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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

Dear GWA Friends,

Big news! Our branch was the front page article in the Wayne Life newspaper. If you didn't get a copy in the mail, we've included the article in this Advance.

Despite the heat and the storms and the pandemic, our branch had an active summer. Interest groups continued to meet in person or on Zoom. The Accessory Sale at the Wayne Farmer's Market was a financial success and got us two new members. The Summer Social, well attended and enjoyed, gave us an opportunity to meet our scholarship recipients, Michele Bodden and Hannah Retamero Cid.

I have many people to thank for making all this possible. The Interest Group chairs, you know who you are, and Arline Lowe for creatively investigating ideas for new groups. Joan London for organizing the Accessory Sale and the members who donated the items for sale. Ruth Liston for allowing us to use her



house as a drop off and sorting point for the accessories and for securing the new members. Merrill and John Crowell for graciously hosting the summer social. Carolyn Noble for planning the social, the refreshments and the fun activities. Diane Ricart and Ada Liggett for making

arrangements to collect and deliver school supplies to Oasis. My talented and dedicated leadership team who make my job easy.

We have exciting things planned for the fall (see more inside) and I hope you will continue to support and enjoy your branch. My goals this year are to grow and diversify the branch and continue to build community among our members. Let's work together to accomplish these goals.

Lorraine LaShell

Accessory Sale on Saturday, September 25th

Win Reinhardt has graciously offered her driveway for the Pompton Lakes town-wide garage sale which is scheduled that day. It will give us an opportunity to reach a population that didn't come to the Wayne farmer's market in July.

While we still have many items available for sale, bracelets and rings were very popular at the July sale. Thus, if you have any of these items you would like to donate, drop them off at Ruth Liston's home.

Further, we need volunteers to man the tables. At the July sale, we not only made over \$500 but we also enjoyed spending time together. Please consider volunteering for one of the two hour shifts. Shifts start at: 8, 10 and 12

Even if you cannot be a worker, stop by that day to say hello. Please contact me with your availability and any questions you may have.

Joan London

Hi Everyone:

I am writing to remind you about the **Walk-A-Thon** fundraiser which is scheduled to occur on **Wednesday, September 22nd** (rain date Sept. 23) at the walking track near the Barbour Pond gazebo.

The walk is about 1/3 of a mile and will begin at **11:00 am**. Walkers will meet at the gazebo no later than 10:45. Walkers may choose to walk once around the track or multiple times. If you would like to participate but are unable to walk the track, I can “buddy” you with someone who is walking and can walk for you as well.

The walk will be followed by a **general meeting** at the gazebo, scheduled for **noon**. **Lunch will be provided**. All members are invited and encouraged to attend this first general meeting of the new AAUW year.

If you plan to participate in the walk, please ask your family and friends to sponsor you, using the form on the following page. A separate form should be completed by each sponsor and returned to you, with their check, no later than September 20. Please bring the sponsorship registration forms and the checks with you to the event.

This activity will help raise money for next year’s scholarship winners. I hope you will join us.

Let me know by **September 10** if you will be participating in the walk and/or meeting so that I can plan accordingly.

Contact me with any questions or concerns.

Joan London

It's a Party!



We are having a party to celebrate the GWA in-person general meeting.

Where: Barbour Pond Gazebo

When: September 22, 12:00 following the Walk-A-Thon

Rain Date: September 23.

RSVP: By September 10 to Carolyn Noble

Lunch will be provided to all who attend and will include bottled water. Bring a folding chair and anything else you choose to drink.



Thank You

on behalf of OASIS for your generous gift of school supplies for their after school program!

Diane & Ada
Social Concern Chairpersons

CALENDAR

Sept 1	Bridge/Mah jongg (See page 6 for schedule)
Sept 9	Lunch Bunch 12:00 Gazebo
Sept 17	Current Events
Sept 22	Walk-a-Thon 11:00 Barbour Pond Rain date Sept 23
Sept 22	Party/General Meeting 12:00 Gazebo Rain date Sept 23
Sept 25	Garage Sale/Accessories 8am-2pm Win Reinhardt's
Sept 28	Board Meeting Zoom 7:00
	<i>Coming up...</i>
Oct 6	Lit Group Joan London's 2:00
Oct 14	Lunch Bunch
Oct 15	Current Events
Oct 22	Cooking Group Joan London's 11:30

AAUW WALK-A-THON DONATION

AAUW Greater Wayne Area member, _____,
requests that you sponsor her for the AAUW Walk-A-Thon
scheduled for September 22 at Barbour Pond, Wayne NJ.

The money collected will be used to provide scholarships
to women returning to college. If you wish to be a
sponsor, please complete this registration form and with
your check, return it to the AAUW member by Monday,
September 20.

AAUW Walk-A-Thon Donation

Member Name _____

Your Name _____

Your Email _____

Amount _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100

_____ Other Amount \$ _____

Enclosed check should be made out to AAUWGWA Walk-A-Thon

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August

The Goodness of the Greater Wayne Area Branch of the American Association of University Women

By Steve Sears

The American Association of University Women is celebrating its 140th anniversary in 2021, and the Greater Wayne Area Branch is a great extension of the fine work the parent organization has been doing for almost a century and a half.

Lorraine LaShell served as co-President from 2015 to 2018, and now the lead seat is all hers. She has been a member of the GWAB for 42 years and has held various positions over that time.

The GWAB itself turned 50 years old in 2018. "The national organization in 1881 were a group of women, college graduates who came together and decided to form a group of women who were pursuing higher education," explains LaShell. "As the number of women who graduated from college grew, so did the organization. Today we have about 170,000 people banding together to fight gender equity. That's nationally. Our local branch is about 40 members right now."

The focus of the GWAB has always been on providing funds for women over 25 to go to college or go back to college. "We felt there were many financial opportunities for high school graduates for girls to go to college, but not many that address older women. We've had applicants and awardees anywhere from 25 to 60 years old, and that's the focus of our scholarship," says LaShell. The GWAB in the past also ran a Girls Hall of Fame program, where it recognized local young girls in high school who demonstrated outstanding leadership. "We ran the program for three years," recalls LaShell, "but it was a very big undertaking for our branch. So, what we decided to do in order to address that demographic was to support the state AAUW organization - there's national, there's New Jersey state, and then there are branches - and the state runs three programs that all support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). One is a one-week camp for high school girls, it's called Tech Trek, then a one-day workshop for high school girls that's called TeenTech, and then there are one-day workshops for middle school girls called Tween Tech. Our branch members have been involved in those programs."

In addition to the above, the GWAB also advocates for public policies for equity for women and girls on all levels, and continues as well to fight to close the gender wage gap which still prevails.

For LaShell, one key goal moving forward is more diversity. She explains, "I'm making it my goal to reach out to other groups of women and other ethnic groups, to



Linda Nardone, AAUW member and candidate for Wayne Council, and Lorraine LaShell. Photo courtesy of Lorraine LaShell

see if we can work together in some way to diversify the branch. The national AAUW, one of its goals is diversity and inclusion." Also, she and the GWAB have studied gender identity. "It will be my goal to make sure that our members - because it's been a study that we're doing - that our members are aware of and are sensitive to the broad spectrum of gender identity."

"Those are two things, in addition to the other work that we do that, I'd like to see realized this year."

LaShell defines what she and the GWAB do in one word. "I think my word would be rewarding. This is an opportunity to use my leadership skills, and to learn. I consider it very rewarding."

For more information about the Greater Wayne Area Branch of the AAUW, visit www.greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net.

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MEMBERSHIP

With great pride I announce that over the last several months we have welcomed four new members into the Greater Wayne Area Branch.

Linda Nardone joined through the website. Linda has been able to introduce herself through Lunch Bunch and in her biography which appeared in the last issue of the Advance. Linda was with us at the Farmer's Market as well as participating in the Current Events group

Mary Querrazzi, a friend of mine, has rejoined and participated in the Farmers Market and is a member of the Monday evening bridge as well as attending the Current Events meetings. Mary has put together a biography for this issue of the Advance so that we will all get to know her better. (See below)

Arlene Sullivan met us at the Farmer's Market booth and joined immediately. Arlene has not had time to become active as yet, but I am sure we will see her often at upcoming events.

And--our newest member is Elaine Dolsky who

hails from Parsippany. Lorraine met Elaine at an environmental event and invited her to the Summer Social at which time Elaine joined the Branch. Immediately she joined our online mah jongg group. She had planned on attending the last Lunch Bunch which was cancelled because of the heat.

As I am completing this article I have been informed of another new member. We will introduce her in the next Advance.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining, please let me know. We love new members and the new ideas they bring. If you are uncomfortable approaching any individual, just give me their name, and I will be happy to send them some materials and follow up.

We are forty strong and just want to become stronger.

Ruth Liston
Membership Chair



Mary Querrazzi

Meet New Member MARY QUERRAZZI

I'm new to AAUW so please allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in Jersey City and attended parochial schools. It was a very friendly community and a great place to grow up with access to buses and a closeness to NYC. At

age 14, I could take myself into "the City" and successfully do some shopping. Later I chose Notre Dame on Staten Island for my college (it was later to become St. John's University) During the summer months I'd work in New York and head for the beach on the weekend. I loved it. Soon after college, I

married and had two sons who provided me the blessing of five grandchildren..I'm extremely proud of them all. They bring such joy to my life. I did go back to school and got my Teacher Certification and also went on to do graduate studies in early childhood education. After seven years of teaching, I took a job with Verizon and became a Network Technician. I've lived in Pompton Plains for 36 years and it's definitely "My Home Town". My parents had the "Wanderlust" and took our family to Cuba when I was six. So I've always loved to travel. I've been to Hong Kong, Beijing, Taipei Taiwan Italy and, the UK. I'm enjoying meeting you all and participating in the numerous varied and commendable things AAUW is doing. I'd like to thank everyone for being so welcoming. God Bless you all. **Mary Querrazzi**

FUNDRAISING

As the new fundraising chair, I have been looking for ways to raise additional funds. The money raised is used to sponsor women who have returned or are returning to college. The scholarship committee reviews the applications and chooses worthy recipients.

In the past, we received funds through a few small corporate donations and restaurant rebates. A few years ago, a garage sale provided additional funds for that calendar year.

■ Farmer's Market Booth

In July, we sponsored a booth at the Wayne farmer's market where we sold jewelry and other accessories donated by our members. Despite the intense heat, we made over \$500.



This fall several activities are planned to add to the funds available:

■ Walk-A-Thon

On Wednesday, September 22nd (rain date 9/23), at 11am, we will hold a Walk-A-Thon at Barbour Pond, Wayne. Those participating are asked to request sponsors from friends and family. The walk is 1/3 of a mile. Those who wish to participate, but

are unable to walk, can 'buddy' with a 'walker.' The Walk-A-Thon will be followed by the first general meeting of the year, at noon, at the gazebo. Lunch will be provided.

■ Garage Sale

Win Reinhardt has offered her 'driveway' on Saturday September 25th, which is the Pompton Lakes townwide garage sale day. While we will be selling accessories collected for the July farmer's market, we could use additional rings and bracelets. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please drop them off at Ruth Liston's home. The garage sale will run from 8-2 and we will need volunteers to man the tables. Please contact me if you are able to work a two hour shift that day.

■ Change Boxes

Many of us take the change we have in our wallets/pockets and collect them in a jar. At the summer social, change boxes were distributed to those who wish to participate so that AAUW can benefit from the collection of these coins. Contact me if you have not received a change box and wish to participate in this activity. The change boxes will be collected several times per year.

■ Restaurant Rebate

In the fall, a local restaurant will be providing rebates to our AAUW branch for meals purchased by our members during a specific week. More information to follow.

As in the past, in January, the membership will be asked for a donation as part of the **NO MUSS NO FUSS** "ask" which takes the place of more labor intensive fundraisers. These donations are a significant part of the money used to provide scholarships.

Finally, if you have additional ideas as to how to raise funds, please contact me.

Joan London

PUBLIC POLICY

Public Policy: Equal Pay Days

Let this sink in.

Equal Pay Day denotes how far into the new year women must work to be paid what men were paid the previous year. As of the date of this Advance, Native American and Latina women still have not caught up to their male peers.

2021 Equal Pay Days

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Women's Equal Pay Day** is March 9. Asian American and Pacific Islander women are paid 85 cents for every dollar paid to white men.
- **All Women's Equal Pay Day** is March 24. Women working full time and year round are paid 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man who works full time and year round.

- **Mother's Equal Pay Day** is May 5. Mothers are paid 70 cents for every dollar paid to fathers.
- **Black Women's Equal Pay Day** is August 3. Black women are paid 63 cents for every dollar paid to white men.
- **Native American Women's Equal Pay Day** is September 8. Native women are paid 60 cents for every dollar paid to white men.
- **Latina's Equal Pay Day** is October 21. Latinas are paid 55 cents for every dollar paid to white men.

But knowledge is power and AAUW fights every day to correct this inequity. By supporting AAUW we lend a hand in this fight.

Lorraine LaShell

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS IN AAUW

There is truly something for everyone in our special interest groups.

Besides ongoing groups such as Bridge, Cooking, Lit Group, Current Events, Cultural Events and Lunch Bunch meetings (see Calendar of Events for dates and times), there are new suggestions about additional interest groups in the works.

Most of the recommendations involve in person meetings, so the possibilities of the groups' success will depend on the science around the Pandemic.

The suggestions for new groups include:

- 1.** Volunteerism in which participants can volunteer as ESL instructors, or donate their time to other worthwhile causes locally;
- 2.** An Art Club which might include meetings in person for drawing, painting or craft classes and/or volunteering at an underserved site such as Oasis in Paterson to bring art projects to children and adults. It could also involve projects in prisons or similar disadvantaged sites;
- 3.** Another idea put forward is a Film Club in which participants watch a selected movie sent digitally via a library, then meet a week later to discuss it as a group on Zoom. There is a movie-streaming platform

called Kanopy in which participating libraries are able to send films to subscribers without charge. If there is interest, we can follow up with the Wayne Library to see if they have this program or if they can order it.

- 4.** Another interest group proposed would be Women's Issues, which could involve many topics which are as problematic as they were many years ago.
- 5.** A Travel Club, would have members share travel experiences and recommend sites and maybe plan a group travel experience.
- 6.** Suggestion 6 is an Environmental Group, which would enlighten its members about crucial issues relating to Climate change, and promote activism to enroll members in political actions to try to move the dial away from future catastrophes.

AAUW continues to reach out to members and invite their suggestions, participation and inclusion in these proposals.

For comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Arline Lowe

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will continue to meet on the second Thursday at the gazebo in September and October. I'm sure all of us would prefer to sit at a table and be served, but the danger of COVID outweighs that preference.

When we are able to gather indoors, it would be great to try something diverse: instead of the familiar American, Italian, and Chinese cuisines, let's become adventurous. Could we try Scandinavian, Moroccan, Japanese, or Brazilian? There are dozens of ethnic restaurants in Montclair and Morristown. Perhaps, you know some closer to home. Call me with suggestions.

Lunch Bunch begins at noon on September 9, and October 14, weather permitting. I will do my best to get a communication to you if we need to cancel. but call me if you are doubtful.

Also, don't forget that lunch will be provided at the meeting/walkathon on September 22!

Lois Wickham

BRIDGE-MAH JONGG

The calendar for activities is as follows:

Monday	3 pm	Online bridge
Alternate Mondays	6:30 pm	In person bridge
Tuesday	2 pm	Online majjongg
Wednesday	3 pm	Online bridge
Thursday	1 pm	In person bridge

There is always room for more. Just give me a call if you would like to join any of the activities or if you have an idea for something different. Ideas are always welcomed.

Ruth Liston

COOKING GROUP

The cooking group will be gathering at Joan London's, for a pastry making session on October 22.

Carolyn Noble

LITERATURE GROUP

FALL INTO A GOOD BOOK WITH OUR LIT GROUP!

The survey results are in!
Lit Group has a new date and time to meet:

Date: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

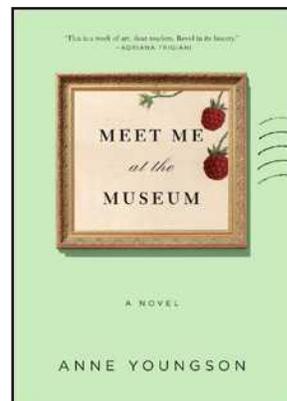
Place: Outdoor venue when possible--otherwise on Zoom

Date: October 6th

Time: 2-3:30

Place: Joan London's deck if weather cooperates. (Alternative: Zoom meeting)

Book: *Meet Me At The Museum* by Anne Youngston



Our book choices for November & December are:
The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline & *Premonition* by Michael Lewis

LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE JOINING US or for any questions!

Diane Snyder Ricart

Happy Birthday

September

Abby Schwartz	5
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October

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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.

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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ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Lorraine LaShell
Vice President	Arline Lowe
Secretary	Dorothy Quinn
Treasurer	Ann Raynor
Program VP	Carolyn Noble
Membership VP	Ruth Liston

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Cards / Mahjongg	Ruth Liston
Cooking	Carolyn Noble
Current Events	Arline Lowe
Diversity/Inclusion	Beth Marmolejos
Fundraising	Joan London
Interest Groups	Arline Lowe
Lit Group	Diane Ricart
Lunch Bunch	Lois Wickham
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