

June CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 1 **Trekkers:** 10:00 am Wallace Ctr parking lot
FDR/Vanderbilt Mansion Garden Walk
Organizer: Kathy Brown (486-4605)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 3 **Word Games:** 2:00 pm
Hostess: Sherry Hudes (462-0220)
Coordinator: Ellie Charwat (462-7061)
- 4 **World Travelers:** 7:00 pm
Presentation: *Indonesia* by Diane Jablonski
Hostess: Susie Blecker (462-7074)
Coordinator: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWtravelers@gmail.com
- 5 **Aventures en Soleil:**
Tea for Three, Off Broadway. **SOLD OUT**
Wait list: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)
& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 6 **Board Meeting:** 7:00 pm
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
- 7 **The Ediss Book Group:** 6:30 pm
(Note changes.)
Book Selection Planning Session
Hostess: Betsy Kopstein-Stuts (485-7044)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
- 7 **Tee Off:** Tee time 8:30 am
Vassar College Golf Course
Questions: Call Terry or Carol
Coordinators: Terry Schneider (849-1122) &
Carol Mastropietro (221-8862)
- 8 **Bridge 3:** 10:00 am
Hostess: Raina Maissel (297-8466)
Coordinator: Donna Reichner
dlr0804@verizon.net
- 13 **General Membership Meeting:** 7:00 pm
All members are invited and encouraged to attend – see details in the next column.
- 14 **Daytime Literature:** 12:00 pm -Note changes
Lunch: Blue Fountain Restaurant
Reservations: Jackie Prusak (226-6049)
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
- 17 **Manderley Literary Society:** 6:00 pm
Pot Luck and Book Selection
Hostess: Peggy Kelland (297-0597)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)

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Now it's your turn to ...

SHAPE THE FUTURE!

... at the annual
AAUW BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Our June membership meeting will focus on
YOUR IDEAS
for monthly programs in 2013-2014!

Come and tell us what's important to you,
what you'd like to learn more about,
and what you find fascinating.

Do you have a friend with special
knowledge of an intriguing subject?
We want to know!

When: Thursday, June 13th, 7:00 pm
Where: United Methodist Church
2381 New Hackensack Road (Rte 376)
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Directions: 2381 New Hackensack Rd (Route 376) is between Sunrise Lane and Ridgeview Road, 0.8 miles from Raymond Ave and 1.5 miles from Red Oaks Mill.

Questions: Susie Blecker (462-7074) or Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

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- 18 Cuisine:** 6:30 pm
Barbecue
Recipes: Joan Clark, cw3@aol.com
Hostess: Christina Hirsch (876-7802)
Coordinator: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
- 19 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Sandy Goldberg (297-7670)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745) &
Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 20 All those books...:** 6:00 pm
Shadows on the Hudson, dinner and book selection.
Reservations: Carol Loizides
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 22 Trekkers:** 8:00 am, *Karen's House*
Bulls Bridge Hike, Kent, CT
Organizer: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 25 Women's Personal & Professional Development:**
5:30-7:30 pm, DCC,
Washington Hall, Room 138
Writing Memoirs
Presenter: Carol Kushner
Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
mcnish@sunydutchess.edu
- 26 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
Coordinators: Amy Schwed (462-2269) &
Gerry DiPompei (635-2050)
- 27 Bridge II:** noon - 3:30 pm
Uno (on the arterial) - Lunch (\$15)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org &
Jackie Prusak (226-6049)
- 28 Art on the Go:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wetherfield and, if possible, Tour with fee.
Hostess: Pat Luczai (463-4662)
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- Contemporary Literature, Gourmet: Out & About,
Movie Night, and Pins & Needles**
Enjoy the Summer, see you in September!

SEE PAGE 7 FOR SUMMER EVENTS.

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 19 - 21** AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference, see page 5.
- September 12** Open House – September membership meeting.
- October 19** AAUW-NYS District IV will meet in Poughkeepsie.
- October 26** Woman of the Year, see page 8
- April 25 – 27, 2014** AAUW-NYS Convention, Honor's Haven, Ellenville, NY, see page 8

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish *471-7220* mcnish@sunydutchess.edu

My convention observations...

A few years ago, I attended and presented at so many conferences, participated at so many think tanks, and was a delegate at so many assemblies that I had travelled to over forty states. I told my friends that I was on the “getting to know America” plan. Still it was with great trepidation that I journeyed to Lake Placid to the Annual AAUW New York State Convention. The town was breathtakingly beautiful and the accommodations were spacious and gorgeous. The service was outstanding. The weekend was well planned and organized. Congratulations to Mary Lou Davis, our Branch member and the President of AAUW New York State, and her team. There were multiple workshops, discussions, and two keynote addresses. The corridors and hallways were well decorated with displays from all the Branches in the state and the different service committees.

The highlight of the weekend for me was a lunchtime presentation by Ms. Kimberly Davis on Saturday. She told us about the intimidation she had experienced in the armed forces because she reported an incident of abuse by a superior officer. Ms. Davis eloquently presented her story and thanked the AAUW for contributing to LAF which has helped to pay for her legal defense. We were moved by her story but she did not allow us to pity her. Instead she was celebrating the new opportunities that are now open to her as she retires from the armed forces. She will be joining our Branch and I am excited to have met her.

There were two workshop sessions. Each had a choice of four different presentations. I attended two workshops: “Turning Oppression into Opportunity” and “Women of the World.” The first was a panel discussion about ways in which members of AAUW are helping women all over the world. I was impressed by the member who is a part of a five year project in Malawi which helps women to be self sufficient. We were invited to create similar projects in our branches.

There were two keynote addresses. On Friday the address was presented by Lisa Maatz who is the Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for AAUW national. Ms. Maatz is a charismatic and knowledgeable speaker. She enthralled us with stories about her activities in Washington and the role she plays in representing the interests of AAUW on Capitol Hill. Ms. Maatz remained with us for the entire weekend and took part in several other discussions and presentations.

The talk on Saturday was by Assemblywomen Addie Jenne Russell and the topic was “How Can We Do It all and Why We Must.” Ms Russell did not give a speech that required analyze of issues. Instead she presented us with ways we could help her and other women in politics serve. If we did not personally choose to run how we might help someone who is running.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Kay Saderholm *229-8545* ksaderholm@aol.com

We had another wonderful annual meeting this year on May 7, 2013. It was such a pleasure to see so many members attending. This event gave us the opportunity to recognize a number of individuals for their years of membership in AAUW. These include Phyllis Teasdale, 70 years; Lila Mitchell, 60 years; Lillian DePasquale, 50 years; Barbara Markell, Helen Buhler, and Catherine Lane, 30 years; Linda Freisitzer, 25 years; and Dolores Hughes, Catherine Foley, Nora Spann, Eleanor Burch, Geraldine DiPompei, Patricia Luczai, Gloria Gibbs, and Marilyn Walsh, 10 years. Each received a certificate noting their years of membership.



Just a reminder that membership renewal time is here. This past month each of you received a letter containing the membership renewal form and a member's profile form for 2013-2014. If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so as soon as possible. Do not forget to include the member profile with your renewal. If you misplaced your profile sheet, it is available on the home page at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org. Dues for the coming year are \$78.00. We have over 400 members and we want to see all of you again next year.



LIVE YOUR DREAM GIRLS' CONFERENCE UPDATE

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin *845/849-1858 womensworkbw@yahoo.com

In its 8th year, the Girls' Conference looks to bring empowerment, enjoyment and encouragement to 100 girls in 7th grade throughout our area. We reach out to participants from areas as far as Putnam County, Orange, and Ulster. If you know of a girl who will be entering 7th grade in September, please be sure to make contact with her and give her a heads-up on our popular and worthwhile event.



While Dutchess County Community College has not been secured yet, we are aiming for a November 2 or 9th Conference.

Please email Cecilia (see above) if you would like to be involved in some way. We will help contacting the schools, putting up fliers, conducting and creating workshops and getting sponsors. Plenty to do and we all have such fun doing it! Hope you'll join us.



We welcome:

Fay Casatuta	Michelle Donner
Susan Doyle	Elizabeth Hanrahan
Marshalline Letcher	Kathleen Metzger

to Poughkeepsie AAUW

"Convention" *Continued from Page 2...*

Her suggestions went for the most mundane such as washing dishes and picking up her kids from school to actually helping in the campaign and letting your views be heard.

At the end of the weekend, it was very clear to me what the theme of the weekend was. We were being **encouraged to become actively involved in changing the lives of people around us**. It was not enough to discuss issues in our Branches, it was more important to do something about the problems which existed. It is not enough to develop ourselves personally or entertain ourselves, we needed to reach out to the community and participate in solving the problems of women and girls around us.

Irene Keyes Memorial Fund Recipient Dana Liu

Marcine Humphrey, Committee chair.



Each year the Irene Keyes Memorial Fund offers a scholarship to one young woman to attend the NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) conference. The grant provides for the programming, housing and meals for the Washington, DC event. This year's recipient is Dana Liu of Marist College. The conference, held from May 30 – June 1, brings college women together to discuss contemporary issues affecting women across a wide spectrum. The goals are to create a next generation of leaders by providing empowerment workshops and equipping women with leadership skills to take back to their universities and colleges.

Dana Liu is majoring in Fashion Design and Environmental Studies. During her time at Marist she has been very involved in Student Government and has served on several advisory boards. She attends council meetings with the representatives of the other programs to discuss developments within the schools, and she assists in the planning of the Academic Quiz bowl and Annual Faculty of the Year and Shadow Day Liaison. Dana has worked with the Honors Program Director to discuss honors curricula and course offerings. Dana's professors praise her curiosity about life and learning as well as her commitment to advocacy. She has already exhibited her dedication to diversity, integrity, service fellowship, and the spirit of inquiry. Dana's goals include working as a fashion designer in a company dedicated to environmental and social responsibility. She hopes to "implement change in an industry that relies on the exploitation of workers and destruction of the environment."

Look for Dana's report from the conference in the September issue of *The Branch*!

Contributions to the Fund may be made at any time. Honor or remember someone with a donation to this unique scholarship fund. Form at: http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/uploads/PDFs/2013/form_Irene_Keyes_Memorial_Fund.pdf Or mail a check with "Irene Keyes Fund" in the memo line to: **Barbara Van Itallie, 17 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

The Irene Keyes Memorial Fund Committee needs some more members! If you would like to be a part of the committee that promotes the Fund and selects a student to receive the grant to attend NCCWSL, please contact either Marcine Humphrey or Betty Harrel bharrel28@gmail.com



PUBLIC POLICY

Doris Kelly mscw12@aol.com

Is it June already? I hope you all have some special plans for the summer. While you're basking in sun, reading a great novel, taking a break from gardening, or traveling to faraway places try to keep informed about those political actions being taken which affect your everyday lives. Take time to write that letter, sign the petition, or lobby your representatives on issues of concern.

This past year, many New Yorkers continued to lobby for fair campaign financing, a minimum wage increase, and for family planning funding, reproductive rights and comprehensive sex education.

Two lobby days in Albany may be of interest to you. **June 4** is the massive WEA (Women's Equality Agenda) Rally Day in Albany. Plan to be there if you can. There will be buses from all over the state going to the rally. **Stay tuned for more details. Email Doris (above) to be on the mailing list.**

On **June 8th** community activists from across New York State will be traveling to Albany calling for the end of over-reliance on expensive corporate-developed tests, demanding fair and equitable funding of our public schools. They will be insisting on the passage of the School Violence Protection Act as well as returning to local control of our public schools and increasing investment in public higher education.

"AAUW believes that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate equitable climates free of harassment and bullying, academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education. We advocate increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty. We promote equitable efforts to close the persistent achievement gap that disproportionately affects low-income children and students from minority communities."

If you're unable to travel to Albany for this purpose, remember that AAUW's *2-minute Activist* gives all of us a chance to contact our elected officials about issues which are related to the AAUW mission. To use the *2 minute Activist* go to: <http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/index.php?page=activist>

If you would like to receive information on other lobbying activities, please send your e-mail to:

Doris Kelly mscw12@aol.com

Let your voice be heard!

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. LEADERSHIP 2013-2014

ELECTED POSITIONS

President	Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
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Publicity:	Marguerite Cotter
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Woman of the Year 2013:	Marge Barton
Woman of the Year 2014:	Pat Luczai

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Mary Lou Davis, AAUW-NYS President, at podium, installs, left to right: Jeanette Cantwell, Mary Coiteux and Kay Saderholm on May 7, 2013

ARE YOU MISSING A SWEATER?

A black sweater was left at Christo's on May 7th. Please contact Betty Harrel bharrel28@gmail.com or 462-2141.

SOLEIL IN AUGUST

Good Housekeeping Research Institute

Maria DeWald **266-4960* mfdewald@yahoo.com

The AUGUST Soleil trip will be to **Good Housekeeping Research Institute** at the Hearst Tower in Manhattan. This Institute was founded in 1900 to improve the lives of consumers and their families through education and product evaluation. You can read more about the Institute and the fabulous Hearst Tower online for future reference or to take a trip on your own. Tours are only conducted on the second Friday of the month. This year's **August 9** trip from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. is **SOLD OUT** at this time! Contact Maria if you want to be on the waiting list.

Register NOW....

for the AAUW-New York State

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

July 19-21, 2013

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY



- Join in the fun with other enthusiastic AAUW members from around the state
- Participate in interactive workshops related to AAUW activities
- Take part in discussions on current topics such as violence against women and pay equity
- Learn more about AAUW initiatives
- Bring home specific programs for your branch and community

Conference fees are \$100 for registration online (or \$105 for paper registration.) This includes 2 nights in an air-conditioned dormitory suite (private bedroom), Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, special events, and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Complete your application at www.aauw-nys.org.

Mail check payable to **AAUW NYS for \$100** (or \$105 for paper registration) to:

**Betty Harrel
28 Laffin Lane
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

Check-in is after 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon. The program starts with dinner at 5:30 pm. The wrap-up and lunch will be at 12:30 pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there!

There are a number of Poughkeepsie members going so we can arrange carpools. Join us!

AVENTURES EN SOLEIL

Tour of Poughkeepsie with Franc Palaia

Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com

Take **A Public Art Walking Tour of Poughkeepsie (with optional lunch)** on **Tuesday, July 16 at 10 AM** led by Franc Palaia, well-known photographer and husband of one of our members, Eve D'Ambra. (Rain date: Wednesday, July 17.)

We will meet in front of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center at 10:00 am sharp. Franc has made some adjustments to his tour and thus, if you have gone already, as I have, you will still enjoy the tour. Eighteen participants is the maximum number and \$10 is the cost per person. This is a two hour walking tour. We have 30 minutes to get to the restaurant after the tour ends near McCann Center and Franc will remain with us for lunch. Pay directly on the day of the tour, either by cash or by check made out to Franc Palaia.

Lunch will follow for those interested at the Milanese Restaurant. Lunch costs \$15.00 per person and includes the following: linguine with clam sauce OR lasagna OR chicken francese or alla parmigiana, salad, coffee or tea, tax and tip are included. You pay directly the day of the lunch either by check (to Milanese Restaurant) or by cash. There is ample parking at the restaurant. Otherwise, one can park near Cunneen-Hackett and walk to Milanese restaurant. Cunneen Hackett is at 12 Vassar Place. Milanese Restaurant is located at 115 Main Street.

Check Franc's website at <http://www.francpalaia.com>
I will be away therefore respond before May 23 or after June 7. All I need are responses but NOT money. Please reply via email: gloriaghedini@cs.com or 845/401-3300.

AAUW POUGHKEEPSIE COURT WATCH

Ann Pinna ajpinna@aol.com

Mission & Purpose

AAUW firmly believes that the prevention of violence towards women and children and the fair and thoughtful treatment of victims within the court system are integral to our mission to promote gender equity. For this reason, the "Stand Up to Domestic Violence Initiative" was created. The purpose of this program is to document systemic issues in the local justice system that result in the re-victimization of women and children who have suffered domestic abuse. The ultimate goal of the Court Watch Program is to share these findings with members of the judicial system in order to bring about improvements and fair and equal justice for all.

Background & Procedures

Mary Lou Heissenbittel was instrumental in the creation of the Court watch Program in the Fall of 2011 and a call went out for all volunteers who were interested in domestic violence issues to join the cause and assemble for training in February 2011. Following 3 sessions of training, volunteers were then disseminated to various courts in Wappingers Falls, Poughkeepsie, and Hyde Park. Monitors were given forms to keep track of a numbers of issues related to the courtroom and court procedures. Issues of concern revolved around demeanor

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Court Watch continued...

in the courtroom, accommodations for special needs, victim safety, clarity of proceedings, parental alienation syndrome, strangulation, firearms, delineation of items in Orders of Protection, as well as other issues.

Data Collection & Sharing of Information

Monitors filled out forms corresponding to selected issues of concern. Over 258 Family Court cases and 61 Criminal Court cases were monitored. The data was then collected and analyzed. On April 5, Mary Lou Heissenbittel and Karen Gomba presented their findings to interested judges, court clerks and officers at a brown-bag lunch in the Poughkeepsie Court Building. AAUW findings were reviewed in a spirit of collaboration and a desire to seek adjustments in key areas: providing a full and clear explanation of an order of protection to both the petitioner and the respondent, and questioning about the existence of firearms.

Court Monitoring Newsletter

Recently, a Court-Monitoring Newsletter was sent to all monitors in the program as well as others who expressed an interest in knowing more about the Court Monitoring Initiative. The newsletter discussed the restructuring and reorganization of the Court Monitoring Initiative in order to update and improve the program. The newsletter also announced the creation of a new staff of leadership which consists of AAUW members **Karen Gomba, Carol Foy, and Ann Pinna**, as well as experts **Leah Feldman**, Director of Domestic Violence Services of Dutchess County, a program of Family Services, and **Judy Lombardi**, Director of Outreach and Support Services at Grace Smith House. Other team members include **Elaine Andersen** who will continue to act as Communications Director and **Joanne Dyson**, who will continue with Data collection and analysis. The newsletter is on our website or at http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/uploads/PDFs/2013/AAUW_Court_Monitoring_NewsletterSpring2013.pdf

Invitation to Join the Court Watch Program

If you feel you would like to be a part of this worthwhile program and can contribute one day per month on a consistent basis, please contact **Elaine Andersen** at elandersen@aol.com.

Training Schedule for Court Monitors

Monday, June 3, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm *Domestic Violence 101.*

Mandatory for all "New" Monitors

Monday, June 17, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Mandatory for "New"

Court Monitors, optional for Veteran Court Monitors

Lisa Rubenstein, Court Attorney, guest speaker

Thursday, June 27, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. Mandatory for both "New" and Veteran Court Monitors

Please call **Ann Pinna** to reserve your dates. Locations will be announced at that time, 462-3140 or email Ann at:

AJPinna@aol.com with your name, phone number, and dates you will be attending.

Note: Please bring your own snack or bag supper as no refreshments will be served.

AAUW IN THE SUMMER

Many of our interest groups continues through the summer. Below is a list but changes can occur. Check the online calendar and also make sure you are on the contact list for the groups you are interested in attending. **Coordinator's contact can be found in the June Calendar on page 1 and 2**

Aug 10 *The Branch* deadline for the September issue



Art on the Go

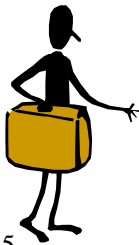
Jul 26 Innisfree (fee) Honorah Hinkle
(226-5716)

Aug 30 Minnewaska Lake (fee)

Aventures en Soleil

Jul 16 Walking Tour of Poughkeepsie with Franc Palais. See page 6.

Aug 9 Good Housekeeping Research Institute at the Hearst Tower in Manhattan. See page 5.



Bridge I



Jul 17 Susan Fink (473-3168)

Aug 21 Gloria Gibbs (454-7262)

Bridge II

Jul 25 and Aug 29. Usual location and time, see June calendar, page 2.

Bridge 3

Jul 13 Joanne Dyson (297-1046)

Aug 10 Mary Lou Davis (223-5544)



Cuisine

July 16 Dinner at an outdoor restaurant

Planner: Linda Lurie lurie221@yahoo.com

Mah Jongg

Jul 24 Susan Fink (473-3168)

Aug 28 Gloria Gibbs (454-7262)



Tee Off Tee time 8:30 am

Vassar College Golf Course

Questions: Terry Schneider (849-1122) & Carol Mastropietro (221-8862)

Personal and Professional Development

July 23 Room 138, *Security for Women* by Nyhisha Gibbs

Trekkers

Jul 20 Fahnestock State Park
Roz Werner (462-0630)

Jul 27 Mystery Event

Aug 3 Taconic Hereford MUA
Cathy Bala (227-7293)

Aug 17 Sterling Forest Lake Walk Peggy Kelland (297-0507)



COMMENTS FROM RECIPIENTS OF THE NAMED SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

"I want to thank you for choosing to honor me with a donation to the Educational Opportunity Fund of AAUW. Education is important to me, so I am pleased with our support of scholarships for young women. I enjoy all of the activities I have worked on to promote the mission of AAUW at the local and state level."

Mary Lou Davis

"I thank the Poughkeepsie AAUW Board for making me a 2012 Named Gift Honoree. I simply and truly love our Branch and consider myself lucky to be able to work with so many of its talented, smart members. The Education Opportunities Fund scholarships play a vital role in helping women achieve academic excellence and to be associated in some small way with these scholarships is truly an honor."

Geeta Desai

"What an honor to have an Educational Opportunity Fund in my name! My association with AAUW is based on promoting the ideals of education and my work in economic empowerment helps to further educate women and girls around the world. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this worthwhile fund."

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

"Thank you for including me as one of the six EOF honorees for this year. I'm so proud to have my name associated with the AAUW commitment to assisting women in obtaining access to quality education.

It is an amazing feeling to realize that the work I've done in our AAUW branch is considered valuable. My position of Public Policy Chair has made it possible for me to keep our members informed about AAUW's mission and the need for all of us to become involved in our government through voting, petitioning, lobbying, campaigning, and running for office."

Doris Kelly

"AAUW has been a big part of my life for many years. I get great pleasure from the women I have met and from the work I do for our branch. I thank you for honoring me with a named donation to EOF, it means a great deal to me. I look forward to many more years of AAUW activities."

Margaret Nijhuis

"Thank you for selecting me as one of the EOF honorees. I get far more out of this organization than I put in."

Barbara Van Itallie

**ANNOUNCING...
AAUW 2013 WOMAN
OF THE YEAR
PATTI PECK**

Marge Barton *897-0164*

*Advocate, Volunteer, Selfless,
Relentless, Compassionate,
Empathetic, Committed,
Humble, Tireless*



Photo Courtesy
Southern Dutchess News

These are a few words that describe our 2013 Woman of the Year Honoree, Patti Peck.

For the past 14 years, Patti's mission has been to serve those less fortunate. She "works" 7 days a week/ 52 weeks a year. Her only "day off" is Christmas Day! Patti receives no financial compensation, and relies solely on the generosity of others and her own resources to allow her charity, "His Table" Ministries, Inc. to operate. This is an incredible feat, as she supports herself on her Social Security Disability income.

A typical 5-6 hour day will find Patti collecting food set aside for her at 2 local supermarkets. Once her van is loaded, she visits and distributes this food to a variety of food banks, soup kitchens, churches, and homeless shelters. The value of each day's food collection is between \$2,000 - \$2,500, and her resources help out approximately 1,000 people a month!

The Woman of the Year Committee: Marge Barton, Chair, Mary Lou Davis, Beth Devine, Betty Harrel, Judy Linville, Pat Luczai, Margaret Nijhuis and Margaret Prescott **are pleased to make this announcement and hope that you be with us to honor Patti Peck on October 26, 2013 at the Villa Borghese.** Look for reservation information in the next newsletter.

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW AT THE NYS CONVENTION

Margaret Nijhuis *635-8612* MargaretNijhuis@gmail.com

Poughkeepsie AAUW was well represented at the April 26 – 28 convention. Poughkeepsie members on the state board are Mary Lou Davis, President, Betty Harrel and Margaret Nijhuis, Administrative Directors, Joan Monk, District Council Director, and, starting June 30, Cyd Averill will be Development VP (Educational Funds). Also at the Convention were Cecilia Dinio-Durkin (who presented a workshop and had a sale table of beautiful items from her store, *Women's Work*), Jackie Goffe-McNish, Peggy Kelland, Doris Kelly and Gwen Higgins (who will serve on the Diversity Committee).

It was as inspiring weekend filled with workshops, speeches, and networking with women from all parts of New York State. We came back with renewed enthusiasm for AAUW and new ideas to make our branch even more wonderful than it is.

Plan to join us next year, April 25-27, 2014, when the convention will be close to home at Honor's Haven in Ellenville, NY.

FROM OUR 70 YEAR MEMBER

Phyllis Teasdale attended our Annual Meeting on May 7th and charmed us with the following:



I learned about AAUW when I was just a tot...

My mother was a member, and she talked about it a lot!

Knowing her, she would have worked on committees and projects, I am sure...

They needed her, cause way back then, the head count was much fewer

When I graduated from college, there came an offer I couldn't refuse;

For all of us recent grads, the branch to forgive our first year's dues!

Of course it was a quid pro quo -

We helped to produce their in house fashion show

Along the way we pushed the rights of women and of girls, we saw beneath the surface of Shirley Temple curls.

The years rolled on, full of fun and work in fairly even balance
Each member contributing according to her talents

I'll end now on a cheerful note. I wouldn't want to trouble you
So let's bend an ear and make a cheer to our dear AAUW.

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