. We are proud of Beth and the good work she does on behalf of women.



Lorraine LaShell and Ruth Liston at the annual meeting at PCTI.

very interesting to hear the other Board Presidents' comment on their Branch activities. Most of us have some of the same challenges--recruiting new members--and some of the same triumphs--raising money for and recognizing women. Also during the meeting the Greater Wayne Branch was recognized for having the greatest number of new members during the previous year--11.3%.

During my tenure we have done very few "mission-based" activities. These are activities promoted by AAUW National and include activities for which AAUW campaigns i.e., equal pay, equal access for women in all areas. You will see below an overview of an activity which I had really enjoyed; it demonstrates how branches throughout the State fulfill the AAUW Mission Statement. Perhaps

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each of us could think of something we would be able to do--singly, as a small group or an activity for the whole branch. Let the Board know if you have any ideas. Also please note the Greater Wayne members who are already participating.

Spring into summer is going to be an exciting time. Please see the note from Stella asking for dues and asking that you pay separately for dues and for the Scholarship dinner. Putting a plug in for Membership, I think the Scholarship dinner is a great venue to bring some potential members--I know we all can think of someone who would like to join us. Don't forget the

Summer Social will be coming up in July.

Also note on the calendar that our meetings this year will be on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays, the day on which we have been meeting in the recent past. Kuddos to Stella Hyman for working with the Wayne Library to facilitate our meeting there during the entire year. Finally, a venue!!

In closing, it has been my honor serving as president over the past year. Looking forward to continuing to work with all of you.

Ruth

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING APRIL 7-8, 2019

One of the highlights of the meeting for me was the five-part presentation on April 7 concerning how five different branches responded to the mission of the AAUW. The highlights of the presentation are listed below: The names of the presenters are listed, but I do not have the Branch names.

CAROLYN BASSETT—For 22 years she has been a part of an organization called Sisters Together Against Racism (STAR). This organization contacts the area Title IX coordinators to insure that all students are receiving access.

SANDY WAHL—This group works in conjunction with the League of Women Voters. Annually they bring together high school girls to explore running for office. Elected officials speak to the girls; the girls create a campaign along with posters, ideas for raising money, creating a speech.

CLAUDINE KEENAN—works with NJ Stem Trec Tech and Teen Tech. Trec Tech—one week program—has already served hundreds of girls; Teen Tech—one

day program—this year to be held at Montclair State is newer.

PROGRAM NOTE: Branch members Lois Wickham and Karen Wertheimer both interviewed students for Trec Tech this year. Branch members Lorraine LaShell and Stella Hyman are acting as registrars for Teen Tech.

JANE NIEMEYER—works with Start Smart to facilitate honing college girls' negotiating skills in securing fair salaries.

PROGRAM NOTE: During 2017 Lorraine LaShell and Stella Hyman worked very hard to pursue Start Smart at William Paterson University.

JUDITH HROMOKO & ALICE TARLACH—working with Girls Scouts in classrooms in play acting bullying situations

PROGRAM NOTE: During 2017 Lorraine LaShell did attempt to begin working with the Girl Scouts

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please mail your 2019-20 dues by June 1, 2019 to Stella Hyman. Please make the check payable to AAUW-GWA for \$80 (\$59 goes for National, \$10 for State and \$11 for the Branch).

If you are planning to attend the Awards Dinner in May at the Black Bull Restaurant, please send a separate check for that event.

SCHOLARSHIP

*Lorraine LaShell, Marianne Ritter
co chairs Scholarship team*

The scholarship committee is happy to announce that our branch has selected three scholarship winners this year.

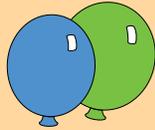
The recipients are Janet Boetticher of Lake Hopatcong in Sussex County, Roxana Letchi of Hardyston, also in Sussex County, and Kelly McGrath from Edison, Middlesex County.

Janet Boetticher is a psychology major at Rutgers, while Roxana Letchi attends Ramapo College with a major in social work. Kelly McGrath is a student at Rutgers focusing on developmental disabilities with a social work major.

The scholarships will be awarded at our annual scholarship dinner on May 22 at the Black Bull Steakhouse Restaurant, Riverdale, New Jersey.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS DINNER

May 22, 2019, Save the date!



FUNDRAISING

I am happy to report that the GWA scholarship fund received a very generous donation of \$1,000 from the John L and Grace Soldoveri Foundation, a private foundation located in Totowa, NJ. Last year the foundation donated \$500 to GWA.

Education is one of the fields of interest of the Soldoveri Foundation and we are fortunate that GWA member, Mary Ann Sgobba, introduced our scholarship fund to the foundation. Thank you Mary Ann and the Soldoveri Foundation.

Our committee will continue to explore avenues of revenue for funding scholarships. We welcome your ideas!

*Lorraine LaShell
Fundraising Chair*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| May 3 | Lunch Bunch E & V Restaurant, Paterson |
| May 6 | Bridge Group 7:30 (Every Monday) |
| May 14 | Combined Board Mtg, current and newly elected members 4:00-5:30
Ruth Liston's |
| May 22 | Schoarship Award's Dinner 6:00
Black Bull Steakhouse, Riverdale |
| May 23 | Literature Group 7:30 Win Reinhardt's |
| May 28 | Art Interest Group 2:00
Bea Kettlewood's |
| ————— SAVE THE DATE ————— | |
| June 27 | Literature Group 7:30 Esther Flower's |
| July 25 | Summer Social Details TBA |
| Sept. 15 | <i>Advance</i> Deadline |
| Sept. 19 | Greater Wayne Branch Meeting,
Wayne Library |

Dear GWA 2019-2020 Board Members,

Thank you all for generously agreeing to serve on the GWA 2019-2020 Board.

The Nominating Committee will be hosting a Meet & Greet for the incoming Board Members on May 14, 4:00-5:30, at Ruth Liston's home.

This will be a great opportunity for us to meet one another, outline responsibilities, set a tentative agenda and meeting schedule for the new term, and hear your suggestions.

Wine & Cheese will make it a celebration.

RSVP to me by April 30.

I look forward to seeing you there,

*Lorraine LaShell
Chair, Nominating Committee*

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS DINNER

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6:00 PM

BLACK BULL STEAKHOUSE

88 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ

Cost \$38 per person for four-course dinner



Appetizers

Fried Calamari
Eggplant Rollatini
Stuffed Mushrooms
Black Bull Meatballs

Mixed Green Salad

Entrees

Choice of:

Grilled Salmon
Chicken Marsala
Pasta Pomodoro

Dessert

Plus:

Coffee, Tea, Soda
Cash Bar Available

Join fellow GWA members and friends in meeting our scholarship winner(s) and hearing how your donations are helping other women.

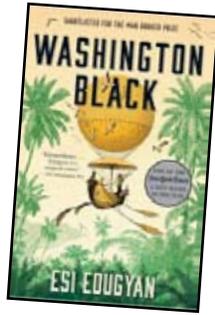
Guests are welcome.
Mail checks to Stella Hyman

Deadline for payment is May 15.

LITERATURE GROUP

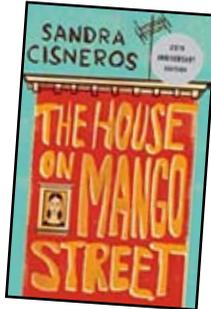
All are welcome. Please let the hostess know 3 days in advance if you plan to attend. However, last minute changes are expected and can be accommodated.

Date: Thursday, May 23rd
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Host: Win Reinhardt
Book: *Washington Black*
Author: Esi Edugyan



Washington Black, an eleven year-old field slave, is horrified to find himself chosen to live in the quarters of one of these men. But the man is not as Washington expects him to be. His new master is the eccentric Christopher Wilde – naturalist, explorer, inventor and abolitionist, whose obsession to perfect a winged flying machine...

Date: Thursday, June 27th
Time: 7:30
Host: Esther Flower
Book: *The House on Mango Street*
Author: Sandra Cisneros



Pizza will be served at this book group!

SUMMER FUN! Unofficial opportunity to meet and read over the summer at Panera. More information to follow. July book: *Island of the Sea Women* August: *The Woman Who Smashed the Code*.

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.

GAME NIGHT

See our fall schedule in the next Advance for info on Game Night.

ART INTEREST GROUP

Bea Kettlewood

The meeting at 2 PM on Tuesday May 28 will continue to move into viewing more modern American architecture starting with Frank Lloyd Wright, followed by more glass and metal surfaces including Crystal Cathedral and much less decorative patterns. We will observe modern homes, commercial buildings and churches (no more Wren steeple copies). We will also look at residential and commercial buildings now tall enough to be sky-scrapers.



Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

LUNCH BUNCH

Judy Shivy

Lunch Bunch is May 3rd at **E&V RESTAURANT** 322 Chamberlain Ave, Paterson, at 12:15

After lunch join us on a short drive to the Paterson Falls National Park and take a short tour. The Paterson Museum is one block from the Falls and is free. This should be a wonderful day for our Branch. Please call Judith Shivy or e-mail her if you plan to attend.

Lunch Bunch will begin again in September



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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.

GWA BRANCH OFFICERS

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