

**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

**Dr. Paul Katz**, dean of the new Cooper Medical School, was a big hit at last month's meeting. He graciously stayed late to answer all our questions and gave us a lot to think about regarding healthcare.

This month's speaker is Rowan's Dr. Leslie Spencer, to discuss her experience using strength-training and diet to fight breast cancer. Please also remember to bring your items for the AAUW Medford Area basket that will go to the NJ State meeting. Mary Switzer has listed some suggested items inside.

Please see **Scholarships & Fundraising** for info on our upcoming book sales. We're hoping that the Indian Acres market will be a great venue for us. Also plan to join us for a fun evening at the Riversharks on May 3. We may even be able to award two scholarships again.

Helen O'Neill will host Lit Group on April 16, featuring **Vera (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov)** by Stacey Shiff. Focus on the woman behind the man, the strength of her influence and their remarkable life together.

It's that time of year again. Yes, spring, but also time for our annual dues. The payment form is included on page 4 for your convenience. Please take a moment while it's top of mind to write that check and pop it in the mail to June Ramondetta.

*Mary Ann Brookes*

## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, April 6th from 8am to 2pm**  
**Book Sale** at Indian Acres Tree Farm

**Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 pm**  
**General Meeting** – Speaker Dr. Leslie Spencer  
**Topic:** You Can Be Beautiful Beyond Breast Cancer.  
Linden Room, Medford Leas, Medford

**Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 pm**  
**Lit Group – Vera (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov)** by Stacey Shiff  
Home of Helen O'Neill

**Friday, May 3, 7:05 pm**  
**Camden Riversharks** baseball game for AAUW

## Occasions

**Birthday wishes** this month go out to:

Rose Mary Bland – April 23

*Enjoy your special day!*



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.

## Lit Group

"Without my wife," Vladimir Nabokov once remarked, "I wouldn't have written a single novel." Pulitzer Prize winner Stacey Shiff's biography *Vera (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov)* has been hailed as an artful and elegantly nuanced portrait of the artist's wife, Vera Slonim. It has been described as an absorbing and sensitive rendering of their fifty-two year marriage. Vera is followed from her childhood in Russia to her marriage and life with Nabokov in Berlin.

Join the Literary Group on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 at the home of Helen O'Neill as we discuss this fascinating love story and collaboration.

Please contact Helen for directions at 609-953-6868 or Helen1409@verizon.net.

*Helen O'Neill and Rose Mary Bland*

## Public Policy

**Tuesday, April 9, is Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's from the year before.**

The Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84/H.R. 377) would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, bar retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to coworkers, and give both employers and employees the tools they need to end unequal pay practices.

[With Equal Pay Day next Tuesday and the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act in June, it's time for the House of Representatives to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.](#)

*Lynne*

## Programs

Our speaker for April is Dr. Leslie Spencer, a Health and Exercise professor at Rowan. She will speak to us about her battle with breast cancer through strength training and diet. She has written a book about her experiences called *You Can Be Beautiful Beyond Breast Cancer*.

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

*Bea and Sylvia*

### AAUW NJ Annual Meeting

**Bring Items for Our Branch Basket**  
*Conference theme--Be Clued in, not Clueless.*

Some suggestions for basket items:

1. one bottle of wine (not many bottles as the basket is too heavy to carry!) (networking tool)
2. one book or several books (for knowledge)
3. a SMALL plant; gloves; small garden tools; packets of seeds (planting for a green environment)
4. a whistle (for protection)
5. small box of teas or coffee (networking tool or just to stay calm and focused)
6. some small trinket(s) from the NJ shore (remember those who lost so much and also the need to preserve our shores)
7. a night light (to light our way in everything we do)
8. some items exclusively from Medford Area (wherever our members live)
9. a flash drive (to portably transport information); markers; some unique pen/pencil (to still share the written word); writing paper (maybe from Medford or the Medford Arts Center?)

*Please bring items to our April 9 meeting so I can put the basket together.*

*Mary Switzer*

## Scholarship & Fundraising

Great news!

Thanks to a generous donation from **Earl Marks, of RBC Wealth Management**, we are over halfway to having enough money to again award two scholarships this year.

To get that other half, we need all your support in our last few fund-raising activities. The first is this weekend, a **book sale** at Indian Acres Tree Farm on Saturday, April 6th from 8am to 2pm as part of their monthly flea market. So come on over, and bring your friends!

The next is a night at the **Camden Riversharks** baseball game on Friday, May 3rd. For each \$12.25 ticket we buy - or sell - the fund will get \$5. And this is also just a fun night out. However, in order for your ticket purchase to count, you have to get it online. A block of seats is being held for us, and we have already sold four of them. For those of you who are comfortable going online, go to <http://www.riversharks.com/> and click on the fund-raising box on the right hand side of their home page. You will then have to go through a couple of pages in order to get your tickets. The "unique code" you will be asked to enter should be easy for you to remember! It's AAUW. Anyone who has problems with that, or doesn't have access to a computer, can call me at (609) 267-2665 and I will order your ticket for you. Bring out your family and friends or talk to your neighbors!

There will be one more event before it's time to make the scholarship award. And that is another book sale, again at Indian Acres, on May 4th. I'll be looking for volunteers to help out. If you already know you can do it, just let me know.

*Mary Strickler*

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## 2013 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: national, state and local as shown below.

**Dues:**

National	\$49.00
State	\$10.00
Local	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>

Please bring your payment to one of our meetings or mail by June 30 to:

AAUW Medford Area  
 c/o June Ramondetta  
 Treasurer  
 119 Bracken Road  
 Medford, NJ 08055

Thanks,  
*June Ramondetta*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check if you are a life member:

If you are a dual member with another branch, other branch name: \_\_\_\_\_

## AAUW-Medford Area Branch Membership Roster



*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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