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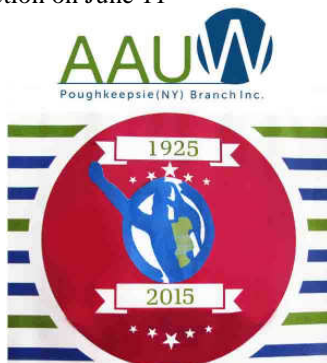
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*pending election on June 11th



REMINDER

THE POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW BRANCH IS CELEBRATING 90 YEARS!!



Annual Meeting and Officer Installation Dinner with guest speaker **Dr. Edington*** President of DCC

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Cash bar: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

40 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

*Officers will be elected and installed, named
scholarship honorees will be recognized and more.*

Reservations close on May 31st, contact: Sheila
Zweifler, 462-6478 or sheilaz@optonline.net for last
minute arrangements.

*See page 7

WHERE DID ALL THE ANIMALS GO?

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They're off to the Annual Dinner, being held at
the Poughkeepsie Grand on Thursday,
June 11!

One of the *Leading to Reading* projects is to
distribute Fuzzy Friend kits to children in
crisis situations. The kits consist of 2 books,
craft materials, parent information, and a
cuddly stuffed animal to hug. When a child
leaves a crisis center, they have wonderful
books and a comforting friend to take with
them.



Please bring your SMALL (up to 8") stuffed animals to the
dinner. Help bring big smiles to children's faces!

JUNE CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aaupoughkeepsie.org

Contact: Kathy Friedman kfriedman33@gmail.com

- 1 **Program Brainstorming:** 7:00 pm
Details page 8.
- 1 **Word Games:** 2:00 pm
Hostess: Maria Ong (592-1637)
Coordinator: Ellie Charwat (462-7061)
- 3 **The Ediss Book Group:** 7:00 pm
Book selection Planning session and potluck supper
Hostess: Betsy Kopstein-Stuts (485-7044)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
- 4 **Board Meeting:** 7:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie :
- 7 **Friends of Trekkers (Sunday):** 10:00 am.
Meet at the caboose on the highland side of
Walkway Over the Hudson
Bridges Loop Walk/Brunch at Ice House
Leader: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 8 **All those books...:** 1:00 pm
Lunch and Book Selection
Shadows on the Hudson, Poughkeepsie
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 10 **Pedal Pushers:** 9:00 am
Bike from Gold's Gym to Hopewell Jct. 12-14 miles
Meet at the Rail Trail parking lot Gold's Gym
Coordinator: Sheila Zweifler sheilaz@optonline.net
- 11 **General Membership Program:** 6:00 pm
*All members are invited and encouraged to attend –
see details on page 1.*
- 12 **Daytime Literature:** 11:30 am
Luncheon at Bluestone Bistro, Poughkeepsie
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458) &
Jackie Prusak (226-6049)
- 13 **Bridge 3:** 10:00 am
Hostess: Carol Mastropietro (221-8862)
Coordinator: Donna Reichner dlr0804@verizon.net
- 13 **Trekkers:** 9:00 am. Meet 9G lot across from Val-kill
Val-kill Top Cottage Hike
Leader: Carol Gray (471-1168)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 15 **Manderley Literary Society:** 6:00 pm
Pot luck and book selection
Hostess: Barbara Lemberger (635-8516)Book:
Coordinator: Rochelle Friedman (462-4996)
- 16 **Cuisine:** 6:30 pm
BBQ Picnic
Recipes: Rita Minnerly (471-2525)
sparkeyman@aol.com
Hostess: Maria DeWald (266-4960)
Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger
brleberger@yahoo.com
- 17 **Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Sandy Goldberg (297-7670)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745) &
Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)

- 18 **Aventures en Soleil:** 10:30 am
House and garden tour of Clermont State Historic site,
Germantown, Columbia County. Cost \$8 by June 12
Contact: Linda Beyer, 14 Kingwood Lane, Poughkeepsie,
NY 12601. Your check is your reservation.
Coordinator: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 19 **Poetry & Play Readings:** 1:00 pm
Planning Meeting
Lunch at Shadows on the Hudson, Poughkeepsie
Coordinators: Jackie Sweeney &
Carol Loizides e.loizides@verizon.net
- 23 **Diversity, One Out of Many People**
Trip to Seneca Falls Women's Museum
Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
mcnish@sunydutchess.edu
- 24 **Mah Jongg:** Noon - 4:00 pm
Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch
Contact Blanche by June 22
Coordinator: Blanche Bergman (462-3955)
- 25 **Bridge II:** 12:00-4:00 pm
Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch (\$15)
Coordinator: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org
- 26 **Art on the Go:**
Contact Coordinator
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 27 **Trekkers:** 9:00 am Meet in area between
Toys-R-Us and Stop & Shop
Franny Reese State Park hike, Hyde Park
Leader: Roz Werner (462-0630)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)

The following Interest Groups will not meet in June.

Contemporary Literature

Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) &
Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)

Gourmet: Out & About

Contact: Kay Saderholm (229-8545)
Ksaderholm@aol.com

Movie Night

Director: Susan Osterhoudt (889-4469)
Producer: Diana Gleeson

Pins & Needles

Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) &
Jane Toll (463-2712)

World Travelers

Happy Travels!
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
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*Check out the
summer plans for
our Interest
Groups on page 9*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The year 2015 marks the 90th anniversary of our Branch, begun in 1925. This celebration, along with the speaker at our upcoming annual meeting, Dr. Pamela Edington, President of Dutchess Community College, recalls one of the high points of our branch's history.

Women played a pivotal role in the founding of Dutchess Community College. Martha Riefler Myers, president of our branch in 1951-53, is often credited with the idea of having a community college in Dutchess County. Her awareness of the new concept of a community college came from reading newspaper article, seven years before the actual founding of the college.

Interestingly, women of the 1950's were often celebrated as stay-at-home moms and domestic helpmates. Yet the women pushing for the creation of a community college were, according to an article by DCC professor Dr. Andrew Reiser, "tenacious and committed...with bottomless reserves of energy, time and resources...and gender pioneers."* He describes the pro-college movement as "proto-feminist," that is anticipating modern feminist concepts (Betty Friedan was still collecting data in the mid-50's for her groundbreaking book several years later).

In 1955, several women, Riefler Myers, Vassar professor Dr. Leslie Koempel, and others met to discuss a campaign for promoting a community college. They enlisted the help of several community organizations, including Poughkeepsie AAUW then led by Margaret Allardyce. For several years these women and groups used a variety of techniques to promote the idea: surveys, speakers from other colleges and the SUNY system, letters to and meetings with county officials and more. All of this in the face of a conservative county government concerned with expanded county spending. But in 1957, Dutchess Community College was born.

More details about the founding of Dutchess Community College and Poughkeepsie AAUW's role in it, as well as interesting commentary on women's roles and the politics of 1950's can be found on our website in the About Us/History section in an article by Dr. Reiser. Direct link http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/uploads/PDFs/2011/andrew_rieser_may_2009.pdf Our relationship with Dutchess Community College has continued over the years. Dutchess has hosted our *Live Your Dream Girls' Conference* for several years as well as other of our programs. We contribute to two scholarships for graduating DCC non-traditional women students to continue their education at four-year schools. These scholarships are funded by your participation in our annual Writers' Tea and direct contributions from our members made to our scholarship fund.

So please join us on June 11 at the Grand Hotel for our annual dinner meeting where we celebrate our 90 year history and hear from DCC's new president, Dr. Pamela Edington. ■

**Women's Activism and the Founding of DCC*, by Andrew C. Rieser, Dutchess County Historical Society Yearbook 2007-2008, Volume 86

LOOKING AHEAD

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SAVE THE DATE!! October 17, 2015

To Honor the 2015 Woman of the Year

Mary Lou Davis

A nineteen year member of AAUW, Past President of both AAUW New York State and AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch, Mary Lou is an active community volunteer in numerous organizations and a most deserving recipient of this award. Mark your calendar !!! ■



LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND
Fun, Sun & Ribs

August 14, 15, & 16

Volunteer a few hours of your time for **LAF at the Hudson Valley Ribfest**. Last year we were able to raise \$500 thanks to our volunteers.

The Highland Rotary Club offers us the opportunity to have some fun and earn cash for LAF. This will be our 11th year of participation. The work is simple – sell beer, clean table, sell raffle tickets, etc. We only need a few hours of your time.

Watch for signup information.

Volunteer coordinator: Sharon Clarke sclarke5@hvc.rr.com ■

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AAUW EMERGING LEADER AND NAMED SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES – 2015

Each year, we honor members of our Branch with a donation given in their honor to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Below is a short paragraph on each recipient. Come and join us as we introduce and congratulate them at the Annual Dinner on June 11

Emerging Leader: Christie Van Horne

A current Board member, Christie is our International Initiative Chair. She created and manages our Facebook page, speaks publicly on women's health issues, has been our representative at the International Women's Day and Human Rights Day. Christie is a volunteer at the Live Your Dream Girl's Conference. She also enlists community agencies, such as the Department of Health, to participate in AAUW programs. Christie is passionate about human rights, social justice, and public health issues, and has worked extensively in the area of women's health. She received her Bachelor's degree in history, and a Master's in education from Manhattanville College. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in South Africa, and later received a Master's Degree in Public Health from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Christie is always ready to lend a helping hand to accomplish the various aims of the Poughkeepsie Branch, and has proven truly worthy of the honor of being named this year's "emerging leader".



Named Gifts to Educational Opportunities Fund

JACKIE GOFFE-MCNISH - Jackie's service to the AAUW began with her leadership (with Co-Chair Kim Butwell) of the Women's Personal and Professional Leadership Group, which focused on equipping women to deal effectively with workplace issues. In 2012-2014, Jackie stepped up to become the President of the Poughkeepsie Branch. During her tenure, Jackie sought to professionalize the Board in keeping with AAUW's recent rapid growth, and she encouraged the effort to bring the Branch to new groups, new communities. In this way, Jackie certainly lived up to the theme she set for her administration – "Broaden Our Borders". When her term as President ended, Jackie took on the position of Chair of the Diversity Committee, a position she currently holds. Jackie earned her BS from St. John's Fisher College, and an MS from SUNY Brockport.

MARY ANN RYAN– Mary Ann first joined AAUW in 1973, though she is careful to say that she took a hiatus to attend graduate school and have a family. She has had the pleasure of running the Bridge I Interest Group for the past 14 years. Bridge I has been meeting monthly since its founding, and she humorously characterizes the gatherings as "religious holidays." "They mean so much to members, all of whom look forward to seeing each other," she explains. Mary Ann has also

participated in World Travelers, Soleil, and Leading to Reading, and has helped with the Tea as well. She has a BA in English Literature from New York University, and a Master's in Library Science from Long Island University.

LINDA RONAYNE – Linda was also one of the founders of the Bridge I Interest Group and has helped to lead it since 2003. But, she is quick to say, "There's more to it than playing cards. People learn and stretch their minds, and that's important. Also, we're human beings, and socialization is a real need." She explains that AAUW members share a certain experience in life – "we all have something in common" – and this facilitates lasting relationships. Aside from her leadership role in Bridge I, Linda has organized trips for Soleil. She has a BA in Elementary Education from Immaculata University, and an MA in Education with a concentration in reading from SUNY New Paltz.

KAY SADERHOLM – Since 2013, Kay has been the Chair of the Membership Committee, an elected Board position. She has also been a coordinator of the Gourmet Interest Group, and an active participant in Pins & Needles, World Travelers, Cuisine, Movie Night and Bridge II. Kay believes strongly in AAUW's mission because it effectively supports women's interests, and pulls together a diverse group of women from many different backgrounds. As Membership Chair, she very much enjoys welcoming our newest colleagues. She revealed that she recently enrolled someone who went to school in Hungary, and another in Great Britain. Kay has a BA in Chemistry from Moravian College and a MS in Math Education from SUNY New Paltz.

ANN WADE - Ann joined AAUW in 1982, served as Hospitality Chair in 1985, and has been instrumental in getting things done for AAUW ever since. She has been described as the "secret sauce," and the "go-to person you can count on." She has served as a greeter at the Tea, a reader for Leading to Reading, a Membership Committee participant, and a co-coordinator for the Contemporary Lit Interest Group, to name a few. She finds AAUW's Interest Groups wonderful and valuable because they bring women together with their peers, people who share the same interest but who might not have met otherwise. Ann has a BA from Regis College and a Paralegal Certificate from Marist.

PEGGY HANSEN (posthumously) - We are giving the last named gift award posthumously to our dear colleague, Peggy Hansen, who passed away in 2014. She was a bright light in our organization – a magnetic personality who brought in many other members, and started a new Interest Group reflecting her lifelong interest in the theater - Poetry and Play Readings. Peggy was also an avid participant in Word Games and Bridge. She served as Secretary of the Board in 2012 – 2013, and handled that job with particular grace. We miss her as we honor her memory with an award that we believe she would have valued, befitting, as it does, the Educational Opportunities Fund. Peggy's BA was from Connecticut College and her Master's from SUNY New Paltz. ■



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Thank you to our sponsors and patrons!! Another year of newsletter publication and other communication expenses have been helped by your generous contributions.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

Catherine Albanese, Lula Allen, Mary G. Bagley,
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To add your name to this list of supporters, mail a check payable: **“Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.”** to Margaret Nijhuis, 9 McAllister Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

PLEASE MAIL YOUR DUES TODAY!!!



You have been mailed a dues notice with a return envelope – please send it in today! The **DEADLINE** is **June 4th**. Paying on time saves our hardworking membership team many hours of work!!

If you have misplaced your notice, contact Kay Saderholm at 229-8545 or ksaderholm@aol.com. You will also find the form on the **Membership** page at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org ■

CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS LEADING TO READING

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More and more local businesses are supporting the *Leading to Reading* new initiative, *Books for Babies*. Our latest sponsor is the **TEG Federal Credit Union**. Thanks to their generosity, we'll be able to deliver more books to newborns at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Since January, 750 books have been distributed through this program.

A big “THANK YOU!” goes out to all of our community sponsors. ■

“HATS OFF”

Mary Coiteux *226-8275* mcoiteux@frontiernet.net
An expression of admiration for someone's achievement or contribution and our acknowledgment for it.

“Hats Off” to **Diane Jablonski** who is running for Dutchess County Executive. ■

SAVE THE DATE

AAUW-NYS District IV Conference*

Saturday, September 26, 2015

SUNY Adirondack CC, Queensbury

“Food Insecurity, The Next Chapter”
Details will follow!

*Includes Poughkeepsie, Albany, Adirondack, Kingston, Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown Branches

SEPTEMBER OPEN HOUSE

Send names of prospective members to :
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WRITERS' TEA – Another Successful Year!

Our thanks to all who came, donated money and auction items, and bid at the auction!

The profit from the tea totaled \$8699. Of that there were **\$970** in donations (our most ever) and the auction brought in an amazing **\$5422**. Once again our auction makes the event – thanks to all that made that possible.

If you were unable to attend, you missed an outstanding afternoon. Our two authors were so very interesting and their subjects so different. Plan to attend next year. Watch for the 2016 date coming soon!

If you have any suggestions of authors for 2016, please send them to Lula Allen lula.h.allen@gmail.com



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A Word to the Wise is Sufficient

Having lived through the depression and a world war, my mother was determined to make her daughters economically self sufficient. She encouraged us to go into fields that offered growing salaries, opportunity for advancement, health insurance, solid retirement programs to accompany social security, and leisure time. She saw education as the best possible opportunity, and as a retired teacher, I thank her for her insight and foresight. It's time to return the favor to other young women.

Times have changed. The dream jobs of the twentieth century were actualized and now we encounter a job market with a demand on technology, math and science. Nothing surprised me more than the Microsoft ad shown in theaters with the Cinderella release. The ads featured eight - ten year old girls sharing their joy of science and technology. The tag line? Recruiting for 2027. How do we guide today's young women into fields that promise economic independence and self sufficiency?

Prepare for employment in STEM fields. Forbes Magazine identified the top jobs for women and average salaries: A sales engineer (\$134,000) sells complex scientific technological products and services; an anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist (\$114,452); astronomers and physicists (\$118,788); any engineering job in the STEM field (\$90,000); upholsterer (\$95,108); construction worker (\$92,500); economist (\$88,192); natural science manager (\$79,741); nurse practitioner (\$89,000); lawyer (\$82,660); pharmacist (\$96,904); any job in mathematics (\$80,000). Traditionally female occupations such as elementary and middle school teachers, administrative assistants, social workers, public relations and communications workers, bookkeepers and information clerks will be at the lower end of the pay scale.

Demand pay equity in the workplace. There is no excuse for the financial gender gap. The average woman will make \$700,000 less than her male equivalent. Women must be vocal and research marketplace salaries, skillfully negotiate, and be attentive to company practices. Women must share their work histories and experiences and support corporations and businesses that don't financially discriminate against women in the workplace.

Find employers who value benefits. Health insurance, life insurance, stock options, gender neutral child rearing policies, paid vacation, and retirement savings programs all insure quality of life. Your job is really funding two periods of your life: your career and your retirement. Retirees must communicate the needs and wishes of retirement to the younger generation. IRA's and 401 K's may seem ethereal now, but any retiree can share the importance of those accounts.

Confront discrimination in the workplace. If an employer bypasses or fails to offer women promotions, educational advancement and access to opportunities available to men, contact the affirmative action officer or HR director. What is the business's record? Complaints may be rooted in age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, sexual orientation or national origin. Situations include recruitment and employment, demotion, transfer, compensation, layoff and termination.

Stay politically active. Government programs may be more beneficial than a company policy. Laws guarantee outcomes. Lobby your government representatives for programs that guarantee quality of life issues at any age. The *Family Medical Leave Act* guaranteed a male or female ten weeks of unpaid leave for child rearing. A new bill, *The Family Act*, attempts to give twelve weeks of paid leave. The *Paycheck Fairness Act* hasn't been visited since 1963 even though we try. *Title IX* leveled the sports fields*. Use it. Social Security is self explanatory; it provides some security for seniors. Protect it. Don't let it get privatized. Lobby for corporations, business and government agencies to pay pensions as promised and disallow those groups from raiding and borrowing from those accounts.

With a concentrated working effort on the part of women, the 21st century should see economic sufficiency replace female oppression. ■

*See article on page 6, *Do You Think Title IX Is Old News?*

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW HONORED BY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Our branch was presented with a proclamation by the Dutchess County Legislature in honor of our 90th anniversary. The presentation was made Monday, May 11, at the county office building, Market St., Poughkeepsie. ■

Pictured below: Legislator Alison MacAvery, Eileen Hayden, Barbara Van Itallie



DO YOU THINK TITLE IX IS OLD NEWS?

Or that it is just about athletics? If so, think again.

Marcine Humphrey marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

Many associate Title IX with athletics which is the issue that originally brought Title IX to the headlines. – Title IX deals with budgets, equipment and supplies, scheduling of games and practices, travel and travel costs, coaches, locker rooms and facilities, medical and training services, publicity, recruitment, scholarships and more.

Title IX is the 1972 landmark law that prohibits sex discrimination in schools and colleges. Students today likely take Title IX's protections for granted. Big mistake! "Without Title IX – and without schools taking it seriously – girls and women could be, and often were, denied admission to college or law school or medical school. They could be kept out of science and technology courses, denied athletic opportunities, bullied and harassed, and otherwise given a second-class education – just because of their sex, and there was nothing they could do about it."

The ugly issues of sexual harassment, campus violence and bullying have hit the national headlines. They can be Title IX violations as well. Sexual assault disproportionately affects college women and impedes their ability to participate fully in campus life. Educational equity for women and girls requires fair, responsive, fully developed campus sexual assault policies and, ultimately, an end to sexual violence on campuses. AAUW, especially **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** has been on the front lines of this battle.

As LAF chair for the past two years I have learned so much about what our organization does for women of all ages. Membership goes beyond the joys of bridge, movie night and trips to museums. As a member you are part of an organization that fights for rights of women giving them a voice. Serving on the board has been an honor, and I have learned so much that makes me proud to be a member of AAUW. I encourage all members to be informed and involved.

Finally, please consider signing up for *LAF Express* to keep up to date on LAF cases and news. *LAF Express* is a monthly e-newsletter with updates on cases and programs; it's the best way to keep up with LAF news. Email laf@aauw.org to sign up. ■

POUGHKEEPSIE SHINES AT CONVENTION

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Elected women politicians shared their histories and insights for future. An FBI special agent warns of juvenile internet use and domestic violence. A litigant fighting an uphill battle to salvage her professional reputation shares her story of discrimination and harassment in hopes that other women's lives won't be similarly disregarded. NYS Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul assured the room Governor Cuomo was advancing AAUW priorities - especially the gender wage gap

and educational opportunities. These are some of the stories that shaped AAUW-NYS 2015 convention, *AAUW Leading the Way: Women Leadership in the 21st Century*, in Buffalo, NY.

Delegates and members from each area of the state heard fresh discussions on long standing topics: 21st Century Education; women and public office; Women and the Vote; Eleanor Roosevelt and Leadership. The business of the association was conducted without conflict. Budget reviews were stellar, bylaws refined, elections tallied, and issue agendas solidified. It was noted by NYS Public Policy Vice President Donna Seymour that Public Policy Priorities support "strong state education standards that ensure academic rigor." "Politics hijacked the Common Core," said Seymour. For many, the term has become negative and controversial. More neutral languages supports the intention and implementation of the spirit and design of Common Core rather than the political misalignments the term has come to symbolize. The focus is to shape education for women in the 21st century.

Local women shone in the AAUW Spotlight. NYS District Council Director Mary Lou Davis played a crucial role in negotiating convention finances and was the assistant to the Chair for Nominations and convention planning. Betty Harrel was celebrated for ten years of success in the "Leading to Reading" program and jettisoned the branch to win a Platinum Award, the highest honor assigned by AAUW-NYS. Christie Van Horne was cited as a 2015 Emerging Leader, and Awards of Distinction were issued for the work of Mary and Dave King and Margaret Nijhuis for the AAUW website, Anthula Natsoulas for the "Let's Do Math" impact grant as well as Ann Pinna and Karen Gomba for Court Watch. Margaret Nijhuis and the newsletter were given the Award of Excellence and Doris Kelly and Pat DeLeo's public policy newsletter articles were recognized. Cyd Averill chaired the state Nominating Committee and successfully filled necessary positions. Linda Roberts served as Convention Treasurer. Headed by President Barbara Van Itallie, the Poughkeepsie delegation modeled an engaging work ethic that did not go unnoticed.

Fundraising efforts for LAF took place via basket and purse auctions and raffles, straight out donations after an LAF Luncheon, and a dancing "Fun Raiser." The Poughkeepsie Branch found itself in honorable positions as it ranked number three in the state for overall donations to programs. It's generous donations to Educational Opportunity Funds is rooted in the funds raised by the Writer's Tea. These funds provide fellowships and research grants for leadership, public policy, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, special leadership and change initiatives. ■

SAVE THE DATE!!

AAUW-NYS Convention'
April 15 – 17, 2016

Holiday Inn in downtown Saratoga Springs!

PAMELA R. EDINGTON, Ed.D.
President Dutchess Community College

Speaker, Poughkeepsie AAUW Annual Dinner Meeting on June 11, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie, NY

On August 1, 2014, Dr. Edington began her presidency at Dutchess Community College as the fifth president of the college. She has already had a tremendous positive impact on everyone at the college – from staff to students.



Pamela R. Edington is an experienced educator with more than 27 years of service in community colleges in Massachusetts and Connecticut. As the Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs at Norwalk Community College (NCC) in Connecticut, she led NCC's student success agenda in the Achieving the Dream and Developmental Education Initiatives, earning the institution national recognition as a Leader College for accomplishing significant results in improving student retention and persistence.

A strong proponent of creating strategic partnerships to leverage institutional resources, Dr. Edington has fostered collaborations with a wide range of organizations including K-12 schools, universities, non-profits, businesses and public agencies. She served as a community leader in the *Cradle to Career* initiative in Norwalk, CT, a coalition of 50 community organizations which aims to improve educational outcomes for youth throughout the learning continuum. Dr. Edington is also at the forefront of developing strong STEM educational pathways. She spearheaded NCC's participation in a national STEM Collaborative, as well as helping to launch the first P-TECH program in CT in partnership with Norwalk High School and IBM.

Dr. Edington launched service learning programs at both Middlesex Community College (MA) and at Norwalk, and acted as a consultant on service learning issues for colleges throughout the Northeast. She participated as a founding member of the Massachusetts Campus Compact, and served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Campus Compact. She was instrumental in NCC earning the Carnegie Elective Classification of Community Engagement, and was cited by the Community College National Center for Community Engagement for her contributions as a visionary leader in community colleges and civic engagement.

Throughout her career, Dr. Edington has succeeded in securing substantial external support through competitive grant funding for her institutions from both public and private agencies, as well as soliciting institutional support through local individual philanthropy. These funds were dedicated to the creation and implementation of innovative educational initiatives in such areas as workforce development, student support, professional development, and curriculum change.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Pamela Edington earned her Ed.D. in Educational Policy, Research and Administration at the University of Massachusetts Amherst; a M.A. in Sociology at the University of Notre Dame; and a B.A. *cum laude* from the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University. She is married to William Edington, a career research administrator. They have two daughters, Claire who resides in Cambridge, MA, and Billie who lives in New York City. They also have a golden retriever, Charlie, and a 17 year-old cat, Lulu. ■

PROGRAM BRAINSTORMING

Sandy Goldberg & Betsy Kopstein

June 1, 7:00 pm

As co-chairs of the program committee, Sandy and I invite you to assist us in creating the most exciting and informative programs for the next two years

A brainstorming meeting will be held on June 1 at 7:00 at Betsy's home

100 Frost Hill Road
Pleasant Valley 12569

Please RSVP to bkopstein@hotmail.com or 416 -4757

VOTE! VOTE! You can still vote Online!
National AAUW election of officers and Board Members and bylaw amendments.

Ends June 19 at 9 pm PT

Your membership number and special voting number are on the back of summer issue of *Outlook Magazine* or in an email you received April 16.

Questions: 800/326-2289

SAVE THE DATE JULY 24 - 26!

AAUW-NYS SUMMER

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Unlimited Opportunities – Knowledge Power Community

This conference is NOT simply for branch officers, but anyone who wants to understand more about how AAUW works and exchange ideas about energizing their branch. It is a very affordable weekend in a lovely location.

Cazenovia College

July 24 – 26, 2015

For further information/registration, visit www.aauw-nys.org

Calling all AAUW Members – The world needs more women leaders. The world needs YOU! ■

SUMMER PLANS

Interest Groups



Art on the Go

Art on the Go will be visiting scenic spots in Dutchess County on the fourth Friday of the summer months, from 9:30 am to noon.

Contact Mary Coiteux (226-8275) if you want to join us for some visual fun and companionship. Locations will be posted on the AAUW Facebook page at the beginning of each summer month.

Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

Aventures en Soleil

July 31 Aventures en Soleil, 10:45 am
Tour of "Public Eye" exhibit at the New York Public library and a second general tour. Meet in Gottesman Hall, first floor of the library.

Contact: Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com by June 14. Send \$10/\$7 check payable to Gloria Ghedini, 37 Arbor Hill Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Coordinator: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)

August Kykuit and Union Church, Westchester
Marcine Humphrey marcine.humphrey@gmail.com



Pedal Pushers

July 8
9:00 am Rail Trail parking lot Overocker Road (just past Sun Wallpaper)
We will bike from Overocker Road over the Walkway to Town of Lloyd
12-14 miles

August 12

9:30 am Rail Trail parking lot Rt. 343, Amenia.
Bike from Amenia to Millerton - 16 miles

Leader: Sheila Zweifler (462-6478) sheilaz@optonline.net



Movie Night

Time TBD by show.
The movie group does not usually meet in the summer months, but keep an eye out for a "pop up" movie night if a really good movie comes up.

Director: Susan Osterhoudt
(889-4469) sosterhoudt@yahoo.com

Producer: Diana Gleeson

Mah Jongg 12:00 – 4:00 pm

July 22 & August 26

Uno Chicago Grill – meet in sunroom,

Coordinator: Blanche Bergman
(462-3955)



Bridge 3

10:00 am-12:00 pm

July 18 – Hostess: Roni Cavalla (462-4878)

August 22 – Hostess: JoAnn Dyson (297-1046)

Coordinator: Donna Reichner (298-7732)

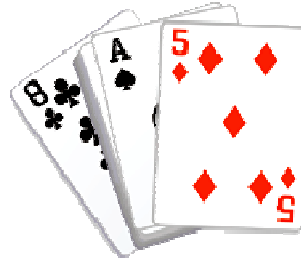
Bridge II

July 23 & August 27 12:00-4:00 pm

Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch (\$15)

Coordinator: Cathy Kinn

cathy@kinn.org



Bridge I 1:00-4:00 pm

July 15 – Hostess: Lillian DePasquale (462-47-29)

August 19 – Hostess: Susan Fink
(473-3168)

Coordinators:

Linda Ronayne (897-9745) & Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)

Trekkers

July 11 - 8:30 am Dutchess Mall
Summer Day Hike Through Walkkill
River National Wildlife Refuge,
Sussex, NJ

Leader: Karen M. Haynes
(297-5700)

July 25 - 9:00 am at Village of
Wappingers Falls Market Street
Industrial Park parking lot

Wappingers Greenway Trail Hike

Leader: Roz Werner (462-0630)

August 8 – 9:00 am at Toys-R-Us to carpool.
Minnewaska State Park Preserve Hike

Leader: Pat Luczai (463-4662)

August 22 – Meeting place & time TBA

Bannerman's Castle/Pollepel Island, Fee: \$35

Leader: Pat Luczai (463-4662)

Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)



Aug 10

**"The Branch" deadline for
the September issue.**

TWO WONDERFUL MEMBERS!

We have lost two dear members recently. One, Jeanette Madera-Dupree, far too young after a long illness. The other Nancy Smith, who joined AAUW in 1947, a 68 year member. Both of these wonderful women were members of the Auction Committee for our Writers' Tea since it first began six years ago. We will miss them both.

JEANETTE MADERA-DUPREE

Jeanette Madera-Dupree, 54, of Olivebridge, passed away at home on April 15, 2015. She was born in the Bronx, N.Y. on June 8, 1960, the daughter of Raphael & Natividad Casanova Madera. She was a self-employed Attorney in



Hyde Park. Jeanette was married to Timothy J. Dupree. He survives at home. She was a member of Regina Coeli Church in Hyde Park, Hyde Park Zoning Board, Hyde Park Democratic Committee, Board member of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council and AAUW. Survivors include sister and husband: Agnes Madera & Vincent DeRosa of Red Hook; niece: Caitlyn DeRosa; nephew: Joshua DeRosa; stepchildren: Stephanie Dupree; Timothy J. (Melissa) Dupree, Jr.; Justin (Melissa) Dupree and granddaughter: Julia all of Olivebridge. Memorial Donations may be made to: The Hudson Valley Food Bank or The Family Partnership of Poughkeepsie. If you wish to send an online condolence please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com Funeral Home.

Jeanette joined AAUW in 2009 and was a member of the auction committee for the Writers' Tea every year since it started. She played bridge and was loved by everyone one that met her. Doris Kelly said "When I think of our Jeanette, the first thing which comes to mind is the way her smile would light up a room. Never complaining, she was caring, friendly, and always there for anyone who needed help." ■

Nancy Rathgeb Smith

Nancy Rathgeb Smith, a longtime resident of Highland, New York passed peacefully at her home, May 10th, at the age of 89. The daughter of Ellen and Clarence Rathgeb, she was born in Highland, New York, September 15, 1925. Nancy was a gracious, fiercely strong woman and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She lived life to the fullest and she was greatly admired by her family, friends and community.



Nancy spent most of her life in the Hudson Valley. She had deep roots to the area and was known for being a local historian. She enjoyed a happy childhood on Tillson Avenue in Highland and she spent time in the summer at her grandparents' farm in upstate New York. Her father owned the Rathgeb Knitting Mill in Highland. Nancy attended Highland High School and was the salutatorian of her class in 1943. Nancy was passionate about education for women and she decided to leave home for Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. She studied Political Science and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1946. Nancy made life-long friends at Middlebury and was a devoted alumna and supporter of the college.

She married the late Louis E. Smith on July 1st, 1948 on the family farm in Sherburne, New York. Together they raised four children and developed a well respected business, Louis Smith Chevrolet in Highland. They owned the business for 40 years before retiring in 1983.

Nancy is survived by her beloved four children and their spouses. Nancy took immense pride in her children and grandchildren and loved nothing more than having everyone at home for Christmas or enjoying time together in the summer on Cape Cod.

Over the years, Nancy was an active member of numerous other community organizations including: the Highland Board of Education, PEO, the local PTA, the American Association of the University of Women (AAUW), the World Affairs Council, the Mid-Hudson Alzheimer's Association, Habitat for Humanity, and the New Paltz Garden Club (just to name a few). She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Highland since childhood. Through her participation in these many organizations, she made many life-long friends. Nancy was also an especially enthusiastic supporter of the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Nancy was known for her entertaining and bringing friends and family together around her fine cooking and baking. She had a keen and inquiring intellect and stayed current in local and world affairs until the very end of her life. ■

A WOMAN ON THE \$20 BILL?

Here are the Finalists.

Sorry, President Jackson, there's a growing campaign to replace your face on the \$20 bill with a woman. They've narrowed it down to four candidates:

Eleanor Roosevelt
Rosa Parks
Harriet Tubman
Wilma Mankiller

To cast your vote, go to:

<http://www.womenon20s.org/vote2>

2015-2016 BUDGET

Diane Jablonski *485-6228* dianejablonski@gmail.com

The 2015-2016 budget was prepared and approved by the board by email vote. The budget assumes we will have 342 members, a decrease from last year. The number of members affects both our income as well as our expenses in paying dues to National and New York State. Other expenses remain the about the same with some minor adjustments. The Tea income and expense is presented separately. The funds from the Tea are used to support our Community Initiatives such as Leading to Reading, Health Care, and other programs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Diane Jablonski, Treasurer.

Proposed 2015-2016 Budget AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch Assumption: Members - 342

	2015-2016	2014-2015
INCOME		
Dues	26,676.00	28,080.00
Investments	400.00	400.00
NYS Awards	0.00	0.00
Undesignated Contributions	100.00	100.00
Communications Contributions	350.00	350.00
Annual Meeting	4000.00	4000.00
Woman of the Year	3000.00	3000.00
Other	50.00	50.00
Total	34,576.00	35,980.00
EXPENSES		
Administration	225.00	355.00
Awards/Gifts	100.00	100.00
Caring Comm.	25.00	25.00
Convention	475.00	475.00
Directory	900.00	1000.00
Donations	100.00	100.00
Dues	21,204.00	22,320.00
Equipment	50.00	100.00
Historian	20.00	20.00
Insurance	1200.00	1200.00
Membership and dues collection	1000.00	1000.00
Monthly Meetings	1800.00	1800.00
Newsletter	250.00	250.00
Other	120.00	120.00
Postage, Mailing	30.00	40.00
Printing, Copying	42.00	40.00
Special Event Expenses		
Annual Meeting	4000.00	4000.00
Woman of the Year	3000.00	3000.00
Supplies	35.00	35.00
Total Expenses	34,576.00	35,980.00
Net Income/Loss	-	-
Tea Income		
Tea	7750.00	7500.00
Tea Auction	4250.00	4000.00
Tea Raffle	900.00	900.00
Total Tea Income	12,900.00	12,400.00
Tea Expenses	5000.00	4500.00
Net Tea Income available for Community Projects/EOF	7900.00	7900.00

HOSPITALITY CHAIRS

Thank you to **Shirley Granda** for her wonderful service as co-chair of Hospitality – the results of her labors are enjoyed by all of us at each membership event and meeting as we taste delicious “goodies” and sip a cup of coffee.

Welcome aboard to **Joann Clark**, a long time AAUW member, who has agreed to replace Shirley as the new co-chair of Hospitality working with **Barbara Lemberger**.

EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Peggy Kelland *297-0507* Peggy.Kelland@gmail.com

We finished the spring with three events for Girl Scouts in grades 6-12 throughout Dutchess County at R.C. Ketcham High School. In **February** we presented *Room Decor*. Marcine Humphrey taught the color wheel and decoupage techniques for a trinket box and a picture frame, and Gwen Higgins demonstrated coordinating flower arrangements. The **March** program, *Pins and Needles Sampler*, featured crocheting, punch canvas, and cross stitch, taught by Jane Toll, Pat Luczai, and Mary Ann Boylan. The **April** event on the *Environment* included a mason bee habitat craft introduced by Chris Petty and games led by Gwen Higgins.

We are now planning next year's programs, and always welcome new ideas, presenters, and committee members. Please call if you would like to contribute, or just come watch. ■

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