

OCTOBER'S GENERAL MEETING

District IV Conference
Saturday, October 15 (9am 2 pm)

Theme: Beyond Barriers & Bias:
Filling the Potential for Women



Speakers:
Martha J. Asselin, Ph.D,
Vice-President of
Student Affairs at SCCC

"Moving the Needle for Women in Leadership"

and

Maxine Getty (Reenactor)
Retired Master Sargent, US Air Force



Presents Mary A. R. Livermore
Abolitionist, Teacher, Nurse,
Suffragette & and Writer

Also an update from students who
attended AAUW's Elect Her Training

Following Lunch
Jewelry Workshop
Make a bracelet/Give a bracelet

Program Fee: \$25
includes continental breakfast, lunch
and bracelet materials

Reservation form for Conference on Page 3

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, October 5
Board Meeting, 6:45
Niskayuna Town Hall

October Candidate Forums
See page 3 for details

Tuesday, November 8 
Election Day

December 3
Winter Luncheon
Glen Sanders Mansion, 11:30

President's Message

This morning – reading an article in the *New York Times* about female mathematicians during the early stages of the space age - I was struck by how important their contributions were but by how little these women were valued, both as colleagues and as contributors to a major technological initiative. This wasn't ancient history; this was recent history. And then I thought about the many ways that AAUW works to make sure that this scenario is truly relegated to the past. I thought about the many programs that offer women the skills that they need to make sure that they experience parity in their professional lives. I thought about the scope of our mission - and I renewed my commitment to help move it forward.

Our organization has many programs which offer opportunities to young girls and women and to us, also, to move the issue of equity forward. In addition, we can each focus on a small group or perhaps one individual girl or woman. Perhaps we can mentor an insecure high schooler or read stories to a toddler. Opportunities exist by volunteering for the Working Group on Girls or helping at the Children's Arts Festival. Whatever we do, we should realize that we are a privileged group of well-educated women and we do have a lot to share.

May you all enjoy a happy, productive, and healthy fall. I look forward to seeing you at the District IV Conference on Saturday, October 15 and at future general meetings! Make an effort to come, to bring a friend or neighbor. Let's share what we do with the larger community.

Eleanor Aronstein

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Candidates Forums & Election Night

*We need volunteers to help at the **Candidates Forums**:*

October 18, 7-8:45 pm, Clifton Park Half Moon Library (20th Congressional District)

October 19, 7-9 pm, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, (49th Senate & 112th Assembly Districts)

October 25, 7-8:45 pm, Guilderland Public Library (46th Senate District)

October 26, 6:30-7:45 pm, McChesney Room, SCPL, (Schenectady City Council)

*We also need volunteers to **collect election results** on Tuesday, November 8rd. This is an important and easy task that pays for the tapping of the Candidates Forums. Two people team up to copy the results together. You arrive at the polling place just prior to closing. As soon as the vote is counted you tally the results and call the results in to the TV station. We make a considerable sum for little effort.*

Another opportunity to serve: Maxine is retiring as AAUW's representative to the Working Group on Girls and would like a replacement to represent AAUW. The Working Group on Girls facilitates programs for girls and educates the community about their needs, challenges, opportunities, and successes.

If you can help at any of these events, please contact Maxine Borom at 370-2662 or OmahBorom@m



Legal Advocacy Fund

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to combat sex discrimination through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library and online advocacy tools, and various research reports. LAF has transitioned toward supporting landmark sex discrimination cases in the workplace that have the potential to make a difference for all women.

Please remember that without financial support, AAUW cannot provide these essential programs. We hope you will join other generous donors and support our critical work by making a donation in honor/memory of someone or just because you care about this important work. **Donations may be made by visiting aauw.org/contribute. The deadline for LAF contributions for 2016 is December 31, 2016**

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Examples of How Women are Still Treated Unequally

- Women working full time are paid 80 cents to every dollar men working full time are paid.
- Women hold 19 percent of the seats in the U.S. Congress (104 out of 536).
- Women are 45.4 percent of associates in the legal field, but only 15 percent are equity partners.
- Just 12 percent of engineers are women and the number of women in computing has fallen from 35 percent in 1990 to just 26 percent in 2013.
- More than three-quarters (76 percent) of public school teachers are women, but a mere 20 percent of superintendents are women.

Unfortunately the list continues.

District IV Reservation: RSVP by October 8, 2016

Cost: \$25 AAUW members, \$27 non-members, \$15 students

Send your check payable to "AAUW-Schenectady Branch" with this form to:
Barbara Aldi, 15 Haviland Drive, Scotia, NY 12302

Name _____ Phone: _____

I will be staying for the bracelet workshop? _____ Yes _____ No _____



Study and Interest Group Meetings for October, 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



Book Chat (New Group)

Leader: Ellie Rowland (370-1958)
216 Lois Lane, Niskayuna
October 18, 2016, 7 p.m.
Book: My Name is Lucy Barton
By Elizabeth Strout
Reviewer: Linda Ward
Hostess: Linda Ward
4028 Windsor Drive, Niskayuna

Couples Gourmet

Leaders: Faith Weldon (393-0048)
Pat Terry (372-8431)
October 14, 2016, 7 p.m.
Theme: French
Co-Hostesses: Jackie Mendini
Joann Chambers

Diverse Topics

Leaders: Barbara Aldi (372-4802)
Gerri Pinkerton (346-4560)
October 17, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
Hostess: Barbara Aldi
15 Haviland Drive
Co-Hostess: Geri Pinkerton
Program: Domestic Violence
Mary Pritchard, Shirley Readdean,
Rowie Taylor

Modern Literature

Leaders: Joan Bergin (399-1861)
Mary DeLory (393-6811)

October 10, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Book: Sisters in Law,
By L. Hirshman

Reviewer: Toni Walsh
Hostess: Bobbi Richardson
Location: 1417 Fox Hollow Road, Niskayuna
Co-hostess: Barbara McAvoy

Mah Jongg

Leader: Dottie Potochnik
October 10, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Ellie Rowland
Location: 216 Lois Lane, Niskayuna



October 24, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Arlene Maranville
Location: 1 Maywood Drive, Scotia

Quilting

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)
October 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Christmas Ornaments for Pathways
Hostess: Bobbi Richardson
Location: 1417 Fox Hollow Road, Niskayuna

Science Topics

Leader: Nancy Walden (280-8065)
October 3, 2016
Hostess: Winnie Balz
Location: 1121 Baker Avenue
Program: Mini Topics, Julie Burgess,
Winnie Balz

Varied Interests

Leaders: Reba Mehan (374-7886)
Carol Reynolds (377-3856)
October 13, 2016
Lunch catered by Panera's
Program: Aero Science Muse
Location: Route 50



