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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,
March 20 is the beginning of spring and it can't come soon enough for most of us. We look forward to gathering together outdoors as the weather warms and the days lengthen.

At our March meeting we will commemorate Women's History Month with a program celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Title IX.

March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD) and begins International Women's Week. The founders of IWD and its partners see a number of missions to help forge a gender equal world including celebrating women's achievements.

In keeping with the themes of Women's History Month and International Women's Week, Dorothy Quinn has put together a compilation on pages 3-4 of our own members' personal contributions and achievements.

At the January general meeting we shared our New Year's resolutions to help the environment. It was encouraging to see how many of us were adopting new patterns of behavior to save our planet. In April we celebrate Earth Day 2022 and its theme to Invest in Our Planet. What will YOU do?

Our branch is busy with many activities and events. Check out the interest group announcements and the calendar so you don't miss anything.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Meanwhile, enjoy life, every day.

Lorraine LaShell

CURRENT EVENTS

This interest group which gathers to discuss current events met on January 22 to discuss BELFAST in Northern Ireland. While it was in Zoom format, it was quite lively.

The Topic was Immigration/Emigration in a global context for the February 18 meeting. Topics discussed included the myriad causes of the world's massive refugee crises such as those driven by climate change, tribal wars, political unrest and violence, economic deprivations and persecutions. Some of the topics included: China's persecution of the Uyghurs, Immigration issues and History of Holocaust survivors, Global migration and climate change and the still simmering issues with refugees fleeing Syria.

Our March 18 Current Events meeting will have as its topic: Native Americans/First Nation Peoples in North America and will be held at our usual time: 1PM on the third Friday of the month. It will continue to be a Zoom meeting until we are safely able to meet in person as we have in the past.

Arline Lowe

NOTICE
ZOOM BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 11, 4:00 pm

PROGRAM

March

The Zoom Program for the March meeting will be a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Educational Amendments Acts of 1942 and how the law has expanded over the years. Community speakers have been invited to participate in the discussion. **Date Wednesday, March 16, 4:00.**

April

In April we traditionally hold an Annual Meeting when we ask committee chairs to report and we vote on the slate of officers for next year. At this time, we are waiting to hear if PCTI will open its culinary restaurant to us for our meeting as they have in the past, pre-Covid. If not, we will consider other options. Stand by for more details.

SCHOLARSHIP 2022

The Greater Wayne Area branch scholarship team is off to a great start this winter, 2022. Team members Diane Ricart, Barbara Stomber, and Linda Trongone contacted area colleges and universities in January and February to advertise our scholarship to their qualifying women undergraduate students. Before end of February our branch had already received completed applications from students at several New Jersey colleges including William Paterson, Ramapo, and Caldwell University. Our deadline to receive applications is Saturday, April 9, 2022. Winners will be announced in early May and will be introduced to our branch this spring.

A big thank you to all our branch members who so generously donated in January to our annual no fuss no muss fundraiser for scholarships and who also supported our other scholarship fundraisers this past year. You are indeed making a difference in the lives of New Jersey women who need financial help to complete their college degrees.

Marianne Ritter, Lorraine LaShell
Scholarship co chairs

DONATION CARDS

Lorraine LaShell

The Donation Card fundraiser is ongoing and to date has raised \$1,050! I call that a success.

Consider sending a donation card designed by Peggy Gardner the next time you need a card to remember, honor or celebrate someone. The cost is modest and the cause is worthy. All proceeds go directly to the Scholarship Fund.

Individual Cards can be purchased for a minimum \$10 donation. Packets of five cards cost \$25. Call or email me, Lorraine LaShell, with your request. Include the name and address of the party to receive the card and the reason for the donation (In Honor Of, In Memory Of, Get Well, Happy Birthday) and the amount of the donation. Payment can be mailed to Ann Raynor, 1818 Basildon Rd., Mt Pleasant SC 29466. Make the checks out to AAUW GWA and write "Donation Card" in the check memo section.

NATIONAL

AAUW National is rolling out the AAUW Community Hub, a new, improved member platform that replaces the Member Services Database. This system will be used for donations, member renewals and other updates. For help Logging In, Resetting Your Password, & Changing Your Password, view the following video: <https://youtu.be/ounLzYENiTo>

STATE

AAUW tee shirts currently available sizes: S, M, XL and 2XL. Cost is \$20 per shirt. Will be mailed to you upon receipt of cash or check.

Email shorebeachgirl@hotmail.com.



The Greater Wayne Area Branch - Making History

by Dorothy Quinn

This month of March, Women's History Month, we celebrate the women who have come before us and those at present who have made a difference globally, nationally and at the state level.

Our Advance would like to celebrate the interesting and educated women within our own thriving GWA Branch who have also made a difference in their outreach to community and family. Rather than focus on one particular woman, this article will celebrate all our members; especially those who have shared reflections on a time in their life when they have contributed to improve the lives of others and its rewards.

Elaine Dolsky ~ “Thinking of my years as an educator, I supported my elementary-aged students and their families; whether it was a smile, a hug, words of encouragement or providing resources to support their growth, I was able to contribute to their well-being.”

Nancy Ferer ~ “I have devoted a great amount of time over the past two years to a childless woman who became widowed after a very close and very long marriage. I phoned her every day for a year and even now talk to her every other day... also I try to meet with her as often as possible. I hope my efforts have been helpful to her.”

Peggy Gardner ~ It's hard to think of what I might have contributed to the world. I was a designer at Scholastic, Inc. for 26 years and, before my children, I taught elementary school art for 4 years. However, I know I have made a difference with my family. I have been there for my husband through some very difficult times...I have my mother to thank since I saw how she supported my father through years of emotional disorders...I have my grandparents to thank for their unconditional love and as a result, I think I've made a difference with my children. I've listened to them and respected their opinions since they were just people in little clothes. I have always

tried to be their cheerleader, being non-judgemental and letting them make their own choices. Now, being a Grandma puts me in a special category. I just love my grands with all my heart and they know it. We always have a good time together with no stress, no 'have to's'...Only time will tell if I have made a difference for my grandkids, but I would be so happy to know that I have paid it forward!”

Bea Kettlewood ~ “I have belonged to the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains since Baptism 92 years ago last October. I did a variety of things over the years, but the most helpful to others and educational was being a member of the Mission Team for 30 years. We have helped people in Africa, Haiti, Guatemala, Kentucky as well as Newark and Paterson. I participated in a trip to aid the needy in Kentucky and many trips to Newark.”

Lorraine LaShell ~ “Aside from raising and providing a life model for my offspring...I was a marketing services consultant...having the opportunity to mentor a young woman starting out in her career. She was from another state with no family nearby. We developed a friendship that continues to this day and she credits me with her success.

For several years I have been involved in raising funds for and being part of the selection process of selecting women for our scholarships. It is the core of what our branch is about and I'm happy to be part of this effort...The money we provide, however small, does make a difference!”

Ada Liggett ~ “It made perfect sense to me when Donna (Persh) and I took on the job of AAUW Cheerio Persons. That's what I enjoy doing - sending good cheer for whatever occasion. I have been Hallmark's best customer and I use e-cards. I also fostered a book group in our community and kept it going for years, only recently handing over the reins to a younger member. Through the years I've

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participated in church fundraisers, food drives, etc. As a kid I never volunteered to be the leader. I wanted to be the mommy! I'm consistent!"

Joan London ~ "Several years ago, a friend broke both wrists playing tennis. I could only imagine the things she was unable to do for herself. I decided to cook for her. I made a month's worth of meals, individually packaged, labeled with directions. Her husband was able to easily put dinner on the table with little or no effort. This took a huge burden off her and her husband. To this day, she talks about the wonderful way they 'dined.'"

Linda Nardone ~ "I am proud of my academic research and pharmaceutical drug development career...that has led to saving lives and advances in drug treatments. My first experience was at Yale, School of Medicine which involved research on premature infant mortality due to Respiratory Distress Syndrome...The research provided for the development of a pharmaceutical agent used widely today and protocols for treating the mother during the premature delivery. I am told that the two initiatives have contributed to having an average of 30,000 babies a year over 50 years. Whether that is 1.5 million babies or not, I am sure that because of the drug and the protocol used in 2007 on my grandson who was a very, very tiny 2 1/2 month preemie, lived—and that feels good to me!"

Diane Ricart ~ "I was very fortunate to have three different careers—the fashion industry, the urban youth ministry and elementary education. The one that really reached deep down inside me and touched my inner being was running an urban youth ministry called Youth Guidance in Paterson. I went back to graduate school to prepare myself for that 'calling' and put everything I had inside me to help,

care for, inspire and love the girls I worked with. I got their names from the juvenile court. I then visited their homes and invited the girls to join me each week—and they did! Sister, cousins, and friends asked if they could come, too. The van was full and so was my heart. I trained the volunteers to work with me, hired a staff, raised the funds for the ministry by speaking at dinners, churches and women's groups. What I learned was that when you reach out to help and care for others, you are blessed in so many ways."

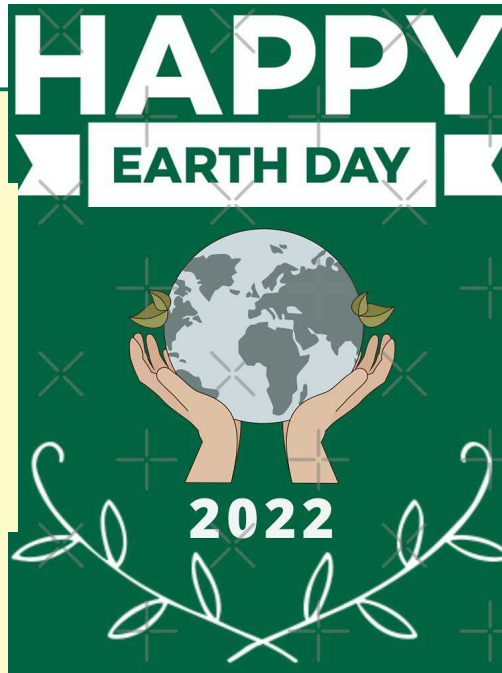
Janice Rutherford ~ "Since my retirement I have been a volunteer for a program called Senior Cents. The volunteers assist elderly or disabled individuals with organizing paperwork, making sure bills are paid and occasionally food shopping if they are unable to shop. Most of the clients live alone and sometimes their tasks are overwhelming. It has been a rewarding experience for me and the clients are very appreciative."

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Over our Branch's history the members have sold wares, books, participated in walk-a-thons, etc. to raise money for scholarships. The awards were granted to women who were financially limited and non-traditional students. They have attended our dinners and told their stories which touched our hearts. There's no doubt that we have made history! Winston Churchill once said, We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." The GWA women indeed have rich lives since they experience the joy of giving and making a difference in all the lives that are better and richer by their efforts!

Thank you for sharing,

Dorothy Quinn



MY EARTH DAY RESOLUTIONS

Barbara Stomber

Choose from the following list and share your experiences at our
Summer Social in July

- **REDUCE:** Shop wisely or shop vintage only for what you need; when shopping for food, buy only for what you will consume; reduce trash by composting or saving vegetable scraps for broth; use towels/rags instead of paper towels.
- **REUSE:** Use reusable shopping bags (plastic is not an option after May 4th in NJ), refill water bottles at home, update your computer instead of replacing it.
- **RECYCLE:** Learn what your town can actually recycle and print a copy to post by your recycling bin and follow it.
- **CHOOSE YOUR OWN SUSTAINABLE PLAN:** For example, meals w/o meat two days/week; switch to laundry strips and dryer ball, etc.

MAKE A HABIT BECOME YOUR LIFESTYLE!

Join us for an Earth Day Walk and Talk at the Wayne
Arboretum on Thursday April 21 at 11:00 A.M.

March



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 1 PM Lit Group (Zoom)	3	4	5
6	7 3 PM Bridge (online)	8 2 PM Mah jongg (online)	9 3:30 Bridge (online)	10 12 PM Bridge In-Person 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch (Blossom)	11 12:30 PM Cooking Group (Date change just for this month)	12
13	14 11:30 Bridge (In-Person)	15 2 PM Mah jongg (online)	16 4:00 General Meeting (Zoom)	17 12 PM Bridge In-Person	18 1:00 Current Events	19
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April



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17 Easter Sunday Passover	18 Passover 3 PM Bridge (Online)	19 Passover 2 PM. Mah jongg (online)	20 Passover 3:30 PM Bridge (Online) Annual Meeting (proposed date)	21 Passover 11 AM Earth Day Walk 12 PM In Person Bridge	22 Passover 12:30 PM Cooking Group (Location TBD)	23
24/31	25 11:30 In Person Bridge	26 2 PM. Mah jongg (online)	27 3:30 PM Bridge (Online)	28	29	30

GREATER WAYNE BRANCH OF THE AAUW PROPOSED 2021- 2022 OFFICERS

POSITION	PRESENT 2021	PROPOSED 2022
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ELECTED OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Lorraine LaShell	Arline Lowe
<i>Vice President</i>	Arline Lowe	Linda Nardone
<i>Treasurer/Finance</i>	Ann Raynor	Ann Raynor
<i>Secretary</i>	Dorothy Quinn	Elaine Dolsky
<i>Membership VP</i>	Ruth Liston	
<i>Program VP</i>	Carolyn Noble	Ruth Liston
<i>Communications VP</i>		Lorraine LaShell

APPOINTED OFFICERS

<i>Advance Design</i>	Peggy Gardner	Peggy Gardner
<i>Advance Editor</i>		Lorraine LaShell
<i>Advance Special Features</i>	Dorothy Quinn	Dorothy Quinn
<i>Cooking Group</i>	Carolyn Noble	Carolyn Noble
<i>Cultural Event</i>	Merrill Crowell	Merrill Crowell
<i>Current Events</i>	Arline Lowe	Mary Querrazzi
<i>Diversity & Inclusion</i>	Beth Marmolejos	Elaine Kirsh
<i>Environment Issues</i>		Barbara Stomber
<i>Fundraising</i>	Joan London	Joan London
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Bea Kettlewood	Bea Kettlewood
<i>Public Policy</i>		Arlene Sullivan
<i>Publicity</i>	Abby Schwartz	Abby Schwartz
<i>Scholarship</i>	L. LaShell, M. Ritter	L. LaShell, M. Ritter
<i>Social Concerns</i>	A. Liggett, D. Ricart	A. Liggett, D. Ricart
<i>Sunshine</i>	Ada Liggett	Ada Liggett
<i>Website</i>	Ruth Liston	Lorraine LaShell

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch meets on March 10th at 12:30 at Blossom's Restaurant in the Packanack Shopping Center on Rt. 23. They have a large choice of Asian food.

On April 14th (the 2nd Thursday of the month) at 12:30, Lunch Bunch will meet at Segovia in Oakland.

Notify Lois if you plan to attend, so that she can make a reservation.

Lois Wickham



March			
Lois Wickham	16	Beth Marmolejos	12
		Amanda Demarzo	23
April			
Elaine Kirsh	1	Esther Flower	25
		Nancy Freiler	30

LITERATURE GROUP

MARK YOU CALENDAR!
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IS
LIT GROUP

March 2: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

April 6: *How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House* by Cherie Jones

May 4: *Deacon King Kong* by Jame Mc Bride

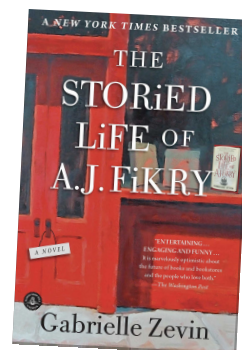
June 1: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murry

MEETING TIME: 1-2:30

Looking forward to seeing you via Zoom in March.

Hoping for an early Spring. Please RSVP to me if you plan on attending.

Diane Snyder Ricart
Chairperson



COOKING GROUP

The cooking group will meet in March and "Spring Forward With All Things Green". Members will share foods with a green ingredient. Your health can't afford to miss this gathering!

For this month only we will meet March 11, the second Friday at 12:30. Our normal meeting is the 4th Friday of the month.

Carolyn Noble

BRIDGE-MAH JONGG

Bridge is being played in two separate in-person groups on Monday and Thursday afternoons. In addition online groups are being held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Mah jongg is played online on Tuesday afternoon. Newcomers are welcome, and we really have fun!! Join us.

Just give me a call, and we will find a group and time for you.

Ruth Liston

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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.



Greater Wayne Area Branch

MEMBER TOWNS

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

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