



NetWorks

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AAUW NMCB Branch Meeting Monday, MAY 6

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Shrewsbury Historical Society
419 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702**

MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION!

Welcome new members!

Open Up AAUW - Vote Election 2024

Public Policy Priorities

The Public Policy Priorities underscore AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Presidents' Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Last month we reflected on preparing for the arrival of spring. This month, spring has arrived in all its glory. We hope you are enjoying the beauty that surrounds us and the opportunity to spend more time outdoors.

Spring is traditionally a busy time for the branch, and elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about our Annual Scholarship Luncheon honorees and see pictures of many of those in attendance. Once again, we were at Beacon Hill Country Club and appreciated the beauty of the site, the tasty food, and the helpful staff. Many attendees were able to leave having won one

or more of the great baskets - both those who won and those who didn't, please know that your purchase of basket tickets goes directly into our fundraising accounts that support our scholarships for local women and girls and special projects.

We were honored to have the AAUW NJ State President, Sharon Suber, attend the luncheon, and she welcomed all there by sharing a few words about AAUW's mission. We enjoyed every minute of the luncheon, ending on a fun note when we stood and danced as our speaker, Dr. Elaine O'Brien, reminded us of the magic of music and dancing in managing life's stressors. If you'd like to know more about caring for yourself through play you can purchase Dr. O'Brien's book, *The Power of Play: Optimize Your Joy Potential*, and download her free fun tracker eBook at her website:

<https://elaineobrienphd.com/the-power-of-play>.

An event like the Scholarship Luncheon doesn't just happen, it takes a dedicated committee and leadership. Once again **Kathy Olsen**, with her great organizational skills, led a committee that brought experience, creativity and a commitment to get the job done. We want to thank Kathy and the members of the committee, **Mary Lea Burden, Ruth Hodum, Marie Gambuzza, Barbara Iwanski, Alice MacPhee Jesmajian, Judy Kramer, Lauren Nicosia, and Janet Richter** for their work in making the luncheon so successful.

A special shout-out goes to **Ruth and Harry Hodum** who store our luncheon baskets year-round in their basement, then live with a dining room full of baskets and the things that will eventually fill them, including three works of art and two small appliances, for several weeks before the luncheon date, and still Harry always smiles when you show up with a few more things.



Stay tuned later in the year for information on next year's luncheon. If you couldn't attend this year, we hope you can make it next year. A worthy fundraiser and fun event not to be missed.

Even as members worked to make the luncheon a success, the Used Book Sale, the backbone of our fundraising efforts, continues to be open on Thursday mornings and Saturdays from 10 to 2, excluding holidays. Please consider donating some of your time, especially on a Saturday to work at the book sale. It's not difficult work and it's more than satisfying when a customer leaves with a smile and a bag of books or even just one book they've been searching for.

Other mission-related work that branch members are working on now includes interviewing and selecting rising 8th-grade girls who will attend AAUW NJ's summer STEM camp, Tech Trek, held for a week each summer at Stockton State University.

Others are working to prepare and deliver the book awards that the branch gives to the senior woman with the highest grades in mathematics in twenty-two northern Monmouth County High Schools. Both Tech Trek and the book awards are ways that we encourage girls and young women interested in science and math to continue to pursue that interest instead of dropping it as too many girls do without encouragement to pursue their interest in those fields.

We are also in the process of selecting a student from both Brookdale Community College and Monmouth University to attend NCCWSL at the end of May. A national AAUW program held annually on the University of Maryland campus and designed to develop leadership skills in college women, this branch has sponsored a student attendee from each local college since its inception.

Spring means an in-person branch meeting at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on the first Monday in May. We hope we'll see you there as it's always a treat to be together in person. This meeting will allow us to understand better the ways public policy is shaped and what we can do to play a role in how that happens. Every day reminds us that our lives are affected by policymakers. Come learn what you can do to influence their decisions.

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." — Emily Brontë

May your May be full of possibilities!

Happy Spring and Happy Planting!
Marian & Heather

Marian Wattenbarger

Heather Balczarek

Scholarship Luncheon

The April 17 luncheon at Beacon Hill Country Club was another success. Over 85 guests attended, with 30 raffle baskets being well received.

The sun was shining as we applauded our Women of Achievement, Patty Whyte and Stephanie Cartier. (See below for more.)

Kathy Olsen, Chair of the luncheon, was presented as our NMCB Member of the Year. (See p. 5 for more.)

Our guest speaker, author Dr. Elaine O'Brien, presented us with the importance of *The Power of Play*, the title of her book. She ended her presentation by urging attendees to stand and join her in dance moves. Each of us left with a smile on her face.

Don't forget to support our generous donors and thank them when you visit their establishments. (See p. 12 for a list of donors.)

Women of Achievement 2024

Presentations of our Women of Achievement were made by our Presidents, Marian Wattenbarger and Heather Balczarek. Here are their remarks.

Woman of Achievement Awardee, Patty Whyte, as presented by Marian W.:

*I met Patty Whyte several years ago in a Red Bank group called Citizens for A Diverse and Open Society founded by one of our previous Women of Achievement, **Gilda Rogers**, and Syd Bernstein. The goal of that group was to provide a place where members of the Black community and the White community could meet knowing they could speak about their experiences and concerns, be listened to, and treated with respect. In that group Patty struck me as a thoughtful and caring person, and it's certainly the case that everyone in the room took seriously the need for individuals of different backgrounds and racial and ethnic groups to meet together and learn from one another. Patty was a good*

listener but I knew little about her career and life experience until we rode together to a meeting at Princeton and shared something about our lives and concerns for the communities where we lived.



Marian Wattenbarger (l) and Patty Whyte (r)
Photo: Barbara Withers

Patty had a fascinating story. She grew up in New Jersey and one of the things she pronounced early on was that she would never be a nurse, but as a young adult she discovered the BaHai faith and gave a year of her life to work with BaHai's in Guatemala. At the end of that year she had learned two things - Spanish - and that she wanted to be a nurse. Patty went to nursing school, studied midwifery, and eventually earned a BSN. She had a career as a nurse in New Jersey and Maine as well as one year spent serving as a midwife on a large Navajo reservation in the southwest where there was one doctor and everyone else who cared for pregnant women was a midwife.

Patty worked for 20 years for the Monmouth Medical Center group that provided pre-natal care for women primarily in medically underserved communities. The group served many low-income women in the communities where they lived, and we know from studies of women's health outcomes, that those outcomes tend to be measurably worse in low-income communities without access to health care. That medical group was surely making a difference. Patty shared with me that due to the leadership of

an exceptional physician and the committed group of midwives, they were able to significantly lower the rate of unnecessary C-sections in these communities and provide quality, compassionate care for women in Asbury Park, Long Branch, and Keyport. Eventually, as populations changed, more than half their patients spoke Spanish, and Patty's learning experience in Guatemala made a difference for women in Monmouth County as she frequently got called on to translate. Before retiring in 2017, Patty delivered more than 800 babies. I was especially touched when I interviewed her recently and she described delivering babies as a gift - she went on to note that no question the mother is most important, but the one who delivers the baby is the first to hold it and in her words "it is a gift to hold new life."

Patty's BaHai faith teaches that we are all part of the human family and that belief along with her interest in the Red Bank community brought her to the Red Bank Library program Let's Talk About Race at its inception in 2015, where since then she has served as a volunteer on its steering committee. Let's Talk About Race began as a response to overt racism in the community, and the goal of the library staff and community volunteers like Patty was to create a safe, caring and respectful place where individuals could have conversations and opportunities to learn about the impact of racial disparities and experiences on various communities. When Covid-19 arrived the program became virtual and Patty welcomed participants via Zoom. Let's Talk About Race encourages respectful listening and has featured outstanding programs presented by a variety of community members including descendants of the indigenous people who were here before settlers from Europe arrived. The program recently won a Multicultural Award from the NJ State Library Association.

Patty made the same commitment as a volunteer helping to lead the Let's Talk About Race program as she had to her career as a midwife. In both she has sought to work with love and compassion for all those she served and to bring people together in community. The Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW is

honored to recognize Patty Whyte today as a Woman of Achievement for both her professional and volunteer care of Monmouth County's diverse communities.

Woman of Achievement Awardee, Stephanie Cartier, as presented by Heather B.:

Many of you in this room have likely enjoyed more than one lunch at a favorite spot in Middletown, one with a unique name, No Limits Cafe. Not only is the food delicious but the welcome is always warm and the staff ready to serve you from the minute you sit down. Once seated and you look at the walls, you will see inspiring words and quotes so, as a friend of mine says, you always leave happy with the meal you just ate, and also grateful for the time you've spent there. Those of us who've had the pleasure of eating at No Limits probably know something about its origins, but for those who don't here is an abbreviated story of how this special place came to be. A few years ago, Stephanie and Mark Cartier were considering what lay ahead for their daughter, Katie, who was born with Down's Syndrome. They knew that there is what is called the "dropping off the cliff" point where young adults with intellectual disabilities age out of programs in the community, and there is very little left for them. As Stephanie described it, she and Mark knew they had to do something. Out of that sense of urgency for their daughter and others they pursued options including visiting a restaurant in Texas called Hugs Café, a place employing young adults with Intellectual Disabilities also known as ID. They returned home inspired and dedicated to the idea of expanding on the concept of Hugs Café. The result of that inspiration is No Limits Café, which today has expanded its program to not only train young people to prepare and serve food at No Limits Cafe but has also trained and placed 25 young people with ID to work outside of No Limits. That 10-week training program has resulted in placement in a variety of jobs, not all related to the restaurant business.



Stephanie Cartier (l) and Heather Balczarek (r)
Photo: Barbara Withers

Stephanie Cartier is a graduate of Rider University with a degree in communications and she has surely used her communication skills to make connections throughout the community to create and sustain No Limits whose formal mission statement is, "Empower adults with intellectual disabilities by providing jobs and job training to help them lead fulfilling lives within our community and to increase awareness of their potential."

Stephanie Cartier says that the inspiration for the entire operation is her daughter, Katie Cartier, and I was touched when reading this Stephanie quote from a local newspaper. She said, "Having a child with Down Syndrome is such a blessing sometimes I say to my husband 'I feel sorry for people that are missing out by not having a child with Down Syndrome. Katie is such a blessing to our family.'"

The Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW is honored to recognize the contributions made to the entire community by Stephanie's vision, energy, and dedication to making a difference in the lives of community members with Intellectual Disabilities – in fulfilling that vision she has touched all our lives and made Monmouth County a better place.

Presenting Kathy Olsen, NMCB Member of the Year



From left to right, Marian Wattenbarger, Heather Balczarek, Kathy Olsen
Photo: Barbara Withers

As Marian presented:

*It is Heather's and my great pleasure now to present the Member of the Year Award for 2023, and we are very happy to announce the recipient is Kathy Olsen. Kathy joined this branch almost as soon as she moved to NJ in 1977, and (no surprise) she served as president from 1979 to 1981. I was president (my first time around) when Kathy arrived and quickly learned that she is surely the person to ask if you want to get a job done well, on time, and with all who participate feeling a sense of accomplishment. An educator and school administrator for many years, Kathy remained a member of the branch even when she didn't have time for hands-on activities because she believed in AAUW's mission to open doors for women and girls. Since her retirement, she has time and again risen to the occasion and made a difference, particularly with the Used Book Sale and last year stepping in to chair the 2023 Scholarship Luncheon when the chair, **Vickie Snoy**, became critically ill and died only a few months before it was scheduled to take place. Kathy stepped up and chaired a very successful first live post-Pandemic luncheon, and here she is again for which we are so grateful. Before Heather reads the inscription on*

the award, I'd like to read a letter that I received for Kathy from her daughter Melissa, who could not be here today, but who is certainly with us in spirit. Melissa sent this letter to me to share with her mom and I'm sure you will be touched as I was by what she wrote.

Dear Mom,

CONGRATULATIONS!!! I am, "Over the Moon", to have this opportunity to celebrate You! I'm only sorry I couldn't be there in person.

When your friend Marian called to tell me that you were going to be honored, I was not surprised in the least. I would vote for you every time! I am tremendously grateful your peers chose to recognize your outstanding first-rate qualities; to name a few: your generosity, astonishing work ethic, creativity and kindness. You are always reaching out and going the extra mile.

So much of me is made from what I learned from you. You are an inspiration and blessing to me and many others. I am honored to be your daughter and I'm so proud of you!

I LOVE you Mom,

Melissa

Heather closed the presentation of awards by presenting the traditional clock award to Kathy and sharing the inscription that read:

*AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch
Member of the Year 2023
Kathy Olsen*

A great organizer with a deep commitment to Equity for Women, Book Sale Co-Chair and a Past President.

Kathy rose to the occasion to successfully chair the 2023 scholarship luncheon.

We are all beneficiaries of her vision and hard work.

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## **AAUW Election 2024 Vote Deadline May 15**

**As a member of AAUW, your voice  
and your vote count!!**

The AAUW National Board of Directors and the Governance Committee are bringing an **amendment** forward to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. An amendment to the bylaws requires 5% of eligible members (1,970) to vote and a two-thirds majority of voters to pass.

Haven't we done this before?

- Yes! 23% of AAUW members voted in 2021 (5% of eligible members are required)
- 63% approved of Open Membership (66.67 approval is required)

***Thank you if you already voted!***

AAUW is utilizing SimplyVoting.com, an independent, third-party voting system for this year's vote. Email went out on **April 3** to the members with an email address on file as of March 15 with your ELECTOR ID [membership number] and PASSWORD. The email headers look like:

from: AAUW [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com)  
date: Apr 3, 2024, 12:00 PM  
subject: AAUW Election 2024

and in a Gmail inbox it appears as:

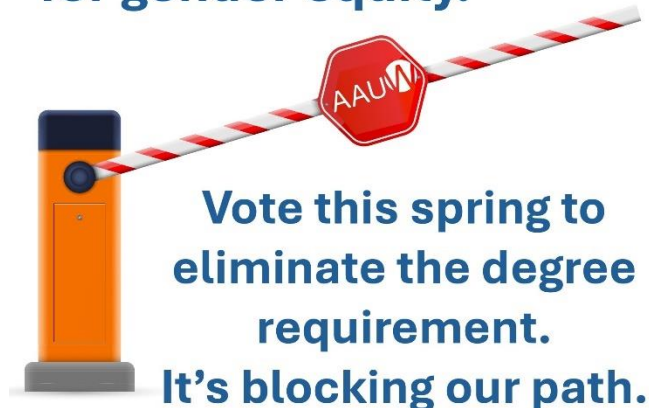
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**Be sure to check your Spam folder for the message.**

All members without an email address on file or who have unsubscribed from AAUW National emails received a paper ballot by mail.



**Let's all work together  
for gender equity.**



[OpenUpAAUW.org](http://OpenUpAAUW.org)

**Break Our Own Barrier**

**Open Up AAUW firmly believes that:**

- it is in the best interests of AAUW and its future relevance and sustainability as an inclusive and forward-thinking organization committed to advancing equity for women and girls, and
- we will finally align our membership requirements with our mission and values.

[OpenUpAAUW.org](http://OpenUpAAUW.org)

If you want to check out the prior history of this issue, please click on the Open Up AAUW website. Many members have worked diligently to bring us to this moment.

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Save the Dates

May 2024 Annual Business meeting and program, May 6

June 2024 End of season social event
Date and place TBD

If you have an idea for a program or would like to help with program planning, please contact Barbara Withers, Program Coordinator.

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Book Sale Book Sale Book Sale

AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch
Book Sale

Old First Church
69 Kings Highway, Middletown
Lower Level, outside stairs
732-275-2237
September to June

Open: Saturdays: 10am - 2pm, Thursdays:
10am - 12noon
Donate: Saturdays: 10am - 1:30pm,
Thursdays: 10am - 11:30am Thursdays,

Closed Holiday Weekends

Wide selection of items for sale:

New releases, hardcovers, paperbacks,
children's books, fiction, non-fiction, histories,
biographies, CDs, DVDs

Accepted: Books in good condition - children's
books through young adult, fiction, history,
biographies, mysteries, sci-fi, and fantasy.
Also accepted: CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and
videos.

Not accepted: VHS tapes, cassette tapes,
textbooks, encyclopedias, Readers Digest
Condensed books, financial, business,
cookbooks, gardening books, self-help books,
or computer how-to manuals. No books that
have been written in or highlighted or any items
in poor physical condition including moldy,
water damaged, with broken spines, chewed,
etc.

Volunteers Needed!

We need help at the book sale on Saturday
mornings - just a few hours of your time!
Staffed by volunteers, and all proceeds go
toward scholarships for local women at
Brookdale Community College and Monmouth

University, as well as book awards for the senior girl with the highest math score in 22 public high schools in northern Monmouth County.

The Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW has been making a difference in the community for more than 90 years and welcomes new members to join them in advancing equity for women and girls. Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

To learn more about the AAUW and the book donation policy, visit aauw-nj-nmcb.org or call 732-275-2237.

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Membership Matters

Membership Report

Membership is Everyone’s Responsibility

We welcome those who joined us at the 2024 Scholarship Luncheon!

New Members:

Joan Collier	Douglass College / NJIT Graduate Certificate Technical writer and trainer
Carole Markoff	Boston U
Tracy W. Ryan	American U Data Coordinator, Lunch Break (reading, travel, women's reproductive rights)

Honorary New Members: our honorees and speaker at the luncheon

Patty Whyte	Thomas Edison/NJ Certified Nurse/ Midwife (gardening, reading, knitting)
Stephanie Cartier	Rider U/ NJ Executive Restaurateur (NYC, tennis, beach, TV)
Elaine O'Brien	U Penn / Temple Positive Psychology / Kinesiology Motivational Speaker and Trainer

Membership Co-directors:
Mary Lea Burden

Judy Kramer

In Memoriam:
Florence Apy, Little Silver and Red Bank,
passed away on Thursday evening March 28.



While attending Sweet Briar College in Virginia, Florence began her engagement in the Civil Rights movement in response to the racial segregation she had witnessed in southeast Virginia. She returned to Monmouth County inspired to work for racial equality campaigning for fair housing laws for minorities. On August 28, 1963, she and her mother-in-law Grace Wiseburn Apy traveled to Washington DC to hear the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

participate in the “March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom,” calling for the protection of equal rights for all Americans.

During the following decades, Flo entered public service and was elected to many terms on the Little Silver Board of Education where she eventually served as President for four years. Subsequently, she was elected to five three-year terms on the Red Bank Regional Board of Education where she also served as President. Under her leadership, the first regional district Alternative School was conceived and established. During those years she was also active at both the county and state levels of the New Jersey School Boards Association. As a member of the NJSBA Board of Directors for more than a decade her work significantly influenced educational policy throughout the state.

Flo was an NMCB board member from 1985 through 1991. She served as Legislative Director, Scholarship Chair and more.

In June of 1993, she was the recipient of the “Ty Lewis Spirit Award” given by the Black American Cultural Association, recognizing her courage and moral leadership. She was the first white female recipient to be so honored. In response, she indicated simply that “her personal satisfaction was found in making a difference for the better.”

After Flo and her husband Chet retired from public service, they moved to the Atrium in Red Bank, NJ, in 2013, where they remained active community members until her husband Chester predeceased her in 2021.

Beyond her desire to advocate for the rights of minorities, women, and all those subject to discrimination, Flo was devoted to her children and grandchildren, whose lives have been forever impacted by her legacy.

Study, Action, Interest Groups

Study Group News

Art History
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2:00 pm

TOUR T THOMAS FORTUNE
CULTURAL CENTER
<https://www.ttfortuneculturalcenter.org>
94 Drs James Parker Blvd., Red Bank

COST: \$15 per person, at time of tour.
Tour lasts 2 hours.

In March 2023 the T. Thomas Fortune House was designated a Literary Landmark by the NJ Center for the Book, at Rutgers University. It is also a National Historic Landmark as well as a National Historic Journalism site designated by the Society of Professional Journalists.

There is a new exhibit about the Black press & the role they played in American Journalism.

Gilda Rogers, a former AAUW honoree, will lead the tour.

Please let Barbara Iwanski know if you plan to attend.

Anyone interested in joining our study group should contact one of the chairs. We will let you know what’s in the works for 2024. We always welcome new members.

Contact the Chairs:

Joan Fruchter	848-459-8765
Barbara Iwanski	732-687-5907
Barbara Withers	212-662-3263

French Conversation

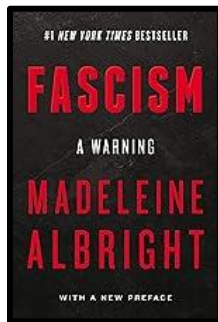
Our group enables women with a good knowledge of French to maintain their fluency through language structure reviews and conversations with other members on different topics.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact the chair for further information.

Chair: Jeannine Maloney 732-747-2806

Insights into Our Times

Insights will meet via zoom on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright.



Our June 11 meeting will serve as a review of suggested titles for fall selections. Contact chair Kathy Olsen for more information.

New members are always welcome.

Russian Short Stories

The Russian Literature Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., via Zoom. This year we will be reading the short stories of Leo Tolstoy, one of the greatest writers of all time. Please contact me if you are interested.

Contact Study Group Chair: Stephanie Rose

PUBLIC POLICY

Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's CEO since 2021, has been recognized as one of 40 Leading Women in Higher Education by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. "Blackwell continues nearly two decades of leadership activity at AAUW, shepherding fellowships and grants programs. She expanded the organization's outreach to girls and women of color across programmatic initiatives regarding women's economic security and implemented National Science Foundation grants in higher education and STEM."

In the April issue of AAUW's newsletter *Mission & Action*, Gloria shares these reasons to celebrate:

□ "A major action this month that I am thrilled to share is AAUW awarding \$6.25 million to 260 exceptional fellows and grantees to achieve their academic and professional goals or lead community-based projects that empower women and girls."

□ "The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued a final rule to implement the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA), providing clarity that will allow pregnant workers the ability to work and maintain a healthy pregnancy and help employers understand their duties under the law. Last fall, AAUW organized more than 1,600 comments in favor of robust and inclusive regulations."

□ "The U.S. Department of Education is expected to release updated Title IX rules by the end of the month, which will restore Title IX's promise of strong protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault. The new rules will also ensure that students who are pregnant, parenting, or LGBTQ+ have a right to equal education opportunities."

Your action is needed now on these issues:

□ April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Congress is expected to reintroduce legislation addressing many facets of workplace harassment. The Bringing an End to

Harassment by Enhancing Accountability and Rejecting Discrimination in the Workplace Act (BE HEARD) would build on existing civil rights laws to provide new protections against harassment for workers and to safeguard existing discrimination laws. To learn more, and to act, go to: www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/beheard/

□ The Biden administration is soon expected to finalize long-overdue updates to Title IX regulations, strengthening important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault. The new rules are also expected to provide clarity on protections for pregnant and parenting students, and to explicitly state Title IX's prohibition on sex discrimination in education, including discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. A crucial AAUW-supported rule that would provide clarity to schools regarding athletes has been delayed and is not expected this spring. Congressional challenges to implementing the new Title IX rules are expected. Tell Congress you support Title IX today.

Coming soon – It's My Vote!

The 2024 election will have a major impact on diversity and equity in education, women's economic security, and access to reproductive and civil rights for all women. The good news? When women vote, we change the conversation. AAUW's voter engagement campaign — It's My Vote! — is designed to increase voter participation through training, tools, and resources for AAUW members to lead voter education and registration efforts. Find details here:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/get-involved-in-elections/>

To get involved, please send me an email!
Nancy Butler, Public Policy Director

From our AAUW NJ Central Jersey Coordinator Patricia Baroska, on the March Interbranch Meeting hosted by the Northern Ocean County Branch:

The 2024 Inter-branch meeting in March was held at the Northern Ocean County library in Brick. Many members from NOCB, Freehold, and NMCB welcomed Stacy Kallmann from the N. J. Coalition against Human Trafficking. Ms. Kallmann shared information on this current crisis in our society. Stacy presented a comprehensive program detailing the types of trafficking and how women of various ages become victims. There are many resources available to protect vulnerable individuals and help people through this tragedy. AAUW is continuously working to compact human trafficking globally and in the United States.



NOCB President Karen Keating donating on behalf of AAUW to Stacy Kallmann for the NJ Coalition against Human Trafficking

A Special Thank You

Please thank the local business donors listed below for supporting AAUW's mission when you shop or dine with them.

- Anderson's Florist, Metuchen
- Bagel Station, Red Bank
- Bahr's Landing (or Moby's) Restaurant, Highlands
- Balance, Massage, and Energy, Hazlet
- Brennan's Deli, Middletown, Rumson, Oakhurst
- Delicious Orchards, Colts Neck
- Distinctive Toys, Fair Haven
- Earth Treasures, Eatontown
- The French Market, Rumson
- Kitchen Witch, Monmouth Beach
- Lusty Lobster, Highlands
- MJ's Restaurant Bar and Grille, all locations
- Neapoli, Red Bank
- Organize Your Space, Atlantic Highlands
- Patricia's, Holmdel
- Patrizia's, Red Bank
- River Road Books, Fair Haven
- The Salt Creek Grille, Rumson
- Shrewsbury Car Wash, Shrewsbury
- Simply Greek Café, Holmdel
- The Turning Point, Locations throughout NJ
- Wild Birds Unlimited, Middletown

Thank you to the following NMCB-AAUW study groups, members and friends who donated baskets, basket items, cash, and gift cards:

- The Art History Study Group
- The French Conversation Study Group
- The Insights Into Our Times Study Group
- Russian Short Story Group
- Marilyn Baldi for her photographs
- Blake Patterson for his wooden bowl
- Barbara Withers for her photograph
Susan Gelber, Ruth Hodum, Alice MacPhee
Jesmajian, Judy Kramer, Kathy Olsen,
Maureen Paoni, Janet Richter, Caryl Sills,
Arlene Thoma, Carol Toolan, Marian
Wattenbarger

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON 2024 PHOTOS

By Lorraine Stone, Marian Wattenbarger,
Barbara Withers & Heather Balczarek



AAUW NJ State President, Sharon Suber



Raffle Gift Baskets and Winners and Guests





Woman of Achievement Patty Whyte



**Member of the Year Kathy Olsen (middle),
Co-Presidents Marian Wattenbarger (l) and
Heather Balczarek (r)**



Woman of Achievement Stephanie Cartier



Guest Speaker, Author Dr. Elaine O'Brien



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The due date for *NetWorks* copy for Volume 68 Number 8 is Tuesday, May 28, for June 2024.

Send address changes, names of prospective members, membership applications and checks, and questions about non-receipt of the newsletter to:
Judy Kramer and Mary Lea Burden, Membership, Co-directors
P.O. Box 398, Red Bank, NJ 07701 aauw.nmcb@gmail.com

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Please note that the use of the branch email list is for branch activities only. Members wishing to share other information with branch members are invited to submit a notice to the "Networking" column in *NetWorks*.

Something to share? Please send the information to Karen Topham for the next *NetWorks*.





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