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## The Monthly Newsletter of the AAUW - Medford Area Branch

### AAUW's Mission

*Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research*

## President's Message

Where has the fall gone? We are fast approaching our November 13 *Wish Upon A Star* Scholarship Gala. The committee has done a fantastic job of organizing this event. The rest of us can do our part by attending and bringing friends to share in the exciting plans for the evening. A big "Thank You" to everyone who has sold ads, secured gift certificates and donations, purchased and sold stars and gala tickets. This is going to be a fabulous fundraiser!

And speaking of fundraising, our impromptu Macy's *Shop for a Cause* sales brought \$180 into our general treasury. We sold 36 passes--not bad for a three-week effort! Again, thank you to all who sold and purchased shopping passes.

Connie Masington has offered to chair our "Branch Fundraising Planning Committee" once she has wrapped up the gala. She will be looking for members to join her team!

I want to be like Nina, our speaker from the League of Women Voters, when I grow up. What a vibrant and vital person she is. The key to "youth" is staying current, and she certainly epitomized that with her web research of our three candidates for governor and issues surrounding the race; the information she shared; and the poise and ease with which she shared it. Thank you, Pat and Dian, for bringing her to our October meeting.

Exercise your right to vote on Nov. 3. And remember--in NJ a trip to the polls is no longer necessary--you can vote by mail. A law passed last spring allows registered voters to apply for ballots for future elections. County-specific ballots are available at county & state offices and online at [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org). Although this newsletter will arrive too late for you to apply by mail for this election,

keep it in mind for future elections. Below is a copy of the information on the NJ Department of State Division of Elections website:

In New Jersey, any voter can now vote by mail in any election. *You do not need a reason to Vote by Mail.* Don't feel like going to the polls? Simply vote by mail. *Now there is "no excuse" not to vote!*

A voter may vote by mail by completing the **Application for Vote by Mail Ballot** (see below), and mailing the application to their [County Clerk](#) (*County Clerk addresses attached to form*) up to 7 days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the [County Clerk](#) until 3:00 p.m., the day before the election.

The [County Clerk](#) **cannot accept faxed or emailed copies of a Application for Vote by Mail Ballot, unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter, since an original signature is required.**

Dian Hattrick has started a new club at her school called "Girls Matter." With 28 members and growing, they are off to a great start. They will be baking cookies in November to send to a recently deployed teacher from their school and his fellow troops. Dian is requesting that we bring rolls of cookie dough or slice & bake cookies and zip lock bags to our November meeting to help her provide for this cause. (Because of budget cuts, her school is providing no funding for clubs this year.) This is a simple way we can make an impact on the girls' lives. And in the future they may remember how AAUW assisted their cause and join the organization. We never know how we may influence a life!

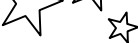
Remember to keep Nancy Sauer in your thoughts as she recovers from her surgery. Give her a call, send her a card. We hope she can join us again very soon.

See you at our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Gala.

Lynne

## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 pm**  
 Women's Health & Wellness  
 Cranberry Hall, Medford

**Friday, November 13, 6:30 pm**   
**Wish Upon A Star** Scholarship Gala  
 CareOne at Evesham, Marlton

**Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 pm**  
 Lit Group: Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay  
 Cranberry Hall, Medford



*Happy Thanksgiving!!*

## Programs

November's meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, at Cranberry Hall, with guest speaker Rutgers Professor Adrienne Simonds on Women's Health & Wellness.

Please bring rolls of cookie dough or slice & bake cookies and zip lock bags. The cookies will be baked and sent to soldiers overseas for Christmas by *Girls Matter*, a new club that Dian Hattrick has started at her school.

Our **Holiday celebration** this year will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at Zinc Café, 679 Stokes Rd, Medford. \$25 pays for a three course, family style meal, including three entrees, salad, bread, coffee, tea, and choice of dessert – plus a wonderful night to celebrate ourselves and our friendships. *Please bring payment to our November 10 general meeting or mail to Dian Hattrick, 12 Browning Ct, Medford, NJ 08055 by November 24.*

*Pat Kalata, Dian Hattrick*



## Scholarship

*“Wish Upon A Star”  
 “Honoring Women Who Have  
 Made a Difference in Our Lives”*

6:30-9:00 pm      Fri, Nov 13

**Location:** CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living  
 Evesboro-Medford Rd, Marlton

**Tickets:** \$25 per person

**Chances to win prizes:**  
*Weekend on Main Street, Gift  
 Certificates for lunch or dinner at a  
 local hot spot; a wine basket or salon  
 treatment; a gym membership or blue  
 topaz necklace; and more . . .*

Honoree's Stars will be Showcased  
 &  
 Honorees will be listed in our Star filled Program

Stars will be available for purchase through Nov 1  
**Star:** \$10 donation    3 for \$25  
**Shining Star:** \$25 donation  
**Shooting Star:** \$50 donation

*Who are the Women who made a  
 difference in your life?  
 Be sure to honor each one with a Star.*

Contact Connie Masington for Stars:  
 609.330.8169      [c.c.masington@comcast.net](mailto:c.c.masington@comcast.net)

**Gala committee members:** *Connie Masington (chair),  
 Mary Ann Brookes, Kitty Hartshorn, Lois Kling, Rita  
 Manno, Lynne Poag, Sylvia Somers, and Mary  
 Strickler*

## Public Policy

WHOO HOO!!

10/14/09

Thanks to you, AAUW Action Network members who made their voices heard this week, the House just passed the **National Women's History Museum Act (H.R. 1700)**. You spoke out, and your representatives listened! AAUW is extremely excited to celebrate this victory with you.

While a permanent museum to celebrate women's role in history still does not exist in our nation's Capital, we're getting closer. The House passage of this legislation is a critical step towards allowing the [National Women's History Museum](#) to purchase land across from the National Mall for the purpose of building a museum in appreciation of women's many accomplishments and contributions to our nation. AAUW strongly supports **H.R. 1700** and is a proud member of the [NWHM Coalition](#), a group of national women's professional and service organizations committed to supporting the NWHM mission.

Also of note:

### **Hate Crimes Legislation Heads to President's Desk**

Thanks to the hard work of AAUW and our coalition partners, the House and Senate have passed landmark hate crimes prevention legislation that has been more than a decade in the making. The Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 conference report, which passed the House on Oct. 8 and the Senate on Oct. 22. President Obama is expected to sign the legislation into law next week.

AAUW has a long-standing commitment to stopping discrimination and violence in all forms and has been working with a broad coalition for more than a decade to expand hate crimes law.



## Newsletter Note

We are trying to go green as well as save money on postage. We can also get out information faster via email. Please check your contact information on the member roster in this issue and make sure yours is correct. Supply any missing or corrected data to any board member.

*Mary Ann Brookes*

## Member of the Month

**Evelyn Goldner** is a native of New Jersey and a 22-year resident of Medford, although she has lived in Washington, DC and California. She has the distinction of being a first-generation American as her father was German and her mother Canadian. After graduating from Glassboro State College, now Rowan University, Evelyn spent most of her career working in the field of environmental science.

A lover of books and reading, Evelyn is a 10-year AAUW member. She first joined AAUW in order to become a part of our very active book club. Now, Evelyn is the one who chooses the book club selections, keeping an eye out for books available in paperback that are "discussable" (which sometime means a little controversial) and that cover a broad range of interesting topics. What Evelyn most enjoys about the monthly book club is participating in a lively exchange with women who are intelligent, involved, and informed.

In addition to being a great reader, Evelyn is an avid bridge player. Also, she and her husband Bob, a retired naval officer, have traveled extensively throughout the United States visiting many of our National Parks and other places of scenic beauty where they enjoy hiking and camping.

*Lila Cleaver*



## Lit Group

Our book selection for November is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. This book has been described as a powerful novel that has captured the insane world of the Holocaust and the efforts of a few good people who stood up against it. The book unlocks the star crossed, heart-thumping story of an American journalist in Paris and the 60-year old secret that could destroy her marriage. According to one reviewer: "this book will stay on your mind long after it's back on the shelf." I personally have not read it yet, but I'm told that it is very sad.

We will meet this month on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Cranberry Hall. There is a cozy little room in the back that I think will serve nicely for our book group. Hope to see you there.

*Evelyn Goldner*

## Occasions

We wish a happy birthday to Judy Mangeng, Connie Masington and Marian Will in November.

An early December birthday is coming for Lois Clair (Dec. 5). She's just moved but would love to receive cards from us. Her address is Meadowood Senior Living, 2455 Tamarack Tr., Bloomington, IN 47408

If you know of anyone who is ill or has an event that we should remember with a greeting card, please let Lynne or Nancy know. And please let us know if you are not yet on our Birthday list....month and day of your special day.

*Nancy Sauer*



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