



Upstate Update

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The American Association of University Women advances equity for woman and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

May 2014

Happy Mother's Day



MAY MEETING May 20, 2014

Pot Luck Supper Meeting
5:30 pm Mayfield Yacht Club
Blind Awareness
Speaker: Jahnn Gibson

RSVP to Jahnn Gibson BY MAY 15th
Phone #: 762-5036

The May meeting of the AAUW will be held on Tuesday May 20th at the Mayfield Yacht Club at 5:30 PM. It will be a potluck supper, so please bring a dish to share. Our program will be "Blind Awareness", and, as such, we will find out what it's like to be blind, so please bring a blindfold, and an apron, and wear old clothes in case of spills. Also, if possible, please read Helen Keller's book, "The Story of My Life", which is truly a remarkable book. Copies of the book are now reserved at the Johnstown Public Library under AAUW book club for your convenience. I know this is the same day as Tech Savvy, but it is later in the afternoon, and is the only convenient time to have it so it is not scheduled too close to the other monthly AAUW meetings. I hope you can attend.

Please call Jahnn Gibson at 762-5036 by May 15 if you will be attending.

Directions to Mayfield Yacht Club:

- By GPS: 214 Lakeside Dr. Mayfield, NY
- Otherwise:

North on Rt 30 out of Vail Mills. Pass Rt 349 that goes to Gloversville, and pass Fuel and Food on the Right. Continue about 1/4 mile and turn Right onto School St. Cross a small bridge, and at 20 mph go up a hill and turn Right at the top of the hill. Go 1/2-3/4 mile, you will go down a hill that has a sharp Left turn at the bottom (you will see docks straight ahead through the trees at the bottom of the hill as you make the turn). Go about 1/10 mile; turn Right into the yacht club.

Park in the guest parking lot behind the big reddish-orange barn. Walk in the back door of the clubhouse, the kitchen is right there.

Jahnn Gibson

May 14 Board Meeting May 14th at Johnstown Public Library, 6 pm

All members are invited to attend our last board meeting of the year. Officers and committee chairs are encouraged to attend or send reports. Those who are turning over their jobs are asked to be there to help work with those who are new to set up transition training. Items on the agenda will include Tech Savvy Summit, Scholarships/ Celebration Fundraiser, Membership renewal, Cazenovia Registration, Summer Planning meeting date, Adelante Book Club and ECSWC 2015.

Branch Survey

Please complete the attached Survey regarding programs we had this year. We are also interested in your ideas for programs, projects, places to meet or visit for next year September 2014-June 2015. In addition, we would ask you to include the names and address and phone numbers of prospective members we can invite to our fall Shape the Future recruitment meeting. We ask that all participate and return the survey by e-mail or snail mail to Darcelle Winchell. Program co-chairs, Darcelle Winchell and Paula Lerner will compile the results for the branch summer program planning meeting which will take place after the NYS AAUW conference in Cazenovia.

Co-President's Message

We have had a busy spring. I hope that you have been enjoying the great weather we have had lately! I have been exploring the region around Penn Yan, NY lately. Can't wait until the wineries to begin their harvesting. It should be fun. The wineries located around Geneva NY are watching their vines. This past winter looks to have cause damage to the plants. But go down Keuka Lake about ½ hour drive and the plants look normal for this time of the year.

Convention was awesome this year! Many of the comments that members had written on their 2013 evaluation forms were taken into consideration. Saturday's schedule included more relaxed type of sessions. The speakers and workshops were very interesting. I listened to a public health nurse speak on the diversity of women and their families that she has worked with in the Westchester County area. Many of the ways that she would conduct her treatment or training would change from patient to patient because of their cultures. Also, the one thing that affects ALL of us is "Medical Intelligence." She explained that many of us will use the computer to educate ourselves when we are confronted with a medical condition/symptom. Many people do not have this ability. I also attended a workshop on the history of the Catskill resorts. I enjoy learning the history of an area that I am visiting. Before the trains were expanded throughout the States following the Civil War, Ulster County was hard to get access to. The region was known for its Hemlock logging, blue stone quarries and for tanning. After the railroad was brought to the region, many people from NYC were experiencing TB and this region became an area to reach for treatment. The Cure Cabins at Saranac Lake were too far for some in NYC to travel for the TB treatment. The resort business saw its decline before the mid 60's when the resorts started selling package deals. The speaker talked about the fortress hotels – all of the resorts had fencing on the property lines and you could not enter without stopping at gate. The hotel offered all of the entertainment onsite, which kept the guest onsite for their stay. In the 1800's the guest would seek their entertainment in the local towns. The whole area had benefited from the tourism. When asked about the possible casinos for the Catskills, the speaker said that he felt it would be like the fortress hotels; felt the guest would not go off-site for entertainment or recreation.

Hope that you all will consider attending a NYS convention in the future. Next year, it will be on Grand Island. Buffalo AAUW will be celebrating a significant anniversary. Please don't forget to contact Jahnn Gibson to let her know what you will be bringing to the May Meeting. Then, while you are at it, contact or email Liz about attendance at June's meeting. See you at the Meeting!!!

Co-president Linda Hammond

April Meeting Follow-up

Budget

The budget was presented by co-president, Linda Hammond. Those presented voted to accept the budget which included keeping the dues the same. (\$68 before June 1 and \$74 after June 1)

Thanks, Jen!

Madelyn Thorne, Schenectady AAUW branch member and candidate for NYS Senate, attended our April meeting as a guest of our branch Public Policy Chair, Jen Garren. Since Madeline was already visiting FM for another event, Jen seized the moment to invite her to meet our speaker. Since one of the Public Policy issues is getting woman to run for office, it was appropriate for NYS AAUW Public Policy VP, Donna Seymour to have an opportunity to meet a woman who had stepped up to do just that! Thanks Jen for making it happen!

**Slate of Officers
2014-2015**

Our slate of Officers was voted in. AND Donna Seymour, NYS VP for Public Policy, installed our new officers at our April meeting.

Vice President – Program: Paula Lerner and Darcelle Winchell

Vice President – Membership: Melissa Ackernecht

Treasurer – Ella Ryder

Thank you to Helen James, Paula Lerner and Ginni Mazur, our Nominating Committee, for your time and for doing a great job!



Thanks, Melissa!

Thanks so much to Melissa Ackerknecht for stepping up to serve as Membership VP for 2014-16. We are hoping another member will join her as Co-VP to assist. Shared responsibilities help to make the job easier and more fun! Contact the nominating committee (Helen James, Ginni Mazur or Paula Lerner) if you would be willing to assist Melissa.

Thanks, Donna!

Our speaker, Donna Seymour, NYS Public Policy VP inducted the officers after their election. Donna also “reenacted” the presentation of Public Policy Awards our branch received just as she had a convention. Linda Hammond in her capacity as NYS Communications Chair also reenacted her presentation of the Communication Awards.

NYS AAUW CONVENTION AWARDS

Awards received by our branch

***** PLATINUM BRANCH *** The top award**

For outstanding programming that was consistently marketing the Mission of AAUW.

<p>Communications Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award of Distinction – for Communication and Visibility (Website) • Award of Distinction – for Newsletters and Print Media • Award of Distinction – Social Media • Overall Award of Distinction – for Website, Newsletters, and Print Media and Social Media 	<p>Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 5 branches in Total LAF Evvie Currie Giving Circle • Top 10 branches In Total Contributions • Star branch for \$5 per capita contributions • Bev Alves received a pin for her \$100 donation • Jen Garren received pin for donation over \$100
<p>Public Policy Awards (Presented by Donna - Jen, Bev, Ellie DiScioscia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating members re Public Policy in Newsletter • Equal Pay Day Action Award • Gold Star Public Policy Award 	<p>Recognition members’ anniversaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Slingerland 25 years • Anne Campos 20 years • Sandra Maceyka 15 years • Linda Hammond 5 years • Phyllis Nicolella 5 years

LAF FUNDRAISER RESULTS

In addition the purses and baskets our branch donated raised \$125 for LAF

\$50 Lamp and Leadership book

\$40 Woman on the Go

\$35 Purple Glitz and Glam

CONVENTION MEMORIES

Bev Alves

Last weekend, April 25-27, I attended the AAUW State Conference held in Ellenville, as a delegate. I had the opportunity to meet many wonderful and remarkable women who are working in their own local groups to get policies and laws passed that would benefit women, girls and ultimately all Americans. I plan to stay in touch with some of them. Some of the issues that were addressed would help women/girls from other countries and continents as well. In addition, I especially liked the sessions on "Diversity" and "The Impact of Poverty and Powerlessness on Women's Health."

The women from our local chapter were great; they looked out for me and for each other. I joined AAUW two years ago; until I joined I didn't realize what important and meaningful work this organization and its members do. AAUW combines the aspects of being a social organization with having a purpose, to make our world a better place. I'm really glad I went to the convention and would urge other members of AGJ AAUW to get more involved.

Paula Lerner

Our branch attended the AAUW New York State Convention at Honor's Haven from Friday, April 25 to Sunday the 27th in Ellenville. Liz and her husband, our honored Emerging Leader Darcelle Winchell, Bev Alves, Jen Garren, Ella Ryder, our co-president Linda Hammond and I attended. Those of us who came with Jen arrived in style, feeling chauffeured in Jen's luxurious SUV.

Darcelle and other Emerging Leaders were honored at dinner and represented us very well. She was actually attending two conventions that weekend, AAUW and her dance convention. We could hear the music from that ballroom and they were dancing away. Talk about multitasking!

We had our swimmers, Ella and Liz in the pool at 6am and throughout the day doing laps as a fundraiser. Liz won 2nd place and all the swimmers contributed their efforts, very much appreciated.

Linda, the NYS communications chair, had reviewed 2 years of newsletters, Facebook pages, websites, newspaper articles, editorials of all 33 NYS branches, and selected the top 10 in each category and awarded the honors. Wow! Ella was elected to the nominating committee for selecting officers for 2015, so we continue to be active and represented at the state level.

Workshops for the weekend included Work/Life Balance, Revitalizing our Branches, Women's Public Health Issues and It's My Body. The ones I attended were informative and intellectually stimulating, especially It's My Body, given by Dr. JoAnne Myers, chair of Political Science Department at Marist.

A very interesting talk was given by John Conway, Sullivan County historian about the history of the Catskills from 1700's to the present. From loggers, to consumptives, from railroads to fortress resorts, to Danny Kaye and Jerry Lewis, it was entertaining!

One activity was a modified game of bridge, and, never having played in my life, I won first prize, along with my partner. Beginner's luck, my first conference, or a few hints from my partner?

There were keynote speakers including the AAUW national president, NYS AAUW president, Rutgers University Center for Women's Global Leadership Professor. It was such a pleasure to see so many educated dedicated women, some of whom had spent years working for women's equality. I'm really glad I went and would encourage other members to consider going to any of the conventions!

Liz Russo

Although I have attended quite a few conventions over the years, I always come home energized (although tired) with new ideas for our branch to pursue. The conversations with "old friends" from other branches and the chance to make new friends across the state was a special part of the weekend. This year line dancing to raise money for the Education Opportunity Fund (EOF) was added to the weekend. Saturday night, attendees traded their dinner attire for EOF t-shirts and learned new steps. Although some younger members from the Jefferson County branch lead the way, our dancing AAUW members included a 92 year old! What a role model for us all. When given a break, we just kept dancing! We then had the treat of a demonstration

by the Line Dance organization that was also holding a conference at Honors Haven at the same time! Our member, Darcelle Winchell, managed to attend both conferences by running back and forth to dance, then attend AAUW workshops and events.

I ended up being more of a participant and less of an observer at this convention. I was honored to be asked by NYS Diversity Chair, Heidi Perreno to assist with facilitating a workshop on Diversity. In preparation for the workshop, Hiedi who is from the Rochester branch, Ruth Scott author of "The Circles God Draws" who was also part of the Diversity team and I had a working lunch. We were joined by Greta Nettleton author of "The Quacks Daughter" and presenter of the workshop on Work/Life Balance in the 19th Century. I have purchased both of their books and hope to have time to read them soon.

A special part of this convention for me was being with members of our branch who spoke out in workshops and stepped up to volunteer. And of course, it was a thrill to see our branch receive all those awards and know that we received them because of all the creative energy, dedication and hard work of our branch members. Thanks!

Darcelle Winchell

My first AAUW State Convention was a wonderful networking experience. I felt very special being honored as my chapter's Emerging Leader. The many workshops and speeches brought me to several conclusions and gave me terrific ideas for programming.

When listening to the lecture on Public Policy, it was said that more women need to be elected and serve in state politicians' roles. In the session regarding woman and their rights as far as reproduction it was stated that woman need to be educated early and again be elected. I decided that it is also very important for young boys and men be educated and shown that women should have the same rights that they do. I am going to reach out to have a program for the local Boys and Girls Club.

While talking about how to get younger members and interest them into coming to a session to see what AAUW is all about I had a terrific idea to tie a play with women's issues explored, an Art show that is also related to this, and to reach out to FM's Early Childhood Education Club to hold a babysitting service that evening (or Sat. afternoon).

My Saturday was wonderful because my dance friends had a convention at the same resort and I was able to attend some of their workshops too. A wonderful and fun time was when my dance group gave us an impromptu demonstration, taught us a dance, did a photo shoot and answered many questions about dance.

Swimathon for NCCWSL

Thanks to our branch members' contributions, \$160 was collected for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), the beneficiary of this year's swimathon. Ella Ryder joined Liz to swim at the AAUW NYS Convention. Together they swam a total of 80 lengths of the indoor pool at the Honors Haven Convention Center. Liz won the 2nd place Mermaid award for lengths swum (56), which included a snorkel and mask and a little mermaid!

"A Place at the Table" at NYS Convention

During the Public Policy Forum under the direction of Public Policy VP Donna Seymour, I was asked to share with other branches our successful outreach and education efforts with our showing of "A Place at the Table" and food pantry donations. The fact that we had the panel discussion and collaborated with community groups in the effort was praised by Donna. Two NYS AAUW branches have already expressed interest in borrowing the movie from our branch to create a program of their own. I suggested that they sign up and we can put them on list and we can schedule when the movie is available and not being shown locally.

Donna Seymour suggested a general outreach on poverty related issues such as nutrition, pay, education be the focus for NY State branches for the coming year. Our branch now has a model other branches are being encouraged to follow! Thanks, Carol Cownie and Helen James!

MEMBERSHIP

Win a Free Membership Renewal!

Gloria Kimball was the April winner of the second of three free AAUW membership renewals for the 2014-2015 year. The last free membership renewal will be raffled at the May 20 meeting. Our branch earned the free memberships from National AAUW for recruiting over six members at our fall Shape the Future Membership recruitment meeting. Raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The money raised will go toward future membership recruitment efforts. We raised \$53 at the April meeting raffle.

Time to Renew Your Membership

Reminder that it is time to renew your AAUW membership. The AAUW fiscal year goes from July 1- June 30. Dues paid by June 1 are \$68. After June 1, dues are \$74. Save money and get the early bird discount of \$6!

Checks, made payable to AAUW, go to Treasurer Ella Ryder. Please include the attached membership form with your check.

"JUNE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

Every two years the month of June has the potential of becoming the beholder to a Designating Federal Primary. The existence of a Primary depends on whether there are a minimum of two candidates within the same designating party who are interested in running for the same political position. The candidate who receives the most votes from their designating party members in a Federal Primary Election will be the representing candidate of that party on the ballot in the November General Election.

Prior to the Primary Election all interested candidates first must file a Designating Petition which contains a required amount of registered voter signatures. According to the State of New York 2014 Election Law the amount of signatures that a federal candidate is required to provide is calculated at a base of "not less than fifteen thousand or five per centum, whichever is less, of the then enrolled voters of the party in the state, of whom not less than one hundred or five per centum, whichever is less, of such enrolled voters shall reside in each of one-half of the congressional district of the state" (Sec. 6-136).

Federal petitions are filed and processed through the New York State Board of Elections. Any person wishing to file an objection to a Federal candidate's petition may do so by submitting an official "objection letter" followed by a "specification letter". The objection letter is to state in briefly what they believe the discrepancies are. The specification letter must contain a written explanation in detail to exactly what they believe the discrepancies are. Within the regulated time period the State Board of Elections will review and investigate the objections and specification letter. The State Board will notify the candidate and the public of their ruling.

Ellie DiScioscia
Voter Education Chair
caregiverovluv@yahoo.com

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON WOMENS CONSORTIUM

On Tuesday four AAUW members (Helen James, Catherine Julius, Paula Lerner & I) met with the chair of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium, Sandy Maceyka, who is also an AAUW member. This luncheon brought new volunteers up to speed on the planning of the year long program for Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 200th year birthday celebration in 2015 and following celebrations in 2017 (the year NY women received the vote) and 2020 when the US Constitution was amended to concede the vote to women. So basically brain storming for three separate programs took place. In the rough draft of 2015's agenda, it appears that AAUW has offered to sponsor two events or programs/activities. (April and December) Liz Russo is the contact for AAUW's contribution. This is an exciting opportunity for our branch not only to participate in the Consortium but also to get our message out -- who we are and what we stand for -- to a wider audience. During the recent State Conference in Ellenville, increasing community partnership was mentioned as a possible way to increase membership. The luncheon was delightful and the conversation was filled with ideas. This will be a fun bunch of dedicated women to work with. I will give updates on AAUW's participation.

Jen Garren

June 9 Meeting - Deadline to RSVP May 27

Since our meeting is early in June (June 9) and the deadline to RSVP with payment (\$15) is May 27, we would like you to look way ahead to make a commitment. Thanks to Darcelle Winchell for organizing a unique experience for us at the Brown House Inn on Rt 30.

From 6-9pm, we will be celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday in the style of the times by dressing up participating in activities and eating sandwiches and sweets and drinking tea in the Victorian setting. Here is a chance to go back to the days of

playing a part or dressing up for fun. Please provide Liz Russo with your dress size (one size up as the Victorian ladies were built differently) with your RSVP. All will be kept confidential. Hope you will join us!

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Book Discussion Update

Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way

We missed seeing some of our regulars at the last book discussion about "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber. All who read it really enjoyed it, but due to other last minute issues were unable to attend. We used the guide provided by the author to lead our discussion and enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Raindancer at the same time.

Since we will be reading "The Story of My Life" by Helen Keller in preparation for our regular branch meeting regarding Blind Awareness on May 20, the Branch Lunch Bunch will not hold a separate May lunch meeting. Information regarding the book for June, time and place for lunch will be announced in the June newsletter.

Our Projects Update

Tech Savvy Summit for Girls - May 20

Prepare Folders May 12 - 11am

Under the organization of Paula Lerner several of our members will meet at the home of Holly Rigos, 28 Yost St., Johnstown to collate materials and stuff folders for the Tech Savvy Summit for Girls. Ginni Mazur ordered the folders for us. Holly will host so that she can participate and still be home to take care of her little ones. As we work to accommodate all of our members... if you can't come to the meeting... we will try something new ...bring the meeting to you!

Set up May 19 - 3pm

At 3pm on Monday, May 19 we will meet at FM in the college student union where we had our April meeting to set up for the registration area for our Tech Savvy Summit for Girls on May 20. We hope you can stop by to help. The more there, the quicker we can get the job done!

The next morning we will also need help for last minute details at 7:00am before the girls begin to arrive soon after 7:30! Yes, that is early, but their school day starts at 7:20am!

Tech Savvy Summit for Girls - May 20 - 7am

We have received 185 registrations including girls and chaperones for our Tech Savvy Summit for Girls which will take place from 8am-1:30pm on May 20 at FMCC. A total of 14 workshops are being offered this year. A continental breakfast and lunch will be offered to the girls and chaperones.

P-Tech Principal to Speak to Adults at Tech Savvy Summit

We are pleased to note that this year; we will also offer a program for adults who are attending as chaperones regarding the new Pathways Through Technology (p-Tech) program. Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES has a new program designed for incoming freshmen who want to graduate from high school with an associate's degree in a technology-based field. In partnership with Fulton-Montgomery Community College, the Pathways Through Technology program will kick off in May and continue through the 2014-15 school year at participating districts

H-F-M BOCES principal Michael Dardaris who spearheaded the program has agreed to present to us. Mike Dardaris, the principal of the p-tech program which is based at Jansen Ave. School in Johnstown will speak at 10AM in room 106.

We invite all AAUW members to join us as well.

We hope you have saved the date to help set up at 3pm on the afternoon of May 19 and help with set up and registration at 7:30 am May 20 morning. For our meal count, please let Liz Russo know by May 10 if you plan to attend and stay for lunch on May 20. Cost of lunch is \$8 for adults and girls. (Including AAUW volunteers)

Yes, we also have our AAUW pot luck blind awareness meeting on May 20, but that is not until 5:30pm. Since the Tech Savvy Summit ends at 1:30 there will still be time to take a nap before gathering your dish to share and heading to Mayfield for the meeting!

"A Place at the Table" Update

Last November the Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market partnered with our Amsterdam, Gloversville, Johnstown branch to promote the award winning documentary, "A Place at the Table". This film about hunger in America was purchased by our branch (thanks Helen!) allowing us to make the film available to the community. We have materials and equipment available so groups of any size are able to show the film free of charge.

So far two Gloversville Churches, have paired the movie with a potluck dinner. Discussions following the presentation and the feedback from participants were very positive. We have two more churches planning similar events in the future. It is the hope of the Co-op Board, the Co-op's Education and Outreach committee and our branch that this film reaches the widest possible audience.

Any organization or group willing to learn more about the problem of hunger and food insecurity in our country is welcome to book a presentation. You can watch the movie trailer by going to www.magpictures.com/aplaceatthetable.

Please contact Carol Cownie 883-8099 or ccownie232@yahoo.com for more information.

We have been invited to a ..Volunteer Appreciation Reception

In appreciation for our donation to the Gloversville Salvation Army Food pantry last November in conjunction with the showing of "[A Place at the Table](#)" we have been invited to an open house reception on Friday, May 16 from 4-6pm at The Salvation Army - Gloversville Corps, 10 Spring St. (It is located right next door to the Eccentric Club where our "Celebration" was held).

We hope representatives of our branch will attend to learn more about the work of the Salvation Army in Gloversville today and in the past.

My Sister's Keeper:

Part of our participation in NYS AAUW's International project, our branch viewed the movie *The Hospital by the River* by Dr Catherine Hamlin. Following this we began our Fistula Fund fundraising. It has been approximately 3 years that we have been funding fistula surgical procedures through The Fistula Foundation.

IS IT TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE? Would you like to look at other international organization where we could direct our international fundraising? Would you like to stay with the Fistula Fund?

I had asked Carol Cownie for some options and she had offered 2 organizations - Global Fund for Women [globalfund-forwomen.org], Madre (madre.org) or Grassroots International (grassrootsinternational.org) are good ones. There are many others out there. **DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHERS?**

Please direct your preference on the attached member survey. The fundraising would begin in the 2014-2015 program.

Thank you for all of your financial support for the Fistula Foundation.

Linda Hammond

"Celebration" Looking Back and Planning Ahead

Thanks again to Helen James/ Catherine and their committee, we had 82 attend the event and made over \$5, 500. In the summer we will meet to discuss date and place for 2015 will be scheduled. In the meantime, please send Linda Hammond any dates that other organizations will be scheduling their big fundraisers so that if possible we can avoid conflicts when we schedule our next Celebration scholarship fundraiser.

Hat's Off!

Sandy Maceyka was awarded the 2014 Liberty Bell Award by the Fulton County Bar Association at their Law Day luncheon recently.

An Actress in Our Midst!

One of our new members, **Terri Storti** will be on stage May 9 and May 10 and again on May 16 and May 17 at the Colonial Little Theater in Johnstown.

Terri will be in the cast of Colonial Little Theater's 2014 New Play Festival of staged readings. Five short plays by Capital Region authors will be presented on May 9 and 10. "The Waver" a two-act comedy will be presented May 16 and 17. Performances are at 7pm. A \$5 donation is suggested. We hope a group of AAUW members will come out for a night or two of entertainment and support one of our own.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 14

AAUW Board Meeting
6 pm, Johnstown Public Library

Wednesday, May 14 & Thursday, May 15

Historical Musical about labor pioneer, Kate Mullany
"Don't Iron While the Strike is Hot"
10:30am and 7:30pm, Russell Sage College

Monday, May 19

Set-up for TECH SAVVY Summit for Girls
FMCC 3pm

Tuesday, May 20

TECH SAVVY Summit for Girls
7 am, FMCC

Tuesday, May 20

Pot Luck Supper Meeting
5:30 pm Mayfield Yacht Club
Blind Awareness
Speaker: Jahnn Gibson

Monday, June 9

June Meeting – Victorian Tea
Brown House Inn, Route 30 S
6 – 9 pm

July 25 – 27

AAUW Summer Leadership Conference
Cazenovia

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

March 31, 2015 Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium

April 17 – 19, 2015 AAUW NYS Convention in Buffalo

June 18-21, 2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego, CA

"DON'T IRON WHILE THE STRIKE IS HOT"

If you are interested in driving to Troy, "Don't Iron While the Strike Is Hot", a historical musical about labor pioneer, Kate Mullany will be presented at Russell Sage College on May 14 and 15. Times are 10:30am and 7:30 pm. Cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. For tickets go to art.of.labor@wdiny.org. Let us know if a group is interested in attending.

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT UPCOMING

May 8 @ 6:30 pm Johnstown Public Library (JPL)
“A Conversation with Will Swift”

May 9, 10 @ 7pm Colonial Little Theater in Johnstown
Readers Theater - Five Short Plays

May 16, 17 @ 7pm Colonial Little Theater in Johnstown
Readers Theater - The Waver (a comedy)

May 18 @ 2pm Dream Catchers (formerly Bobcats) @ JPL

Foreign Films at JPL

May 8 @ 6:30 pm

May 16 @ 10:30 am

May 18 @ 2 pm

May 20 @ 4 pm

HELP WANTED

Needed are

- an [assistant Newsletter Editor](#) to work with Linda Hammond.
- a [Social Media Helper](#) – AGJ has a facebook page that we need to have more activity on. We don't have a Twitter address yet but this could be another area if someone is interested. This person(s) would work with Linda Hammond who oversees AGJ's webpage.
- and an [AAUW Funds Chair](#), The [Funds Chair or co-chairs](#) would receive information from National and NYS AAUW regarding the Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF) and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and share it with our members by submitting articles to our newsletter; assure that our branch donations to EOF and LAF are sent to National AAUW in December; and prepare LAF basket/purse donations for the NYS Convention.

2013 – 2014 Branch Officers:

Presidents

Liz Russo

Linda Hammond

Vice Presidents – Program

Sandy Maceyka

Vice President – Membership

Catherine Julius

Treasurer – Ella Ryder

Vice President – Ed Opp Fund

Open Position

Vice President – Legal Advocacy

Open Position

Recording Secretary –

Bonnie Van Wie

Public Policy – Jennifer Garren



2014 Tech Savvy draw string bag for students attending

Pictures from Convention:



Platinum Award Winner - AGJ! Patricia Fae Ho, 2013-15 AAUW President



AGJ & Yates County members



2 of 3 of our LAF Baskets

Picture of our Models at *The Celebration*



AGJ AAUW Meeting

Queen Victoria's Birthday[©]

June 9, 2014

6-9pm



Brown House Inn

6256 State Highway 30

*next to the Town of Florida Fire Department,
across from the Florida Reformed Church*

Dress in Victorian Attire

Participate in Victorian Activities

Enjoy High Tea

(sandwiches and sweets)

Though famous for the saying "We are not amused!" Queen Victoria was actually known to laugh and dance on her own birthday which is , May 24th. WE WILL CELEBRATE A LITTLE LATE - JUNE 9! Come celebrate the Queen's special day at the Brown House Inn. First, prepare to "go a-Maying" by choosing to make either a traditional flower wreath for your hair, a Maying Stick with ribbons and bells, or a Tussie-Mussie - sweet scented flower arrangement to wear or display. Then full of the merriment of Spring we'll choose a Queen of the May, and learn the Maypole dance. To honor the Queen's birthday we will retire to a very special tea, perhaps hosted by the Queen herself!

Cost \$15

Checks payable to AAUW, dress size needed (will be kept confidential)

RSVP to Liz Russo 302 Glebe St., Johnstown 12095

Deadline: May 27

AAUW Survey 2014

1. Which programs were most beneficial for you and why?
2. How can we improve this organization and attract new members?
3. What fundraising ideas do you suggest we try?
4. What International / My Sister's Keeper organization or cause would you like to see our fundraising target in 2014/2015? Or do you want to keep raising money for the Fistula Foundation?
5. If you were happy or unhappy about the restaurants we used for this year's meetings, what other suggestions do you have?
6. What new ideas do you have for programming?

**AMSTERDAM-GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN AAUW 2013-2014
Membership Renewal Form**

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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, 2014. *(\$69)

_____ **I have enclosed \$ _____ ** dues on or after June 1, 2014. **(\$74)**
National \$49
State \$13
Local \$7/\$12

To become a Life Member one pays 20 times the current national dues plus the current yearly state and local dues year-

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

Are you interested in serving on a committee?

Please indicate with an X. Committee descriptions are available from membership chairperson.

- ____ Program ____ Community Outreach ____ Finance ____ Membership ____ Historical ____ Nominating
____ Cultural ____ Public Policy ____ International Issues ____ Diversity ____ Educational Equi-
ty/Scholarship ____ LAF - Legal Advocacy Fund
____ TECH SAVVY/Sister 2 Sister ____ e-student and AAUW College Organization
____ Newsletter

Make your **check payable to AAUW** and send this form along with your check to treasurer:

Ella Ryder
P.O. Box 111
Mayfield, NY 12117

_____ **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): _____

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