

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch
Historian Annual Report 2016 -2017

Poughkeepsie Branch archives can be a source of information for local historians and scholars of women's issues, as well as serving as the institutional memory of our organization.

An ongoing activity is collection of issues of The Branch, programs, newspaper articles etc. on Branch activities. What to save is always a concern. AAUW State items specific to Poughkeepsie Branch are also kept, as are certificates awarded to our branch.

Beginning in fall 2016, I began work with Barbara Hespenheide. I introduced her to the archives which are held at Adriance Library Local History Room. Together we planned a history column to be placed in the newsletter. We used the archives to research Branch history. Meeting minutes are a valuable resource.

Articles, beginning in January included:

Poughkeepsie Branch beginnings, 1925

Alice Paul biographical sketch

Inez Mulholland bio

Poughkeepsie film, an AAUW project/ submitted by Margaret Nijhuis

AAUW role in founding Dutchess Community College

A more comprehensive strategy for ongoing management of the collection should be developed. Barbara and I will discuss this.

Respectfully submitted

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