



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

Wow - 2011! I hope everyone had wonderful holidays. It was great to be with family and have some down-time, but it really flew right on by!

Our December holiday party at Carriage Trade Cheese Shoppe was a lot of fun. We also learned a lot about the different types of cheeses. Thanks to Lynne and Dian for arranging a lovely evening.

At this month's meeting, we will hear about the role of women in the Air Corp from a representative of the Millville Airfield Museum. It should prove both interesting and educational.

The Lit Group selection for January is worth a read even if you don't join the meeting. Greg Mortenson is truly inspiring.

Mary Strickler and the fundraising committee are gearing up for the next round of events to fill up our scholarship coffers. We'll have some updates at the January meeting. Bring your own ideas, too.

I hope to see everyone at Cranberry Hall on the 11th.

Mary Ann Brookes

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30

Women in the Air Corp: Speaker Jackie Flint, Millville Airfield Museum Cranberry Hall, Medford

Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 pm

Lit Group – **Three Cups of Tea, One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time** by Greg Mortenson and journalist David Oliver Relin

Occasions

If you know of a member who is celebrating an event or needs words of encouragement, or a word of thanks, please let Mary Ann or Tricia know so we can send a note or card.

Also, we'd like to include everyone on our birthday list, so please drop a note to either of us.

Birthday greetings



This month, please join me in extending best wishes for a happy day to Kitty Hartshorn and Betsy Cella.

Hope your special day is wonderful!

Tricia Reace

Lit Group

Our book for January is **Three Cups of Tea, One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time** by Greg Mortenson and journalist David Oliver Relin. This is a work of nonfiction which recounts the journey that led Mortenson from an unsuccessful attempt to climb the world's second highest mountain (K2 in Pakistan) to establish 78 schools in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Since starting on his mission, the author has survived many threats to his life, including an 8-day kidnapping by the Taliban and two fatwehs for the crime of educating girls. Mortenson has been much in demand as a speaker to book clubs and civic groups and has been a keynote speaker for AAUW. This is an inspiring book which shows what one person can do to contribute to peace and literacy in the world.

We will meet at Mary Ann Brookes' house on Tuesday Jan. 18th at 7:30 PM. Please call Mary Ann to RSVP and to get directions.

Bea Chawla and Rose Mary Bland

AAUW Online

Medford Area Website

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

Mary Ann Brookes



Programs

On January 11, Jackie Flint, board member and curator at Monroe Township Historical Society and board member at the Millville Airfield Museum, will speak to us about women in the Air Corp --The Ninety-Nines-- and the history of the Millville Army Air Field Museum.

The Army Air Field, located on the grounds of the Millville airport, was "dedicated by the U.S. War Department in 1941 as 'American's First Defense Airport.' During WWII 10,000 men and women served here . . ." The museum is a federal nonprofit organization, which was founded in 1983, and incorporated by the State of New Jersey in 1988.

Join us for an interesting evening when we'll learn more about women's contributions to the military efforts of World War II.

Lynne and Dian

Public Policy

A Major Breakthrough!

Coast Guard Academy Hires First Woman Superintendent

Rear Adm. Sandra Stosz has been named the first female superintendent of the Connecticut-based Coast Guard Academy, and is the first woman to lead any U.S. military service academy. Stosz, a 1982 graduate of the academy with 12 years of experience at sea, currently serves as the Coast Guard's director of reserve and leadership. Of note, the Coast Guard Academy was the first of the five U.S. service academies to accept women.

Lynne Poag

Membership

Happy New Year! As I reflect back on all the AAUW gatherings and activities of 2010 which have been so enjoyable, it comes to mind that I have much to be grateful for. I have made many friends in AAUW over the last 15+ years. Many of these friendships were established because the opportunity to work on AAUW projects brought us together. Although some of those people are no longer members of our branch, I still remember them and what their friendship meant to me.

Since September, 2010, we have added 6 new members to our ranks---quite an accomplishment! My AAUW wish for the New Year is for our current members to feel appreciated, for our new members to feel welcome, and that all of us seize the many opportunities to make new friendships. Please make the effort to attend meetings and activities, and get involved with our group. Step out of your comfort zone and introduce yourself to someone new. After all, it could be the start of a great friendship!

Thanks for all you do for your AAUW branch!

Sylvia

~ In the Spotlight ~

Don't be bashful! Don't hide your light under a bushel! Be "In The Spotlight"! Tell me about yourself. Some of you have been terrific about this, but more personalities are needed.

E-mail me at

sssomers@camden.rutgers.edu and tell me about yourself, academics, careers & accomplishments, interests & hobbies, etc. There are only 4 newsletters left this year---see yourself featured in one of them!

Meanwhile, below is a rerun that some may not have seen.

~ Sylvia

Mary Ann Brookes

Mary Ann is a Philadelphia gal born and raised, who has lived in Medford for over 16 years. She earned her undergraduate degree from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from Drexel University.

Mary Ann has visited more countries than U.S. States while traveling the globe for CIGNA International, directing reengineering and technology projects, and lived in Singapore for a year. She was also a VP at J.P. Morgan in the technology area, and now has her own consulting company, running programs and projects for various established and start-up client companies.

An AAUW member since the early 1980's, Mary Ann didn't become active until she stopped travelling a few years ago. Now she does the newsletter as well as serving as our branch president.

As an avid reader, Mary Ann has bookshelves overflowing with print and audio books. She loves the beach and takes her mom and her dog (see Maggie below) down to LBI for a week each spring and fall. She is treasurer for the community association where she lives, which also has a beach, plus a lake and other summer amenities. She is active in the mentorship program of the Greater Philadelphia Senior Executives Group, with two protégés currently assigned to her. Mary Ann enjoys computer games and loves her iPhone.

~ Sylvia





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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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