

April's General Meeting

Visit to the Charlton School
Lake Hill Road
Burnt Hills

The Charlton School is a not-for-profit residential treatment center and special education school for girls in the 8th to 11th grades.

*Wednesday, April 20
3:30 p.m.*



An opportunity to tour the new school building, the indoor riding arena, the stalls and the equine classroom.

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Mark your Calendar



Wednesday, April 6
Board Meeting 6:45
Niskayuna Town Hall

Tuesday, April 12
Equal Pay Day

Fri.-Sun., April 15-17

Friday, April 22
Earth Day

Wednesday, May 18
Annual Dinner

Saturday, May 21
Niska-Day Plant Sale

Saturday, June 4
Garage Sale

Saturday, June 4
Children's Arts Festival



Wednesday, April 20
General Meeting 3:30
Charlton School tour

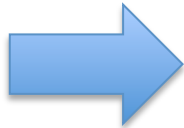


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's spring and hope springs eternal, but our branch is also mourning the loss of three long time members, Judy Block, Grace Mueller, and Jennie Pennington. Each woman brought a unique presence and skill set to our branch and they will all be sorely missed.

Please use this time to reflect on what you can do to enrich our organization and what you can do to enhance our already rich palette of programs and activities. We are all dependent on each other's uniqueness and willingness to participate to maintain the vitality of our wonderful AAUW Branch. Let's do this as a gift to ourselves and as a tribute to the three members who are no longer with us.

In addition, I am asking each of you to do two specific things: First, make an effort to come to our General Meetings and bring someone new along with you! Second, consider participating in a new Study or Interest Group. Our groups provide camaraderie while exploring interesting topics. In other words, use what our branch has to offer you as an opportunity to grow. Certainly, Judy, Grace and Jennie enriched our organization by their contributions. *Eleanor Aronstein*



Membership Matters: Tax Credit Reminder

\$46 of you \$49 national dues is tax deductible

Your Renewal Membership Form is included in this newsletter
or you can find it on our website at
<http://schenectady-ny.aauw.net/membership/membership->

Visiting the Charlton School

We will be forming carpools to the Charlton School
contact Bobbi Richardson at (518) 346-6697 or roberta_richardson@hotmail.com.

If you go directly, meet in the main lobby.



The Charlton School was established in 1895 as an orphanage. In 1954 it became a residential treatment center for girls. Today, Charlton deploys the most modern and evidenced-based treatment and educational approaches available to help girls who are struggling to be successful in school and life. The School offers many programs designed to help students develop a wide range of educational, emotional, and social skills, and the knowledge and confidence to apply them to all aspects of their lives—now and in the future.

Charlton's animal care program is an important part of the overall treatment program. Students nurture and care for a variety of domesticated animals (horses, chickens, etc.), which strengthens, esteems and facilitates their growth and healing. Students also experience privilege, responsibility, and the personal reward of success. The riding program has opened up a new world of learning and responsibility for many of the students. Students learn about relationships and commitment while caring for the horses and they experience the joy of riding.

Jennie Pennington, who served on the Board of the Charlton School, coordinated this event for us.

Nominating Committee Report 2016-2017

Robin Eddy and Bobbi Richardson, chairs of the Nominating Committee, are pleased to present the following slate of officers for 2016-2017. They were endorsed by our AAUW-Schenectady board in March.

President: Eleanor Aronstein
Program Vice President: Arlene Maranville
Membership Vice President: Joanne Van Genderen
Public Policy Vice-President: Linda Rizzo
AAUW Funds: Maxine Borom & Miriam Cajuste
Treasurer: Ann Hicks
Secretary: Ellen Auerbach



These candidates will be voted on at our Annual Dinner on May 18th.



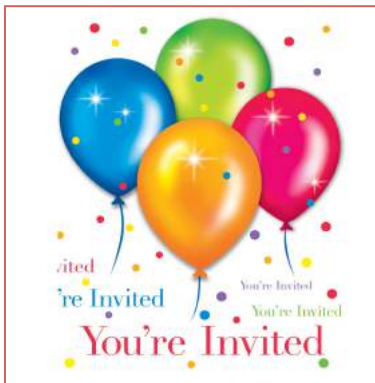
We are in need of someone with computer skills to do the directory.
If you are interested, please contact Robin Eddy at rjeddy321@gmail.com or 346-1683.

May Annual Dinner

Wednesday, May 18th
Mohawk Golf Club
6 pm

Cost: \$27

Please make checks out to:
AAUW Schenectady Branch
Reserve by May 12



Program
Buffet Dinner
Special Member Recognition
Installation of Officers

Mail to: Ellen Auerbach
848 Beech Drive
Niskayuna, NY 12309

Niska-Day Plant Sale – May 21

Niska-Day will once again be held at Craig School, Niskayuna. Start thinking about digging plants and potting them up for our sale. The plants do much better if they are potted in clumps at least 3 weeks prior to the sale so they are well established.



Spring Garage Sale – June 4

A spring garage sale will again be held at Maxine Borom's house on June 4th. For this to be a success we need items to sell. In the past two years the sale has made \$800 – per sale. One item that has been in very short supply is books. These are always a big seller and we have had very few in these past two sales. Remember that all unsold books are donated to the library. Arrangements can be made with Maxine (370-2662) to drop off items at her house for the sale. Thank you for your support. ~ Pat Terry



What do your annual dues support?

By Edwina Frances Martin, Esq., AAUW-NYS President

When you pay your annual dues, a portion goes to AAUW national, a portion goes to the state, and a portion goes to your local branch. AAUW national is the national voice for AAUW, promoting the mission, vision and goals of AAUW on a national level, and providing support to members and branches through leadership, grant and scholarship programs and funding. AAUW-NYS provides support to its local branches to promote AAUW, raise visibility, provide community leadership, and attract new members dedicated to the mission of AAUW. At the local level, members live the mission of AAUW and are the lifeblood of the organization – giving local scholarships, collaborating with like-minded organizations to address critical community needs, and providing leadership in their local communities on issues of importance to AAUW. Your annual dues support:

A partial list

The lobbying, public policy and research work of the national office, including in 2015-16:

- Fighting for women’s rights – recent work includes addressing sexual assault on campus;
- Promoting STEM careers for young girls and women;
- Advocating for Pay Equity;
- Producing the report [*Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women’s Success in Engineering and Computing*](#), which takes a closer look at the STEM fields where the jobs are but women aren’t;
- Lobbying for [*Reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\)*](#);
- Producing a [*New Toolkit for Title IX Coordinators*](#);
- Lobbying for the [*STEM Opportunities Act of 2015 \(H.R.467\)*](#); and
- Continued advocacy on issues such as the [*Gender Wage Gap, Work-Life Balance, and Economic Justice*](#) (i.e., the Paycheck Fairness Act, increasing the Minimum Wage, Paid Family Leave and Paid Sick Days, Health Care and Reproductive Health, and Decreasing Student Loan Debt).

(There are more – to be continued in future newsletters)

The combination of national, state and local work is what makes being a member of AAUW so powerful and special – we are truly the change makers of our communities and our nation!



Quote of the Month

“Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that she is often asked how many women on the Supreme Court would be “enough”.

Her answer: “When there are nine. For most of the country’s history there were nine and they were all men. Nobody thought that was strange.” She explained.



**American Association of University Women
AAUW Schenectady Branch Membership Renewal
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**



(Please Print and fill out the 2 sides)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ E-mail _____

Check appropriate category:

*If you renew before
May 18st*

___ AAUW (\$49) + NYS (\$13) + Branch Member (\$16)	\$78.00	\$75.00
___ Paid Life Member Renewal (NYS + Branch)	\$29.00	\$26.00
___ Dual Branch Member in NYS	\$16.00	\$13.00
___ Dual Branch Member living out of NYS	\$29.00	\$26.00
___ Honorary Life Member (50-year member)	\$ 0	

To keep our directory up-to-date, Honorary Life Members need to return this form.

I prefer to receive VISIONS. ___ in color via email attachment / ___ be mailed to me via USPS.

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:**

On or Before June 30th

**Pat Gregory
AAUW Schenectady Branch
26 Central Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

After July 1st

**Joanne Van Genderen
AAUW Schenectady Branch
710 Charles Street
Scotia, NY 12302**

Questions? Contact Pat at pgregor1@nycap.rr.com or 306-4171

Optional Donations: In addition to my membership check, I am including another check(s) with my donation(s) to further AAUW's work. See page 10 in your directory for descriptions of funds.

___ AAUW Funds	___ Public Policy Fund	___ Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
___ Educational Opportunities Fundddd	___ Evvie Currie Giving Circle	___ Schenectady Branch
___ Legal Action Fund	___ Leadership Programs Fund	Scholarships to help support high school and college females pursue their education

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

Suggestions for fundraising projects/events: _____

(continued on the back)

Name _____

Positions(s) I've held in AAUW (Officer, Interest group /Project/Event leader, etc.) _____

Community Organizations I belong to: _____

Places I volunteer at: _____

AAUW PRIORITIES OF INTEREST TO YOU – Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy/Legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College affiliates | <input type="checkbox"/> International Women's Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Health |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> World Events/Issues |

INTEREST GROUPS (groups in bold currently exist) – Check all that interest you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Exchange (no meetings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Thumb Ladies | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Gourmet | <input type="checkbox"/> Hikes/Walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Topics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Events/Get-togethers | <input type="checkbox"/> International Travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Serendipity Trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Language Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge or Couples Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Mah Jongg | <input type="checkbox"/> Word Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Concert Goers | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Literature (evening) | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse Topics/Varied Interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie/Theater Group | * Other groups I would be interested in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gals' Gourmet | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Trips | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | _____ |

TALENTS/RESOURCES (I can help the branch with....)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Give a hand where needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a greeter at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Take minutes at board meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branch leadership position | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branch newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport members to meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branch website | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter mailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of home for event for 20+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair short-term event | <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Write publicity articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | * Other ways I can help the branch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer help | <input type="checkbox"/> School library/tutoring | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraisers | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks for general meetings | _____ |

I would be willing to volunteer at Branch Community Outreach Projects

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital District Election Service
(collect election results) | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Proctor SAT Practice test |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Plays | <input type="checkbox"/> Niska-Day Plant Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting elected officials in
Albany |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College recruitment or events | <input type="checkbox"/> Schenectady Children's Arts
Festival | |

List places where we might have a general meeting where you have contacts:

I would like a ride to general meetings _____

Other suggestions to the Branch _____



Study & Interest Group Meeting
April 2016

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

Book Exchange I

Leader: Dottie Potochnik (399-3854)
No regular meetings

Book Exchange 2

Leader: Ellie Rowland (250-4302)
No regular meetings

Couples Gourmet

Co-Leaders: Pat Terry (377-8431)
Faith Weldon (393-0048)
Friday April 8, 7:00 p.m.
Theme: Healthy at Home
Host: Barbara Piliere (371-8312)
Location: 15 Sandlewood, Clifton Park

Diverse Topics/Varied Interests

Leaders: Gail Karl (393-7590)
Reba Mehan (393-0048)

Monday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.

Program: Antique Road Show
Speaker: Mark Lawson
Hostess: Gail Karl
Location: First Reform Church
8 N. Church St. Schenectady



Modern Literature

Leader: Joan Bergin (399-1861)
Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.
Book: **Shakespeare Saved My Life**
By Laura Bates
Reviewer: Mildred Creasey
Hostess: Susie Leon ((609) 221-4987)
Location: 12 Laury Lane, Glenville
Co:hostess: Ellie Rowland

Mah Jongg

Leader: Dottie Potochnik
Monday, April 11, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Robin Eddy
Location: 1222 Hempstead Road. Niskayuna

Monday, April 25, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Dottie Potochnik
Location: 5000 Queen Philomena Blvd.
#229, Schenectady

Quilting

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi
Monday April 26, 1:00 p.m.
Program: Tie In
Hostess: Marguerite Pileggi
Location: 3 Robin's Nest, Niskayuna

Science Topics

Leader: Emily Hart (374-3229)
Monday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Program: Hair Lice & Fungus
Speaker: Emily Hart
Hostess: Ellie Rowland
Location: 26 Lois Lane, Niskayuna

Word Games

Leader: Eleanor Aronstein (265-2500)
Stimulate your mind!
If interested contact Eleanor



In Memory of
Jennie Pennington
Friend, Colleague, Sister
March 6, 2016





VISIONS

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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.



Schenectady Branch

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Forward**