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- News brought back from the AAUW NYS Convention
- Tech Savvy Summit for Girls Update
- New Slate of Officers for 2015-2017

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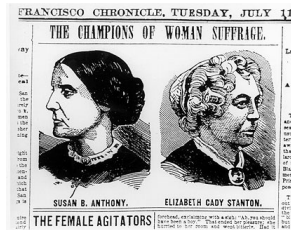
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May 28 Meeting – Local Women’s Suffrage

Our May meeting will take place on Thursday, May 28 at the Elwood Museum 100 Church St., Amsterdam. The program will be about the women’s suffrage movement in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. We will have a chance to tour the museum at 5pm followed by a light supper and program at 6pm. Speakers include Fulton County Historian, Samantha Hall-Salladino and Elwood Museum director Ann Pecone who will share stories from old issues of local papers which will give us an idea of how local residents felt about giving women the right to vote. The cost of admission to the museum and the light supper of salad and sandwiches is \$15. Checks made

payable to AAUW should be sent to Jahnn Gibson 302 S. Melcher St., Johnstown, 12095. **Deadline to RSVP is May 24.**

For more information call 705-2835. **All attending the May 28 must RSVP and pay in advance so that sufficient food and seating will be available.**



The program is part of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women’s Consortium year of celebrations in honor of Stanton’s birth in Johnstown, NY

200 years ago.

The public is invited to attend. We encouraged you to bring a friend, relative or neighbor.

Any new members joining at this meeting will be offered the Shape the Future Membership of \$49.50.

The Elwood Museum gift shop will be open with books on local history and other items for those who are interested in making purchases.

May 20 Tech Savvy Summit for Girls

Thanks to outreach and networking to area colleges, businesses and hospitals we were able to replace the workshop presenters that were lost as a result of the early start of the summer session at FM. Those who volunteered to help the day of the event are asked

to meet at 7:15am on Wednesday, May 20 in the Student Union Lobby. We will set up the registration area, put up room signs and balloons and be ready to welcome the presents and escort them to their rooms as well as sign in the students and chaperones as

they arrive at 8:15am

May 19 Set Up - We welcome those interested to join us at 3pm in the Student Union Lobby at FM to set up for the Summit. Thanks to all for stepping up to handle the details. (cont. page 2)

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CSI Workshop

Workshop presenters will include faculty and staff of FM, SUNY Cobleskill, Union College and Siena College. In addition, Nathan Littauer professionals, Lowe's staff, the owner of Geek Pantology, as well as a retired DEC wildlife biologist will facilitate hands-on workshops in the labs and classrooms in the college. The middle school girls attending will be exposed to the college atmosphere and be introduced to the possible careers in the STEM areas. Fourteen workshops are being offered. They will have a chance to pick their

top five choices and will get to participate in three.

Workshops will cover engineering, physics and astronomy, a Lego building competition, robotics, clean room technology, crime scene investigation and ballistics, wildlife science-chickens, disease epidemic identification - DNA, taking apart computers, computer coding, completing a Pinterest project, medical imaging and respiratory therapy.

In addition, Gwendolyn Bluemich the lead for strategic education and work-

force development initiatives for GLOBALFOUNDRIES will give the capnote presentation.

We would like to thank Stewart's Shops, Argersinger Trust Fund, NBT Bank, Soroptomists International of Fulton County, Nathan Littauer Hospital, Fit Happens, Johnstown Teachers Association, Fulton County First Choice Financial, Balanced Health, OE-STJ Teacher's Association, Louise Sira and Delta Kappa Gamma for their donations and Linda Bumpus for a wonderful job in securing the funding.

HATS OFF to

Ellen

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For all you do at the

Gloversville Senior Center!

April 11 Movie Night—Follow-up

We had a wonderful time with Jennifer Lee when she visited our branch with her movie *Feminist: Stories of Women's Liberation*. Before the movie, several of us joined Jennifer for lunch and then took her on a tour of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton exhibit in the Berkshire Bank which is located on the site of Elizabeth's birth and family home.

We want to extend special thanks to Cindy Handy and Lorie at Berkshire Bank for opening the exhibit for the visit. We also walked through the park to see the

markers, view the court house where Judge Cady, Elizabeth's father presided and visit the Johnstown Historical Society to see the exhibits there. Jennifer was an enthusiastic tourist.

AAUW- NYS President Edwina Frances Martin joined us from Staten Island for the movie at FM. Approximately 40 attended the movie night including several men. After the movie we ventured to Sam's Steakhouse for a late supper and were joined by members and friends who continued their conversations with Jennifer and Edwina. We thank branch member Jen Garren again for this movie showing and for Jennifer Lee's visit!!

We all were impressed by the film which we agree should be seen in all the schools to provide an awareness of the battles women have been fighting to get the rights we take for granted today.

Jennifer Lee



One Member One Vote

May 26, 2015 Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted

The most important item on the National AAUW ballot this year is one that will determine the future of the American Association of University Women. Please read the Proposal 1 carefully and decide how you feel about elimination of the college degree requirement for Membership in AAUW. We all have a chance to express to the Na-

tional organization what direction we would like AAUW to take..

PLEASE VOTE!

We have 3 NYS members running for AAUW Director – Eileen Hartman, past NYS President, Maria Ellis, past NYS Membership chair and President of Virtual NYS branch and Dot McLane, dual member of NYS & PA. We can vote for 10 of the 15 candidates.

Liz Russo requested paper ballots for each member. If you happened to throw away the large white envelope that the ballot was mailed in, here is the mailing address for your paper ballots:

AAUW
1111 Sixteenth St. NW
Washington, DC 20036



Electronic ballots were emailed to members with subject line "Here's your AAUW ballot. Vote now."

Slate of Officers for 2015–2017

Below is the slate of officers elected into office at the April 29 business meeting:

Co-Presidents:

Catherine Julius
Sandra Maceyka

Co-Membership VP:

Mary Jablonski
(filling CeCe Alexander's vacancy)

AAUW Funds VP:

Irene Collins

Secretary:

Paula Lerner

Thanks to the those who have stepped up to keep our AAUW Branch going as we head for our 50th year in 2017 and thanks to the nominating committee for their successful efforts in recruitment.

Equal Pay Day April 14

Pay Day Bars and Spare Change 4 Change Initiative

Since our movie night was close to Equal Pay Day, we took the opportunity to distribute Pay Day candy bars to movie attendees with messages regarding the inequities in pay for men and women which still exist.

We also took up a collection as part of the Spare Change 4 Change Initiative. We collected \$68 which we sent to AAUW earmarked for the Legal Advocacy Fund to help fight workplace discrimination and pay inequity.





Membership

TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW

MEMBERSHIP!

Our AAUW fiscal year runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. **Take advantage of the "early bird" discount of \$6. Renew by June 1 and pay \$68. After June 1 dues are \$74.**

Please send checks made payable to AAUW with the attached form to: Ella

Ryder, PO Box 111, Mayfield, NY 12117.

Please include any changes in your telephone number, address, or email. We appreciate your promptness with this matter.

Note: Not only is part (\$46) of our National Dues tax deductible as a 501 (c) 3, but ALL of our NYS dues (\$13) are as well!

That means \$59 of our

AAUW dues are tax deductible.

Raffle for Free Membership Renewal – LAST CHANCE TO WIN – May 28!

Though our Membership recruitment last September, our branch received 3 free memberships from National AAUW. We have raffled off two at previous meetings. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Good Luck!

AAUW
helps you
take a
stand!



GIVE A GIFT TO A GRAD

College graduations are at hand. Need to give a present? Why not consider giving that friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece a free AAUW membership at no cost to you or her! Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer. Just complete the online membership application now or download the application (MSWord) (PDF).

Your grad will receive a one - year member-at-large membership, a \$49 value. She can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues. (Or you can pay the state and branch dues as the rest of your gift.)

You can apply online or download the application at <http://www.aauw.org/>

[resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/).

If you do not have a computer and wish to give a gift to a May or June graduate, (associate, bachelors, or masters degree) contact Liz Russo at 762-9702 after May 20.

New Members

Welcome Back Trish!

We also held a Shape the Future Membership campaign at the April 11 Movie Night at FM. Trish Isabella rejoined. Trish took some time off from AAUW since her job required much travel. We are glad to have her back in our branch.

Welcome New Member Marietta Raneri

Marietta attended the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium and saw all those AAUW badges! She came to our movie night and the "after party" for Jennifer Lee and AAUW-NYS President Edwina

Francis Martin at Sam's and decided to join our branch! Look for her bio in the next newsletter.

Looking Ahead—June Branch Meeting



The June meeting will be held at the Mayfield Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 10, at 5pm. A covered dish dinner will be held for our dining pleasure. Both hot and cold foods accepted, as the club has all the kitchen facilities

needed. Please let me know if you will be attending, my new telephone number is 518-705-2835. Do be brief in your message, as I buy minutes, and ended up with only 3 minutes left at the end of my 30 days the first month I had this cell phone!! That's a lot of talking, but it's amazing how fast it goes.

Directions to the club: North on Route 30 out of Vail Mills. Pass Route 349. The Fuel and Food will be to your left, and about 1/4 of a mile beyond, turn Left onto School St. Go about a

mile. You will cross a small bridge and go up a fairly steep hill. Go very slowly, and at the top of the hill, turn left. Go about a half mile, maybe less, and the club driveway is on the left. Park behind the big red barn in the spaces marked for guests. And, be sure to notice the barn quilt that several of us ladies made last summer.

Thank you.

Jahnn Gibson 518-705-2835



AAUW Funds

Baskets and Bags - Fundraiser for Legal Advocacy Fund

Thanks to Nancy Reynolds, Bonnie Van Wie and Connie Chamberlain for help in preparing our offerings and all those who donated items. Our branch baskets and bags were in the silent auction. Below are the winning bids on each:

European Delights \$40

*Interesting side note - The winning bid was made by Dot McLane who is running for reelection to the National AAUW board and who sat with us briefly at the Friday night dinner before being called to the head table!

Bright and Healthy \$80

Red-y to Read \$55

Also, Jen Garren won 2 baskets at the convention which will credit our branch with a total \$120 donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

Co-President's Message

This newsletter my message will be brief. As you have obviously noticed that we have a new format for our newsletter. At the convention I was able to sit with our NYS Communications Director and other newsletter branch officials. We have to think of our

newsletter as being a communication tool not just for our members but for prospective members. Our newsletters are posted on our website. We have to look at them as being advertisement / showing what our branch is all about. This is a work in pro-

gress. It takes time when you re-format a layout.

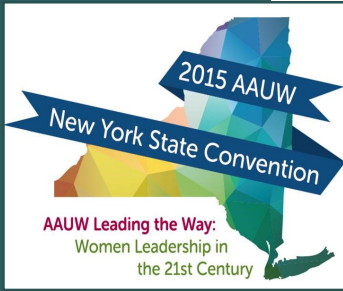
For our Techies we now have a QR Barcode on the last page of our newsletters.

Please send me your comments. I'd like to hear from you.



Linda Hammond

Convention Update



Seven of our branch members including co-Presidents Linda Hammond and Liz Russo, co-Program VP's Darcelle Winchell and Paula Lerner, Treasurer Ella Ryder along with Jen Garren and Bev Alves were among the 144 attendees at the AAUW - NYS Convention April 17-19 in Buffalo. We attended workshops on Voting Rights, Domestic Violence and Education.

Participants- including Liz Russo - had a chance to help raise money for the Educational Opportunities Fund by Dancing the Night Away and learning some new line dancing steps.

An excellent panel of elected women officials shared their experiences regarding getting elected, and challenges faced in leading. The panel included Julie Huntsman,

Otsego Town Council member, Marjory Jaeger, Town Clerk for the Town of Amherst, Crystal D Peoples-Stokes, NYS Assembly 141st District and Lovely Warren, the Mayor of Rochester.

"The giving of love is an education in itself."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Convention Swimathon Participants

There was a "Merman" award this year as a male AAUW member from the Islip branch swam the most laps. Another first time swimmer won for most money raised. As runner up, Liz Russo received a sash hand made by EOF Funds chair Lucienne Nicnholson .

Thanks to those who sponsored our branch members, Liz and Ella Ryder in the Swimathon and supported the AAUW Funds which are shared by Legal Advocacy, Educational Opportunities and Public Policy Funding.



Emerging Leader Honored

In addition, our branch Emerging Leader, Paula Lerner, was honored at the dinner. She was presented with a corsage, seated at a table with Emerging Leaders from other branches and awarded a certificate for her accomplishment.

Her photo and bio have been added to the AAUW -NYS Website as well. Check it out!

Paula Lerner



...And the Winner Is....

Our branch came home with many awards from the convention, all as a result of the group efforts of our members. At the Saturday night "Celebrating the Stars of AAUW-NYS" Branch Recognition dinner our branch was awarded.

Award for Fundraising for LAF/EOF

- Spare Change 4 Change Initiative
- Top LAF / Evvie Currie Giving Circle Award
- LAF Star Branch for Per Capita Contribution

21st Century Platinum Program Award

- 2014 Tech Savvy Summit for Girls

Public Policy Awards

- Public Policy Award for consistent efforts to educate members about public policy issues through our newsletter
- Public Policy Award for STEM Impact
- Public Policy Award for STEM Hour of Code
- Public Policy Award for Social Justice

Communications Award

- Award of Distinction for our Website
- Award of Distinction for Social Media
- Award of Distinction for Visibility

Speaking on Muslim Women's Rights & Elizabeth Cady Stanton

As part of the Women and the Vote Workshop we learned about the past, present and future of the Human Right's Movement. Edwina Frances Martin Esq. current President of AAUW -NYS discussed the history from the time women of NYS won the right to vote in November 1917, three years before the 19th amendment was passed in 1920. LAF Chair Nancy Mion shared her discoveries of finding ancestors who had participated in the suffrage movement.

A surprise was the presentation by Mary Lou Davis who reported all about attending our Elizabeth Cady Stanton (ECS) Women's Symposium / District IV Conference March 21! She displayed the law book centerpiece Sandy Maceyka had made for the event

and copies of the information sheet about ECS distributed by Coline Jenkins at the Symposium was given to us as well! It was great to hear Mary Lou's enthusiastic comments regarding Melinda Grube's interpretation of Elizabeth and also the presentation on clothing of the era by the Victorian Lady.

The highlight of the workshop, however, was the amazing presentation by Nadia N. Shahram an Iranian Muslim who came to the US for her college studies. She is an attorney, writer, educator, activist and an adjunct faculty at the Law School at SUNY Buffalo and the author of the novel, *Marriage on the Streets of Iran*. She presented to us the Declaration of Rights of Muslim

Women (in the same vein as Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Declaration of Sentiments) which was written by a group of Muslim women in the US. It states what rights Muslim women desire and do not have because they live in Muslim communities within the US. We all had an opportunity to sign the document in support. The Declaration of Rights of Muslim Women will be displayed in Seneca Falls. It would be wonderful to have Nadia come to speak to our branch.

-Liz Russo



Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown (NY) Branch

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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.



Calendar of Events

Week of May 11th – meeting to make folders for Tech Savvy Summit, Catherine Julius home.

May 19 Set-up for Tech Savvy 3–5 pm, FMCC Student Union Lounge

May 20 Tech Savvy Summit 8 am – 2 pm, FMCC

May 27 Board Meeting 6 pm Johnstown Public Library

May 28 Branch Meeting at Ellwood Museum, Amsterdam, 5 pm tour museum, 6 pm program

June 10 Branch Meeting 5 pm Mayfield Yacht Club, Membership Recruitment/Pot Luck Supper

July 24-26 AAUW-NYS Leadership Conference, Cazenovia College

Sept 26 District IV Conference, Location: TBA (Saratoga area)

2016:

April 15-17 AAUW-NYS Convention, Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs

**AMSTERDAM-GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN
AAUW
BRANCH MEETING**

Thursday, May 28th

at

WALTER ELWOOD MUSEUM
OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY

100 Church Street Amsterdam, NY 12010

5 PM Tour of Museum

6 PM Lite Supper and Program – Women’s Suffrage Movement in
Fulton & Montgomery Counties

Speakers: Samantha Hall-Salladino, Fulton County
Historian
Ann Pecone, Walter Elwood Museum
Director

Cost: \$15 (includes meal & admission
to Museum)

Payable in advance to AAUW

RSVP by May 24

RSVP to: Jahnn Gibson
302 S Melcher Street
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 705-2835

Meal:

Wraps – Turkey, ham & veggie

Green Salad

Fruit

Dessert

Beverages

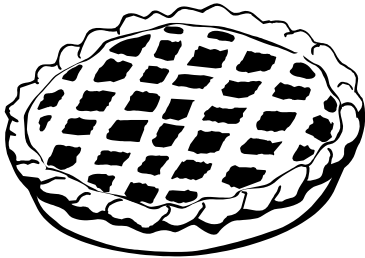
19th Annual

Rhubarb Festival

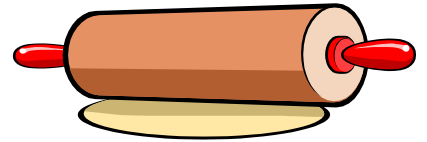
at
1747 Nellis Tavern, St. Johnsville

Sunday, June 7, 2015

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Rhubarb Pie Baking
Contest
12:00 Noon
Prizes awarded at
1:00 pm



Musical Entertainment by
Gary Van Slyke – 11:00 AM
Kevin Alexander – 1:00 PM

**Available for sale throughout the
day while supplies last:**

- All kinds of rhubarb delicacies
- Light lunch
- Fresh rhubarb



For further information call: Mary Davis at 315.866.2619
www.PalatineSettlementSociety.org

Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW Branch Meeting



*Bring a
friend, a
neighbor or a
relative!*

June 10, 2015
Mayfield Yacht Club
5 pm

*Bring your
thoughts about
the best about
our program this
year!*

Pot Luck Supper

RSVP: Contact Jahnn Gibson at 705-2835

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