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AAUW's Mission

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

President's Message

In this season of holidays, I find myself reflecting on all that I have for which to be grateful. Good health, good family, a new puppy (even though the little ball of energy is driving me a little crazy at the moment!), and wonderful friends. I'm glad to live in an area with such beauty and to have been blessed with a career that brought me lots of learning, travel, friendships and satisfaction. And I'm very happy to have met up with all of the AAUW women who bring such intelligence and vibrancy to my world. Thanks to all of you for everything you do and who you are.

As discussed last month, we will be electing a new slate of officers in a few months. The officer and chair role descriptions are included in this newsletter for your review. Please take a minute to see which role you might want to fill for the next term. Your participation, and diversity of ideas, are important to keep our branch active and our members stimulated.

Despite the sad news of the closing of the Carriage Trade Cheese Shop, where we had a lovely evening last year, Lynne and Dian were able to find another venue for our holiday party. **Mara Villas Grille** should prove to be a great place for us to meet and celebrate on December 13. Please sign up quickly to secure our reservation.

I hope to see you at the holiday party.

I wish the very best holiday season for all of you and yours.

Mary Ann Brookes

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm

Holiday Dinner

Mara Villas Grille

208 Medford-Mt. Holly Road (Rt. 541).
Medford, NJ

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm

Lit Group – Mrs. Mike, by Benedict and Nancy Freedman
Home of Rose Mary Bland

Saturday, February 11, 11:30 am

Book & Author Champagne Brunch
Medford Leas, Medford

Occasions

We have three members with birthdays in December, **Bea Chawla** on the 3rd, **Dian Hatrick** on the 6th, and **Lois Clair** on the 12th.

Please join me in wishing them all a happy day.

Get well wishes go out to several of our members for themselves or their families: Gladys Metz, Dian Hatrick, Carol Vahlstrom and Phyllis Brown.

If you haven't shared your birthday yet, please send it along so we can celebrate you, too.

And please continue to let me or Mary Ann know if any members need a note of encouragement, a card of thanks, congratulations.

Happy Holidays to all.

Tricia Reace

Programs

HOLIDAY DINNER

*'Tis the season to gather with
friends to celebrate!*

Please join us at **Mara Villas Grille** at **7PM, December 13th**, to enjoy a festive meal accompanied by good conversation with fellow AAUW members. The restaurant is located at 208 Medford-Mt. Holly Road (Rt. 541).

In keeping with our holiday tradition of donating to a charity, please bring non-perishable food items, a check or cash donation that we can give to the Food Bank of South Jersey.

Our December 1st reservation deadline is upon us, so if you have not already done so, please send your \$26 check to Sylvia Teahan, 71 Cutchogue Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055 (609-953-1477).

Lynne Poag and Dian Hatrick

Lit Group

Our December selection is **Mrs. Mike**, a classic tale written in 1947 by Benedict and Nancy Freedman. Set in the Canadian wilderness, it brings the fierce landscape of the North to life. An enjoyable book to curl up with on a cold, wintery day, **Mrs. Mike** tells the tale of young love and its growth to maturity in a land fraught with many dangers.

We will meet at Rose Mary Bland's house on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 PM. In keeping with the holiday season, we are asking everyone coming to bring a light appetizer to share.

Happy Holidays,
Bea Chawla and Rose Mary Bland

Scholarship & Fundraising

There is no big news this month from the Scholarship Committee. But that does not mean we haven't been busy.

Work continues on preparations for soliciting applications. Letters went out to financial aid offices of 34 colleges in the state and Philadelphia, offering our 2012 scholarship in order to attract applicants.

The Committee has nearly finished preparing the invitations for our February 11th Book and Author Brunch. Those invitations will be sent by snail mail soon after Christmas, and more will be sent by email then as well.

Don't forget to hang on to any books you have finished. We will be having another book sale in the spring. We are especially interested in cook books and children's books.

Mary Strickler

New AAUW Branch Website

Did you notice our new URL (website address)?

It's <http://medford-nj.aauw.net/> and ready for use. While the previous website worked just fine, it was also an annual expense of about \$130. Thanks to the national AAUW organization, branches have been offered a free website service through their web source, provided we maintain the content. A very nice web designer named Megan helped migrate our information over to the new site to get us going quickly.

One nice new feature is a "Members Only" section, which currently has only our member directory, but will also contain other information soon. To get a password for this member area, please call me at 609-953-4035. Please check out the site and let me know what you think. All suggestions are welcome.

Mary Ann Brookes

Public Policy

*Note to members of Medford Area AAUW Branch:
All past and present articles in this column are the expressed views of AAUW National. They are drawn directly from AAUW Washington Update, the national on-line newsletter.*

Former Justice O'Connor Takes on Activist Role

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has [continued](#) to have a political impact since retiring from the court almost six years ago. O'Connor, the first woman on the Supreme Court, has since served on a commission that studied the Iraq war, tried to persuade states that elect judges to shift to appointments, and still takes on appellate court cases. The National Cowgirl Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, recently celebrated O'Connor, who grew up on a ranch, with an exhibit on her life. At the exhibit opening, O'Connor said her activism has been motivated because she believes judicial independence is threatened, in part by a lack of understanding about the role of judges.

AAUW [monitors](#) federal judicial nominations because so many of our fundamental rights and liberties have been established and are protected by the federal courts, Supreme Court precedents, and the enforcement efforts of the executive branch. Not only do our courts need judges who will uphold our constitutional values of liberty, equality, and justice for all, they also need judges that reflect America's diversity.

Federal Education Revenue Loses \$9.8 Billion to Corporate Tax Evasion

An analysis from the National Education Association [found](#) that from 2008 to 2010 the federal government lost \$222.7 billion in corporate tax avoidance, \$9.8 billion of which would have gone to public schools and colleges. The analysis, based on a report by the Center for Tax Justice, found that lost revenue could have provided 126,568 new education jobs and enrolled 446,655 impoverished children in preschools around the country.

Veterans Job Bill to Become Law

President Barack Obama [said](#) he will sign a bill passed by the House and Senate that will offer tax credits to businesses that hire unemployed veterans and repeal a tax provision that was viewed as a potential burden to government contractors. The bill, which represents one element of the president's broad-scale job creation proposal, is the first to be agreed on by both parties.

2011/12 Executive Board

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AAUW Medford Area Branch**Role Descriptions - Per AAUW & Branch Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order****President**

- Shall have the usual executive powers of supervision and management and other such duties as designated by the Board of Directors, serve ex officio on all committees and execute all appropriate legal documents of the AAUW branch
- Preside over meetings, calling to order, maintaining order, announcing orders of business, ruling on points of order, put questions to vote, adjourn meetings, call for committee reports

Vice President Membership

- Custodian of official branch membership roster, coordinating with Treasurer for dues status; leader for membership recruitment campaigns; custodian of name badges for meetings; official greeter at meetings
- Shall assume the office of president in event of vacancy of that office; perform the duties of president when president unable to serve; assist as delegated by president or Board

Vice President Programs

- Arrange and administer program portion of general meetings, such as speakers, lectures and entertainment, including necessary logistics
- Shall assume the office of president in event of vacancy of that office; perform the duties of president when president unable to serve; assist as delegated by president or Board

Treasurer

- Shall perform the duties of president in all cases in which the president and vice president are unable to serve.
- Serve as CFO and treasurer for the branch; custodian of title deeds, business papers and other legal / financial documents of the branch.
- Serve as custodian of funds of the branch, collect and disburse funds by authority of the board or bylaws; make a full financial report at intervals (at least annually) as directed by board; collect dues and remit to state and national
- File required financial reports to parent / regulatory bodies
- Enforce appropriate audit practices, including requiring receipts to reimburse members for branch expenses, reconciling bank accounts

Board Secretary

- Shall be responsible for the minutes of the branch and assist as delegated by President or Board.
- Serve as custodian of non-financial records of the branch, including minutes, bylaws, and general correspondence
- Distribute meeting minutes to attendees

Literature Group

Select and publish books to be read and discussed at monthly meetings; ensure and communicate the meeting venue; ensure submission of monthly article for newsletter to communicate book selection and meeting location.

Public Relations

Serve as the branch contact with news media; submit articles and announcements to publicize branch events and activities, helping to attain fundraising goals and attract new members. Develop or accept ideas for raising public awareness of the branch and provide content / presentation of information.

Newsletter Editor

Publish monthly newsletter from September through May; establish deadlines, collect articles from contributors and ensure distribution via email or postal mail.

Public Policy

Keep current on public policy issues of interest to the membership, and provide informative related articles for the newsletter.

Scholarship/Fundraising

Provide leadership to committee to solicit ideas and execute plans to raise funds for annual scholarship award and for branch expenses. Ensure publication and collection / processing of candidate applications for the scholarship; oversee selection and award processes.

Hospitality

Oversee logistics for meeting venue, ensure location availability and condition; provide for and support volunteers for refreshments, set up and clean up as needed; maintain and pass on supplies inventory, arranging replenishment as necessary.

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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

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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