

April's General Meeting



Dr. Mary J. McGinnis
Gynecologist

Dr. McGinnis, is owner & founder
of McGinnis Women's Medical Care
She has dedicated her life for over 40 years to women's health
and is committed to empowering women.

Program:
The Most Common Cancer in Women
And the Least Known

Monday, April 16, 1:30 pm

McChesney Room
Schenectady Public Library

May's Annual Dinner & General Meeting "Let's Celebrate"

Turf Tavern, Scotia
May 16 at 6 pm

Program
Sit-down Dinner
Special Member Recognition
Installation of Officers
Honor our Named Gift Honoree



Cost: \$25.00

Make your check out to AAUW Schenectady Branch by May 11^h

Indicate on check your dinner choice:

Grilled Chicken, Roast Beef or Vegetarian

Mail to: Bobbi Richardson, 1417 Fox Hollow Rd. Niskayuna 12309

OR you can bring your check to the April General Meeting.

Tote Bag Donations for Haitian Women

Bring your tote bags to any General Meeting or to the Annual Dinner
Miriam Cajuste's sister distributes them to needy women in Haiti.



Presidents' Message - CHANGES

This issue of Visions will be the last one for the 2017-2018 year. The Board has agreed to reduce the number of newsletters for the year. We have to make changes to stay within our budget, to relieve the burden and time commitment on our limited group of volunteers serving our Branch. Updates about events will be e-mailed to our members. We have also reduced the number of Board meetings so board members don't have to attend as many evening meetings. They will be held periodically throughout the year. We also need to look at our President position in a creative way, as the office is still vacant. We are open to new and creative ideas in this regard. Our thanks to the Nominating Committee, under the leadership of Eleanor Aronstein, who contacted many members to fill our slate of officers. The Committee came up with a strong slate for 2018-2019, but missing a president and a secretary. Please consider this opportunity to serve.

We still have three months to go and we look forward to our April's General Meeting with Dr. Mary J. McGinnis, our May Annual Dinner, where we celebrate our achievements and ending up in June with the Kids' Art Festival. We learn, we have fun, we volunteer and we advocate for women. Life is Good and we can make it better for all. This is the essence of AAUW's mission. We are stronger together.

Bobbi Richardson and Robin Eddy



Membership Dues Update: AAUW

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first **dues** change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national **dues** will **increase** from \$49 to \$59. Annual **dues** currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs ...

RENEW BY MAY 16 AND SAVE \$\$

A Renewal Membership form is included in the newsletter.

Our Board approved a motion that if you pay your dues by **May 16** you will be able to deduct \$7 off your local dues and have the opportunity to be included in a drawing at our Annual Dinner for one of three **free National Memberships worth \$59**. You don't have to be present to be a winner. Pay your dues by June 30th so you will be included in our Directory. The fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30.

OR

Pay Your Dues On Line USING YOUR CREDIT CARD

To renew your dues on line go to the link in the e-mail that was sent by AAUW National. Click on the blue highlighted text and follow the instructions.

AAUW national membership **dues** are \$59, of which \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is non tax deductible as it supports the AAUW Action Fund, Lobby Corps and Get Out the Vote activities.

The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill LobbCo

From the Voices of Youth - The March For Our Lives

"So we are speaking up for those who can't talk about it just yet, and for those who will never speak again. We are grieving, we are furious and we are using words fiercely and desperately because that is the only thing standing between us and this happening again." Emma Gonzalez, 18

"We are the turn of this century. We are the voice of change. We are here to fix what America is falling short of." Mya Middleton, 16

**The Nominating Committee Submits the following slate of candidates
For your consideration.**

A vote will be taken at our Annual Dinner Meeting



President: **Volunteer(s) needed**
Program: Maxine Borom
Eleanor Aronstein
Membership: Jackie Mendini
Bobbi Richardson
Study/Interest: Mary Delory
Public Policy: Linda Rizzo
Treasurer: Karen Huggins
Secretary: **Volunteer needed**

Bylaws: Robin Eddy
Directory: Julie Panke
Newsletter: Faith Weldon
Publicity: Ellen Auerbach
Circulation: Pat Terry
Website: Robin Eddy
Social Events: Carol Reynolds
Arlene Maranville
College Liaisons: Robin Eddy
Arlene Maranville



**Welcome to AAUW:
Union College now has an
AAUW STUDENT CLUB**



Kids' Arts Festival

The Kids' Art Festival will be held on Saturday, **June 2** from noon to 4 pm in the City Hall/Jay Street area of downtown Schenectady, rain or shine. Our Branch has supported this event for several years. We provide paper tote bags that the children decorate in very creative ways. It is a wonderful activity and it is great way to interact with the children of Schenectady. We are in need of volunteers to help with this activity. Shifts are 12-2 and 2-4. Please contact Gail Karl or Bobbi Richardson. It is always a fun day.



Songs for Suffrage, Voices for Votes

In honor of the passage of Women's Suffrage in New York State in 1917 the Thursday Musical Club women's chorus will present a concert in the Carl B. Taylor Auditorium at Schenectady County Community College on April 11 at 7 pm. The Thursday Musical Club is directed by our own Julie Panke.

Guest artists will include Totally Pitchin', the student a cappella chorus at SCCC that sang at AAUW's Christmas luncheon. A prologue to the concert will be presented by Dawn Standing Woman of Mohawk/Turtle Clan heritage and Eric Marczak, specialist in Native American flutes, illustrating the influence of the Mohawk culture to the suffrage movement. Historical songs from the British suffrage movement will be included as well as contemporary pieces and a musical setting of Sojourner Truth's speech at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851, "And Ain't I a Woman".

A reception and networking event following the concert will include representatives from several local organizations: the SCCC student club of the American Association of University Women, The Schenectady County League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts of USA, and YWCA of Northeastern NY. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors/students and available from the Thursday Musical Club members and at the door.



Study and Interest Groups

April/May/June, 2018

BOOK EXCHANGE I

Leader: Margaret Pileggi
(280-5623)

No regular meeting

Book Exchange II

Leader: Ellie Rowland
(250-4302)

No regular meetings

Book Chat

Leader: Ellie Rowland
(250-4302)

Tuesday, April 17, 2:30 pm

Hostess: Ellie Rowland

216 Lois Lane

Niskayuna

Book: **Driving Miss Norma**

By T. Bauerschmidt & R. Liddle

Tuesday, May 15

Lunch/Planning TBA

Couples Gourmet

Co-Leaders:

Pat Terry (372-8431)

Faith Weldon (399-0048)

Friday, April 13

Dinner Out

Organizer: Jackie Mendini

Friday, May 11, 6:30 pm

Theme: Derby Dinner

Co-Hostesses: Chambers/Rose

Friday, June 8, 6:30 pm

Plein Aire Picnic

Hostesses: Weldon/Piliere

Diverse Topics

Leaders: Barbara Aldi (372-4802)

Monday, April 16, 1:pm

Field trip to Daily Gazette

Mon., May 21, 11:30 am

Planning Meeting/Lunch

Persian Bite Restaurant

Modern Literature

Co-Leaders:

Carol Bergin (399-1861)

Mary Delory (393-6811)

Monday, April 9, 7 pm

Book: **Little Red Chairs**

By Edna O'Brien

Reviewer: Joan Bergin

Hostess: Dottie Potochnik

5000 Queen Philomena Blvd

Kingsway, Sch'dy

Co-Hostess: Grace Ricobono

Monday, May 14, 7 pm

Book: **America's First Daughter**

By Stephanie Dray

Reviewer: Maxine Borom

Hostess: Mildred Creasy

4 Boyle Road, Scotia

Co-Hostess: Joan Bergin

Monday, June 11, 6 pm

Picnic

Hostess: Maxine Borom

2171 Fox Hill Drive

Niskayuna

Mah Jongg

Leader: Linda Ward (377-2377)

Monday, April 9, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Maxine Borom

Monday, April 23, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Arlene Maranville

Monday, May 7, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Robin Eddy

Monday, May 21, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Ellen Auerbach

Monday, June 4, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Bobbi Richardson

Monday, June 18, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Gail Puckette



Quilts

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi
(280-5623)

Tuesday, April 24, 7 pm

Program: Planning

Hostess: Pat Terry

1059 Garner Ave., Niskayuna

Tuesday, May 22

Lunch Meeting

Time & Place TBA

Science Topics

Leader: Nancy Walden
(280-5623)

Monday, April 2, 7 pm

Leader: Sally Dewes

Program: TBA

Hostess: Emily Hart

Location: Glen Eddy

Monday, May 7, 7 pm

Leader: Sue Wright

Program: TBA

Hostess: Ellie Rowland

Location: Fireside Lounge
Glen Eddy

Monday, June 5, 6pm

Picnic/Planning.

Hostess: Maxine Borom

2171 Fox Hill Drive

Niskayuna

Varied Interests

Thurs., April 12, 12:30 pm

Program: Books We've Read

Hostess: Mildred Creasey

4 Boyle Road, Scotia

Thurs., May 10

TBA

Thurs., June 14, 12:30 pm

Picnic at Galway Lake

Hostess: Pat Rankin



Mark your Calendar

Wed April 4, 6:45 pm

Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

Tues., April 10

EQUAL PAY DAY

Wed., April 11, 7 pm

Thursday Musical Club Concert

Taylor Auditorium, SCCC

Wed., April 16, 1:30 pm

General Meeting

McChesney Room, SCPL

April 20-22

NYS Convention

Radisson Hotel, Corning

Info at: www.aauw-nys.org

Wed. May 2, 6:45

Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

Wed., May 11 Reservation Deadline for

Wed., May 16 Annual Dinner Meeting

6:30 pm., Turf Tavern, Scotia

Sat., June 2, 12-4 pm

Kids' Arts Festival, Jay St., Sch'dy

**Summer Leadership
Conference
Cazenovia College
July 20-22
More info:
www.aauw-nys.org**

University Women
AAUWSchenectadyBranch Membership Renewal
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



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☐ **Put an X in this box if there is a change from the information in the directory.**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ E-mail _____

(Any changes that occur in the future, please let us know promptly – for the newsletter and directory.)

*If you renew **BEFORE**
May 16, 2018*

Check appropriate category:

___ AAUW (\$59) + NYS (\$13) + Branch Member (\$16)	\$88.00	\$81.00
___ Paid Life Member Renewal - NYS (\$13) + Branch Member (\$16)	\$29.00	\$29.00
___ National Life Membership + NYS + Branch \$980 + \$29 =	\$1,180.00	\$1,173.00
<i>(In subsequent years you will have to pay only Branch and Local dues)</i>		
___ Dual Branch Member in NYS	\$16.00	\$9.00
___ Dual Branch Member living out of NYS	\$29.00	\$22.00
___ Honorary Life Member (50-year member)	\$ 0	

*** Honorary Life Members need to return this form to be included in the directory.**

I prefer to receive VISIONS ___ in color via email attachment / ___ mailed in black and white

** Due to the increase costs of printing and postage consider having your newsletter emailed.*

If you spend part of the year out of town and wish to receive your mailed newsletters during that time,

Months you'll be away: _____ **Alternate address:** _____

___ **I prefer VISIONS to be e-mailed while I'm away.**

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY:

Mail your dues check **PRIOR TO JUNE 30th** payable to **AAUW Schenectady Branch:**

Jackie Mendini
AAUW Schenectady Branch
5 Durham Court
Niskayuna, NY 12309

☐ **I want my DIRECTORY emailed instead of a printed copy.**

We will be reformmating the directory so it will only include the members information.

Questions? Contact Jackie at jamendini@yahoo.com or 869-3816

Optional Donations: In addition to my membership check, I am including another check(s) with my donation(s) to further AAUW's work. See page 10 in your directory for descriptions of funds.

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|------------------------------------|---|
| ___ AAUW Funds | ___ Leadership Programs Fund |
| ___ Educational Opportunities Fund | ___ Eleanor Roosevelt Fund |
| ___ Legal Action Fund | ___ Schenectady Branch |
| ___ Public Policy Fund | ___ Local Community Efforts |
| ___ Evvie Currie Giving Circle | ___ Scholarships or programs to support women |

Suggestions for General Meeting topics or speakers _____

Suggestions for fundraising projects/events: _____



VISIONS

Schenectady Branch Newsletter AAUW
(published monthly except
January, July, August)

The deadline for newsletter items is the
1st week of the month
prior to publication.

Editors: Robin Eddy & Bobbi Richardson
Circulation: Pat Terry

Co-Presidents: Robin Eddy & Bobbi Richardson

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.



Schenectady Branch
C/O Roberta Richardson
1417 Fox Hollow Road
Schenectady, NY 12309

