

Upstate Update

Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW
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New Officers Were Elected at June Meeting — Mayfield Yacht Club



Left to right are new co-presidents, Ella Ryder and Nancy Peck with past co-presidents Catherine Julius and Sandra Maceyka



Program VP Darcelle Winchell with past co-president Catherine Julius

AAUW Funds Chair Paula O'Neil with past co-president Catherine Julius



Empowering Women and Girls Since 1881

"Learn from mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself."
Eleanor Roosevelt

AAUW Presents FMCC Graduate, Elizabeth Gundersen, with Scholarship to Continue Studies

Fulton-Montgomery Community College graduate Elizabeth Gundersen of Gloversville was this year's winner of our AAUW branch scholarship. The \$1000 award is given to a non-traditional graduating female student who intends to transfer to a baccalaureate program. The awardee must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8.

The scholarship is given annually by our branch in memory of Rita Mary Burke, FMCC English professor and one of the original members of the local AAUW branch. The purpose of the scholarship is to reward women who have had to delay their entry into college after high school to work or raise a family and to encourage them to continue to pursue their education. Anya Biel and Sandra Maceyka chair the Scholarship.

Elizabeth Gundersen joined the Navy immediately after graduating from high school in 1987. She married and became the mother of three sons and a daughter. In 1999 she began attending Fulton-Montgomery Community College majoring in Computer Information Systems, but due to illness had to leave college. She was finally able to return to school two years ago to resume her studies. She graduated from FM this May with an Associates Degree in General Studies and plans to continue her studies at Empire State College. She has taken most of her classes at FM online since this mode of study appeals to her and fits her schedule best. She is gravitating toward English/History and has developed interest in Asian culture because her daughter-in-law is Chinese American. After obtaining her Bachelor's Degree, she hopes to travel to China to teach English there. Gundersen attended the June AAUW meeting at the Mayfield Yacht Club where she was introduced to the branch and presented with the \$1000 scholarship and an AAUW membership as part of the award.



SAVE THE DATE!

2017-2018 Planning Meeting

July 24th at 6:30 pm

Darcelle is still looking for your surveys. Your input is

**Location: Darcelle Winchell's home
277 Bleecker St
Gloversville, NY 12078-1505**

very helpful for planning next year's meetings.

(darcelle@nycap.rr.com, 518-725-5963)

Aug 28 Suffrage exhibit and play in Canajoharie

For those who might be interested in attending alone or as a group....

The original one act play about the suffrage movement "Burden of Ballot" by Krysta Dennis will be presented on August 18 in Canajoharie. It is being presented in conjunction with Arkell Museum exhibition "Truth is the Only Safe Ground to Stand Upon" featuring portraits and quotes of NY S suffragists by artist Christine Heller.

Contact Jenna Peterson Riley curator for more info 673-2314 EXT 113

"Burden of Ballot"

Aug 18

7pm

Arkell Museum (Library and art gallery)

2 Erie Blvd,

Canajoharie

NO Charge for play but..

Admission cost for visiting the museum and art gallery

June Meeting at the Mayfield Yacht Club

Thanks to Jahnn Gibson for organizing the June Potluck Meeting at the Mayfield Yacht Club.

At the meeting, Mary Jablonski was thanked for serving as Membership co-Chair. Linda Hammond was acknowledged for her work on the newsletter and website. Jahnn Gibson was honored as Emerging Leader for the Branch and Pat Valachovic was recognized as having been a member of the local Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown Branch for 45 years.

In addition, new officers were elected. Officers for the 2017-18 year include:

Co-presidents Ella Ryder and Nancy Peck
Program VP Darcelle Winchell
Membership VP Jennifer Garren
Secretary Paula Lerner
Treasurer Irene Collins
AAUW Funds Chair Paula O'Neil

A-G-J Branch Literary Award Winners Announced

Our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown (A-G-J) AAUW branch announces the winners of the 2017 AAUW Dorothy Wemple Literary Award.

The first place award of \$500 went to Johnstown High School graduate, Casey Van Valkenburgh. The second place award of \$300 was received by Broadalbin-Perth High School graduate, Julie Capito. Van Valkenburgh will be attending Alfred State. Capito will be studying at St. Lawrence.

The contest is open annually to students in Fulton, Montgomery and Hamilton Counties. Applicants were asked to write a 300-500 word essay on the topic "Every era faces problems. One hundred and fifty years ago, Elizabeth Cady Stanton considered the government's policy toward women to be in error and spent her life working to change this policy. If you feel that the government was pursuing a policy that you felt was in error, how would you, as a concerned citizen, work to help correct it?"

The AAUW Literary Award is given annually in memory of Dorothy Anderson Wemple who was a member of AAUW for over 50 years and a member of the local AAUW branch since its inception in 1967. Wemple, who died in 2007, was an English teacher at Knox Junior High School in Johnstown and was a past judge for the essay contest which began in 1991.

Jahnn Gibson and Linda Hammond served as chairs of the AAUW High School Literary Award. Readers included Gibson, Paula Lerner, and Laurie Kozakiewicz. Thank you to Jahnn for coming up with the topic, and organizing the judges for this event.

New Members

Welcome to new member Pam Sproule. Many of us already know Pam from the ECSW Consortium Symposium planning committee. Pam is especially interested in our book club and new travel groups.

Also, welcome to Elizabeth Gundersen, our FM Scholarship Winner!!

Message from Poughkeepsie AAUW Facebook page:

A memorial celebrating Doris Kelly's' life will be held from 3-5 pm on Sunday, July 16, at the Wallace Center, FDR Library & Museum, Hyde Park, NY.

She was a member of our Poughkeepsie Branch, AAUW, and worked tirelessly to promote women's issues and support leadership opportunities for girls. Doris was a positive force to remember and we will miss her so very much. She served on the board, wrote for the newsletter and was a member of many committees for AAUW. Among our many wonderful memories of Doris - she loved to dance and taught line dancing at one of our state conventions.



Eleanor Reed Memorial Scholarship Winner Chosen

Sarah Martelle, Johnstown High School graduate, was awarded the AAUW Eleanor Reed Memorial Scholarship by our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW Branch. Martelle will be attending the State University of New York at Brockport.

The one-time \$1000 award was presented in memory of Eleanor Reed, first president of the local AAUW branch which was chartered in 1967. The funds for the award were donated to our AAUW branch on behalf of the family of Eleanor Read with the request that the scholarship be given to a female student who exhibits leadership and is active in the community.

Eleanor Reed who died in 1993 was a charter member and the first president of the local AAUW branch which will mark its 50th year anniversary in November of this year. A glass engraved AAUW plate and holder were presented with the award. The plate was originally given to Reed in appreciation for the leadership she provided to the AAUW branch as she served twice as president, at the origin of the branch and again in the 1980's.

The award was offered to a Johnstown High School student since Mrs. Reed was a biology teacher at JHS from 1970- 1993. She organized a science club and took girls to several Expanding Horizons in Math and Science Conferences at Siena and Cobleskill Colleges. Liz Russo who knew Eleanor Reed and worked with her in bringing girls from Knox Junior High to Expanding Horizons conferences in the 90's handled the administration of the award.

May Meeting at the Amsterdam Pedestrian Bridge

A tour of the new Amsterdam Pedestrian Bridge and the connected Riverlink Park on the north side of the Mohawk River was led by former Amsterdam Mayor, Ann Thane. Displays along the walkway gave a view into the history of Amsterdam from the Native Americans to the immigrants who came to settle and, the neighborhoods and the industries they established over the years.

The photo on left was taken on the bridge showing a mosaic of the image mimicking that on a Mohawk Carpet which was made for and displayed in the Waldorf Astoria in NY City.

The photo on the right which was taken in the park shows the 9/11 monument and flag with names of victims written to make up the stripes.



Branch Book Club - July 13

All are invited to join the book club **on Thursday, July 13 at 4pm for an early meal at the Riverside Restaurant in Amsterdam.** Some of the members have read the book *Guns of August* by Barbara W. Tuchman regarding the first months of WW I. Others have read short stories. Each will discuss what they have read. Details and book choices for the August book club will be on the agenda. Those attending are asked to come with their suggestions for a book and a venue.

Contact Pat Valachovic at 736-1253 if you have questions, or plan to attend.

8th Grade Math and Science Awards

Recently, the **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** presented fourteen local, eighth grade girls with an Excellence in Mathematics and Science Award. Administrators and school counselors from the local schools assisted AAUW Chairwomen Marie Wojeski and Linda Zilka in the selection of the recipients.

The criterion for the award was excellence in mathematics and science, the students' genuine interest in these subject areas, and their likelihood to pursue a career in these fields. Each recipient received a certificate of recognition, pen and scientific calculator. The winners and their respective schools are:

Amsterdam	Alinah Marinov
Broadalbin-Perth	Lily Mitchell
Canajoharie	Chelsea Stetin
Fonda-Fultonville	Loretta Newcomer
Fort Plain	Rachel Zuppardi
Gloversville	Danitza Peralta
Johnstown	Sarah Pratt
Lake Pleasant	Sarah Smith
Mayfield	Lainna Salvione
Northville	Madeline Downing
Oppenheim-Ephratah–St.Johnsville	Alexis Mumford
St. Mary's Institute	Lauren Mowrey
Wells	Keara O'Rourke
Wheelerville	Sadie Blowers

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AAUW – AGJ 2017 Survey

- 1. Most beneficial programs:**

- 2. Improve and attract new members?**

- 3. Suggestions for Fundraiser:**

- 4. Suggestions for Venues:**

- 5. New ideas for programs:**

- 6. Projects AGJ should take on:**

- 7. Possible presenters for programs:**

- 8. How to get new members to attend meetings and remain members:**

- 9: Prospective Members:**

9. Comments:

10. Number of Meetings you Prefer:

**RETURN SURVEY TO:
Via Email: Darcelle Winchell**

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Or US Mail at

**277 Bleecker St.
Gloversville, NY 12078**

Join us at Cazenovia!



AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference

July 21-23, 2017

Cazenovia College

Cazenovia, NY

- **Speakers:**
Cordy Galligan, AAUW VP for Marketing and Communications: *Harnessing our Energy!*
Dr. Karen Pastorello, Professor: *Labor Feminism*
- **Programming**
Small but Mighty: Simple projects for branch outreach
Skillbuilding for Success: concrete skills for all leaders
- **Participation:**
ALL AAUW members are invited!
Subsidized by AAUW-NYS
\$115 for the entire weekend (2 nights, 6 meals), \$120 for paper registration
- **Register NOW!** Go to www.aauw-nys.org

Calling all AAUW Members – The world needs more women leaders. The world needs YOU!