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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

September's meeting was successful and fun, outlining a great schedule of programs, books and fundraising plans for the coming year. Thanks to everyone for pitching in to make the tea theme such a pleasant experience.

Welcome to our three new members, Linda Mattoon, Helen O'Neill and Sylvia Teahan. We look forward to getting to know them better. Learn a little about Sylvia in the Spotlight piece below.

I hope to see everyone at one or all of our October events. And don't forget to stop by Panera Bread for dinner on September 29.

Mary Ann Brookes

Programs

Please join us at the October meeting as we welcome Kris Myers from the Alice Paul Institute as our speaker. She will inform us about the Lens of Leadership program they provide at the Institute. The Lens of Leadership program is designed for girls of age 8 through 18. The presentation covers the life and work of Alice Paul, focusing on her as a leader. Throughout the program, girls are encouraged to envision themselves as a leader and apply the terms they see in the presentation to their own lives.

Dian Hattrick & Lynne Poag

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, September 29, 4-9 pm

"Panera Night" Fundraising Dinner
Panera Bread, The Promenade
Route 73, Marlton

Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 pm

Lens of Leadership: Speaker Kris Myers, Alice Paul Institute
Cranberry Hall, Medford

Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 pm

Lit Group – The Lace Reader,
Brunonia Barry
Home of Rose Mary Bland, Medford

Saturday, October 16, All Day

Macy's Shop for a Cause for AAUW
Macy's Stores

AAUW Online

New AAUW State Facebook Pages

Visit your new AAUW state Facebook page today and help expand AAUW's nationwide network. If you haven't already done so, click the "Like" button on your state Facebook page to stay informed. Can't find your state page? Visit the [AAUW Social Media Task Force](#) Facebook page for help.

Medford Area Website

Don't forget to visit our own branch website at: www.aauwmedfordnj.com. Let us know what we can add to the experience.

Scholarship/Fundraising

We need support from all of you! By the time you read this, our combined fund-raising, membership effort at the Medford Lakes Farmers Market will have happened. I certainly hope it was a success. I will report in the next newsletter how many Macy's passes we were able to sell that day. And many thanks to all of you who volunteered to help with the effort.

The next event will be the **Panera Bread dinner on September 29th**. I hope you will have read this before that time – it will be a close call. Just come out to The Promenade between 4 and 9 pm, eat something delicious at Panera Bread and drop your receipt in our container as you leave. We need a minimum of 50 receipts in order for them to give us that percentage of the evening's take. (Consider separate checks if you're with friends.)

After that our next opportunity is **Macy's Shop for a Cause** day on **October 16th**. At this writing only 10 passes have been paid for, although several members have taken tickets to sell but have not had an opportunity to turn in their money. We need all of you to participate. At our next meeting I will have those passes for you. Take one for yourself, several to give to friends, family or people to whom you'd like to give a small gift – cleaning people, co-workers, yard helpers, etc. - and of course, some to sell! For each pass sold we get to keep the \$5. Our goal is to sell 100. That's only three for each member.

In case you haven't heard or seen my Shop for a Cause pitch – here's how it works. The pass, which costs \$5, entitles the holder to a 20% discount on any purchase that day in most of the store's departments. Some – mostly large items – are only 10%. On one item you will get 25%. A very few items are excepted, e.g. designer products, and they are listed on the pass so you will not be unpleasantly surprised. You may also enter

to win a \$500 gift card. The pass is good at any Macy's store and on sale merchandise as well as regular-priced items. **Think early Christmas shopping.**

I will have the passes at our next meeting and of course you can email me at mstrickl@att.net, or call me at (609) 267-1665 and I will gladly bring them to you. I will be at Panera Bread for part of that evening and will have the passes with me, although we cannot solicit or advertise them that night.

Mary Strickler

Lit Group

We enjoyed a spirited discussion on a variety of topics in relation to The Help, our September selection. Now, we are looking forward to the next book: The Lace Reader. The subject of this book fits right in with the spirit of Halloween. The author, Brunonia Barry, had a dream in which she saw a prophecy in a piece of lace and her vision was so powerful that she spun it into a novel about modern-day Salem, Massachusetts where she actually resides.

In the novel, generations of Whitney women have a gift for seeing the future in the lace they make. Young Towner Whitney, who has survived a variety of traumas, returns to her hometown to recover, but soon gets caught up in the mystery surrounding her great-aunt's drowning. Barry captures the feel of small town life and balances action with close looks at the characters' inner worlds.

We will be gathering at Rose Mary Bland's home at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 19th. Please RSVP Rose Mary at 609-714-1497 to let her know you are coming and to get directions if you need them. Rose Mary requests that you wear a bit of lace to our discussion. Who knows what visions we'll be able to conjure up by examining your lace pattern!

Bea Chawla and Rose Mary Bland

Membership

Steaming pots of tea and dainty china teacups, delicious desserts and delicate flowers made an inviting setting at Cranberry Hall in which to welcome returning members and to introduce our branch to prospective members at our September, 2010, general meeting and Membership Tea. It was wonderful to have three guests attend our meeting and hear that they all learned of the Membership Tea thanks to Rita Manno's work in getting this event publicized in the local papers. One of our guests, **Linda Mattoon**, joined our branch that evening and we are very happy to have her as our newest member. **Sylvia Teahan** and **Helen O'Neill** have also since joined, so welcome!

As an innovative way to encourage members to get to know each other better and foster better intergroup communications, we arranged tables in a more group-friendly pattern and began the evening with an 'ice breaker' game at the suggestion of our new President, Mary Ann Brookes. These ideas seemed to be warmly received and worked very well to bring everyone face-to-face.

We have two excellent, upcoming opportunities at which we hope to "put a face" to AAUW: the Medford Farmers Market on Saturday, September 25 where we will have a table; and at the "Panera's Night" on Wednesday, September 29th. We will be handing out membership information and we hope that you stop by one or both events. As the Panera's Night is also a fundraiser, we hope that you will make an extra effort to dine there on evening of the 29th.

Starting with this edition, I hope to continue Lila Cleaver's past work of highlighting a member in each month's newsletter. In the meantime, invest in the future of your AAUW branch by bringing prospective members to meetings and events!

Thank you for all you do for your AAUW branch!

Sylvia Somers

~ In the Spotlight ~

It's a pleasure to introduce one of our newest members, Mrs. Sylvia Teahan! From her high school days, Sylvia knew she wanted to be a teacher. Though both her parents were teachers, they actually encouraged her to choose another vocation rather than teaching. But Sylvia was not discouraged. She "loved learning and seeking knowledge."

Sylvia went on to graduate from Trenton State College in 1961 and began her teaching career in the Cinnaminson schools where she remained for the next 34 years before retiring in 2003. During that time she raised 2 daughters.

In 2003, Sylvia moved to Medford Lakes with her husband where she is active with the Cranberry Hall Senior Center, and is Vice President of the Tamenend Chapter of Questers.

Please join me in welcoming Sylvia to AAUW!

Sylvia Somers

Why So Few? It's a Global Question

[Gloria Blackwell](#), AAUW's Director of Fellowships, Grants and International Programs points out that "men outnumber women 73 percent to 27 percent in *all* sectors of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) employment." She applauds as "a major step forward that the [U.N. Commission on the Status of Women](#) will consider participation of women and girls in education, training, science, and technology, including women's equal access to full employment and decent work as the priority theme during its 55th session in March 2011.

Read the full blog article [here](#).

Public Policy

Good news & Bad news--

Women Earn More Doctorates than Men in U.S.

AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill was [quoted](#) on the front page of the Washington Post this week, highlighting new statistics showing that, for the first time, women earned more [doctorates](#) in 2008-2009 than men.

Despite gains across the academic spectrum, women still face systemic disparities in wages. Recent reports of the demise of the gender pay gap have been greatly exaggerated. Those reports, from the likes of NBC and *USA Today*, were incomplete at best and a real disservice at worst, relying on only one quarter's data.

As our economy continues to struggle, and more women assume the role of breadwinner, families need this money more than ever.

Lynne Poag

Occasions

This month, please join in extending best wishes for a happy birthday to:

Elizabeth D'Andrea – October 9
 Pat Spera – October 16
 Roberta Hyatt – October 19
 Mary Albee – October 25
 Nancy Sauer – October 27

Hope your special day is wonderful!

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

Tricia Reace



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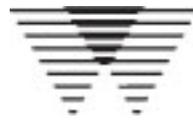


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*The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*

*The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*



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