



# PINELINES



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

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### AAUW's Mission

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

## President's Message

We capped a great 2010/2011 season with our Author's Brunch and our May dinner. At the dinner, we presented our annual scholarship to Carol Dolan, of Mt. Laurel. See the article about Carol and her picture below. She and her husband were delightful guests, and we had a few other lovely guests who may be potential new members.

Thanks to Mary Strickler and the members of the Fundraising / Scholarship Committee for a financially successful year. On that note, there is a Macy's day in which we can participate in August. See Mary's information below. It's never too early to start thinking about holiday gifts – not to mention all the birthdays in the meantime!

The Lit Group is seeking ideas for next season's book lineup. Have you read something you recommend or that would be a good discussion starter? Maybe you wonder if others "saw" a specific book the same way you did? Please see Bea and Rose Mary's article below.

Finally, don't forget to pay those dues. While we're breaking for the summer, June still has to collect and pay National for our branch. No rest for the weary, eh? The form and June's address are in this newsletter.

Thank you for all your efforts, participation and good thoughts for our AAUW branch.

Have a fantastic summer!

Mary Ann Brookes

## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, September 13, 7:30**  
**Annual Membership Tea**  
Cranberry Hall, Medford

**\*\*Also, bring your used books to sell\*\***

**Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 pm**  
**Lit Group** – Title TBD

## Occasions

**Congratulations** to Lois Kling, who has recently completed her graduate work to receive her Masters' degree.

### Birthday greetings

We have a number of members who will be celebrating birthdays over the summer months. In June, Barbara Zeuli will be celebrating on the 7th, Linda Fanelle on the 15th, and Pat Kalata has a birthday on the 24th. In July, don't forget Mary Ann Brookes on the 19th, Phyllis Brown on the 22nd, and Lila Cleaver, who celebrates on the 23rd. And at the end of August, we have Kay Hatton on the 22nd, and Sylvia Somers and Rachel Wubker share a birthday on the 29th as their happy day.

Please join me in extending all of these ladies many happy returns!

*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.*

I hope everybody enjoys her summer break.

Tricia Reace

## Lit Group

Our final lit group meeting for this year took place at Lynne Poag's home and May's book, *The American Wife*, generated a great deal of discussion. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the books that were selected for the 2010/2011 season.

We are requesting that anyone who has a book recommendation for our next season contact either of us with the title. We will be getting together sometime this summer and developing the 2011/2012 book list.

Have a wonderful summer and, again, let us know if you read or hear about a book that you would like to see added to our list.

*Bea Chawla and Rose Mary Bland*

## Note from the Treasurer's Desk

Our treasury has benefited by fundraisers and events throughout this year. Last month we presented the yearly scholarship award at a lovely dinner held in our own Medford venue, and in April, we enjoyed a profitable and delightful Book and Author Brunch at Medford Leas.

A number of additional successful fundraisers have resulted in a strong treasury going into the 2011-2012 year. We are happy to report that our dues for next year will remain the same. Please see the "Dues Form" included and send your check for next year's dues at your earliest convenience.

Thank you so much,  
*June*

## AAUW Voting open until June 17

Ballots and voter information guides for AAUW's first every-member election were mailed to all members on April 15. You must be a current member in good standing in the [AAUW member services database](#) in order to vote. [Online voting](#) began May 1 and ends June 17 at 9 p.m. EDT. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 31 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. See the [One Member, One Vote](#) website and the [election FAQs](#) for more information.

## Hospitality

We did not have a hospitality chair for this past year and it proved to be a burden on a very few people who made certain we had refreshments. We want to have a fairer system for the upcoming club year.

I will pass a sign-up sheet around in September asking for three members to take care of the refreshments for each month. This committee will be responsible for bringing in finger foods and will be expected to come in early (preferably by 6:45 PM) to make coffee, hot water, and set up the tables. In this way, everything will be organized and ready when guests and members start coming to the meeting. The committee will also be expected to clean up and leave the center in good condition.

I will remind those of you who have signed up for the month that it is your turn. (If we do not get enough volunteers, I may have to assign a month to you, which means you will not get a month of your choice.) We have enough members that no one should have to do this more than once a year.

It is important to note that the supplies that are in the kitchen at the center are purchased by the seniors and should not be used by us. We are fortunate to be able to rent the center at an extremely reasonable cost and we are expected to buy our own supplies. I will keep inventory of the basic items needed monthly like coffee, tea and paper products and pass on the information.

This should help things run smoothly and spread the effort in a fair way. If you already know when you would like to bring refreshments in, please feel free to email me and I will be more than happy to sign you up now.

*Bea Chawla*



## Scholarship & Fundraising

Those of you who didn't make it to the Book & Author Brunch missed a treat. The speaker was dynamic, the food was excellent, the venue was most attractive, and the day was beautiful. To top it all off the money raised has put us right up to our ambitious goal for the year. Thanks for a part of that must go to our speaker, Paul Salvo, who donated the proceeds from the books he sold that day to our Scholarship Fund. That was the icing on the cake.

About that goal....

At the beginning of the year, I said I hoped we could raise \$1500, and, of course, we needed to raise at least \$1000 to fund this year's scholarship. And we raised just a few dollars short of that \$1500! As most of you know, those extra dollars will go into our continuing fund. It's our hope that eventually we can have enough money in that fund to pay for an annual scholarship out of it and use money raised each year for additional grants. Thanks to all of you who did your part in this year's success.

At our final meeting, the dinner, we met our scholarship recipient, Carol Dolan, and her husband. I'm sure all of you who met her will agree that she is just about the perfect recipient - a charming, caring woman pursuing a nursing degree in addition to working part time and raising a large family.

And now work begins on next year's effort. At that dinner a survey was taken about what kinds of fund-raising activities you all would like to see. It should not come as a surprise that the top three scorers were a Book & Author event, a shopping event like this year's evening at Coldwater Creek, these two tied for first place, followed by a night at Panera Bread and Macy's Shop for a Cause. These were our major events this year. In addition to these, we got a number of good suggestions for other activities. The committee will be meeting over the summer to give ourselves a head start for next year.

And finally, a big thank you to the committee, both for their work on the fund-raising events and their work on the scholarship application process.

*Mary Strickler*

## Macy's Day In August

AAUW has been invited to participate in **Macy's Shop For A Cause** fundraiser on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Macy's Moorestown. This unique, one-day-only shopping event was created by Macy's to support local non-profit and school organizations. Since 2006, **Macy's Shop for a Cause** has enabled charitable organizations to raise over \$38 million.

As before, Macy's will provide our organization with shopping passes to sell for \$5 each. We keep 100% of every pass we sell. The more we sell, the more we make! We made over \$200 last year on this event.

This exclusive shopping pass includes 25% or 10% off most regular, sale and clearance purchases all day and a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree.

Although difficult to coordinate without summer meetings, if anyone is interested in the Macy's passes, please call me or Mary Ann Brookes.

*Mary Strickler*



## Women's Issues Online

Here are a couple of online articles that you might find interesting:

[Corporate Women's Groups – Irrelevant?](#)

[Will our daughters have to refight battles we thought were won?](#)

## Scholarship Winner



The AAUW Medford area branch awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship to Carol Dolan, 49, of Mount Laurel. The award was presented at the AAUW's dinner meeting on May 10 at Cranberry Hall on Main Street. Carol and her husband Kevin were the guests of honor.

The mother of six children, Carol plans to pursue a nursing career at Burlington County College. When she graduates from the two-year program next year, her second child Erin will complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and her fourth child Sarah will receive her high school diploma.

When their youngest child was born on Sept. 11, 2001 and entered kindergarten a few years back, Carol said "I took a deep breath and realized that now was my time."

Now in her second semester at Burlington County College, Carol plans to work towards a four-year degree in nursing. Carol has been a trumpet player since she was 10 years old and currently plays in an ensemble at the Fellowship Baptist Church.

*Rita Manno*

## 2010/11 Executive Board

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Mary Ann Brookes

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Sylvia Somers

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### Scholarships

Mary Strickler

### Literature Group

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Bea Chawla

### Hospitality

Rotating Members

*[For next year, Bea Chawla]*

### Public Relations

Rita Manno

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Mary Ann Brookes

[See 2011 AAUW Dues memo and form next page](#)



## 2011 AAUW Dues

We are very happy to report that our dues for 2011-2012 will remain the same as last year.

The AAUW dues are composed of three elements: They are national, state and local as shown below.

**Dues:**

National \$49.00

State \$10.00

Local \$ 6.00

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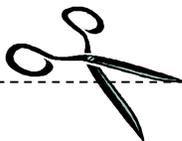
TOTAL \$65.00

Since national and state dues are due in August, on July 31st we will be having a drawing to select the name of one lucky "paid-up" member and will refund her LOCAL dues. Thank you in advance and GOOD LUCK in the drawing!

Please mail your payment to:

June Ramondetta  
Treasurer, Medford Branch AAUW  
119 Bracken Road  
Medford, NJ 08055

*June Ramondetta*



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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**AAUW-Medford Area Branch  
Membership Roster  
June 2011**

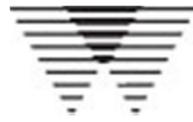


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*The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*

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



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