

AAUW Coastal-Georgetown Branch Newsletter

COASTAL TIDINGS

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2011



The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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President's Message

from Marty Johnson



Welcome to 2011!

2011 finds our branch busily trying to fulfill the commitment to AAUW's mission of promoting equity for women and girls, through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research.

We will begin 2011 with our annual **January Community Forum**. This is our 5th year of sponsoring this forum. The forum focuses on the current issues facing our larger community. Our 2011 forum's topic is education in Sussex County, and our speakers are Dr. Lillian Lowery, Delaware Secretary of Education and John Hollis, Director of Community Relations, Nemours Health and Prevention Services. They will address issues related to the Federal grant that offers extra funding for Delaware Schools.

During this year, the **scholarship committee's** goal of expanding our C-G AAUW scholarship program will require researching various post high school educational programs and finding ways for our organization to raise additional scholarship funds. One of the fundraisers is the **January Restaurant fundraiser** discussed on page _.

The **Sussex County Science Fair** is another educational event that our branch has been promoting for years and will continue to support in 2011. At this event, we present special awards to several students for their interesting science projects.

This year, we hope to expand our interest in the science fair to include working with math and science middle school teachers in developing programs for young girls that will encourage the girls to pursue math/science careers.

As an outgrowth of our 2010 Community Forum, several of our members continue to attend various county and state meetings that focus on **early childhood education**.

In the early spring, we'll be busy hosting activities around the **AAUW State annual meeting** at the Virden Center. Our branch is hosting this meeting and members have been busy laying the groundwork. Planned activities include a fundraiser on May 12, a Wine tasting on May 13 and the meeting on May 14. Tours of the Research ship from the U.D. Marine school will also be worked into the timeframe. Remember to mark your calendars!

June will find many of us in Washington DC for the **National AAUW convention**. Our branch members will help with some of the logistics for this event

I hope that you will find time to **attend some of these activities** and to **become involved** in our continuing work of promoting equity for young girls.

P.S.



Special Thanks to Chris Limerick for her wonderful presentation, "**Behind the Scenes at the White House: Changing Role of Women.**" At our monthly meeting in November she shared her personal experiences of directly working for the many Presidents and their family members, while managing a White House staff. During her service to many presidents, she was instrumental in changing the roles for women on the White House Staff. Kudos to Chris!!!

C-G AAUW Branch Activities

SCHLORSHIP FUNDRAISERS:

BETHANY BLUES RESTAURANT

Wednesday, January 19 is our scholarship fundraiser at Bethany Blues Restaurant in Lewes from 4-10 pm. The restaurant will donate 10% of their evening revenue toward our scholarship fund. Please consider dining out Jan.19th at Bethany Blues. Bring along some neighbors or friends as well.

SPRING GERANIUM SALE

Even though there's snow on the ground, keep in mind the annual spring geranium sale. The profits from the sale go directly to our local scholarship fund. The plant pick-up will be in early May, and orders (payment will be due at the time of ordering) will be taken up to our April 21st meeting. Thank you so much for your support for the geranium sale in the past.

Any questions, please contact Sheri Borrin 226-2296

MEMORAIL SERVICE:

A Memorial service for Barba Merriwether, past C-G AAUW president will be held on Saturday January 22 at 1pm at the Epworth Methodist Church on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth Beach.

DE AAUW LOBBYING:

Lobby Corps Dates:

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Equal Pay Day*

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

To join the group or learn more about the activities, please call or email Wave Starnes 302-227-5577, twstar54@aol.com.

ISSUE ACTION GROUP:

The Issues/Action group is always anxious to have new group members who have an interest in a topic, or the time to participate. Call Wave Starnes at 302-227-5577, or email at twstar54@aol.com for more information

Annual January Community Forum



Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011

Time: 9:45 a.m. to 12 Noon

Place: Epworth United Methodist Church, Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth Beach

Topic: RACE TO THE TOP, Implications for Sussex County Schools

Featured Speakers: Dr. Lillian Lowery, Delaware Secretary of Education, and John Hollis, Director. Of Community Relations, Nemours Health & Prevention Services, Charter Member of Ben Carson Scholarship Board of Directors

Monthly Luncheon Meeting



February 17

Big Fish Grill in Rehoboth Beach

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Program: Jennifer Clement, from the Children's Beach House in Lewes will speak about Understanding Multiculturalism.

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

DE AAUW State Meeting



Our **DE AAUW annual state meeting** will be **May 14** at the Virden Center in Lewes. Our Branch will host this meeting. More information to follow.

AAUW National Convention



Delaware and Maryland will serve as local hosts at the **AAUW National Convention** to be held in **Washington D.C.** on **June 16-19** at the Renaissance Hotel. The theme of the national convention is **Breaking Through Barriers - Advocating for Change**.

Be sure to visit the convention website at www.aauw.org/convention for the latest information. Act soon--- Best Value Registration ends January 21 and Early Bird Registration ends March 22.

You can be a volunteer at the National Convention and receive \$125 discount on convention registration, parking reimbursement, a \$50 hotel reimbursement, and access to the volunteer hospitality suite with lunch and snacks. You can choose from a variety of areas that include hospitality, registration, speaker and VIP escort, and the merchandise shop. For more information, please read the attached letter or contact Kathleen Thompson at k_thompson2@msn.com. If you would like to volunteer, you can complete the attached application form.



Welcome New Members

Teri Lowinger

Teri Graduated with BS in Nursing from University of VA and later received a Masters from Columbia University. She worked as an Army nurse for 3.5 years, and later worked in New York City for 27 years and Westchester, NY for 10 years in Nursing Administration. She retired in April 2010 and moved to Delaware.

Jacqueline Faulhaber

Jacqueline has a degree Rutgers University and moved here from Philadelphia and settled in Dagsboro. She is interested in the AAUW activities: book club, walking group, women's issues, and movie night.

Monthly Discussion Groups

American Library Association Notable Book Discussions



JANUARY

Book is "The Year of the Flood: A Novel" by Margaret Atwood
January 11th South Coastal Library 1pm - 3pm

FEBRUARY

Book is "Stitches: A Memoir" by David Small
February 3th Lewes Library 10am - 12Noon
February 8th South Coastal Library 1pm - 3pm

For more information call:
Laurel Capodanno 226- 3773, Ada May Shipley 436-2981, Virginia Sullivan 541-0254

New York Times Notable Book Discussions



FEBRUARY 3rd

Book is "Typhoon" by Charles Cumming
South Coastal Library 11am-12:30pm

For more information, call:
Anita Angeny 537-6353, Virginia Nee 539-4969, and Lois Rubinson 537-2906

Diversity Book Group



JANUARY 13th

Book is: "Margaret Wise Brown: Awakened by the Moon. A Biography of the Author of Goodnight Moon" by Leonard Marcus

Topic is Age.

Meeting at Helen Flood's home at 10 am.

FEBRUARY 10th

Book is "The Meaning of Matthew" by Judy Shepard

Topic is Sexual Orientation

For more information, call: Barbara Shamp at 426-9193