



# PINELINES



## 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

Here we are at the end of another meeting year. I hope to see all of you at the May Installation Dinner at Femmina Italian Grill on May 11th. Rose Mary has planned a wonderful meal for us, and we look forward to meeting our scholarship recipient, Ann Kennedy. We will be installing our new board, as well.

The Scholarship Committee has planned a fun June event to get an early start on fundraising for our November scholarship gala. Look for more information soon.

As I come to the end of my term, I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me as I served as AAUW president for the past two years. It is because of good people who care about the organization and our causes that we have continued to grow and expand. I "retire" knowing our branch will be in the capable hands of Mary Ann Brookes and her leadership team.

*Lynne*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 pm

Officer Installation Dinner  
Femmina Italian Grill, Medford

### Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 pm

Lit Group - "The Piano Teacher" by  
Janice Y.K. Lee.  
Home of Bea Chawla in Southampton

### Sunday, June 6, 12-3 pm

Scholarship Kick-off Brunch  
Oakwood Lakes Beach, Medford

## Scholarship

This year's \$1,000 college scholarship winner is Ann Kennedy, 39, of Woodland Township. The award will be presented at the branch's May 11 dinner.

Kennedy is a first semester nursing student at Burlington County College (BCC) where she attends class in the evening while caring for her three children – Dillon, 7, and twins Jordan and Mackenzie, 3 - during the day. Her husband Patrick is in construction and is feeling the economic downturn in that industry as many are across the state. He cares for the children when his wife is in class.

When Kennedy graduated from Pennsauken High School, she went to cosmetology school but always harbored a strong interest in nursing. When her children were born, Kennedy says she wanted to explore a more stable career like nursing to help support her family. But with high risk pregnancies and then three children, that goal was put off.

"Financial reasons, mainly tuition and expenses, were a main reason why it was difficult to go back to school for nursing," Kennedy said. Children and an unpredictable family income were also factors that kept delaying her return to school. Slowly, she began taking one course at a time to try and get used to going to school again.

"This scholarship will be a tremendous help to me now," said Kennedy, who added that applications for the scholarship were put in mailboxes at BCC. In addition, newspapers carried the application announcements.

The AAUW raises funds for its annual scholarship through a fundraiser Gala each November when many area businesses donate auction items and gift certificates. AAUW received a record-high 16 applications for the 2010 scholarship.

"It's taken me so long to get back to school so late in life. This award will be a big help" said Kennedy.

*Rita*

## Get Ready for Our Kick-off Brunch

Come join us Sunday afternoon, June 6, for a brunch to kick off our campaign for the annual Scholarship Gala in November. We're starting early this year so we can make the Gala a fantastic, fun event for everybody and raise the funds we need to award a college scholarship.

Bring a spouse or guest and stop in anytime between 12 and 3 p.m. at the Oakwood Lakes Beach, Cedar Trail, off of Taunton Road. All you have to do is bring a gift certificate from a local business that we can add to a basket for the Gala. You'd be surprised at how willing businesses that you frequent are to donate a gift certificate for such a good cause. Just ask and see what happens.

If you can't bring a gift certificate to the brunch, then chip in \$5 to cover the cost of food.

Good food, fun colleagues, laughs and a common purpose. Don't miss it.

## Public Policy

### AAUW Applauds Department of Education's Issuance of New Title IX Athletics Guidance

WASHINGTON - AAUW strongly supports the new Title IX athletics guidance issued today by the Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. The new guidance rescinds the deeply flawed 2005 "Additional Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy: Three-Part Test - Part Three." Under the 2005 clarification, schools could use nonresponses to a spam-like e-mail survey to demonstrate a lack of interest in athletics and to justify cuts to women's programs.

"AAUW is thrilled that this new Title IX guidance returns athletics enforcement efforts to the previous interest and ability standard, requiring schools to consider a number of factors such as athletic participation rates at the secondary school level and interviews with local coaches and administrators," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "This comprehensive guidance gives schools a much better road map for compliance and thus will give women and girls a much better shot at fair play."

AAUW is pleased to note that women's athletic participation at the college level has increased more than 500 percent since Title IX's enactment, attesting to the power of this landmark civil rights law, which

prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities. Better still, these gains have not come at the expense of men, whose athletic opportunities have also increased since Title IX's passage in 1972.

"Statistics show that girls thrive when they participate in sports - they are less likely to get pregnant, drop out of school, do drugs, smoke, or develop mental illness. In addition, a recent study found that women who played sports growing up had a lower obesity rate even 20 to 25 years later in life," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE.

"These benefits are just part of the reason that AAUW continues to be one of the leading voices advocating for vigorous Title IX enforcement," said Hallman. "Together with this commonsense guidance from the Department of Education, AAUW's newly launched program, Title IX Compliance: Know the Score, will help AAUW branches across the country work to ensure that Title IX actually provides the opportunities to girls and women that it has promised for the last 37 years."

*Lynne*

## 2009/10 Executive Board

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Lynne Poag

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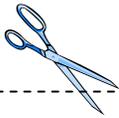
## Lit Group

My apologies to all the Lit Group participants. I had originally selected "Confederacy of Dunces" as our May book. However, after I started reading it, I realized that it was a real stinker! So, I've selected another book for May. The new selection is "The Piano Teacher" by Janice Y.K. Lee. This book, set in 1950s Hong Kong, is a spellbinding tale of human frailty and passions. I hope this will be a better read than my original pick. The book is readily available through the Burlington County Library and is also available in paperback.

As most of you already know, Bea Chawla and Rose Mary Bland will be taking over as Lit Group chairs for next year. I'm sure they'll select some great reads for us and I look forward to their leadership.

The May meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the home of Bea Chawla in Southampton. Please call Bea at 609-859-4463 if you need directions. Looking forward to seeing you on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Evelyn Goldner*



## 2010 Dues

I am happy to report that our state and national dues are staying the same as last year. Our annual dues will remain at \$65.00 (\$49 for national, \$10 for state and \$6 for our local branch). Since national and state dues are actually due in July, when we are no longer seeing one another at meetings, it becomes very difficult to collect from everyone in time. As a result, we have decided to make it easier on everyone and start collecting dues now for next year. You will be able to pay at meetings, which will save postage for you as well as the branch. I will be available at the April and May meetings to take your payment. Just bring the form in with your check.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ (Day and month only)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are a life member: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a dual member with another branch, please indicate the branch name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Occasions

Happy Birthday wishes go to the following members in May:

Mary Switzer - May 25

Carol Vahlstrom- May 28

Lynne Poag - May 30



***Happy Birthday, Ladies!***

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 date of your special day.

*Nancy Sauer*



**AAUW  
MAY INSTALLATION DINNER**

**MAY 11, 2010  
7:00 PM**

**FEMMINA ITALIAN GRILL**

Antipasto Freddo  
Salad  
Linguini Pomodoro  
Penne Primavera  
Pollo alla Saltimbocca  
Bread  
Tiramisu  
Coffee, tea, soda

**All inclusive price per person - \$25.00**

**Please send your check made out to Medford Area AAUW to  
Rose Mary Bland, 6 Tomahawk Trail, Medford, NJ 08055**

