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President's Message

Hi Ladies,

I can't believe that my first year as President is rapidly drawing to a close. What a busy year it has been! I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your work and support during this year. I'm anxious to read the surveys that I hope all of you will take the time to complete to see what programs you enjoyed the most so we can build on that for next year.

One of the highlights for me was attending the State Convention in April. There's something about spending time with like-minded women that is very empowering. Sharing ideas about programs that work (and those that don't), topics of interest for meetings and mutual concerns about how to help our branches grow was really helpful--and made me realize that we definitely aren't alone in areas such as membership growth and retention,

finding new ideas for fund raisers and increasing community visibility of our branch. It also left me feeling very excited about next year and some different ideas for things we might want to try. Things such as partnering with the Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY to mentor girls in our area and becoming actively involved with AAUW's new international project – "My Sister's Keeper". There will be much more about these projects as well as other ideas in the months to come.

Of course, the most exciting part of the Convention not only for me but for all of us who attended was the awards ceremony on Saturday morning. We were all very proud to be the recipient of so many honors--so very well deserved because of all of the hard work our branch has done over the course of the last year. As you've all probably guessed our branch winning the **PLATINUM AWARD** was especially exciting for me--and I hope for all of you as well. We have such a great group with so much talent, and it was never more apparent than that morning at the convention. **KUDOS TO ALL OF US AND MY PERSONAL THANKS AS WELL!** So, thank you all again and enjoy the summer!

Best,
Helen

Urge your Senators to vote to approve the nomination of Elena Kagan for Supreme Court Justice!

--Michele Acquaro

June Meeting at Arkell Museum

This year the June meeting will be at Arkell Hall at Canajoharie on 2 Erie Blvd. We plan to have wine, soda, water, and some nibbles starting at 5:30 p.m. Then we will have a docent tour us around the galleries, and this will be followed by a light supper and our meeting. Docents usually only work until 7 p.m. and then we will have our meal and meeting. The \$21 will cover our meal and admission to the museum.

The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie has just reopened in a new building with exhibitions on [American art](#) and [Mohawk Valley history](#). There are American artists such as Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam, Robert Henri, Maurice Prendergast, and Georgia O'Keeffe on display in the galleries. Examples of [Beech-Nut](#) advertising are also featured in new exhibitions.

Ends June 8, 2010

Picturing Women American Artists' Images of Women 1780s-1940



Reginald March *Windy Day*, c. 1940, watercolor on paper

- ♦ The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

The Arkell Museum owns remarkable portraits of women painted by notable American artists such as Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Eakins, and Mary Cassatt. This exhibition includes these portraits along with other painted views of women at leisure and perusing everyday activities. The representations of women in this exhibition range from young to old and from entirely decorative to thoroughly personal. Some are formally posed portraits while others, such as Reginald Marsh's watercolor *A Windy Day*, capture a specific snapshot moment in time.

Barlett Arkell, founder of the Canajoharie Library Art Gallery and the first President of Beech-Nut Packing Company, encouraged his marketing staff to use his collection in their print ads. The result of this borrowing of images from oil paintings created by artists such as Edward Gay and J. G. Brown was a series of ad campaigns that brought "art to the masses" and linked the virtues found in the paintings with Beech-Nut gum and food products.

--Sandy Maceyka

If you have not paid your dues, PLEASE send your payment of \$64 to Barb Nigro ASAP. (484 County Highway 122, Gloversville, NY 12078) It must be in Barb's hands...NOT THE MAIL...before June 1.

Please send a check made payable to AAUW along with the attached membership renewal form. Dues received June 1 or later will be \$70.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. On-time payments make membership a much easier job.



New Baby!

It has been a long time since one of our members has had a new baby.

Congratulations to Bethany Schumann-McGhee on the birth of her daughter, Victoria Jane McGhee!

Free Membership Raffle at June Meeting

We will be holding a free membership raffle at the June meeting. Those members who have attended a minimum of 6 meetings during this year and have been involved in at least one event/program/committee will be automatically included in the raffle.

NYS AAUW Convention Awards

Our branch was awarded the NY S AAUW Platinum 21st Century Award. Although our branch has been a Gold level recipient for several years, this is the first time we have achieved the highest level of recognition. The award was given for outstanding work encompassing planning, program, membership development, leadership development, technology, communications, and visibility.

Our branch was awarded a Public Policy Taking Action Award thanks to the efforts of Public Policy Chair Michele Acquaro. Membership recruitment awards were given to Sandra Maceyka and Liz Russo. The branch newsletter Upstate Update under the direction of Gloria Kimball received an Award of Excellence. The branch website originated by Rosy Pynadath was also given recognition. Joining the Fulton and Montgomery County Chambers of Commerce helped to earn our branch a Visibility Award.

We were also recognized as a Star Branch at the Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon for giving our contributions this year to the Evvie Currie Giving Circle. In addition, thanks to the efforts of LAF VP Ginni Mazur, we donated two baskets which were auctioned for LAF.

Anne Campos, chair of the AAUW Sister to Sister Summit for the past several years was invited to be part of the Convention's Branch Showcase panel which provided information about award-winning branch projects held across the state. Our branch received a 1st place Education Project Award for our 2009 Sister to Sister Summit.

--Liz Russo

Emerging Leader Award

Linda Hammond was honored at the Convention by being chosen as the

Emerging Leader of our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch. Since joining our branch last fall, Linda has been actively involved in branch activities and served as chairperson for the 3rd Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium. She recently accepted the position of AAUW NYS District IV Coordinator and will be organizing the District IV conference which will be hosted by our branch on October 23. District IV includes Adirondack, Schenectady, Albany, Oneonta, Kingston, and Poughkeepsie as well as our Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch.

--Liz Russo

Congratulations Anne!



I just wanted to congratulate Anne Campos for her wonderful presentation at the Convention on our Sister-to-Sister Summit. Great Job!

--Helen Martin

Convention Memories

Five members of our branch attended this year's NYS AAUW Convention including Helen Martin, Sandy Maceyka, Linda Hammond, Anne Campos, and Liz Russo. Here are some of their thoughts about the experience and things they learned from attending.

Linda Hammond: I really enjoyed my 1st State AAUW conference. Returning to Otesaga was an anticipated pleasure and the staff did not disappoint us. I had the pleasure to sit with Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, at the Awards breakfast. She spoke of the new changes to the National website. There is now a virtual community that allows potential members to listen to the various benefits of being a member. The community is set up like a town square and when you click on the various buildings and points within a building, it explains what AAUW's mission/vision is and what is being done in the organization. Linda also has staff working on other various social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. Mini messages can be sent out to your account as news happens. This will help to attract the

tech savvy women and our student population. It also enables us to share this news with our friends on these networks, helping to promote AAUW efforts.

Besides the great information from the individual workshops, I also came back with some pointers. The Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY talked about the many programs that are conducted with the girls (beyond the cookie sales). These are programs where women can volunteer either as a mentor or as a professional instructor for their STEM or financial workshops (conducted before cookie sales). The Scouts have mentors that pair up with girls that are waiting to get into a pack. Many times the packs are at capacity and are unable to accept additional children.

Another good pointer given on membership and past scholarship winners: We should follow-up with our scholarship recipients. We should have them attend a meeting and provide a career update. We should promote students joining by issuing free student memberships which are partially funded by the organization.

Attending conferences are a great way to meet other women and listen to what their branches are doing as fundraisers and projects. I look forward to attending next year's conference.

Sandy Maceyka: I found the Educational Fund (EF) and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) speakers outstanding as always. Clare Schuster, the speaker at the LAF luncheon who is an associate professor at Berea College, was an especially wonderful speaker. Although she was not allowed to talk about her pending lawsuit regarding salary discrimination, she gave a wonderful and truly descriptive talk about her career. What an amazing journey. What a way with words!

Kerry Connolly, CEO of the Northeastern Girl Scouts, spoke of the similarities between AAUW and the Girl Scouts and suggested we might think more of combining our efforts. I also attended a workshop called Value U: a community action initiative in gender

equity. This was a panel of five women students from Clarkson University moderated by St. Lawrence County AAUW Emerging Leader Member Dr. Jennifer Ball. The students have been involved in having the back of other women at Clarkson and in changing the images that are projected on TV and even in the video to advertise Clarkson to prospective students. There is a Facebook site Value U and also a YouTube site, valueU09 for more information. It is based on building a positive image of women and teaching kids to be aware of concepts in ads that surround us to help determine if it is positive or not and to teach girls to value themselves.

Another workshop I attended was entitled "Too Sexy Too Soon" regarding how media images affect young girls. It was led by Deborah Borie from the Just Kids Early Childhood Development Center. She talked about how childhood is losing its power as children including babies and toddlers are targeted for marketing campaigns. Childhood as we know it is disappearing and children are taught to be consumers as companies spend \$17 billion a year to market to children. She gave us many examples including thongs for 6 year olds, pole dancing for 8 -12 year olds, and ads in newspaper and TV. Several websites are available as resources for parents: tbio.org, mediaandwomen.org, truceteachers.org, medialit.org and also the books *The Lolita Effect* by M Gigi Durham and *So Sexy So Soon* by Levin and Kilbourne.

I also enjoyed the glorious after dinner piano concert on Saturday night by Robert Auler, a music professor at Oswego.

Helen Martin: Attending the convention this year was a great experience. Interacting with women from the other branches/districts was both enlightening and inspiring. The Otesaga was a wonderful venue (the food was fantastic!) and the organization and work that went into planning the convention was readily apparent. Even minor glitches (like the Eleanor Roosevelt movie that didn't happen) were compensated for without missing a beat

(like having the author of the book that the movie was based on as a lecturer!).

Of the two workshops that I attended, I had mixed feelings about one and thoroughly enjoyed the other. The first of the two was entitled "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics" and was presented by Friday evening's keynote speaker, Linda D. Hallman, CEO at AAUW. Linda's presentation was very good, but I was expecting more focus on what can be done to encourage girls and women to pursue opportunities in the STEM fields rather than the wealth of statistical data that was part of the powerpoint. Realizing that STEM careers are such an integral part of our future I, personally, think it is important to find ways to help our young women realize that those career options are very viable and make them aware of the avenues they should take to acquire those skills.

The second workshop was a real eye-opener for me since I don't have school age children. "Too Sexy Too Soon: How Media Images Affect Young Girls", presented by Deborah Borie from the Just Kids Childhood Development Center enlightened us as to all of the sexual packaging of clothing, toys, video games, etc. that are on the market and are targeted directly at kids from babies through high school. Everything from Hooter's t-shirts for infants to pole dancing "games" for elementary aged girls, and the list was endless. The only problem with her workshop was that it was TOO SHORT! All of us in attendance agreed that we would have liked more time to discuss how we can combat this problem. For those of you who have children and/or grandchildren, all I can say is stay diligent and don't hesitate to be proactive when it comes to contacting companies that market this kind of garbage.

The other speaker that I thoroughly enjoyed was Gina Torry who spoke at the International Luncheon on Sunday. Gina addressed the issue of International Human Rights as they pertain to women globally. This was the lead-in to the AAUW International project for

2010-2012 – “My Sister’s Keeper”. I will be discussing this project more at upcoming meetings. There are many aspects of the fight for global women’s rights that we, as AAUW members, can become involved with.

Of course, our own Anne Campos’ presentation on our Sister to Sister Summit was wonderful. I saw many women speaking with Anne after the presentations who, I’m sure, wanted to know the secrets for hosting such a wonderfully successful event for so many years.

Liz Russo: I attended the convention on Sunday and was thrilled to hear our own Anne Campos as part of the Branch Projects panel explain our branch’s annual Sister to Sister Summit for middle school girls. It was interesting also to hear what projects other branches had undertaken as well. For example, the Westchester branch held an Explore Your Opportunities Conference for girls focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Skaneateles held a Public Policy project, Meet the Candidates Forum. The Schenectady branch presented information about their community project ‘Brightening the Future of Students’ in the Schenectady Community. The Jamestown branch held a program on Eleanor Roosevelt. The Kingston branch provided information about their 8-week public access TV series on the importance of voting, radio interviews on efforts to retain lever voting machines, and the use of a blog as a branch Website. After the presentations, it was especially helpful to get a chance to talk to each presenter and collect information about each project to bring back to our branch.

As a past Girl Scout, I also found the presentation by Kerry Connolly, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, about the new Girl Scout programs interesting especially regarding the possibilities that are available for our branch to partner with local Girl Scouts.

In addition, I really enjoyed being read excerpts from *Eleanor, a Novel* by author Rhoda Lerman who by the way Anne Campos remarked looked a lot

like her sister! It was also a pleasure to see old friends from different branches across the state whom I had met at past conventions.

Sister to Sister Summit

Hats off to Chair Anne Campos and



her committee for making this undertaking a success once again. Now in its 11th year, preparations are down to a science.

The process of placing over 200 girls from 17 schools in three sessions of workshops with 14 choices in itself is a major task. In addition to arranging for a capnote speaker and workshop facilitators, there were funds to raise to cover expenses, information to be sent to schools, and registrations to be received. There were facilities arrangements to make and food to order. T-Shirts provided by a \$1,000 contribution from Stewart’s Shops and water bottles donated by Reality Check had to be counted out and boxed for each school group. Folders for attendees and chaperones and gift bags for presenters were prepared. Workshop attendee lists were compiled and name tags printed. Registration tables were decorated, posters made by students were displayed in the Student Union, balloons and signs were posted at each workshop location and tables were set up with school names. All of this was accomplished with apparent ease due to the direction and much behind-the-scenes work of a very well organized Anne and her committee!



Additional AAUW volunteers joined the team on May 18 to help with registration, breakfast cleanup, directing girls and facilitators to their workshops, and collecting evaluations.

The girls attending the Summit had a chance to make fans and friendship bracelets, discuss issues, learn about healthy eating, gain knowledge about

animal care, work together in theater and adventure games, energize in Zumba, relax in Yoga, and learn self protection! At lunch time they could visit the Project Action and Reality Check displays and receive giveaways.

After lunch, the girls rejoined their home school groups. The Cap-Note speaker, Sandra McGarraugh, from the SUNY Center for Government and Civil Society, led the girls in thinking about nontraditional careers and the role of women in today’s society. Each group was provided with materials to create a poster illustrating what they learned while participating in the Summit. The posters were taken back to their schools to be shared with other students and faculty. The girls were directed in the exercise by staff from the SUNY Center for Government and Civil Society.

At the end of the day, girls filled out their evaluations with the AAUW pens they were given and received a Sister to Sister t-shirt and water bottle.

The Sister to Sister Summit committee included: Chair Anne Campos, Dianne Kierpiec, Barbara Nigro, Sue Summerfield, Melanie Pombrio, Liz Russo, Gloria Kimball, Mary Ann Abad, Sandy Maceyka, Paula Carnevale, and Theresa House.

AAUW members Dee Brown, Bonnie Van Wie, Linda Zilka, Marie Wojeski, and Nancy Krawczeski assisted the day of the event.

Veteran Members

As renewal time comes around, we would like to honor those who have continued as faithful members for 10 or more years.

First, hats off to Charter Member Helen Mandato who has been with our branch since its inception in 1967! Pat Valachovic has been a member since 1972, and Phoebe Boschi joined in 1973. Nancy Reynolds joined in 1976. Barbara Taylor has been a member for 25 years; Sarah Slingerland for 21 years. Sandy Feisinger and Liz Russo both joined in 1991; Anne Campos joined in 1994. Cynthia Gillmore and Audrey Bowman have been members for 15 years.

Linda Zilka and Marie Wojeski joined together in 1996, and Linda Edwards joined in 1998. Sandra Maceyka joined our branch in 1999, and Rosy Pynadath rejoined the branch in 1999 after several years break. Laurie Freeman, Connie Lais, and Gloria Kimball are 10-year members. --Liz

New Officer

We would like to welcome Phyllis Nicoletta as our new Membership Vice President. Phyllis is already learning the ropes and working with Helen Martin and Liz Russo to plan the September Shape the Future Membership Meeting which will feature a female astronaut/pilot this year.

Phyllis plans to attend the NYS summer conference at Cazenovia in July to learn more about AAUW and her new position. She is certainly off to a great start! --Liz Russo

Congratulations AAUW Membership Winners!

As a result of taking part in the National AAUW "Shape the Future" membership recruitment program last fall, our branch earned three free National AAUW memberships since we recruited over six new members. Two of these free memberships were raffled, one at our April and one at our May meeting. Congratulations to winners Sandy Lane and Marie Wojeski.

A Few Good Women Needed!

As you know, in the beginning, The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium was an offshoot of AAUW; therefore, we are all members of this fine group, and some of you may wish to participate more in this activity. As the nominating chairperson for ECSWC, I am looking for either nominations or volunteers to serve as officers for a 2-year term. I hope you will consider volunteering yourself or nominating someone in your member group. We also could use people to chair or work on our various activities. Our long-term plans include the women's symposium that will take place again in March 2012 and the fundraiser antique show in Oct 2011. These events will sneak up quickly,

and we need to start now thinking about making them bigger and better! This year we are planning a celebration for Women's Equality Day - 90 years - on August 26 & 27, and of course a 195th birthday celebration for Elizabeth around November 12! We need new ideas and new blood to be involved. Please think of helping with the need for committee members and chairs and also officer positions. Please volunteer yourselves, your ideas, and your time. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

--Sandy Maceyka, 736-5130

Summer Leadership Conference

WHERE: Cazenovia College
Cazenovia, NY

WHEN: July 9-11, 2010

REGISTRATION: Registration Form is now online at www.aauw-nys.org

COST: \$70 online registration
\$75 paper registration

Registration fee includes two nights lodging and six meals.

The website does not indicate a cutoff date for registrations, but I would encourage you to register early (and online, if possible) to take advantage of the discount. --Helen Martin

Women's Equality Day August 26-28 Events

August 26, 2010 marks the 90th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. This auspicious date will be celebrated in a variety of ways. The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association is hosting a tour of Johnstown's Historical sites, a luncheon at the Holiday Inn and a showing of the movie "Iron Jawed Angels" on Thursday, August 26th. Please contact Debra Kolsrud at kolsrudpacbell@yahoo.com for further information on the schedule for their planned events.

Luncheon details

Date: August 26, 2010

Time: 12-2 p.m. (Desserts by Megan Henck, Union Hall Inn Restaurant)

Location: Johnstown Holiday Inn

Cost: \$30

Make check payable to: Fulton Co. Chamber of Commerce (ECSHA luncheon on memo line)

Mail to: ECSHA, P.O. Box 753, Johnstown, NY 12095. Tickets will be held for pickup at lunch.

On Friday, August 27th the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium will be hosting "Women's Equality Day in the Park" Celebration at the park in downtown Johnstown adjacent to the band shell. Arrangements have not been completely finalized but we are encouraging all of the member organizations - and that includes our AAUW branch - to participate by setting up a table in the park for literature, perhaps a basket raffle, anything you can think of to spread the word about AAUW. There will be an ice cream social and entertainment. This is intended to be a fun afternoon/early evening so please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. If you have any suggestions and/or ideas please get in touch with me!

On Saturday, August 28, the Consortium is arranging a bus trip to Seneca Falls for the re-dedication ceremony for the Wesleyan Chapel, site of the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848. What a perfect opportunity to celebrate this important event in Women's history where it all began! I will send an email when the itinerary is finalized. PLEASE JOIN US!

--Helen Martin

Coming this September!

Wally Funk

From Women Aviators

Wally Funk is a human dynamo.

Her contributions to aviation have earned her countless honors and praise as a trailblazer. As a professional flight instructor and goodwill flying ambassador, her place in history is inevitable. She is simply indefatigable and her presence indelible. Flying professionally since the age of twenty, Wally has accumulated over 18,500 hours of flying time. Her role as a



professional flight instructor is equally impressive. To date, she has soloed over 1,000 students and put through thousands of Private, Commercial, Multi-Engine, Seaplane, Glider, Instrument, CFI and Air Transport pilots.

Women in Space

In 1961, Wally volunteered for the Women in Space program with aspirations of becoming an astronaut. Her dream coincided perfectly with America's hope for launching the first woman into space. Twenty-five women were selected to undergo a series of grueling physical and mental tests. The tests were conducted in three phases and included swallowing three feet of rubber hose, drinking a pint of radioactive water, enduring sensory deprivation conditions in an isolation tank (Wally spent a record 10 hours and 35 minutes in the tank without hallucinating, but admits to sneaking a few naps!), passing the altitude chamber and seat ejection tests.

Not only did Wally pass the tests, becoming one of 13 qualified candidates (now known as the Mercury 13), she rated third among her group and scored higher than astronaut John Glenn. Hours before the women were to undergo the final round of testing, NASA refused to authorize the completion of the tests, fearing such an action might be construed as approval of female astronauts. Amid brewing controversy and charges of sexual discrimination, the Mercury 13 program ended abruptly and without explanation.

Flying Tour

Wally remained optimistic and forged ahead. She undertook an extensive three-year goodwill flying tour, traveling over 80,000 miles to Russia, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. After returning to the U.S., Wally received the FAA Gold Seal as a Flight Instructor. In 1971 she was the first woman to complete the FAA General Aviation Operations Inspector Academy course. Four years later she became the National Transportation Safety Board's first female Air Safety Investigator. As a strong proponent of safety, Wally continues to share her expertise through seminars and lec-

tures all over the world. She has traveled with special delegations to India and China to exchange ideas and information relating to aviation. She has been preparing for a trip into space in with Space Adventures, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

Throughout her career, Wally has drawn upon an image from home to rekindle her spirit: the majestic Taos Mountain in New Mexico. Its uncompromising strength and integrity represent endurance, peace and ultimately, freedom. Wally is a genuine soul whose boundless energy originates from the purest wellspring on earth: love.

Documentaries

She was one of 226 women interviewed for the documentary, *Wings of Their Own*, (2004) produced by Mary Scott and Abby Dress. (As with all the interviews, only a couple of minutes of her interview are shown (cumulatively), scattered in soundbytes throughout the doc.)



Wally Funk

womenaviators.org

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May Meeting - Chautauqua Institution-Founding Women



Speaker Janet Myers Northrup and Helen Martin



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, May 28, 6 p.m.

Johnstown Memorial Day Parade
Corner E. Main and S. William St.
(near Partner's Pub)

Tuesday, June 8, 5:30 p.m.

Museum Tour and Supper Meeting
Arkell Museum
2 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie

July 9-11, AAUW NYS Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College

This should be fun; think of attending. If you are interested, let one of your officers know.

Saturday, July 17, Annual Garden Tour sponsored by one of our sister organizations -ECSHA.

Saturday, July 31, from 9 - noon is the tentative annual planning meeting for next year. Let Sandy Maceyka know if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, August 24, is the first board meeting for next year at 5:30 p.m. at the Johnstown Public Library.

August 26 & 27 - There will be many events to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Women's Equality Day!

Saturday, September 11, Wally Funk, female pilot/astronaut-Mercury 13 will be presenting at the Holiday Inn. This event is sponsored by the Johnstown Historical Society and the DAR.

Monday, September 13, will be our membership meeting with a presentation from a female pilot/astronaut. Wally Funk is coming to Johnstown! More details to follow.

Thursday, September 30 - Flame will be at the Johnstown High School.

Just want you to get all these important dates on your calendar!!!

AAUW 2010 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

AAUW MISSION: The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Please fill this out so we can better meet the needs of our branch in planning for next year. If there is not enough space for your answers, PLEASE add on another piece of paper, or use the back side. Writing all over the margins is very difficult to read.

1. Which programs were most beneficial for you? and why?
2. Some members have suggested that some of our meetings are too expensive. Beyond the cost of the dinners, we have other VOLUNTARY sales/raffles/auction/baskets to aid specific aspects of AAUW, such as **Sister to Sister, LAF, EF, Scholarships, and Community Outreach**. What other ideas do you have?
3. When baskets/etc. are made for fundraising purposes, do you have a theme/interest that you would like to see used? Other fundraising ideas to try or not?
4. If you were not happy about the places/restaurants we used for this year's meetings, what other suggestions do you have?
5. What new ideas do you have for future programs, and who do you know that might be a good presenter?
6. Do you have specific suggestions for getting our new members to attend meetings? and remain members?
7. Give name and phone number for those you would like invited to a September membership meeting: Please list on back with address and phone number?
8. Other comments or committees you'd like to work on:

NAME _____

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

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

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

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AMSTERDAM - GLOVERSVILLE - JOHNSTOWN

Tuesday, June 8, 2010, Gathering at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Wine & soft drinks will be available at this time! Nuts too!
Arkell Museum, 2 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie, NY 673-2314

JUNE - END OF YEAR SUPPER AND GUIDED TOUR OF MUSEUM

Menu: Choice of lite salad plates.....includes roll, tomato, and onion slice; fruit cup; brownie for dessert; and choose a scoop of one of the following:

Chicken Seafood Vegetable

Time: 5:30 p.m. Date: June 8, 2010 Deadline: May 28, 2010

Place: Arkell Museum

Checks payable to AAUW Price includes admission to the museum and a lite supper.

Fill out the survey in this newsletter and get \$1 off your meal! Cost: \$21 or \$22

Name: _____

I am paying: \$22 \$21 (I have filled out and attached the survey.)

**Send to: Sandra Maceyka, 100 East 6th Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095
736-5130, SMaceyka@frontiernet.net**