

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*

What's in Your Wallet- Redux

A nation's currency has historically honored its leadership and values. Kings and Queens, Caesars and ministers have typically graced the coins issued by their governments. In the United States, our founding "fathers" have dominated the face of our coins and bills. But that is about to change. By 2020, the \$10 bill may feature not only Alexander Hamilton, our nation's first Treasury Secretary (and of recent Broadway fame) but will also carry the images of Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton , and our own Alice Paul.. As we head to the polls this November, let us remember these leaders of the suffragette movement.

We would once again like to thank all the committee chairs for their dedication, energy and enthusiasm. AAUW is an important organization with a unique mission. It is only through the combined efforts of many that we can achieve our goal.

Helen O'Neill and Elsie Behmer, Co-Presidents

Mark Your Calendar

Our normal schedule will resume in September, with General Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Lit Group on the 3rd Tuesday, and the Book & Author Brunch planned for March.

Member Greetings

*Happy Birthday to our members
celebrating over the summer:*

<i>Barbara Zeuli</i>	<i>June 7</i>
<i>Carol Guarnieri-Palermo</i>	<i>June 25</i>
<i>Dory Dickson</i>	<i>June 29</i>
<i>Mary Ann Brookes</i>	<i>July 19</i>
<i>Lila Cleaver</i>	<i>July 23</i>



***Have a great summer and
see you in September!***

Congratulations to the two winners of our AAUW Gladys Lowden-Metz Academic Scholarship for 2016!

Both women have impressive credentials which told a compelling story.
(And, no, they are not related.)

Wandy Rivera

Wandy is a previous recipient of our scholarship, and we are pleased to be able to follow her progress.

Wandy is currently working for the State of New Jersey as a Customer Service Representative while attending Wilmington University. She plans to graduate in 2017 with a degree in accounting and hopes to work as an accountant or perhaps an auditor for the State of New Jersey.

Ms. Rivera is a single mother, raising three children. She has been described as a determined student who has served as a positive role model for others.

Alina Rivera

Alina is currently a full time student at Wilmington University, planning to graduate in 2017 with a degree in behavioral sciences. She hopes to work with troubled youth. As the product of a dysfunctional home herself, she has basically been on her own since the age of 13. She is now caring for four children and her sisters while pursuing an education.

Ms. Rivera has been described as a diligent and devoted student, and as having exceptional leadership skills. She is a member of several honor societies, including Phi Theta Kappa and Chi Iota.



Lit Group

The Literature Group concluded the 2015-2016 year with yet another provocative discussion. While written in the 1950s, *Go Set a Watchman* remains a very timely book. On the 62nd anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v Board of Education*, the ideal of public education as a great equalizer appears to be unraveling. In actuality, the number of segregated schools appears to be increasing from a reported 9% in 2001 to 14% in 2014. Racial inequality, cultural bias, and family tensions are among the topics explored in this book and visited by the literature group.

We look forward to another exciting year of books and discussion. Please plan on joining us in September. And, as always, recommendations are most appreciated.

Helen O'Neill and Tricia Reace

Membership Renewal

Don't forget! Now is the season to renew your AAUW membership. Please be kind to your treasurer and renew now to save me from having to follow up with you all summer!

The dues are \$70, which is \$49 to National, \$10 to NJ State, and the remaining \$11 to Medford Area branch.

You can use a credit card to easily renew online on the AAUW website at this link:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/>

If you prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to AAUW Medford Area and mail it to:

Mary Ann Brookes
38 Red Oak Trail
Medford, NJ 08055

Thanks!

Branch Budget

Here is our currently planned budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year:

AAUW Medford Area Branch		
Annual Budget		
Branch Dues @ \$70 total		\$11
Members	29	\$319
General Expenses		
Supplies (frames, brochures)		50
Postage		5
Total General Expenses		55
Balance Available		\$264
Other expenditures as ranked		
Speaker recognition		50
Medford Leas (for meeting space)		50
Running & Winning co-sponsor		100
Total Other Expenditures		\$200
Net Balance		\$64



Public Policy

Just in time for Memorial Day, President Barack Obama restored Arlington Cemetery inurnment honors for Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Members of the WASP bravely served critical roles for our nation, as they flew domestic missions during World War II. These service women, who were denied veterans status for decades, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009.

WASP had been eligible since 2002 to have their ashes rest at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors. But this changed in March 2015, when the U.S. Army revoked WASP members' rights to be laid to rest at the hallowed grounds, citing limited space. It took an act of Congress, passed unanimously in the House and Senate, along with the president's signature to right this wrong.

Lynne

First Ladies as Human Beings

Mamie Eisenhower hated moving out of the White House. She liked the perks and power and having her husband at home after they spent so much time apart during his Army career.

She resented her successor, Jacqueline Kennedy and referred to her as "the college girl." Mamie waited as long as possible to show Jackie around the White House. While Jackie was still recovering from a difficult birth, she got a slow and painful tour. The wheelchair her doctor had ordered was hidden behind a closet door.

Betty Ford was furious when her husband lost the 1976 race to Jimmy Carter and bore a powerful grudge. She had to be ordered to invite Rosalynn to the White House and gave her the briefest of tours.

First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies by Kate Andersen Brower discusses the modern-day first ladies' rivalries and friendships with one another. The stories range from heartwarming to the shocking and tragic as revealed in never before published letters.

Brower is the author of the best-selling *The Residence*, a behind-the-scenes look at the White House.

Elsie

Congrats, Officers

Our new officer slate will take effect as of July 1, 2016.

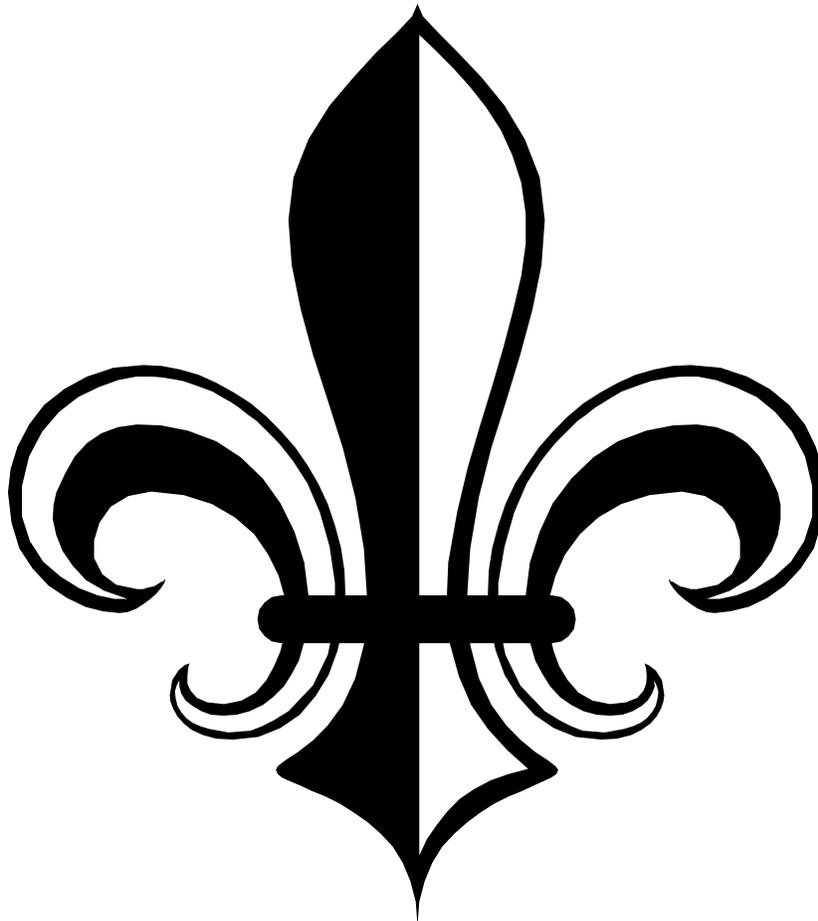
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AAUW-Medford Area Branch Membership Roster



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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