

The Monthly Newsletter of the AAUW - Medford Area Branch

<http://medford-nj.aauw.net/>

AAUW's Mission

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

President's Message

Yes, this is a new look for us. AAUW rolled out its new look and logo last week, so we're using it here. Our website will be updated shortly.

We are so pleased that our NJ senators and representative Jon Runyan all supported the inclusive **VAWA** bill! See Lynne's piece inside on our February 14 outing to the congressman's office in Mt. Laurel.

Dr. Janet Lindmand got quite a discussion going on feminism at last month's meeting, and Medford Leas was a great venue. We return there again on March 12 to hear **Dr. Paul Katz**, dean of the new Cooper Medical School. Please see the info from Rita inside if you didn't see the article in one of the newspapers.

Mary Strickler has lined up a few dates for book sales and a trip to the Riversharks. Please see **Scholarships & Fundraising** and mark your calendars now. Evelyn Goldner will host this month's **Lit Group**, discussing *Caleb's Crossing*.

The **AAUWNJ Annual meeting** is scheduled for April 13. More details and a link to online registration are inside. The form is included with print copies.

Finally, don't forget to get out the word about our scholarship. The application can be accessed on our website or requested from Mary Strickler.

Mary Ann Brookes

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 pm

General Meeting – Speaker Dr. Paul Katz

Topic: Who Will Care for Us: New Strategies

Linden Room, Medford Leas, Medford

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 pm

Lit Group – Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

Home of Evelyn Goldner

Occasions

Birthday wishes for March go out to two of our members:

Lois Kling – March 16

June Ramondetta – March 23



Enjoy your special day, Ladies!

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

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

Programs

This month's meeting will feature **Dr. Paul Katz**, who will join us on March 12 to speak on: *Who Will Care For Us: New Strategies*, concerning shortages in medical care.

Dr. Katz is the founding dean of the first school of medicine in South Jersey, The Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. He graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1973, is certified in internal medicine, allergy and immunology and rheumatology, and has published over 260 articles, chapters and abstracts.

As founding vice dean for faculty and clinical affairs and professor of medicine at the Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton, PA, Dr. Katz helped launch the new medical school in 2009. His experience also includes contributions at the University of Miami, the American College of Rheumatology, the NIH, FDA, the Arthritis Foundation and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

The meeting will be held in the Linden Room at Medford Leas, Medford, at 7:30 pm.

Rita Manno

Directions to the Linden Room:

Entering Medford Leas from Route 70, go to the right where the road first divides and park near the building on the right hand side by the Social Wing. (This is where we entered for the Book and Author brunch.)

Go into the Social Wing door and turn left. The Linden Room will be on the right between the pool and the Game Room, on the same level where you entered, so you do not go upstairs as we do for the brunch.

We hope to see you there.

Bea and Sylvia

Lit Group

Inspired by a true story, *Caleb's Crossing*, by Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks, tells the inspiring story of an unlikely friendship forged in Puritanical Martha's Vineyard in the 1660's.

Bethia Mayfield, the daughter of a Calvinist minister, meets Caleb, the son of a Wampanoag chieftain, when they are twelve years old. Bethia's father, recognizing Caleb's superior intelligence, helps arrange for him to study at Harvard. Bethia, also very bright and hungry for knowledge, but a female, is not offered the same encouragement or opportunities. The story of how these two young people from very different worlds attempt to bridge the cultural gap makes a compelling read.

Join the discussion of this month's novel at Evelyn Goldner's home on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 pm. To RSVP, or for directions, call Evelyn at 609-654-9210.

Helen O'Neill and Rose Mary Bland

AAUW NJ Annual Meeting

AAUW-NJ Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 2013, 8:30-2:30
Forsgate County Club
Monroe Township, NJ
[Registration and Information...](#)

Sign up now! We are encouraging as many people as possible to attend to have a fun and meaningful day to network with our statewide/national AAUW colleagues and for our continuous professional development in the lifelong learning process. Carpool with your branch members.

Price for members and guests: \$35.00 (students: \$20.00), which includes a Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch.

Mary Switzer

Public Policy



AAUW at US Congressman Jon Runyan's Office

VAWA OUTING

Some of our Medford Area Branch members were a part of the "One Billion Rising" campaign, organized to draw attention to rampant violence against women throughout the world and the reauthorization of VAWA in the U.S. Congress. The Senate passed the reauthorization a few days before our gathering. Our mission was to let our representative, Jon Runyan, know that we expect him to rally his fellow members in the House of Representatives to reauthorize VAWA.

We had a very successful assembly at his office on Valentine's Day, 2-14-13. There were 13 attendees--some from Medford Area AAUW Branch, other friends, and two husbands!

We delivered signed letters from national and a letter from Mary Ann Brookes that our members signed at our February 12th meeting. His staff was very cordial and assured us that they would get our letters to Washington. As an added benefit of our taking a stand, we have brought a new member to our group. Be sure to introduce yourself to Cidnie Richards at our March meeting! (She is the unseen person in the picture holding a sign.) Please take the time to send a thank you letter to Senators Menendez and Lautenberg who supported VAWA in the Senate, and to Jon Runyan, who supported

VAWA in the House.

<http://www.menendez.senate.gov>

<http://www.lautenberg.senate.gov>

<https://runyan.house.gov/contact-me>

Attending members: Mary Ann Brookes, Bea Chawla, Dian Hattrick, Evelyn Goldner, Rose Mary Bland, Rita Manno, and Lynne Poag

Attending friends: Betty Taylor, Toni Frary, Emi Takeshita, Cidnie Richards, Ish Chawla, Jon Poag, and Lovey Donahue.

The best news is that VAWA passed the House on 2/28 and is on its way for the president's signature!

Lynne

A Note from Sally Goodson, AAUWNJ President, with Rita's article from the Central Record on our VAWA event:

Congratulations to the Medford Area AAUWNJ Branch. You get a loud applause from me and the state AAUWNJ Board of Directors for your focused, mission driven members. Great News Article (please see attached). AAUWNJ will send your Branch news coverage out to all our NJ members, to our AAUW friends, and to Washington AAUW.

Thanks for EVERYTHING.

SALLY

PS: Mary Ann: your branch did what we all should be doing; Educating ourselves on AAUW mission and goals and then EDUCATING others. Kudos.

Every Member Survey—Participate Today

Take 10 minutes to help shape AAUW's programs and activities for the coming year by responding to the Every Member Survey by April 2, 2013. Return the survey included in your copy of *AAUW Outlook* by mail or complete it [online!](#)

Scholarship & Fundraising

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are some dates to mark on your calendars.

On **April 6th, May 4th** and **June 1st** we will be selling books at Indian Acres Tree Farm. They are having flea markets those days, so plan to come, help at the book sale, then enjoy the rest of the attractions. I will be looking for volunteers to help with these, so if you already know you can come, please let me know.

On **May 3rd** we will be going to see the Camden Riversharks play against the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs. This will be a fun outing and will also earn us a few dollars toward the Scholarship Fund. I will have more details on this next month.

We have reserved **March 1st of 2014** for our next Book and Author Brunch at Medford Leas.

In the meantime, don't forget to talk up this year's scholarship. We have had excellent coverage in the local papers, the Central Record and the Burlington County Times, thanks to Rita Manno, so we are expecting a great group of applicants. The deadline for applications is the end of March, after which we will be choosing our winner.

Mary Strickler

Running & Winning

The Running & Winning Workshop will be held Tuesday, April 16 at Cherokee High School, and volunteers are still needed. Three facilitators have volunteered from Medford AAUW, but more are needed. Facilitator training will be April 11, 7–9 pm.

The 'campaign' topic this year is: ***"Should we decriminalize marijuana in New Jersey?"***.

If you would like to participate as a facilitator, volunteer to help at the Workshop or donate money, please contact Elsie Behmer.

Elsie Behmer

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By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



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