



# V I S I O N S

April 2017  
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## April's General Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 p.m.

Schenectady County Public Library  
McChesney Room  
99 Clinton Street, Schenectady

Speaker: Philip Morris  
CEO of Proctors



**Program:** Collaboration of the greater capital region communities through arts and community leadership, Proctors will be a catalyst for excellence in education, sustainable economic development, and rich civic engagement to enhance the quality of life in the greater Capital Region.

**A SPECIAL BONUS:** If someone joins our branch at the general meeting, she will be entitled to membership through June 2018.

### Mark your Calendar



#### April

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

**Equal Pay Day** - This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Wear RED to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!

**Wednesday, April 5, 6:45 p.m.**

Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

**Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.**

General Meeting – See above  
McChesney Room, SCPL

**Friday-Sunday, April 21-23**

AAUW NYS 2017 Convention  
DoubleTree, Syracuse



#### May

**Wednesday, May 3, 6:45 p.m.**

Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

**Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7**

**The Friends of SCPL BOOK SALE**

Saturday 9:00-4:00/Sunday 1:00-3:00

**Monday, May 8**

Reservations DUE for the Annual Dinner

**Saturday, May 13**

AAUW GARAGE SALE – See pg. 2

**Wednesday, May 17**

Annual Dinner Buffet, Mohawk Golf Club

#### June

**Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17**

**AAUW National Convention**

Washington DC., <http://convention.aauw.org>

**Friday, June 30**  
**Your DUES are Due!**

The AAUW dues year runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. We are planning on sending out the directory in late August with your September newsletter.

**Don't put it off, pay today!**

**LOOK for 2 SPECIAL INCENTIVES**  
**if you pay by May 17<sup>th</sup> on Page 2.**

## President's Message

Two Messages: This is my second to the last column as President of our wonderful AAUW Chapter. When I moved to Schenectady 3 1/2 years ago, I never thought that I would be president of this branch. I joined, as a newcomer, looking for sisterhood and a continuation of my happy relationship with AAUW, as I had experienced it with the Poughkeepsie Chapter.

So I am going to use this opportunity to share the story of another Poughkeepsie woman with you: Jane Matilda Bolin. She was born in 1908 of an African-American father and an Irish Protestant immigrant mother .... and she went on to attend Wellesley and then Yale Law School. She might have preferred to attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie but Vassar did not yet admit "colored" women!

In 1932 Jane Matilda Bolin left Poughkeepsie for New York City where she began her law career. She became the nation's first black, female African-American judge a few years later. So she had ties to both my birthplace (NYC) and my city of residence for almost half a century (Poughkeepsie).

There are two messages here. First, even in our eighth decade, we can adapt and grow. I know that I am now a true Schenectadian! I have come to love my new home, rejoice in my new friendships, and appreciate the many fine organizations which make Schenectady such a vital city. Second, I have come to appreciate the role which women play in making an organization, a city, a political action group work! Women are cooperators! Women are not ego-driven! Women are still an under-utilized resource! And AAUW is working to CHANGE THAT! SO - when I step down as your President on June 30th, I will continue to work as a member of our organization, as a citizen of my new city, and as a woman hoping to increase the numbers of women in government. I sincerely urge you all to do the same. Our cause is just, our contributions are necessary, and our representation in the public arena needs to be increased.

~ *Eleanor Aronstein*

## Membership Renew Early and Save \$\$

The fiscal calendar for AAUW runs July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Therefore, **your membership dues are due June 30**. Our new directory editor will be working on the directory in July so that we'll be able to mail your directory at the end of August with your September newsletter. To be included in the directory and save us from calling to remind you to pay your dues, please pay your dues on time!

To encourage you to pay your dues on time, we're offering **two special incentives**. If you pay by Wednesday, May 17, you will be able to take \$3 off your local dues as well as becoming eligible for one of two free National memberships worth \$49 each to be drawn at our Annual Spring Dinner! Thanks to AAUW National's "Shape the Future" membership campaign, our branch qualifies for 2 free National memberships for getting 5 new members. (You don't have to be present to be a winner.)

***This year we're asking that you make every effort to meet this date.***

Thanking you for your membership and support,  
~ **Jackie Mendini and Shellie van der Zee**

## Welcome to AAUW!

**Dorothy Gray**

1 Glen Eddy Drive, Apt. 108

Niskayuna, NY 12309

[petergray@aol.com](mailto:petergray@aol.com), 859-4420

## Spring Garage and Perennial Sale

We are planning a Spring Garage and Perennial sale at Maxine Borom's house, on Sat., May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling plants at this sale since we won't be participating in Niska-Day this year.



We will also be including **Professional Attire**, for both women and men's shoes, ties, belts, scarfs and hangers will be accepted.

This is a wonderful opportunity to declutter your home as well as share some of your perennials to support our AAUW programs.

Arrangements can be made with Maxine (370-2662) to drop off items at her house for the sale after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

# AAUW and Public Policy

In the AAUW OUTLOOK, the organization outlines their 12 point steps to working with the Trump administration. These steps are:

- 1) continue to fight for the principles of the organization
- 2) insist that personnel determines public policy
- 3) continue to work in a non-partisan manner
- 4) rely on facts and data,
- 5) continue to fight against hatred in any form,
- 6) fight sexism in all venues
- 7) support the advancement of women leaders
- 8) insure voting rights are not violated
- 9) make sure that AAUW message is heard on every governmental level
- 10) recruit new members
- 11) support AAUW priorities in the local community
- 12) remember that the more things change they remain the same

Lisa Maatz, vice president of government relations and advocacy, stated "AAUW's values are nonnegotiable. We believe in fairness and equality, inclusivity and opportunity. We believe that bias and discrimination of any kind are unacceptable in our national dialogue and that our government must represent all of us".

It is important that if we have concerns regarding issues affecting the priorities of AAUW, we need to call our representatives to voice our concerns. ~ **Linda Rizzo**

## May Annual Buffet Dinner



Wednesday, May 17  
[Mohawk Golf Club](#)  
6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$32

**Send your check to Ellen by May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Ellen Auerbach  
848 Beech Drive  
Niskayuna, NY 12309

**Program:** Year-in-Review  
Special Member Recognition  
Installation of Officers

If you have a dietary need, contact Ellen to arrange for a special meal.



## Congratulations Kim Blanchett!



Kim has been a member of our branch for 2 years. After attending both the AAUW-NYS Convention last spring and the Summer Leadership conference, Kim decided she wanted to become more involved and accepted the position of AAUW-NYS Bylaws Chair! Congratulations Kim!

## A New Look to Our Newsletter

If you get your newsletter online, not only do you get it color, but if you click on the hyperlinks within the text, it will take you directly to the specific website.

If you would like to check out the online version, contact me at [rjeddy321@gmail.com](mailto:rjeddy321@gmail.com)

~ **Robin Eddy**

# AAUW-Schenectady 2017-2018 Proposed Officers and Committee Chairs

Robin Eddy and Bobbi Richardson, chairs of the Nominating Committee, are pleased to present the following slate of officers and committee chairs for 2017-2018. They were endorsed by our AAUW-Schenectady board in March and will be voted on at our May dinner.

**Co-Presidents**

Robin Eddy  
Bobbi Richardson

**Program Coordinator**

Faith Weldon  
Carol Reynolds

**Treasurer** - Geri Mulligan

**Secretary** - Ellen Auerbach

**Public Policy VP**

Linda Rizzo

**Membership VPs**

Jackie Mendini  
Shellie van der Zee

**AAUW Funds**

Miriam Cajuste  
Maxine Borom

**Legal Advocacy Fund**

Eleanor Aronstein

**Study and Interest Groups**

Arlene Maranville

**Bylaws** - Robin Eddy

**Directory** – Julie Panke

**Circulation** – Pat Terry

**Communications/Visibility**

Publicity - Gail Karl  
Website – Robin Eddy  
Public Relations and  
Social Media –  
Christine Zinzow  
Facebook Account –  
Kim Blanchett

**Newsletter**

Bobbi Richardson  
Robin Eddy

**Nominating Committee**

Eleanor Aronstein  
Carol Reynolds  
Gail Karl  
Arlene Maranville  
Maxine Borom

**Sunshine** – Karen Huggins

**December Luncheon**

Barbara Aldi  
Gerri Pinkerton

**Kids Art Festival**

Gail Karl  
Bobbi Richardson

If you can help with any of these positions, please contact  
Bobbi or Robin: **May Dinner, Garage Sale, International Affairs.**



Subha Tasnim (our 2017 recipient)  
Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh  
Langie Cadesca (our 2016 recipient)



SubhaTasnim  
Anna Agnes (our 2016 recipient)

On Sunday March 5, 2017, Robin Eddy and I attended the Elect Her conference at UAlbany. The discussions surrounded the importance of young women running for office, and how to get started.

Robin and I also had the pleasure of meeting and talking with this year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship winner Subha Tasnim. She is an intelligent and articulate sophomore at UAlbany, who made a point of thanking us both, and by extension our AAUW branch, for the opportunity the scholarship will provide her. Subha is looking forward to attending this year's National Conference of College Women Student Leaders.

Also speaking at the conference at SUNY was Assembly woman Mary Beth Walsh. She related to the attendees her experience running for office while being a practicing attorney and mother of six. She gave generously of her time and extended herself to any of the women who might seek her out as a mentor.

This was the third year SUNY Albany has had the Elect Her Training. ~ **Geri Mulligan**



## **Study and Interest Group Meetings for April, 2017**

If you're interested in attending a meeting, contact the leader.



### **Book Chat**

Leader: Ellie Rowland (250-4302)

**Tues. April 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

Born a Crime, by Trevor Noah

Hostess: Maxine Borom

Location: 2171 Fox Hollow Rd.

### **Book Exchange 1**

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)

No regular meetings

### **Book Exchange 2**

Leader Ellie Rowland (250-4302)

No regular meetings

### **Couples Gourmet**

Leaders: Faith Weldon (393-0048)

Pat Terry (372-8431)

**April 7, 2017, 7 p.m.**

Theme: Gran Cocina Latina

Co-Hostesses: Joanne Chambers

Gail Puckett

### **Diverse Topics**

Leaders: Barbara Aldi (372-4802)

Gerri Pinkerton (346-4560)

**April 17, 2017, 1:30 pm**

**Program : Mind games with Eleanore**

Hostess : Robin Eddy

1222 Hempstead Road

Co-hostess: Eleanor Aronstein

### **Mah Jongg**

Leader: Dottie Potchnik

**April 10, 1:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Bobbi Richardson

Location: 1417 Fox Hollow Road

**April 24, 1:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Arlene Maranville

Location: 1 Maywood Drive

### **Quote of the Month**

"I always feel the movement  
is a sort of mosaic.

Each of us puts in one little stone,  
and then you get a great mosaic at the end."

**Alice Paul**



### **Modern Literature**

Leaders: Joan Bergin (399-1861)

Mary Delory (393-6811)

**April 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks

Reviewer: Grace Riccobono

Hostess: Toni Walsh

Location: 113 Alexander Avenue

Co-Hostess: Arlene Maranville

### **Quilting**

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)

**April 25, 2017, 1:00 p.m.**

**Program: Tie-In**

**Hostess:** Marguerite Pileggi

Location: 3 Robin's Nest

### **Science Topics**

Leader: Nancy Walden (280-8065)

**April 3, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Ellie Rowland

Location: 1 Glen Eddy Drive, Niskayuna

**Program: Mini Topics**

Maxine Borom and Nancy Walden

### **Varied Interests**

Leaders: Reba Mehan (374-7886)

Carol Reynolds (377-3856)

**April 13, 2017, 12:30**

**Program: Harry and Joan Thornhill**

**Our stay in Ghana**

Hostess: Carol Reynolds

609 Engleman Avenue

Co-Hostess: Toni Walsh

Alice Paul was an American suffragist and women's rights activist. She was one of the main leaders and strategists of the 1910s campaign for the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which prohibits sex discrimination in the right to vote.

**American Association of University Women**  
**AAUW Schenectady Branch Membership Renewal**  
*July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018*



(Please Print and Circle changes that needs to be adjusted in the directory)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*(Any changes that occur in the future, please let us know promptly – for the newsletter and next year’s directory.)*

***SPECIAL INCENTIVE #1***

***If you pay your dues  
by May 17<sup>th</sup> pay only:***

***Check appropriate category:***

<input type="checkbox"/> AAUW (\$49) + NYS (\$13) + Branch Member (\$16)	\$78.00	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid Life Member Renewal (NYS + Branch)	\$29.00	\$26
<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Membership + NYS + Branch \$980 + \$29 = \$1,009.00 (In subsequent years you will only have to pay only Branch and Local dues)		\$1,006
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual Branch Member in NYS	\$16.00	\$13
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual Branch Member living out of NYS	\$29.00	\$26
<input type="checkbox"/> *Honorary Life Member (50-year member)	\$ 0	

***\*Honorary Life Members should return this form to keep your info. up-to-date in the directory.***

I prefer to receive VISIONS ....  in color via email attachment /  mailed (Black and white copy)

*If you spend part of the year out of town and wish to receive your mailed newsletters during that time,*

Months you’ll be away: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate address: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer VISIONS to be e-mailed while I’m away.

Mail your dues check payable to **AAUW Schenectady Branch:**

**Jackie Mendini**  
**AAUW Schenectady Branch**  
**5 Durham Court**  
**Niskayuna, NY 12309**

Questions? Contact Jackie at [jamendini@yahoo.com](mailto:jamendini@yahoo.com) or 869-3816

**SPECIAL INCENTIVE #2**

If you pay before our annual dinner, you will be eligible for 1 of 2 free National memberships worth \$49. The drawing will take place at the dinner. You don’t have to be at the dinner to be a winner.

**OPTIONAL DONATION:** In addition to my membership check, I am including another check(s) with my donation(s) to further AAUW’s work. See page 8 in your directory for descriptions of funds.

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAUW Funds                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy Fund         | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleanor Roosevelt Fund      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Opportunities Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Evvie Currie Giving Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Schenectady Branch          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Action Fund              | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Programs Fund   | Scholarships or programs to help support young women |

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Suggestions for program topics or speakers that would be good for a general meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for fundraising projects/events: \_\_\_\_\_



### VISIONS

**Schenectady Branch Newsletter AAUW  
(published monthly except  
January, July, August)**

The deadline for newsletter items is the  
1<sup>st</sup> week of the month  
prior to publication.

**Editors:** Robin Eddy and Bobbi Richardson

**Circulation:** Carol Reynolds

**President:** Eleanor Aronstein

**Website:** <http://schenectady-ny.aauw.net>

### AAUW's MISSION

AAUW Advances Equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

### AAUW's VISION

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.

### AAUW's PROMISE

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and educational barriers to so that all women have a fair chance.

### IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE AAUW VALUES and seeks 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.

*AAUW  
Schenectady Branch  
C/O Robin Eddy  
1222 Hempstead Road  
Niskayuna, NY 12309*

