

AMSTERDAM * GLOVERSVILLE * JOHNSTOWN BRANCH

- The American Association of University Women advances equity for woman and girls through advocacy, education and research.
- 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.

2009 – 2010

April & May

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President's Message

Hi Ladies,

I hope everyone had a chance to be outside last weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather. Hard to believe they are actually calling for snow showers on Saturday!

Thanks to Dianne Kierpiec for our Trivia Night! That was so much fun – even if my team did come in last! We will definitely need to do that again!

I learned after the last meeting that Eileen Hartmann, our NYS President will not be able to join us at our April meeting after all. She has a family conflict. But, I am looking forward to Maria Ellis being with us that evening and her talk on "Developing Leadership Skills amongst our AAUW members". If there is anything that you would like Maria to address, please let me know before convention so I can pass it along to her. Please send your reservations to me as soon as possible.

Please make note of the announcements in the newsletter about the upcoming board meeting and the garage sale. I would like to encourage any and all members to attend the board meeting and share your thoughts, ideas, and complaints – whatever they may be. I would rather hear things from you personally rather than second hand! When I started in September, I told you all that this was going to be a learning experience for me, and I want to know your thoughts!

Other than that, just enjoy your month, and I look forward to seeing all of you on April 26, if not before!

Best,
Helen

April Board Meeting

When: Wednesday – April 21

Where: Johnstown Historical Society
– across from Post Office

Time: 5:30 p.m.

This is an open meeting – please come and share your thoughts to help our branch grow!

--Helen Martin



April Dinner Meeting Reminder

When: Monday – April 26

Where: Holiday Inn – Johnstown

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Flyer Attached

--Helen Martin

BIG CHANGE!!

The May meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, at the Johnstown Public Library. (This earlier start time is necessary since we will need to be out of the library by 8 p.m.)

Laura Channell could not do the Wemple and Edick's program because she is not well at this time. We hope to reschedule her for next fall.

A retired English teacher friend of mine--Janet Northrup--who wrote a book called *Founding Women* which is about Chautauqua and the Chautauqua Women's Club has luckily agreed to present. Her husband, a FM graduate and originally from Amsterdam, has a meeting at the college on that Wednesday morning. We can meet at the Johnstown Library and have dessert and maybe even have ice cream. So I'm looking for dessert makers...if you can and will do that, or will provide lemonade or something, please let me know.

Janet has already done her presentation for the Rochester AAUW, and this summer will do it at the Louisa Mae Alcott House in Concord, Mass. The Rochester AAUW was so enthused that they have rented a bus and will journey to Chautauqua. Janet is retired from Fairport HS and is sort of finding a new career quite by accident. And she is finding out about lots of women from the hotbed of NYS that worked to get the right to speak in public, etc. Several US Presidents and their wives have visited Chautauqua. Hope to see you all there.

--Sandra Maceyka
736-5130

Welcome New Members

It seems our membership is increasing due to a "member-get-a member" approach to recruitment. Our newest members, Eileen Wrightsman, Jane Isabella and her mom Eleanor Isabella joined recently for the special 15 months for 12 months dues offer. Their memberships will continue until June of 2011! --Liz Russo

New Member Bios:

Both Jane Isabella and her mother Eleanor Isabella were recruited by Sandy Maceyka to join our branch. Jane lives in Johnstown and is a graduate of Art Institute of Boston.

Eleanor (Sunshine) also lives in Johnstown and has a business degree from St. Rose.

Eileen Wrightsman was invited by Gloria Kimball to attend the January meeting on Asian Symbolism and decided to join. She was part of the "yellow team" at our recent Trivia night. She received her BA in Education from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1968. She is a retired teacher from the Mayfield School District. Eileen volunteers at the Gloversville Library and is on the Hospital Auxiliary. Her hobbies include weaving, knitting, golfing, cross-county skiing, snow shoeing, and bowling.



Note: If you plan to bring a guest to any of our upcoming meetings, please contact Membership VP Liz Russo so that a prospective member packet and name tag will be ready for them.

Time to Renew Approaching

A reminder that our AAUW fiscal year runs from July - June. Therefore, those renewing their membership are requested to pay their dues by June 1. The fee to renew before June 1 will be \$64. Membership renewals received after June 1 will cost \$70. Save money; renew on time! --Liz Russo

Win a Free AAUW Membership!

As a result of taking part in the National AAUW "Shape the Future" membership recruitment program last fall, our branch earned 3 free National AAUW memberships since we recruited over 6 members. Two of these free memberships will be raffled, one at our April and one at our May meetings. Chances will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Funds raised will be used for branch recruitment expenses. --Liz

AAUW Dorothy Anderson Wemple Literary Award

The AAUW Dorothy Anderson Wemple Literary Award is available to all high school seniors in Fulton, Montgomery, and Hamilton Counties who will be pursuing a 2- or 4-year college degree upon graduation. Students applying will be required to write a 300- to 500-word essay on the topic "If Not Now, When?"

According to Literary Award Chair, Rosemary Leo-Pappas, in writing their essays, scholarship applicants are asked to consider the fact that Costa Rica is the most recent sovereign nation to elect a woman Head of State in an election which follows more than 25 other nations who have elected women to the office of Head of State. Essays should include a discussion of why the USA has not also elected a woman as Head of State, and what it will take to elect the first woman President of the United States. Entries will be judged on literary form, research, and clarity of thought.

Entries should be submitted to high school guidance departments who along with area English teachers have received information regarding the award. To ensure objective judging, neither the name nor the school should appear on or be included in the essay. A separate sheet with student's name and school, college they plan to attend, and the counselor's signature should be submitted with the entry. Deadline for the AAUW scholarship application is April 23.

The \$300 award is given annually by our branch in memory of Dorothy Anderson Wemple who was a member of AAUW for over 50 years and a member of our local branch since its

inception in 1967. Dorothy Anderson Wemple, who died in 2007, was an English teacher at Knox Junior High School in Johnstown and was a past judge for the essay contest which began in 1991. --Liz Russo

GARAGE SALE

When: Saturday, May 15

Where: Shirley Luck Senior Center, Main Street, Johnstown

Time: Set-up - Friday, May 14 - 5:30 p.m.

Sale - Saturday, May 15th - 8 a.m.



Workers are needed for set-up and sale day! If you have merchandise to sell but can't be there, please contact Helen at helenmartin74@yahoo.com or 762-7638 no later than Saturday, May 7 to arrange pick-up or drop-off. Same applies if you are able to work either or both days! --Helen Martin

11th Sister to Sister Summit Approaches

The annual Sister to Sister Summit for middle school girls is set for Tuesday, May 18, at FMCC. Each year, for 11 years, volunteers from our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch of AAUW have worked tirelessly to bring this Summit together for young teen girls in our tri-county area. The Summit features fourteen workshops for the girls to choose from during the three morning workshop sessions and a cap-note presentation after lunch. Over 200 girls from 17 schools in the tri-county area are expected to attend.

This year's volunteer summit workshop presenters and their topics are as follows:

- ❖ Fast Food Nutrition, Jean Budlong - Cooperative Extension;
- ❖ Dealing with Stress, Darlene Rose - Northville Central Schools;
- ❖ Sexual Decision Making, Christie O'Callaghan-Leue - Mohawk Hudson Planned Parenthood;
- ❖ Addiction Panelists from Montgomery Co. Drug Court with Claudia McDuffy;
- ❖ Friendship/Bullying Issues, Rene Carr - Fulton Co. Mental Health;

- ❖ Self-Protection, Michael Campos - ZenDoKai Martial Arts;
- ❖ Self-Image/Body Image, Cassie Walters - Mohawk-Hudson Planned Parenthood;
- ❖ Relationship Violence, Martha Lasher Warner - Pres. of Friends of Lisa Ellen Warner;
- ❖ Adventure/Leadership Games, Laurie Snell - Edinburgh School;
- ❖ Creative Art Experience, Kari Laubscher - College of St. Rose;
- ❖ Animal Rescue, Joan Nehrbauser - Brennan Humane Society;
- ❖ Yoga/Pilates, Sue Williamson - Wells Central School;
- ❖ "Zumba" - Patty Brown - Fitness Instructor;
- ❖ Theater Games/Self Expression, Jason Radlin - Theater Instructor FMCC.

After lunch, the girls will join together in their home school groups. Each group will be joined by a SUNY Albany grad student. The Cap-Note speaker, Sandra McGarraugh, from the SUNY Center for Government and Civil Society, will then lead the group in thinking about the role of women in our society today. The grad students will then help each group process the day's activities and help the girls make plans for using the information in their lives and back in their home environment.

Stewart's Shops has graciously donated \$1,000 which will pay for the commemorative t-shirts for the participants. Our branch has also received a \$700 grant from The Montgomery County Youth Bureau. In addition, several area businesses and organizations have also donated to make this program possible.

Branch members on the committee include: Anne Campos, Dianne Kierpiec, Barbara Nigro, Sue Summerfield, Melanie Pombrio, Liz Russo, Gloria Kimball, Mary Ann Abad, Sandy Maceyka, and Paula Carnevale.

--Liz Russo

Public Policy

PAY CHECK FAIRNESS ACT H.R.12, S 182

The Pay Check Fairness Act has passed the House and is in the Senate. Your lobbying can help to get it through. Here is a summary of what the act will do. The act clarifies acceptable differences in pay by making employers demonstrate that a wage gap has a business justification. It allows for reasonable comparisons between employees within a clearly defined geographical area to determine fair wages. It would prohibit employer retaliations against workers who inquire about employer's wage practices or disclose their own wages. The act strengthens penalties for equal pay violations. Women can obtain the same remedies to discrimination as those based on race and national origin.

The legislation would increase staff of EEOC to better identify and handle disputes, provide educational programs, technological assistance to employers and develop salary negotiation training for women and girls. An Equal Opportunity Survey would mandate federal contractors to submit data on employment practices (hiring, promoting, termination, and pay).

AAUW.org is an excellent source for information, and it is simple to click onto the two minute activist and voice your opinion to your senator.

--Michele Acquaro

Remaining 2010 Programs:

April 23-25

NYS AAUW Convention
Otesaga, Cooperstown
Contact Helen Martin

Monday, April 26

Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn
Maria Ellis, NYS District Coordinator
arr & res Helen Martin 762-7638

Monday, May 11

Dessert Buffet at Johnstown Library
Janet Myers Northrup, "Founding Women: Inspiration and Impact on Chautauqua and the Nation"

arr & res Sandy Maceyka 762-5130

Tuesday, May 18

11th Sister to Sister Summit at FMCC
Anne Campos & Dianne Kierpiec

Tuesday, June 8

Arkell Museum Tour
Catered light supper

Since Michele Acquaro has agreed to take the Asst. Treasurer position, we are in need of someone to chair the Public Policy committee that Michele has taken care of for many years. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested - Michele will work with whoever takes it over. --Helen Martin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*April 15

ECS Women's Symposium Recap Meeting
5:00 p.m. Johnstown Public Library
ECS Women's Consortium Meeting
5:30 p.m. Johnstown Public Library

*April 20

Final Sister to Sister Summit Planning Meeting
3:30 p.m. Johnstown Public Library

*April 21

AAUW Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. at Johnstown Historical Society

*April 23

Deadline for AAUW High School Scholarship/Essay Contest

*April 23 - 25

AAUW-NYS Convention
Cooperstown
(www.aauw-nys.org/convention)

*April 26

AAUW Annual Meeting
5:30 p.m. Johnstown Holiday Inn
Speaker - AAUW NYS District Council Director, Maria Ellis

*May 11

Dessert Buffet
6 p.m. Johnstown Public Library
Speaker - Janet Northrup, author of Founding Women

*May 14 -15

AAUW Garage Sale
Johnstown Senior Center

*May 18

11th annual Sister to Sister Summit
FMCC

*May 28

Johnstown Memorial Day Parade
6:30 pm

Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown AAUW 2010-11 BOARD

Positions with * are elected every 2 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms

Positions with ** are to be elected this April

The other positions are appointed

***PRESIDENT:**

HELEN MARTIN

****VICE-PRESIDENTS:**

****PROGRAM:**

SANDRA MACEYKA

****MEMBERSHIP:**

PHYLLIS NICOLELLA

****EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

EF - KAYE SCHRADER

LAF - GINNI MAZUR

SECRETARIES:

***RECORDING SEC / BY-LAWS.**

SUE SUMMERFIELD

ASSISTANT SEC.

SUE CHADWICK

CORRESPONDING SEC

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GLORIA KIMBALL - Y

WEB EDITOR&INTERNET CONTACT.

LAURIE FREEMAN

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MICHELE ACQUARO

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MELANIE POMBRIO

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

LAURIE FREEMAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION

LIZ RUSSO

There are SOME openings, please contact me if you are interested.

Sandy Maceyka

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DIANNE KIERPIEC

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

CULTURAL

BONNIE VAN WIE

DIVERSITY

MARYANNE ABAD

WOMEN'S ISSUES

CAROL COWNIE - Yes

ED EQUITY/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

MATH&SCIENCE 7&8th GRADE

MARIE WOJESKI &

LINDA ZILKA

HS-LITERARY

ROSEMARY LEO-PAPPAS

COLLEGE/FMCC

TERRY CONAWAY/ELLIE FOSMIRE

HISTORIAN

GINNI MAZUR

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

HELEN MANDATO

PUBLIC POLICY/ EQUAL PAY

MICHELE ACQUARO-No

SISTER TO SISTER COORDINATORS

ANNE CAMPOS

DIANNE KIERPIEC

VOTER EDUCATION

ROSEMARY LEO-PAPPAS

NOMINATING

SANDY/GLORIA/GINNI

TIME KEEPER/HOSPITALITY

AUDREY BOWMAN

NYS DISTRICT IV REPRESENTATIVE

LINDA HAMMOND

Amsterdam-Gloversville-
Johnstown AAUW
2010-11 BALLOT

Please check on the line for yes,
or WRITE IN another name, and
return to Sue Summerfield. Thanks.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:
PROGRAM:

_____ SANDRA MACEYKA
_____ other? _____

MEMBERSHIP:

_____ PHYLLIS NICOLELLA
_____ other? _____

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

_____ EF - KAYE SCHRADER
_____ other? _____

_____ LAF - GINNI MAZUR
_____ other? _____

TREASURER:

_____ BARB NIGRO
_____ other? _____

ASSISTANT TREAS.

_____ MICHELE ACQUARO
_____ other? _____

Willing to volunteer for a committee?

AMSTERDAM-GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN AAUW
2010-2011 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____

*****PLEASE NOTE ANY CHANGES AND COMPLETE THE PAGE BELOW*****

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Institution(s), Degree(s), and year(s) of graduation:

Email Address: _____

Please Check One of the Following:

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ * for dues before June 1, 2010. *(\$ 64)

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ ** dues after June 1, 2010. **(\$70)

(*Subject to revision re AAUW National and State assessments.)

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ * for dues as a Life Member.

(*To become a life member one pays 20 times the current national dues plus the current yearly state and local dues yearly)

_____ I am resigning membership in AAUW.

My reason(s) is/are as follows:

___ Family obligations ___ Moving out of the area ___ Dues amount ___ Meeting topics

Other (please specify): _____

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If you are interested in serving on a committee, please indicate by putting an X by the name of that committee. Committee descriptions are available from membership chairperson.

- ___ Program ___ Community Outreach ___ Finance ___ Membership ___ Historical
___ Nominating ___ Cultural ___ Public Policy ___ International Issues ___ Diversity
___ Educational Equity/Scholarship ___ LAF - Legal Advocacy Fund ___ Sister to Sister

***Make your check payable to AAUW and send this form along with your check to:

Barb Nigro
484 Co. Hwy. 122
Gloversville, NY 12078

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.



AAUW ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: APRIL 26, 2010 – 5:30 PM

**WHERE: HOLIDAY INN
JOHNSTOWN**

**SPEAKER: MARIA ELLIS
AAUW NYS DISTRICT COUNCIL DIRECTOR**

MENU:

CHICKEN PARMESAN

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PETITE SALMON FILET WITH DILL SAUCE

**

PASTA MARINARA - HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE OVER PENNE PASTA

**

GRILLED STEAK SALAD

Cost: \$19.00

Checks made out to AAUW



RESERVATIONS DUE TO HELEN MARTIN BY APRIL 20TH

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dinner Choice: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Helen Martin
9 East Montgomery St.
Johnstown 12095 762-7638 helenmartin74@yahoo.com



AAUW MAY MEETING

Where: The Johnstown Public Library - Community Room

When: May 11th 6 p.m.

Cost: \$5 Checks made out to AAUW

Dessert Buffet

Speaker:

Janet Myers Northrup "Founding Women: Inspiration and Impact on Chautauqua and the Nation" Chautauqua Women's Club Est. 1889

Reservations due to Sandy Maceyka by April 28th

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Bringing Something?: _____

Guests Welcome: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Sandy Maceyka, 100 E 6th Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095 736-5130

- The **Chautauqua Institution** is a non-profit adult education center and summer resort located on 750 acres (3 km²) in [Chautauqua, New York](#), 17 miles (27 km) northwest of [Jamestown](#) in the western part of New York State. The **Chautauqua Institution Historic District** is listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) and was further designated a [National Historic Landmark](#).

It was founded in 1874 by inventor [Lewis Miller](#) and Methodist Bishop [John Heyl Vincent](#) as a camp for Sunday school teachers. The Institution has operated each summer since then, gradually expanding its season length and program offerings organized around the four pillars: arts, education, religion and recreation. It offers a wide range of educational activities to an average of 75,000 people, in residence on any particular day during the season, and another 145,000 during the season attend public events, including popular entertainment, theater, symphony, ballet and opera.

The Institution also includes school of Special Studies, and a residential music program of intensive study is offered to students on the verge of professional careers who audition for admittance into Chautauqua's schools of fine and performing arts.

The physical setting of the Institution defined its development as an assembly. The grounds are situated on the west shoreline of upper [Chautauqua Lake](#). The early tent camp assembly gave way to cottages and rooming houses, and then hotels and eventually condominiums. But much of the pastoral summer retreat on the lake survives.

In 1973 the [National Park Service](#) recognized the institution's historic importance by adding it to the [National Register of Historic Places](#). In 1989, the [Department of the Interior](#) designated it a [National Historic Landmark District](#), consisting of most of the Institution property between [NY 394, formerly NY 17J](#), the lake and (roughly) Lowell and North avenues.^{[2][3]}

Institution programs

Summer admission to Chautauqua is by "gate ticket" which allows entrance into the grounds, use of [Smith Memorial Library](#), use of public beaches and parks, and attendance at lectures and concerts. There is an additional charge for some courses, for films shown at the [Chautauqua Cinema](#), for opera and theater tickets, and for use of the golf course and tennis courts.

Weekly programs

Programs offered during the week at Chautauqua include a devotional service and a lecture on a social, political or academic issue in the morning, an afternoon lecture on a religious topic, and an evening program. This evening Amphitheater event may be a symphony concert by the [Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra](#), a dance program by the Chautauqua Ballet Company, or a program by a special guest artist. During most weeks, there is at least one opportunity to catch an opera and a play, both put on by Chautauqua's resident summer companies. Operas are performed in English at Norton Hall, a 1930s era art deco structure. There are also regularly scheduled organ recitals on the [George Gershwin](#) visited Chautauqua as a summer refuge to compose parts of his Concerto in F in a small wooden piano studio and give its first public performance.^[1]

The program for each week is built around a unifying theme, such as world events. Chautauqua has been visited by United States Presidents from [Ulysses S. Grant](#) to [Bill Clinton](#), and by other prominent Americans including [Booker T. Washington](#), [Karl Menninger](#), [Tom Ridge](#) and, in 2006, [Al Gore](#).^[4] [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#)'s historic "I hate war" speech was delivered from the podium in the Chautauqua Amphitheater (1936).^[5]

The Institution's grounds, located between New York State Route 394 and [Chautauqua Lake](#), include public buildings (such as the 6,000-seat Amphitheater), administrative offices, a library, a movie theater, a bookstore, hotels, condominiums, inns, rooming houses, and many private cottages. There are about 400 year-round residents, but in the summer the population swells as many as 10,000 at any one time. The Institution is largely a pedestrian community, with bikes and scooters seen everywhere and a 12 mph speed limit for cars. There are several parking lots located on the periphery of the grounds.