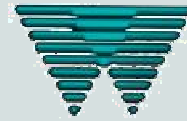


AAUW



Greetings from the President Carole Monesmith

Greetings!

Looking out my kitchen window, it is certainly safe to say that we are into autumn here in beautiful Sussex County. The thermometer has begun to dip into the 50s and perhaps even the 30s in some areas. Arguably, fall is the most favorite season of the year with its perfect weather, warm days and cool nights, and the leaves all brilliantly dressed for their going away party.

Gail Swain has been busy wearing her Program VP Hat! Take a look on page 13 to see the varied programs that are planned for our 2010-2011 AAUW year. If anyone has a friend who is quasi-interested in joining our branch, pass this information on to her, and it might just push her in the right direction; meaning *our* direction.

We will be having two major fundraisers this year. The 2nd Annual Road Rallye, skillfully planned by Lynn Beckmann, enables us to donate to the national AAUW Funds, earmarked for Education Opportunities and Legal Advocacy. Our second fundraiser monies from the Miche Bags Sale will be used to keep our branch afloat and to increase our scholarship fund. Additional information about the Miche Bags fundraiser can be found on page 4.

Membership Chair, Diane Crawford, is doing a fine job keeping in touch with prospective members and seeking out new interested women to increase our ranks. All organizations seem to be suffering from member enrollment. It appears to be a national problem; people are simply not volunteering and joining groups as in past decades, even though these numerous organizations endorse worthy causes.

Sue Green is our ever-faithful Branch Treasurer. Heaven knows how our branch would function without her? And, of course, I cannot overlook Lynn Beckmann, our Secretary, who always lends her talents in a myriad of ways; Margaret Anderson, who as past president keeps me on the straight and narrow, and she also makes sure that we have yum-mies at our *Bagels and Buns* monthly meetings; Jessica Pierson, our Publicity Chair, who relentlessly thinks of ways to improve our branch; and last but not least is Connie Fadden who is new to the board by assuming the Book Club Chair.

Thank you to all of these wonderful ladies! Your Sussex County AAUW Branch would not be in business without them!

Carole



Origin of Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving is America's preeminent day. It is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday in the month of November. It has a very interesting history. Its origin can be traced back to the 16th century when the first thanksgiving dinner is said to have taken place.

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The Origin of Thanksgiving Day

Journey of Pilgrims

The legendary pilgrims crossed the Atlantic in the year 1620 in Mayflower-A 17th Century sailing vessel. About 102 people traveled for nearly two months with extreme difficulty. This was so because they were kept in the cargo space of the sailing vessel. No one was allowed to go on the deck due to terrible storms. The pilgrims comforted themselves by singing Psalms - a sacred song.

Arrival in Plymouth

The pilgrims reached Plymouth rock on December 11th 1620, after a sea journey of 66 days. Though the original destination was somewhere in the northern part of Virginia, they could not reach the place owing to winds blowing them off course. Nearly 46 pilgrims died due to extreme cold in winter. However, in the spring of 1621, Squanto, a native Indian taught the pilgrims to survive by growing food.

Day of Fasting and Prayer

In the summer of 1621, owing to severe drought, pilgrims called for a day of fasting and prayer to please God and ask for a bountiful harvest in the coming season. God answered their prayers and it rained at the end of the day. It saved the corn crops.

First Thanksgiving Feast

It is said that Pilgrims learnt to grow corn, beans and pumpkins from the Indians, which helped all of them survive . In the autumn of 1621, they held a grand celebration where 90 people were invited including Indians. The grand feast was organized to thank god for his favors. This communal dinner is popularly known as "The first thanksgiving feast". There is however, no evidence to prove if the dinner actually took place.

While some historians believe pilgrims were quite religious so, their thanksgiving would've included a day of fasting and praying, others say that the Thanksgiving dinner did take place.

Turkey and First Thanksgiving Feast

There is no evidence to prove if the customary turkey was a part of the initial feast. According to the first hand account written by the leader of the colony, the food included, ducks, geese, venison, fish, berries etc.

Pumpkin and Thanksgiving Feast

Pumpkin pie, a modern staple adorning every dinner table, is unlikely to have been a part of the first thanksgiving feast. Pilgrims however, did have boiled pumpkin. Diminishing supply of flour led to the absence of any kind of bread.

The feast continued for three days and was eaten outside due to lack of space. It was not repeated till 1623, which again witnessed a severe drought. Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of thanksgiving in the year 1676. October of 1777 witnessed a time when all the 13 colonies joined in a communal celebration, marking victory over the British.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. The idea attracted mixed reaction. After campaigning for nearly 80 years, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. This was due to the continuous efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor. She wrote a number of articles for the cause.



The Beauty Of Autumn

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

~**Stanley Horowitz**

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.

~**Albert Camus**

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

~**John Muir**

Autumn burned brightly, a running flame through the mountains, a torch flung to the trees.

~**Faith Baldwin**

Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.

~**Emily Bronte**

Autumn arrives in early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day.

~**Elizabeth Bowen**

Summer makes me drowsy. Autumn makes me sing. Winter's pretty lousy, but I hate Spring.

~**Dorothy Parker**

Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance.

~**Yoko Ono**

There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!

~**Percy Bysshe Shelley**

Now Autumn's fire burns slowly along the woods
And day by day the dead leaves fall and melt.

~**William Allingham**

All those golden autumn days the sky was full of wings. Wings beating low over the blue water of Silver Lake, wings beating high in the blue air far above it . . . bearing them all away to the green fields in the South.

~ **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Believe in yourself, your neighbors, your work, your ultimate attainment of more complete happiness. It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in Autumn.

~ **B. C. Forbes**

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

~ **George Eliot**

It was one of those perfect English autumnal days which occur more frequently in memory than in life.

~ **P. D. James**

I saw old autumn in the misty morn
Stand shadowless like silence, listening
To silence.

~ **Thomas Hood**

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape -- the loneliness of it -- the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it -- the whole story doesn't show.

~ **Andrew Wyeth**





Sussex County Branch Fundraiser



You're invited to a Miche Purse
Fundraiser Shopping Day
View website: http://my.michebag.com/cindy_guffy

Hostess: Carole Monesmith - Save the Date Please!
Date: Saturday January 15th at 10 AM Carole's house
Place: 61 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Andover, NJ 07821
RSVP: By 1/10 if you can or cannot come 973-786-6238
Or: cmonesmith@gmail.com Bring girlfriends & family

Come to a fun morning event to purchase Miche Handbags. It's an AAUW fund-raising event! Your purchases will help raise money for the local Sussex County Women's Branch. We ask you to bring 3 to 5 buying guests each with you to make this event a huge success. Everyone likes to look nice and Miche Purses are the latest colors & styles. Your President Carole is helping organize this great day for you. Please bring your daughters, sisters, nieces, and girlfriends so we can reach a great goal this day. Match your sweaters, shoes, coats and outfits. It is an affordable chic designer bag. **Using just one purse you can change it to over 50 different colors or patterns. Never** again dump the contents out of your purse to switch handbags! Choose from 3 sizes & **Save BIG** on the Super Saver Packages!



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AAUW promoting education and equity For women and girls

National AAUW News

Paycheck Fairness Act Call Campaign

The Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182) sits poised on the cusp of action in the Senate. Having cleared the House in January of 2009, final passage is long overdue. When recently polled, 84 percent of American voters expressed support for a new law to create more avenues for women to receive fair wages. This critical bill will provide greater safeguards against pay discrimination, which would be a fitting way to recognize the value of *every* American worker *every day*.

Take Action!

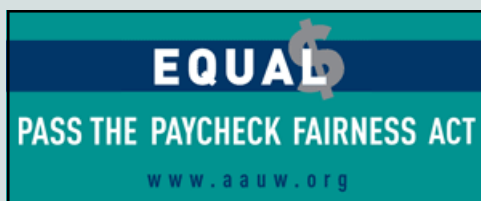
Time is running out. If the Senate doesn't act soon, we'll have to start all over again in both chambers of the new Congress next year.

Call your Senators toll-free at 1-877-667-6650 and ask them to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

The Senate must pass this bill before the Senate adjourns, or we'll have to start all over again next year with a new House and Senate. The Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their wages to coworkers.

AAUW and other leading organizations in the Paycheck Fairness Act coalition are coming together to host a nationwide call-in campaign to push the Senate to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. We've taken the guess work out of making the call – just dial 1-877-667-6650 and simple instructions will direct you to your Senators' offices.

Every call makes a difference in these final weeks, so please, take a few moments to call the Senate and ask them to do the right thing – pass Paycheck Fairness for women and their families!



\$tart \$mart

\$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops provide women who are college juniors and seniors, with the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits to receive fair and realistic compensation.

To help ensure that graduating women know how to negotiate for equitable pay, AAUW and the [WAGE Project](#) formed a partnership to provide the \$tart \$mart Campus Negotiation Workshops. AAUW and WAGE hope to reach over 500 campuses with this dynamic program within the next three years.

[\\$tart \\$mart Program in a Box](#)

[\\$tart \\$mart Campus Negotiation Workshop Flyer](#)

If you are interested in becoming a facilitator, sponsoring a facilitator, training session for yourself and other AAUW members, recruiting campuses for these workshops, please fill out this [registration form online](#).

To find \$mart \$tart Campus Negotiation Workshops in your area that AAUW is involved in please visit [AAUW's Member Showcase](#).

For more information on this \$tart \$mart partnership, please e-mail leadership@aauw.org.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities regarding this program contact Cordy Galligan, Director of Corporate Relationships at galliganc@aauw.org.

[Give now](#) to the AAUW Leadership Programs Fund to support these programs that develop women's potential to lead.

AAUW takes action on the issues that matter. Equity is the legal right of all women and girls. AAUW frames and fosters factual, in-depth, objective dialogue among legislators and change makers that results in political, institutional and legal support for women's equity in all areas of life and work. Our strength is in our numbers, and through the volume of our collective voice we will continue to break through barriers for women and girls.

National AAUW News

AARP Project Overview AAUW Partners with AARP on Long-Term Care planning Campaign.

*Decide. Create. Share.*SM is a national campaign dedicated to increasing awareness among boomer women (45-64) about long-term care planning.

Even if you do not participate in the assessment of the resources, I think that the Webinars are excellent. It might require your using an older version of Java, but that is no problem. It is safe for you to convert to the earlier version to view/listen to the Webinars.

Also, the **Good Morning America** video, *Life in an Older Person's Shoes*, is really eye-opening! ABC News' Robin Roberts ages from 45 to 85 for a truly unique perspective on life.

Carole

Earlier this year, AAUW members received an e-mail from AAUW informing them about this campaign and how they could become involved. This study was designed to:

- increase awareness and understanding among women of the scope of long-term care,
- motivate women to assess their own and their family's long-term care needs options,
- empower women to take action and create a plan.

AAUW needs your help! A minimum of 250 volunteers are needed to participate to help assess and improve the effectiveness of the materials and resources developed for this campaign by AARP, including a website with tools and resources for women to assist them with their long-term health care planning. [The pre-questionnaire](#) gauges your preconceptions of what long term care entails. [Planning for Long Term Care Resource Guide](#) puts AARP's research and helpful worksheets, links and other information in one convenient guide.

Webinar 1 Your Home and Community and Your Wishes — information about selecting where you'll live as you age, and the four documents you'll need if you're ever unable to communicate.

Webinar 2 Your Finances and Your Health — information about costs of long term care and strategies to pay for it, and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Good Morning America video referenced in Webinar 1 shows how important it is to view your house through "older" eyes.

Protect Social Security

President Obama created the National Commission on Fiscal and Financial Reform to put America "on the path towards fiscal reform and financial responsibility." However, AAUW's worried that members of the Commission view cuts to Social Security as a potential way to cut the deficit. Send a message to members of the Commission today and let them know that cutting Social Security benefits is unacceptable.

Social Security, which turns 75 this year, is one of our country's most successful anti-poverty programs, providing benefits to children, disabled workers, surviving spouses, and retirees. Without Social Security benefits, more than half of older women would fall into poverty. In addition, more than two-thirds of unmarried women would be living below the poverty line without the help of Social Security, which also supports more children than Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), also known as welfare.

Social Security legally can't borrow money to pay benefits and therefore does not contribute to the federal deficit, and cutting benefits will not reduce the deficit. While fiscal discipline is needed, we must tell the Commission that it should not come at the cost of hurting Social Security beneficiaries. The Social Security program currently has a surplus of over \$2.5 trillion and is expected to be able to pay full benefits for another quarter of a century, giving Congress ample time to make adjustments to future benefits through the normal legislative process.

The members of the Commission, both Republican and Democrat, will make recommendations to Congress for balancing the budget and for related fiscal issues by December 1. These recommendations could fast-track cuts to Social Security, including reducing monthly benefits, privatizing accounts, and raising the retirement age — a benefit cut that places the greatest hardship on older Americans. In these tough economic times, cutting social programs like Social Security could be devastating to women and families across our nation. Now more than ever, these linchpin safety-net programs need to be protected and expanded, not cut. Tell the members of the National Commission on Fiscal and Financial Reform that cutting Social Security benefits is not the right path to fiscal responsibility. AAUW is committed to a Social Security system that provides lifelong protections for women and families. **Take Action** at <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=15876146>

National and State News

Dates to Remember

January 29, 2011– AAUW-NJ Issues Conference at Brookdale Community College *

April 16, 2011– AAUW-NJ Annual Meeting: Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township

June 16 –19, 2011– The 2011 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C.

*** SAVE THE DATE - January 29th, 2011**

Combating Violence against Women A Moral and National Security Imperative

Violence against women and girls is a domestic issue as well as a global health, economic development, and human rights problem.

- Domestic violence causes two million injuries a year- shelters remain full, and for every victim who has come forward, many more suffer alone.
- At least one out of every three women worldwide has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime.
- Violence against women is a major cause of poverty worldwide and keeps women from getting an education, working, and earning the income they need to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

Violence Against women threatens security by increasing social tensions

AAUW/NJ's 2011 Conference will address these topics and explore the interconnection between violence against women and issues of national security.

- **Join us in working toward a world without violence against women**
- **A world where girls can get an education without being abused**
- **A world where women can go to work without fearing violence in the workplace**

Conference speakers will include:

Janice Kovach — former Director of NJ Division on Women. Ms. Kovach was a member of the New Jersey Commission on the Status of Women, Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board, Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Assault.

Janet Lee LCSW - Practitioner, supervisor and educator in the field of crisis response, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse for over 20 years,

Fahima Vorgetts - member of the Board of Women for Afghan Women, working to protect and empower women in Afghanistan.

2011 AAUW National Convention

The 2011 AAUW National Convention will be held June 16–19 at the [Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel](#). Join us at the 2011 convention to celebrate AAUW's 130 years as a nationwide community that is breaking through barriers for women and girls!

Registration Opens on December 1, 2010.

Best Value, Early Bird, and Regular Registration Rates. At the 2011 AAUW National Convention, you will:

- join AAUW members from across the country as we advocate for change with a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill;
- be inspired by nationally recognized speakers and learn new leadership skills and AAUW best practices to take home to your community;
- play a personal role in creating a road map for AAUW's future by participating in our strategic breakout sessions;
- celebrate the inaugural Breaking through Barriers Awards ceremony featuring outstanding, innovative AAUW state/branch programs.



AAUW-NJ News

Women in NJ, Morris still face an uphill battle for equal pay

By **MICHAEL DAIGLE** • STAFF WRITER
of the Daily Record—November 1, 2010

Working women in New Jersey make roughly 25 percent less than men doing the same job, and in the state's more wealthy counties like Morris, the wage gap is even wider.

Based on 2008 [U.S. Census](#) data, the median male salary in the state was \$56,518, but for a woman it was \$43,991, a difference of \$12,527.

Morris and Hunterdon counties recorded the third largest gender pay gap, 31.7 percent, although both male and female salaries were slightly higher in Hunterdon County.

The largest gap, 34.3 percent, was recorded in Monmouth County, while the second largest gap was in Salem County, at 32.1 percent.

Morris, Hunterdon and Monmouth are among the state's wealthiest counties.

The gender wage gap has been the subject of legal action in U.S. federal courts and legislative action in the [United States Congress](#).

In May, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., based in East Hanover, was ordered by a federal court in Manhattan to pay \$250 million in punitive damages for discriminating against thousands of female sales personnel over pay and promotions and the structure of programs like flextime, telecommuting and paid-maternity leave.

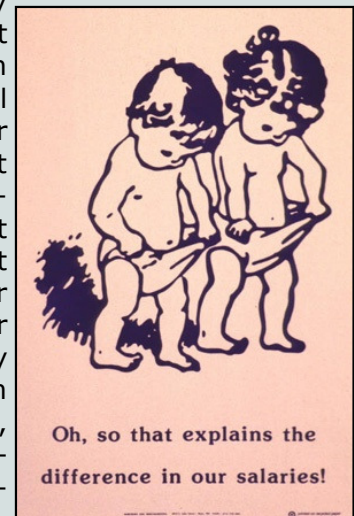
Walmart in August asked the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) to review a class-action pay-and-promotions-bias lawsuit involving more than one million female workers at Walmart and Sam's Club stores. It is the largest such case ever filed and has been working through the federal court system for about 10 years. If Walmart loses, the penalty could top \$1 billion.

In January 2009, President Obama signed the Lillie Ledbetter Fair Payroll Act of 2009, which said that the date to determine pay discrimination cases changes with the issuance of a new paycheck. Ledbetter, a worker at a [Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.](#) plant in Atlanta, filed suit over unequal pay but the U.S. Supreme Court said the suit has expired because she filed it too long after getting her first paycheck. New legislation has now changed the law.

The issue of gender pay disparity was discussed recently by the Morris County Advisory Committee on Women, where the members reviewed a report by **the American Association of University Women, New Jersey Chapter**. Virginia Lyttle of Morris Plains, the past-president of the New Jersey chapter, said the wage gap could be a contributing factor to the number of retired women experiencing [financial](#) difficulty.

If a woman outlives her husband, but earned a lower salary during her working days, she could struggle as a senior citizen, Lyttle said.

That problem could grow: Women make up 51 percent of Morris's 2008 population of 486,459. Women are also 46 percent of the county's workforce of 267,402, according to 2008 Census data. Lyttle said the wage gap in Morris might have reflected the corporate office park [economy](#) that supported Morris County for three decades. For many years during that time, many women stayed at home until their children left for college or worked part-time. If a woman entered the workforce at a later age without additional education or work experience, her salary was most likely less, Lyttle said. In addition, she said, women have traditionally been the caregivers in the family.



Negotiate Your Best Salary

10 Lessons in Preparing for the Salary Discussion

By Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

Salary negotiations can be tricky

"When it comes to getting the best possible salary and benefits package, many job seekers are unprepared for the negotiation," says Martin Yate, author of the New York Times best-selling "Knock 'em Dead" series. Before you sign on the dotted line, be sure you understand the pitfalls and are well prepared to score the best possible salary package.

1. Do your homework.

Understand the salary range. Many job seekers receive an offer but have no idea how to determine if it's appropriate. Yate says it is important to identify a realistic range of pay by researching industry and trade Web sites, consulting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), utilizing online salary calculators, like CBSalary.com, and carefully reviewing the job posting. "You'll also need to have an objective opinion of your skills and where you fit within that range."

2. Script it out.

Plan your discussion. "Before any interview you should have three figures in mind," Yate advises. The first is the least you need to put food on the table and a roof over your head. The second is the reasonable wage you should earn considering your experience, researched industry ranges and the geography." (Pay levels can vary dramatically based on geographic region and available labor pool.) "The third figure is what salary will make you feel like you've gone to heaven. Kick out the first figure -- that's personal and shouldn't be discussed. Make the second and third figures your desired range."

3. Bite your tongue.

Don't be the first to talk about money. "If you bring up pay before the employer does, you're not having a sincere conversation," Yate says. "If an employer doesn't bring up salary, it means you haven't convinced them yet that you are the ideal candidate. Concentrate on bringing the conversation to that point. Show how you can help them make or save money and make a positive contribution."

4. No questions, please.

Never close with a salary question. Most interviewers will conclude their battery of questions by asking if you have any. "The worst thing you can do is ask a question about salary. It shows you don't have anything else to say about yourself and your qualifications.

5. Just the facts.

Postpone salary discussions until you have all the facts. If you're asked how much you expect to earn, don't give your range immediately. Yate suggests candidates should say they need to understand more about the job before discussing pay. Ask further questions about the job requirements to gain clarity.

6. Stay forward focused.

Don't let your current pay determine your future salary. No two jobs are the same; therefore, Yate says, your current earnings should bear no relation to your starting salary at the new job. Point out how this job is different, then say something like, "I'm changing jobs, so obviously I want to make more. Make me a fair offer to match my skills and experience within the salary range. By the way, what is the salary range for this job?"

7. Be truthful.

Don't lie about your current salary. "Lying about earnings is reason for dismissal with cause," Yate cautions. "When you're asked to fill out an application form, you're granting them permission under the 1970 Fair Credit Reporting Act to check your employment history. Even if they don't always check, when they do, they're looking to verify employment and salary dates."

8. Make 'em sweat.

Leverage another offer. "If you have a valid offer from a competitor, you can use this to get back in for a second interview. Tell the interviewer that you really want to work for them, but just received a serious offer from XYZ company (the competitor) and would hate to make the wrong decision if they were considering you for the position," Yate advises.

9. Practice restraint.

Don't take the first offer. Most companies also have salary ranges and some leeway in what they can pay. Unless the amount is beyond your wildest dreams, consider giving the employer the opportunity to dig a little deeper. "This is a crucial point where you have the upper hand," Yate says. "They want you but don't yet have you; you want to get as much as possible and this is your one chance to do so."

10. Leave the door open.

What if you really want a job, but the employer makes you a lowball offer? Yate says: "Don't turn it down; ask for a few days to think about it. Let them know that you are very interested, but wonder if they could do anything about the salary. Then call to see if there has been any change, or if they were able to do anything about the money before you give them your final answer."

Branch News

From our Treasurer Sue Green

Monies as of October 25, 2010:

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| Checkbook Balance | \$1671.06 |
| CD Balance | \$2003.83 |

Scholarship Fund Margaret Anderson

Monies as of October 25, 2010:

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| Checking account | \$713.36 |
| Savings account | \$932.33 |
| SCCC Fund | \$464.00 |



I Give.com Fundraiser

To date, we have earned **\$355.77** from the iGive.com program. Branch members have been enrolled in the program for almost a year. I am extremely pleased to state that we have earned a **full scholarship** for a deserving college student!! I love an effortless fundraiser like this, don't you?!?! Thanks to those branch members who enrolled in this fabulous program.



Baker/Bakee Fundraiser

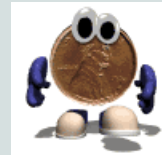
We need someone to volunteer to be the chair of the Baker/Bakee Fundraiser. In the past, Margaret Anderson and Sue Green collected the funds, but we need someone to bring the "buy baked goods" concept front and center to our membership. Please talk/call/email me if you would like to help to raise money for our branch with this fundraiser. It does not take much time, and it can yield great results!

Membership Diane Crawford

We welcome Debbie Gorin, a new member who lives in Sparta! She received her B.S. from Central Connecticut State University and her M.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Our branch members have varied career backgrounds, but when put altogether, we share one thing: issues that concern women of all ages; be it college tuition, striving for equal pay, or legal advocacy. We are always informed on up-to-date national and branch matters not only through receipt of emails from our Branch President, but more importantly, at our branch meetings where we all have an opportunity to bond, discussing relative topics or subjects.

We have responded to inquiries received from a few prospective members who have expressed an interest not only AAUW, but more importantly, on joining our AAUW branch! Our branch extends open arms to those who would like to be a part of a significant organization in Sussex County. And, let us not forget the *Half-Year Dues Program* from January 1 to March 15, where new members joining a branch pay half the national dues. AAUW's celebration of its 130th anniversary offers an individual incentive: Every branch member who recruits a new or lapsed member will have her or his name entered into a drawing for two prizes. So, let us be crusaders for a good cause that can serve to benefit so many.



Cents for Change

Please remember to bring your extra change - a little or a lot - to our meetings. Margaret Anderson passes around the Kinkadee Box and all of a sudden, we soon have money accumulated that makes a difference. It is fantabulous the way change can add up!

AAUW ROAD RALLYE A SUCCESS

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It was a gorgeous autumn day on Saturday, October 23rd, for the second annual running of our branch's fundraising road rallye. There were a total of 18 cars participating this year. Rallyists began their adventure at the McDonald's in Byram Township, and soon found themselves on the beautiful country roads of Warren Twp. Each car followed a set of instructions which carried them past a number of local cemeteries, while various Halloween-type questions had them on the lookout for answers along their way. Also written into the instructions were 12 course-following "traps", based on MCNJ (Motorsport Club of North Jersey) official general instructions. Rallye cars incurred penalties for failing to adhere to these instructions, ending up temporarily "off course".

The rallye's ending point was at Bella Italia restaurant, where rallyists enjoyed a buffet lunch of various pastas, salad and pizza. Trophies were awarded in three categories, expert, intermediate, and novice. Special awards were also handed out, including best husband/wife team, the "Dead Last but Finished" award, best AAUW car, won by Connie Fadden and friends, and best "First Timers", won by Marg Anderson and Diane Crawford. The branch netted approximately \$511.25, earmarked for the national education and legal advocacy funds.



Diane Crawford (l.) and Margaret Anderson (r.) take time to admire the lovely view and the gorgeous day while participating in the 2nd Annual Road Rallye.



Connie Fadden (r.) and friends rejoice after winning 1st Place in the Novice Division.

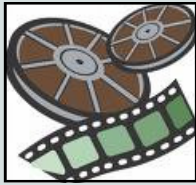


Diane Crawford's Husband, Wayne, (l.) Diane, and Margaret Anderson (r.) enjoy their 1st Place Trophy in the AAUW Members category.



Lynn Beckmann takes charge by awarding the trophies at the Bella Italia Restaurant. Thanks Lynn for all of your work at planning the Road Rallye!!

Branch News



Patsy Mink DVD Rental



Patsy Matsu Takemoto Mink (December 6, 1927–September 28, 2002) was an [American politician](#) from the [U.S. state](#) of [Hawaii](#). Mink served in the [U.S. House of Representatives](#) for a total of 12 terms, representing Hawaii's [first](#) and [second](#) congressional districts. While in

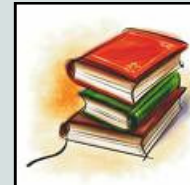
Congress she was noted for authoring the [Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act](#). Mink won her last election after her death in 2002.

Our branch has rented the ***Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority*** DVD twice for \$15.00/per branch. The Madison Branch is using the DVD for its November program and the Somerset Hills Branch has requested it for its February branch program.

As a reminder to our members, this DVD was purchased last year to raise funds for our branch.



One more picture of Lynn Beckmann at a Rallye Checkpoint, which I could not fit on the previous page. As a side note, this picture was taken by AAUW-NJ's President, Ms. Sally Goodson.



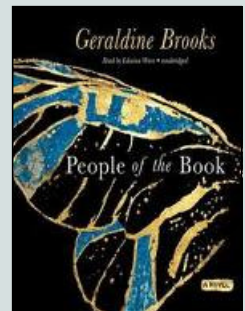
Book Club Chair Connie Fadden

November 30th at 5:30
Carole Monesmith's home

The group met on Tuesday, October 19th at Connie Fadden's for soup, salad, soggy rolls, and "interesting" homemade apple pie and ice cream. The book that was discussed was 'In the time of the Butterflies' by Julia Alvarez. Mary Rapuano led the discussion. Present were Mary Rapuano, Carole Monesmith, Lynn Beckmann, Debbie Wikander and Connie Fadden.

NOTICE!!!!!! A unanimous vote by the members changed the November meeting to the LAST Tuesday of the month which is November 30th!! The November choice is **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks.

"In 1996 a rare book expert is offered the job of a lifetime: Analysis and conservation of a mysterious beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in 15th century Spain and recently saved from destruction during the shelling of Sarajevo's libraries. Hanna Heath begins to unlock the mysteries of the book's eventful past and to uncover the dramatic stories of those who created it and those who risked everything to protect it."



All are welcome - RSVP

Other books being considered are:

- **The Orchid Thief-A True Story of Beauty and Obsession** by Susan Orlean
- **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen
- **A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me** by Condaleezza Rice

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September 11th - 9:30: A tour of the DAR Museum in Wantage, NJ and lunch at the Elias Cole Restaurant in Coleville, NJ. We will meet at 9:30 at the Sparta Methodist Church to car pool to the museum. The DAR Museum tour begins at 10:30; visit the gift shop following the tour; then we will proceed to the restaurant. There will be no general branch meeting.

· **October 9th - 8:30:** AAUW-NJ Fall Focus at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. This is always a lovely day visiting with New Jersey AAUW members; continental breakfast; wonderful buffet luncheon; and AAUW speakers on up-to-the-minute issues.

· **October 16th - 10:00:** Nadine Lyons, a Young Living Essential Oils independent distributor will speak about the healing, therapeutic benefits of essential oils. Nadine will offer an A - Z guide of the essential oils, oil enhanced products, and educational materials to better understand the difference that essential oils can have in the lives of individuals.

· **October 24th - 10:00:** Our Second Annual Road Ralley by Lynn Beckmann. We are only having two fundraisers this year, and this is one of them. The Ralley is a fun day for family and friends.

· **November 13th - 10:00:** Ms. Wendy Blanchard is the Founder of "Arthur and Friends", which is an organization that sponsors hydroponic gardening by differently-abled individuals. These young people plant and sell their produce to NJ residents.

· **December 11th - 11:30:** Christmas/Holiday Party at Lynn Beckmann's home. In the works: inviting a county Christmas musician, a violinist, who will share the history of various carols and who will beautifully provide the entertainment for our brunch.

· **January 15th - 10:00:** Miche Purse Fundraiser Shopping Day at Carole Mone-smith's home. Come to a fun morning event to purchase Miche Handbags. It's an AAUW fundraising event! Your purchases will help raise money for our Sussex County Branch.

· **February 19th - 10:00:** Dr. Amanda Canova will discuss women's health care issues and her feelings about being a gynecologist in the 21st Century.

· **March 19th - 10:00:** Kara Stark McGrew who will share her experiences as a therapeutic horse riding teacher from Sparta. The snow date - February 20th at 1:00.

· **April 12th - 7:00:** Independent Film Evening. This is an evening where we meet to see a specific film which is thought provoking and geared towards women's issues or women's perseverance. The movie is thoughtfully selected to encourage group discussion. In other words, it is not "just any old movie" that an individual can rent and see in their own living room.

· **May 21st - 11:30:** Luncheon at Sheridan's Lodge in Lake Iliff, Election of Officers, and a speaker from Sussex County Community College. There will be no general meeting.

· **June 13th - 11:30:** Our annual picnic at Sally Larson's home.

Hospitality Corner Margaret Anderson

Please consider signing-up for refreshments for our Saturday Bagels and Buns Monthly Meetings by emailing Margaret Anderson (marg@nac.net). There should be at least 2 people responsible for each month. Hostesses are to bring the fresh food: bagels or other baked goods, juice, and half-n-half for the coffee.

The paper products, coffee and tea are provided by the Hospitality Chair, Margaret Anderson.

December 11th: Refreshments for the Holiday Party at Lynn Beckmann's home

January 15th: Refreshments for the Miche-Bags Fundraiser at Carole Monemith's home

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