

# The Advance

The Bulletin of the Greater Wayne Area Branch of the AAUW



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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

It has been a pleasure being a member of AAUW and acting as your president. As few of you are aware I have not been well and am not responding to treatment. I am going to be stepping down as president. Ruth Liston will assume the role until members decide what to do. We will have a board meeting on September 8 and the subject will be brought up as well as at the General meeting on September 16. I will continue through October and then will relocate to Florida.

Thank you.

**Carol Brown**

### CALENDAR

Sept 8	Zoom Board Meeting 3:30
Sept 11	Lunch Bunch 12:30 Barbour Pond Park
Sept 16	General Meeting Zoom 4:45 Meet our Scholarship winners and featured Guest Speaker
Sept 24	Lit Group 3:30 Zoom
Sept 25	Current Events topic: China contact Ruth Liston
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Oct 21	General Meeting Zoom 5:00
Oct 22	Lit Group 3:30 Zoom
Oct 23	Current Events

### 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 &amp; 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; Member Profiles Dorothy Quinn

Thank you for your

#### **GENEROUS DONATIONS to WAYNE UNITED & OASIS!**

At this moment, donations are  
no longer being collected by our committee.

With warm regards,

**Ada Liggett & Diane Snyder Ricart**  
Social Concerns Committee

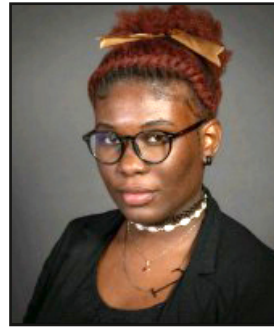
## SCHOLARSHIP

Meet Our Scholarship Winners  
Sept. 16, 4:45 p.m. on Zoom!

Mark your calendars to join our branch's general meeting on Zoom, Sept. 16, 4:45 p.m. sharp. This is our chance to meet and hear from this year's two scholarship winners, Anne Marie and Jenika.



*Anne-Marie Fecanin*



*Jenika Scott*

serve as an advocate for women.

We will meet and hear from both women at the start of the Sept. 16 Zoom meeting, 4:45 p.m., so join us then. The regular general meeting program and featured speaker will follow our meeting Anne-Marie and Jenika.

We look forward to a full and dynamic Zoom meeting on Sept. 16.

Both Anne-Marie Fecanin and Jenika Scott are students at Rutgers New Brunswick. Anne-Marie is an exercise science major who aspires to earn a doctorate to become a physical therapist while Jenika is a political science major who wants to

***Marianne Ritter Lorraine La Shell***  
***Co chairs, Scholarship***

## PROGRAM

As the pandemic continues to rage, the greater Wayne area branch of AAUW is finding alternative ways of offering programs to its membership. In July the summer social was held on zoom and participants wore zany, pretty or unusual items. The judges, Bea Kettlewood and Carolyn Nobel awarded the following prizes:

**Most unusual - Peggy Gardner**

**Weirdest - Joan London**

**Prettiest - Win Reinhardt**

A good time was had by all.

At the September 16th general meeting, Shaylah Brown will be speaking about her experiences, growing up black in suburban Essex county. Ms. Brown is a reporter for The Record and has also been covering the recent Black Lives Matter protests. It is suggested that in advance of her presentation, those who plan to participate, should watch the youtube Oprah Winfrey video entitled ***Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes***. Prior to Ms. Brown's presentation, this year's two scholarship winners will be introduced. The meeting will be on zoom and will begin at 4:45.

On October 21 5pm - Alice Moskowitz, president

of the Wayne branch of The League of Women Voters will speak (on zoom) about the importance of voting, voting by mail/in person, the history of The League and how women have influenced elections.

The current events group has been focusing on racism and black history in the US. In July, each participant chose a segment of the topic to present. It was a very powerful afternoon with everyone feeling that they had learned a great deal about the issues. For the August meeting, each participant chose a black woman to research and discuss. Ruth Liston hosted both meetings in her "carport" so that those attending could interact personally while maintaining social distancing. This group meets the fourth Friday of the month. The topic for September is China. Anyone interested in joining should contact Ruth Liston.

While the cooking group continues to be suspended it is hoped that participants are making some wonderful dishes as part of their isolation activities. Perhaps when this group resumes, some of these recipes can be shared.

***Joan London, Ada Liggett, Esther Flower***

## Caroline Mossip: A Commitment to Education *by Dorothy Quinn*

May I introduce Caroline Mossip, PsyD, a warm, spirited, high-flying (yes, she has a pilot's license) individual who has been a member of the AAUW-GWA Branch for nearly three decades. For most of that time she has been an impassioned, active participant of the Scholarship Committee and Fund. Her positions ranged from committee member to chair and she still generously supports this endeavor. However, one might ask, where does that passion and commitment toward advancing women's need for education derive?

It started in Tenby, Wales where Caroline Mossip was born an only child to a headmistress of a local elementary school in Wales and a flight captain of British Airways. Her mother nurtured Caroline's love of learning, introduced her to appreciate music and even encouraged her through ballet recitals which fostered confidence and an ease of comfort in front of an audience. Caroline's dad treated her like a son, learning how to use tools and assisting in house repairs. He gave Caroline an appreciation of the outdoors through fishing. She was just a child and she remembers learning how to unhook a fish and how to manage the oars on their rowboat. The two of them would find great pleasure in creating machines with the British version of an Erector Set. Growing up in the 50s Caroline had no distinction between girl pastimes or boys - it was all just plain fun at a time when roles were certainly clearly defined. Caroline never knew any limitations placed on gender.

It was young attraction and love at first sight to the dashing and adventurous Richard Mossip that was the precipitating factor in her 'crossing the pond.' After Richard's graduation from Imperial College, London University, they were married and being a curious couple they promised their parents they would return from America in a few years after



*Here is a photo of me and my husband, Richard, at our son's wedding in 2004. He passed away in 2005...He was my strongest supporter during my education.*

satisfying their urge. However, they were both encouraged by the entrepreneurial spirit they found in the US. It was a stark contrast from the closed social status of the UK. In England at that time, one's social boundaries were set by the accent one carried. Their parental promise was broken and they started a family and finally established roots in Bloomington.

Caroline desired to go to college and Richard became her cheerleader. He told her that education was "life's best insurance policy." Rather than jump through the hoops of establishing certification of her

British schooling, Caroline enrolled in the evening GED program at Pompton Lakes High School. She finished the program and took the exam. Passing with high marks, she received a letter from then Montclair State College which was starting a Second Careers Program for adults over 25 who wanted to obtain a Bachelor's degree. Caroline enrolled and took the exam which gave her liberal arts credits for

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*Me, with my son and his plane, which is very similar to a plane which my husband and I owned.*





*Dorothy Quinn(l) and Caroline(r) with AAUW Scholarship award winners 2014*

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her degree program, graduating in 1974. She chose Psychology as a major since being a mother she filled time reading Freud, Piaget, Rodgers and Skinner, wondering how her son, "this little human being would develop and grow."

Inspired by her mentor, Dr. Abbie Salny, the first woman she had known with a doctorate, Caroline enrolled in the Masters' Program and finished in 1976, and in December her daughter was born. With dropping the children off at a nursery school, she worked as a graduate assistant during the day, picked up the children, met her husband at a fast food restaurant to eat and exchange caretaking, and went to graduate classes in the evening! When she

finished her MA program she enrolled in the doctoral program at Rutgers in Piscataway. At that time she had a woman who helped with childcare since 'grannies' were 3,000 miles away. Her juggling schedule reinforced the need for reliable, affordable and trustworthy childcare. It is not surprising that she chose this topic for her dissertation!

With her focus on the importance of education, Caroline used her credentials and worked as a school psychologist in several NJ districts, and retired from the Wayne District. Presently, she is enjoying life in Bloomingdale and the Adirondacks intermittently and with all her experiences she has come to understand that her sense of humor has gotten her through, since "you never know what life throws at you!"

She did not accomplish all of this career success on her own. She was assisted by a supportive and encouraging husband, wonderful female mentors, working as a graduate assistant and taking advantage of research grants, all which provided emotional and financial support. It was these experiences that brought her to the AAUW and gave her the opportunity to give back to young women who aspire to dream and realize those dreams as Caroline has. She firmly believes that education, for both men and women, provides comfort and security in life and that no one can forge their path without assistance.

## FUNDRAISING

Due to the pandemic we have to think outside the box for fundraising ideas. I did some research and brainstormed with other members and came up with three ideas to raise money for our scholarship fund.

### **Garage-less Garage Sale**

Memories of last year's successful garage sale fundraiser are still fresh in our minds. We can never thank Donna Persh enough for so generously offering her home and for all the work she did helping in advance of the sale and the day of the event.

Since we've all been home for the last six months

many of us have used this time to clean out closets and drawers and storage areas. Now what do we do with the stuff? We're going to have a garage-less garage sale with the proceeds of any items sold going to the scholarship fund.

It's simple:

**1. Value your items.** Figure out a price for your item (s). If you need help check sites like eBay. Or just make it up. Whatever we sell it for is found money for our scholarship fund.

**2. Take a good, well-lit picture** of the item(s) you are donating to sell. Make sure it looks clean and, if

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possible, place it against a backdrop that makes it pop. If there are any flaws in the item (like a dent or chipped paint) make sure that spot appears so buyers know what they're getting. More than one photo per item is okay.

### **3. Write a detailed description** of your item(s).

It doesn't have to be a novel, but telling potential buyers about the item can be helpful. Prospective buyers may want to know measurements, whether the item is from a smoke-free and/or pet-free home, and why you're getting rid of it. If it's hardly used or like new, include that in the description.

### **4. Send the picture and the description** to

Lorraine LaShell for posting online for sale. If an item sells, we will arrange contactless pickup or drop off.

Please participate in this online fundraiser. I'm sure we can all come up with at least one item we no longer want or need. There is no deadline for submissions but the sooner we start this effort the sooner we'll know how much we have for next year's awards.



### **Outback Steakhouse Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars! We're having a take-out fundraiser on Monday Oct 5 and/or Tuesday Oct 6, any time between 11:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Visit [www.Outback.com](http://www.Outback.com) <[http://](http://www.Outback.com)

[www.Outback.com](http://www.Outback.com)> to view menu items. Call in your order to 973-305-8383. Mention the AAUW Scholarship Fund and 18% of total tracked sales will be donated back to us. Pick up your order at

191 Berdan Avenue in Wayne.

Treat yourself and your family to a delicious lunch or dinner while supporting the GWA scholarship fund. Double your donation by buying two meals, one to eat and one to freeze. Tell your friends!!!

### **Donation Cards**

Donate to the GWA Scholarship Fund as a way to honor or remember someone. If you have a family member graduating high school or college or another important milestone, know someone getting engaged or married, or have lost a loved one or friend, donate to the scholarship fund. GWA will acknowledge your donation with a lovely card to the honoree or deceased's family. Any amount is acceptable and will not be disclosed in the card. Fill out this form and send it with your check to Lorraine LaShell.

Form:

Your Name and phone number:

Amount:

Name of person and reason for the donation:

Name and address of person to receive the donation card:

All donations will be publicized in the Advance as follows:

Name of recipient

Occasion

Name of Donor

Ex:

Recipient: Jane Doe

Occasion: on the birth of grandchild

Donor: Susie Smith

Recipient: John Doe

Occasion: in memory of wife Sally

Donor: Susie Smith

Donation cards are a way to support the Scholarship fund and share news with fellow members.

**Lorraine LaShell**



## Meet our guest speaker Shaylah Brown at our Zoom general meeting

**When: September 16th**

**Time: Approximately 5:00 pm**

(after we meet and hear from our Scholarship winners at 4:45)

Shaylah Brown is a local reporter at The Record, covering local towns in Bergen County New Jersey. Her focus is on affordable housing, redevelopment, lawsuits, and lifestyle. Prior to the Record she was a research and production assistant to Storyline Media, a documentary film production company in Brooklyn, New York. Shaylah obtained her Master's Degree in journalism from Georgetown University and her Bachelor of Science Degree from St John's University. She is a native of Essex County, New Jersey. When she is not

writing you can find her painting, dancing or reading.

I believe our membership will be very interested in Shaylah's personal experience. She will bring insight to us about her experience as a black woman growing up in a mostly white community. She will also offer us her insight on the theater of black lives matter movement.

We request that you please watch the Oprah Winfrey youtube video *Blue Eyes/ Brown Eyes* in advance of the meeting.



## LUNCH BUNCH

### Lois Wickham

Sultry weather has deterred members from joining Lunch Bunch during the summer, and rainy Fridays have caused them to be cancelled in June and July. The gatherings in May and August were highly successful, though sparsely attended.

Hoping for a cooler, clearer day, we plan to meet at the gazebo in Barbour Pond Park, Barbour Pond Rd. 12:30 on Friday, September 11. Call (or email) Lois Wickham to secure your place.

Bring your food and beverage. There is bench seating around the perimeter of the gazebo, although some will need to bring chairs so that we have a conversational circle.



## 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

All are welcome. Please let Win know if you are planning on attending so she can forward you the Zooming information.

**Date:** Sept.24, 2020

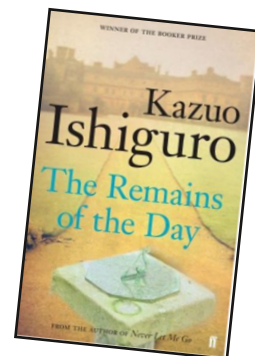
**Book:** *The Remains of the Day*

**Author:** Kazuo Ishiguro

**Leader:** TBD

**Time:** 3:30 pm

Published in 1989 to great acclaim, winning the Man Booker Prize for Literature, the book tells the story of Stevens, an English butler working at Darlington Hall.



**Date:** Oct. 22, 2020

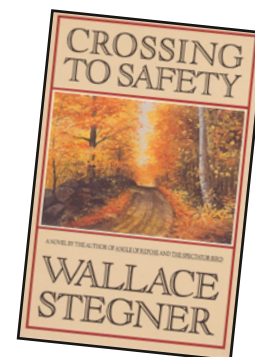
**Book:** *Crossing to Safety*

**Author:** Wallace Stegner

**Leader:** Joan London

**Time:** 3:30 pm

Tracing the lives, loves, and aspirations of two couples who move between Vermont and Wisconsin, it is a work of quiet majesty, deep compassion, and powerful insight into the alchemy of friendship and marriage.



**Date:** Nov. 19, 2020

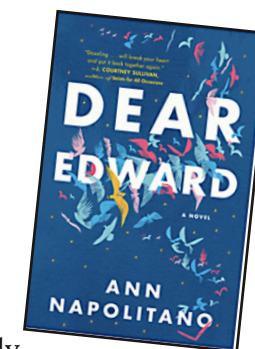
**Book:** *Dear Edward: A Novel*

**Author:** Ann Napolitano

**Leader:** TBD

**Time:** 3:30 pm

A 12-year-old boy is the sole survivor of a plane crash killing all passengers, including his family.



**Win Reinhardt**

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee of one, me, is really trying hard to attract new members. There are a couple of potential members who I intend to invite to either a small group gathering to introduce them to the Branch or include them in the next Lunch Bunch. If you have anyone you would like to include, let me know.

**Ruth**

## **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.

### **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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West Milford