

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW, INC. HISTORY MAY, 2014 - JUNE, 2015

History of our branch as taken from the pages of our newsletter, "The Branch." All newsletters are available at www.aauwpoughkeepie.org

MUSIC AS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Annual Meeting

Chairs: *Jacqueline Goffe-McNish & Margaret Nijhuis*

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Music has evolved out of the people's desire to "speak" to the issues of their lives. During our Annual Meeting, we celebrated those "voices." We were entertained by the very talented Ciesta Quinn, Marva Clark and Jacqueline Goffe-McNish.

Announcement of:

Emerging Leader 2014 – Susie Blecker

Named Scholarship Honorees 2014 -

Jeanette Cantwell **Cathleen Kinn** **Ruth Sheets**

Jane Toll

Diana (Dina) Gleeson

Linda Freisitzer



Officers Elected and installed:

Barbara Van Itallie – President

Kathy Friedman – Secretary

Diane Jablonski – Treasurer

YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014-2015

Elected Positions

President	Barbara Van Itallie
Program Co-VPs	Susie Blecker, Mary Coiteux
Membership VP	Kay Saderholm
Educational Fund VP	Linda Olsen Roberts
Secretary	Kathy Friedman
Treasurer	Diane Jablonski
Assistant Treasurer	Jeanette Cantwell

Appointed Positions

Community Init. Liaison	Maria DeWald
Diversity	Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
Education	Kris Puzza
Historian	Eileen Hayden
Honor and Awards	Barbara Hugo
Hospitality	Barbara Lemberger, Shirley Granda
Interest Group Coord.	Cathy Kinn
International Relations	Christie Van Horne
Legal Advocacy Fund	Marcine Humphrey
Newsletter Editor	Margaret Nijhuis
Nominating Committee	Mary Lou Davis
Public Policy	Patricia DeLeo
Publicity	Betty Harrel
Web Mistress	Mary King

Off Board Positions

Assistant Newsletter Editor

Assistant Secretary

Communications Assistant

Database Manager

Woman of the Year 2014

Kathy Friedman

Maria DeWald

Joanne Scolaro

Mary Jo Cottrell

Pat Luczai

Interest Groups 2014-2015

All those books...

Art on the Go

Aventures en Soleil

Bridge I

Bridge II

Bridge 3

Contemporary Literature

Cuisine Group

Daytime Literature

Ediss Book Group

Gourmet: Out & About

Mah Jongg

Manderley Literary Society

Movie Night

Pedal Pushers

Pins & Needles

Trekkers

Word Games

World Travelers

Carol Loizides

Mary Coiteux

Ruth Sheets

Linda Ronayne, Mary Ann Ryan

Cathy Kinn, Jackie Prusak

Donna Reichner

Linda Freisitzer, Ann Wade

Barbara Lemberger

Pat Dogil, Dina Gleeson

Celia Serotsky

Kay Saderholm

Amy Schwed, Jackie Prusak

Ellie Burch

Sue Osterhoudt, Dina Gleeson

Sheila Zweifler

Jane Toll, Arlene Seligman

Karen Haynes

Ellie Charwat

Jeanette Cantwell

Community Outreach & Initiatives 2014-2015

Careers, Compensation & You **Sharon Clarke**

Diversity **Jacqueline Goffe-McNish**

Extending Girls' Horizons **Peggy Kelland**

Leading to Reading **Betty Harrel**

Let's Do Math **Anthula Natsoulas**

Live Your Dream Girls' Conference **Cecilia Dinio-Durkin**

International Initiatives **Christie Van Horne,
Cecilia Dinio-Durkin**

Partnership for Healthcare

Awareness **Lula Allen, Kay Bishop**

Science, Technology, Engineering

& Mathematics (STEM) **Kristina Puzza**

Stand Up to Domestic Violence/Court Watch

Karen Gomba, Carol Foy, Ann Pinna

Women's Personal & Professional

Development **Jacqueline Goffe-McNish**

Events 2014-2015

Membership Meetings

LAF/ Rotary Rib Fest

Open House

Woman of the Year

Writers' Tea

Susie Blecker, Mary Coiteux

Sharon Clarke

Kay Saderholm

Pat Luczai

Lula Allen, Linda Roberts

National Conference For College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

Chair: Marcine Humphrey

Lauren Scianimanico was selected as the recipient of the annual Irene Keyes Memorial Fund grant. She is a graduate of Arlington High School and is currently a sophomore majoring in Communications Disorders at SUNY New Paltz. The conference was June 5 - 7



“HATS OFF”

Organizer: Mary Coiteux

Members mentioned in “Hats Off” this year:

Beth Devine, Peggy Kelland, Carol Loizides, Shelby Outwater, Ellie Charwat, Lula Allen, Kay Bishop, Didi Barrett, Wendy M. Taylor, Barbara Mindel, Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, Judy Linville, Geeta Desai Marcine Humphrey, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Eileen M. Hayden, Honorah Hinkle, .Pat Luczai, Jane Toll, Anthula Natsoulas, Arlene Seligman, Suzi Stoller, Gwen Higgins, Carmen McGill, Christie Van Horne, Cathy Lane, Mary Louise Van Winkle, Elise Pattison, and Diane Jablonski

DON'T FENCE ME IN:

Refugees From The Holocaust

Chair: Peggy Kelland

June 12, 2014

Dr. Marilyn Smiley, Distinguished

Teaching Fellow at SUNY Oswego, related the historical background of the 18 months European refugees of the Holocaust spent at Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York.



EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Chair: Peggy Kelland

The year included monthly events in S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). for girls in grades 6-12 throughout Dutchess County, and a four session series in leadership development “Amaze” for girls in grades 6-8.

AAUW GIVES AWARDS AT SCIENCE FAIR 2014

Judges: Shelby Outwater & Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

On March 29, 2014, the 54th Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair took place at Dutchess Community College. The winners were : **Jamila Dawkins**, a 7th grade student from Holy Trinity School, Poughkeepsie, created a social science project entitled “Remember me?” and **Ritvi Shah**, an 8th grade student from Wappingers Junior High School, Wappingers Falls, developed a project that focused on how different structural products could improve the integrity of buildings. Her project was entitled “Earthquake Safe Buildings”

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Report: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

On April 25 – 27 the AAUW-NYS Convention was held at Honor’s Haven, close enough for many of our members to attend. **Marcine Humphrey**, created all the centerpieces for the tables in the main conference room. This was **Mary Lou Davis’** final act as president of the state and as Branch members we basked in her effective facilitating of a successful convention.

For 2014-2015 Poughkeepsie’s **Cyd Averill** will serve as Communications Director and **Mary Lou Davis** as District Director.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP RETREAT OMEGA INSTITUTE

Report: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

May 28-30 the Omega Institute provided an opportunity for the leaders in the organization to take a moment to assess our successes, evaluate our concerns, and plan for the future. The place was beautiful and peaceful and the accommodations were ideal.

One highlight of the weekend was a presentation by Kim Pollard, our state organizer. Her topic was *Re-Igniting the Spirit of the Branch*. She reminded us that growing should not include overstretching. She helped us to create an “elevator speech” which should include the values of AAUW National as well as the goals to which we aspire to at the local level. We created the following speech: *“AAUW is a national membership organization that is committed to equity and education for women and girls and advocates for positive change. At the local level, we are a very active organization with opportunities for learning and growing, community involvement, and meeting other women with similar interests.”*

Everyone agreed at the end of the retreat that this was a meaningful and effective way to move the organization towards greater success.

SPECIAL FRIENDS FOR LEADING TO READING

Chair: Elizabeth Harrel

The Little Kindness Fund
Arlington Teacher’s Association
McCann Foundation
Central Hudson
Stewart’s Shops,
TEG Federal Credit Union



PINS & NEEDLE Community Projects

Chairs: Arlene Seligman and Jane Toll

Pins & Needle interest group sent a shipment of shawls and scarves to Women4Women-Knitting4Peace organization.

Maureen Baran, Chris Eidel, Arlene Seligman, Celia Serotzky and Jane Toll all made items for this shipment.

The Pins and Needles Interest Group also created book bags for the Staatsburg Library. These knitted, crocheted and sewn bags are given to the children when they receive their very first library card

AMINA KEARNEY

Live Your Dream Girls' Conference Intern

Chair: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

For three months, **Amina Kearney**, a graduating senior at SUNY Purchase, was involved with the Live Your Dream 7th Grade Girls' Conference (LYD). Among other projects she developed a promotional video for the conference.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Event Chair: Sharon Clarke

In August members volunteered a few hours of their time for LAF at the Hudson Valley Ribfest. This raised \$481 thanks to our volunteers.



OPEN HOUSE/REUNION

Chair: Kay Saderholm

Thursday, September 11, 2014

The Power of Membership

New and old members enjoyed the time spent learning about what is new and what is the same in AAUW for the coming year.



FACE LIFT FOR OUR WEBSITE

Chairs: Margaret Nijhuis & Joanne Scolaro



Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.

With **Dave & Mary King's** help we gave our website

a new look. We have changed our colors to be more in line with those on the National website. The banner is also new and Dave has added a search function.

LET'S DO MATH

Chair: Anthula Natsoulas

Poughkeepsie AAUW presented two workshops for teachers of the 5th and 6th grade and student teachers from Marist College on *Using Children's Literature To Learn Mathematics*.

The all day workshops took place on September 27 and November 15. The founder of "Let's Read Math," **Dr. Claire Passantino**, took part in the workshop as well as **Dr. Anthula Natsoulas, Kathy Barpoulis and Amy Schwed**

LEADING TO READING

Chair: Elizabeth Harrel

Among the activities for "Leading to Reading" were sponsoring a special celebration for Children's Book Week in May. They assembled family reading kits throughout the year. These are distributed to a variety of local agencies serving low income families. Once a month, they served as "Community Readers" at Astor Pre-School Programs, Community Family Development Center, and the Abilities First classrooms.

This year they donated books and reading materials to all of the Astor Pre-School Centers, Catharine Street Community Center, Hand in Hand, Tubman Terrace Afterschool Program, Grace Smith House, Abilities First, Rural and Migrant Ministry, Book Buddies, House of Hope, AgriBusiness Child Development Center, Poughkeepsie Day Nursery, Hudson River Lodging, AAUW Healthcare Initiative, and the Community Family Development Center

Once again, they brightened the holidays for children living at Hudson River Lodging by wrapping holiday gifts for all the children. Run by Hudson River Housing, this temporary housing facility provides a home for up to two years while a parent takes part in job training or education programs.

Leading to Reading's newest outreach, *Books for Babies*, got off to a great start. The first delivery of reading packets for all new mothers at Vassar Hospital was made in early January.

Students from Poughkeepsie Day School have been involved with the *Leading to Reading* project for several years. They have visited pre-school classrooms, put together family reading kits and brainstormed questions to place in our books. Their most recent event was a book drive in which parents could donate a book to the project.

UPDATING OUR BYLAWS – VOTE OCT 9

Chairs: Betty Harrel & Barbara Van Itallie

AAUW-NYS hired an attorney to provide legal support for the state organization and branches. He made several suggestions that would place us in accord with the New York State law concerning non-profit organizations. Changes implemented by AAUW at the national level also were included.

The board had the opportunity to go through the bylaws in detail at the Omega Institute retreat in May and made a number of recommended changes. These were voted on by our membership at our October meeting.

STAND UP TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVE/COURT WATCH PROGRAM

Chair: Ann Pinna

Beginning in the fall, the AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch established a partnership with *The Fund for Modern Courts in NYC* (FMC). The Fund for Modern Courts had heard previously about our own AAUW court monitoring program and approached us with an opportunity to join them in their court monitoring efforts. The Fund for Modern Courts is a statewide court reform organization and, like us, is committed to improving the judicial system for all New Yorkers. They have gone into various courts throughout NYS and have been very successful in improving the administration and quality of justice in the courts.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2014 MAUREEN TAYLOR

Chair: Pat Luczai

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Co-founder of Habitat for Humanity of Southern Dutchess (Later Dutchess County)

Ship Lantern Inn



POETRY & PLAY READINGS—A NEW INTEREST GROUP

Chairs: Jackie Sweeney & Carol Loizides

The idea for this interest group came from Peggy Hansen. The group continues in her memory and with her joy of literature of all kinds.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

October 9, 2014

Marief Fiori, *La Voz*, Co-founder and Managing Editor

For the past 10 years, *La Voz*, has been published with the objective of informing, educating, and entertaining the Spanish-speaking readers that live on both sides of the Hudson River



“EVERYONE AT THE TABLE”

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

November 13, 2014

The **Reverend Richard Witt** discussed the Rural & Migrant Ministry's efforts to ensure that rural and migrant children have opportunities to further their education.



POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW ON FACEBOOK

Chairs: Christie VanHorne & Mary Coiteux

Our facebook presence continues at

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWPoughkeepsie2014>

HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE PROJECT:

Poughkeepsie Mother's Group

Chairs: Lula Allen & Kay Bishop

The group had a twice monthly group meeting for new mothers in downtown Poughkeepsie in a new larger space. There were great snacks for the moms, an art or journal project to greet the moms each time, speakers from community organizations once a month and growing connections to other community organizations. Each group meeting provides an educational topic on parenting, family health, or other topics of interest to new mothers

LIVE YOUR DREAM GIRLS' CONFERENCE

Chair: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin



58 girls attended workshops, networked during a catered lunch, learned about volunteer opportunities, participated in acts of kindness, and aspired and were inspired to become activists. Workshops like Poet Gold's "Dreams: A Poetic Experience" brought the whole message home. AAUW's *Leading to Reading* activity table had girls lining up to gift-wrap books for less fortunate children. And the conference met the UN Millennium Development Goal No. 3 by providing economic development by purchasing giveaways made by women in Ghana and Cambodia.

The Conference's global message from the film, "Girl Rising" wound its way throughout the day starting in the welcome greeting, as well as in workshops, and Girl Talk Circles, expanding the minds of local girls to think about worldwide issues. Indeed, the LYD Conference can truly change the world

"FUN & FRIENDS"

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

December 11, 2014

In an informal setting, members tried the activities prepared for them by: **Anthula Natsoulas** (Math Games), **Pat Luczai** and **Honorah Hinkle** (Paper Bead & Earring Making), **Jane Toll** and **Arlene Seligman** (Stitchery Design), **Ellie Charwat** (Word Games) and **Marcine Humphrey** (Notebook Decorating for the Girls Conference). This was a time to have light refreshments and sit and talk with each other. Members attending the December membership meeting brought a donated gift for a mother at Grace Smith.

CTAUN - Committee For Teaching About The United Nations Conference

Leader: Peggy Kelland

On January 30, **Mary Lou Davis**, **Joan Monk**, **Mary Ann Boylan**, **Gwen Higgins**, and **Peggy Kelland** attended the CTAUN conference at the UN in New York City. The theme this year was "The UN at 70: Making a Difference," with the keynote address by Bob Clark, the Acting Director of the FDR Presidential Library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK AT MARIST

Chair: Zsuzsanna Szabo

March 24, 25, 26

AAUW members helped the Marist College undergraduate and graduate education students associations with a three-day Scholastic Book fair on the Marist campus.



VASSAR HAITI PROJECT

A Student's Perspective

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

January 8, 2015



Vassar Haiti Project (VHP) student volunteers **Sahara Pradhan '15** and **Robyn Yzelman '15** with Co-founder **Lila Meade** presented the various facets of VHP's work.

The presenters shared their own experiences in VHP and its impact on the students as well as the ways in which VHP is engaged in the local Poughkeepsie community.

RACK CARD

Producers: Barbara Van Itallie & Janna Whearty

Our branch now has a "rack card," a one third-page card that describes our branch and National AAUW. It has brief descriptions of our many and varied activities, our website address and the mission of the organization as a whole. It can be used to introduce AAUW to prospective members or anyone that does not know about us.

UNDERSTANDING THE FEMALE FIGHTER: WOMEN IN ISIS

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

February 4, 2015.

Poughkeepsie AAUW joined Vassar College and the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley for its presentation of the program, "Understanding the Female Fighter: Women in ISIS." The speaker, **Dr. Nimmi Gowrinathan**, is an expert on gender and violence.



JOIN US ON THE BRIDGE

Salute to International Women's Day

Chair: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

March 7

AAUW members once again joined the walk to celebrate women on the Walkway Over the Hudson.



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Christie VanHorne

On March 13, 2015, eight Poughkeepsie AAUW women: **Judy Elkin**, **Sabashnee Govender**, **Gwen Higgins**, **Peggy Kelland**, **Doris Kelly**, **Erica Salzman-Talbi**, **Christie VanHorne** and **Margaret Nijhuis** caught the train to NYC to attend parallel events for the 59th Commission on the Status of Women. From March 9 – 20, NGO's (non-government organizations) from around the world presented panels and workshops on topics connected to the theme "Beijing +20." The reports on this trips can be found on our website.



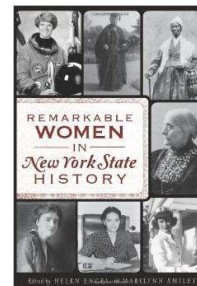
Poughkeepsie AAUW joined with the Poughkeepsie Library District in presenting the program:

HISTORICAL JOURNEY OF REMARKABLE WOMEN IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

March 12, 2015

The program focused on the sections in, *Remarkable Women in New York State History*, edited by **Helen Engel** and **Marilynn J. Smiley**, concerning women from the Hudson Valley. The speakers were: **Wendy Maragh Taylor**, **Rita Alterman**, **Mary Louise Van Winkle**, **Barbara Mindel** and **Elise Pattison**.



HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY! ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

AAUW-NYS District IV Conference

Chair: Peggy Kelland

Symposium "Her Story - 2015: Our History is Our Strength"

March 21, 2015

The conference for women was presented by the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium (ECSWC). Members of AAUW from the Schenectady, Albany, Poughkeepsie and Kingston branches attended the symposium which served as the AAUW-NYS District IV Conference



TAKING CHARGE: *What Parents And Students Should Know About Safety On Campus*

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Poughkeepsie AAUW joined with the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church and Shir Chadash Synagogue to present an informational program regarding Safety on Campus for Young Women, Model Campus Programs, and Legislative Issues regarding this issue.

The speaker at this program was **Anne Hedgepeth**, National AAUW's government relations manager. Anne has become the AAUW spokesperson and congressional representative regarding sexual abuse on campus



6th ANNUAL WRITERS' TEA

Chairs: Lula Allen and Linda Roberts.

April 26, 2015.

Many articles on both the auction and the tea filled the pages of our newsletter, "The Branch," during the 8 months leading up to the tea in April. **Linda Roberts** shared many ideas and suggestions for items that would make the auction even better, if that is possible, than last year. There were articles on the authors: Patricia Beard; *A Certain Summer, A Novel* and Quincy T. Mills, *Cutting Along the Color Line: Black Barbers and Barber Shops in America*, both DC residents. **Margaret Nijhuis** compiled reviews of the books and history of a tea. **Janna Whearty** produced a beautiful invitation which was mailed to the membership and given to members for them to give/mail to friends. **Mariellen Pangia** survived the last minute reservations. Many others spent many hours to make this our largest fundraising ever at \$8699.



PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHCARE AWARENESS, AN AAUW POUGHKEEPSIE BRANCH INITIATIVE

Chairs: Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker

MAY 14, 2015

AAUW members, **Kay Bishop** and **Christie VanHorne** provided an update on women's health in Dutchess County. We heard about trends in maternal and reproductive health, as well as our success with **AAUW's Mothers Group**.

THE POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW BRANCH IS CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

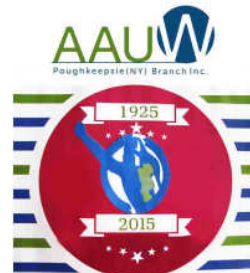
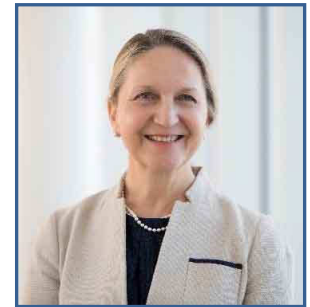
Chair: Sheila Zweifler

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Annual Meeting and Officer Installation Dinner

with guest speaker

Dr. Edington, President of DCC.



Logo for our 90th Anniversary designed by **Mary Coiteux**.

56th DUTCHESS COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR

Poughkeepsie AAUW Awards

Chairs: Kay Saderholm, Bonnie Auchincloss

March 21, 2015,

AAUW winners this year were: seventh grader **Abigail Gagnon-Vishnefsky** whose project was titled "Beat the Heat with These Cool Clothes" and eighth grader **Kanistia Bahierathan** with a project titled "Thermoelectricity Fueling the Future."



FAMILY ACT INTRODUCED IN HOPEWELL

AAUW was invited to the Kirsten Gillibrand press conference announcing her introduction of **The Family Act**. **Barbara Van Itallie**, **Mary Coiteux**, **Elaine Hofstetter** and **Pat DeLeo** were there for the announcement



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

For 2015-2017:

Program Co-Vice Presidents:

Sandy Goldberg, Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

Membership Vice President: **Susie Blecker**

Educational Fund Vice President: **Linda Roberts**

For 2015-2016:

Membership Treasurer: **Mary Anne Hogarty**

Nominating Committee: **Mary Lou Davis**, chair; **Kathy Friedman**; **Eileen Hayden**; **Bergie Lebovitch** and **Vivian Rose**.

AAUW EMERGING LEADER AND NAMED SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES – 2015

Chair: Barbara Hugo

Emerging Leader: Christie Van Horne

Named Gifts to Educational Opportunities Fund

Jackie Goffe-Mcnish
Mary Ann Ryan
Linda Ronayne
Kay Saderholm
Ann Wade
Peggy Hansen (posthumously) -



POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW HONORED BY COUNTY LEGISLATURE, May 11, 2015

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. Legislator Alison MacAvery sponsored the proclamation.



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

POUGHKEEPSIE SHINES AT CONVENTION 2015

Report: Patricia DeLeo

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.

MEMBERS WE WILL MISS

Six of our treasured members passed away during this year. We will remember them fondly and miss the wonderful times we had with them:

Joan Elizabeth Fay
Peggy Hansen
Jeanette Madera-Pupree
Ellenora Mae Pond Oberhofer
Lorraine Roberts
Nancy Smith

A Final Word...

This summary covers more than one year to get us on the same calendar as the AAUW fiscal year. From this summary forward, they will be done from July – June.

Our branch has been enriched throughout the year by the articles written in our newsletter. Our thanks to **Jacqueline Goffe-McNish**, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE in May and June which were followed by **Barbara Van Itallie** in the remaining months; **Mary Coiteux & Susie Blecker**, program announcements; **Kay Saderholm**, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS; **Doris Kelly** and **Pat DeLeo** for the exciting and thoughtful PUBLIC POLICY, **Marcine Humphrey** added to Public Policy as well as writing most informative LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND articles. We were also treated to special articles by **Geeta Desai**.