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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 PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here it is summer 2020 and all of us have been responding to the woes of this Pandemic which came upon us early this year. It has resulted in our having to self-isolate from our community, family and loved ones. Children are stranded at home along with parents and care givers compounding everyday loss of activities.

Fortunately, we as a group are surviving and even thriving. A limited number of our members have suffered the disease and survived it. At this time we do not see changes occurring soon enough for us but we are thankful to Zoom which allows our individual groups to continue to meet and stay in touch. See the calendar for ways we can be together this summer.

I see AAUW-GWA moving forward in solidarity and strength as we go through this year. First by listening to you, our members, and allowing our group to grow with the help of AAUW National which is offering numerous online seminars. I think it would be good for all of us to attend these seminars and bring any new material and ideas back to our membership. I will keep you informed of these opportunities and I ask you to contact me with any new information you want to share with our group.

This is a new year for AAUW-GWA and I thank you for allowing me to represent you as President and

welcome your continued help in making this a great year.

Carol Brown

FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT'S DESK

During our last meeting, I had thanked everyone for the opportunity to have served as your president. For those of you who were not in attendance, just a note to let you know it was my honor to represent you as Branch President. It certainly does take a village and that was proven by the attendance at our 50th anniversary party as well as the wonderful success of the garage sale. Neither could have happened without the wonderful cooperation of every branch member.

As I move into my new role in the Branch as the Membership Chair, I would like to invite all of you to join the Membership Committee. The zoom meetings can be awkward for some but perhaps an opportunity for potential members who find it difficult to find time to leave home and join a meeting. How about inviting a potential member to one of the Lunch Bunch gatherings? Since we are meeting in members' backyards, it might be a casual way in which to include a potential member.

Also, during this time we have begun playing bridge on line. Anyone interested just give me a call, and we will sign you up.

Ruth

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Current Events will be held July 24 at 4pm (which is a new time). It will be held at Lorraine LaShell's home outside. The topic is "Black History" please let Lorraine or Ruth know what part of this topic you will be presenting. Example: reparation, inequality, etc. Make your own selection and come to Lorraine's with a lawn chair and beverage.

Lunch bunch 2nd Friday of month July 10 at 12:30 currently being confirmed by Lois Wickham for Marlys Huss' home. Confirm with Lois if you plan to attend. You must bring a lawn chair, your beverage and lunch. The opportunity to meet outside and in person is such a relief. Do not wait too long.

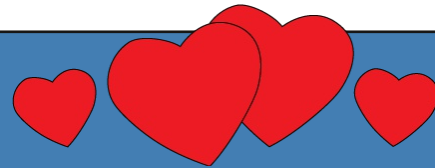
Summer Social in lieu of July General Meeting will be a Zoom meeting at this time on July 15, at 5pm. What you need to do:

1. **Think about and write down** what you have been doing over the past few months because of the Covid pandemic. Think about what made you feel good, helped find your balance, or any other small/large thing you discovered about yourself. Can you build on those positive vibes and make them useful to you on the new months coming up.
2. **Dress the Part.** Because we will be on Zoom for the meeting explore your closet and hats, and don't forget that jewelry box and find the craziest combination you can wear to the meeting. Prizes will be awarded after winners are determined.
3. **The Meal will be enjoyed** during the "dress the part." You can decide what to eat or drink that suits your time and schedule best.

Carol Brown

CALENDAR

July 10	Lunch Bunch 12:30 Marlys Huss'
July 15	Summer Social 5:00 Zoom
July 24	Current Events 4:00 Lorraine LaShell's
July 23	Lit Group 3:30 Zoom
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Aug. 14	Lunch Bunch 12:30 Barbara Stomber's
Aug. 20	Lit Group 3:30



Thank you
for your generosity
with your
DONATIONS
to Oasis and Wayne United.

We will continue to deliver throughout the next few months using the same drop-off location at Donna Persh's house.

Gratefully,
Ada & Diane
Social Concerns

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our branch has a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWGreaterWayneArea/>. If you are a Facebook user, please visit our page (often), respond to our posts and invite your friends to like our page. This will help spread the word about our branch and, hopefully, result in new members. If you would like something posted on the Greater Wayne Area Facebook page, please send your submission to Ann Raynor for approval and posting,

Lorraine LaShell

PROGRAM

As we all experience these unusual times, the “new normal” has required us to make changes in our daily lives and has made the job of the program committee more challenging. For the coming year we hope to strike a balance by offering substantive programs as well as some that may lighten the mood. All programs will be cognizant of social distancing and may be offered in the late afternoon through zoom or at other venues considered “safe.” Here are the proposed activities for the next few months:

July summer social - July 15th 5PM on Zoom

Everyone is asked to wear something outrageous:

- ◆ A crazy shirt
- ◆ A hat which you have adorned
- ◆ A terrible piece of jewelry
- ◆ A decorated mask or something else you think is outrageous. Bea Kettlewood and Carolyn Noble will be the judges. Prizes will be awarded. Please join in the fun.

September - Speaker - The psychological implications and coping mechanisms relative to the Corona Virus

October Program TBA

Current Events -This group will continue to meet on the fourth Friday of the month. Meetings will be held on zoom or at a large enough outdoor space to accommodate social distancing. There will be a topic for each meeting and each participant will research an aspect of the topic. On July 24 we will meet at Lorraine LaShell's home at 4 pm. If you have not already contacted Lorraine, please give her a call if you plan on attending to insure there is adequate space.

Cooking Group - Suspended during the pandemic. Hope everyone remains safe and sane.

Joan London, Ada Liggett, Esther Flower

SCHOLARSHIP

The Greater Wayne Area Scholarship Committee is happy to announce that the branch has awarded college scholarships for 2020-2021 to two outstanding Northern New Jersey women. This year's winners, both Rutgers University undergraduates, are Anne-Marie Fecanin from Stewartsville in Warren County and Jenika Scott of East Orange, Essex County.

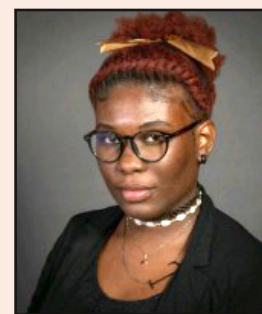
Each year our branch of AAUW awards college scholarships to highly qualified Northern New Jersey women over 25 years of age who are studying for their first undergraduate degrees. The winners were selected from 27 qualifying applications received.

Anne-Marie Fecanin is an exercise Science major and Certified Medical Assistant who plans to earn a Doctorate in Physical Therapy in the future.



Anne-Marie Fecanin

Jenika Scott graduated from high school in Georgetown, Guyana. She is a political science major with minors in international relations and public policy. She plans to be an advocate and leader for young people in the areas of education and community development.



Jenika Scott

Scholarship committee members who reviewed all applications and selected the two recipients are Lorraine LaShell and Marianne Ritter, co chairs; and Carolyn Noble, Diane Ricart, and Linda Trongone.

The committee gives a special thank you to our members who made these scholarships possible. through their contributions to our branch's scholarship fund.

Let's Meet Peggy Gardner *The Design of an Artful Life*

by Dorothy Quinn



Everyone has a talent for something and bright-eyed, perky Peggy's talent for the arts was awakened early in childhood. Her drawings at a young age caught the attention

of her parents and teachers.

No one can ever deny the influence of mothers on their daughters and Peggy's mom stressed the importance of success and education. "I will always be successful, no matter what," are words Peggy remembers when her mother faced challenges. A college grad herself, Ms. Moses as she was called professionally as a head buyer for Lerner Shops, "always worked for a living" and was proud of it. She often reminded Peggy to never stop learning and she continued taking classes into her 80's to fuel her interests. Peggy believes that her mom was a wonderful role model for an emerging modern daughter.

When it was time for college, Peggy chose Pratt Institute to major in art. Among her peers she felt disadvantaged since many of them had received encouraging training at music and arts high schools and developed skills in which she felt lacking. In fact, she recalls an oil painting teacher in her sophomore year who told her, "Why bother!" as she struggled with painting the images of live models. After that she remembers painting only the rooftops that she observed from the window of that classroom for the rest of the semester. Although there are teachers who inspire, this one left Peggy afraid to pick up paints for many years.

There are designs to one's life and after graduation, Peggy chose to inspire. She taught art for four years in public school before her children were born. As many women did at that time in history, she stayed home to raise her children. When she returned to her career, it was not to the classroom, but to a position of Assistant Art Director on a local music newspaper, *The Aquarian*. This position gave her an opportunity to exercise her fine eye for design and creativity. Peggy starting flexing her artistic muscle and confidence as she began freelancing and then landed a position in layout and design for Scholastic Inc. At this juncture in her career



she finally felt that her creative needs were being met. She initiated a new division for the magazine and enjoyed a 26-year tenure till retirement.

Busy and talented people never retire but grow in new and exciting ways. By the time Peggy retired from Scholastic, her need to express herself creatively lead to attending painting workshops, stretching her talents and sharpening her skills in water

colors, acrylics, and yes, oils! At one particular workshop an inspiring instructor renewed her confidence in painting and taught her to paint "loose and free" with no judgment, and "to just have fun."

In 2017, she had her first solo show of paintings at the First Reformed Church of Pequannock (thanks to Bea Kettlewood), filling 60 feet of space with her lively and vibrant watercolors and acrylic paintings.

Peggy also developed her sculpting talents when she discovered the American Woodcarving School in Wayne and decided to inquire. Finding that they provided clay sculpting from live models, she signed on and has continued to sculpt there for the last 12 years. Peggy has completed over 30 pieces which fill her living room and studio. Retirement has also opened her talent lens to photography. Her travels led her to the Orchid Show in The Atlanta Botanical Gardens from which she brought back photos that were part of her collection for her second solo show at the First Reformed Church. Peggy has designed her life around art and continues to grow her talent with enthusiasm! That pride, joy and sense of accomplishment is evidenced in her exclamation, "After I finish a painting or a piece, I leave it up in my studio or living room where I can look at it and enjoy it! My first reaction to my pieces is usually one of surprise. Wow! I did that??? It's like my baby. my creation." Now that's passion.





WE STAND UNITED AGAINST RACISM

The following is a statement from AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches

“ AAUW joins the country in mourning the losses of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless other people of color who have been unjustly killed across our nation. Our country needs healing. But healing will only come with justice. As an organization we condemn racism.

Systemic racism is firmly rooted in the U.S. and today’s injustices mirror our shameful history — from police brutality to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. There can be no justice or equality when Black and Brown communities are seen as less deserving of basic human and civil rights.

On behalf of our 170,000 members and supporters, we commit to fighting for justice, long-term and lasting change, and we stand in solidarity against racism. We also acknowledge that as an organization we have our own work to do.

And, as a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, we will work to advance the policies and systemic changes identified in the New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing <<https://policing.civilrights.org/report/>> and Vision for Justice <<http://civilrightsdocs.info/pdf/reports/Vision-For-Justice-2020-SHORT.pdf>> platform. ”

FUNDRAISING

With all the restrictions due to the pandemic, it will be a challenging year for raising funds for scholarships. We will do the best we can and be as creative as we can in coming up with ways to raise funds without overburdening our members. We must, however, still count on your generosity during our annual *No Muss No Fuss* campaign. Thank you for all your help and cooperation in the past. Let's work together to continue our efforts in supporting education for women.

Lorraine

MEMBERSHIP

As we roll into 2020-2021 with this new normal, let's see what we can do to increase our Membership. The Greater Wayne Branch has been quite stable over the recent past, but it would be nice to include a couple of new members. If you have a candidate in mind, sign them up for a future Lunch Bunch--it is a great way to see whether we like one another. Or if I can talk to someone or make a group presentation anywhere, just let me know. We can certainly take this program on the road.

Ruth

BRIDGE



For the immediate future, Bridge will be played on line--some of us are already participating on an ad hoc schedule.

We could certainly formalize the games and actually have winners and losers if we so chose. For those of you not yet participating, give it a try by going into Bridge Base Online. Once you are connected, the app will ask for a name, establish an easy to remember name.

Once you have a name and are online, you could go in and just play. Or once you have a name, give me a call, and I can set up a table for you to practice at. It really is easy. What increases the enjoyment is that we all are connected via our phones; therefore, we can talk as we play. There is no reason for anyone to be left out. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Ruth

LITERATURE GROUP

Hi Readers, attached is the information for our next two zoom meetings of the AAUW Lit Group.

Date: July 23, 2020

Time: 3:30 pm

Hostess/Location:

Ada Liggett/Zoom

For Zoom information contact Win.

Book: *Redhead by the side of the Road: A novel by Anne Tyler*

From the beloved Anne Tyler, a sparkling new novel about misperception, second chances, and the sometimes elusive power of human connection.

Date: Aug 20, 2020

Time: 3:30 pm

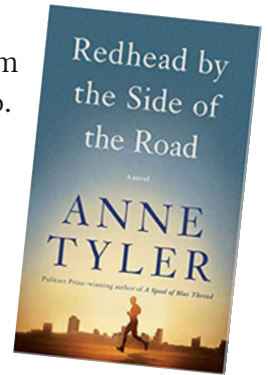
Hostess/Location: TBD/Zoom

Book: TBD

An email will be sent shortly to vote for this book selection.

If conditions permit, the August meeting may be outside. Therefore it is important that you let Win know if you are planning on attending.

Win Reinhardt



LUNCH BUNCH

Lois Wickham

Call Lois or email to participate or suggest a location.

July 10th 12:30

Marlys Huss'

August 14th 12:30

Barbara Stomber's

Bring lunch, beverage and lawn chair

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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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Englewood
Kinnelon
Mt. Pleasant, SC
North Haledon
Nutley
Pompton Lakes
Pompton Plains
Teaneck
Wayne
West Milford

GWA SLATE of OFFICERS 2020-21

ELECTED OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Carol Brown
<i>Treasurer/Finance</i>	Stella Hyman
<i>Secretary</i>	Ruth Liston
<i>Membership VP</i>	Ruth Liston
<i>Program VP (Chairs)</i>	Joan London, Ada Liggett, Esther Flower

APPOINTED OFFICERS

<i>Cultural Event</i>	Merrill Crowell
<i>Diversity & Inclusion</i>	Beth Marmolejos
<i>Fundraising</i>	Lorraine LaShell
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Bea Kettlewood
<i>Media: Print</i>	Abby Schwartz
<i>Media: Online</i>	Ann Raynor
<i>Scholarship</i>	Lorraine LaShell, Marianne Ritter
<i>Social Concerns</i>	Diane Ricart, Ada Liggett
<i>Sunshine</i>	Ada Liggett, Donna Persh
<i>The Advance</i>	Peggy Gardner; <i>Member Profiles</i> Dorothy Quinn