



### The Monthly Newsletter of the AAUW - Medford Area Branch

## President's Message

### Dear Medford Branch Members...

It's time for our June end-of-the-year newsletter. We hope that all of you continue to be in good health and hope that you have weathered nearly three months of being home with minimal local ventures out for groceries and other needed necessities.

Our nontraditional scholarship committee met and we are pleased to announce that we have two winners for this year. Congratulations to Luisa Lara and Stacey Lee. Please see page 2 of our newsletter for more details.

We hope to have a general meeting in June. A live meeting may be via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details in an email that we will send out in early June.

We still need to fill vacancies for various officer positions in our branch, including president of the branch as I have served for four years and my term is up. Due to our inability to hold any general meetings for the past few months, I have volunteered to remain president until we have our meeting or Zoom virtual meeting.

Check out the various articles from AAUW for updated information on their national news.

On our state level, on **June 13 at 10:30 am** AAUWNJ will be holding a webinar-style presentation of "A Feminist Perspective on COVID-19 and the Value of Care Work" by Yana Rodgers, PhD (Economics), Professor at the Rutgers University Center for Women and Work. And, on **Saturday, June 27, 10:30 am** a town hall style annual meeting of AAUW NJ members. More information is in the newsletter.

Looking forward to the summer months ahead. Stay well and keep in touch.

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

### AAUW's Mission

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

## Mark Your Calendar

**TBD**

**Branch General Meeting**

*Zoom Conferencing*

**Saturday, June 13, 10:30 am**

**AAUW NJ Webinar**

*Zoom Conferencing*

**Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 pm**

**Lit Group—There There**

*Zoom Conferencing*

**Tuesday, June 16**

*Last day to register to vote in NJ Primary*

**Saturday, June 27, 10:30 am**

**AAUW NJ Annual Meeting**

*Zoom Conferencing*

**Tuesday, June 30**

*Last day for independent (unaffiliated) voters to request a ballot for the NJ Primary*

**Tuesday, July 7**

**NJ Primary**

*All registered voters affiliated with a party will receive a mail-in ballot.*

Editor's note: To participate in a Zoom meeting you must have the Zoom Conferencing app installed on your device (phone, tablet, laptop or desktop). You do NOT need a Zoom account.

— Mary Switzer

## Lit Group

Lit Group is running a month behind our planned schedule for the year, but we have been able to continue our always stimulating meetings via Zoom, discussing Still Life With Breadcrumbs by Anna Quindlen in April and Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate in May.

We will conclude our reading season this month with There There by Tommy Orange. Orange, a Cheyenne and Arapaho, uses the stories of 12 urban Native Americans living in Oakland, California (the title references Gertrude Stein's famous remark) to portray the challenges facing their culture.

We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, 16 June at 2pm. Please contact Tricia to participate in the meeting.

*Tricia Reace and Helen O'Neill*

## Member Greetings

### Belated Birthday Wishes to:

**Tina Dwyer—April**

**Mary Switzer—May**

### Birthday Greetings to our summer celebrants:

**Margaret Turlo**

**Mary Ann Brookes**



## Introducing our Nontraditional Scholarships Winners

### 2020

**Luisa Lara** is a student in Rowan College at Burlington County's (RCBC) Dental Hygienist Program. She has faced many challenges in the pursuit of her degree.

Luisa was a single mother who dropped out of school to raise her daughter. Adding to that challenge, in 1993 she was diagnosed with a kidney disease requiring dialysis. When her daughter was 16, Luisa decided it was time for her to return to school, and she obtained her GED. Her daughter is now attending the University of Arizona, and Luisa has continued to pursue her education at RCBC, even while she is waiting for a kidney transplant.

Luisa lives in Moorestown.

**Stacey Lee** is a student in RCBC's Health Information Technology program where she is on the Dean's List. She is currently pursuing a certificate in the Coding Program and plans to continue her education with a degree in Health Information Technology.

Stacey originally deferred her education to support her husband and children. After her youngest child entered preschool two years ago, Stacey decided to return to college after a 20-year hiatus. Her oldest child Kaela is currently in RCBC's nursing program, so they are attending college together.

Stacey lives in Marlton with her husband David and their four children.

Congratulations to them both!!

## AAUW NJ Presents

A Feminist Perspective on COVID-19 and the Value of Care Work

Saturday, June 13, 10:30 AM

Yana Rodgers, PhD, Professor at Rutgers Center for Women and Work.

COVID-19 has exposed the foundational role of care work, both paid and unpaid, to functioning societies and economies. Women's physical and mental health, and the societies that rely on them, are at stake. The field of feminist economics has valuable lessons for mitigating hardships as governments formulate policy packages in response to the crisis. Such policies must recognize care work as an integral part of the economic system that promotes human well-being for all.

To register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZakcO2vpj4vGtbrvPuzifNDvG9oaxXeTpbm>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## AAUW NJ Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 27, 10:30 AM

A Zoom Town Hall

We will be holding a Zoom meeting for AAUW NJ members to share what their branches have accomplished this year and to elect the AAUW NJ board for 2020-2021.

To register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsde-upjkiGtAUI\\_hPx8cXtqiQJHaHGLM9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsde-upjkiGtAUI_hPx8cXtqiQJHaHGLM9)

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## AAUW NJ Values Care Workers

Even when there isn't a pandemic, we know that the gender pay gap is large for the essential front line workers who care for those who can't care for themselves - workers who are almost all women. A recognition project is being planned for the week of June 22 to thank the staff of long term care facilities (LTCF) and let folks know that AAUW is working for fair pay.

Branches in New Jersey are asked to identify a long term care facility in their area and to contact the administration to identify something the staff would appreciate, such as a meal, treat, or an item that is needed. Then the Branch would purchase the items, hopefully supporting a local restaurant or merchant in the process, and either deliver in person or arrange for delivery to the LTCF.

We ask that an AAUW member and a recipient at the LTCF take a picture with our AAUW banner and a sign thanking the workers, for posting on our website and Facebook page.

Send your ideas to [aauwnj@gmail.com](mailto:aauwnj@gmail.com). Watch for an update sharing ideas from the organizing committee and branches.

## Update on NJ Primary

The 2020 NJ Primary has been rescheduled to 7 July. On 15 May Governor Phil Murphy issued an Executive Order significantly expanding vote-by-mail options for this primary.

All registered voters who are affiliated with a political party will automatically receive a vote by mail ballot, including a postage paid envelope, which must be returned by 7 July. Registered unaffiliated voters will receive an application for a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be returned by 30 June.

In person voting will also be available at limit locations to be announced.

## Make Your Voice Heard

Do you want to make your opinion heard?

For issues directly related to AAUW's mission, you can sign-up for AAUW's Two—Minute Activist at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/>.

You'll receive an email with links to send a note to your congressional delegation.

For these and other issues you can also reach out directly to your representatives.

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Mr. Menendez and Mr. Kim also send out regular newsletters if you provide them your email address.

## Keeping in Touch

In addition to this newsletter, there are many ways to keep up with what's going on at AAUW.

On our **branch website** (<http://medford-nj.aauw.net/>), you can find a "public" version of our newsletter, upcoming events, and other branch information, and links to some of the sites below.

Want to know what's going on at **State**? You can find them on line at <http://aauw-nj.aauw.net/> and sign up there to have news delivered straight to your mailbox.

**State** also maintains a social media presence on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/aauw.nj/>), and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8469639/profile>).

**AAUW National** (<http://www.aauw.org>) also has mailing lists, and has an active presence on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.National/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/AAUW> and <https://twitter.com/AAUWPolicy>) and LinkedIn: (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/76663/profile>).

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## 2019/20 AAUW Medford Area

### Executive Board

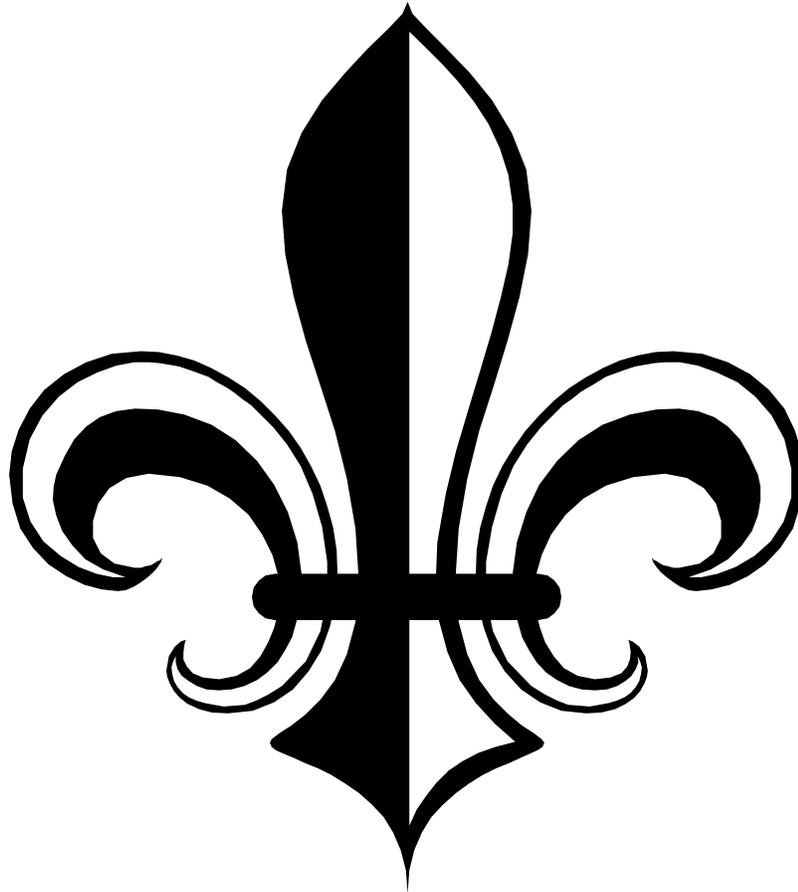
<b>President</b>	Mary Switzer
<b>VP Finance</b>	Mary Ann Brookes
<b>Secretary</b>	Jackie McGuinness
<b>Literature Group Co-Chairs</b>	Helen O'Neill Tricia Reace
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bea Chawla
<b>Newsletter Coordinator</b>	Tricia Reace

## Officers Wanted

Want to do more? Or maybe enhance your resume? **Officers are needed!** If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Mary Switzer. Most do not take a great deal of time and are rewarding ways to get in some volunteer credits. You can also get to know your fellow branch members better. The team needs you!



**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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