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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.



Here I am again, saying “hello”, saying “I hope you enjoy this day and this newsletter”, and saying “I thank you again for your continued support of AAUW GWA Branch.”



If you attended our annual meeting/ business meeting on April 17, I thank you for doing so and availing yourself of our reports by officers and many interest groups. I thank you personally for re-electing me for another year as your President. If you didn't attend, this newsletter provides some news of the past months' activities although it focuses on the upcoming ones. Enjoy.

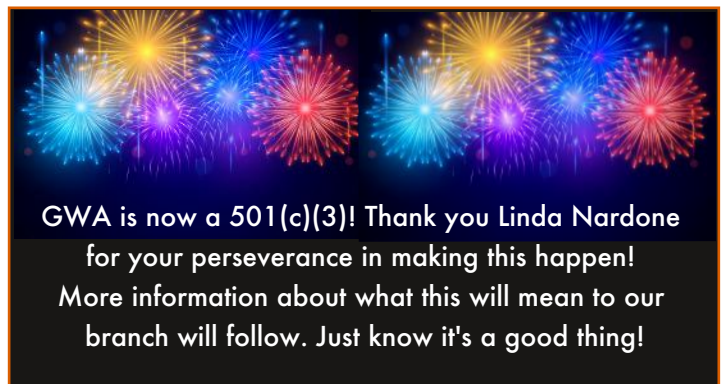
Big news: We are now a tax exempt 501(c)(3) entity, which allows any donor to us to receive a tax exemption. This will greatly facilitate fundraising from companies and granting agencies---more information to follow. It is a huge step for us.

Coming up---our Annual Scholarship Dinner on May 15 (flyer is attached). This event is one I certainly hope you can attend to see the fruits of your generosity, the awarding of scholarships. This is our Branch's mission. I hope you are still thrilled, as I am, by our mission: contributing to their education which can transform the lives of these recipients and their families.

I will repeat an item from my message in the last Advance. Will you sign the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) petition, just go to the link to make equal rights the 28th amendment to the US Constitution?

([www.sign4era.org/?aauwgwa](http://www.sign4era.org/?aauwgwa) it is very easy to do) This is an empowering amendment as regards equal pay for a job---the pay for women still trails that for men in many circumstances and throughout working lifetimes—and there are other “equality”

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issues that will be strengthened or implemented with its passage and “in-equity” issues that can be remedied with its passage. The original introduction of the amendment is over 100 years old---the time has come and we are so close. We have included information on this important step to the finish line in this newsletter. You need only to click on the AAUW GWA link <https://www.greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net> to the petition. If you ever thought you wanted to make a difference on a national issue, THE TIME IS NOW.

Be sure to read the remainder of this newsletter, particularly information about the interest groups and when they meet. Save the calendar and watch for the weekly communication “What’s Doing This Week”. Our interest groups are many and offer you opportunities to enjoy your own interest as a shared experience with others.

Planning ahead, keep July 17 open for our annual Summer Social. This is a great opportunity for our

members to be together and have fun.

I must single out the article about Recycling by Barbara Stomber, “Reduce, re-use, and recycle”. It will give you an understanding of how recycling is being done in New Jersey. We need to be kind to this planet—it is the only one we have.

By now, you have experienced the recent solar eclipse and spring’s gifts, the bright yellow forsythia, the dogwoods, the cherry trees, the other varied trees, daffodils (that flower that announces spring), rhododendrons, and the splendor of the other spring flowers---nature’s gifts to us. I hope you have applauded them. Please cheer on as the rest of spring's and summer’s flowers and trees perform for us.

With gratitude for our time together. I hope you enjoy the summer and I hope we share some time over these coming months.

**Linda Nardone**



Our group met in March to discuss the status of the ERA amendment, which is not at present formally installed in our Constitution.

We opened the meeting sharing some of our feminist-related experiences in the past, such as having to have our husbands (if married) co-sign any loan applications or credit line access, and having to have approvals of a male partner for having home alterations, etc. We never even got to the disparities in hiring when the people on the search committees always favored a male applicant because they assumed he was the breadwinner in the family and needed the job more than the female candidate. Things have improved over the years, but a proper amendment would make it much easier. The presenters discussed the voting records of elected officials and discussed what issues are holding this amendment up. The presenters also urged us to use our voting options to support candidates in primary contests to forward the action

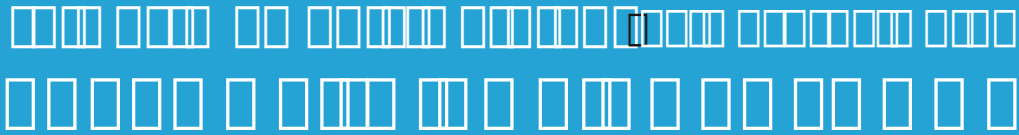
on getting the amendment installed. Petitions were passed around to support candidates who would be most likely to get the amendment embedded in our Constitution.

As usual, the presenters were very well informed, and we all learned a lot from their research.

Our meeting on April 19 explored how we get our news and defined Misinformation and Disinformation, what it is, and how we can process incoming news that often seem to weaponize, rather than simply inform us, with the news. The research was highly informative and well received.

Our next meeting will be on May 17 at 1 p.m. at my house The topic will be a "softer landing": "Work in Today's World" and will cover the new attitudes concerning our 5-day workweek and shifting patterns of full-time employment.

**Arline Lowe**  
**Chairperson**



If I ever doubted Darwin's theory of evolution, my trip to the Galapagos dispelled any notion to the contrary. I became an eyewitness to the wonders, tenacity, resilience, and unsympathetic natural selection of nature. When I boarded our 16-passenger catamaran in San Cristobal with its luxurious deck, crew of eight including a chef, I was simply delighted to have a respite from the altitude, hiking and physical demands of exploring Machu Picchu and Quito. Little did I know that I was about to embark on an entirely different adventure at sea in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. After enjoying the luxury of amenities on the boat and the sumptuous dinner we got down to the script for the adventures ahead. We were fitted for our wetsuits and snorkeling gear, instructed on the safety of hiking and snorkeling, the environmental practices we needed to adhere to on the islands, attended the first of our evening nature seminars, and given a plan of action for the next five days. Finally, we went out on deck and feasted on our first glimpse of the Southern Cross, a real treat for all of us in the Northern Hemisphere.

The wonder continued with rising to a startling sunrise over the waters, promptly at 6:00 am every morning and setting promptly at 6:00 pm every evening, since the Galapagos is located on the Equator. The colorful hues of the sun are not hampered by a diffusion of air pollution or smoke. At 8:00 am, all suited up for two hours of snorkeling, we boarded the Zodiacs for the coastline of Sombrero China (Chinese Hat, so it resembles). Ready to take the plunge, I slowed my breath and flipped over. Again, steadying my breath, I'm in awe at the sea life that is beneath me - I feel as though I'm in a tropical fish tank! A school of orange and white



striped reef fish swim below me and a sea lion nudges my leg. Initially, I'm filled with fright and delight. The sea lion is not threatened and is totally comfortable with me sharing his space since humans do not overtake his environment. Our group is the only one snorkeling around this island since it is controlled by appointment to conserve. Given the opportunity to thrive and survive in an environment where the food chain comes natural; predator, host and prey exist and diversity expands. On a later trip I marveled how a black harbor shark took no interest in taking a nip since he had plenty of usual suspects for dinner, and humans were not on his menu. We snorkeled twice a day, morning and late afternoon on different islands and I swam with Galapagos penguins, blue parrot fish, and marbled stingrays. I will never look at the ocean the same way after this experience!



After lunch we prepared for our island hikes. Again, we were the only adventurers on each of the islands since this is carefully controlled through reservation. For dry landings, meaning we were able to climb from the Zodiac to a rocky shore, hiking boots were laced up and secure. Never allowed to leave

the assigned paths as not to disturb the environment, we explored five different islands, each with its own environment. All islands are volcanic, and depending on formation time, there are "new islands" and "old islands." New islands, Santiago being one, is only two hundred years old.

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It is composed mostly of black lava rock, and it does not have a beach yet since erosion of the stone is in progress (Mother Nature's time). There are sparse prickly pear cactus plants which the iguanas feed on. These iguanas are primarily a yellow-orange-rust variation of scale since the prickly pear is their only food source. (The colors vary from island to island with the different food sources.) Snakes and lava lizards feast on the insects and flies that hatch from bird droppings and sparsely dotted sage. These are the only land animals which can be supported on this island. The climate is dry and arid since there is hardly any vegetation or soil to hold moisture and create humidity. When we disembark from the Zodiac, we remove our shoes to be washed by the crew to prevent cross-contamination between soil and organisms on the various islands.

The Island of Fernandina, which was just west of Isabella, had an active volcano erupting during our visit. We could see the volcanic plumes in the distance. Since this island had a beach, a wet landing was in order. With our Teva rubber-toed shoes we met the island in knee deep water and walked ashore, greeted by nearly a hundred sea lions squawking, snoring, and playing. Again, as in the water, they were totally oblivious to us and not even curious. In fact, two bulls were fighting with each other over a mate. (I guess that instinct is present in humans as well!) This island was thick with vegetation and pools and ponds. The iguanas were black and gray and the island sustained a small population of goats that were brought by the Spaniards when they were exploring the Pacific. Thank goodness they left these islands since they thought there were no riches! How shortsighted they were. The climate was hot and humid with temps soaring to 85 with 89% humidity. Vegetation, soil moisture, lack of altitude and trade winds are all



variables to the climates we experienced.

I would be remiss to not mention that all the islands, no matter the climate, are teeming with land birds and shore birds to delight the eye! The craggy shorelines are filled with blue-footed boobies, albatross, petrels, and frigatebirds (who also perched on the boat's awnings every day), cormorants and pelicans diving into the sea for a snack, and herons and egrets standing majestically in the sea pools. It was a visual feast! On the trails we scouted out mockingbirds, finches, flycatchers, and warblers through binoculars and squatting in the brush. As a bird lover, I was in my element!

Last, but not least, this trip would not be complete without the Galapagos Giant Tortoise. On the island of Santa Cruz is the famous Charles Darwin Research Center. In the preserve dozens of these prehistoric giants saunter. In their slow and somber way, they too are indifferent to man as they step, stop, and seek with their long, wrinkly, extended necks. In fact, there are two variations of these giants, the saddle shell and the dome shell. Again, these adaptations were made by necessity. Those that live on the arid islands, their shells acclimated to the need to stretch higher and higher to reach those prickly pears so the shell formed a saddle at the front plate. The dome-shelled tortoises remained the same since they found nourishment in the ground vegetation. Some of these gentle giants live to 200! How can you tell the age of a tortoise? By the number of squares on its back! They mate when they feel like and have no preference for a specific female. Anyone will do!

Needless to say, this was a trip of a lifetime, and if I have tickled your wanderlust, I can strongly suggest this life-altering adventure! Between this trip and the total eclipse last week, I feel very small and so keenly dependent. Nature marches forward with self-reliance, cooperation, and adaptability.



AAUWNJ held its annual state meeting on April 13 on Zoom. AAUW National CEO, Gloria Blackwell, attended and gave a comprehensive review of AAUW activities and actions. It's an impressive list and we can all be proud of our national organization and the work it does on behalf of gender equity. Visit <https://www.aauw.org/about/2023-year-in-review/> for more information.

Voting to open up AAUW membership to all is underway until May 15.

Visit <https://openupaaauw.org/> for instructions on how to vote.

AAUWNJ set the goal of elevating the state organization. To that end, it launched the Equi(tea) newsletter and a new website, <https://aaunwj.org>. State Zoom calls are held regularly with branch VPs of Program, Membership, DEI and Public Policy to

provide support on the local level. The Charitable Trust has funds available to branches who need assistance with mission-based programs.

GWA member, Nina Del Collo, was the Chair of the Nominating Committee and recruited two fellow GWA members to join the board. Ruth Liston was elected Northern District Coordinator and Lorraine LaShell was appointed as Co-director of College/University Relations.

**Upcoming events:**

**June 15**, the annual Agent of Change meeting will be held on Zoom.

**September 27-29**, the Atlantic Regional Conference will be held at the Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center in Glen Allen, VA.

**Lorraine LaShell**  
*Communications VP*



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce three winners of the GWA 2024 scholarship awards. Thanks to the hard work of Joan London, Fundraising Chair, and the generosity of our members, each winner will receive \$3,500.

**Introducing:**

- Oscaterin Bautista, Montclair University
- Lakai Thompson, William Paterson University
- Erica Williams, Felician University

**Oscaterin Bautista**

Oscaterin is majoring in Child Advocacy and Policy and minoring in Family Science and Human Development at Montclair University. She is a first-generation college student and mother of four children ages 13, 11, 9 and 7. Her goal is to obtain a position in an agency where she can protect children's rights and



ensure that every child abuse is prevented or stopped.

**Lakai Thompson**

Lakai is working towards a degree in Communications: Media Production at William Paterson University. She believes her combination of musical talent, creativity and work ethic will help her become a musician and film composer.



**Erica Williams**

Erica is studying for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Felician University with a goal of obtaining a Doctor of Nursing Practice. She has always wanted to be a nurse and says completing her degree will be her greatest personal achievement.



Our very best wishes for success to our scholarship winners!

**Scholarship Committee**

**Lorraine LaShell (Chair), Mary Anne Lund, Diane Ricart, Barbara Stomber, Linda Trongone**





**Diane Ricart submitted the following:**

I was the Scholarship Committee member who called a joyful Donette Jones to inform her that she was a 2023 Scholarship Winner. She recently sent me a very touching text. I want to share it with you.

**Diane Ricart**

Hello Diane,

I hope all is well. I am reaching out to inform you that I will be graduating from Caldwell College this May. I hope that as soon as the dates are finalized that maybe you would want to attend to represent

AAUW. Because of your organization, you made this dream become a reality for me and my family. I would love it if you could come. Please let me know if this is possible.

Donette

PS Also I have been accepted into a Masters Program for Fall 2024.

PPS - Of course, Diane is attending!



*Donette Jones 2023 Scholarship winner*



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We have raised over \$4,600 for our scholarship winners, due to your generosity. Thank you to all who contributed.

It is always heartwarming to hear the stories of the scholarship winners and the difficulties they have encountered in their efforts to complete their undergraduate college degrees. Checks will be presented at the scholarship dinner in May.

If you have not contributed, you can still do so by sending a check to Elaine Kirsh.

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Linda and Lorraine accepted a \$500 donation from the Rotary Club at their April 3 meeting. Our association with Rotary has benefited us financially and has provided them with support for their spring activity (Thanksgiving in the Spring). Thank you to all who donated food or “worked” the day of the event.

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As of early April, we had over \$12,000 in the scholarship fund with



*Last March, some of our AAUW-GWA members volunteered their time and service to help serve over 50 seniors at the Wayne Rotary Club's Thanksgiving in the Spring event.*



an additional \$500 expected from the Wayne Hills Leo service club.

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We are going to offer a 50/50 activity at the summer social. Those who wish to participate will donate \$10. The winner will receive half of the proceeds, and the other half will be added to our reserve fund. If favorably received, we will continue to do this at future events.

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Linda Nardone completed the IRS application for a 501(c)(3) status and recently was notified that our request has been approved. This opens many new financial opportunities for us. As a tax-exempt organization, we will now be seen more favorably by corporations, businesses, and foundations.

We will be eternally grateful to Linda for this monumental achievement!

**Joan London**  
*Fundraising Chair*



Most of us have been recycling for years. But are we doing it correctly? Where does it go? Where does New Jersey rank relative to other states in recycling? Has it been successful? Are we headed in the right direction?

Let's start with a crash course in what is recyclable in most of New Jersey to help you get through the basics. Rules for recycling may vary slightly from town to town so if in doubt, check with your town's website.

Paper is one of the most highly recycled material. Whether it's newspapers, junk mail, cardboard, magazines, or cereal boxes, as long as it is clean, and, in most cases, not shredded, it is recyclable. But that eliminates used pizza boxes, paper coffee cups, polystyrene, or any paper that is stained. All recycling is delivered to one of 23 processing centers in New Jersey, usually owned by private companies, to be sorted. Paper is eventually sent to papermills where it will be made into recycled paper.

With the exception of drinking glasses, mirrors, or window glass, glass is also relatively easy to recycle as long as it is unbroken, bottles uncapped, washed, rinsed and preferably dried so as not to contaminate other recyclables. Cans are easy as well—just wash or rinse and put in your bin. Glass is then transported to a facility and melted in a furnace and shaped into molds to make new glass; aluminum cans are crushed, melted and made into bars (ingots) to be sold to manufacturers.

One of the most difficult problems with recycling is with plastics and the problems caused by it dwarf all others. During Earth Day this year, some of our AAUW members joined other groups in an event themed Planet vs Plastics in Laurelwood Arboretum to educate members of our community on plastics while reminding them that over 99% of plastic is made from chemicals sourced from fossil fuels. So in addition to waste caused by plastic, we have a climate problem, as plastic emits 3-4% of global greenhouse gas emissions and, if unchecked, will triple by 2050.

Despite a ban on single use plastics in New Jersey since 2020, flexible plastics such as plastic bags and bubble wrap are still showing up with recyclables. This is a problem as plastic bags are not recyclable and they tend to get tangled in the processing

machinery. You are usually safe recycling water, juice, and soda bottles; jugs and large containers, such as laundry and milk, and other jars and bottles, e.g. peanut butter, ketchup, etc. provided they are cleaned, rinsed, and preferably dried to avoid contamination. After plastic is collected and sorted and color-absorbed, it is processed into fine granules, melted, and re-processed into new plastic.



It is important to note that recycling symbols are not always reliable as to what is actually recyclable with the exception of those recycling triangles with a 1 or 2 in the center or plastic imprinted hopelessly small with PET or HDPE. You may need to invest in a stronger pair of drug store glasses like I did or a magnifying glass to get that right. But, when in doubt, throw it out!!!

So, how did New Jersey fare in recycling? In a PR Wire report of December 2023, New Jersey finished 9th out of the 50 states with a 39% recycling assessment rate. Maine topped the list with a 65% recycling rate. A new recycling Container Content law which went into effect this year in New Jersey should help boost these numbers as it requires manufacturers to increase the percentage of recyclable material in plastic and glass containers. A Bottle Bill, currently adopted by 10 states, whereby deposits would be given to those who returned beverage bottles, would also go a long way to boost New Jersey's numbers if one were adopted.

The overall recycling ranking is somewhat positive news for New Jersey, but when we look at recycling plastics, the results are abysmal. Records for decades show that less than 10% of plastic worldwide has ever been transformed into new items; today according to Greenpeace and NPR, that figure has





AAUW members, Arline Lowe, Carol Palmer Yomtov, Jeanne Pisatowski and Barbara Stomber (Barbara and Arline are also members of Franciscan Response to Fossil Fuels) celebrated Earth Day at Laurelwood Arboretum.

dropped to less than 6%. Most of the plastic winds up in landfills, is burned, and often ends up in oceans. Recycling figures are dropping in large part because the amount of plastic produced is exploding, with production expected to triple by 2050! At the same time, consumption is expanding and some fear that recycling may provide license for some to consume even more with a clean conscience.

On the other hand, the plastics industry has invested millions of dollars in a technology that they say is on the cusp of innovating a circular economy by designing a product that would ensure all plastic materials are reusable, recyclable, or compostable where no toxins are leaked.

So, if this information has you going around in circles, I am sure you are not alone. As for me, I will not hold my breath awaiting a miracle innovation towards a circular economy but continue to refuse (e.g. bottled water), reuse (e.g., plastic bags and containers), recycle according to the everchanging rules, and push our legislators to create and support a Bottle Bill to join the Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags and the Container Content Law currently in effect. That should start to move us in the right direction until the circular economy for plastic becomes a reality.

**Barbara Stomber**



The spring weather has not been kind to us. Twice we have had to cancel our trip to DeKorte Park in the Meadowlands trip due to bad weather. We have now pushed it forward to May 17 hoping that later in the spring might be better. Our recent and upcoming trips are:

**4/19--Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah.** First time at this location led by Ruth Liston It will be flat walking around the lake. Meeting at 10 am at the park. Car pooling would probably make sense.

**4/26--Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon.** Meeting at 10 am in the parking lot; Jan Rutherford will lead us.

**5/3--Laurelwood Arboretum, Wayne,** meeting at the main building at 10 am.

**5/10--Pascack Brook County Park and Hermitage Museum.** Lauren Coyle is investigating.

If you have not walked with us in the past, give it a try. We have fun, and we exercise. Hope to see some additional members in the coming warmer months.

From now until July 1, we will be scheduling week-to-week, so keep tuned for the weekly update. We are scheduled for DeKorte Park, Meadowlands, for May 17. Keep that on your schedule. Yesterday I walked on the extension of the Rail Trail. The walking surface is much improved, and there are tree and shrubbery plantings along the way. Looks as though it really is going to be an improvement on what is there now.

**Ruth Liston**





The AAUW GWA Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17 at the Pequanock Library.

Twenty-three members attended. We all brought a "Bag Lunch" and an "Old Bag" (purses and pocket books) to donate. Speeches were made by our President, Linda Nardone, and a few members of the GWA Board. A good time was had by all.



A big Thank You goes out to the Pequanock Library for the use of their lovely meeting room.

**Elaine Dolsky**  
Vice-President

## Happy Birthday

May		July	
Ann Raynor	16	Ada Liggett	13
Cindy Orosy	19	Ann Wheeler	20
Aviva Sanders	23	Ann Sheridan	28
June		Win Reinhardt	30
Jan Rutherford	10	August	
Alice Hessinger	14	Nina Del Collo	15
Marlys Huss	16	Sandi Lazzara	18
Merrill Crowell	17	Roberta Caruso	18
Carolyn Noble	22	Debbie Maynard	23
Mary Ann Lund	28		
Caroline Mossip	29		

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## DUES ARE DUE!!!

### AAUW Greater Wayne Area Branch

#### 2024-2025 Dues are Due and payable now

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a copy of this form and your check for \$100 to Elaine Kirsh



**May 15** - Scholarship & Installation of Officers Dinner at Il Palazzo, Wanaque, at 5:30 p.m. Send your \$50 check payable to AAUW GWA by May 1 to Elaine Dolsky.

**June 17** - transitional board meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Ruth Liston's home, 428 Boulevard, Pequannock Township.

**July 17** - Summer Social Senior House, Pompton Plains, at 5:00 p.m.



The movie club members gathered on April 23 at the home of Elaine Dolsky.

The 10 of us all agreed that CABRINI was a beautifully written movie about an inspiring woman.

A special thank you to Diane Ricart for leading our discussion.

The movie club will next meet at my house on Tuesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Please send me your title suggestion by May 10.

Thank you!

**Elaine Dolsky**  
*Movie Club Chair*



The Greater Wayne Area Branch held its Annual Women's History Month event on March 5th at the Wayne Public Library. Dr. Khyati Y. Joshi, Educator and Author, gave an inspiring presentation entitled UNDERSTANDING RACE and RELIGION in AMERICA.



We continue with our online and in-person bridge and online mahjong. The times and dates are listed on the calendar.

Our canasta game is finally set. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in person.

Again, if you want to join us, please come. You might think you would like to play bridge. Come and just watch--maybe you'll love it!

If you have an interest in other games, board games, etc., just let me know, and we will put a group together.

**Ruth Liston**  
*Games Chair*





The Culinary Group will meet on Friday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. for a spring brunch which will leave everyone revitalized and refreshed.

The theme for the June 28 gathering is yet to be decided.

**Carolyn Noble**  
*Culinary Group Chair*

## LUNCH BUNCH

The first lunch bunch gathering of 2024 was held at Maggie’s Town Tavern in Wayne on March 14. Seventeen members enjoyed Maggie’s offerings from the extensive menu. We had a separate room and enjoyed getting together and catching up after the long winter hiatus.



Five members gathered April 11 at Barka’s Mediterranean Restaurant in Mountain Lakes. We savored their mussels, Barka salad, and pizza, and enjoyed their baklava and crème brûlée for dessert. Good company and conversation made for a fun afternoon. Plans are in the works for a June 13th gathering, location yet to be determined.



There will be no gathering in May due to the May 15 scholarship dinner.

**Ann Sheridan**  
*Lunch Bunch Chair*

## LITERATURE GROUP

### MAY/JUNE LIT GROUP INFORMATION

**May Meeting:** Wednesday, May 1  
Time: 1-2:30 p.m.  
**Book Selection:** *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, by Lisa See.  
**Host:** Ada Liggett,  
Contact Ada if you are attending.  
**Discussion Leader:** Dot Anton

**June Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5  
Time: 1-2:30 p.m.  
**Book Selection:** *Absolution*, by Alice McDermott  
**Host/Leader:** Joan London  
Contact Joan if you are attending.

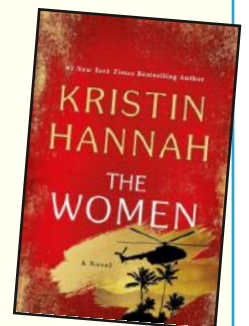
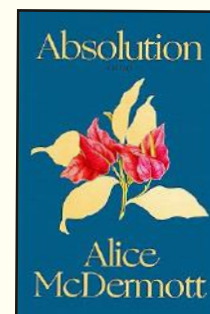
**July Meeting:** Wednesday, July 10  
Time: 1-2:30 p.m.  
**Book Selection:** *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah  
**Host/Leader:** Joan London  
Contact Joan if you are attending.

Please note that the June and July selections are about women in Vietnam during the 50s and 60s. Joan will lead discussions comparing the two eras and the part women played at that time.

There will be no lit group meeting in August.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

**Diane Snyder Ricart**  
*Literary Group Chair*





*Please Join Us at the*  
**AAUW-GWA Scholarship and  
Installation of Officers Dinner!**

**When:** Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Il Palazzo Restaurant  
600 Ringwood Ave.  
Wanaque

**Price:** \$50 made payable to AAUW- GWA

Our sit-down dinner includes:

Fresh Mozzarella & Tomato  
Fried Calamari, Fried Shrimp  
Fresh Garden Salad  
Penne Vodka  
Choice of 3 dinner selections  
Fresh Vegetables & Potatoes  
Fresh Baked Rolls  
Sheet Cake Served with Ice Cream & Cookies  
Unlimited soda, coffee, & tea

At this meeting the Scholarship Recipients will be honored, and the new Board Officers will be installed.

**RSVP with your check by May 1  
to Elaine Dolsky**



## MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 1 PM Book Club	<b>2</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>3</b> 10 AM Walking Group	4
5	<b>6</b> 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	<b>7</b> 11 AM Canasta 2 PM: MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>10</b> 10 AM Walking Group	11
12 Mother's Day	<b>13</b> 11:30 AM Bridge (in person)	<b>14</b> 2 PM: MJ online 4 PM Cocktails & Conversation 7 PM Bridge online	<b>15</b> 5:30 PM Scholarship Dinner	<b>16</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>17</b> 10 AM Walking Group 1 PM Current Events	18
19	<b>20</b> 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	<b>21</b> 11 AM Canasta 2 PM: MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>24</b> 10 AM Walking Group	25
26	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b> 2 PM: MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>31</b> 10 AM Walking Group 12:30 PM Culinary Group	1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	1
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16 Father's Day	<b>17</b> 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online 3 PM Transitional Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 11 AM Canasta 2 PM: MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	<b>19</b> Juneteenth	<b>20</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>21</b> 10 AM Walking Group 1 PM Current Events	22
23	<b>24</b> 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	<b>25</b> 2 PM: MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	<b>28</b> 100 AM Walking Group 12:30 PM Culinary Group	29

# 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.

## MEMBER TOWNS

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



## ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Linda Nardone
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Treasurer/Finance	Elaine Kirsh
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Membership VP	Ruth Liston
Communications VP	Lorraine LaShell

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

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Culinary Group	Carolyn Noble
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Current Events	Arline Lowe
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