

# Join us at our December Luncheon

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**The Glen Sanders Mansion**



## Menu

**Salad:** Baby Greens Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Olives  
**Entrée:** Nantucket Chicken with Apple Cranberry Orange Dressing  
Market fresh vegetables, Potato and Rolls  
**Dessert:** Chocolate Layer Cake with Raspberry Sauce

Vegetarian and gluten-free meals are available.  
Contact Faith Weldon if you're interested in this option.

**Cost:** \$25 includes tax and gratuity.

**Contact Faith Weldon TODAY at 399-0048 or [fpweldon@gmail.com](mailto:fpweldon@gmail.com)**  
**if you're able to attend and haven't yet sent in your check.**

Please make checks payable to **AAUW Schenectady Branch**.  
We will be having our popular wine raffle again with wine donated by  
our Study and Interest Groups.

As in the past, our branch collects items for a local organization helping  
needy women and children. This year the board decided to donate to the  
YWCA for women in their domestic violence shelter, in their emergency  
housing and to their children.

Items that are needed are toys for infants-teens, gift cards to local  
supermarkets and/or drug stores, socks, soap, shampoo, feminine  
products, etc.

## January's General Meeting



January 20, 2016  
**2:30 p.m.**  
McChesney Room  
Schenectady County Public Library



Program: **OPERATION DEEP FREEZE**

**How the Stratton Air Force Base supports Scientists in the Field**



## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

I'm writing this just a couple of days before Election Day. A couple of weeks ago, I participated in the Candidates Forum in Schenectady with members of AAUW and the League of Women Voters. It's hard to believe that less than one hundred years ago, women still couldn't vote in national elections and in many states. How times have changed, thankfully! Our organization provides us with so many benefits: social outlets, creative/artistic opportunities, intellectual growth and an opportunity to be heard on the state and national level. There is strength in numbers!

When you join the Schenectady branch, you also become a member of the national organization. At the national level, AAUW is our lobbying, public policy and research arm. AAUW has voiced our concerns/opinions on a wide range of issues, ranging from policies affecting women and STEM (Science, technology, engineering, math), to campus sexual assault policies, and to pay equity, among other issues.

As an AAUW member, you have an opportunity to let members of Congress and the President know where you stand on issues by using the Two-Minute Activist tool. Almost 21,000 messages were sent in 2014 - a significant number. Visit the National AAUW website - and take advantage of all that it has to offer.

Of course, visit the Schenectady website, too - and definitely take advantage of all that we have to offer! Perhaps stretch beyond your comfort level and join a new group, take up a new activity! Meeting new people and becoming more involved is one of the benefits of being a member!

~ **Eleanor Aronstein**

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## ***MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!***

As I write this, "Suffragette" is premiering in area movie theaters, and it led me to realize once again how hard-fought our equality battles have been, and how necessary it is to continue empowering women. Our struggles with domestic violence and gender pay gap go on.

Won't you please consider giving a grad a gift of a FREE national membership? She/he can be a two or four-year college grad within two years of graduation. She/he will gain expanded networking opportunities & resources thanks to our 170,000 members-strong organization.

I am keeping close tabs on two of my former tutees as they move through their college years; won't you join me in a gift much more meaningful than an iTunes gift card? ~ **Pat Gregory**

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## **Quote of the Month**

*"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.  
If you want to touch the present, touch a flower.  
If you want to touch the future, touch a life."*

Author Unknown

# December is a time for GIVING

*End-of-the-year Appeals are appearing on a regular basis at this time of the year.  
Please consider including your favorite AAUW Fund (on page 10 of your directory)  
as you write out your philanthropy checks this year.*

*It's a great way to show support for the work AAUW is doing in their quest  
to support women and girls. ~ Maxine Borom and Miriam Cajuste*

## **Support for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)**

As we approach tax season it is a good time to consider giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund. It is an AAUW landmark program that supports plaintiffs who fight gender discrimination and harassment in the workplace and in education. Since 1981, LAF has given more than \$1.4 million to support more than 100 cases across the country.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. Through the Legal Advocacy Fund we are able to make an impact. Consider LAF when you make your annual donations. AAUW is a top rated charity

~ **Bobbi Richardson**

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

***To all Candidates Forum Helpers, Take Me to Vote Material Distributors,  
and Election Night Polling Results Collectors (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE):***

Without people like you AAUW could not fulfill its mission, and for your efforts we are all grateful. Not only did you cooperate, but you did these unglamorous but important jobs with grace and good humor! You ARE appreciated. ~ **Maxine Borom**

## **The AAUW-NYS Conference will be in SARATOGA!**

**Volunteers are NEEDED to help with:**

- **Registration**
- **Hospitality**
- **Photography**
- **Signage**
- **Tour Assistance**



**2016 AAUW NEW YORK  
STATE CONVENTION**

*AAUW Women on the Move:  
Achieving Women's Economic Justice*

**APRIL 15-17**

Contact Eleanor Aronstein at 845-462-6452 or [eleanoraronstein@aol.com](mailto:eleanoraronstein@aol.com) if you'll be able to help out. Though the conference is in April, the organizers need to fill the slots and understandably don't want to wait until the last minute.

## ***Study and Interest Group Meetings for Dec. 2015 – Jan. 2016***

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

### **Book Exchange 1**

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi(280-5623)

No regular meetings

### **Book Exchange 2**

Leader: Ellie Rowland (370-1958)

No regular meetings

### **Couples Gourmet**

Leaders: Faith Weldon, Pat Terry (372-8431)

**December 11, 2015** 7 p.m.

Theme: Traditional Fare

Hostess: Jennie Pennington

2276 Sweet Briar Rd, Nisk (372-7503)

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**: Brunch Edison Club

### **Diverse Topics**

Leader: Gail Karl (393-7590)

**December** –No program

**January 18, 2015** 1:30-pm

Program: Word and Brain Strategy Games

And their effect on intelligence

Presenter: Eleanor Aronstein

Hostess: Ellie Rowland (250-4302)

216 Lois Lane, Niskayuna

### **Modern Literature**

Leader: Joan Bergin (399-1861)

**December**- No meeting

**January 11, 2016** 7:30pm

Book: The Tower, The Zoo, and the Tortoise

Julia Stuart

Reviewer: Toni Walsh

Hostess: Dottie Potochnik (399-3853)

5000 Queen Philomena Drive Schenectady

Co Hostess: Mary Delroy

### **Quilting**

Leader: Pat Terry

No meeting in December or January

### **Science Topics**

Leader: Emily Hart (371-3229)

**December 7, 2015** 7:30pm

Program: Hot topics

Presenter: Miriam Cajuste and Sally Dewes

Hostess: Harriet Severonko (577-1612)

23 Old Coach Rd, Scotia

**January 4, 2016** 6:00pm

Holiday Dinner TBD

### **Varied Interests**

Leader: Reba Mehan

December no meeting

**January 14:** no program

**January 20:** sponsoring general meeting

### **Mah Jongg**

Leader: Dottie Potochnik

**December 14:** Arlene Maranville

**December 28:** Ellen Auerbach (381-4432)

848 Beech Drive, Niskayuna

### **Serendipity**

Leaders: Jennie Pennington (372-7503)

TBD

### **Word Games:**

Leader: Eleanor Aronstein (265-2500)

TBD





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

### VISIONS

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

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

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**Editor:** Robin Eddy

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## Mark your Calendar

*No Board Meeting in December*

**Monday, December 1**

World AIDS Day

***\* RESERVATIONS DUE  
for our December luncheon***

**Saturday, December 5**

Luncheon at The Glen Sanders  
Mansion, Scotia 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 10**

UN Human Rights Day

**Wednesday, December 31**

***Last day to make an AAUW  
donation for a 2015 tax  
deduction.***

**January 2015**

***Cervical Cancer  
Awareness Month***

**Wednesday, January 1**

Happy New Year

**Sunday, January 11**

Human Trafficking  
Awareness Day

**Thursday, January 29**

6th Anniversary of the  
Lily Ledbetter Act –  
Equal Pay & Paycheck  
Fairness

**April 17-19**

AAUW-NYS Convention  
Byblos Niagara Resort  
Grand Island, NY

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