

NEWS:

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The AAUW Newark Branch Annual Meeting will be held May 23 at First Presbyterian Church, 323 W. Main Street, Newark. The meeting time is 6:30 p.m. and begins with a salad supper. Please bring a dish to share along with your enthusiasm for the friendship we enjoy through AAUW membership.

Alissa Werzen, a triple major in Biological Sciences, Political Science, and Liberal Studies (Medical Scholars Program), has been selected as the AAUW Outstanding UD Senior Woman. She will be recognized at the May 23 Annual Meeting with a check for \$500 from the AAUW Newark Branch. In addition, Ms. Werzen will be recognized at the UD College of Arts and Sciences/ Department of Biological Sciences ceremony on Friday, May 27. Ms. Werzen, who is from Wilmington, plans to attend Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and aspires to be an emergency or family medicine physician. Her years of volunteer service in patient escort services at Christiana Hospital, in patient activities at Emily P. Bissell Hospital, and as an intern for the Delaware State Child Death, Near Death, and Stillbirth Commission have generated a personal interest in patient advocacy and public health policy. Ms. Werzen's academic achievements support her goals to do clinical work as a physician, but her volunteer experiences have fostered a desire "to become involved in the greater community."

AAUW Newark Branch is sponsoring two UD junior women to attend the National Conference on College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June 2011. These are Sam Withrow (from Camden, DE) and Sarah L. Foster (from Baltimore) and they were selected with the assistance of Becki Fogerty, Director, UD Office of Equity and Inclusion, and Meghan Wallace, our 2010 NCCWSL student. The Coastal-Georgetown Branch is sponsoring a third UD junior to attend NCCWSL, so Delaware will be well-represented

at this national conference. Withrow and Foster have agreed to attend our September branch meeting to report on their experiences at the summer conference. All three students, as well as Meghan Wallace, have been invited to our May 23 annual meeting.

In addition to the honors recognition at the Annual Meeting, we will take a moment to review the programs of the past year and explore ideas for 2011-2012. Special thanks are due to our branch board members. Thank you to treasurer Sara Jane Spaulding, who is continuing to serve for the next year. Warm thanks are due to newsletter editor Sally Donatello, who has published nine newsletters and moved these online. Secretary Alice Ryan faithfully recorded the minutes of our meetings. Sandra Drummond Boyce did an outstanding job with the programs in 2010-2011, experimenting with time, location, and events. Her co-chair Joanne McNeely is appreciated for hostess arrangements and the January program. Dot Munroe scheduled our meetings at the Newark Free Library. Bylaws officer Nancy Black put in double time this past year, leading branch and state discussions (still ongoing) about changes to leadership structure in the bylaws.

And heartfelt thanks and admiration go to Lori Athey, chair of the 2011 Math Science Honors Luncheon. Her report with recognition for individual committee members is included in this newsletter. The event was truly wonderful this year, growing every year with new contributions that build on the successes of each previous luncheon. The entire Newark branch is to be thanked for their sponsorships of the honorees and their support for this important program. It is inspiring and wonderful to recognize our young honorees and it is certainly reaffirming to our AAUW mission for our branch to host this event.

***in Memory of Members
AAUW Newark Branch
Donates to
Newark Free Library***

Pat Birchenall, Library Manager of the Newark Free Library, wrote a letter of thanks to AAUW Newark Branch for our donation in memory of four branch members who passed away in 2009-2010: Virginia Cooch Hardwick, Ethelbert Ott, Eleanor Mosher, and Helen Townsend. The Library very thoughtfully purchased seven books to honor our members' involvement in AAUW; each book bears a memorial bookplate to denote the gift. Perhaps you will want to check out one of these titles the next time you are in the Newark Free Library:

Bank, Barbara. *Gender and Higher Education.*

Coontz, Stephanie. *A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s.*

Evans, Elrena. *Mama, Ph.D.: Women Write about Motherhood and Academic Life.*

Gornick, Vivian. *Women in Science: Then and Now.*

Laughlin, Kathleen. *Breaking the Wave: Women, Their Organizations, and Feminism, 1945-1985.*

Monosson, Emily. *Motherhood, the Elephant in the Laboratory: Women Scientists Speak Out.*

Ridgeway, Cecelia. *Framed by Gender: How Gender Inequality Persists in the Modern World.*

**12th Annual Award for Excellence
in Science and Mathematics
Luncheon**

Thanks to everybody who volunteered and sponsored our 12th annual luncheon, it was another big success! We had over 215 attendees including almost 50 role models and University of Delaware STEM students who turned out to honor and encourage these young women. Also joining us were Delaware's Secretary of Education Dr Lillian Lowery and AAUW Delaware's president Nadyne Rosin. Our speaker, Dr. Clytrice Watson was lively and right on-target with her remarks to the girls. Although not all of the bills are in yet (please send any receipts to Sara Jane Spaulding right away, if you still wish to be reimbursed.), according to our estimates we cleared over \$2000 for AAUW Educational programs.

Once again, thank you all for your support. So many of you sponsored and/or volunteered that I cannot possibly list you all here.

Good job Newark Branch!

Proposed Budget 2011-2012
AAUW Newark Branch

Income

Membership dues	500.	
Math Science luncheon	<u>3000.</u>	
	3500.	
From savings	<u>800.</u>	
Total Income		4300

Expenses

Math Science luncheon	2000.	
Administration	100.	
Conference/travel	<u>500.</u>	
	2600	
Contributions		
EF	500	
LAF	100.	
Honors Day Award	500.	
NCCWSL	<u>600.</u>	
	1700.	
Total Expenses		4300.

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College/University (s) _____

_____ State _____

Degree (s) _____ Year _____

ANNUAL DUES Total: \$ 65.00

Local Branch	10.00
State	6.00
National	49.00*

Checks payable to AAUW Newark Branch

*\$46.00 is tax deductible

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meetings for 2011-2012 to be announced
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ACTIVITIES

- Honor outstanding 11th grade women students who excel in math/science
- Present Honors Day Award to UD senior woman based on scholarship and community service
- Support 2 UD juniors to attend National College Conference on Women Student Leaders
- Support AAUW DE Lobby Corps on issues related to AAUW mission
- Raise scholarship money to be distributed through the AAUW Educational Foundation, which supports American and international fellowships for advanced degrees, and grants for projects and individual research
- Raise money to fight discrimination through the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund; awards support legal cases involving discrimination in higher education

STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

Book/Drama Group
Great Decisions
Saturday Night Gourmet
Antiques
Monday Book Group

New Groups can be formed to meet interests!
Proposed for 2011-2012:

Grand Opera House Group
Theatre Group
Movie Group
Garden Group

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