



Upstate Update



AMSTERDAM * GLOVERSVILLE * JOHNSTOWN BRANCH

- The American Association of University Women advances equity for woman and girls through advocacy, education and research.
- In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

2010 – 2011

May

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Congratulations to Linda Bumpus and Patsy Suydam and those on the Sister to Sister committee. Although I wasn't able to attend, I understand the day was a huge success. Great Job everyone!

I would also like to thank all of the members of our branch who took part in the first part of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium "Golden Agers" event to benefit the Fulton County Residential Health Care Facility. The donations of money, gifts and food were all very much appreciated. Special thanks to Dianne Kierpiec for all of her help in setting things up that evening. I hope to see many of you at the second part of this event on Sunday, June 5 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Infirmary. Bob and the Bobcats will be there to entertain the residents and guests, and it will give those attending an opportunity to visit with the residents.

Hope to see you all at the June meeting.
Best,
Helen

Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m. at the Infirmary

Thanks everyone for all the great contributions for the Fulton County Residential Facility. We really collected a lot of items and hopefully there are more to come on Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m. when we meet there and have Bob and the Bobcats perform. We will be serving cookies and drinks. The May meeting was very well received, and Deborah Borie gave a great program and raised awareness of the advertising etc. to very young children. She explained how this forms the way girls see themselves and how others perceive them for the rest of their lives.

–Sandy Maceyka

June 7 End-of-The Year Meeting

The end of the year June meeting will be held at Fort Johnson on Tuesday June 7. We'll have wine and touring of the house and garden followed by a tea party with choices of hot or iced tea. We will have lovely tea sandwiches and cookies along with the end of the year meeting and other end of the year activities.

–Sandy Maceyka

President's Message

Hi Ladies,

Well, the end of May is almost upon us and this will be my last newsletter as President. It is hard to believe that two years have gone by already, and I would just like to thank all of you for your help during that time.

I leave office happy with what has been accomplished and confident that Liz and Linda will take the Branch to new heights of success. I wish them well and know that they will have great support from all of you.

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- ♦ The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Silent Auction

To raise money for EF and LAF, two items will be given to the high bidders at our June 7 meeting. Barb Nigro has graciously contributed a handmade black and white quilted purse with lottery tickets included, and Peg Snyder has donated a beautiful tole-painted basket with Russell Stover eggs inside. Items will be available for viewing and bidding at our meeting. So on your mark, get ready to bid! --Sandy Maceyka

Correction

Please note: Congratulations are in order to Nancy Reynolds who has been a faithful member of AAUW since 1977. She therefore has been a member of our branch for 34 rather than 25 years as was published in the last Upstate Update.

Another Successful Sister to Sister Summit

Despite worries that financial hard times at area schools would limit funding available for field trips, all 17 schools in the tri-counties once again sent girls to the conference. Rain the day of the event did not put a damper on spirits either as 200 girls ran across campus to attend workshops in the classrooms, theater, and FMCC gym. Last minute unavailability of two workshop presenters was quickly resolved. Mel Pombrio and Sue Summerfield volunteered to teach one workshop while computer savvy Patsy Suydam and husband Tom sorted girls in the canceled workshop into other sessions.

Use of the community college campus for the Sister to Sister

Summit provided a wonderful opportunity for local girls to be in a college setting perhaps for the very first time and to hopefully motivate them to go on to further their education. The girls also had an opportunity to meet and work with girls from other schools to create skits, assemble snacks, discuss bullying, drug and alcohol use, brain storm about FACE Book uses as well as interact in zumba, self-protection, and yoga workshops.

Capnote speaker Deborah Borie enlightened the girls about how merchants are trying to get them to buy things. She asked the girls "How many choices have you made already today?" and what had influenced those choices. She showed U Tube videos illustrating techniques used by advertisers to "target" tweens-preteenagers and those as young as 2 and 3 years old to "nag" their parents to buy the products advertised. Deborah explained how magazines and commercials try to make girls feel they are not pretty enough or thin enough. She showed how a model's looks had been Photo Shopped to give her an unrealistic appearance. She asked the girls their favorite subjects. Answers included math, science, English, and social studies. Deborah then showed them a picture of a shirt sold in a store listing "My Favorite Subjects" which included Boys, Music, Dancing, and Shopping! The girls were not pleased!

Chaperones and AAUW volunteers were very fortunate to have been given a tour of the FMCC clean room by a very enthusiastic Kyle Bonfey,

technician at the college. Those touring had their shoes vacuumed before viewing equipment in the room which included electron microscopes, microchips, and a very expensive vacuum cleaner made in a clean room in Germany.

Thank you again to Patsy Suydam and Linda Bumpus for chairing this year's event, Anne Campos, Mel Pombrio and Sue Summerfield for providing backup with registration chores, ordering t-shirts, and general direction based on their experience as past Summit Chairs. Additional thanks go to Peg Snyder, Bonnie Van Wie, Joan Clapper, Marie Wojeski, and Sandy Maceyka who helped with set up the day before and/or assisted the day of the event. Not to be forgotten are the Fonda-Fultonville girls, who under the direction of teachers Teresa House and Paula Carnevale, assembled over 200 registration folders for the event.

The Sister to Sister Summit community will review the evaluations from those attending and take a brief break before starting to plan the next Summit. --Liz Russo

Summer Leadership Conference July 15-17

AAUW NYS will once again hold their summer leadership conference at Cazenovia College the weekend of July 15-17. Lodging will be in an air conditioned dorm with mini suites with two to five small rooms sharing a bath and small lounge area. The entire weekend including lodging and six meals costs \$100 or \$95 if registering on line. This is an excellent opportunity at a very reasonable price to learn more about AAUW and get ideas for branch activities and programming for the 2011-12 year. More information and registration form are available on the AAUW NYS website www.aauw-nys.org --Liz Russo

Seneca Falls Trip

On Saturday, July 16 the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium is sponsoring a bus trip to Seneca Falls to celebrate the rededication of the Wesleyan Chapel, site of the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848. A flyer with the details of the trip is included in this newsletter. Hope some of you will join us for the trip "Back in Time".

—Helen Martin

AAUW Membership Renewal Raffle Winner

Congratulations to our third AAUW membership winner Marie Wojeski.

Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets at the March, April, and May meetings to help support our branch's future membership recruitment efforts.

Never Give Up Mansourian Case Goes to Trial

In their lawsuit, *Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California*, Arezou Mansourian and other former members of the University of California, Davis's women's wrestling team say that the university discriminated against them in violation of Title IX. Over the last decade, their case has gone through different courts to determine whether or not there was sufficient notice of the discrimination, not whether or not discrimination occurred. On May 23 they will at last have a hearing on the merits of the case. The case never would have reached this point without AAUW's support.

AAUW continues to fight for no matter how long it takes....
LAF at work ALWAYS~

--Ginni Mazur

Vote Today and Make Your Voice Heard!

AAUW's historic every-member election is under way! Previously, only those who actually attended the National Conventions had the opportunity to vote. Paper ballots have been mailed out to all current AAUW members giving each individual an opportunity to vote for updating and clarifying AAUW Public Policy. These AAUW Public Policy issues include advocating for climates free of harassment and bullying, reduction of poverty, equitable political participation in appointed and elected office, national and international policies against human trafficking, support of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity. Changes in the National AAUW by-laws are also to be voted on. In addition, ballots can be cast for the AAUW National President and Vice President as well as ten Directors at Large. (Note: two NYS AAUW members, Nancy Mion and Mildred DeWitt are among the candidates) **Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 31, and online voting ends June 17 at 9 p.m. EDT.** Visit the [One Member, One Vote](#) website and read the [election FAQs](#) for details. Haven't received your ballot? Call 800/326-2289 or email connect@auw.org. —Liz Russo

Give a Gift to a Grad

College graduations are at hand. Need to give a present? Why not consider giving that friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece a free AAUW membership at no cost to you or her!

Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer. Just complete the online membership application now or download the application (MSWord) (PDF). Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership, a \$49 value. She can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues. (Or you can pay the state and branch dues as the rest of your gift.) Just go to:

www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/gradgift

If you do not have a computer and wish to give a gift to a May or June graduate, (associate, bachelors, or masters degree) contact Liz Russo at 762-9702.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 5

ECSWC Golden Agers Event
2 p.m., Fulton County Infirmary
Music by "Bobcats", desserts

June 7

June Tea Party Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Tour of Fort Johnson Garden and House
Intersection of Route 5 and Route 67

June 21

ECSWC Meeting at 5:15 p.m., JPL

July 16

ECSWC Bus Trip to Seneca Falls
Rededication of Wesleyan Chapel
National Women's History Center

July 15-17

AAUW NYS Summer Leadership
Conference, Cazenovia College

Dues for the 2011-12 year are **\$69.**

Before June 1, please send your payment to: Barbara Nigro, 484 County Highway 122, Gloversville, NY 12078

June 1 or after, please send your **\$74** to: Michele Acquaro, P.O. Box 101, Northville, NY 12134

Please send a check payable to AAUW along with a membership renewal form that is attached.

AMSTERDAM-GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN AAUW
2011-2012 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____

****PLEASE NOTE ANY CHANGES AND COMPLETE THE PAGE BELOW*******

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Institution(s), Degree(s), and year(s) of graduation:

Current Email Address: _____

Please Check One of the Following:

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ * for dues before June 1, 2010. *(\$ 69)

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ ** dues after June 1, 2010. **(\$74)

(*Subject to revision re AAUW National and State assessments.) National \$49, State \$13,
Local \$7/\$12

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ * for dues as a Life Member.

(*To become a life member one pays 20 times the current national dues plus the current yearly state and local dues yearly)

_____ I am resigning membership in AAUW.

My reason(s) is/are as follows:

___ Family obligations ___ Moving out of the area ___ Dues amount ___ Meeting topics

Other (please specify): _____

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If you are interested in serving on a committee, please indicate by putting an X by the name of that committee. Committee descriptions are available from membership chairperson.

___ Program ___ Community Outreach ___ Finance ___ Membership ___ Historical

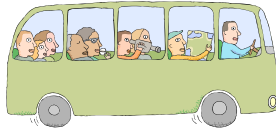
___ Nominating ___ Cultural ___ Public Policy ___ International Issues ___ Diversity

___ Educational Equity/Scholarship ___ LAF - Legal Advocacy Fund ___ Sister 2 Sister

*****BEFORE JUNE 1..Make your check payable to AAUW and send this form along with your check to: Barb Nigro, 484 Co. Hwy. 122, Gloversville, NY 12078**

******AFTER JUNE 1... send to Michele Acquaro, PO Box 101, Northville, NY 12134**

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.



Reserve your spot on The Bus Back in Time!
Visit Seneca Falls for the
Rededication of the Wesleyan Chapel
Site of the First Women's Rights Convention
Saturday, July 16

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium invites you to get your friends together and get ready for an unforgettable day of history and sisterhood! **Your \$85 ticket includes coach bus transportation to and from Seneca Falls, a box lunch, and a sit-down dinner at the famous Hotel Utica** (you could spend that on gas alone!). Here is the schedule:

- 7:15 meet bus at McDonald's in Johnstown
- 7:30 bus departs
- 10:30 bus arrives in Seneca Falls (includes one comfort stop)
- 11:00 Rededication Ceremony in Declaration Park, next to the Wesleyan Chapel
- 12:00 Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wesleyan Chapel
- 12:15 Living History presentation in the Wesleyan Chapel
- 1 – 4:30 On your own (pick up your lunch at the Downtown Deli, enjoy by the canal, or any place you wish). Visit Elizabeth Cady Stanton's House, Women's Rights National Historic Park, or any of the other events that will be available that day in People's Park
- 2:00 Book Talk and signing by Carol Faulkner on her new book about Lucretia Mott
- 2:15 – 4:15 Optional trip to the Waterloo Premium Outlets Mall (8 miles away)
- 4:45 Meet bus
- 5:00 Bus departs
- 6:45 Arrive at Hotel Utica
- 8:00 Bus departs for home
- 9:00 Arrive home

Yes! I would love to reserve a seat on The Bus Back in Time (especially since any profit will go to support this year's Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium). My check for \$85 made out to The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium (ECSWC) is attached, and I have checked my lunch and dinner selections.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

All lunches include a drink, chips, and a cookie. For lunch I would like (please check one):

_____ Roast Beef

_____ Smoked Turkey

_____ Tuna

Dinner includes a beverage and dessert. For dinner I would like (please check one):

_____ Grilled Chicken Salad

_____ Stacked Eggplant Neapolitan

Reservation deadline – July 8, 2011

Please send to ECSHA, PO Box 753, Johnstown, NY 12095, or call Nancy Brown at 773-8800.

AAUW 2011 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

AAUW MISSION: The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Please fill this out so we can better meet the needs of our branch in planning for next year. If there is not enough space for your answers, PLEASE add on another piece of paper, or use the back side. Writing all over the margins is very difficult to read.

1. Which programs were most beneficial for you? And why?
2. How could we improve this organization? And attract new members?
3. What fundraising ideas do you suggest we try?
4. If you were happy or unhappy about the places/restaurants we used for this year's meetings, what other suggestions do you have?
5. What new ideas do you have for future programs, and who do you know that might be a good presenter?
6. Do you have specific suggestions for getting our new members to attend meetings? And remain members?
7. Give names and phone numbers for those you would like invited to our September membership meeting. (Please list names on back with addresses and phone numbers.) Remember you need to follow up on those you suggest.
8. Other comments or committees you'd like to work on:
9. Do you like having ten meetings a year or ?

NAME _____

AMSTERDAM - GLOVERSVILLE - JOHNSTOWN AAUW

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 gathering at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Old Fort Johnson, Corner 67 & Route 5, Fort Johnson, NY 843-0300

JUNE - END OF YEAR EVENT & GUIDED TOUR OF MUSEUM & GARDEN

**Menu: Tea sandwich selections and cookie selections for dessert
 Iced tea selection &/or hot tea selection**

Gathering Time: 5:30-6 p.m. Wine will be available. **Date:** Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2011

**Place: Old Fort Johnson - Checks payable to AAUW
Price includes admission to the museum and a tea party.
Donations are always welcome, and they do have a gift shop!**

**Fill out the survey in this newsletter and get \$1 off your meal!
Cost: \$17 or \$18**



Name: _____

I am paying: ____ \$18 ____ \$17 (I have filled out and attached the survey.)

**Send to: Sandra Maceyka
 100 East 6th Avenue
 Johnstown, NY 12095**

736-5130, SMaceyka@frontiernet.net