



*American Association of University Women  
Sussex County Branch  
May 2007  
Welcome Summer!*

Our Branch has stepped forward in many respects in this 125th anniversary year of AAUW. Co-president Carole Monesmith has brought fresh ideas and talents to our branch. I knew things would be vibrant and new when Carole ambitiously leapt into planning our Birthday Bash in November. Thanks to Carole, who is tech savvy and inquisitive, our newsletter has been filled with news worthy AAUW information and you have received entertaining meeting reminders via email. Carole has been working diligently on her goal to establish our branch website. Prospective members will be able to find us and we will access it for up-to-date branch info. Thank you, Carole!

Stevie Fava has set up a **book club**, which despite the weather and our busy schedules is getting off the ground. One thing we have discovered is that our taste in books is as varied as we are. Nibble at a new genre and come join us for a healthy book discussion. Choose one or both of these books this summer: **The Peabody Sisters, 3 women who ignited American Romanticism** by Megan Marshall and **Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson and we will see you in the fall.

Our Garage Sale was a huge success as we netted \$895.90. The ambulance building is a perfect place to hold the sale and many thanks go to Mary Hookway and her husband Jeff for moving a lot of items to the building and then disposing of unsold goods. Thanks to those of you who contributed time or items for the sale.

At the annual meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, those present voted to use this money to meet our annual obligation to the AAUW Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Funds.

They also voted to transfer \$500 from our AAUW general fund to the Virginia Ray Randall Scholarship for the Arts at Sussex County Community College. This spring the scholarship was awarded to Tessa James a sophomore majoring in literature. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carole Monesmith and I attended the Scholarship award ceremony where we met Tessa and found her to be a worthy recipient enthusiastic about her studies and career choice to be a journalist someday

Don't forget our picnic at Sally Larson's home **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock**. This is a social gathering. We promise no business and no program. Sally lives at 56 Mt. Spring Drive in Sparta. (See map) Please bring your favorite picnic salad or dessert. Give Carole or Marg a call to RSVP. Sally has a hot tub and pool if you wish to play in the water.

Carole and I wish to thank all our board members, Muriel Everhart for bringing us interesting programs, Judy Newman for contacting new members, Mary Hookway for maintaining accurate minutes, and Sue Green for keeping us financially sound and Carol Holmelund for keeping us abreast of the state business. We are grateful to the committee chairs who attended board meetings and helped make our important decisions, Sally Larson, Lynn Beckmann, Denise Clark, and Stevie Fava.

I would also like to mention Sylvia Campbell who has been our state liaison for the last four years. We have appreciated her attendance at our meetings and as well as detailed notes from the state board meetings. Thank you Sylvia!

### **Membership News**

Welcome new member Kathleen Mclaughlin who is living Ohio. Kathleen lived in Sparta twenty years ago and while here was instrumental in the preliminary activities that lead to the development of SCCC. It is with this allegiance to the Sussex county college, she wishes to be a member of our branch.

Diane Crawford, whom we met at the birthday bash, has been an AAUW Member at Large and will be joining us next year as a branch member.

Kathy Pope was a member in the past and is joining us again.

*Welcome, Kathleen, Diane and Kathy!*

### **Book Club**

Summer Reads:

*The Peabody Sisters, 3 Women who Ignited American Romanticism* by Megan Marshall  
*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

### **Dominican Republic Trip**

Mary Rapuano writes:

Thank you once again for giving me, Fátima Yenesel, and Jane Leach, the opportunity to talk about our wonderful experiences in the Dominican Republic. We are in the midst of setting up our next trip and would like to extend an invitation to interested AAUW members.

**We are planning to go from Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The format for our trip will be similar to years past in that everyone will be responsible for acquiring two suitcases, purchasing supplies, and collecting donations. We want to include educational supplies (books) to our growing list of items.**

Thank you, Mary and Fátima

### **AAUW Convention**

Carol Holmelund and Gail Swain are attending the AAUW National Convention in Phoenix, June 29 –July 2. If you have been reading about the By-law changes and have opinions about National decisions, please let Gail or Carol know how you feel.

### **Officers for 2007- 2008**

President: Carole Monesmith  
Program VP: Muriel Everhart  
Membership VP: Carol Smith  
Secretary: Mary Hookway  
Treasurer: Sue Green

*We are looking forward to an exciting new year.*