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A New Calendar that Expands Our Leadership

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Revising our AAUW branch website, is a matter of removing old events from the Calendar page. But, they seemed too noteworthy to just discard them . So, an electronic scrapbook file of the wonderful milestones dates we had in the last AAUW calendar year has been created. Now there is a snapshot summary of all the things we did last year . So please check it out - [Click here](#)

September 6th is our Kickoff Luncheon. It is an occasion to unveil the great stuff we will be doing in the new AAUW year. We are planning more Field Trips to exciting places and more collaboration with other groups and

organizations. One of our most successful teamwork events has been with the Motorsports Club of North Jersey - MCNJ. Each year **Lynn Beckmann** and **MCNJ John Groot** help put together our exciting Fall Rallye fundraiser. However, we take for granted all the background field work that goes into these rural road courses. On September 6th, we will get an inside look of what goes into our unique fundraiser that separates SCB as a very innovative branch. The registration for this **Oct 11th** event is already available on the MCNJ website check it out [Click Here](#)

We hope you can attend the Kick-off Luncheon to get us all on the



starting line . So check out our Calendar page for details [Click Here.](#)

Besides our regular planned program events, we will have some cultural noteworthy milestones we will be undertaking.

Marg Anderson and **Mary Rapuano** are our Branch's ad hoc project Cultural Chairs. They have been collaborating with **Mary Jo Mathias** Director of the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council ([View Web Page](#)) for the Sept. Women's Art Gallery show. If Mary Jo's name sounds familiar it is because she was our 1993-1997 AAUW -NJ SCB President.

AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch Top NJ AAUW Contributor

- For the Reporting Period of January 2014 to June 2014, the AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch was listed in the **top 25%** of New Jersey's branch contributors to national's AAUW Funds. We gave equal donations to AAUW Funds #9110 & Legal Advocacy Fund #3999

Another Year & iGive Makes Branch Fundraising Easy



Delayed kudos to AAUW-NJ SCB past President **Carole Monesmith** and a pro online shopper who got us connected to a continuous fundraiser that can easily fit our shopping lifestyles . Using the iGive SCB Button for online pur-

chases with select vendors makes contributions to our branch funds effortless. Here is how you can download your iGive Button. [Click Here](#) .

There are over 1,400 online retail stores. It's free to join, it doesn't cost you any more money for your purchases. When you make purchases

with iGive the retailer designates a portion of your purchases to our Funds account. It's that simple!

There are so many popular stores on iGive where you can find an online store that can fill anyone's shopping cart list. Thank you Carole for this innovative fundraiser.

AAUW-NJ SCB Has Diversity, STEM & International Affairs

Behind every branch program is a dedicated member who volunteers their own professional leadership to steer these programs. It makes sense to designate these special branch leaders with an AAUW recognized title. Our branch **President Michele Guttenberger** has matched up Branch Leadership Board appointments to their right chair title positions and registered them with AAUW. This has created newly added chair posts to our Branch Board that have not been filled before. They are: **STEM - Mary Rapuano, Diversity - Sylvia Montero, and International Affairs - Gail Swain.**

Mary helped to make our first STEM H.S. fieldtrip to Thor Labs a reality in 2013 when 16 girls from High Point Regional

High School toured their new corporate headquarters in Newton. The girls were enrolled in a course entitled "Women in Engineering," at Highpoint regional high. We are planning a similar STEM event for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sylvia is an AAUW ¡Adelante! author in September 2012 for National Hispanic Heritage. Her book *Make it Your Business: Dare to Climb the Corporate Ladder*, is a memoir and business book filled with stories of successes and setbacks that translate into portable tools for how to succeed in corporate America. Sylvia is our branch's 1st Diversity Chair. She continues to facilitate Film Nite along with **Connie Fadden**. The film discussions often relate to diversity topics that

Sylvia can connect to from her CV of experience as a Latina female executive to a global corporation.

[Watch her TV gig.](#)

Gail is an AAUW Life member who is very active and committed to community grassroots world peace solutions and advocacy movements in Sussex County. Her car bumper stickers show a 1960's style passion for being a good world citizen. She is SBC's 1st International Affairs chair. Gail will be planning the details of our UN conference trip for Jan 30, 2015 with **Linda Adams**. [Visit our Leadership page](#)

SCB's BFF Save the Date for AAUW-NJ in AC

AAUW-NJ Fall Focus will be in Atlantic City Sun Oct 19th - Mon Oct 20th An Overnight Conference held at the Resorts Hotel with Unbeatable Hotel rates

Nothing helps bond AAUW friendships like a fun overnight event in Atlantic City. All of us who attended the last AAUW New Jersey Fall Focus Retreat at Resorts Atlantic City walked away with greater personal development and enrichment from the great presenters and workshops that were scheduled for 2 days but, it was also time shared enjoying our friend-

ships in an entertaining and recreational atmosphere. It was a chance to let our hair down to put on balloon sculptured party hats. Taking a carpool to get there also became a fun road trip that strengthened our forever girls **Best Fun Friendships**.



So save the date for **Oct 19th & 20th for AC.**

Sussex County Solid as a Rock on STEM that Glows



Too bad the AAUW Sussex County Branch did not exist when Madame Curie visited the AAUW New York Metro area in 1921. We are sure she would not have turned down an invite

to view the unique florescent minerals discovered in the zinc mines of Sussex County. Rocks that glow under ultraviolet light. The Thomas S. Warren Museum of Fluorescence founded in 1999 serves as an educational facility

for teachers of science and technology that is a part of, the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg. [Watch video](#) It provides exhibits, lectures, and workshops. The entire site is "a dynamic interactive classroom that is utilized not only by science teachers, but also by numerous colleges and universities that bring their students to this world-famous locality for direct field experiences unobtainable elsewhere." AAUW-SCB has organized a tour date for **Nov 15th** for its members

and other group invited guests to explore the learning possibilities this local resource provides for an AAUW STEM experiential event for girls. A place to encourage future studies and career choices related to mining engineering, technology and sciences. And the chance to view the Periodic Table of Elements - #96 Cm Curium named for a legendary woman of science.

The Smart Start Way of AAUW - SCCC Connections

The AAUW-NJ SCB has shown decades of support to the Sussex County Community College with branch scholarships to SCCC since it first opened its doors in 1981. In these college inaugural years our AAUW branch volunteered their time at county fair exhibition tables to proudly spread the word of their own county college nestled in their rural countryside community.

Now SCB can celebrate a new milestone with SCCC. The college has agreed to offer AAUW's Smart Start as an On

-Campus program.

In March 2014, Co Presidents **Marg Anderson** and **Carol Holmelund** along with Program Chair **Gail Swain** helped to initiate a summarized intro presentation of the AAUW Smart Start program to SCCC. AAUW-NJ **Virginia Lyttle** provided a splendid preview of this salary negotiation course. The community college was convinced it students needed the program but, they were not sure how to offer it. Would it be a venue for their Adult Continuing Education participants or should it be offered to its regular matriculated

students on campus? Their dilemma was that many students at SCCC were fulltime working students with limited college campus schedules. Many students were not available for a full day's workshop. However, AAUW-NJ was willing to make modifications to the program format.

Thanks to our obliging facilitator Virginia Lyttle, they will be able to offer two short continuing sessions in April 2015 through the Business Meeting Club.

AAUW has shown a strong promotion in forming community college partnerships with its survey study guide Women in Community Colleges Access to Success. [Visit AAUW to download this study](#)



SCB Members Get to Renew AAUW & Branch Memberships by Credit Card

The Sussex County Branch is one of the few branches in AAUW NJ that can participate in the voluntary Membership Payment Program (MPP). This means that branch members could complete all their membership renewals including branch dues conveniently online by credit card. This MPP electronic option brings

an added ease to our branch's financial administrators because, it simplifies and provides convenience, efficiency, and cost savings to dues payment and processing. Branch MPP participation means that the our branch will be able to receive dues payments from the national office on a monthly basis.

A few SBC members participated in the new Credit Card payment method. Here is the convenient AAUW renewal webpage that will help you access the MPP area. [Visit here](#)

Sussex County Branch can renew their membership by Credit Card

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

Hope you enjoyed this first issue of The SCB Newsletter

This newsletter intends to provide a timely account of what is happening at AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch. Please visit our branch website for more info

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