

Amsterdam - Gloversville - Johnstown AAUW



September/October 2016



Upstate Update

Co-Presidents Message

This continues to be a sad year. Member, Rosemary Leo-Pappas, lost her husband, Joseph, on September 8th. Our Condolences go to Rosemary and her family.

September was a Shape the Future membership meeting. Thirty one women attended, enjoyed dinner at the Perthshire and saw a showing of the documentary film "He Named Me Malala". The documentary highlights the life of Malala Yousafzai, a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and her mission to **further girls' educational rights** in Pakistan. Despite Malala being targeted and shot by the Taliban to deter her efforts, she and her father **continue to advocate for women's education** in the Middle East. Showing this film ties in with the mission of AAUW which also is to advance equity for women and girls in education, through career exploration workshops and academic scholarships. The membership committee has signed up 4 new members. Thanks to Jen Garren and Mary Jablonski, the membership co-chairs, for all their effort in putting this together. Also, congratulations to Paula Lerner for winning the 2 ticket raffle to Proctors for a front row balcony experience of *An American in Paris* donated by your Co-Presidents.

Our branch program committee has been hard at work lining up stimulating meetings for the rest of the AAUW year.

Thursday October 27th will bring a trivia night to the HFM BOCES. Should be a great event, bring your friends and form a team and win great prizes. See attached flier and read more info in the newsletter. Saturday October 15th is the District IV Regional AAUW meeting in Schenectady. That should be a good day to mix with other AAUW women. See attached flier. On Tuesday November 15th we will be holding a White Elephant auction at the Eccentric Club. Bring all those gifts that you have never used, baked goodies or coupons on demand for goodies/services that you can provide or other interesting items to be raffled off. Bring your friends and get ready for a fun night. Saturday December 10th at 11am is the Holiday Brunch at Union Hall. We will be doing the \$10 grab bag exchange that we so enjoyed last year.

AAUW has a new Anniversary Pin Campaign. Lapel pins are designed to celebrate members who have reached their 5, 10, 20, 30, or 40 years in AAUW as of 2016. These pins are a way of saying thank you to members for their years of membership in AAUW and for dedication to

our shared mission on behalf of women and girls. Members receiving pins this year are: Jahnn Gibson - 5 years; Marie Wojeski - 20 years; Linda Ziilka - 20 years.

Our branch is 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 volunteers for the nominating committee.

In April 2017 the NYS AAUW conference will be in Syracuse at the Doubletree. On March 18th 2016 the **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium** will take place at the HFM BOCES. All the member organizations are being asked to work on this. If you are interested in helping on this, please let me know. Thanks in advance for considering doing this. ECSWC needs lots of help and ideas **to get this together and it's always a great event.** The National AAUW Convention is held on alternate years. June 14 - 17, 2017 it will be held in Washington DC. Check AAUW.org for more info.

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 October meeting. I hope to see everyone competing at trivia nite at the HFM BOCES. Remember to bring your friends and lets see who wins the big prize. See attached fliers.
Sandy Maceyka

Jahnn's Environmental Message....

We've all heard a lot about global warming/climate change. What can we, as individuals, do about it? You may think your individual efforts won't add up, but together, we can make a big difference. You can break one stick easily, but not a bunch of sticks. It's the same sort of thing--together, we are big. So, here are some suggestions of ways to conserve.

Cut down on eating beef, or give it up altogether. The cattle industry causes a lot of methane to be released into the atmosphere, which is 80 times worse than carbon dioxide.

Use clean, renewable energy for heat and electric. Turn down the heat 2 degrees in winter, and tur the air conditioner up 2 degrees in summer.

Use CFLs or LEDs instead of incandescent bulbs.

Unplug or use power strips for TV, computers, or anything with a light or clock.

Use your car less, consolidate errands, walk, cycle, or take public transportation. Carpool.

Turn off car when not driving, no needless idling.

Recycle and reuse.

Run dishwasher only when fully loaded. Air dry dishes.

Wash clothes in cold water, air dry.

Buy the most energy efficient appliances and car.

Turn off lights when not in use. Rake, shovel and use an electric lawn mower.

PLEASE, CONSERVE FOSSIL FUELS.

Jahnn Swanker-Gibson

White Elephant Auction for LAF and EOF - Nov. 15

Some of our veteran AAUW branch members will remember the fun and laughs we had at past White Elephant Auctions as we raised money to send to National AAUW for our annual Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF) donations. We are bringing back the action this fall on Tuesday, November 15 at the Eccentric Club in Gloversville (the same place that the Celebration Downton Abbey Tea was held last June).

In preparation, we ask each member to find a new item they may have that could be "re-gifted" to auction at the event. Did you receive a wallet, dish, vase, jewelry, scarf, etc that you will never use? Perhaps you made a purchase yourself that just didn't work out. Here's a chance to recycle the items for a good cause—to raise money for LAF and EOF!

Other items that in the past were popular included homemade jams and jellies, wreaths, dried flowers or handmade centerpieces. In addition, gift certificates to make pies, chili, cookies or other homemade goodies that can be turned in for a fresh food item at a future date are also a hit. Services, such as giving rides or doing errands can also be offered for the bidding. Sometimes baskets including wine have been offered for the auction. Use your imagination. Items do not have to be high priced or go for high bids. We suggest 3 smaller items or one of larger value from each member.

We will be looking for an auctioneer to run the show. In the past some humorous items and bidding wars have made the auction an entertaining and profitable meeting. We will encourage members to invite friends and perhaps do a little holiday shopping at the event.



Did You Renew Your Membership Yet?

We don't want to leave you out of the membership booklet and

most important, we don't want you to be left out of all the wonderful programs and activities planned for the 2016-17 year.

Send your \$75 check made out to AAUW (if you have not already) ASAP to Treasurer Irene Collins. Her address is: 322 Guy Park Ave. Amsterdam, NY 12010

LAST
NEWSLETTER
IF YOU HAVE
NOT YET RE-
NEWED YOUR

New Branch Email Address

PLEASE ADD THIS NEW ADDRESS TO YOUR CONTACTS IN YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT!

For the last couple of years I have been thinking about changing our branch email account to another carrier. After the latest news about Yahoo I made the decision to change.

Effective October 15th all communications will be sent from our new account:

agjaauw@gmail.com

Our email addresses were the only thing that was accessible in the latest breach of security at Yahoo and we haven't received any word from Yahoo that we have anything to worry about. But there were many times our email account would receive messages that looked suspicious and there wasn't anyone to talk to.

By adding our new email address to your contacts will prevent our branch messages from going into your junk mail folder. Branch email messages always has "AGJ AAUW" in the subject line.

Linda Hammond

October's Branch Book Club

Rise of the Rocket Girls by Nathalia Holt

In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, they didn't turn to male graduates. Rather, they recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper, and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible. Books are available at the Johnstown Public Library.

Our book club will meet for book discussion on Wed., Oct 19th at 3:30 pm at Sam's Restaurant in Johnstown. If interested in attending, please contact Paula Lerner at 736-2449.

Trip to Fort Klock

Five AAUW ladies, Jenn Garren, Jahnn Gibson, Paula Lerner, Ella Ryder and Bonnie Van Wie, spent a pleasant and informative afternoon at the

"Burning of the Valleys" re-enactment at Ft. Klock. 18th Century children's games were enjoyed, and it was fun to see how children once amused themselves simply and without the aid of mechanical and/or electrical devices. Needlework and pattern printing were explored, and we even got to sample

home brewed porter, whilst watching a new batch being brewed. We watched as Tories and Indians re-enacted the



battle at the Schell farm, using the ancient Klock farmhouse in it's stead, and then a re-enactment involving the armies of each side. "Maria Schell", whose twin boys had just been taken captive, played her part in the defense of her home, shooting he musket with deadly (?) aim. This was a re-enactment of an actual event.

Later, we attended a "tea" where several ladies, Tory, American, and a Seneca Iroquois captive who was now a happy part of the Seneca Nation, read letters from friends. Some of these were actual excerpts from 250 year old letters. They discussed their own experiences with the Revolution, actually representing

historical people who had suffered while the Revolution raged around them, often taking the lives of loved ones. These women were able to find a commonality in the disruption of the war, while they tried to provide and care for their families. No matter which side they espoused, all could agree that war is "Hell". One wonders, if women ran the world, would it be less volatile and violent?

We later enjoyed a nice meal at Ripepi's Restaurant just west of St. Johnsville.

Jahnn Gibson

This Month's Leadership Bite



"As women, we must stand up for ourselves...we must stand up for each other... we must stand up for justice for all."

Michelle Obama,
First Lady of the United States

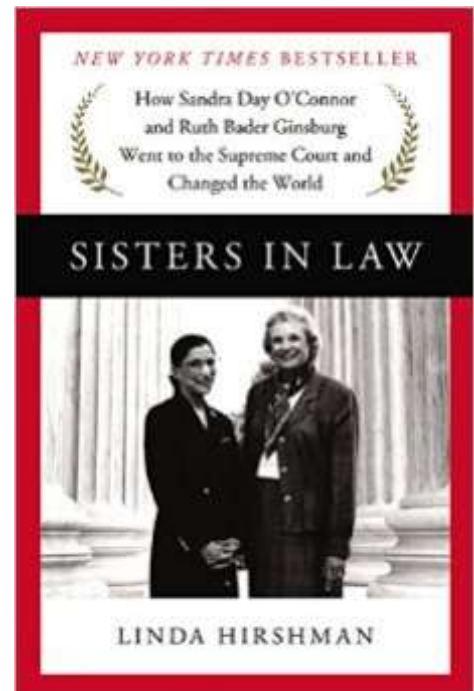
Ruth Bader Ginsburg—A Chance Encounter!

What luck!

Several of our AAUW members including Paula Lerner, Laurie Kozakiewicz, Bonnie VanWie and Ella Ryder attended the opera at Glimmerglass in Cooperstown this summer and heard Ruth Bader Ginsburg speak and introduce excerpts from her favorite operas.

The Supreme Court Justice has had a longtime love of operas and is a regular attendee at Glimmerglass. Her daughter-in-law sang an excerpt from an opera and a song she had written at the performance.

A chance visit to the gift shop by Ella Ryder and Bonnie VanWie brought them face to face with Justice Ginsburg who graciously posed for a picture and signed a copy of the book *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. Bonnie was reading the book to enhance the September Branch Book Group choice *Sisters in Law*, which is a biography of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the first women selected to serve on the Supreme Court, illustrating the ways they have helped our country move towards equality for women.



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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.

2016/2017

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Jennifer Garren

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Irene Collins

Recording Secretary:

Paula Lerner

Newsletter Editor:

Linda Hammond



2017 NATIONAL AAUW CONVENTION

JUNE 14—17, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC

Renaissance Hotel

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

<http://convention.aauw.org/>

PROGRAM DATES

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... Bonnie Van Wie by October 26th 762-9377 or Bonnievw64@gmail.com

November: White Elephant Auction, November 15th

5:30 to 8

Eccentric Club, 109 North Main Street, Gloversville

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](tel:736-5130)

\$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

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..waveryder64@nycap.rr.com](tel:661-5951)

Flier: Sandra Maceyka

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

9-2

HFM BOCES, Route 67, Johnstown

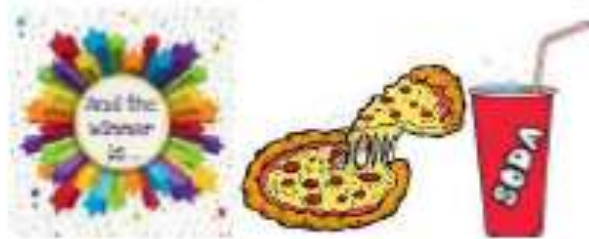
ARE YOU READY FOR



October 27 from 6 to 8:30

Prizes, Pizza, Snacks, & Sodas

At the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES (next to FMCC), 2755 NY-67



\$5 Students, \$10 Everyone Else

Questions on Pop Culture, People & Places, This & That About Women

RSVP by 10/26 to Bonnie Van Wie

Bonnievw64@gmail.com

Specify Individual or Team (& #s)

Sponsored by the Amsterdam-Johnstown-Gloversville AAUW

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 Sergeant, 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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October 2016 News from National AAUW

1. ¡Adelante Book Discussions

We've had a great start to the 2016-2017 ¡Adelante! reading list with more than 50 registrants for the National Hispanic Heritage Month discussion with authors of *The Ones I Bring with Me*. Four more online book discussions are scheduled before the year. Enjoy the books and join us for the discussions.

[Finding Time: The Economics of Work-Life Conflict](#)



Join economist and former AAUW American Fellow Heather Boushey as we talk about contemporary issues in work-life balance and women's economic security.

When : October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Where : Online

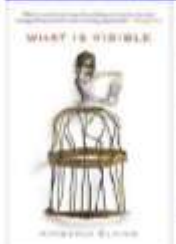
Cost: Free for members; \$10 for non-members

[Get event details and registration information today.](#)

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[What is Visible: A Novel Book Discussion](#)



Join us for an online discussion with Kimberly Elkins, author of *What is Visible: A Novel*, based on the true story of the first blind and deaf person to learn language. And no, we're not talking about Helen Keller.

When: November 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Where: Online

Cost: Free for members; \$10 for non-members

[Get event details and registration information today.](#)

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The Beginning and End of Rape on Friday

Violence against Native American women is a historical and political problem bounded by oppression and colonial violence. Join author Sarah Deer as she provides a clear historical overview of rape and sex trafficking in North America, paying particular attention to the gendered legacy of colonialism of tribal nations.

The Poisoned Table

Author and AAUW national member Diane Michael Cantor portrays a passionate rivalry between fictional actress Isabel Graves and real-life Shakespearian sensation Frances Anne "Fanny" Kemble.

2. [AAUW National Election](#)

You Have a Voice in AAUW's Future: It's time to tell us what changes you'd like to see to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. The comment period opens October 3 and ends December 5, 2016.

[Visit the website](#) to comment, propose an amendment, or make a resolution.

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Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=M0x-a3cMMBo

Read More: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>



3. [AAUW 2017 National Convention Registration](#)

Every two years, AAUW hosts the national convention where women leaders from across the nation gather together to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders. Registration opens October 1, 2016.

Event Date: June 14-17, 2016

Location: Washington DC

Don't miss the opportunity. [Register now!](#)

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4. [The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap \(Fall 2016\)](#)



Why are men paid more than women for the same job role?

To find out, read *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* Fall 2016 edition. This addresses the gender pay gap issues in the United States for all ages, races, and education levels and also proposes solutions on what you can do to close it.

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Related: [AAUW Analysis of Census Data Shows it will take more than a century, until 2152, for the pay gap to close.](#)

5. 5. November 1 is Latina Equal Pay Day

More than ever before, girls are studying and excelling in science and mathematics. Yet the dramatic increase in girls' educational achievements in scientific and mathematical subjects has not been matched by similar increases in the representation of women working as engineers and computing professionals. Why there are still so few women in the critical fields of engineering and computing? AAUW's [Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing](#) explains what we can do to make these fields open to and desirable for all employees.

[Download the *Solving the Equation* Executive Summary in Spanish](#)

Read More: <http://www.aauw.org/research/solving-the-equation/>

PDF Link for the Spanish version:

http://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/pdf_download/show_pdf.php?file=solving-the-equation-summary-spanish

All other available versions: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/solving-the-equation-executive-summary/>

6. How to Speak Up against Everyday Bias



Gender bias is the form of discrimination and should have no room in your everyday routine.

Have you ever faced gender bias? Do you know how to respond when you encounter such situation?

Although every scenario is different, you can use some basic tactics to respond to it. We have created different common scenarios to help you tackle the issues when these biases occur.

Read more: <http://www.aauw.org/2016/09/02/how-to-speak-up-against-everyday-bias/>

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