

November's General Meeting

MONDAY, November 6th at 6:30 p.m.
Schenectady County Public Library
McChesney Room

Program: *Pioneering Women of Civil War America*



Speaker: Lisa Potocar
Award winning Burnt Hills author



A SPECIAL BONUS: *If someone joins our branch as a new member at the General Meeting, they will be entitled to 50% off their National dues!*



Our December Luncheon at the Glen Sanders Mansion

Saturday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$30



Send your check payable to AAUW Schenectady Branch to:
Barbara Aldi, 15 Haviland Drive, Scotia, NY 12302



*** Please sign up soon! Barbara and Geri would GREATLY appreciate it.**
Your reservation is due by Friday, November 17.
See page 3 for more information.

Mark your Calendar



Monday, October 30 12:00
Spotlight: Albany and Anti-Suffrage
Schenectady County Public Library
McChesney Room

Wednesday, November 1, 6:45 p.m
Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

Tuesday, November 7
Election Day
 
AAUW volunteers who are collecting election results should arrive at the polling location at about 8:45 p.m. Thanks for your help!

Wednesday, November 15 General Meeting (see above)
SCPL in the McChesney Room

Friday, November 17
***RESERVATIONS due for our December Luncheon**

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, November 27 12:00
Program: Women's Suffrage
McChesney Room, SCPL (pg. 2)

No Board Meeting in December

Saturday, December 2
Luncheon at The Glen Sanders Mansion
Scotia, 11:30 a.m.

Presidents' Message



November 6th is the 100th **Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in New York State.** People in New York State were leaders in the woman suffrage movement from 1848 until 1917 when suffrage was legalized in New York State and on to 1920 when the federal government passed the 19th amendment.

Important in the campaign for Women's Rights, was the use of wagons and automobiles to draw attention to the cause. Socialite Rosalie Jones, social justice activist Elisabeth Freeman, and community organizer Edna Kearns hit the trail with their horse-drawn wagons in 1913. Suffrage parades, rallies, soapbox speeches in the streets, pageants, torch-light processions, as well as decorated wagons and autos, represented just a few examples of a public visibility that sent a distinct message: the suffrage movement was on a roll.



The horse-drawn campaign wagons used by Freeman, Kearns and Jones provided mobility for community organizers. A woman driving an automobile or horse-drawn wagon presented a novel and successful tactic that drew attention to the cause.

Votes for Women, Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial, a large-scale exhibition at the New York State Museum will run from November 4, 2017 – May 13, 2018. Featured at the exhibit will be the only known horse-drawn wagon, the ***Spirit of 1776***, used for suffrage organizing that remains in existence today. ~ ***Bobbi Richards on and Robin Eddy***



Two local programs on Women's Suffrage will be presented at the Schenectady County Public Library in the McChesney Room as part of their Books Sandwiched In programs starting at 12:00.

October 30: Program: Albany and Anti-Suffrage, a new exhibit at the Albany Institute of History and Art, will be presented by Patrick Stenshorn, the Interpretive Program Manager at the Institute. He will discuss the founding of the anti-women's suffrage organization in New York in 1894, and the fears that this group had regarding the voting of immigrants, the belief that voting was not a right but a privilege, and that women voting would destroy family life. Women were granted the right to vote in New York in 1917; three years later the federal government granted women the right to vote.



November 27: Program: Women's Suffrage presented by Jennifer Lemak, Chief Curator of History at the New York State Museum, will speak on the exhibit: Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial. She will be joined by Ashley Hopkins-Benton, Senior Historian and Curator of Social History at the New York State Museum. The exhibit opens on Nov. 4, 2017.

Public Policy: *NYS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION - YES OR NO*

Every twenty years, the public has a right to vote on whether the State should hold a Constitutional Convention (ConCon). Any changes made to the current constitution dating back to 1894 were altered in 1938. The last convention was held in 1967 with voters rejecting another convention since that time.

Nonprofit groups like the Legal Aid Society and Planned Parenthood do not support the convention. They fear it could "role back" rights that are now protected in New York State. Many groups fear the outcome of a ConCon. The Working Families Party is teamed with the Conservative Party to defeat this. Planned Parenthood and Pro-Life organizations also are against this convention. LGBT advocates, most unions, and environmental groups are working with the State Rifle and Pistol Association who want this referendum defeated. Organizations that fight each other like "cats and dogs" have now joined forces.

One major concern is putting too much power in the hands of a few. Some are concerned that Albany's culture of corruption could influence the outcome. Also, money from large financial institutions could have negative consequences. Many on Wall Street view our pension system as a drain on the economy. Advocates opposing this believe the convention will undermine the wishes of the people. The greatest fear is the fear of the unknown and what the final outcome will be.

Those in favor claim that the opposition is exaggerating the whole issue. They believe that this will make our government less corrupt. Dick Dadey of Citizens Union stated that those opposed are protecting the status quo. The status quo has a great deal to lose if the power structure is realigned.

The recent Siena Poll showed that 45 percent of voters favor holding a ConCon, 33 percent are opposed, and 22 percent undecided. Those in favor see the convention as political reform and those opposed as reactionary. ~ *Linda Rizzo*

DECEMBER Luncheon (continued)

Glen Sanders will provide cheese and crackers prior to our luncheon as a token of their appreciation. We will be having a served plated luncheon

Menu: Soup: Butternut squash bisque

Choice of One Entrée:

- Chicken Piccata - egg battered chicken, lemon caper sauce, rice pilaf, butter green beans
- Mushroom Ravioli - mascarpone cheese sauce, oven roasted tomatoes, pecorino crumbs

Dessert: Cheesecake served with raspberry sauce and whipped cream, coffee/tea

Program: Vocal group "Just Pitchin'" under the direction of Arla JN Wilding
Schenectady County Community College School of Music

Barbara Aldi and Gerri Pinkerton, our Luncheon Chairs, would greatly appreciate it if you could send in your check for the luncheon soon. It gets stressful when people don't sign up until the last minute.

Welcome to AAUW!

Add their information to your directory

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Legal Advocacy

AAUW works toward gender equity and its Legal Advocacy cases are a significant portion of that effort. Data demonstrating the disparity in wages for men and women and headlines highlighting incidents of sexual harassment or gender discrimination point to the necessity and relevance of the Legal Advocacy Fund.

At the present time, AAUW can take satisfaction from a case which began in 2007 and was settled in May 2017: *Thein v. Feather River Community College*. Paul Thein and two female employees filed a whistle-blower lawsuit against Feather River Community College in California....alleging that the college violated Title IX by retaliating against them for complaining about sex discrimination. The case was settled in May 2017 for \$2 million.

In another case, Aileen Rizo, a math consultant for the Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE) in Fresno, California, filed suit against the FCOE under equal pay and gender discrimination laws after discovering she was paid less than her male colleague who had less experience and seniority. Knowing that the use of salary history is one underlying factor of the gender wage gap, Rizo challenged the FCOE's practice of basing pay exclusively on an employee's salary history. On April 27, 2017, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit handed down an unfavorable decision in Rizo's case. AAUW joined an amicus brief in support of Rizo's petition for rehearing en banc — in front of all the judges of a court rather than only a selected panel — and urged the Ninth Circuit to reconsider, and on August 29 the Ninth Circuit Court granted a petition for rehearing en banc.

These are but two of many worthy cases which AAUW supports. Your contributions to this fund help AAUW work toward equity for women. ~ *Eleanor Aronstein*



Study and Interest Group Meetings for November, 2017

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

Co-Hostess: Susie Leon



Book Chat

Leader: Ellie Rowland (250-4302)
November 14, 2017 2:00 p.m.
Book: Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
Hostess: Bobbi Richardson
Location: 1417 Fox Hollow Rd., Niskayuna

Book Exchange 1

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

Book Exchange 2

Leader: Ellie Rowland (370-1958)
No regular meetings

Couples Gourmet

Leaders: Faith Weldon (393-0048)
Pat Terry (372-8431)
November 10, 2017, 7 p.m.
Theme: Gran Cucina Latina
Co-Hostesses: Bobbi Richardson
Jackie Mendini

Diverse Topics

Leaders: Barbara Aldi (372-4802)
Gerri Pinkerton (346-4560)
November 20, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Eleanor Aronstein
909 Londonderry Court
Co-Hostess: Erica Berger
Program: Humera Khan, recipient of
Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award

Modern Literature

Leaders: Joan Bergin (399-1861)
Mary DeLory(393-6811)
November 13, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Book: Jane Eyre by
Charlotte Bronte
Reviewers: Toni Walsh/Mildred Creasy
Hostess: Bobbi Richardson
1417 Fox Hollow Rd.



Mah Jongg

Leader: Linda Ward
October 9, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Ellie Rowland
Location: 1417 Fox Hollow Road

October 23, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Arlene Maranville
Location: 1 Maywood Drive, Scotia

Quilting

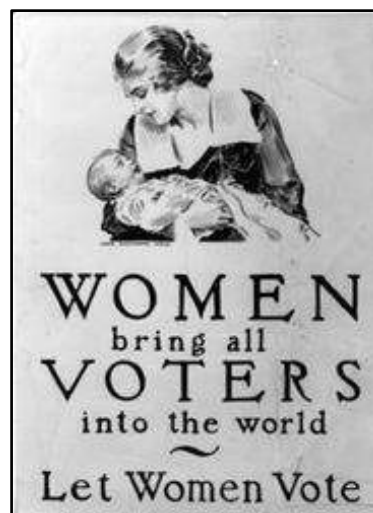
Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)
November 28, 2017
Program: Pat's Surprise
Hostess: Pat Buczkowski
451 Rudy Chase Drive, Apt. 207

Science Topics

Leader: Nancy Walden (518-280 8065)
November 6, 2017, 7:00, pm
Hostess: Dot Gray
Topic: Mini Topics by Ellie Rowland & Dot Gray
Location: Fireside Lounge at the Glen Eddy

Varied Interests

Monthly Leader: Reba Mehan
November 9, 2017, 12:30 p.m.
Location: TBD
Program: Ethic Lunch and Learn





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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