

Upstate Update

Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW
<http://agj-ny.aauw.net/>



September Meeting

*“Equal Means
Equal”*

September 27th

FMCC at 5:30 pm

See flyer on page 5

NO RSVP REQUIRED

Co-Presidents Message

Here we are almost at the end of summer! Please do not be discouraged though as we have many exciting events and programs to look forward to. As many of you know we have had a very eventful summer.

The **Book Club** participants enjoyed reading and reviewing several books this summer, the latest being **Glass Castle**. There is a movie showing currently which was made from the book about a dysfunctional family.

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Empowering Women and Girls Since 1881

*“Learn from mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself.”
Eleanor Roosevelt*

Co-President's Message Continue:

The club met on **August 23rd** at 3:30 at Riverlink to review the book and enjoy a nice dinner. The book choice for September is **Age of Innocence** by Edith Warton. This book will be reviewed on **October 3rd** at Winners Circle in Fonda at 6 pm. Anyone interested in participating should be in touch with Pat Valachovic.

Our **Day Trippers** special interest group was also quite busy traveling around this summer. They enjoyed attending a performance by the **New York City Ballet** on **July 15th** at SPAC where they saw three pieces by Richard Rodgers, Thou Swell, Slaughter on Tenth Avenue, and A Sonnambula. On **July 28th**, they attended the **6th Annual Caroga Lake Music Festival** where they heard An Evening of Chamber Music. On **August 4th**, the club traveled to the **Glimmerglass Festival 2017** to attend Scalia/Ginsberg an opera by Derrick Wang. By **August 20th** they decided to take a cruise and boarded a **Living History Cruise** up the Erie Canal. The trip was a history filled 4½ hour event that included a cruise through lock 17, a visit to a historic Herkimer home, a chocolate making demonstration, and best of all, a BBQ lunch! The **Day Trippers** special interest group has an **upcoming trip** planned for **September 30th** to **The Mount**, the home of Edith Warton (author of **Age of Innocence**), in Lenox, MA. If you are interested in going on this trip or learning more about the **Day Trippers**, please contact Bonnie Van Wie.

On **August 11th**, several AAUW members attended the **New York State Historical Marker Ceremony 2017** in **Johnstown** in support of the **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium**. We were happy to provide cookies and drinks to our attending community. **Dr. Melinda Grube** did a wonderful presentation as **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**. When the ceremony was finished we enjoyed the music of the **Durey Creek Band** who included a singalong of two Suffrage songs in their performance. A wonderful time was had by all.

We have several other items of interest yet to be addressed:

- **AAUW NYS District IV Conference Saturday October 21 in Poughkeepsie**
- This will be our October meeting. We hope to have a large group interested in attending and will discuss carpooling at a later date. Please be in touch with **Ella Ryder** if you plan to attend.
- We have several people interested in **computer education**. If you are interested in being involved in having computer use support please be in touch with **Nancy Peck**. When you call, we need to know what exactly you are requesting education on (Excel, Word, etc.).
- We have requested a speaker from National for our **November 8th 50th Anniversary Program**. We hope to hear back from National very soon.
- Your Co-Presidents along with Jennifer Garren, Darcelle Winchell, and Patricia Barter attended the **AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference in Cazenovia**. We had a great time and heard a lot of helpful information. Much of what we heard can be used by our branch. The topic of the program was **Building Vitality** and included workshops like **Moving Our Branches Forward, Skill Building for Success, and Small but Mighty: Ideas That Make a Difference**. If you would like to present a program but can't put your finger on a topic, check out "**Program in a Box**" on AAUW website for ideas. This was a helpful educational event and hopefully more of our members can attend next year.
- We will be holding a **Board Meeting** in the near future, date to be determined.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

September 27

Membership Recruitment Meeting

FMCC, Theatre

Refreshments at **5:30 PM**, Film at **6:00 PM Equal Means Equal**

NO RSVP REQUIRED

Contact **Jennifer Garren** [(518) 725-5667, jeng24@frontiernet.net] with any questions

September 30

Day Trippers

Home of Edith Warton, Lenox, MA

Contact **Bonnie Van Wie** (H)(518) 762-9377

October 3

Book Club

Age of Innocence by Edith Warton

Contact **Pat Valachovic** (H)(518) 736-1253

CALENDER OF EVENTS (continue)

October 21

AAUW NYS District IV Conference
Poughkeepsie, details and registration to follow
contact **Ella Ryder** (H)(518) 848-7250

November 1

Branch Book Club
The Gilded Years by Karin Tanabe

November 8

50th Anniversary of A-G-J Branch
Celebration and Reunion of past members
Paul Nigra Center 5pm dinner
contact **Liz Russo** (H)(518) 762-9702

November 9

Program Meeting at 6 pm
At Darcelle Winchell's home

Last but certainly not least, we would like to say thank you to our Newsletter Editor Linda Hammond for all your time-consuming work.

AAUW Outlook Is Now Available Digitally!

Starting with the summer 2017 issue, *AAUW Outlook* will be going digital. You'll still get the same insight about the issues that affect women and girls the most, but with more content. Make sure your preferred email address is on file, and look out for this issue in your inbox! (If you don't see it, check your junk mail folder.)

Co-Presidents, Ella Ryder and Nancy Peck



AAUW NY STATE DISTRICT IV CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 21 in Poughkeepsie

We hope to have our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch well represented at this gathering of members from District IV which includes the Adirondack, Schenectady, Poughkeepsie and Kingston branches as well as our own. We plan to car pool and get a group to attend. This will serve as our October branch meeting.

Registration & meeting details can be found on pages 6 & 7.

AGJ AAUW

50th ANNIVERSARY & REUNION

November 8, 2017

Our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown Branch will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of becoming an AAUW branch in November. We are busy planning the event. Laurie Kozakiewicz and Pat Valachovic will be creating a slide show depicting past meetings events and members. Co-President Nancy Peck has submitted a Leader on Loan application to invite an AAUW National or NY State representative to speak. We are considering having a raffle basket or two to raise money for LAF and EOF at the dinner meeting which we have slated for the Paul Nigra Center. A flier and more details will be forthcoming in October.

SAVE THE DATE—NOVEMBER 8th for dinner and invite a past AAUW member to join in the reunion celebration. For more information, contact Liz Russo at 518-762-9702.

“CELEBRATION” EXPLORATION COMMITTEE:

Would you be interested in participating on this Exploration Committee?

- ⇒ Fundraiser is for our Scholarship Programs
- ⇒ Held in the Spring to June
- ⇒ We can create a new idea or theme for this event
 - Some quick thoughts so far:
 - α) Poker Run; have historical sites for stopping points; have picnic at final stop
 - β) Diversity—dance to other nationalities; music of other nationalities; food
 - γ) Are you thinking of something more relaxed?
- ⇒ If interested, please contact Ella Ryder and Nancy Peck



FREE SKILL-TRAINING WEBINARS OFFERED BY AAUW

AAUW National is offering a series of Skill-Training webinars as an easy way to learn strategies and techniques that can help our branch grow and give leaders, and leaders-to-be, the confidence they need to take on the new challenge.

Information on these webinars can be found on pages 8 & 9. and on AAUW website (www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/skill-training-webinars/).

IT'S FREE!!

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Nancy Peck

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DO YOU TAKE PICTURES AT OUR EVENTS?

PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO LINDA HAMMOND AT

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We would love to share them with others in our newsletter, on our website or on our Facebook page. Thanks!!

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The time is **NOW** for equality for **ALL** Americans

AAUW-AGJ

(American Association Of University Women-
Amsterdam, Gloversville, Johnstown branch)

Presents the documentary



A film that explores **WHY** the **ERA** is still necessary!

FMCC Theater Sept. 27th

Fulton-Montgomery Community College

Please join us for refreshments at 5:30pm
documentary starts at 6pm

District IV Conference

Saturday, Oct. 21

Sponsored by Poughkeepsie Branch

Place: Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory

An urban re-newal project in the City of Poughkeepsie (8 North Cherry Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601). Parking is available behind the building.

Time: 8:45 am -2pm

Registration Fee: \$22 (includes continental breakfast, and lunch)

Send check payable to Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. **by October 15** to:

Peggy Kelland
13 Susan Ln.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Moving Forward: Influencing the Future

**How can AAUW members make our voices heard?
Presentations on Health, Education and Governance**

AGENDA:

8:45 - 9:15 Registration and refreshments

9:15 - 9:30 Opening Remarks: Hudson River Housing

9:30 - 10:25 Session One: Women's Health: The current status of women's access to affordable health care and the impact of defunding Planned Parenthood.
Speaker from Planned Parenthood

10:35 - 11:30 Session Two: Women and Education: Latest information on status of public schools, charter schools, vouchers and state potential State Constitutional Convention. -- speaker from NYSUT

11:30 - 12:15 Catered Lunch

12:15 - 1:30 **Session Three: Women in Politics:** Getting to 50% - Elect Her: How to support women candidates. Panel discussion by local women involved in politics. Discussion with question and answer period.

1:30 - 2:00 **Closing and Processing:** What can I bring back to my branch?

Post Conference: Visit local historical sites or walk on the Walkway Over the Hudson. Just 5 minutes away!) **Stretch your legs and finish the conversation.**

District IV includes Adirondack, Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and Schenectady Branches.

Come and enjoy meeting members from District IV branches.



Dear AAUW-NYS members,

The latest issue of *Focus* has arrived on your electronic doorstep, bursting in fall colors. Click [here](http://www.aauw-nys.org/attached%20files/focus/2017-Fall-FOCUS.pdf) to view it!

Don't miss AAUW-NYS President, Roli Wendorf's vision for an exciting year in AAUW which began in Washington, DC in June with the introduction of AAUW's new CEO, Kimberly Churches.

Jane Pendergast, College/University Director, shares her experience at the National Convention including an evening with Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Stephanie Leminis, Program Vice President announces the AAUW-NYS State Convention in April 2018.

Plus, photos from the National Convention in Washington, DC in June and the AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference in Cazenovia in July.

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting year in AAUW!

Laurie Eikemeyer
AAUW-NYS FOCUS Director

Skill-Training Webinars for Members

September 12, 2017



AAUW Morgan Hills (CA) members at the 2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C.

Time: 7 p.m. ET

Location: Online ([You just need to register.](#))

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/skill-training-webinars/>

Cost: None

Event Description:

Skill-training webinars are an easy way to learn strategies and techniques that can help your branch grow and give leaders the confidence they need to take on new challenges.

Skill-training webinars will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. ET. Please note that scheduling is subject to change as many of these webinars are collaborative efforts between member leaders, staff, and outside experts. Check back here regularly for updates.

2017–18 Skill-Training Webinars

September 12, 2017: Social Media Made Easy

This webinar outlines what you should and shouldn't do when running social media.

October 10, 2017: Small but Mighty

Find out how small branches can have a big impact!

November 14, 2017: Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

Learn how to create a more welcoming community for all.

December 12, 2017: Transition and Succession Planning

Get strategies to plan for the future of your state and branch leadership.

January 9, 2018: Fundraising from Other Pockets

Tired of always asking the same people for funds? Join us for a discussion on how to raise funds from businesses and individuals in your community.

February 13, 2018: Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

Learn more about how to welcome and engage a diverse membership.

March 13, 2018: How to Get Publicity

Your branch holds great events and does wonderful things in your community. How do you get the publicity you deserve?

April 2018: Hiatus for state conventions.

May 8, 2018: Writing to Engage

Find out how to make the most of your websites, brochures, newsletters, and emails!

June 12, 2018: Creating the Value of Membership

Learn how to help current and future members feel connected to AAUW's work and realize the value of their membership.

Thanks for registering for AAUW's skill-training webinars. We've sent a confirmation email to the address you provided. If you are missing an email from AAUW, please check your email account's spam or junk folder to ensure the message was not filtered.