

Join us at our December Luncheon

**Saturday, December 6th
11:30 a.m.
The Glen Sanders Mansion**



Our luncheon program will feature a classical guitarist who is a student at Schenectady County Community College and a Silent Wine Auction with wine donated by our Study and Interest groups.

Menu

Salad: Baby Greens Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Olives

Entrée: Sautéed Chicken with Sage Apple Stuffing and Sauce Supreme
Market fresh vegetables, Potato and Rolls

Dessert: Chocolate Layer Cake with Raspberry Sauce

Vegetarian and gluten-free meals are available (contact Bobbi)

Cost: \$25 includes tax and gratuity.

Checks should be made out **AAUW Schenectady Branch**

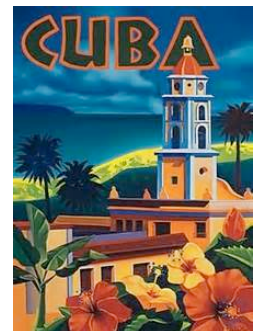
Mail to: *Bobbi Richardson, 1417 Fox Hollow Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309*

Reservation Due: *Monday, December 1st*

January's General Meeting

**Wednesday, January 21st at 1:00 pm
In the Edison Room at the The Glen Eddy**

Directions: Balltown Rd. towards Mohawk Commons
Turn **left** onto Consaul Rd. by Stewards and go 1 mile
Turn **left** onto Glen Eddy Rd. (0.2 mi.)
Take **2nd right** to the building at the top of the hill



Program: **A Trip to Cuba!**

Find out how Cuba, the Communist country in the Caribbean, has fared after over 50 years under a U.S. embargo, and view photos of Maxine and Miriam's amazing journey to the island.

Presenters: **Maxine Borom and Miriam Cajuste**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

People join organizations for a variety of reasons. Some join to support a cause or contribute to the betterment of their local community. Others join to find agreeable company. And some join to increase participation in a particular interest or activity. How fortunate we are, as members of AAUW; we do all of this with our membership and participation.

We do face challenges, however. As individuals, ask yourself what you can do. First and foremost, make an effort to attend the General Meetings. The speakers we get are wonderful, stimulating, enjoyable. And they are varied; they broaden our horizons. This month, please join us at our December Luncheon at the Glen Sanders Mansion (See reservation information on the page 1. Your check is due on December 1st). Additionally, make a call to a fellow member and offer her a ride. Reach out - it's a gracious gesture, and you will be doing a small helpful part to help save the environment.

Finally, thanks to those of you who took represented AAUW at the Candidates Forums, distributed information to local elementary schools in the Take Me to Vote project, and collected election results after the poles closed on Election night. Not only is our help at these events always greatly appreciated, it also helps to make the public aware of our organization.

As the cold days of winter approach, I feel fortunate to be warmed by my membership in this wonderful branch. ~ **Eleanor Aronstein**

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Sometimes it's hard to ask a friend to sign up to be an AAUW member or invite them to attend one of our events. You might feel as if you are putting someone on the spot. One of our best recruitment tools is making the person aware of what our branch has to offer.

Here are some of the reasons you might offer to get someone interested:

- 1- Belief in the mission – equity for women and girls involving fair pay, gender gap in STEM, education, philanthropy and research
- 2- A desire to give back to the community through scholarships, SAT practice, Schenectady Kids Arts Festival, Candidates Forums, Voter Information to Schools, Election Results for the media, Niska-Day participation, volunteering, and involvement with other women's groups.
3. Social Interaction – a place to make new friends and connect with others

Take a chance and ask a friend to join you at our next meeting. You never know. She may want to become a member. ~ **Arlene Maranville and Pat Gregery**

Quote of the Month

*"Women, like men, should try to do the impossible.
And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others."*
Amelia Earhart

In Memory of

Mary Smallwood
who passed away in October

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On election night a group of wonderful volunteers from the LWV and AAUW collected the polling results from most of the locations in Schenectady for the news media. For their efforts, the two organizations received a reimbursement from the Capital District Election Service. The collectors included the following people:

Kay Ackerman, Ellen Auerbach, Ruth Bonn, Trudy Carpenter, Betsy Chase, Sandra Daly, Sally Dewes, Robin Eddy, Janet Elliot, Joan Elliott, Nancy Goldblatt, Ann Gray, Ann Hicks, Roy and Susan Keats, Carol Kirk, Pat Lambert, Cathy Lewis, Helen MacDonald, Pat MacKinnon,, Barbara McEvoy, Susan Meggs, Reba Mehan, Judy and John Middelkoop, Cheryl Nechamen, Inge-Lisa Pangburn, Geri Pinkerton, Carol Reynolds, Roberta Richardson, Helga Schroeter, Dick Shave, Pat Shuff, Pat and Dick Terry, Joann and Peter Tobiessen, Faith Weldon.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you! (It should be noted that this is an example of our many "unsung" activities to promote democracy!) ~ **Maxine Borom**

December is a time for GIVING

*Plan a Gift That Will Change Lives for Women and Girls
Give a Legacy Gift to remember AAUW in your estate plans.*

For each of us, philanthropy is intensely personal. It is an expression of our values and our vision of the world we hope to create for the next generation. When you plan a gift to AAUW in your long-term estate or financial plans, you affirm your commitment to women and girls so that AAUW's mission of programs, research, and a public policy agenda is provided for future generations.

There are many ways to make a planned gift to AAUW. The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. You can also name AAUW as a beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account, real estate, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

For more information about a plan for giving, contact Catherine Heffeman, Senior Manager of Major and Planned Giving, at 877-357-5587 or heffernanc@aauw.org. You can also visit the [AAUW Planned Giving website](http://aauwlegacy.givingplan.net/plan-your-gifts-greatest-impact) at <http://aauwlegacy.givingplan.net/plan-your-gifts-greatest-impact> or read the brochure at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2014/08/Legacy-Circle-Brochure-nsa.pdf>

If you have already provided for AAUW in your estate plans, consider contacting AAUW so that they can thank you and celebrate you as a member of AAUW's Legacy Circle.

