

# Upstate Update

September 2015

## Co-Presidents Message

**Join Us!**

September 16, 2015

Raindancer  
Restaurant,



Mary Farley ESQ

We've all been working to plan a great year for our Amsterdam – Gloversville – Johnstown Branch of AAUW. The first meeting is on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Raindancer Restaurant in Amsterdam, for our Shape the Future Membership meeting. We are very lucky that our guest, Mary Farley ESQ, is taking time from her busy schedule to be here and to speak about Women in Law and the Constitution of the United States. Mary Farley is an attorney from St. Lawrence County, and has spent the past 21 years as Principal Law Clerk to the Hon. David Demarest. Upon his retirement this past July, she continues to serve as a Law Clerk for the New York State Office of Court Administration. She was born and raised in St. Lawrence County, graduating from Syracuse University in 1988 and from Albany Law School of Union University in 1992. She has been married to Stewart McCollum for more than 15 years; has two grown stepchildren; two young grandsons; and a 13-year old son. She is currently a New York State Supreme Court Judge Candidate for one of the 2 openings in The Fourth Judicial District which is comprised of 11 Counties: Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Schenectady, Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Essex, Clinton, Franklin

& St. Lawrence. These 11 Counties represent 26% of New York State's land-mass. In the 4th Judicial District there are presently only 2 females out of 13 elected Supreme Court Judges: Ann Crowell (Saratoga County); and Christine Clark (Schenectady County). There are 4 candidates for the 2 open positions in the 4th Judicial District and 2 of the candidates are women. Hopefully they will both be winners. Mary will be speaking on the topic of Women in the Law and their role in US Constitutional History. Her presentation will include a current look at women in the legal profession as well as the unique roles they played with regard to the 14th and 19th Amendments to the US Constitution as well as the Equal Rights Amendment of 1972 passed by the US Congress.

At the meeting we will also talk about the many educational, financially supportive, and advocacy projects the AAUW provides for women, and share a meal with other AAUW members and meet prospective members. Hopefully you will invite a friend or two who might be interested in our active philanthropic group and would like to have the opportunity to "Shape the Future" for women in our area. If someone joins that evening the National dues

are half price.

The dinner meeting on September 16th at the Raindancer Restaurant begins with a social time at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:15. Our guest speaker, Mary Farley ESQ, will speak at 7:30PM. Food choices include Seafood Casserole, Lemon Chicken Française, Hot Roast Beef Sandwich or Pasta Primavera. The meal includes salad, roll, hot coffee or hot tea, and US Constitution Birthday Cake for dessert. **Price is \$17. RSVP by Sept 7th to Sandra Maceyka, by e-mail [smaceyka@frontiernet.net](mailto:smaceyka@frontiernet.net) or phone (518) 736-5130.** If you have an unlisted number, you must dial \*82 before the phone number. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or email or snail mail. Check the attached flier for food choices, etc.

AAUW membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (i.e. RN), or a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Please attend and become part of the fun and philanthropic efforts of your local AAUW Branch!

Please RSVP by 9/7. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday September 16th!

Sandy Maceyka

## Do You Know These Facts in Voting History?

By: Jennifer Garren

1.) What year was the first female senator?

A.) 1902 B.) 1916 C.) 1924 D.) 1940

2.) In 1787 a US Constitutional Convention placed voting qualifications in the hands of states. Women immediately lost the right to vote in all but one state. What state continued to have rights for women voters until 1807

A.) Colorado B.) Ohio  
C.) Rhode Island D.) New Jersey

3.) Which state (or territory) was the first to grant women the right to vote in 1869 well before the rest of us in 1920?

A.) Utah B.) California  
C.) Wyoming D.) Massachusetts

4.) Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for the office of U.S. President. What year was that?

A.) 1872 B.) 1892 C.) 1912 D.) 1932

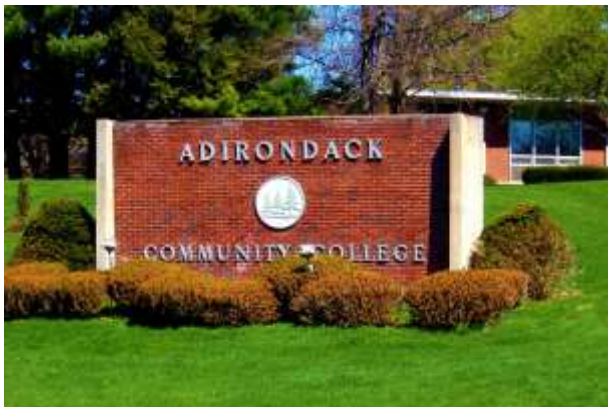
5.) Office of VP is often overlooked: Lucretia Mott attempted to run for VP in what year?

A.) 1868 B.) 1892 C.) 1848 D.) 1908

6.) What presidential campaign FIRST adopted a woman suffrage plank?

A.) William Taft (Rep) 1908  
B. Teddy Roosevelt (BullMoose)-1912 C.) William Jennings Bryan (Dem) 1900 D.) Eugene V Debs (Socialist Labor Party) 1900

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## AAUW District IV Conference—9/26

On Saturday, September 26th the AAUW District IV branches will get together for our conference. This year the Adirondack Branch is hosting this event that will be held at Adirondack Community College. The program, **“Food Insecurity—the Next Step”** will continue our discussion on food insecurity. Part of the film, *Food at the Table*, will be viewed. In the film it shows us the **“regular” people in our community/region** who are struggling to have food on the table for their family.

There are other groups struggling too. For example, in some areas college students are a large percentage of recipients at food banks. Students from lower incomes have worked hard in school and are fortunate enough to earn a tuition free scholarship for college. But once they arrive, they do not have the funds to feed themselves.

This is a great opportunity to meet women from Poughkeepsie, Schenectady, Albany, Kingston and Glens Falls; women who have the same

interests and initiatives as us. It is always great to hear what other branches are doing.

The cost is \$25 which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Linda Hammond will be going to the conference. If anyone would like to ride along, please let her know either by email (lhammond@nycap.rr.com) or by phone (518-229-2058, leave a message).

The RSVP deadline is 9/18. See flyer at the end of the newsletter for contact info.

## Cazenovia 2015 AAUW Leadership Conference

I always enjoy attending the NYS AAUW Summer Conference at Cazenovia College. Since I had no presentations to give or other responsibilities this year, I was free to use the time to connect with old friends, make new ones and learn what path AAUW had planned for the coming year.

This year, I had the pleasure of riding with Joan Monk who traveled from Westchester Co. to visit FM and meet with her mentee who lives in Amsterdam and has a summer internship with FM's Liberty Partnerships program. I joined the meeting at her invitation since she suggested it might provide an additional connection with the college for future recruitment of members for our A-G-J branch. As a result of meeting Lucas Prime, Director of LPP at FM as well as Joan's mentee, Papa Jo Amisshah, hopefully we will have another inroad into re starting the AAUW College Student Organization at FM.

Joan and I were also suite mates, so besides brainstorming in the car, we had a chance to continue our conversations after-hours back in the dorm.

In addition, I made a new friend, suitemate Sarah Johnson from the Ithaca Branch. On Saturday morning from 6:45 -7:15, Sarah and I and past AAUW acquaintance Julie Kleszezewski from the North Shore Branch took part in "Walk, Talk, and Search for LAF ". The fund raiser was organized by NYS LAF Director Nancy Mion to raise funds for the Legal Advocacy Fund. We enjoyed each other's company as we walked around the beautiful campus and downtown and worked together to locate landmarks to get points that helped us earn a 3 way tie and funds donated to LAF credited to our 3 branches. The entry fee to participate was \$10. A total of \$360 was raised in this easy fundraiser and our branch was credited with \$120 as a result of the 3 way tie.

The focus of the conference this year was on connecting our

branches with the needs of the community. We were tasked to find a need in the community, hold a program with speakers, read a book, watch a movie about it and then form a plan of action to make a positive change for the community need. We were all glad to hear that the \$500 grant for branch programming would again be available.



On Sunday, I attended the Membership meeting since our VP was unable to be at the conference. The new NYS Membership VP Peggy Tiffany lead a discussion regarding how to increase and retain members. The idea that program leads to increasing membership was again stressed. Instead of just saying we want younger members, for example, it was suggested that the topic, time and place of meetings fit the needs of those the branch wishes to recruit. It was also suggested that we ask younger women what would interest them rather than guess what they would be interested in.

The NYS AAUW newsletter FOCUS editor Claire Regan plans to print hard copies of the summer issue for those who do not read it

on the computer. This was done in past years and copies were available at the summer conference which could be shared with prospective members. It was nice to know that this is something our branch has been doing for years since we include a copy of FOCUS in the new member folders along with our newsletter UPSTATE UPDATE.

For the second year, we had a chance to play BUNCO on Saturday night to raise money for AAUW FUNDS. It was a great way to mix and meet state board members and members from different branches as we played and switched partners and tables between each round. We paid \$10 to play and could enjoy a glass of wine and snacks as well. We enjoyed each other's company, laughed a lot and over \$200 was raised between those who played and those who just donated. This easy fundraiser was organized by Janice Brown, NYS AAUW Funds VP as an example of things branches can do to raise money.

An added special treat this year was the an impromptu performance in the college dining room by the members of the music camp that were sharing the space with us. The singing was wonderful. Some of us had a chance to also watch them practice under the shade of the trees on campus.

Riding back home with branch members Jen Garren and Catherine Julius we had time to discuss the weekend and the ideas we could share with our branch.

-Liz Russo

## Cazenovia (Cont.)

This was my third summer conference so I wasn't too nervous this time as I knew what to expect. The summer conference is a tad more relaxed and casual than the State conference and I find that there is more time to network with other branches and brainstorm ideas. (I do enjoy the NYS convention as well but I do prefer the more comfortable clothing of the summer conference.)

I drove there with Catherine Julius, our branch's new co-president. This year we tried something new and slept at a local hotel commuting a short distance to the college for the conference. Cazenovia is a beautiful campus and has wonderful accommodations....it is just that we were in search of softer beds.

Friday's evening's discussions surprised me by hearing Joan Monk, AAUW-NYS Special Projects Chair, thank me, personally, and our branch for our April 2015 programming of previewing Jennifer Lee's "Feminist Stories From Women's Liberation." Needless to say I was not prepared for this and was humbled by her sincere appreciation of the work that I did. For those who know me, I was terribly excited to be a part of bringing a new film on women's history to Fulton and Montgomery Counties but alas I was very discouraged concerning our low turnout to see Ms Lee's film. (It was our branch's contribution to the year-long Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium's celebration of the 200th anniversary of her birth. I believed the women's movement was the logical progression of the work of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.) Of course, this now has a very happy ending as Joan Monk has had many conversations with Jennifer Lee and is now negotiating copy rights to the film so that all New York State AAUW branches can see it and perhaps our New York high schools and colleges as well. So even though only 50 local people viewed the film in April, thousands will soon have access.

NY AAUW takes women's history very seriously and is looking forward to creative programming in 2017 when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in New York State. On Saturday dur-

ing the conference, Nancy Mion, AAUW NYS LAF Director, presented a delightful program where she re-enacted writings & thoughts of her ancestor, Ellen Schmidt, who was a suffragist. Then she went on to say that her branch embraced the program "Suffragist in Our Backyard" and found many relatives who were activists in our struggle to gain the vote. She gave us a handout that has many helpful hints on where to start and how to find local suffragists. We as a branch are very fortunate to belong to the ECSW Consortium which keeps women's history alive.

Saturday's programming was jam-packed. We began the day with a 7:30 breakfast and went non-stop till the BUNCO game in the evening. I passed on the card game as I was plain tucked-out. Highlights of the day's programming were the emphasis on community ties to the branches in our programming events and ideas on Leadership: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow presented by Joan Monk. Of course throughout the entire weekend, we heard from our NY State officers and many, many times were told that they are not only available but are ready, willing and able to come to our branches for discussions. Our branch has enjoyed two already -- Donna Seymour, NYS Public Policy VP (on NY public policy in 2013) and Kim Pollard, AAUW Regional Field Representative (Lobbying our senate 2014). There are many more to choose from.

One of the most memorable moments for me during the conference was to hear about the success stories of branches. Last year we heard about Buffalo's branch's on-going used book sale. How it grew from a little table with a few books to a multi-thousand dollar event. This year we heard about a wonderful program from the Poughkeepsie branch. Fifteen years ago, Betty Harrel, an AAUW member at the time saw an old bookshelf with a few tattered books on it when she went to visit an human service agency. She politely asked if they could use some children's books. That was the beginning. Sixteen thousand books later, this branch has a successful children's reading program that goes well beyond delivering books. They have reading-hours

scheduled regularly and spend time with parents and their children. Also a new book accompanies every birth now. Hearing about these programs is exciting and the possibilities are endless for the branches. Sitting there I wished many of our branch

> members could have attended this year. (I am hoping next year that we have a larger turnout. (I promise I'll drive.)

One of the important messages I heard during this weekend was that every month programming does not have to be monumental with far reaching capabilities...that it is OK to have 1 or 2 really good events per year and concentrate on those and the rest of the months can be branch-interests or fun-filled agendas for our members. With so many woman-identified issues and topics, I did wonder if we had enough quality programming in the past. That message made me realize that our branch has done a marvelous job and has certainly

gone well beyond the couple quality versus quantity rule. We consistently deliver AAUW mission-oriented programming and I believe it is top-notch. I could very well be biased, though. I just know I am thankful to be a part of this particular organization. On a more personal note, I met some more wonderful women. I took the opportunity at lunch and dinner times to sit with women I don't know or to sit with women that I have previously met. (A suggestion Liz Russo gave me 3 years ago when I think I looked like a deer caught in headlights. Thank you, Liz. That advice was invaluable to me.) Everyone has such an interesting story and I have found that her contribution -her experiences, talents, resources and enthusiasm -- greatly enhances AAUW.

— Jennifer Garren

## Cazenovia (Cont.)

Where to begin? This was only my second time attending the NYS Summer Conference in Cazenovia and since Liz Russo and Jen Garren have covered a lot of what went on, I will make it brief.

First of all, I went with many expectations and I was not disappointed. I went to get new ideas, meet members from other branches and learn more about what would be expected of me as co-president and of our branch in general.

This is what I came away with:

As president or even co-president, I am not expected to do everything. I need to delegate and then trust that whoever is the Chair of Committee will follow through. That is not to say that I will not be there to assist, **but I can't be expected to do everything.** We need to cooperate and work together. So, when someone says they will help in whatever committee that they volunteer to be in, they need to step up to the plate and help the Chair.

Loreen Ginnitti, the NYS Secretary and Bylaws Chair spoke about New Leadership Models and she said that to avoid burn-out we need to ask about time commitments and strengths. We should not push new members into board positions too soon but we should also avoid rotating office. Mentoring and transition planning is important. As far as meetings, that is up to each branch. A meeting is actually a board meeting where business is conducted and minutes are taken. The Bylaws state that we only need one meeting- the Annual one. All the rest are programs. Also, a few well planned programs might be better than lesser quality monthly programs, but that is **not to say we can't have programs** that have less to do with our mission and more to do with our interests. Centering on community concerns that fit the mis-

sion is also very important. We can think about networking with community groups. This will make us more visible.

The other things I learned at Cazenovia are as follows:

Many branches have interest groups, just like we have our book club. We have members interested in forming a bridge club, or game night club, a gourmet club. Another possibility is a art/museum group which would visit art exhibits or museums. Even a movie/theater group which could view movies such as Dukhtar or He Named Me Malala both coming to the big screen in October might interest members.

I also learned about ONE FUND which encompasses Education, Research, Advocacy and Philanthropy. In a presentation by Janice Brown, NYS Development VP of the National Fundraising Committee entitled "**Don't Forget the Money**" she explained that when one donates to the AAUW Fund, it is a gift which supports a myriad of funds, programs and activities, including Legal Advocacy Fund, Cap Grants, Educational Funding and Awards, Start Smart, Elect Her, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, NCCWSL, Tech Trek, etc.

We had a brain-storming session and worked together on themes, ideas for presenters, workshop ideas, etc. for the April NYS Convention which is in Saratoga Springs this year. They are looking for volunteers from our branch who can work the event. Let us know if you can or if you are interested in working on the planning stage of this 3 day event. I have already volunteered to work the event, so anyone interested needing a ride can car pool with me.

I learned that the National priorities of AAUW are Gender Equality and Equal Pay, Title IX, Stem, and Get out the Vote as well as Member Engagement.

Joan Monk spoke about the NY/NJ WILD Project which stands for

Women In Leadership Development.

I learned that Glamour Magazine is a media used by and for the AAUW, **so I'm getting** a subscription.

I learned that October 11th is the International Day of the Girl, **which is also Eleanor Roosevelt's** Birthday, thought to be the most influential First Lady to date.

Elect Her, a program to help college students be elected to leadership roles in college is probably going to be expanded to a program helping any woman interested in running for political office and NYS will likely be spearheading it.

There will finally be statues of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony erected at West 77th Street in Central Park, NYC. To learn more go to [centralparkwherearethewomen.org](http://centralparkwherearethewomen.org)

I learned that the AAUW is the leading organization in Fellowship and Grants with over 4 million dollars a year donated.

2017 is the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York State. We are advocating that there is a permanent exhibit of the Suffrage Wagon in the NYS Museum in Albany.

Last but not least, I learned that "**Membership is Everybody's Business**" and the best way to promote our branch of the AAUW is to talk, talk, talk, something I have just proved I can do very well! So much for keeping it brief!

I am looking forward to a great new year of interesting, productive and innovative programs with all the intelligent, different, innovative and intellectual members of our branch including those with years of experience and those just coming on board with new ideas.

- Catherine Julius

# NEW MEMBERS

## Sandra Marsh

At our May meeting in Mayfield some of us met Sandy. She was given a GIFT to Grad by Darcelle Winchell. Since then, she has decided to join our branch.

Sandy is a single mom to two teenagers, her daughter graduating along side of her from **FMCC in 2015**. Sandy's degree from FMCC is an AS in Science. While at FM she maintained a 4.0 average and spoke at graduation. She is now a pre-med student at Russell Sage College with Biology as her Major and plans to continue to Med School and become a Pathologist.

Originally from Rockland, she would come to Wells as a child with her family every summer and when she graduated from High School her family moved to the area. She works as a secretary, accountant and bookkeeper for her **parent's business John's Auto** in Johnstown, but lives in Gloversville and is a full-time student. **She can't help helping** people as shown by the fact that she was a tutor and teaching assistant in college and is still an Anatomy tutor at Russell Sage. She has a menagerie of pets- a dog, three cats, fish and a rabbit.

She loves gardening and is presently in the middle of landscaping her yard. One of her other passions is reading. She has collected thousands of books and plans on donating about 6 boxes of **children's books to Haven of Hope!** Thank you Sandy!

She joined AAUW because she supports **Women's Issues and** wishes to network with other women. That said, with her full schedule, it is understandable that she will not be able to make all the programs.

Welcome Sandy!

## Erica Gonzalez

Our other new member is Erica Gonzalez, who graduated from SUNY New Paltz in 1990 with a **Bachelor's degree** in Early Elementary Curriculum (N-6). She then got a Masters Degree in Curriculum Development in **1995 and a Master's** in Literacy Specialist in 2009 both from SUNY Albany. Erica was a classroom teacher for 18 years (Pre-K, K, 2nd, 3rd, 6th grades) and then Literacy Specialist for 6 years (K-6th), all in Albany.

**She's been affiliated** with the Child Research and Study Center and trained as a Teacher for Inter-

active Strategy Approach.

Originally from Long Island she has lived and worked in the Capital Region for 25 years. She now lives in Clifton Park **with her "blended" family** which includes her significant other, four children and a cat.

She is very excited about starting her new job teaching 5 different classes in Early Education at FMCC.

Her interests include yoga, gardening, cycling and reading.

She would like to **support women's issues**, network with other women and receive information and

AAUW publication.

She was approached by Catherine Julius at the Buck Moon Arts Festival and after picking up a brochure decided to join our group.

Welcome Erica!

## Voting History Trivia Answers:



- 1) Jeanette Rankin from **Montana 1916...."B"**
- 2.) **New Jersey "D"**
- 3.) Wyoming--"**C"**
- 4.) 1872 --"**A"** (but she also ran again in 1892)
- 5.) 1848 on the Liberty Party ticket "**C"**
- 6.) Teddy Roosevelt in 1912 "**B"**

**All 6 questions correct:**  
Genius level: please meet with program committee to

schedule a Workshop on voting history for the rest of us. (Have you thought of running for office, yourself?)

**3 to 5 correct:** Pretty good: **it's a safe bet that you** watch jeopardy and have already signed up for trivia night with the Soroptomists on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eccentric Club at 6:30--only \$10 a person.

**1 to 2 correct:** Average score: Some questions were tough and hey when was the last time a **women's history book made it** on the top 10 list of sum-

mer reading? (Lets change that by reading more women's history!)

**Zero correct:** History is not your strong suit. That is OK as AAUW celebrates diversity.

As long as you vote as that is when we contribute to making history.

**Remember to vote:**  
**Primary Election:**  
**Thursday Sept 10, 2015**  
**&**  
**General Election: Tues-**  
**day , November 3, 2015**

## Branch Lunch Bunch September Book Club Meeting

To mark National Hispanic Heritage Month the Branch Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 1pm at Union Hall for lunch and discussion of the AAUW ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club choice [How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents](#). The novel by Julia

Alvarez is about a family including four sisters who fled the Dominican Republic's **cruel dictatorial forces** and came to NY City in the **1960's**. **Copies of the book** are available at the Johnstown Public Library. All are welcome to attend whether or not they have completed reading the book. A Mexi-

can menu will be offered for the lunch. Those attending can order from the menu.

Those planning to attend should contact Pat Valachovic at 736-1253 by September 24.



## Elizabeth's Birthday Bash in NYC at Cooper Union

On Thursday, November 12th the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association has arranged for a bus **to pick us up at McDonald's** in Johnstown and spend the day in NYC, celebrating **Elizabeth's 200th Birthday**.

**The day's agenda is** visiting ECS gravesite at Woodlawn Cemetery, seeing new statue of Elizabeth in Central Park, and ending the evening with a birthday bash in

the Great Hall at Cooper Union. This is the very Hall **where the National Women's Rights Convention** was held and where Elizabeth and other suffragists had presented their ideals and resolutions.

The cost is \$125 for Hometown Association members and \$150 for non-members (includes \$50 admission fee to event). See more information at the end

of the newsletter.

In approximately 10 days a press release will go out with more details. The bus fare & activities have a paid reservation deadline of October 1.

What a great way to **celebrate Elizabeth's birthday** and also representing her hometown!



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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.

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## Calendar of Events

- Sept 16 Monthly Meeting/  
Annual Recruitment  
Raindancer Restaurant,  
5:30 pm
- Sept 26 District IV Confer-  
ence, Location: Adiron-  
dack Community Col-  
lege, 9 am
- Oct 20 October Meeting—  
TENTATIVE DATE, de-  
tails to follow
- Nov 9 November Meeting—  
TENTATIVE DATE, de-  
tails to follow
- Dec 5 Holiday Lunch, Union  
Hall, Johnstown, 1 pm

### 2016:

- April 15-17 AAUW-NYS  
Convention,  
Holi day Inn,  
Saratoga Springs
- June 2-4 National Confer-  
ence for College  
Women Student  
Leaders  
(NCCWSL), Univ.  
of Maryland,  
College Park





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**AAUW**

**RECRUITMENT  
SOCIAL**

Wednesday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 2015

5:30 PM for Socializing, 6:15 PM Dinner at Raindancer Restaurant  
Members are welcome to attend for the program only @ 7:15, please RSVP

With Guest Speaker  
on Women in Law and

Mary Farley, ESQ  
The US Constitution

Dinner  
Choices:

Seafood  
Casserole

Hot Roast  
Beef  
Sandwich

Lemon  
Chicken  
Française

Pasta Primavera



RSVP \$17 Check made  
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Dinner includes Salad, Roll, Hot Coffee or Hot Tea and we will have  
Constitution Day Cake for Dessert

# AAUW DISTRICT IV CONFERENCE



## "Food Insecurity - the Next Step"

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**Adirondack Community College  
640 Bay Rd, Queensbury, NY**

- 9:00-9:30 am Continental breakfast
- Panel of three representatives from local charities and agriculture
- Portions of the film "Food at the Table"
- Public officials on policy
- 1:00 pm Lunch

## REGISTRATION

Please make check for \$25 payable to **Adirondack Branch AAUW**.

Mail to:

JoAnn Harig  
1 Sweetbriar Lane  
Queensbury, NY 12804.

For further information call JoAnn at 518-798-1840.

*The deadline for registration is September 18th.*

## DIRECTIONS

From I-87 take Exit 19 go right onto Aviation Rd. (NY-254) towards Glens Falls. Then turn left onto Bay Rd. (County 7) and right into the campus at the traffic light. Park in the South Lot and go straight ahead to the Dorm and into the multipurpose room.

# ELIZABETH CADY STANTON 200th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Here's the Itinerary for Thursday, Nov. 12:

10 AM - leave McDonald's in Johnstown, enjoy boxed Union Hall lunch and watch Ken Burns', "Not for Ourselves Alone," en route to Bronx.

2 PM - enjoy birthday cake as we pay our respects to ECS gravesite at Woodlawn Cemetery

4 PM - visit site of new statue in Central Park, NYC

4:45 PM - head downtown for dinner

5:30- 7 - dinner (not included in price but there will be a group option, or the option to eat on your own)

7:30-9:30 - ECS 20th Birthday Party, Great Hall at Cooper Union, NYC

9:30 - head home on bus

Cost is \$125 members and \$150 nonmembers (which included \$50 admission fee to event).

We will be doing press release in the next 10 days. I believe we will ask for paid reservations by Oct. 1. Dinner options will also be forthcoming.

Pass the word, it would be great to have a busload from Johnstown.

Nancy Brown  
ECS Hometown Association

Submitted by Linda Bumpus



Sisters, Thought you'd find this interesting...and some of us have kids in family who'd appreciate reading it. in Peace, Adele  
it is from the YES online magazine article.

[Lindsey Weedston](#) posted Aug 11, 2015

Three Iron Man movies. Five Spider Man movies. Eight Batman movies. Nine Superman movies. Movies starring Daredevil, the Hulk, Ant-Man, Captain America, Thor, Green Lantern, and Ghost Rider. Meanwhile millions of girls are left to wonder if there will ever be a Black Widow movie.

Guess what? Boys love it. The hunt for women-centered movies, television, and books continues to be an uphill battle in the United States and across the world. After years of outrage over the lack of female representation in superhero films, all we got was the promise of a Wonder Woman movie for 2017 and a Captain Marvel movie for 2018. In 2014, only 12 percent of the top-grossing films had female protagonists. All too often, women are told that stuff about girls doesn't sell. Or, at least, it doesn't sell to boys. So it's not worth it. And when women aren't happy with that (sexist) answer—or when we point out that media with small marketing budgets won't sell well regardless of gender—we're told to make our own movies. Code our own video games. Write our own books. That's exactly what Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl set out to do with *Rad American Women A-Z*. The book profiles 26 different women in U.S. history, one for each letter in the alphabet—from Angela Davis to Zora Neale Hurston. And guess what? Boys love it. “Boys are psyched on this book!” says Schatz. “When I visit classrooms, the boys are equally as enthusiastic about it as the girls.”

Boy, girls, men, and women are buying it up like crazy. It hit number five on *The New York Times*' best-seller list and is still going strong four months after its release. Teachers are using the book in classrooms to supplement historically male-centric textbooks. “On several occasions boys have asked why there aren't any men in the book, or whether I plan to write one about men,” says Schatz about her experiences touring elementary schools across the country. “I don't. And it's led to really great conversations among the students.”

Schatz says oftentimes girls in the classroom will take the lead in these conversations, explaining to their male peers how it feels to see so few women in their textbooks. According to Schatz, when their peers explain why they like the book, the boys seem more eager to listen and understand.

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Surprisingly, *Rad American Women* hasn't received the harsh criticism that women-centered projects often get from anonymous “critics” online. When asked about the reaction to the book, Schatz says she's been pleasantly surprised with the positive response. In fact, she says most of the criticism she received was constructive. One important correction came from someone who worked on a documentary about the book's entry for the letter “W,” Wilma Mankiller.

“He very kindly pointed out that I identify her as the ‘first female chief of the Cherokee Nation’ and that—while that's true by modern, Western notions of leadership—Cherokee women have been in leadership positions for many years,” Schatz explains. “That was a really powerful point for him to make.” The success of their first book inspired Schatz and Stahl to make a second one, this time with an international focus. *Rad Women Worldwide* is slated to come out in 2016. Schatz hopes the series will continue to foster a more diverse perspective on U.S. and world history.

“[Textbooks] need to be written, edited, produced, and distributed by diverse people. As long as predominantly straight white men write the history books, the narratives of predominantly straight white men will prevail,” says Schatz. “As the wonderful Betty Reid Soskin says—at 94 years old, she's the oldest park ranger in the U.S.—‘What gets remembered is determined by who's in the room doing the remembering.’”

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