

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

Cathi Rendfrey opened our eyes at our last meeting about the changes in NJ's alimony rules being discussed, seemingly largely under the radar. It's one of the topics we will broach with congressional candidate Aimee Belgard as we participate in this year's **One Billion Rising** event on February 14. See the details inside.

Our scholarship and the Champagne Brunch are a big focus now, with March 1st right around the corner. This brunch should be a lot of fun, so get your RSVP in to Nancy Sauer now or bring your check to our meeting on the 11th.

Thanks to Nancy for hosting the invitation stuffing party and the members who participated. Thanks also to Cynthia Sosnowski for sending notice of our scholarship to a group of likely schools. We hope to get some great candidates again.

Although we don't have an official representative on the board, Dian Hattrick has graciously offered to coordinate volunteers to participate in this year's Running & Winning program on April 8. Please let Dian know if you want to help out.

Stay warm, and I hope to see you soon at one of our events.

Mary Ann Brookes

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 pm

General Meeting - Joel Rudin, professor, Rowan University, **The Affordable Care Act**
Medford Leas, Rt. 70, Medford

Friday, February 14, 1:00 pm

One Billion Rising - Meeting with candidate Aimee Belgard
Aimee's office, Willingboro, NJ

Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 pm

Literature Group - Steve Jobs, by Walter Isaacson
Home of Tricia Reace

Planning Ahead:

Saturday, March 1, 11:30 am

Book & Author Brunch, Tall Tales and Short Stories from South Jersey by South Jersey Writers' Group
Medford Leas

Tuesday, April 8, Running & Winning

Friday, June 20, 7:05 pm AAUW at the Riversharks

Member Greetings

Happy Birthday greetings go out to two of our members this month:



Tina Wetterau, February 8
Helen O'Neill, February 17

Lit Group

Only a handful of us braved the cold in January to discuss the fascinating fictional character, *Moll Flanders*, at Helen's home. Also fascinating, but a very real person, was *Steve Jobs*, who according to his biographer, Walter Isaacson, transformed seven industries: personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing, digital publishing and retail stores.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate on February 18th when we meet at the home of Tricia Reace at 7:30 pm to discuss *Steve Jobs*, a biography that reveals a multi-faceted genius who reminded us that "the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."

Call Tricia at 856-985-9031 for directions and to RSVP.

Helen O'Neill and Rose Mary Bland

Scholarship & Fundraising

It's coming up fast! Our champagne brunch on Saturday, March 1st at Medford Leas. This one should be a lot of fun. Send in your RSVP now, and don't forget to bring your friends along! Our guests are four local women from the South Jersey Writers Group who have contributed to their book, *Tall Tales and Short Stories from South Jersey*.

We received our flyers for the **Camden Riversharks** baseball team at Campbell Field. The date is Friday, June 20th. Tickets are only \$11 and the branch earns \$5 for each ticket sold when you mention AAUW. It's always a fun evening and an easy way to make a few more dollars for the scholarship fund.

Mary Strickler

Programs

February 11th – Hot topic! Joel Rudin is professor and coordinator of the Human Resource Management major at Rowan University's Rohrer College of Business. He will speak to us about the **Affordable Care Act**.

Join us at 7:30pm on the 11th in the Linden Room at Medford Leas for another interesting and informative program.

Sylvia Teahan and Bea Chawla

One Billion Rising 2014

This year, with Jon Runyan leaving office, we will meet with candidate Aimee Belgard to discuss AAUW issues and hear her positions. Cid Richards spoke with Aimee, who was complimentary toward Cathi Rendfrey and said she would look into the alimony bills that Cathi discussed with us at our January meeting.

Join us on February 14, at 1:00 pm, at Aimee's office in Willingboro. The address is 220 Sunset Road, Suite 3A, across from Lourdes Hospital. We can discuss car pooling at our meeting on the 11th.

Running and Winning

The next Running and Winning program will take place on April 8. We voted to contribute \$150 to the event, which promotes leadership and civic involvement for High School girls.

For those who would like to volunteer on April 8 at the event, please let Dian Hattrick know.

Public Policy

Call to Action:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Sounds like a no-brainer, right? That's the text of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution (ERA), introduced in 1923 and sent to the states for ratification in 1972. Unfortunately, the ERA fell three states short of the 38 states that needed to ratify it to go into effect.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) has reintroduced the Equal Rights Amendment in the 113th Congress so we can finally make this amendment a reality. **But your representative still hasn't co-sponsored this critical piece of legislation!**

[TAKE ACTION: Urge your representative to get with the times and co-sponsor the Equal Rights Amendment \(H.J. Res 56\).](#)

We need the ERA to explicitly grant women equal rights and outlaw sex discrimination – that way we can better fight for advancements such as equal pay and push back against efforts to roll back our rights. AAUW of New Jersey strongly supports the ERA, and we hope you will join us in this effort.

We've waited nearly a century for the Equal Rights Amendment to become law – [tell your representative you won't wait any longer!](#)

AAUW Cheer of the Week

On Tuesday, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R) signed a bill that will protect pregnant workers from discrimination and unsafe work conditions. The legislation, which AAUW-NJ urged Gov. Christie to sign, expands accommodations for pregnant employees who may need to modify work schedules, take restroom breaks, and mitigate strenuous tasks.

Task Force Confronts Culture of Rape on College Campuses

On Tuesday, President Obama announced the creation of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. This taskforce will come up with best practices to guide schools in preventing and responding to sexual violence. Also this week, the Council on Women and Girls released a report that revealed nearly one in 5 women has been sexually assaulted during college. "It's great news to see plans to increase transparency around enforcement activities identified as a priority. The current information, if available, is scattered online and can be difficult to find — we hope that will change," said Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW government relations manager.

Lynne

On the Web

McKinsey reports on Women in Corporate Positions

Moving mind-sets on gender diversity: McKinsey Global Survey results

To ensure that corporate culture supports—not hinders—the ability of women to reach top management, companies must address mind-sets and develop a more inclusive, holistic diversity agenda.

Check it out here:

[Moving mind-sets on gender diversity: McKinsey Global Survey results](#)

FundPhotos for Scholarships



Don't forget—AAUW has joined FundPhotos!

Simply go to: www.FundPhotos.com and click on the 'Join Now!' button. Then you can upload photos to share with friends and family, and when you or anyone else purchases prints or photo personalized merchandise, you can designate AAUW Pinelands Branch as your donation recipient. It's as simple as that! 20% of every order will be donated to our AAUW Pinelands branch scholarship fund.

If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Sosnowski, our FundPhotos AAUW Medford Area Branch group coordinator, icsos1@comcast.net or 609.602.2762.

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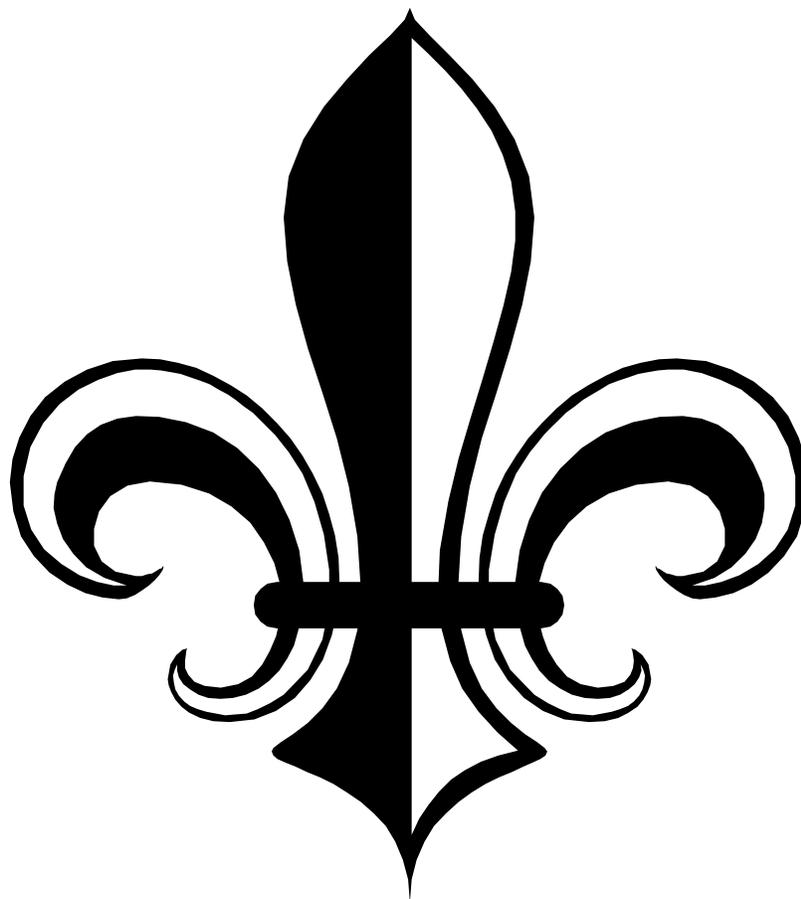
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**AAUW-Medford Area Branch
Membership Roster**



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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