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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.



I hope you are enjoying a great summer. I also hope an enhancement to your enjoyment has been provided by AAUW Greater Wayne Area Branch. This is my first communication as President. Thank you for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve you.



We have been doing some new things over the past couple of months. Some of us prepared and distributed Christmas gifts to the Preakness Health facility residents in a "Christmas in July" event as a support of our partnership with the Rotary of Wayne. And, in addition to the numerous interest groups that have been well attended...yes—we have added 4 more: Walking and Wellness; Canasta; Cocktails and Conversation; and (soon) Pickleball. There is something here for everybody...enjoy whichever ones you can. My personal thanks to all of our interest group leaders.

Have you been seeing the great new communication "What's doing this week"? It keeps you up to date for the upcoming week. Thanks, Lorraine.

Community and corporate organizations have contributed to our cause lately; Visions Credit Union; Rotary; and, through Joan London's personal fundraising efforts, we have been the beneficiary of the Wayne Hills High School Leo Club, who independently raised \$500 for us in a Valentine's Day Candy Sale.

Our membership numbers continue to increase; more people to share with and enjoy. It was nice to see many of you and some new members at the Summer Social. I hope you enjoyed the food, the company, the music, and the baby picture contest.

This newsletter contains more detail on the events and activities mentioned above.

Unfortunately, during these last months we lost a longtime member and our Parliamentarian, Bea Kettlewood. She was a wonderful contributor to us, a wonderful artist, and a friend to many of you. I am so glad that she described some of her artistry at the organization's Artist event we had at the Wayne Library early this year. Additionally, some of our members have lost spouses. All of these losses have a special sadness that I hope is lightened a little by our camaraderie.

Coming soon: I hope you will participate in our 2 upcoming events over the next 3 months. We will again conduct a Walk-a-Thon (September 20, Wednesday) and an exciting Women's Health Event (October 18, Wednesday). Details of those events are contained within this newsletter.

I have a number of goals over this year. I hope we can provide the members with informative events, including an expanded speaker's series, and provide activities that you will want to share in. I am also focused on expanding our capabilities for grants and corporate and community donations to our important cause for women.

I thank you for your loyal membership and your contributions. I especially thank all of the Board of Directors, both elected and appointed individuals. You are a pleasure to work with. You are active, productive, and fun.

Enjoy participating in one (or more) of the many interest groups and events over the coming months. Let's work together and have fun.

**Linda Nardone**



Sign up as a Two-Minute Activist today and keep up to date on AAUW policy work with our letters, comments, testimony, and legal briefs to learn more about AAUW's positions and advocacy efforts.

- [Polling shows 85% of Americans](#) across gender and party lines support the Equal Rights Amendment, yet the issue remains stalled in Congress. On July 19, Rep. Pressley filed a discharge petition—a procedural rule that enables the minority party in Congress to force a vote on an issue. The petition must gain 218 signatures (a full House majority) to advance. As of July 28, the petition has 182 signatures. During the first week of August, members of the AAUW Lobby Corps were on Capitol Hill urging Congress to sign the discharge petition.

We encourage you to reach out and ask your representative to affirm the ERA while they're in their home district for the August recess and support it in every way possible in the future.

- [Moms' Equal Pay Day was August 15. Black Women's Equal Pay Day was July 27.](#) AAUW participated in a social media storm with coalition partners to demand equal and better pay to help close the pay gap. Further activities are planned with representatives from MomsRising and Institute for Women's Policy Research. AAUW participated in a social media storm on July 27 with our coalition partners to demand equal and better pay to help close the pay gap.

- [On July 27, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted to increase funding for the Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid by \\$150 million.](#) (This includes increasing the maximum Pell grant award by \$250.) While the amount falls short of President Biden's budget request to increase funding by \$620 million, the increase in funding stands in stark contrast to the education cuts proposed in the House. Congress will continue to debate the appropriations bill in September.



AAUW NJ contributed to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund in memory of Joan Odud, president of AAUW NJ from 2002–2006.

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AAUW NJ joined the statewide menstrual equality coalition - Equality, Period NJ - to advocate to mandate free menstrual products in school bathrooms for students in grades 6-12. On June 8, President Sharon Suber and Communications Vice President Anjali Mehrotra joined advocates in Trenton to testify and meet with the Governor's staff. Bill S1221 was passed in both chambers with nearly unanimous bipartisan support on June 30 and is awaiting the Governor's signature. AAUW NJ applauded the passing of the measure.

[On May 25, 79 students from Weequahic, Westside, and Newark School of Fashion & Design high schools participated in AAUW NJ Teentech Newark 2023 at Essex County College \(ECC\) in Newark.](#) The event was organized by Dr. Stephanie Falana (Garden State Branch) in collaboration with Dr. Alvin Williams, Executive Dean of Faculty and Academics at ECC.

Faculty presented interactive workshops on topics ranging from chemistry of soapmaking, to DNA extraction, to hands-on experience in the nursing lab. Feedback from the students was that they really enjoyed the college environment and were inspired to continue participating in research fields. Volunteers from Greater Wayne Branch welcomed the high-school attendees and assisted with check-in.

[AAUW is thrilled to award \\$6.3 million in funding to 285 exceptional women earning advanced degrees, creating change in their communities, and conducting cutting edge research.](#) Congratulations to New Jersey's three recipients - Alisha Cupid, Ying Cui, and Melissa Brzycki -- on their awards

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We made \$645 from our participation at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, Outback Steakhouse, and Monica's during June's restaurant month. Thanks to all of you who supported this activity.

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I am pleased to report that Visions Credit Union has again granted us a \$1,000 grant for our scholarship fund. This is the second year they have supported our efforts. Their grant will be included in the scholarships awarded next spring.

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Please support the third annual Walk-A-Thon, which will be held on September 20 at Barbour Pond, Wayne.

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This past year, we partnered with the Wayne Hills service club (Leo Club). The club members sold candy to the school's students and faculty, for Valentine's Day, and gave our branch half the proceeds (\$500). I was able to make the connection with the group since my granddaughter is a member of the Leo Club.

Next year, I would like to reach out to other high school service organizations. If you have a relative, friend, or neighbor who is a member of a service club in another high school, please contact me. I believe we have a better chance of forming a connection if there is a personal contact.

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Donation cards continue to be a good way to recognize a life event. These cards are beautifully designed by Peggy and provide another avenue of revenue for scholarship. Contact Lorraine LaShell if you wish to purchase cards individually or in packets of 5.

*Joan London*

**Our Walk-A-Thon is coming soon!  
Please join us for this worthy event.**

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**(RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 21)**

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All proceeds are earmarked for our scholarship fund.

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- Walk the track
- Lunch in the gazebo (provided by AAUWGWA)
- General meeting

Bring a beverage of your choice and a folding chair (if you don't want to sit on the bench)

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- Ask family and friends to sponsor you.
- Collect checks made out to AAUWGWA WALK
- Mail checks to Ruth Liston

OR

- Venmo Ruth and text her (name of donor, amount of donation, sponsor's name)
- If you are unable to attend or have mobility issues, contributions can still be made.

***All donations must be received by September 18.***

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The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, at 3:00 at Ruth Liston's home. All current elected and appointed officers and committee chairs are invited to attend.

RSVP to Ruth Liston



This article was inspired by the reading of Jeff Goodell's book, ***THE HEAT WILL KILL YOU FIRST: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet.***

After experiencing this summer of unprecedented heat, rain and humidity and watching news of the disasters unfolding in Hawaii, California, Colorado, Texas, Paris, Venice, etc., we know that Mother Earth is outraged! Every year for the past decade she has been increasing her fury so we can pay attention to the spewing of carbon into the atmosphere which is depleting the ozone layer and thus warming our planet and endangering all of its inhabitants!

As the earth continues to warm, scientists predict that the inhabitants of our planet will find this planet uninhabitable. Air conditioning, an American addiction, is not the answer. First, besides the burning of fossil fuels, cooling from air conditioners emits hydrofluorocarbons, which can stay trapped in the atmosphere further polluting the environment. Secondly, as the demands for cooling rises, power grids are pushed to the max, occasionally causing blackouts leaving residents in dark, sweltering, and health endangered conditions. Finally, access to air conditioning is limited. Many countries in the southern hemisphere do not have access to cooling. Children and the aged are particularly prone to heat stroke which can endanger their lives. Ultimately, air conditioning becomes a divide between the cooled and the damned!

Mother Earth is flashing another warning through the climatic changes that are occurring in the Jet Stream. As carbon dioxide structures get trapped in the earth's atmosphere those structures react to the heat that the Earth absorbs from the sun and then reflects it back into the atmosphere creating thermal radiation causing the molecules to vibrate and jitterbug. This movement exacerbates the heat and the atmospheric dynamics. It changes the temperatures between the poles and the tropics, allowing the Jet Stream to meander and twist, trapping the hot air over a region. Thus, we have 'heat domes' that people in Texas and Arizona have experienced this past summer.

Global warming is also affecting the oceans and its sea vegetation which provides food and homes for many marine species. These species are a vital part of the food chain for larger fish and under-water mammals and are altering the migration patterns and nurseries. The exposure of the land, the permafrost under the melt releases vast quantities of methane, another greenhouse gas, which is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.



As we continue to hear, see and experience Mother Earth's alarms we feel helpless. However, we can take steps to change the ills of our planet. We can first and foremost support and question candidates at local, state and federal levels about their initiatives to save the planet such as: planting urban forests, providing cooling centers in cities that provide shade and hydration, supporting unions who will give workers in heat related jobs hydration and cooling breaks, creating green spaces, providing more mass transit, creating bike lanes as alternate transportation, cutting back undergrowth in forests as forest fire prevention, rethinking strip malls as tree-lined sidewalks instead of swaths of black top. Secondly, we can take personal responsibility! Besides the simple recycling and replacing plastic storage containers with glass, reexamine your home space: are your windows caulked, is the insulation in the walls an attic adequate, can you discontinue fertilizing your lawns and create wildflower gardens for insects and bees which enhance the food chain, can you draw sunblock shades during the afternoons, can you recycle rainwater. The options are endless. Industrialization brought us to this threshold, but the age of science can save us with the support, funding and the understanding that we all share this burden. It is an amazing moment. We need to decide which evolutionary pathways remain open to us, act upon them or they will be forever closed. Mother Earth is tired of being patient!





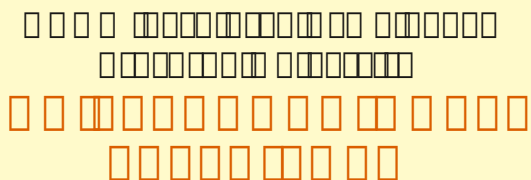
On July 19, twenty-seven members of the AAUW-GWA Branch gathered at the Senior House in Pequannock for our annual Summer Social. Everyone enjoyed an evening of

friendship, fun, and food from a bountiful buffet. Congratulations to Linda Nardone, who was the big winner of the "Name That Baby" game, and a special thank you to Carol Palmer Yomtov for accompanying us on the piano for our sing-a-long.



On Saturday, July 22, several GWA members joined Wayne Rotary members at the Preakness Healthcare Center in Wayne to celebrate "Christmas in July".

Mr. & Mrs. Santa were there together with elves and the musical duo of the Pettet sisters. Over 500 gifts were distributed to over 100 residents. A good time was had by all!



I revisited my college years this summer when I volunteered at the annual Tech Trek Camp. Thirty-five 12-year-old girls from NJ counties participated in the weeklong program in July. I joined them in workshops that gave me a glimpse into the future of technology. The program empowers girls to continue their interests in science through high school. You ask, how effective is it? Well, I met several alumnae who are now enrolled in university science degree programs. These young women are powerful role models for the campers and return each summer to support them. Workshops focus on biotechnology, robotics, ornithology, and aviation.

Topics were diverse: using chromatography to identify chemicals and contaminants in vaping, making plastic from milk, extracting DNA from strawberries and bananas, coding, and agricultural sustainability farming. among many others. This was an extraordinary experience and worthwhile. I will definitely return as a volunteer next year.

**Lauren Coyle**



# 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Scholarship Committee - Lorraine LaShell, Mary Ann Lund, Diane Ricart, Barbara Stomber, Linda Trongone

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Stephanie shared her progress with Diane Ricart. "At the time of my application, I was financially struggling and was desperately searching for stability in my life. I was a survivor of domestic violence, had no family support, worked multiple part-time jobs at a time, was homeless, slept for about 3-4 hours daily, and battled numerous health issues (from a car accident) throughout my academic career. I remember working diligently to balance four part-time jobs at once and never having the luxury of sitting down to focus on my academics. I had to study through the pictures that I took of my textbook and finish assignments on my phone at work. Since receiving the scholarship and with the support of the AAUW, I have gained recognition for my academic achievements, am a member of multiple honor societies, and have received numerous awards. I have made many drastic life changes in the past year and am happy to inform you that I was able to advance in my academics, find stable housing, and am now the Development & Grants Manager at a women's rights nonprofit organization. Moving forward, it is my intention to be a productive member of society in hopes that my contributions will one day positively impact my community and future generations.



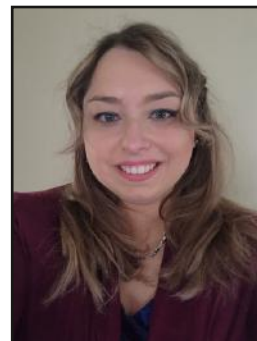
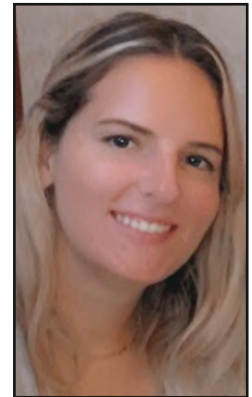
Please let me know if there are other ways to be involved.

Thank you so much for your time and support."

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Barbara Stomber, recently caught up with Jessica Violante. Here is what Jessica said in her email:

"I graduated in May with my Bachelors in Science (BSN) and a minor in psychology. I passed my NCLEX at the beginning of the month. I am still working at Morristown Medical Center, currently in their higher learning residency program for new graduates. I am working in the emergency department."



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Linda Trongone reached out to Jennifer who replied: "I commenced in May summa cum laude, and finished classes this August. I was welcomed into a Case Manager role for Child and Family resources of Morris County, and while I am not yet in a position to help domestic violence survivors, I am grateful to be able to help women who are struggling to afford their childcare costs. I plan on going back for my Masters, but am taking a break to focus on family. I hope everyone is doing well. I am so very grateful for the help you all have given me on my journey."

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We are very proud of Stephanie, Jessica and Jennifer and of the support our branch has provided them. Let's do what we can to raise the funds to help other women earn a college degree.





We jump-started our new interest group in July by walking along the recently completed NYS&W Bicycle & Pedestrian Path in Pequannock. We meet on Fridays at either 8:30 or 9 a.m. After 3 hikes there, Ruth Liston suggested we stop mid-way for a cuppa coffee or snack. Voila! We discovered the cutest vegetarian shop, "Defying Gravity," on Newark Pompton Turnpike. We had so much fun that we decided to incorporate snack breaks on each walk. The venues for our walks exponentially improved when members recommended new areas. Many thanks to Peggy Gardner for taking us through the most beautiful Nutley Memorial Park and breakfast at Nutley Cafe and Eatery. We were even treated to a tour of Peggy's home, which is like an art museum!

A special thanks to Jan Rutherford, who hosted us for a short snack after an awe-inspiring walk around Fayson Lake.

#### ***Upcoming walks are as follows:***

9/1/23 Brookdale Park 9 a.m. Entrance on Watchung Avenue, Bloomfield. (Meet in parking lot less than 1/4 mile from entrance) -- midway snack at Holsten's Ice Cream.

9/8/23 Lunch at Krichian's Grill and Bistro, Paterson (Lebanese restaurant) @ 12 noon followed by walk at Paterson Falls.

9/15/23 Mills Reservation 9 a.m. - park in lot at Normal Avenue and Reservation Drive, Cedar Grove.

9/22/23 Packanack Lake 9 a.m. - Ada will provide meeting location and host break.

9/28/23 Walking and Wellness Monthly Meeting at Ada's House 10 a.m.

9/29/23 Pequannock Rail Trail - 9 a.m. - Location to be announced.

***Lauren Coyle***

President Linda Nardone has completed and submitted the AAUW-GWA application for 501(c)(3) status to the IRS. We should hear within 180 days if we have been successful in this important step in our chapter's future growth and influence. Well done!!



Our Current Events group meets the 3rd Friday of each month (except for September, which will be on the 29th), and our next topic will be China. The first five members to give me a topic will be the presenters, and the rest of our group will listen, learn, and join in the discussion. At our August meeting we discussed "Oppenheimer" (the movie and the development of nuclear power in general), and in July we explored and reported on activities and services available to seniors in the greater Wayne area.

***Arline Lowe***



Bridge continues to be played several times a week as indicated on the calendar. Just a reminder that we are open to all new members; please join us. We have lots of fun along with lots of good food.

Mahjong continues to be played on line on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. New players are welcome.

We are attempting to get Canasta off the ground. Bobbi Breslow is a wonderful teacher and is helping us to become accustomed to the new rules. We will be playing on the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning on Tuesday, September 5 at noon at my home. Let me know if you will be there. We are all beginners, so don't be shy.

***Ruth Liston***



A new interest group called The Movie Club has been created for our members. It will be similar to a book club, but each of us will watch a particular movie instead of reading a book. Then we will get together to discuss the film.

The selected film will be available on NETFLIX, Amazon Prime Video, or perhaps in a theater. We will meet 3 or 4 times throughout the year. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the home of Elaine Dolsky. We will be discussing "BARBIE, The Movie."

***Elaine Dolsky***  
***Movie Club Chairperson***

# Happy Birthday

## SEPTEMBER

Abby Schwartz 5  
Lauren Coyle 21  
Marianne Ritter 29

## OCTOBER

Joan Hahn 19  
Mary Querrazzi 20  
Elaine Dolsky 21  
Dorothy Anton 25  
Karen Wertheimer 27  
Peggy Gardner 31

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The Culinary Group met at Joan London's home on July 21 for an instructional lesson in making galettes. A luncheon followed featuring the participants' freshly baked savory and sweet delights.

The Group gathered on Friday, August 25, 1 p.m. for lunch at Double Ai, Terhune Dr., in Wayne.

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 22. Topic to be determined.

**Carolyn Noble**



The Culinary Group learned how to make fruit galettes



Joan's delicious asparagus/cheese and tomato galettes

photos by Carol Palmer Yom Tov

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Our pickleball group got off to a slow start, but with more court time becoming available at the Y after Labor Day, we hope to get some regular games going. We plan to get together in late September to firm this up, and a notice will go out to all those who have expressed interest. Dink on!



**Randi Galanowsky**

## LITERATURE GROUP

### FALL LIT GROUP

All are welcome to attend and enjoy the companionship, refreshments and lively book discussions at our Lit Group meetings. All meeting times are at 1-2:30. All are welcome!

**Date:** Wednesday, September 6

**Book:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Our meeting to discuss *The Maid* was cancelled quite a while ago.

I suggest skimming through the book to refresh your memory to partake of the discussion.

**Discussion Leader:** Jan Rutherford

**Host:** Randi Galanowsky

**Date:** Wednesday, October 4

**Book:** *Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow*

by Gabrielle Zeven, Jennifer Kim, etc.

Location, Host, Discussion Leader to follow.

**Date:** November 1

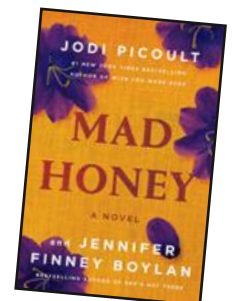
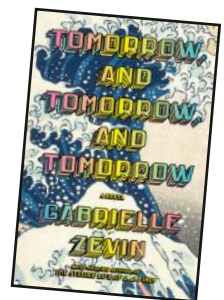
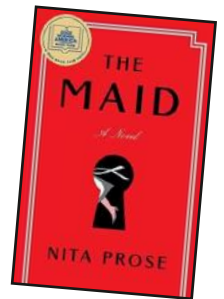
**Book:** *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult

Location, Host, Discussion Leader to follow.

**Date:** December 6: There will be no meeting due to Hanukkah starting the next day.

See you soon,

**Diane Snyder Ricart**  
**Chairperson**





Roberta Caruso, better known as Bobbi, is our first 2023-2024 new member. Bobbi is a friend of Joan London and had joined us at Coal Fire Pizza in the Spring and more recently at the Teahouse for Lunch Bunch. Bobbi also expressed an interest in joining our new canasta group. When you get a chance reach out and welcome our newest member.

There are applications out to several prospective members. We look forward to having them join us. As always just let me know of any woman--or man--who shows an interest, and I will contact them. As I look at our 49 member-strong roster, I am encouraged by the participation of the new members; many of whom have taken on leadership roles. Let's keep the ball rolling.



It was decided at the Culinary Group that we would take turns submitting one recipe to each Advance. My recipe from the New York Times was chosen so here it is.

## Lorraine

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Recipe from Maria Kitsopoulos

Adapted by Ligaya Mishan

**Time:** 2 hours 30 minutes

### Notes

In this simple cheesecake, the luscious filling is held together between two layers of flaky pastry, generously dusted with cinnamon sugar. The recipe is a Southwestern tradition, taking inspiration from sopapillas, pieces of dough dropped in hot oil until they puff into little pillows with origins that go back to Latin America and regions of the United States that were once part of Mexico. Maria Kitsopoulos, a cellist with The New York Philharmonic, created her recipe for the cheesecake with extra cinnamon (and less sugar) based on a version by the blogger Deborah Harroun.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

**Yield:** About 100 1-inch pieces

2(8-ounce) cans crescent roll dough (such as Pillsbury)

2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, at room temperature

1¼ cups/250 grams granulated sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup/113 grams unsalted butter, melted

3 tablespoons ground cinnamon

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Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Unroll 1 sheet of dough (from 1 can) to cover the bottom of an ungreased 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish. Press the perforations together to seal.



Chris Simpson for The New York Times. Food stylist: Maggie Ruggiero. Prop stylist: Sophia Pappas.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and ¾ cup/150 grams sugar in a bowl on medium speed until smooth, about 2 minutes. Beat in the vanilla. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the dough in an even layer.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Carefully unroll the second sheet of dough over the cream cheese mixture. Pinch the perforations together to seal.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Pour the melted butter evenly over the top, making sure no surface area is left untouched. In a small bowl, mix the remaining ½ cup/100 grams sugar with the cinnamon, then dust over the melted butter.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Bake until the edges are set, 35 to 40 minutes. When gently shaken, the cheesecake should wobble only slightly at the center. Let cool for 30 minutes, then refrigerate for another 30 minutes or overnight. It's important to chill the cheesecake or it will be too soft to cut.

100 Recipes for the Holidays

Run a knife under hot tap water and dry. Slice the cheesecake into 1-by-1-inch pieces (or another size if you'd like), running the knife under hot tap water and drying between cuts. Refrigerate in an airtight



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The Greater Wayne Branch gives tribute to Stella Hyman, a woman who has been more than generous with her energy, time, enthusiasm and talent dedicated to the AAUW for the last 30 years.



Stella's early and remarkable beginnings started in Poland before WWII. Her family provided the means for her and some family members to escape the clutches of the Nazi's anti-semitic corralling of all Jews. Stella was only six years old and she doesn't remember all the details of her family's escape via the Siberian railroad that took all of them to safety in Japan. After a brief stay in Japan, the family made connections in New York City where Stella grew up. This arduous journey of many miles, through many cultures, had a lasting impact on her fortitude and resilience.

She was educated in New York receiving a BS in Physics at Syracuse, a MA in Physics at Columbia and a MS in Mathematics at NYU. While achieving these educational milestones, she married and started a family. Professionally, Stella was an electrical engineer for ITT and then enjoyed a long and successful career as a mathematics professor at William Paterson University. Both professions were ground-breaking at the time for women.

Stella believed it was important to give women a voice. She accomplished that through active membership in the League of Women Voters and the GWA Branch wearing so many hats! She served in her early years in the AAUW as Chair of the Education Foundation (Scholarship Committee), contributor to the Lit Group, interviewer of promising young teens for AAUW's successful camp program, Tech Trek, and AAUW organizer for Teen Tech, a program for high school girls at Montclair University. But what Stella will most be remembered for is her tenacity and accuracy as Treasurer for our branch for nearly two decades.

Stella leaves behind a daughter Michelle who resides in California and two grandchildren.

**Dorothy Quinn**

June 30, 2023

Dear Gender Equity Advocates,

As you have likely seen in the news, this week the U.S. Supreme Court issued rulings against affirmative action and student debt relief. You can find AAUW's full statements condemning these decisions here

Today's decision on Biden v. Nebraska regarding student debt relief by the court's conservative majority leveled a devastating blow against student borrowers. This decision deals an even heavier hit to the nation's millions of women borrowers — particularly Black and brown women, who face a disproportionate financial impact from student loan debt. This week, TIME Magazine wrote about the significant burden of student loan debt on women in an article featuring our CEO Gloria L. Blackwell. Undoubtedly, this misguided decision will have a snowball effect on women's economic security and that of their families. If you have a story about how student debt is impacting you, we invite you to share your story with us.

We are equally concerned about the decisions in Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. (SFAI) v. President and Fellows of Harvard and SFAI v. University of North Carolina. Institutions of higher education are pathways to economic security and positions of power in our country. Affirmative action policies have been a critical part of ensuring racial and gender equity and providing redress for past gender, racial, and ethnic discrimination in higher education.

Despite these decisions, AAUW remains committed to fighting alongside you on behalf of women and communities of color to achieve equal access to affordable, quality higher education.

In solidarity,

**Meghan Kissell**

Senior Director of Policy and Member Advocacy



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 9 AM Walk: Brookdale Pk	2
3	4 3 PM Bridge online <i>Labor Day</i>	5 12PM Canasta in-person 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	6 Book Club: <i>The Maid</i>	7 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	8 9 AM Walk: Mills Res/ Cedar Grove	9
10	11 11:30 AM Bridge in-person	12 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	13	14 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	15 Lunch @ 12PM Lebanese Restaurant followed by Walk: Patterson Falls	16
17	18 3 PM Bridge online	19 12PM Canasta in-person 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	20 Walkathon@ Barbour Pond	21 12PM: Bridge in- person	22 9 AM Walk: Packanack Lake 12:30 PM: Culinary Group	23
24	25 11:30 AM Bridge in-person	26 Movie Club: Barbie 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	27	28 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	29 9 AM Walk: Pequannock Pk Trail Current Events	30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 3 PM Bridge online	3 12PM Canasta in-person	4 Book Club <i>Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow</i>	5 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	6 9 AM Walk	7
8	9 11:30 AM Bridge in-person <i>Columbus Day</i>	10 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	11 3PM Board Mtg @Ruth Liston	12 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	13 9 AM Walk	14
15	16 3 PM Bridge online	17 12PM Canasta in-person 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	18	19 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	20 9 AM Walk 12:30 PM: Culinary Group	21
22	23 11:30 AM Bridge in-person	24 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	25	26 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	27 9 AM Walk Current Events	28
29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> 12PM Canasta 2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online	1	2 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	3	4

## 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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### Greater Wayne Area Branch

#### MEMBER TOWNS

Bloomingtondale  
Englewood  
Franconia, NH  
Hamburg  
Kinnelon  
Little Falls  
Montville  
Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Newfoundland  
North Haledon  
Nutley  
Parsippany  
Pompton Lakes  
Pompton Plains  
Riverdale  
Teaneck  
Wanaque  
Wayne



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Treasurer/Finance	Elaine Kirsh
Secretary	Lauren Coyle
Membership VP	Ruth Liston
Communications VP	Lorraine LaShell

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Fundraising	Joan London
Public Policy	Karen Wertheimer
Scholarship	Lorraine LaShell
Social Concerns	Diane Ricart
Sunshine	Ruth Liston
Technology	Bobbi Breslow
Website	Lorraine LaShell

#### INTEREST GROUPS

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Cultural Events	Lauren Coyle
Current Events	Arline Lowe
Games	Ruth Liston
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Pickleball	Randi Galanowsky/ Linda Trongone
Walk & Wellness	Lauren Coyle

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