

# Upstate Update

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May 2016

## Co-President's Message

On Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> the annual branch meeting was held at Harold's Restaurant in Gloversville. We celebrated Equal Pay Day and held our elections for Veeps and Treasurer. Laurie Kozakiewicz was our speaker and did a most interesting talk on the background and progress of equal pay. We also discussed and passed a budget for next year. Congrats to the new officers who will be taking over on July 1<sup>st</sup>: Vice Presidents for Membership - JENNIFER GARREN and MARY JABLONSKI, Program - BONNIE VAN WIE AND ELLA RYDER, and AAUW Funds - EF/LAF - COLLEEN LEO and last but not least - Treasurer - IRENE COLLINS. Officers can 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: Public Policy, Community Outreach, and International Affairs. If you have an interest in any of these, please let Catherine or Sandy know. We would appreciate your ideas and hope you will step up. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we had a great meeting at the Paul Nigra Center which included a tour and a very informative talk by Victoria Morrison on autism. Thanks to Mary Jablonski and Liz Russo for making arrangements.

We're also asking your support for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration fundraiser. The event will

raise money for future philanthropic, advocacy and educational initiatives. The theme of this year's Celebration tea party is "Farewell to Downton Abbey" and will take place on Sunday, June 12 from 1pm to 4pm at the Eccentric Club in Gloversville and will be catered by Union Hall. I hope that you will be there with your friends and will support this fun & interesting fund raiser. Also we need worker bees for this event to work ahead of time and get everything ready. We also would greatly appreciate your help finding sponsors and items for both the silent auction and raffle baskets. Thank you in advance for any assistance, monetary or other that you can provide. For more information about the Celebration, contact chair, Helen James at [Hjames2265@aol.com](mailto:Hjames2265@aol.com) or Catherine Julius at [agjcelebration16@gmail.com](mailto:agjcelebration16@gmail.com) or 542-4628. Please attend the next planning meeting on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the home of Catherine Julius. If you cannot attend you could make a donation to the cause of providing scholarships to local students. For a \$20 donation you can be at the Mrs Patmore or Daisy level. For \$50 you can be at the Mr Bates or Anna level. For \$100 you can be on Carson's list!

The NY state convention was held at the Saratoga Holiday Inn on the 15-17<sup>th</sup>. It's was a great experience as usual and Catherine, Sandy, Linda, Liz, Jen,

Irene, Bonnie, and Ella attended from our branch. Linda Hammond was in charge of the whole conference as the local chair and really made us proud of all she did. It really was extraordinarily well run! Irene Collins and Ella Ryder were delegates. Irene also served as a alternate on the nominating committee. Bonnie Van Wie's daughter and granddaughter and friend attended and were part of a panel on Tech Savvy. Jen Garren was the emerging leader of our branch. The convention paid their respects to lost members and Nancy Reynolds was honored from our branch. Next year the conference will be in Syracuse. Put it on your calendar.

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day, will be our end of the year picnic and celebration. The meeting will be held at the Mayfield Yacht Club compliments of Jahn Gibson and everyone will bring a dish to share. It's a relaxing fun nite to enjoy each other's company and install the new officers and regale in all our successes this year. Dues are \$70 if paid by June 1<sup>st</sup> to Ella Ryder and \$75 if paid that evening.

*Sandy Maceyka*

## Celebration “Farewell to Downton Abbey” Progress

We are slowly selling tickets to this fundraiser. Contact me for tickets or simply send your checks made out to AAUW with Celebration in the memo line and send to:



Catherine Julius  
134 E. Montgomery St.  
Johnstown, NY 12095

Please include any names of friends with which you would like to be seated and I will try my best to accommodate your request.

We still need volunteers to help on the day before and the day of the event. We also need more monetary contributions and high ticket items for silent auction.

Thanks. *Catherine Julius*

**Next Celebration Meeting—Tuesday, May 17th at 6 pm** at Catherine’s house—134 E Montgomery St. Johnstown.

**CORRECTION:**  
**1st Basket Assembly session** will be at Catherine’s house on **Sunday, May 22nd at 2 pm.**

## Jahn’s Environmental Message....

Aside from methane caused by the cattle industry making up 51% of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, the consumption of meat is terribly bad for the environment in other ways, as well.

On the huge factory farms, the manure waste ends up in big cesspools, which flow into our rivers and aquifers. Cattle cause more than 10 times the amount of waste as the entire human population, and there are no sewage treatment plants of these feedlots, just cesspools. Cattle cause more than three times as much water pollution as the rest of the industries in the US. Every 24 hours, animals raised for the table produce 20 billion lb. of waste, or 250,000 per second. This waste produces methane gas. 100,000 animals on a feedlot contribute 3 billion cubic ft. of methane to the atmosphere per year. If

used, it would supply the natural gas needs for 30,000 people.

Over half the total amount of water used in the US goes to irrigate land used to grow feed for livestock. Enormous quantities are used to wash away manure. 2,500 gallons of water is used to produce 1 lb. of meat, enough water to serve a typical American family for a month. 100 times more water is used to produce 1 lb of beef as it takes to produce 1 lb of wheat. Over half the water consumed in the Northwest, an area of plentiful rivers, goes to livestock production, thus taking away from hydropower, necessitating the construction of nuclear power plants in the area. Estimate are that 17 billion KWH of electricity yearly are used by the cattle industry, enough to light every house in the nation for 1 1/2 months.

Land used for growing feed for livestock has been severely eroded, 4 million acres are lost

to production yearly, an area the size of Connecticut, that’s 60,000 lb of topsoil for every member of our population. 260 million acres of forest has been cut to replace this acreage. At this rate, we will be out of forests by 2037. Forests are the lungs of the earth, prevent floods, recycle and purify water, and are home to millions of species. However, by 1987, 1,000 species were going extinct yearly. In the 1990s, the figure was forecast to reach 10,000 yearly, and by 2017, 1 million species would be extinct. All life is intertwined, so where does this leave us?

Please, for the sake of our planet, ourselves, and the species we share this planet with, cut down on meat, or give it up altogether.

*Jahn Gibson*



## Tech Savvy Update

A total of 180 students and 22 chaperones from 14 schools in Fulton, Montgomery and Hamilton Counties have registered to attend this year's Tech Savvy Summit for Girls on Tuesday, May 24 at FMCC. Linda Bumpus and Liz Russo met with Jason Flemming Director of Facilities to finalize arrangements for use of the classroom building and student union areas of the FM campus.

There will be changes this year in set up area, parking for volunteers and attendees due to construction of a new book store and other updates in the Student Union Building.

### More Funds:

We are pleased to have received generous donations from the Soroptomist International of Fulton Co. and also from Nathan Littauer Hospital for this year's Tech Savvy Summit for Girls. We were also approved for a reimbursement grant from the Montgomery County Youth Bureau. Additional donations have also been promised.

### Volunteers:

**Friday, May 20 at 1pm** there will be a work meeting at the Johnstown Public Library to stuff folders.

**Monday, May 23 at 3 pm** volunteers will meet in the Student Union Building at FMCC to organize folders in the dining room to be ready for registration early Tuesday, May 24.

**Volunteers should park behind the Student Union Building in Student Lot #4** due to the construction. Those with supplies to deliver may temporarily park in the circle, unload folders, balloon, gift bags and other supplies and then re-park their cars in Lot #4.

**Tuesday, May 24**, volunteers are asked to **report by 7:15 AM** to assist with final set up, welcome presenters, and assist with registration.

Thank you all who have agreed to help.

## Tech Savvy Session for Adults *P-Tech Present and Future Panel*

### All AAUW Members Are Invited!

Due to the popularity, we will again be holding a special session for chaperones and volunteers attending the Tech Savvy Summit for Girls. *P-Tech Present and Future* will be the focus of the panel presentation which will take place from 10am-10:35am on Tuesday, May 24 in the Classroom Building, Room C-110. All members and friends are invited to attend as well. Due to the construction, we will not be able to hold the adult session in the large lounge as we have in the past. Last year we were fortunate to have P-Tech Counselor, Jennifer Sponnoble bring freshmen girls in the program to talk about their experiences. Jen will return with sophomore girls for this year's panel. In addition, P-Tech science teacher, Jaimie Dickinson will talk about the Underwater Robotics competition in which the students participated.

## June 14 "End of Year" Meeting

The June meeting of the AAUW will be held at the Mayfield Yacht Club on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm. This will be a pot luck supper, so bring some food and bring yourself!

Directions--Follow Rt 30 north from Vail Mills until it intersects with Rt 349 from Gloversville. Continue about 1/4 of a mile from there. You will pass the Fuel and Food on your left. Turn Right on to School St. and go about 1 mile, cross a small bridge and go up a hill. Turn right at the top of the hill on to Lakeside Dr. Go about 1/2 mile, turn right into the Mayfield Yacht Club. Park in the guest lot behind the big red barn. Please notice our "barn quilt". Come in the back door of the clubhouse. The address is 214 Lakeside Dr. Mayfield, NY 12117, for those with GPS.

Please let me know if you will be attending, my telephone is 705-2835.

Thank you. *Jahnn Gibson*

## May 5 Meeting Focuses on Understanding Autism

Thank you to Mary Jablonski and Liz Russo for arranging our dinner meeting at the Paul Nigra Center. We began with a short business meeting, followed by a tour of the facilities by Wally Hart. We had a great buffet dinner and then our speaker, Victoria Morrison gave a very informative presentation on the Autism Spectrum, including prominent traits, problems that have to be overcome and ways to communicate with individuals affected with this syndrome, including techniques used by parents, etc. that facilitate such communication and make the lives of those involved more “normal”.

For those requiring information Vickey gave us her e-mail: [morrisv@lexcenter.com](mailto:morrisv@lexcenter.com).

Catherine Julius



## Book Club Report for May 18

The next meeting of the Branch Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 18 at 4pm at Fox Run Golf Club. We have changed the time to make it easier for those working to participate.

We are reading , *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki . It is the AAUW Adelante recommended book for May which is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Copies of the book are available at the Johnstown Public Library. Contact Bonnie Van Wie if you plan to attend or would like to carpool.

All are welcome, whether or not you have read the book. We will order from the menu.

## AAUW Dues are Due June 1

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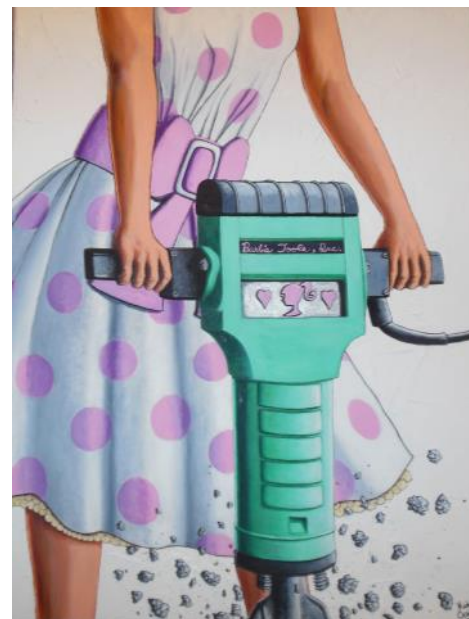
If you do not win a free renewal....

Dues paid by June 1 are \$70.

After June 1 dues are \$75. Save \$5 and pay before June 1!

Checks are made payable to AAUW and sent to Treasurer Ella Ryder at PO Box 111, Mayfield, NY 12117.

## Myrtle Beach Art Museum



This was showcased at the museum (done by a high school student) – thought you’d all like it. It is entitled “Breaking Through Barriers” and was one of my favorite pieces.

Feel free to share!

Darcelle Winchell

## AGJ's Emerging Leader 2016 - Jennifer Garren

Jennifer Garren is the 2016 Emerging Leader of the AGJ-AAUW because of all she has done and continues to do for our branch. She joined in 2012 because she believes in the mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. She majored in Psychology and minored in Women's Studies and is a self-proclaimed Feminist.



She has been Public Policy VP, submitted articles to the Newsletter, advocated for Equal Pay Day and participated in a lobby day for the Women's Equality Act in Albany. Jennifer has attended NYS Summer Leadership Conferences as well as two NYS Conventions, each time chauffeuring several

members and returning with great program ideas. For our first major fund raiser for local scholarships, she was successful in obtaining business donations.

She chaired a very significant program hosting Jennifer Lee, writer, speaker and filmmaker of the movie "Feminist Stories for Women's Liberation", a movie night and discussion open to the public at FMCC. She also headed a committee to bring Ronna Glickman to speak to the students of the Gloversville Middle School on topics of bullying, internet safety and cyber bullying. She participates in Lunch Bunch and Adelante book club and advocated the start of a new theater group.

## Women in Politics—Victoria Woodhull

In 1872, Woodhull was the first female candidate for President of the United States. An activist for women's rights and labor reforms, Woodhull was also an advocate of free love, by which she meant the freedom to marry, divorce, and bear children without government interference.

At her peak of political activity in the early 1870s, Woodhull is best known as the first woman candidate for the United States presidency, which she ran for in 1872 from the Equal Rights Party, supporting women's suffrage and equal rights. Her arrest on obscenity charges a few days before the election for publishing an account of the alleged adulterous affair between the prominent minister Henry Ward Beecher and Elizabeth Tilton added to the sensational coverage of her candidacy. She did not receive any electoral votes, and there is conflicting evidence about popular votes.

Many of the reforms and ideals Woodhull espoused for the working class, against what she saw as the corrupt capitalist elite, were extremely controversial in her time. Generations later many of these reforms have been implemented and are now taken for granted. Some of her ideas and suggested reforms are still debated today.



## May Leadership Bite

"The day will come when man will recognize woman as his peer, not only at the fireside, but in councils of the nation. Then, and not until then, will there be the perfect comradeship, the ideal union between the sexes that shall result in the highest development of the race."

— Susan B. Anthony, suffragist

## 2016 NYS Convention—Reflections

It was great being able to attend the convention, after missing the last two. What an advantage it was having it in Saratoga! Thanks to Linda Hammond who was the local coordinator of the entire weekend. I opted to not stay at the Holiday and Jennifer Garren drove back and forth both Friday and Saturday, so that was nice as was the fact that I could sleep in my own bed. Our branch was well represented and we won several great awards, thanks to the work of our members. Kudos to Jennifer Garren for being our Emerging Leader! I was not present for every meeting but most. Friday I was at the “Hats Off to AAUW and Opening Ceremony”, where many attendees wore beautiful and interesting hats and the Keynote Speaker was Beverly Neufeld, the founder of PowHer, NY.

The Opening Plenary followed by the Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon was on Saturday. Fun Fact: NYS was ranked second nationally in LAF contributions. Our branch was listed in the top ten branches per capita contributions list and 2 of our members were AMICUS contributors (\$100—\$249) - Beverly Alves and Elizabeth Russo. Thanks ladies! After the luncheon on Saturday were the Breakout Workshops. I attended the one entitled “Strategies for Lifting Woman out of Poverty”- quite interesting with several speakers on a panel. The dinner Saturday night included the Key Note Speaker, Leigh Ann DeLyser, Director of Education and Research NYC Foundation for Computer Sciences Education- what a dynamic young lady who kept us focused on her presentation even though the day had been long, The Speaker was preceded by a banquet dinner, branch recognitions, emerging leader recognitions and the induction of new NYS officers. A note of thanks to those who contributed to the LAF silent auction baskets and to Irene Collins and Sandy Maceyka- great work! Sunday I attended our District IV meeting and later the Counterpart Session of Presidents, coming away with various ideas for future programs, etc. Lunch was followed by a closing session. Next year’s NYS Convention will be in Syracuse and I hope to attend.

*Catherine Julius*

I was glad that I attended the Convention this year and was also pleased that our branch members, Irene Collins and Bonnie VanWie attended Convention for the 1st time. As in the past, I enjoyed seeing old AAUW friends, making new ones and exchanging ideas. I arrived on Saturday morning in time for the business meeting and to hear the informative plenary on The Path Towards Women’s Economic Achievement.

Kathy Brenniman, National AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Committee Chair, was the speaker at the LAF luncheon. She gave an excellent history of how the Fund was established and past cases that were backed by AAUW. This gave us all a better idea of where the money goes which is raised from the LAF auction and raffle of the purses and baskets our branch and others donated. Our branch donated 3 purses for the LAF silent auction. Members Jen Garren, Sandy Maceyka, Linda Hammond and Ella Ryder all were winners and our branch was credited with the amount earned as well.

After lunch I attended the How to Get Women into STEM Careers workshops. We were fortunate to have 2 attendees, Olivia Weiderman (Bonnie VanWie’s granddaughter) and Rachel Lee from our own AGJ 2013 Tech Savvy Summit for Girls, participated in the panel. The other panel members included a presenter from Jefferson County STEM event and the organizer from the Cortland branch program. It was interesting to see the perspective of each. The electrical engineering teacher who facilitated a workshop at the Jefferson County event showed us the circuit journals she used. They utilized copper tape like that used in stained glass art instead of wires. A drawing of a “doll house” could be “wired” so that the LED lights in each room would turn on and off. The organizer from Cortland branch told us how they used the National Tech Savvy Grant to fund their event and shared a sample of the bag they gave to each girl.

On Saturday night, it was exciting to hear our AGJ branch called as recipients of awards and to be there when our Emerging Leader Jennifer Garren was honored. There was also a moment of silence as the names of members who had passed were read. This included our own Nancy Reynolds.

On Sunday, members of each District met. Our District IV meeting was very productive, with many ideas being presented for the fall conference which will take place in Schenectady in October or November. Even though I didn’t participate in the swimathon this year I did stay up late to sing a song or two at the AAUW Funds Karaoke fundraiser. While there I was recruited by NYS AAUW’s Development VP Janice Brown to join several much younger members to participate in the Call to Convention. To close the 2016 Convention, we carried signs and marched into the conference room to the sound of “I am Woman, Here Me Roar” to rally all to attend the next NYS AAUW Convention in Syracuse in April 2017. That was a first for me!

*Liz Russo*

The convention was wonderful’ so many great people with interesting conversation, encouragement and genuine support for woman welfare. So proud of our branch and the 8 awards we received as recognition for all our hard work! *Irene Collins*

## 2016 NYS Convention—Reflections



I attended the NYS Convention in Saratoga and on Friday we attended the Hats off Get Together and the hats were really an interesting selection. On Saturday I went to the workshop - Race To Suffrage. Exploring lots of ideas to encourage people to celebrate the suffrage centennial in 2017 were shared. Nancy Mion's daughter, Bonnie Mion, is a professional storyteller from the Albany area and her great grandparents were active suffragists. She did a lovely program for us. Sara Ogger is the executive director of the NY council for the Humanities and she introduced us to accessible public programs and funding sources. Susan Zimet is the creator of 2020: Project women and also the executive director for the Hunger Action Network NYS. She updated us on some of the work that is being done for 2020 and she also promoted legislation for a NYS Suffragist Centennial Commission. It was an exciting workshop and covered a lot of material. I attended the LAF award luncheon and the dinners which are being covered by other attendees. Jen received a lovely corsage and was honored as our emerging leader and we received lots of awards for our newsletter and programming.

*Sandy Maceyka*

## AGJ Contributions to LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund)

This is an accounting of the many donations our A/G/J Branch gave to LAF including the three baskets. Below are the amounts A/G/J was credited for the baskets and the names of the A/G/J LAF donors. I hope you will all look forward to going next year to Syracuse which is not too far from you.

*Sandy Maceyka*

Sandy Maceyka	\$125
Catherine Julius	\$100
Linda Hammond	\$50
Elizabeth Russo	\$20
Baskets:	
Day at the Races	\$90
Fun on the Town	\$40
Outfitting the Business	
Woman	\$80
Total:	\$505

## 2016 /2017 AGJ Board Members



The Officers for the 2016-17 year include:

Seated:

Membership Co-VP Mary Jablonski  
Co-President Catherine Julius

Standing:

Newly elected Treasurer Irene Collins  
Newly elected Co-Membership VP Jennifer Garren  
Co-President Sandy Maceyka  
Newly elected Co-Program VP Ella Ryder  
Newly elected Co-Program VP Bonnie VanWie

Missing from the photo is Secretary Paula Lerner.



It's that time of year again—College graduations are happening soon. A great gift to give your daughters, granddaughters and friends is Give a Gift to Grad.

Simply go online to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org), plug in Give a Gift to Grad and fill out the handy form. It does not cost you any money to give the graduate a free one year membership to National. Then, if you wish you can pay for their state and local fees, for only \$26.00. Such a great idea!

## Raffles for Free Membership Renewal



The fourth free membership renewal will be raffled at the June meeting. The branch earned the free memberships which are being raffled by recruiting 10 new members last fall. The money raised from the raffles will go into our general account to cover operating expenses and future membership recruitment.

Tickets are \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3 and \$10 for an arm's length. Good Luck!



2015/2016

**Board Members:**

Co-Presidents:

Catherine Julius  
Sandra Maceyka

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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.

### Calendar of Events

May 17	Celebration Meeting, 6 pm Home of Catherine Julius	May 24	Tech Savvy Summit for Girls, FMCC, 8 am—1:30 pm
May 18	Book Club, 4 pm, Fox Run Golf Club		7:15 am Volunteers Report
May 20	Tech Savvy Summit Mtg Assemble Folders, 1 pm Johnstown Public Library		10-10:35 am C-110 P-Tech Student Panel Presentation
May 23	Celebration Basket Assembly Session, 3:30 pm, at home of Catherine Julius	May 26	Celebration RSVP Deadline
		June 2-3	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Univ. of Maryland, College Park
		June 5	Celebration Mtg for Basket Assembly, 11 AM; Home of Catherine Julius
		June 12	Celebration! <i>Farewell to Downton Abbey</i> 1—4 pm Eccentric Club
		June 14	End of Year Recognition Meeting & Pot Luck; 5:30 pm Mayfield Yacht Club
		July 22—24	NYS AAUW Summer Leadership Conference Cazenovia College

**MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH**



Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown  
AAUW Branch Meeting



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

June 14, 2016  
Mayfield Yacht Club  
5:30 pm

*Bring your  
thoughts & ideas  
for our 2016 /  
2017  
program!*

**Pot Luck Supper**  
**Bring some food, bring yourself!**

**RSVP: Contact Jahn Gibson at 705-2835**

**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 Right 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 right. Go about a half mile, maybe less, and the club driveway is on the right. Park behind the big red barn in the spaces marked for guests.



Keep Calm  
&  
Ring Carson  
to bring  
Tea



You are invited to the *Celebration*  
“Farewell to Downton Abby” themed Tea,  
a Fundraiser for the local branch of the  
American Association of University Women  
on Sunday, June 12th from 1PM to 4 PM  
at the Eccentric Club, 109 N. Main St., Gloversville

**Come enjoy a High Tea catered by Union Hall, music,  
cash bar, silent auction & raffle baskets to raise money  
for the future local philanthropic, advocacy and educational  
initiatives of the Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW**

*Tickets available for \$45.00 each or become the  
hostess of a table of 6 or 8 & invite your friends.  
Pick a favorite character, dress or accessorize in period fashion and have fun!*

**RSVP to Catherine by May 27th:  
[agjcelebration16@gmail.com](mailto:agjcelebration16@gmail.com) or tel 518-542-4628**



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## Celebration!

The Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is asking your support for our second Celebration fundraiser. The event will celebrate the achievements of the local branch and raise money for future philanthropic, advocacy and educational initiatives locally. The theme of this year's Celebration tea party is "Farewell to Downton Abbey" and will take place on Sunday, June 12 from 1PM to 4PM at the Eccentric Club in Gloversville.

The AAUW is an organization of college graduates whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch has organized Sister to Sister Summits for middle school girls in three counties for 12 years and will hold its 4th annual Tech Savvy Summit for Girls on May 24 at FM. In addition, the branch offers scholarship awards to Fulton-Montgomery Community College students, an essay contest for the high school seniors, and excellence in math and science awards to 8th grade girls. Every year the branch provides a scholarship to send an FM student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

In addition, the branch has provided community programs including "A Place At the Table" movie and panel discussion on hunger awareness, showing of "Feminist: Stories From Women's Liberation" at FMCC and most recently a program for Gloversville Middle School students on cyber bullying and the dangers of social media and cell phones.

Donations to underwrite the Celebration may be made payable to AAUW with "Celebration" noted on the memo line and sent to:  
Sandra Maceyka, 100 E Sixth Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095.  
In addition to monetary sponsorship, we need items for silent auction and raffle baskets.

Thank you in advance for any assistance, monetary or other that you can provide.  
For more information about the Celebration, contact chair, Helen James at [hjames2265@aol.com](mailto:hjames2265@aol.com)

## **A-G-J AAUW CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

<b>Dowager Countess Lady Violet</b>	<b>\$1.000</b>
<b>Robert, Earl of Grantham</b>	<b>\$ 750</b>
<b>Cora, Countess of Grantham</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Lady Mary Crawley / Lady Edith Crawley</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
<b>Isobel Crawley/ Tom Branson</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>Mr. Carson/ Mrs. Hughes</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
<b>Mr&amp; Mrs Bates</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Mrs. Patmore /Daisy</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>

20th Annual

# Rhubarb Festival

at

1747 Nellis Tavern, St. Johnsville

Sunday, June 5, 2016

ON  
Route 5

11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Rhubarb Pie Baking  
Contest

12:00 Noon

Prizes awarded @ 1:00 pm

Musical Entertainment by:

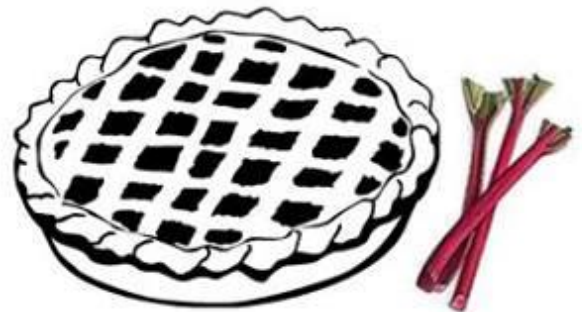


**Revisions, a barbershop quartet**

1:00 PM - 3:00 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 @ (315) 866-2619

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# Join us at Cazenovia!



## *Building Success with Smart Ideas: Focus on Programming and Leadership*

Summer Leadership Conference  
July 22-24, 2016  
Cazenovia College  
Cazenovia, NY

- AAUW VP for Member Leadership Programs, Deepti Gudipati
- Workshop: Developing New Leaders
- Round Table: Branch Programming
- Newly revised Start Smart + Work Smart Programs
- ALL AAUW members are invited!
- Subsidized by AAUW-NYS
- \$105 for the entire weekend (2 nights, 6 meals), \$110 for paper registration
- Register at [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org) after May 1

For \$105 (\$110 for submitting paper registration) you'll have an air conditioned room in a dormitory suite, 6 meals, an ice cream social, a game night, lots of fun, and many good memories.

Registration is available on the AAUW-NYS website at

[www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org).

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