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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.



Hello. We are pleased to present another issue of The Advance. We hope you will enjoy the reading and also join in on upcoming events and interest groups this fall.



This summer has been a hot one—Wow!!!. Thanks to all who joined in at our Summer Social in July. It was fun being able to socialize with all of you---and I thought the games were really fun.

The next two events for our members in September are the Walk-A-Thon on September 18 and our presence at Wayne Day on September 22. You can see more about both within this newsletter. And look for a great Art event in October.

The most important thing I would like you to take away is our explanation of receiving TAX EXEMPT status by being designated a 501(c)(3) organization. In order to get designation, we had to name it as a sister organization---Greater Wayne Charitable Fund. This is spelled out more thoroughly in later pages. It simply means that individual contributions, company-matching contributions of your present or past employers and contributions by companies or granting institutions are tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service. If you itemize your deductions, this is a benefit to you. That is certainly a benefit to corporations and granting agencies. The USE of money is exactly the same; it is used for scholarships and perhaps other educational programs in the future.

Nothing changes at this branch level in the use of contributions from you.

This issue, as always, is packed with information on upcoming activities and events, interest groups, and issues. We sincerely hope you enjoy all of it and that you will put some of these on your calendar.

What can I say about November? I'll say: this is a very important election on all levels (Federal, State, Local). Please vote---no matter your party, your candidates, your issues. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Lastly, on a personal note, I thank any and all of you who reached out to me in any way on the passing of my husband, Robert Jeffrey. I am humbled by your support.

Respectfully,
Linda Nardone





For pressing races across the country, the AAUW Action Fund voter guides provide nonpartisan information about candidates' positions on issues like equal pay, education, campaign finance, and reproductive rights. Candidates' positions on the issues are determined using their legislative records, public statements, and campaign position papers, as well as published information from credible sources. All campaigns are contacted via email in advance of publication. **Please see our 2024 Voter Issue Guides at <https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2024/06/Its-My-Vote-2024-Voter-Issue-Guide-English.pdf>**



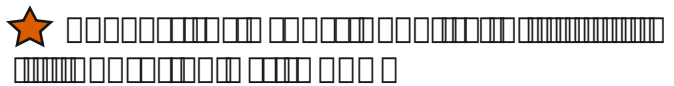
Join AAUW advocates in the fight for equal pay, equity in education, paid leave, protections against sexual harassment, and more. Sign up to get regular alerts on when and how to engage in a timely fashion. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



It's been a century since the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was introduced, and despite some progress, women's equality is still at risk due to fluctuating legislative decisions. Without the ERA in the U.S. Constitution, advances in women's rights that we took for granted are at risk of being weakened or even reversed. Waiting a century for over half of the U.S. population to attain constitutional equality is long enough. Tell Congress, not one more year!



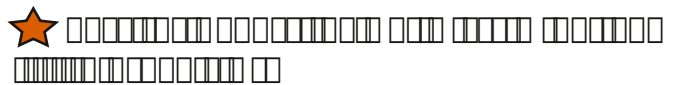
The U.S. Department of Education finalized the long-awaited updates to Title IX. Now, we need Congress to know that people support this strong and robust Title IX rule that will protect students experiencing sexual harassment, strengthen supports for pregnant and parenting students, and includes LGBTQ+ students.



In the five decades since its enactment, Title IX has opened doors for girls and women from classrooms to playing fields. But despite tremendous progress, challenges to equity in education still exist. That's why we need the Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) to ensure schools and educational institutions have the resources they need to comply with civil rights law.



Women hold two-thirds of the country's \$1.7 trillion student debt. As a nation, we rely on women to add to and strengthen our economy. That can't happen under mountains of student debt. Ask your members of Congress to support legislation that would make college more affordable for all students and help millions of borrowers across the country pay off their student debt.



All children should have equal opportunity to succeed. Yet, millions of students are in schools with school-based law enforcement but without essential support such as counselors, nurses, school psychologists, or social workers. Urge your members of Congress to invest in keeping all kids safe at school and support students to ensure their educational success.



Whether based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, or any other characteristic, bullying and harassment interfere with students' ability to learn. Urge your members of Congress to support the Safe Schools Improvement Act to build educational environments safe from bullying and harassment.

Submitted by
Karen Wertheimer



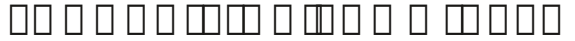
WHAT IS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION AND WHY IS IT A BIG DEAL FOR US

- ... Donations can be tax deductible if you itemize on your federal/state tax returns.
- ... Foundations, organizations, and corporations are more likely to donate because of our tax exempt status.

HOW TO DONATE

- ... Checks should be made out to Greater Wayne Charitable Fund and mailed to Elaine Kirsh
- ... Donations through PayPal should be made out to Greater Wayne Charitable Fund.

Joan London Fundraising Chair



Following our approval as a 501(c)(3) organization, a fundraising committee has been established. The committee includes Joan London, Linda Nardone, Ruth Liston, Lorraine LaShell, and Nina Del Collo. The committee is tasked with exploring possible uses of "new" money. Some areas of consideration are:

- Teen Trek
- New Bridge in Pequannock
- Oasis
- Public schools
- PCTI
- AAUW state grants

Contact Joan if you have additional suggestions.



For the past three years our branch has held a **Walk-A-Thon at the David Waks Fields Complex, Barbour Pond Road in Wayne.** These were very successful fundraising events earning over \$4,000 last year towards our scholarship fund. This success is due to your enthusiasm and generosity. We're doing it again this year!

The 2024 Walk-A-Thon will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, September 18 with a rain date of September 19. Please support this activity by participating in the walk and asking family and friends to sponsor you.

The walk is relatively easy but, for those who have mobility issues, you can piggyback on someone who will actually be walking the track. If you are unable to attend, you can make a donation and ask your friends and relatives to contribute to this worthy cause.

In addition to walking we will have a great time together.

Lunch in the gazebo will be provided followed by the first general meeting of the year. Please bring your beverage of choice and a folding chair if you prefer not to sit on a bench.



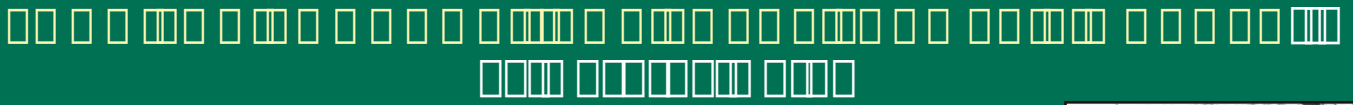
Here's how you can participate:

1. Ask your family and friends to sponsor you.
2. Collect checks made out to GWCF (Greater Wayne Charitable Fund) and mail them to Ruth Liston. Write your name in the memo area.
3. Donations can also be made through Venmo - Ruth Liston with their name, the name of the person they are sponsoring, and the amount of the donation.

All donations must be received by September 16.

Thank you for your support of education for women. Your donation can change a life.

Please contact Joan London for more details.



It is that time of year when local farmers are harvesting their crops and bringing them to their roadside stands and farmers' markets. Besides the joy of strolling the stands and browsing the produce, this pleasantry serves as a benefit not only to ourselves but also to the local economy and environment.

With respect to the advantages to ourselves, locally grown food is picked at the peak of its ripeness, many times 24 hours before it makes its way to the shelf. It's full of flavor versus being harvested early in order to be shipped thousands of miles and distributed to local markets. Just think of the produce that was grown in Peru and its journey to your table! Think of those strawberries and tomatoes that may look ripe, but upon your cutting board they are colorless and flavorless!

Also, local crops are safer and more nutritious. The more steps there are between you and the food source the more chances of contamination and preservative sprays that keep lettuces and vegetables fresh in their cellophane bag. The number of recalls for produce are growing rapidly and it stands to reason just thinking about the process. The expiration date on the package and date when the produce was picked, washed, sprayed, packaged, shipped and finally brought to distribution centers makes you leery about the word, fresh on the packaging!

Buying local food also supports the farmer. The money that is spent with local farmers and growers all stays close to home and is reinvested with services, businesses, and employment in your local community. The local farmer receives 80 cents of every dollar spent at the stand; whereas, the big growers receive 20 cents for

every dollar spent at the supermarket. The corporations are the ones who enjoy the profits with the shareholders; whereas, the farmer can sustain his business and therefore support your community.



Also, buying local food is good for the environment by creating less pollution and lowering our carbon footprint. We do not need to travel as far, nor does the food travel far to its market. The transportation of big corporate produce travels hundreds, if not thousands of miles polluting the environment with carbon emissions. Another factor is the packaging! Local produce is sold without packaging. Shoppers bring their own reusable bags and all this equates to less waste and less plastic. Hence, the local farmer provides green space and a healthy ecosystem for your community. Their sustainable practices boost biodiversity and protect pollinators. They save the landscape from the ravages of blacktop.

Finally, what could be nicer than chatting with the grower, asking him/her about ideas for preparation, new recipes for a staple, or information about trying a new vegetable? Can the shelf stocker at your local chain store give you the same information? That direct connection is a valuable and personal learning experience!

Shopping local might seem like a small step to a healthier self, community, and environment, but if it caught on, it could make a large impact on our lives and our planet!





On July 17, 32 members of the AAUW-GWA Branch gathered at the Senior House in Pequannock for our annual Summer Social. As usual, an evening full of friendship, fun, and, of course, food was enjoyed by all. This year's game was unusual in that we all learned some special - and often odd - facts about each other. Such a diverse group!

2024 AAUW Scholarship winner Oscaterin Bautista was also invited and presented with her award.

Special thanks to Carol Palmer Yomtov for her fabulous job of arranging for this event.

See back page for photos.



As the new chair of Cultural Events, I thought I would tell you of plans for this group. I plan to have one art exhibition, one theater event, and one musical concert spread out over the early fall months. I want to include the interests of all of you if possible. Please email me if you are interested in joining this group and what your preferences are.

Thanks and looking forward to an eventful season!

Arline Lowe
Cultural Events Chair



Donations can be made to the scholarship fund in celebration of an event or in memory of someone who has passed away. Donations should be sent to Elaine Kirsh. Please include your name, the name of the recipient, reason for donation, and email address of the donor.

In this issue, we are initiating a Wall of Tributes. Members who contribute to the scholarship fund in recognition of a special event or in memory of someone who has passed away will be recognized.

Joan London
Fundraising Chair



We surveyed the membership earlier this year regarding interest in instructions on the Heimlich (food choking) maneuver and CPR measures.

You indicated your interest and NOW we have a date.

The Wayne First Aid Commissioner, Keith Heyman, has agreed to conduct a 1.5 to 2 hour presentation including both video and practical demonstration of life saving measures.

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Time: Afternoon: Exact time is still to be confirmed.
Place: First Aid Squad Building off Parish Drive in Wayne (next to the PAL building)

RSVP your interest and availability to Linda Nardone.

Wall of Tributes July 2024

DONOR(s)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| PatDurante | Joan London |
| Elaine Dolsky | Peggy Gardner |
| Elaine Kirsh | Ada Liggett |
| Ruth Liston | Carolyn Mossip |
| Marci Ober | Linda Trongone |
| Barbara/Richard Stomber | Lorraine LaShell |
| Arna Taraporevala | Arthur Barachenko |
| | Carol Palmer YomTov |

RECIPIENT

Linda Nardone

TRIBUTE

In memory of husband Robert Jeffrey



This interest group meets monthly and has had lively conversations related to specific prompts. People enjoy the sharing and discussion. It is a great way to get to know people on a more personal level.

We have limited the size of the group so that all participants have an opportunity to share and interact. A new group can be formed if there is enough interest.

Joan London

Ruth Liston



We have three brand-new members--HOORAY!!

Kamala Anupindi joined us in April. Kamala, a friend of Linda Nardone, lives in Wayne with her husband and daughter, who is about to enter her senior year of high school. Kamala joined us at the Scholarship Dinner, and we talked of all the activities in which she is involved.

Mary Aktay joined us in July and, as it happens, lives right around the corner from me with her husband. I had met Mary one day when I was walking, and it began to rain. Mary came out of her home with an umbrella, and I joined her in her lovely home until the rain stopped. As we spoke, we realized we had many things in common from our Paterson connections. Mary continues to work as a Communications Director as she pursues a M.Th. at Global Ministries University.

Our third newest member is **Darlene Renzulli**, who is a friend of Pat Durante and lives in Morristown. She has three children, nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and two more on the way. Darlene was an educator and lived in Whippany prior to moving to Morristown. Darlene enjoys crafting and is an avid reader. We will see her at the Book Club.

As you can see, there are potential new members everywhere--just be on the lookout for them.

To Kamala, Mary, and Darlene, please put September 18 on your schedule so that you can join us for the Walk-A-Thon. A great time to meet the Branch members.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL!!

Ruth Liston Membership VP



The Current Events group meets on the third Friday of each month.

At our last meeting in August we covered the broad topic of immigration and the various laws over time regarding quotas and multiple areas of acceptance and exclusion. Several people contributed the experiences that people they knew had trying to gain citizenship.

Our next meeting will cover numerous topics in the platforms of both parties for the coming election. I will send out an email on the topics that were chosen.

Marlys Huss Current Events Chairperson



We play bridge, mahjong, and canasta almost anytime during the day and early evening in person and/or online. We have approximately 12 members who play regularly--25% of the membership--in one or more of the groups. If you are interested in playing sometimes, that works; if you are interested in learning, that also works; or, the best of all, if you would like to join one of the groups, just give me a call. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU.

Ruth Liston



"Ordinary Angels" will be our topic of discussion. It's playing for free at the Wayne Public Library on September 12 and 19 at 2 pm and on September 16 at 6:30 pm.

We will meet at my home on October 8 at 1 pm. Please let me know if you can attend.

Julie Tiso



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

Abby Schwartz 5
 Lauren Coyle 21
 Marianne Ritter 29

OCTOBER

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



Seven members of the Culinary Group attended a luncheon on the deck of Double Ai restaurant in Wayne on August 23.



The group will visit Magnanini Winery in Wallkill, NY, on September 15 for wine tasting, a farm-to-table dinner, and live music.

Carolyn Noble Culinary Group Chair



The Lunch Bunch met on Thursday, June 13, at Portobello restaurant in Oakland. Thirteen members enjoyed Italian cuisine. (See photo above!) We enjoyed Chinese cuisine at Double Ai in Wayne on August 8, and in September we will visit Fasil, a Mediterranean restaurant in Boonton. October's get-together will be announced soon.



*Anna Sheridan
 Lunch Bunch Chair*



The Literary Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Here is what's coming up.

- September 4: Meet & Greet by Lorraine LaShell at 1 pm
- October : Rosh Hashanah, no meeting.
- November 6: *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. Led by Randi Galanowsky.
- December 4: *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Led by Elaine Kirsh.
- January 1: New Year's Day, No Meeting
- February 5: *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson. Led by Dorothy Quinn. Remote meeting.
- March 5: *The Rabbit Hutch* by Tess Gunty. Led by Nancy Ferer. Remote meeting
- April 2: TBA

- May 7: *The Museum of Failures* by Thrity Umrigar. Led by Jan Rutherford.
- June 4: *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez. Led by Linda Trongone.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions for the group.

Diane Snyder Ricart





Our branch is going to participate in Wayne Day this year, which will be held on Sunday, September 22 from 11 to 5. It is an opportunity to publicize our branch, expand our membership, and distribute the jewelry we have stored from previous events.

We will need a few volunteers to assist Ruth and me. If you are willing to help man our booth, please contact me. Hours: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6

Stop by, even if you are not "working" this event, to support our members.

Joan and Ruth



The Walking Group meets at 10 am on Fridays. In the case of inclement weather, we meet at Willowbrook Mall near the Cheesecake Factory.

Our recent outdoor rambles have taken us to Goffle Brook Park in Hawthorne and the Laurelwood Arboretum in Wayne. Future plans will be forthcoming. For suggestions or more information on the group, please contact either of us.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Anna Sheridan
Jeanne Pisatowski*



BACKPACKS ARE VERY POPULAR AT THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE FOR OASIS!

When I dropped off our donations for Oasis, it was a slow time of day for the workers inside. I had fun showing them some of the cute backpacks for the kids. They asked me to give all the ladies this message:

"YOU HAVE GREAT TASTE IN BACKPACKS. THE KIDS WILL LOVE THEM!"

*Diane Snyder Ricart
Chairperson Social Concerns*



- September 18 -
Walk-A-Thon, David Waks Park,
Barbour Pond Road,
Wayne - 11 am
- September 22 -
Wayne Day - WVHS -
11 am - 5 pm
- October 22 -
First Aid Event - First Aid Squad off Parish Drive. Time tbd.

POSITION	PRESENT	UPDATE
President	Linda Nardone	Linda Nardone
Vice President	Elaine Dolsky	
Treasurer	Elaine Kirsh	Elaine Kirsh
Secretary	Lauren Coyle	Jan Rutherford
Membership/Sunshine	Ruth Liston	Ruth Liston
Program VP	Dolsky/LaShell/Yomtov	Carol Palmer Yomtov
Related Programming		Arna Taraporevala
Communications VP	Lorraine LaShell	Lorraine LaShell
Advance Design	Peggy Gardner	Peggy Gardner
Advance Editor	Randi Galanowsky	Randi Galanowsky
Advance Special Feature	Dorothy Quinn	Dorothy Quinn
Cocktails & Conversation	London & Liston	London & Liston
Culinary	Carolyn Noble	Carolyn Noble
Cultural Event	Lauren Coyle	Arline Lowe
Current Events	Arline Lowe	Marlys Huss
Environmental Issues	Barbara Stomber	Barbara Stomber
Fundraising	Joan London	Joan London
Games	Ruth Liston	Ruth Liston
Hospitality		Pat Durante/ Jeanne Pisatowski
Lit Group	Diane Ricart	Diane Ricart
Lunch Bunch	Ann Sheridan	Anna Sheridan
Movies	Elaine Dolsky	Julie Tiso
Public Policy	Karen Werthheimer	Karen Wertheimer
Scholarship	Lorraine LaShell	Lorraine LaShell
Social Concerns	Diane Ricart	Diane Ricart
Website	Lorraine LaShell	Lorraine LaShell
Walking & Wellness	Lauren Coyle	Jeanne Pisatowski/ Anna Sheridan

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 11 AM Canasta 2 PM MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	4 1 PM Book Club Meet & Greet	5 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	6 10 AM Walking Group	7
8	9 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	10 1 PM Cocktails & Conversation 2 PM MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	11	12 12:30 PM Bridge in-person Lunch Bunch	13 10 AM Walking Group 1 PM Current Event	14
15 Culinary Group	16 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online 7:00 Madison/Summit Program	17 11 AM Canasta 2 PM MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	18 11 AM Walk-A-Thon at the David Waks Fields Complex, Barbour Pond Road in Wayne.	19 Rain Date: Walk-A-Thon 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	20 10 AM Walking Group 1 PM Current Events	21
22 Wayne Day	23 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	24 2 PM MJ online 7 PM Bridge online	25	26 12:30 PM Bridge in-person	27 10 AM Walking Group 12 PM Culinary Group	28
29	30 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 No Book Club Rosh Hashanah	3 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	4 10 AM Walking Group	5
6	7 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	8 1 PM Movie Group 1 PM Cocktails & Convo	9	10 Lunch Bunch	11 10 AM Walking Group	12
13	14 Columbus Day 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	15	16	17 12:30 PM: Bridge in-person	18 10 AM Walking Group 1 PM Current Events	19
20	21 11:30 AM Bridge (in person) 3 PM Bridge online	22 First Aid Event	23	24	25 10 AM Walking Group 12 PM Culinary Group	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW' mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

VALUE PROMISE

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



Greater Wayne Area Branch

MEMBER TOWNS

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



Photos by Carol Palmer Yomtov