



## Co-Presidents Message

This was a very, very sad summer for the AGJ branch. Our hearts are very heavy. Catherine Julius, our co-president, lost her husband, Michael, to a very fast moving pancreatic cancer on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the young age of 66. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this heart-breaking time. Another member, Theresa DaBiere Craig lost her son, Sean Craig - age 18, on the Great Sacandaga Lake on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our sympathy and prayers are with her and her family for this tragic loss.



We did have lots of sorrow this summer, but we also did lots of planning. The program committee has been hard at work lining up stimulating meetings for the next AAUW year. Congrats to the new officers who took over on July 1<sup>st</sup> : Vice Presidents - for Program -

BONNIE VAN WIE AND ELLA RYDER, for Membership - JENNIFER GARREN and MARY JABLONSKI, and for AAUW Funds – EF/LAF - COLLEEN LEO and Treasurer - IRENE COLLINS. Also BEV ALVES will chair

the Public Policy committee. Officers serve 2 two year terms and it's helpful to share the position with another member. VPs and Treasurer are elected in even years and Pres and Sec are elected in odd years. We are still looking for chairs for some committees such as Community Outreach, and International Affairs. If you have an interest in or would be willing to chair either of these, please let Sandy know. We also need to put a nominating committee in place. CAROLYN CZUB was the winner of the Rita Mary Burke \$1000 scholarship, presented in Memory of Rita Mary Burke, Former FM Professor and Charter Member of the Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown Branch of AAUW to a female non-traditional student graduate of Fulton Montgomery Community College who will continue her education after FM.

In April 2017 the NYS AAUW conference will be in Syracuse at the Doubletree. On October 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 the Schenectady branch will be hosting the district IV region conference. On March 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium will take place at the HFM BOCES. All the member organiza-

tions are being asked to prepare a workshop. If you are interested in working on this, please let me know. Thanks in advance for considering working on this. ECSWC needs lots of help and ideas to get this together and its always a great event. Also if you have not yet paid your dues, dues are due ASAP & payable to AAUW for \$75. Please send check to Irene Collins or bring to the September meeting. You might not get all the notices right away since everything is filed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see everyone at the September 21<sup>st</sup>, Shape the Future Membership meeting, at the Perthshire 5:30 PM meeting. We are inviting 10 **potential members**, so let's all be there to welcome them. If you have any other friends that should be invited, please get their info to Jen Garren or Mary Jablonski as soon as possible. [See attached fliers.](#)

*Sandy Maceyka*

## *Jahnn's Environmental Message....*

Do you wonder if climate change is real? Here are some headlines that indicate that it is.

- "Sao Paulo, Brazil, a City of 20 million People in Severe Drought, Due to Climate Change and Deforestation."
- "Sea Level Rise Accelerated". From 1993 to 2010, it rose twice as much as from 1901 to 2000. By 2060, estimates are that it will rise from 9 inches to 2 feet.
- "Miami, Florida Flooding Severely During Storms."
- "Was This a 1,000 Year Flood?" Concerning flooding in S. Carolina after 10-20 inches of rain.
- "Hurricane in Atlantic During January." Hurricane season is not expected until June, when the oceans warm.
- One Third of Earth's Coral Reefs Bleached, Many Not Expected to Recover." Warming, acidified oceans cause coral bleaching.
- Severe Thunderstorm Outbreak, Including Tornadoes, Possible Next Week." Tornado season seems to be all year long, now.
- "Extraordinary Heat Wave Strikes SE Asia."
- "June Does It Again: Global Temperature Sets 14th Consecutive Monthly Temperature."
- "Unusual Warmth May Be Expected to Lead Into Hot Summer Ahead."
- "Dead Horse Alaska Sets State Record High For Any Arctic Ocean Location."
- "In Alaska's Remote Towns, Climate Change is Already Leaving Many Hungry."
- "CO2 Level in Atmosphere Reaches 408 ppm." 350 ppm was considered the upper acceptable limit of atmospheric CO2.

PLEASE, CONSERVE FOSSIL FUELS.

*Jahnn Swanker-Gibson*



## Branch Book Club

Our next branch book club meeting is Wednesday, September 14th at 1:30 pm, at Pinebrook Golf Club.

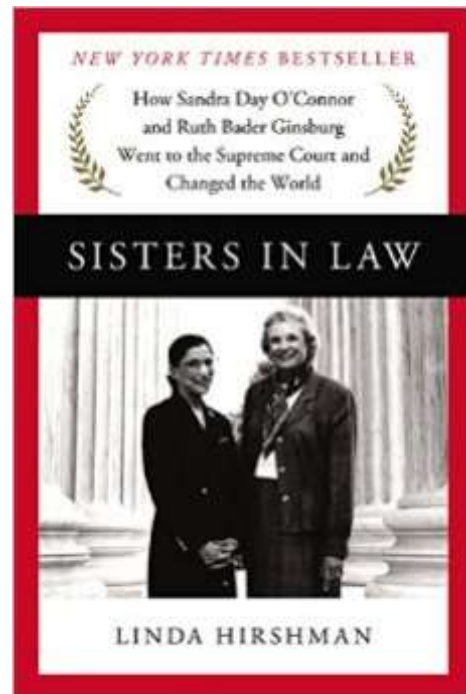
This month's book is *Sisters In Law* by Linda Hirshman.

Linda Hirshman's dual biography includes revealing stories of how these trailblazers fought for their own recognition in a male-dominated profession—battles that would ultimately benefit every

American woman.

As the first and second women appointed to the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg forever changed society, both through the new legal framework of equality they helped construct and by the example they set as women of monumental achievement.

Contact Pat Valchovic if you are interested in attending. Ph: 736-1253



## Tidbits

We will have a new column in our Newsletters titled "Tidbits". This column is open for contributions from all members of our branch. Contributions are to be reflective of our AAUW Mission. Many times you will come across some information from a news media source or from an interest based organization / magazine that could be shared with our members.

One definition from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary: a small piece of news or interesting information.

Paula Lerner has provided a sample:

*One would be that, as reported in AAUW Outlook magazine, US has dropped from 20th in the world to 28th on scale of women's equality in the world.*

*We are right behind Zimbabwe and just above Cuba. This survey was published by a United Nations taskforce, looking at equal pay, life expectancy, etc. Iceland was first on the list, but women still make only 88 cents for every dollar men make in Iceland.*

Do you have something that you would like to share?



## *Cazenovia—AAUW NYS Leadership Conference*

The AAUW conference for the summer was held at Cazenovia College July 22-24, 2016. This picturesque little town is a beautiful place. The college dorms were sparten, but with private room, frig, microwave, everything immaculate, the right price, all meals, it was perfect.

The programs included, of course, the meet and greet on Friday night, investiture of new state officers, a talk by the new President, a talk about developing new leadership. Saturday's main talk was about a new program for teaching negotiating salary and benefits for new college graduates and also for working women. The program is called Start Smart/ Work Smart. Another program was a roundtable of what other branches are doing, concerning domestic violence, Stem, and public policy. There was state convention planning, it is to be held in April in Syracuse.

There was a wonderful talk by Dede Emerson, who has just published her memoirs entitled, "And for my next act, from Bebop to the UN and Beyond. During her entertaining talk we learned of her career in jazz piano and then her career at the United Nations, working in the Mid East.

Sunday's programs included several groups. I listened in on the Fundraising, Jennifer Garren took membership, and Ella and Darcelle were in Programming.

What I think was very invigorating was meeting and talking to other branch members. Everyone made an effort to use mealtime to meet different women. As a special treat, there was an a cappella singing group of teenagers at the college, and we were treated to several performances during the weekend.

Please consider going next summer.

*-Paula Lerner*



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Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown (NY) Branch

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

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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.

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## Key Upcoming Dates

August 26      **National Women's Equality Day**

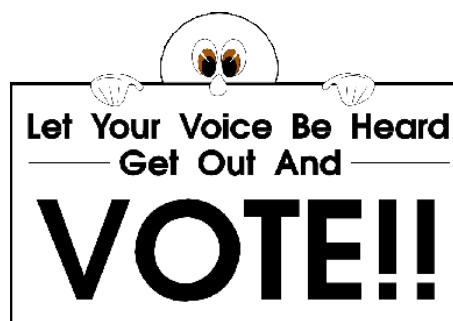
September 8      **Congressional Voting Record released**

HAVE YOU REVIEWED THIS DOCUMENT? Go to  
<https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/>

The 2015 record is posted at this printing time. NY's Congressional voting record is very interesting.

September 27      **National Voter Registration Day**

*How many people do you know who are not planning to vote this year?*



# PROGRAM DATES

## **September: Membership Meeting...Wednesday, September 21st**

5:30 to 8:30

Perthshire/ Route 30 / Amsterdam

Film..."He Named Me Malala" followed by dinner entre, salad, and dessert

\$15.00 including tax and tip.

RSVP...Mary Jablonski by September [9th...725-1655...jjablonski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:9th...725-1655...jjablonski@nycap.rr.com)

Flier: Laurie Kozakiewicz

## **October: Trivia Night ... Thursday, October 27th**

6 to 8:30

HFM BOCES/ Route 67/ Johnstown

\$10.00 Adults...\$5.00 Students

Pizza, soda , water, lemonade

RSVP... Pat Valachovic by October 17th... [736-1253....pattialphabet@aol.com](mailto:736-1253....pattialphabet@aol.com)

Flier: Bonnie Van Wie

## **November: Chili Cook Off....Tuesday, Election Night, November 8th**

5:30 to 8

Eccentric Club, 109 North Main Street, Gloversville

**\$10.00...PRE-SALE TICKETS AND TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

**Attention all cooks...dig out your best recipes....we need lots of chefs 10-12 ?????**

RSVP...Paula Lerner by November [1st...736-2449...paulajane84@yahoo.com](mailto:1st...736-2449...paulajane84@yahoo.com)

Flier: Ella Ryder

## **December: Christmas Brunch.....Saturday, December 10th**

11-1

Union Hall, 2 Union Place, Johnstown

\$16.00 including tax and tip

RSVP...Sandra Maceyka by December [5th...736-5130....smaceyka@frontiernet.net](mailto:5th...736-5130....smaceyka@frontiernet.net)

\$10.00 "Rotating" Grab Bag Gift

Flier: Sandra Maceyka

## **January: Environmental Film "Gasland"...Tuesday, January 24th**

5:30

1 Church Street, Johnstown

\$10.00 Pizza/ soda

RSVP...Jahnn Gibson by January 17th....705-2835

Flier: Jahnn Gibson

## PROGRAM DATES (continue)

### February: Women's Health Month...Wednesday, February 15th

5 to 7

Saint Mary's Rao Outpatient Pavilion, 4950 State Hwy 30, Amsterdam

Catered meal from Saint Mary's Dining Services...price TBA

RSVP Ella Ryder by February [3rd...661-5951](tel:3rd...661-5951)..[waveryder64@nycap.rr.com](mailto:waveryder64@nycap.rr.com)

Flier: Sandra Maceyka

### March: Elizabeth Cady Stanton Symposium...Saturday, March 18th

9-2

HFM BOCES, Route 67, Johnstown

Thank You

From the Dorothy Wemple Literary Scholarship Award winner Skyler Hesch (Fonda-Fultonville).

Dear ladies at the AGJ - AAUW,  
+ Jahn Gibson  
when my name was called as  
the recipient of this scholarship,  
I was so overwhelmed with joy  
and surprise. I remember writing  
the essay and reading it over and  
thinking, "Yeah I think this essay  
is pretty good but I bet someone  
else wrote a better one." I still  
cannot believe that your Award  
Committee chose my essay over  
23 others! This is definitely  
the scholarship/award I am  
most proud of winning, and  
it certainly has made a  
beautiful difference in my life.  
I'm so grateful for this award  
as it has eased my financial  
burden for the fall. I'm so  
excited to start my studies at  
Assumption in just a few, short  
weeks!

Thanks Again,  
Skyler Hesch

# *SHAPE THE FUTURE MEMBERSHIP MEETING*

AMSTERDAM-GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN AAUW

September 21, 2016

Perthshire, Route 30 Amsterdam

5:30—8:30 pm

## **Program: “He Named Me Malala”**



Cost: \$15

Menu will be distributed in the near future

RSVP BY: September 9th

TO: Mary Jablonski

725-1655 or

[jjablonski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jjablonski@nycap.rr.com)



# AAUW-NYS District IV Conference

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Zion Lutheran Church  
153 Nott Terrace  
Schenectady, NY



Program: ***Beyond Barriers and Bias – Fulfilling the Potential of Women***

9:00-9:30 Registration / Continental Breakfast

9:30 Welcome - Eleanor Aronstein, President of AAUW-Schenectady Branch

9:35-10:45 Martha Asselin, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Affairs, SCCC  
will speak about gender barriers and bias

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Maxine Getty – retired Senior Master Sargent, US Air Force and re-enactor portraying Mary A.R. Livermore, abolitionist, teacher, nurse, suffragette and writer. re-enactor portraying a nurse, abolitionist, suffragette and writer


12:00-1:00 Lunch - Networking & hear from SUNY Albany students who have taken part in the AAUW Elect Her Training and The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

1:00-1:45 A Jewelry Workshop (optional):

Create a bracelet for yourself - Donate a bracelet to a woman at our local women's shelter

**Directions** **From the West:** Follow I-90 E (New York State Thruway E) to Exit 26 toward Schenectady onto I890E. Take exit 5 toward Broadway 0.2 mi. Turn left onto Broadway 0.2 mi. Turn slightly right onto Millard St 0.2 mi. Continue on Veeder Ave 0.2 mi. Continue on Nott Ter 0.2 mi. Arrive at 153 Nott Terrace on the right.

**From the South:** Take I-90 (New York State Thruway W) to Exit 25 (Schenectady/RT-7/RT-) then get on to I-890 (Schenectady County Memorial Veteran Hwy) 4.1 mi. Take exit 5 toward Broadway 0.4 mi. Turn right onto Broadway 0.2 mi. Turn slightly right onto Millard St 0.2 mi. Continue on Veeder Ave 0.2 mi. Continue on Nott Ter 0.2 mi. Arrive at 153 Nott Terrace on the right.

RSVP by  October 8, 2016 (Naturally we would appreciate it sooner.)

Cost: \$25 AAUW members, \$27 non-members, \$15 students

(If non-members decide to become members at the conference, not only will that save money for the lunch, they will get 50% off the National dues.

Send your check payable to "AAUW-Schenectady Branch" with this tear-off form to:

**Barbara Aldi, 15 Haviland Drive, Scotia, NY 12302**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Branch/Position \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you have special dietary needs, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying for our bracelet workshop? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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# IT'S MY VOTE



## *It's get-out-the-vote season! Register for AAUW's GOTV skills trainings today!*

AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard** campaign harnesses the power of AAUW members to register and turn out millennial women voters nationwide. At a time when young women are less likely to vote and with Election Day rapidly approaching, your branch can spring into action to help Get Out The Vote (GOTV) this fall!

In this series of three webinar trainings, you will learn all the information and resources you need to register, educate, and turn out voters. Register for one or attend all three and help to make a difference this Election Day!

### **Voter Registration: It's My Vote Training Part I**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016

**Time:** 7–8 p.m. ET

National Voter Registration Day is September 27, so there's no time like the present to plan a voter registration drive in your community! In the first of a three part series, you will learn everything you need to know to host a successful event including tips for maximizing your reach, opportunities to seize, and information about voting rights and protection efforts in the state.

### **Voter Education: It's My Vote Training Part II**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016

**Time:** 7–8 p.m. ET

Each election cycle, AAUW members seek to provide all women voters with the information they need to cast their ballots. With so much at stake in this election, our efforts are needed across the country. At this one hour training, you will learn the ins and outs of a successful voter education campaign and tips for you to employ in your branch this fall. From hosting candidate forums and attending town halls to making use of voter guides, and bird dogging candidates, there are so many ways you can help ensure that women voters are educated, able to exercise their right, and encouraged to do so on Election Day.

### **Turning Out the Vote on Election Day: It's My Vote Training Part III**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016

**Time:** 7–8 p.m. ET

Once you've helped to register and educate eligible voters, how can you ensure that they show up to the polls? Find out in this one hour webinar, which is the final training of our three part series. You will learn the crucial actions necessary to turning out voters on Election Day and actionable strategies for following up with and getting out the vote via the **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard** campaign.

**RSVP TODAY!**

To Register: visit: <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/08/2016-gotv-skill-trainings/>

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