FEBRUARY 2019



CHRYSALIS



President's Notes Ann McCarthy

Our second High Noon luncheon was held on Feb. 14th, at the Thai Chef in Denville. Despite the cold and icy weather, 17 of our members attended. The food was terrific and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and chatter. Our next luncheon will be on March 13th. Ann will find a locale and we will send out an email. Contact Ann McCarthy if you want to attend. <u>cobbLake@optonline,net.</u>

One of our members, Dolores Bruzzi has entered two photos in the AAUW Art contest. They are called *Diversity* and *Endless Possibilities*. Voting is from Feb. 12th to the 26th. Go to <u>AAUW.Org</u> to support Dolores. You can vote one time for your favorite 10 images.

NEED TO DECLUTTER??

On Jan. 18th we had a wonderful visit to Design Consign in Fairfield NJ. Design Consign is NJ's #1 consignment shop featuring an amazing selection of new and renewed home furnishings and high quality designer apparel. Proceeds benefit the Gloria Foundation which supports NJ organizations that help domestic violence victims. We are opening an AAUW account. If you donate items to the consignment shop, HALF of the money for an item sold will be donated to the Gloria Foundation and the other half to our branch. Call Candy Shanks if you have items to donate (973-809 0573) or visit Design Consign yourself.



Programs - 2019

<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH</u> - 1:30p.m., Shakespeare group at Ann Greek's. The initial meeting was postponed because of weather. Mary Hager's husband Doug is working on the program. If you would like to participate, contact Mary, . <u>hagermmh@aol.com</u>.

<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST</u>, 7 p.m. Cocktails & Conversation., Ann Greek's, 5 Robinhood Dr., Mt Lakes. Topic — *Women in Politics*. Join our lively discussion.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 7 p.m. Mt Lakes Library.

The Ziegfeld Follies ran from 1907 to 1931. Florenz Ziegfeld glorified the American girl and made her a symbol of the modern independent woman. Florenz Ziegfeld was instrumental in bringing women to the center of society. The Ziegfeld Girl became an American institution. Marty Schneit will talk about the following individuals: Irving Berlin, Anna Held, Justine Johnston, Ann Pennington, Peggy Hopkins Joyce, Marilyn Miller, Fanny Brice, Joseph Urban and Ruth Etting. The following songs will be a part of the lecture: My Man, Love Me or Leave Me, and A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody.

FRIDAY, MAY 10th- Spring Luncheon- 11:30 a.m, Rockaway River C.C. \$40.00 per person. Remember the fun and successful fund raiser we held a couple of years ago — counting your shoes? This year we will use the same theme, but substitute scarves. Details to follow.

'Just as the chrysalis contains the caterpillar as it prepares for the soaring effects of being a butterfly, so our bulletin contains the information that will allow us all to fly, soar and explore." Chrysalis Archives: June 1, 1984

ENRICHMENT GROUPS

GOURMET GROUPS

We currently have four gourmet groups. They meet in members home's monthly from



September through June. Members share, hosting and cooking. If you are interested in joining a group, get in touch with the contacts listed below. If the group is at capacity they will help you form a new group.

Women's Daytime:

Meets for lunch on the first Friday. Contact Betty Davis - (973) 887-8712 or Carol Trapp caroltrapp@optonline.net.

Saturday Evening:

Meets at 7p.m. on the third Saturday. Contact Bonnie Cytron (973) 600 9970 bcytron@yahoo.com.

Ladies Evening Gourmet Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday. Contact Carole Jivatode (973) 769-7339 <u>cjivatode@yahoo.com</u>

Julia Child Memorial Societymeets monthly. Contact Laura Locklin, (973) 361-2144 <u>lauralocklin@yahoo.com</u>

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CHORALE

The Chorale practices throughout the year in preparation for presenting programs at our Open House, Holiday Brunch and May luncheon. We also perform locally for various community groups. You are welcome to join us. For information call Maureen Gramo (973) 257-9290.

BOOK CLUBS



EVENING BOOK GROUP CHAIRED BY Christina Jonas

Our evening bookclub meets the last Tuesday of each month, weather permitting. We meet at Jasper's Restaurant in Parsippany at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

The schedule is as following: February 28 *A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara "follows four college classmates-broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition.- as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune...The men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. A hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the 21st century. The novel is about the families we are born into and those that we make for ourselves."

March 28 *The Wife* by Meg Wolitzer April 25 *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher May 30 *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai June 27 *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP CHAIRED BY ANN GREEK

The Afternoon Book Club will meet again on February 28th at Ann Greek's, 1 pm as usual. The book is <u>Educated</u> by Tara Westover. It is a memoir about a fundamentalist Mormon family living mostly off the grid. The author is one of several children, most of them home schooled by an herbalist mother and a survivalist father in Idaho.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING.

During these troubling times, it is imperative that we continue to encourage young women to advance their education. AAUW has always supported this goal and we need <u>your help</u> to increase our efforts.

By now you have received our annual fundraising letter. If you have not yet contributed, please do so by sending your check, made out to the AAUW Mt Lakes Branch and mail it to Barbara Davis, 60 Lake Shore Drive, Montville, NJ 07045. Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated and will help a deserving young woman.

Below is the message we are sending out to attract applicants:

Morris County Women - Scholarships Available Applicant Requirements: Female Resident of Morris County Completed Sophomore year at an accredited college or university by June 2019 Or Matriculated in a Master's program To Apply: <u>http://mountainlakes-nj.aauw.net/scholarship</u> Deadline April 1, 2019

PUBLIC POLICY - Mary Hager. Who's Afraid of Virginia ?????

Equal Rights Amendment advocates have been focusing on Virginia to become the hoped-for 38th state to ratify the ERA. Partial success came when the Republican-controlled State Senate passed a bill 24-16 to ratify the ERA on January 16th.

That left the fight in the House of Delegates, with a more problematic scenario. Unfortunately, once again the bill failed to be voted out of the Privileges and Elections Sub-Committee headed by Mark Cole, an avowed opponent of the bill. There are some strategies that may still work.

To read more about the political climate and the ERA in Virginia, see this Salon article:

<u>https://www.salon.com/2019/01/15/is-it-finally-time-to-pass-the-equal-rights-amendment-37-years-later/</u>. But beware, it might get your blood boiling...

Considering the current state of affairs in Virginia, perhaps it's time to get more women in that state's legislature. The men certainly are having major behavioral issues.

Talking about women and politics, come to Cocktails and Conversations on March 21st for a discussion of what governments run by women are like.