

AAUW Coastal-Georgetown Branch Newsletter

COASTAL TIDINGS

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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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Presidents' Message *from Sheri and Betsy*



Happy New Year! 2012 is filled with new beginnings and with hopes. One of those hopes is related to the issue of pay equity which is part of the AAUW mission. On Wednesday, January 18th at 10 am, our branch will hold its public forum entitled, "77 Cents and Counting -Developing an Action Agenda to fight the Gender Pay Gap." The Issues & Action Committee was inspired by the September issue of *Delaware Today* along with mission of AAUW.

The main speaker will be Sam Lehman, Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator at AAUW's National Office.



The Forum will be exciting – yes, we know that women earn 77 cents of what men earn and we will hear about an action agenda to fight the gender pay gap. “Work is gendered at its core,” says Kathleen D. Turkel, assistant professor of women’s studies at the University of Delaware. “You can’t – at this point in time – get away from the role gender plays in what goes on in the workforce in terms of the assigning of jobs, the expectations in things like dress and presentation. It’s so deeply embedded that we don’t even see it.”, September, 2011, *Delaware Today*, p. 70. **For more information contact Wave 227-5577. Plan to attend.**

Membership Update

We currently have 92 members. I would like to set a goal to reach 100 so please pick up a brochure at the next meeting and give it to a neighbor and/or friend. Please help me make people aware that we are an active organization within our community. Also, if you live in a community that has a place to put brochures, please ask me for them at the next meeting. I can also make up a flyer for a bulletin board.

Donations for December Meeting

Thanks to all of you that donated money and children's items to the Indian River Parent Resource Center located at the old Frankford Elementary School. This is a relatively new center that provides parenting materials and children's books to parents, and the center is in desperate need of materials if you were not able to attend and would still like to donate, please contact Mimi Pearson at 609-477-3586.

Dine Out for Scholarships



Mark your calendar for the Green Turtle on Tuesday, January 24 from 5-8 pm friends, family & neighbors Village at 5 Points, Lewes.

Monthly Luncheon/Meetings

*Reminder that there is no monthly meeting in January due to the Forum. Please plan on attending this on January 18th at 10 am. See details above in President's message.

FEBRUARY



The February luncheon  meeting will be on February 16th at the Big Fish Grill

Cost: \$15 includes gratuity (PLEASE BRING CASH ONLY, NO CHECKS)

Menu: The restaurant will provide selections from their menu.



Welcome New Members

Pat Powell

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I lived in the Philadelphia area before retiring to southern Delaware. As a graduate of Saint Joseph's University, B.S. in education, and Temple University, M.S. Ed., I have taught in Philadelphia and Abington School Districts. I have taught elementary through high school primarily in Special Education. I have coached basketball and tennis. I love spending time on the beach reading, kayaking, and playing tennis.

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I graduated from Shippensburg State University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania in 1976 with a B.S. in Elementary Education and from Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1986 with a M.Ed. as a Reading Specialist. For 16 years I was an elementary and middle school educator in Fairfax County public schools in Fairfax, Virginia. For the majority of those years I worked with "at risk" youth in several reading and writing intervention program. My last 8 years with Fairfax County public schools consisted of her serving at *Liberty Middle School* as the building reading specialist and department chair. I was actively involved with Liberty Middle School's mentoring and mediation programs. I was a member of the *Virginia State Reading Association* and the *International Reading Association*. I presented at sessions relating to adolescent reading issues at numerous VSRA and IRA conferences throughout the United States. Prior to moving, I was a member of AAUW in the northern Virginia area.

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I retired to Lewes, Delaware this year (2011) from Frederick, Maryland after 27 years as a high school and middle school geography, world cultures, and ancient history teacher with Frederick County, Maryland public schools. I graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a major in geography and education. I'm delighted to find an AAUW branch here, and look forward to getting involved!

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Originally from the Chicago area, I moved to Baltimore after college where my husband and I raised our three children. My career has focused on residential management and program administration. I just retired from serving as the Administrator of an Assisted Living Facility in California where I established its first Memory Care Program. I enjoy reading, hiking, kayaking, and cross country skiing. I'm hoping to travel in my retirement, but for now am happy visiting my family in Baltimore and bonding with my 5 grandchildren.

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* Please change **Irene Holt** in your directory to **Irene Smith**

* Please also add to your directory Esther Shelton who has renewed her membership.

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Congratulations to one of our newest members, **Lisa Graf** who joined last month. Her article about adjusting to retirement life titled "Getting my Feet Wet" is the first place winner for the Rehoboth Beach Writers Guild contest in the non-fiction category and will appear in the April issue of Delaware Beach Life Magazine.



Monthly Discussion Groups

American Library Association Notable Book Discussions

January

Freedom, by Jonathan Franzen

January 5 at Lewes Library 10am – 12 Noon or January 10 Selbyville Library 1pm - 3pm

February

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin

February 2 at Lewes Library 10am – 12 Noon or February 7 Selbyville Library 1pm - 3pm

March

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

March 2 Lewes Library 10am – 12 Noon or March 7 Selbyville Library 1pm - 3pm

For more information call: Laurel Capodanno 226- 3773, Ada May Shipley 436-2981



New York Times Notable Book Discussions

South Coastal Library

11am-12:30pm 1st Thursday of the month

JANUARY

For their January 5th meeting, the NY Times Notable Books group will discuss **Jonathan Dee's** *The Privileges*, the story of an American family reaching financial success and experiencing its costs.

FEBRUARY

For the February 2nd meeting, *Solar*, by **Ian McEwan**, takes the reader to the world of solar power, academic privilege, and the results of one's choices

MARCH

And for March 1st the group will read the non-fiction **Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History**.

For more information, call: Virginia Nee 539-4969, or Lois Robinson 537-2906 or Anita Angeny (537-6353)

This book group is offered as a public service by the Coastal-Georgetown Branch of the AAUW and is open to all without signup or reservation.

Diversity Book Group



Dive in to Diversity

The Diversity Book Club will meet on Jan. 24, 2012 at Barbara Sear's House. 213 W 11th St. South Bethany. We are reading "Over My Head", by Claudia Osborn. In February we will read "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers. We will decide the Feb. date at the Jan. meeting. Contact Rose Mary Hendrix if you are going to attend or need more information. rm.hendrix@mchsi.com or 537-9417

Come join us in discussion and ideas. We plan to be flexible with dates for our meetings.

Let me know if you are interested by calling 537-9417 or emailing rm.hendrix@mchsi.com.

Great Decisions Discussion Group



Great Decisions will meet on January 9th from 10 am to noon every Monday for 8 weeks The weekly meetings are held at Saint Edmonds Church Hall in Rehoboth. Great Decisions is a part of the Foreign Policy Affairs. Topics relate to geopolitical issues. The first topic, from the Foreign Policy Association is, "Mexico: transborder crime and governance." All members are welcome. The cost of the book is \$20.

Contact Susan Morrison at 227-4097 for more information.