

NOVEMBER'S MEETING

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 P.M.

The McChesney Room
Schenectady County Public Library



The Center for

COMMUNITY
JUSTICE

in the Courts, for the Common Good

Program: *The Community Accountability Board program (CAB)*

Find out how this board holds offenders who have committed quality of life crimes in Schenectady accountable for their choices, teaches them about the impact of their action, creates sentences that strive to repair harm to victims and the community while providing skills for them to avoid reoffending.

Speakers:

Cheryl Vallee, Executive Director The Center for Community Justice
David Reali, Coordinator, Community Accountability Board (CAB)

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Mark your Calendar



Tuesday, November 3
ELECTION DAY!

AAUW volunteers who are collecting election results should arrive at the polling location at about 8:45 p.m.



Wednesday, November 4

Board Meeting: 6:45 p.m.
Niskayuna Town Hall

Wednesday, November 18

GENERAL MEETING

Schenectady County Public Library,
McChesney Room

Saturday, November 28

*** RESERVATIONS due for
our December luncheon
(see page 4)**

Saturday, December 5

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



President's Message

We certainly started the new season of AAUW activities with a wonderful September program. So many of you came - with delicious food to share and good cheer that I waddled away from the meeting. And many of you brought guests, some of whom I hope will join our chapter. It was a great start to the year!

On September 26th, Miriam Cajuste and I attended the District IV Conference in Glens Falls. We both agreed that the topic - Food Insecurity - was a timely one. There was a panel presentation of how the Glens Falls and North Country area are dealing with food insecurity but there was discussion of the needs in other regions of the state, too. Particular mention was made of *Bridges Out of Poverty*, a book which maps out strategies for more effectively working to reduce food insecurity. The absence of good markets in poorer neighborhoods or within reach in very rural areas was one topic which elicited a lot of interest. Here in Schenectady, there is not one supermarket within walking distance in the neediest neighborhoods.

Edwina Martin, our state President, was there and she made a short presentation. Donna Seymour, Public Policy Vice President was there, too, and she suggested that AAUW members call or write letters to their state representatives because Governor Cuomo has not yet signed (as of 9/27/15) the paid Family Leave Bill.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, November 18th.

Eleanor Aronstein

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!
Discounts to AAUW MEMBERS or
a Royalty back to AAUW
to support our programs



Many thanks to "Investigator" Robin Eddy who found a treasure trove of discounts that AAUW members are entitled to. We are 170,000 members and supporters strong across the U. S., so it's clear companies want to align with us.

AAUW offers a free prescription discount card and urges you to compare retail prices. Travel Smart is offering trips to a variety of destinations, as well as cruises, "hot travel deals" and last minute specials. Also, Office Max/Office Depot have up to an 80% discount program on some products. In addition, you will find magazine offers, Princeton Review rebates, information about Road Scholar trips, etc.

Simply get on the www.aauw.org website and use the search word "discounts" or go to <http://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits>.

Pat Gregory

Planned Parenthood has come under the eye of the political hurricane in Washington since several lawmakers are trying to defund the organization. There are many misconceptions concerning the services provided by Planned Parenthood. The organization has been one of the leading health care providers for women especially before the Affordable Care Act. It provides important health care services, sex education, and sexuality information. According to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the organization has provided nearly five million people worldwide with the means to make responsible choices about their sexual and reproductive health.

The Annual Affiliate Service Census Report indicates that 38% of their services are for STI/STD testing and treatment for both women and men, 33.5% for contraception, 14.5% for cancer screening and prevention, 10.4% for pregnancy tests and prenatal services, 3% for abortion services, and 0.6% for adoption referrals and family practice services. It is important to note that not all Planned Parenthood services provide abortions since many do not. The organization is also involved in international activities. These international efforts have attempted to build global partnerships for the purpose of sharing ideas and professional expertise that connect health care and education with advocacy. In many instances, these efforts are vital women's health care needs such as cancer screenings, especially for low income women.

AAUW and Planned Parenthood share core health care values. They support increase access to quality preventive care, and lifesaving cancer screenings. It is important to take the politics out of women's health care. Politicians should not use these issues for their own political gain.

~ **Linda Rizzo**



At our September General Meeting, 2 SUNY Albany students, Julie Alford, a sophomore and Chrisel Martinez, a senior, enthusiastically recounted their experiences at AAUW's National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Maryland this past summer. They were among almost 1,000 other college women from all over the country, representing diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. Sessions were focused on learning new skills and being inspired by outstanding women leaders in medicine, technology, literature, theater, social outreach, education and business.

Julie and Chrisel are eager to recruit students on campus to pursue AAUW's aims. They also look forward to another AAUW/ UAAlbany Elect Her Training, which motivated Julie to run for office last year and win. Julie would like to intern at AAUW headquarters in Washington, D.C. next summer.

~ **Janet Vine**

***White House Launches "Heads Up America" Campaign
to Promote a Community College Plan***

On September 9, at a Maycomb Community College in Michigan, President Obama announced his campaign "Heads Up America" plan to fund two years of free community college for Americans. To boost its launch, the speech featured appearances from celebrities such as Chris Rock and Kal Penn. Advertisements will be released across the country to make the public aware of the president's initiative. The final rule will January 11, 2016. ~ Janet Vine

Did you know: New York City has a number of high schools with grades 9 through 14, incorporating 2 years of community college.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON RESERVATION



Saturday December 5, 11:30 a.m.

At the Glen Sanders Mansion
1 Glen Ave, Scotia

Reservation Due: Saturday, Nov. 28th



Name _____

MENU

Baby Greens Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Olives

Entrée: Nantucket Chicken with Apple Cranberry Orange Dressing

Market Fresh Vegetables, Potatoes and Rolls

Dessert: Chocolate Layer Cake with Raspberry Sauce

Vegetarian and gluten-free meals are available.

Contact Faith Weldon if you want this option at 399-0048 or fpweldon@gmail.com

Cost: \$25, includes tax and gratuity

Please make checks payable to **AAUW Schenectady Branch by November 29.**

Mail to: Faith Weldon, 7 Marilyn Drive, Glenville, NY 12302

We will be having our popular wine raffle at the Luncheon.

Directory Updates

Please add to your directory.

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On Page 11: Diverse Topics meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

Address, Email and Phone Changes: Please contact Pat Gregory, Membership VP with any information about yourself appearing in the current Directory that needs to be corrected. Contact Pat at 306-4171 or pgregor1@nycap.rr.com



Study and Interest Group Meetings for November 2015

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: Jennie Pennington (372-7503)
Jackie Mendini (869-3816)

November 13, 2015 7 p.m.

Theme: Hostess Favorites
Hosts: Betty Rose (399-8467)
19 Parkwood Drive, Burnt Hills
Pat Terry (372-8431)
1059 Garner Ave, Niskayuna

Diverse Topics

Leader: Gail Karl (393-7590)
November 16, 2015, 1:15 p.m.
Program: Luncheon
Restaurant TBA

Modern Literature

Leader: Joan Bergin (399-1861)
Monday, November 9, 2015, **7:30 p.m.**
Book: The Girl on the Train
Hostess: Arlene Maranville(384-1639)
Location: 1 Maywood Drive, Scotia
Reviewer: Joan Bergin

Mah Jongg

Leader: Dottie Potchnik
Monday November 9, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Arlene Maranville (384-1639)
Location 1 Maywood Lane, Scotia
Monday November 23, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Gail Puckette (399-7369)
Location: 28 Via Maria Drive, Scotia

Quilting

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)
November 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Table Runner
Hostess: Bobbie Richardson (346-6697)
Location: 1417 Fox Hollow Road, Niskayuna

Science Topics

Leader: Emily Hart (371-3229)
November 2, 2015 7:30pm
Program: Nancy Walden
Hostess: Julie Burgess (393-9887)
Location: 2165 Appletree Lane, Niskayuna

Varied Interests

Leader: Arlene Maranville (384-1639)
November 12, 2015, 12:30 p.m.
Program: Chair Yoga
Hostess: Pat Buczkowski (372-3893)
Location: 23 Haviland Drive, Scotia

Serendipity

Leaders: Jennie Pennington (372-7503)
November 12 A trip to the Clark Museum
and Lunch
Leaving Schenectady at 9:00 a.m. Returning
about 4:00. Museum admission: \$20.
Contact Jennie if you're interested in going.

Word Games:

Leader: Eleanor Aronstein (265-2500)
Please call if interested

Quote of the Month

*"When you come to a fork in the road,
take it."*

Yogi Berra

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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.



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