

The Advance

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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,

In my first *Advance* letter I said my goals were to grow the branch and build community among our members. With your help and support we have succeeded in moving forward towards these goals.



As my term comes to an end, I wonder where the time has gone. Our branch has been very active with interest groups, meetings (Zoom and in-person), fundraisers, socials and scholarships. Thanks to all for participating in making this year a success.

I leave the branch in the hands of very strong leaders and look forward to continuing to work with you all in the future.

My heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to lead and be part of such an amazing group of women,

Lorraine LaShell

COMBINED BOARD MEETING

Current and incoming board members will meet to exchange information and plan for the upcoming year.

Wine and cheese will be served.

Wednesday, June 22, 4:00 PM

Ruth Liston's home

RSVP by June 15

CURRENT EVENTS

Mary Querrazzi is leading, (not hosting) the Current Events group which meets on 3rd Friday of the month at 1pm. Location TBA (Maybe Zoom)

Previous topics were: ENERGY, NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES IN NORTH AMERICA.

The next meeting is on May 20th at 1pm and the topic is UKRAINE.

As usual, the first five members to send the specific topics to be discussed will present and the rest of the group will listen, learn and discuss.

At the beginning of each meeting, the members choose a topic for the following meeting.

Arline Lowe



MAY

Ann Raynor

16

Aviva Sanders

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JUNE

Bea Kettlewood

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Janice Rutherford

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Alice Hessinger

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Marlys Huss

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Merrill Crowell

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Carolyn Noble

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Caroline Mossip

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JULY

Mary Bunstead

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Ada Liggett

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Hannah Retamero Cid

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Ann Wheeler

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Arlene Sullivan

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Win Reinhardt

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There are no August birthdays

FUNDRAISING

We have had a banner year, making \$9000 in support of our 2022 scholarship winners. Thanks to all of you who supported the various events/activities through your contributions and participation.

I have just returned from Florida and will begin planning for next year. Here are some of my thoughts.

✿ Restaurant Rebates -

In the past, we have identified a specific restaurant for several days. A percentage of the dine-in or take-out orders were donated to AAUW. This year we are going to try something different. Using the format described above, one restaurant per week, (each for one day), will be identified. As in the past, a percentage of each sale will be contributed to AAUW. A list of restaurants and dates will be published once all have been identified. This will provide our members, as well as their friends and family, a diverse choice of eating venues while supporting our scholarship efforts.

Save the date:

Lunch Bunch: Tuesday, June 14th, Noon

Monica's Restaurant

1 Lakeside Ave, Pompton Lakes

In June, Lunch Bunch will participate in our dine-around fundraiser. The date is Tuesday, June 14 at Monica's Restaurant in Pompton Lakes. Please support our organization through your participation. Send your lunch bunch reservation for that date to Joan London. In addition to lunch, AAUW members and their family and friends can independently have dinner or request take out at Monica's on that date. A percentage of the total bill will be given to our branch by the management.

✿ Accessory Sale

We have a great deal of jewelry and other accessories still available from our sales last year. I will be exploring spring/fall farmers' markets in surrounding towns where these items can be sold.

✿ Walk-A-Thon

The Walk-A-Thon was very successful last year and all who participated had fun joining in. It was decided, by those present, to continue this event. Thus, the Walk-A-Thon will be held in September followed by the first general meeting of the year and lunch at the gazebo.

✿ Coin Collection

Coin collection occurred at the holiday party in December. While we collected much change, it was felt that this activity should not be continued since most people do not have a lot of change to contribute.

✿ Donation Cards

Donation cards are an ongoing activity. Peggy Gardner has beautifully designed several cards to Remember, Honor or Celebrate someone. Individual cards can be purchased for a \$10 minimum donation. Packets of five cards cost \$25. Call or email Lorraine LaShell with your requests. Include the name and address of the individual receiving the card, as well as the reason and amount of the donation. Checks can be mailed to Lorraine. Since greeting cards have become so expensive, using this vehicle to recognize someone, is cost effective and helps our organization.

I will be considering additional fundraising ideas for the coming year. If you have any thoughts, please contact me.

Joan London

MEMBERSHIP

What a wonderful year this has been for Membership. During Lorraine's tenure we were fortunate enough to add 9 new members bringing the Branch total to 45--more than I can ever remember in my years as a member. And...the good news is that we see the new members...at Lunch Bunch, at the Book Club, in the Cooking Group. And several newbies will be serving as Branch officers next year.

Even at the last Lunch Bunch, several women approached our table asking who we were because they could see that we were having such a good time. So we are getting the word out by being out there. Women are looking for us; they just don't know it yet. And PLEASE remember all the teachers who will be retiring. They probably are younger than in the past and looking for somewhere to belong.

And thanks to all the members. It is only through you and because of you that we are enjoying a resurgence. Keep up the good work.

Ruth Liston

A Tribute to LORAINNE LASHELL

by Dorothy Quinn

Lorraine has been a member of the GWA Branch for over forty years and has contributed to the success and reshaping of the branch. She was at the helm twice and each time inspiring and motivating members to join, participate and innovate. Done with grace, humility and a convincing persuasiveness, Lorraine brought out the best in all the members and it is with these leadership qualities she has accomplished much. Just a few of these GWA accomplishments are listed below. Co-Vice President 2014-16 Summer Garage Sale, Greeting Card Fundraiser, Walk-A-Thon, Co-President 2016-2018, President 2021-2022, Branch Booth at Wayne Day, Girls' Hall of Fame, Website Development & Refurbishing, Restaurant Fundraisers, Historical Balances for Treasury, Awarding Record Number of Scholarships.

The Greater Wayne Area Branch thanks you, Lorraine, for your talent and service as you continue to improve the branch that is near and dear to your heart. You close your presidency with the gratitude and respect of all!



ANN RAYNOR: A Member Who Flew South But Not in Spirit!

by Dorothy Quinn

The flock of women who come together for cultural trips, current event discussions, bridge, culinary experiences, mahjong, lunch, book discussions and most importantly, a sincere desire to empower women in the GWA Branch are quite varied. There are snow birds,



sandpipers, hummingbirds, nightingales, homing pigeons, etc.; however, no matter how far they roam, they return to the nest of the Greater Wayne Branch. One such bird who still returns despite living in Mt. Pleasant, SC is Ann Raynor, an active and revered member of the branch since 1988. Ann, like many members, are drawn to AAUW to share interests and a desire to give deserving women opportunities to further their education through scholarship.

In Ann's tenure, she has served as *Advance* editor, Literature Group leader, Bridge Group leader, Co-President, President, Co-Secretary, Bylaws Committeewoman, Hospitality, Interbranch Committeewoman and Treasurer. At the State and National level, Ann served on the State Board as AAUW's Funds Chair and volunteered for two summers for Teck Trek Camp at Stockton University. That's quite an astonishing resume! However, for those who have known her through the years, not only did she serve the branch fervently, but also her enthusiasm for being active at the State and National level was contagious. She was the first member to attend the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Upon her return, she presented a slide show of her trip and enticed the membership to attend future conventions. At least a half dozen branch members joined Ann at the following convention in

Washington, D.C. Four years later, motivated by the spirit of active women across the country, Ann and five other members flew out to San Diego for another rousing gathering of energetic women. The passion for the tenets of the AAUW - research, education and advocacy - were transferred to the membership and fundraising and interbranch activities heightened. Thank you, Ann!

One may ask, why would such a valued member with so many GWA friends leave the nest? The answer lies in the pull of being a Mother Hen. With life marching on, more in the rearview mirror than in the future, Ann and her husband Stephen decided that being close to family was important. However, they were faced with an important choice in 2018 - to live near their daughter, Lynne and her family in Madison, WI or by their son Bryan and his wife in South Carolina. They chose Mt Pleasant, SC, a half hour from their son. Besides the ability to be near family, Ann enjoys the mild weather, swimming six months of the year and walking on the beach just a half hour away. This active woman, of course, found a newcomers' club with whom she socializes and shares her leadership talents; notwithstanding her continued support for the AAUW and service to our branch as continuing Treasurer.

Of course Ann misses the cherished friendships that were fostered in the branch, but she stays in touch with many members and continues to play mahjong and bridge with the GWA women several times a week and makes all the Zoom general and board meetings (Covid has been a blessing in disguise for many). Also, she makes a point of coming "up North" to visit and to be part of important branch events. This bird may be absent occasionally from the GWA nest, however, she has not abandoned it!



🌸 *Springing into Spring...or Ways to be More Environmentally Friendly* 🌸

As a active member of environmental groups since 2006, I am always looking at ways to be more environmentally friendly. With spring in the air and pandemic pressure easing, I decided to turn my efforts to the outdoors. First I thought about the possibility of composting. Whether you live in a home with a garden or simply in an apartment, the goal is to reduce the amount of waste that would normally go into a landfill. So I bought myself a small compost container and started to compost things like coffee grinds eggshells and vegetative waste. I'm adding that to my outdoor beds as well as my potted plants. It's my first attempt at composting and it's a lot easier than I thought. I did read about adding worms to the compost but I'll put that on the back burner for now. We'll see how the wormless version goes. But in the meantime, it's just another small step in doing something positive for our environment.

With that under my belt, I was on a mission to control the chemical products that actually went into our lawn with efforts to go as organic as possible. I recently contracted an eco-friendly lawn company and my organic problem was resolved despite what I thought would be my biggest obstacle—my husband's approval—and yes, organic won! If you

don't have a lawn, that's even better so you can think on a smaller and less expensive scale. Add a few more plants to the interior of your home and reduce the amount of chemicals you use to support them and you'll find that plants can help purify the air, create positive vibes and amplify your sense of well being.

With two victories in hand, I'm now on a quest to change the gas powered leaf blowers that are used around our property to electric. There are countless articles about gas leaf blowers and their impact on the environment let alone the serenity of the neighborhood. On a recent trip to Washington DC, I learned that gas leaf blowers there are banned completely. And even if you don't have a lawn or leaves in your flower beds you are still subjected to the pollution and noise level for those who use them around you. So why stop there? As more municipalities are working to ban gas leaf blowers, why not take some action like writing a letter to support leaf blower electrification. I decided to do that. Boy I'll be glad when spring is over. I'm exhausted.

Barbara Stomber

MORE GOOD TIPS FROM BARBARA

While I'm new to composting, eggshells are high in calcium which is beneficial to the soil and coffee grinds are especially good for acid loving plants. I have been planting the compost around my plants and also added some into my pansy planters that are on my patio. They're still alive and so far all are doing well. I haven't added anything but discarded vegetable matter which I cut up in small pieces to the mix. All small steps are a means of sequestering carbon and keeping methane (26x more powerful than Co2) out of the atmosphere. I also store vegetable peelings and parts that are beneficial to making broth in the freezer and that works very well.



This is the compost container I purchased. I keep it right by my sink and it's lid is tight and keeps contents odor free. Since content is relatively small, I plant it throughout my yard about every 5 days.

<https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/product/oxo-good-grips-easy-clean-2-8-liter-compost-bin/3283791>

DUES ARE DUE!!!
Greater Wayne Area Branch AAUW
2022-2023 DUES ARE DUE and PAYABLE NOW.

The amount of \$90 includes National dues, State dues, & Branch dues.

Please send your check for \$90.00, made out to Greater Wayne Area AAUW.

This year national raised its dues to \$67, state dues are \$10 so only \$13 remains with the branch. As an option, you can add \$10 to help pay for branch operating costs. The dues total will then be \$100.

Please print and return this form to:

Ann T. Raynor

BEFORE JULY 1, 2022

Please complete the information below. If there are no changes from last year, just fill in your name and amount paid.

Name _____

Amt Paid \$ _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Tel. # _____

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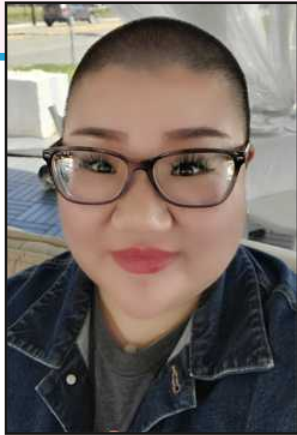
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2022 Greater Wayne Area SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Stephanie Rim

The Greater Wayne Area scholarship committee is very pleased to announce three winners of the branch's 2022 undergraduate scholarships.

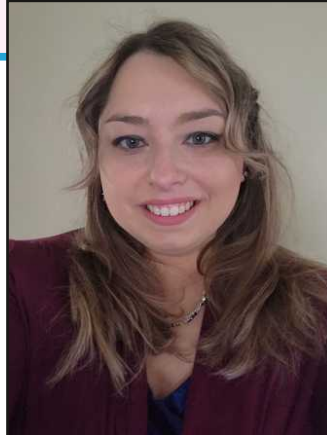
The recipients, all from Northern New Jersey, will receive their awards and will be personally introduced to our branch at the Greater Wayne scholarship and awards dinner on Wednesday, May 18 at Lakeside Restaurant in Wayne.

The winners of \$2500 undergraduate scholarships are Stephanie Rim from Montclair, Jennifer Sullivan from North Arlington, and Jessica Violante from Elmwood Park.

Stephanie Rim is a senior at Montclair State University majoring in public and professional writing with a minor in business administration. She plans to graduate in December, 2022.

Jennifer Sullivan, who works part-time for Habitat For Humanity in Bergen County, is a social science major at Ramapo College. She wants to support victims of violence in her career choice.

Our third recipient, Jessica Violante, a student at Felician University, is studying to be a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor's degree. Her ambition is to work in an Intensive Care



Jennifer Sullivan



Jessica Violante

Unit for newborns.

Members and guests who attend the May 18 awards dinner will have the opportunity to hear from each recipient, to chat with them, and to learn more about them.

The Greater Wayne scholarship committee advertised the branch's scholarships to colleges and universities in Northern New Jersey, and this year received qualifying applications from 13 undergraduate women students. The committee reviewed all applications and recently selected finalists and then the three winners.

Scholarship committee members are co chairs Lorraine LaShell and Marianne Ritter, Diane Ricart, Barbara Stomber, and Linda Trongone.

A heartfelt thank you to our many branch members who made these scholarships possible by generously supporting our fundraisers this past year. Indeed, you are helping to change the lives of three deserving women!

Co-chairs

***Lorraine La Shell and Marianne Ritter
Diane Ricart, Barbara Stomber, and
Linda Trongone.***

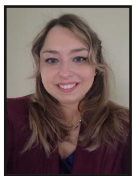
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

Hi Everyone,

**The Scholarship Awards dinner will be held
on Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 pm
Lakeside Restaurant in Wayne.**

You are invited to join fellow members and friends when we award three \$2500 scholarships and install Greater Wayne Area branch officers. This is a celebration of achievement and sacrifice of awardees and donors.

I thought you would like to hear how the awardees reacted to hearing the news.



I reached **Jennifer Sullivan** this morning, and she was absolutely thrilled about receiving a scholarship. She was in tears, as she told me how much it means to her. So rewarding when we can relay such good news.

~Linda Trongone



I was able to reach **Stephanie Rim** this morning. She was so delighted with the scholarship and gasped at the amount. I would say she was speechless and kept repeating "Oh my God" and "thank you" over and over while crying the entire time. She can make the awards dinner and say a few words. What a nice way to start off someone's day! With happy news! ~Diane Ricart



We had another very happy recipient (without tears) but nonetheless thankful. **Jessica Violante** finished her last exam on May 17 so our awards dinner comes at a perfect time. It's been great working with all of you—and giving away these scholarships is just the icing on the cake. ~Barbara Stomber



Lakeside Restaurant MENU

Choice of appetizers

Fresh Mozzarella Caprese
Clams Oreganata
Eggplant Rollatini

Mista Salad

Choice of main dishes

Chicken Francese
Pork Scallopini Marsala
Salmon Piccata
Chicken Parmigiana

Dessert and Coffee

RSVP to Carolyn Noble by May 10

Mail checks for \$40 made out to
AAUW GWA to Ann Raynor.

I hope to see you all at the dinner,

Lorraine LaShell

LUNCH BUNCH

We had a great turnout for Lunch Bunch at Segovia in April. Let's do it again at Bahama Breeze in Wayne on Thursday, May 12 at 12:30!

Bahama Breeze is located at 180 Route 23 in Wayne, and offers delicious seafood, fresh fruit and vegetable salads plus those refreshing island beverages. Call Lois by Tuesday May 10 so that she

can make a reservation.

In June, Lunch Bunch will participate in our dine-around fundraiser. The date is Tuesday, June 14 at Monica's Restaurant in Pompton Lakes. More details and a few surprises to follow.

Lois Wickham



April Lunch Bunch and Membership Meeting at Segovia

CULINARY GROUP

The cooking group has changed its name to **The Culinary Group** which reflects the members varied interests in food preparation, serving and nutrition.

The next gathering will be on Friday, May 27th, 12:00pm at Elaine Dolsky's home. Each member will bring their favorite appetizer.

On June 24, the members will venture to an outdoor restaurant for lunch TBD.

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.

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

Ruth Liston

LITERATURE GROUP

Upcoming Lit Group Discussions:

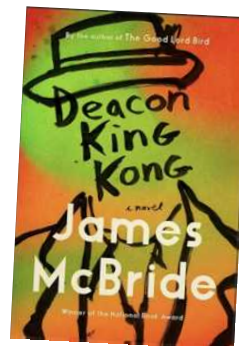
Wednesday, May 4th

Time: 1-2:30

Place: Zoom

Book: *Deacon King Kong*

Leader: Dorothy Quinn



Wednesday, June 1st

Time: 1-2:30

Place: Joan London's home

Book: *The Personal Librarian*

Leader: Joan London



The Lit Group will not be meeting over the summer. We will resume in the Fall.

Thank you for a wonderful year of meeting, discussion, and sharing a friendship over books!

Diane Snyder Ricart

Chairperson

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.



Greater Wayne Area Branch

MEMBER TOWNS

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

GWA OFFICERS 2021-2022

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
Parliamentarian	Bea Kettlewood
Public Policy	Lorraine LaShell
Publicity	Abby Schwartz
Social Concerns	Ada Liggett/Diane Ricart
The Advance	Peggy Gardner
Webmaster	Ruth Liston