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2012 – 2013

September

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NYS Summer Leadership Conference July 20-22 at Cazenovia College. Our branch presented a program on connecting with the Fulton-Montgomery Community College, recruiting staff and faculty, signing up e-student affiliates, and organizing an AAUW Student Organization.

Our new Membership Co-VP, Catherine Julius, graciously offered her home for our summer planning meeting on July 24. Fourteen of us worked to plan the programs for the year using ideas from the NYS Conference as well as suggestions from the surveys which were returned by members. Once again, there are so many good ideas that we will save some to use in future years. Meanwhile, Catherine audited the books. She also updated the membership brochure and together with Membership Co-VP Trish Isabella worked on contacting and inviting prospective members to our September 25 meeting at FM. (see attached flier and article below)

Co-President Linda Hammond has been working on our branch website and setting up a new e-

mail address to submit articles to our newsletter as well as the website. Treasurer Ella Ryder is working on updating our check books and records.

Several of our members will also be participating as part of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women’s Consortium in the upcoming Equality Day at the Park by dressing in suffrage costume and baking and serving at the Ice Cream Social. Branch members Connie Chamberlain and Linda Bumpus will be singing with the Bobcats at the event as well. Come and join us at 6 pm Friday, August 24 at the Band Shell on Main Street in Johnstown and help celebrate the 92nd anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

This year our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW branch will focus on Philanthropy, Fun, and the Future as we continue our connections with NYS and National AAUW, FMCC, the community, and most importantly with each other. In addition, as a result of our participation at the Cazenovia

President’s Message

Hope you have all had a pleasant summer filled with family, friends, recreation, and good health!

We have had a busy summer since our June meeting at the Fulton County Museum. We started with a record number of our branch members including Catherine Julius, Darcelle Winchell, Sonnet Gravina, Anya Biel, Linda Hammond, and Liz Russo attending the AAUW

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

conference, we have made a new connection with the Schenectady AAUW branch and others in NYS AAUW District IV as well.

During the upcoming year, we will continue our financial support for our local scholarships as well as the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund and Legal Advocacy Fund. In addition, we will work to encourage leadership in young women by providing a scholarship for an FM female student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). We are also dedicated to continuing to be “My Sister’s Keeper” by providing micro-loans to women in developing countries and donations to the Fistula Repair Fund to help women in Ethiopia.

As election time approaches, we are reminded that our future depends on becoming informed on the issues and casting our ballots in the local as well as the national elections. Let’s also encourage our young millennium friends and relatives to register and vote in November. Remember the “Power of One” and help Get Out The Vote (GOTV)!

With such a full agenda we will keep smiling and encouraging each other’s efforts as we join together to have FUN as we work to accomplish much in the year ahead! --Liz and Linda

September 25 Meeting (See attached flier)

We will be continuing our College Connection as we meet at the FMCC Student Union on Tuesday, September 25 for our first meeting of the 2012-13 year! We are offering something for everyone. There will be a chance to reconnect with branch members, view art, see the renovations made at FM, and meet prospective members.

Those interested can walk over to the College Art Gallery (next to the Theater) at 5 p.m. If you prefer, you can park in the library parking lot, visit the Gallery and then come over to the Student Union Building where at 5:30 there will be a tour of the newly renovated cafeteria now called “Union Stations.” We will have a meet and greet of prospective members in the Large Lounge of the Student Union where light refreshments will be provided by Chartwells Food Service.

Our speakers Faith Weldon and Marie Thomas will provide the program for the evening theme of AAUW Past Present and Future. Faith represents the Past and Present of AAUW. She is a former member of our branch and presently a member of the Schenectady branch of AAUW. She was honored as the winner of the AAUW National Art Contest. She will discuss her membership in AAUW over the years all around the country and helping to start a branch in CA as well.

Marie represents the Future of AAUW. She attended our annual meeting at FM in April as an e-student affiliate and organizer of the new AAUW Student Organization at FM. At that meeting we collected donations to send her to the National Conference for College Student Women Leaders (NCCWSL). Marie who graduated from FM and is now enrolled at Sienna College will speak about her experiences at NCCWSL last May in Maryland. Attached is a flier with details. Deadline to RSVP is September 19. Contact Darcelle Winchell if you have questions. --Liz Russo

AGJ AAUW Internet Update

As I had mentioned back in June, I had planned on updating our internet service. We have been paying Yahoo for an annual service. This summer we entered into an agreement with National AAUW for internet service and support. Around September 1st we will have a new web address – agj-ny.aauw.net. National will provide site design and web support as long as the branch maintains the site with up-to-date information. This is a saving of about \$140/year. I am working with Site Resources in Washington. This site will have a streamline design along with many links to other sites. We will also be able to have information for our eStudents. As soon as the site is up and running, I will send out a notification to all.

Email Address: As part of the update we also now have a new web address – ag-jaauw@yahoo.com. In the future when Gloria sends out a notification to our members it will now appear in your mailbox as sender name of AGJ AAUW.

Face Book: We now also have a face book page - <http://www.facebook.com/#!/AgjAauw>. You can also search under face book – agjaauw. Please share this with your friends.

Future steps:

*Add Twitter to our group of online resources. The more we can reach out to the tech savvy women will result in more exposure and possibly new members.
*Video tape some of our presentations and post on the site. This will help members who were unable to attend to see the presentations. Also, it will give our students more information on what our branch is doing. They may be interested in our subject but not be able to attend due to class schedule.

*Could add a blog to our internet site. This would have a posted article and then any comments made to the blog are monitored before they are posted on the site.

*In our member's page, we can have a secured page (access with password) where our members' information is posted. The Kingston branch also includes a photo of their member which is a great help for new members. This would be the same information that we print in our annual booklets. This addition will

be an area where member input/approval will be required.

*New Memberships – new members will be able to print our brochure, complete the new member information and mail it along with their payment to our Membership committee. In the future, a new member could complete the information online, submit it electronically to the Membership Committee /Webmaster and then mail the membership fee to the Committee member.

*Online renewal payments: NYS AAUW is looking at utilizing PayPal for this new feature to renew your annual dues. Currently, none of NYS AAUW branches have an online renewal feature for their members. There are concerns about not receiving the renewal information on a timely manner. It is a feature that some of our members would like to see added. NYS AAUW will advise once they have finished analyzing the process.

Stay tune! Please send your comments/suggestions to my attention. I would like to hear from you. –Linda Hammond
Co-President & Webmaster

The AGJ Branch Presents at the AAUW NYS Summer Convention, July 20-22, 2012

On July 20-22, 2012, six members of the AGJ branch – Linda Hammond, Liz, Russo, Catherine Julius, Sonnet Gravina, Anya Biel, and Darcelle Winchell – attended the New York State Summer Conference at Cazenovia College. This con-

ference provided an excellent opportunity for AAUW networking, sharing of ideas, and brainstorming for activities for the upcoming academic year.

On the third day of the conference, Liz Russo, Sonnet Gravina, Anya Biel, and Darcelle Winchell gave a presentation on the College Connection. In 2011, the year that marked the 130th Anniversary of AAUW, the AGJ branch gained a new member: Fulton-Montgomery Community College. FMCC became the third (out of thirty-one) community colleges in New York State to join AAUW. With FMCC as an AAUW college partner member, all full-time FMCC students can receive free national AAUW e-student affiliation.

By July 2012, the number of FMCC e-student affiliates has grown to over 50, in large part, because of the tireless mobilization effort of the branch president Liz Russo, FMCC faculty members Sonnet Gravina and Anya Biel, and the enormous support of the FMCC administration, in particular, Vice President for student affairs Jane Kelley and Secretary to Vice President for student affairs Darcelle Winchell.

In May 2012, AAUW partially sponsored one of the distinguished FMCC graduates, the recipient of the Chancellor Award and former President of the Student Government Association, Marie Thomas, to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

(NCCWSL) in Washington D.C. Marie Thomas, who will be starting her first year at the College of St. Rose in the fall of 2012, will be returning to FMCC on September 25th, this time as an honored guest speaker at the AAUW membership meeting.

Starting September 2012, FMCC will have its own AAUW Student Organization on campus with Sonnet Gravina and Anya Biel as its advisors. Among the goals of this newly formed organization are the support of student leadership (including FM students' attendance at NCCWSL), education of students and community members about issues such as sexual harassment, empowering students to lobby for legislative change on issues important to them, forming partnerships with other clubs at FM, and supporting the establishment and continued growth of a STEM club at FM.

—Liz Russo

Cazenovia Summer Conference Highlights

It was exciting to have six members of our branch attend the NYState Summer Leadership conference at Cazenovia College in July. Seems like we not only had a chance to network with other AAUW members from across NYS, but most importantly got to know each other better as we carpooled and shared a dorm suite! It is so energizing to be with supportive women open to each other's ideas.

We purchased teal shawls, chocolate, and recycled bags to

support "Nothing But Nets," part of "My Sister's Keeper 3.0" program for 2012-13, a project to purchase mosquito netting to prevent the spread of malaria. We planned together for next April's Convention and this October's District IV conference. We shared many laughs as we were "instructed" by Geeta Desai to play cards in silence during a workshop on "Unlocking Your Potential" and learned from Joan Monk about an anti-bullying campaign - "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" - which we can introduce to local schools but we can also use to emphasize the positives and eliminate the negatives in our own branches.

Formation of the Empire State Virtual Branch was made official at the conference and several of us gave our \$5 to join as dual members. Darcelle Winchell was asked to serve on the newly formed board of directors for the Virtual Branch to serve as College Connections chair.

Goals of the Empire State Virtual Branch include recruiting and sponsoring ten NY state young women to attend NCCWSL and to hold Start Smart workshops to help young women learn to negotiate for good salaries.

Our branch presentation on College Connections was well received, and credit must be given to Sonnet Gravina and Anya Biel who worked on the power point presentation late Saturday night in the dorm - just like college days! --Liz Russo

Cazenovia Conference Memories...

My first AAUW Conference was very enjoyable. The workshops were informative and the networking was wonderful. I met so many interesting and kind people while there. Our group's presentation on the Community College Connection went very well, and I believe that other Colleges will soon start their own student chapters.

I found the meeting to brainstorm on attracting more members and planning for the upcoming year to be productive and proved to let us all get to know each other a bit better. Also, after the showing of the movie *Babies*, I believe all of us have a bigger appreciation of being an American woman and can better see the need for AAUW and its members to strive towards helping other woman through different initiatives.

The new Empire Virtual AAUW Branch was introduced to us, and I've been elected to serve on the board as the College Connection Representative. This is an exciting venture and should prove to reach out to many younger members.

--Darcelle Winchell

Memories of Cazenovia

I am so glad I had the opportunity to attend the NYS AAUW Summer Conference in Cazenovia. Though I was not there for Friday's activities, Anya Biel and I did arrive in time for the rest of the conference on Saturday and Sunday. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, meeting so many interesting women from the different branches in New York.

Saturday morning's workshop was about personal and professional strategies for success, which was very informative and inspiring. The afternoon was spent partly discussing what to do for Convention 2013 and then breaking off into districts and discussing ideas for a district conference in October. After dinner we watched the movie *Babies* and then socialized over refreshments.

Sunday morning I went to a workshop about Computer Use for Branch Communication where I picked up a few tips on how to do certain things on the computer and about programs such as Evernote and Wordpress. Mostly I learned that I have a lot more to learn about computers. Then our branch (Liz Russo, Sonnet Gravina, Anya Biel, and Darcelle Winchell) gave a great presentation on College Connection. Kudos to them for a job well done!!! The other ladies were very impressed. Just before the Convention report was given we heard about My Sister's Keeper. All in all I learned a lot, met a lot of intelligent, friendly

and intriguing women and had fun as well. --Catherine Julius

Kiva Loan Update

We have been repaid \$35 from Soeun, our Cambodian farmer, and she has already repaid 20% of her total loan. She is right on track with her repayment schedule. For more information on how you can help individually, go to kiva.org.

Thanks! --Carol Cownie

Looking ahead to October 27

A strong connection was made at Cazenovia with other members of District IV which includes the Schenectady, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Albany, and Adirondack branches as well as ours. Since our branch members were part of the planning for the District IV conference, we would like all of our members to plan to attend our October branch meeting.

We will arrange carpooling to Schenectady County Community College where the meeting will take place on Saturday morning, October 27. There will be workshops, speakers, and a luncheon. Details and cost will be forthcoming.

Please mark your calendars and save the date! --Liz Russo

Congratulations to the 2012 AAUW Scholarship Award Winners!

Thanks to branch members Laure Freeman, Rosemary Leo-Pappas, Linda Zilka, and Marie Wojeski for taking care of all the

details to make sure our local scholarship awards to 8th grade girls, high school seniors, and a FM grad continue each year. This year's winner's included:

FMCC Rita Mary Burke Scholarship - Kelly Sittner

Dorothy Anderson Wemple Literary Award - Melissa Schneider
Gloversville High School

8th Grade Excellence in Math and Science Awards

Amsterdam *Amea Hammonds*
Broadalbin-Perth *Lakshmi*

Kesari

Canajoharie *Lauren Mayer*

Fonda-Fultonville *Emily*

Littlejohn

Fort Plain *Brandy Walters*

Gloversville *Christina Pavlosky*

Johnstown *Ciaria Solby*

Lake Pleasant *Chelsea Kennedy*

Mayfield *Kaylee Bumpus*

Northville *Taryn Sedon*

Oppenheim Ephratah *Samantha*

Lamphere

St. Johnsville *Rebecca Bruce*

St. Mary's Institute *Christina*

Whethers

Wells *Maigen Wilson*

Wheelerville *Felicia Smith*

2012 Olympics and the 40th Anniversary of Title IX

What do Gabby Douglas, Allyson Felix, Serena Williams, and Missy Franklin have in common? They were part of the 269 female athletes representing the United States in the 2012 London Olympics, and they have always had Title IX to support them. This was the first time in

US history that the total number of women on the US team outnumbered the men 269 to 261. US women won more total medals than men (58 to 45) and more gold medals (29 to 17). “With women’s participation at a record level, these Olympics are being hailed as a gender-equity milestone.” - David Wharton for the *Los Angeles Times*

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 provides that “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” This means that all federally assisted educational programming must have equal access to academic programs, college scholarships, sports, and team equipment, coaching, and facilities.

“Four decades after the passage of Title IX, U.S. Olympic officials credit the federal gender-equity law for encouraging girls to play sports in school and broadening the talent base from which national coaches can recruit.” –David Wharton for the *Los Angeles Times*

So after 40 years, can we claim that Title IX is responsible for the growth in producing such competitive female Olympians? Well, let us first acknowledge that “a significant number of the medals won by U.S. women came in sports that the NCAA doesn’t sanction and few if any high schools offer, including ju-

do, cycling, and shooting” - Rachel Larimore for *Slate*. But there is no doubt that Title IX has nurtured our culture to be an encouraging environment for women in whatever sports they choose to pursue. The opportunities and experiences that Title IX gave these female athletes were the foundation on which they built their personal dedication and commitment to become the elite Olympians of 2012. Scott Blackmun, chief executive of the U.S. Olympic Committee stated, "I think that Title IX really gave us a head start because of the national commitment to make sure that young women are getting the opportunity to be involved in sports."

“Title IX hasn’t been perfect: there is still a significant participation gap between male and female athletes in America’s high schools and colleges, and there is a funding gap too. As women’s sports have become more prominent, the number of coaching jobs occupied by females is at historical lows. And the sports world is far from equal in the way women are treated and portrayed by the media.”- Travis Waldron for *Think Progress*

The policy is in place, and “By endorsing a broad interpretation of Title IX at crucial moments over the years, the Supreme court has played a critical role in making that law the powerful force for women’s advancement (most famously in athletics, but not limited to the playing field)

that it is today.” – Linda Greenhouse for *The New York Times*

Clearly there is work to be done. Please support our Legal Advocacy Fund, which helps women across the country take legal action to defend our rights to equal access. We can also help through the LAF Campus Outreach Program. AAUW branches and members can receive up to \$750 in funding to implement a gender equity-focused program or event at their local college or university. Topics for campus outreach may include: sexual harassment and assault on campus, equal pay and preparing for the workplace, Title IX in the context of athletics or women in nontraditional fields, and tenure issues for faculty.

If you would like to support academic and athletic equality for women through donations to the Legal Advocacy Fund, or have a program or event in mind, please contact us at our local branch meetings or through email at agjaauw@yahoo.com.

--Danielle Schaff-Turchin

Summer of 2012 Notable for Women

As the summer of 2012 rapidly draws to a close, all of us should reflect on two notable occurrences. Each of these could never have happened without the continued efforts of all of the women (and men actually) who have worked tirelessly over many, many years to further equality of women in all aspects of their lives and livelihoods.

First, as Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY) reflects:

Now that the London Olympic Games have drawn to a close, we can step back and marvel at the success of our American women in these games. For the first time ever, the United States sent more female athletes to the games than male, and on the flight home, women wore 29 out of the 46 gold medals won by Americans.

These achievements are a remarkable change from decades past, and a testament to the progress that has been made in the fight for women's equality. Title IX, the landmark legislation that outlawed discrimination in federally funded education programs - including sports - was enacted in 1972. Looking back to the Olympic Games that occurred that same year, we can see just how far we have come.

- In 1972, there was no women's basketball event at the Olympics. In 2012, the U.S. women's basketball team won their 5th consecutive gold medal--something that has never been done by any team in the history of the Olympics.

- In 1972, there was no women's soccer event. In 2012, the U.S. women's soccer team won their 3rd consecutive gold medal.

- In 1972, women's water polo, women's rowing, women's cycling, women's boxing, and women's judo did not exist. In 2012, U.S. women won gold in all of these events.

Yet, despite our incredible progress over the years, we still have more work to do. As I

write, young women in high school currently receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play sports than young men, and this gap is increasing.

The problem stems from a lack of transparency and accountability in our high schools. Because of this lack of transparency, we are seeing fewer and fewer high schools realize full equality for male and female athletes, and more young women being denied the opportunity to realize their full potential both on and off the field.

So while we all bask in the success of our female Olympians we must remember that there are still obstacles to be addressed and surmounted before the playing field can be considered "leveled."

Secondly, and on a more poignant note, is the recent passing of Sally Ride, America's first woman astronaut. The efforts that made it possible for Sally's ride into space were beyond compare - especially considering that initial efforts to enable women to be a part of the space program began in the 1950s only to eventually be squashed by Lyndon Johnson who felt that "space is no place for women." Hopefully those of you who were branch members in 2010 will remember our guest appearance by Wally Funk who was one of the original Mercury 13 women astronaut candidates. Wally regaled us with many stories from her training for the Mercury 13 program - up to and including the revelation that not

only she but many of the others scored higher than some of the male astronaut candidates on the same tests.

American politics and politicians are more frequently being held accountable for their stance on equality of women in jobs, education, sports, and healthcare. Our job is to keep the pressure up and use whatever opportunities we can to demand that level of accountability and action. Our job is to honor women like our Olympians, Sally Ride, and the other women astronauts by demanding that the playing field be "leveled" in all aspects of women's lives.

With that in mind and in recognition of the upcoming 192nd Anniversary of Equality Day on August 26, I would encourage each and every one of you, regardless of party affiliation, to exercise your right to vote - the right that was obtained for you by the tireless efforts of our suffragist sisters. I also charge you with the responsibility to encourage all of your female children, grandchildren, friends, and relatives who are not already registered not only to do so but and more importantly - to exercise that right and VOTE!

--Helen Martin

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) News

In the 2012-13 academic year, AAUW is providing more than \$4.3 million in funding for more than 278 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations. Here in

New York State, 31 AAUW Fellows are studying at colleges and universities during this academic year.

Fellowship and grant recipients undergo a highly competitive selection process. Academic excellence, commitment to improving the human condition, and the promise of continued impact are cornerstones of the rigorous criteria. Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Application deadline: January 15, 2013.

One-year CA grants provide funding for community-based projects. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equality for women and girls. The funding period for a one-year grant is July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Two-year CA grants provide start-up funds for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equality for women and girls. Funding for a two-year grant is July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015.

American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates

completing dissertations or scholars seeking funds for post-doctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, the quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Application deadline: November 15.

Career Development Grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care.

Application deadline: December 15.

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Application deadline: January 10, 2013.

You can learn more and apply on line at http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/index.cfm. You can also contact the Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown Branch

Educational Opportunities Fund VP Anna Biel for suggestions and help on how to apply for an AAUW EOF grant at anna.biel@fmcc.suny.edu or 518-736-3622, ext. 8946. –Liz Russo

New Member Update

Barbara Solomon joined and was introduced to us at our June meeting. Barbara is a retired Remedial Reading Instructor who had worked earlier as a Guidance Counselor and also a teacher.

Barbara has known about AAUW for years, but never accepted invitations to join in the past because of lack of time and too many other responsibilities. She likes the purpose of our organization, so this time after speaking to Marsha Smith, she decided to join and is looking forward to participating.

She attended Queen's College, SUNY Albany, and Russell Stage. She has a BA degree (1955), a MA degree in Education and Psychology (1962), a MS degree in Reading (1973) and has almost completed a PhD degree.

Though a resident of Johnstown, she usually winters in Florida. There, she has been driving for We Care taking people to medical appointments, etc. Barbara also enjoys shopping, reading, traveling, walking, and swimming. She and her husband are proud parents of three sons and grandparents of two grandchildren. --Catherine Julius

Forget to Renew Your AAUW Membership?

This will be the last newsletter distributed to those who have not yet renewed their membership. We hate to have anyone miss out on all the fun and informative meetings ahead this year. We will be assembling our membership booklet in October and don't want to leave anyone out.

Reminder: The AAUW fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30. A check for \$74 made out to AAUW and sent to Treasurer Michele Acquaro, P.O. Box 101, Northville, NY 12134 will assure that you continue as part of our AAUW branch. –Liz Russo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 24

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium
Women's Equality Day Celebration
Band Shell - Main Street
Johnstown, **6 pm**

September 11

AAUW Board Meeting
Johnstown Pubic Library, **6 pm**

September 25

Branch Meeting (light refreshments)
AAUW Past, Present, and Future
- Shape the Future Membership Recruitment
FMCC Student Union Building
Visit Art Gallery at **5 pm**
Tour new "Union Stations" cafeteria renovations **5:30 pm**
6 pm
Meet and Greet/ Refreshments
Speakers: Faith Weldon
(AAUW art contest winner)
Marie Thomas (NCCWSL attendee)

October 27

Branch Meeting/ District IV Conference
Workshops, Speakers - morning
Lunch
Schenectady County Community College

November 6

Election Day

November 12

Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Birthday

AAUW Past, Present and Future

Tuesday, September 25
Fulton-Montgomery-Community College
5 pm

Visit FM Art Gallery (next to theater)
view exhibit by: Patricia Kay -
The Maya: An Artistic Homage



5:30
STUDENT UNION BUILDING
LARGE LOUNGE

Tour of remodeled cafeteria/ Meet and Greet Prospective Members
6 pm

Light refreshments provided by Chartwells
Introduction and welcome by AAUW branch executive committee



SPEAKERS:



Faith Weldon

Marie Thomas

FM grad, attending Sierra College
Recipient of branch donations to attend
2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
will discuss her experiences.

National AAUW art contest winner (see above)
Past AGJ branch member
Current Schenectady branch member
Assisted in founding a branch in CA

RSVP by September 19

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