

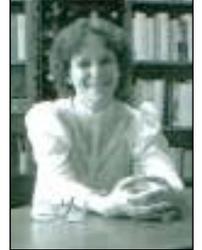
# NOVEMBER'S MEETING

**MONDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** (note day)

**McChesney Room, Schenectady County Public Library  
99 Clinton Street, Schenectady**

Speaker: **Dr. Harriet Davis-Kram**

Program: **"Dying For Beauty"**



Dr. Harriet Davis-Kram, professor of American History at Queens College will enlighten us on how women's desire to fit in would sometimes lead to unexpected and disastrous results.

Dr. Davis-Kram comes to us through the New York Council for the Humanities, which was launched in 1983 to bring together distinguished scholars on a wide range of humanities topics to audiences across New York State. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to host Dr. Davis-Kram.

Our General Meeting, as always, is open to the public, so promote this among your friends.

This "Speaker in the Humanities" event is made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the New York State Legislature.

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## Mark your Calendar



### **Tuesday, November 4** **ELECTION DAY!**

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



### **Wednesday, November 5**

**Aging – Challenges and Opportunities 1:00**  
**(See page 2 for more information)**

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

### **Monday, November 17**

#### **GENERAL MEETING:**

**DYING for Beauty 1:30 p.m.**  
Schenectady County Public Library,  
McChesney Room

### **November 29**

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

### **Saturday, December 6**

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



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We - the members of the Schenectady Branch of AAUW - are a unique community! Our collective experience and expertise make us strong, make us special, make us interesting and interested! Our members, individually and collectively, work to advance the goals and mission of AAUW. We enrich our local community and keep an eye on the broader community, too. To continue to be successful, we need to grow! Invite a friend to one of the monthly General Meetings. Place these General Meetings on your calendar - and make 100% attendance your personal goal! Call another member and offer her a ride - or ask someone to drive YOU, if driving is a problem. We are here for each other.

Part of our mission is to provide opportunities for growth and development of all our members. A less pedantic way to say this is to simply say: WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE FUN AND MEET NEW FRIENDS. To this end, we have a wide range of Study and Interest Groups. These groups can be successful only through your participation and contributions. Look at our varied offerings! Try something a bit out of your comfort zone!

Let's look forward to a wonderful and active year together. ~ **Eleanor Aronstein**

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### **Additional Program: AGING IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF SERVICES AND RESOURCES Challenges and Opportunities**

**AAUW is co-sponsoring this event** with the League of Women Voters, the Department of Senior and Long Term Care Services, and the Jewish Community Center of Schenectady

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

In the auditorium at The Jewish Community Center of Schenectady  
2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY.

Speakers: **Laurie Bacheldor**, Manager of Schenectady County Senior and Long Term Care Services in Schenectady County and

**Ann DiSarro**, Consultant for Senior Services and President of the NYS Coalition for The Aging,

Topics included: Trends in aging - What people should know about the types of services and environment most commonly needed as we age, the availability of such services in our community, and the challenges in obtaining needed services. What we need to keep in mind in our planning while we are still healthy and active, so that we are better positioned to respond to changes in our lives and our family's lives in order to remain in our community; How Medicare and other insurance has changed benefits for long term care needs and what we need to know about Long Term Care Insurance.

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## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!**

AAUW's concentration on the gender gap in the work force came into full focus at a Washington, D.C., forum on women's economic security on September 19<sup>th</sup> of this year. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi were in attendance. Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke, saying, "It is a fact that in 2013 women made 78 cents on every dollar earned by men...we need to tap into the full economic potential of women who need and want to be in the work force on an equal basis." Members, let's be cheerleaders for this issue and write to our NYS Senate and Assembly members to urge them to pass the (languishing) Women's Equality Act which has been held up because of one platform. Carpe Diem! ~ **Pat Gregory and Arlene Maranville**

October is the month for political ads and political campaigns leading to the vote in November. There are many good reasons to vote, but the most important reason is having a government that is responsive to its citizens. The United States of America is a constitutional republic, and its citizens elect their representatives. Because of this, the importance of voting can never be overstated since our elected officials have the opportunity to appoint various people to represent them on a variety of committees.

These appointed individuals reflect the values and philosophies of the elected officials. In many instances, they have direct impact on our lives. Every vote is not only significant but it also counts. Many elections have been decided by 100 or less votes.

There are many issues in the 2014 election that will have an impact on our lives and on future generations. Women's health care rights have again taken center stage. The Hobby Lobby Supreme Court decision has taken away from women some contraceptive choices. Who would have thought that contraceptives would still be an issue with men in leadership and judicial positions? The Fair Pay Act is still being debated on the national and state levels. The Women's Equality Act failed to pass the New York State Legislature for the last two years. There are candidates for the United States Senate and House of Representatives who are claiming, if elected, they will overturn the Affordable Care Act.

Many things may be out of our control, but electing competent leaders to handle these important issues is not one of them. This is within the control of every eligible voter. At election time, we grade our political leaders. By our vote, we give them a passing or failing grade. If we want more public servants elected to office and fewer political operatives, we must vote. Samuel Adams wrote, "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please the individual, but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to his country". When we take our right to vote for granted, we give away our ability to influence our government. In the end, we the people pay the price. ~ **Linda Rizzo**

## Congratulations SUNY ALBANY

*for being one of 12 universities in the U.S.  
to win AAUW's ELECT HER training!  
Our branch is sponsoring them.*

*Thanks to Robin Eddy for editing their  
application and being our liaison!*

## Update Your Directory

Nancy Walden  
204 Glen Eddy Drive  
Niskayuna, NY 12309  
(518) 280-8065  
[nwalden@gleneddy.com](mailto:nwalden@gleneddy.com)

## Thanks from the YWCA

for the many pairs of shoes that AAUW donated  
which they will be exchanging for money in  
support of their Domestic Violence Programs

## Quote of the Month

*"It doesn't matter if the glass is half-empty  
or half-full,  
All that matters is that  
you are the one pouring the water."*

"No matter how troublesome life can become, you are in control of your emotions, decisions and outlooks on situations. Try not to dwell on how empty or full your life, or the lives of others, might be. Believing that you have control over how much water is poured into the glass of life is a powerful skill." ~ **Mark Cuban**, investor, businessman, owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and a "shark" investor on the television series *Shark Tank*.

## In Memory of

**Linda Zuckerman**  
*who passed away on  
September 23, 2014*



## Study and Interest Group Meetings for November 2014

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



### Book Exchange I

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

### Couples Gourmet

Co-Leaders: Jennie Pennington  
(372-7503), Jackie Mendini  
**Friday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.**  
Theme: Cooking Light  
Hostesses: Betty Rose (399-8467)  
19 Parkwood Dr., Burnt Hills  
Pat Terry (372-8431)  
1059 Garner Ave, Niskayuna

### Diverse Topics

Leader: Gail Karl (393-7590)  
**Monday, November 17, 1:30**  
*Join us at the General Meeting!*

### Modern Literature

Co-Leaders: Joan Amell  
(399-4709) Mary Delory (393-  
6811)  
**Monday, November 10,**  
**7:30p.m.**  
Book: Enrique's Journey  
Reviewer: Bobbi Richardson  
Hostess: Carol Reynolds (377-  
3856)  
Location: 609 Engleman, Avenue,  
Scotia  
Co-hostess: Barbara McEvoy

### Mah Jongg

Leader: Robin Eddy (346-1683)  
**Monday, November 10,**  
**1:30p.m.**  
Hostess: Arlene Maranville  
Location: 1 Maywood Dr., Scotia  
**Monday, November 24,**  
**1:30p.m.**  
Hostess: Linda Ward (377-2377)  
Location: 4028 Windsor Dr.,  
Niskayuna

### Niskayuna Book Exchange

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

### Quilting

Leader: Pat Terry (372-8431)  
**Monday, November 18,**  
**10:00am**  
Program: Shaker Exhibit  
Location: NYS Museum

### Science Topics

Leader: Emily Hart (346-1781)  
**Monday November 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
Program: Hot Topics by Winnie  
Balz and Maxine Borom  
Hostess: Emily Hart  
Location: 2159 Rankin Rd.,  
Niskayuna

### Varied Interests

Co-Leaders: Arlene Maranville  
(384-1639), Toni Walsh (372-  
8764)  
**Thursday, November 13, 12:30**  
Program: Medical Innovations  
Speaker: Dr. Wendy Rocher  
Location: McClellan Auditorium  
of Ellis Hospital  
Planner: Reba Mehan

### Serendipity

Co-Chairs: Jennie Pennington (372-  
7503), Reba Mehan (374-7886)  
**Friday, November 7**  
Lunch at the Mexican Radio  
Restaurant, State Street,  
Schenectady

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### **Tuesday, November 18**

*A visit to the Clark Museum*  
We will leave at 9:30 a.m. Call  
Jennie to reserve for these events.

### Word Games

Leader: Eleanor Aronstein  
**\* If interested, call Eleanor at  
265-2500. We need at least 3  
members to continue this group.**

**NEW GROUPS – If you're  
interested in joining a singles  
or couples BRIDGE group,  
contact Linda Ward at  
377-2377.**

# December Luncheon Reservation

**Saturday, December 6, 11:30 a.m.**

*at the Glen Sanders Mansion*

**Reservation Due: November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Menu:

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.

Please make checks payable to AAUW Schenectady Branch by November 29<sup>th</sup>

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

