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NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 14 at 1:30 pm



McChesney Room

Schenectady County Public Library

Speaker: Dr. Valerie Rapson

Outreach Astronomer at the Dudley Observatory at miSci



Program: Adventures on NASA's SOFIA spacecraft.



OUR DECEMBER LUNCHEON at the TURF TAVERN

Saturday, December 1 at 11:30 am

Cost: \$25

Speaker: Mary Pritchard,

**Program: The History of our AAUW Quilt
&**

A raffle of holiday cheer to benefit LAF

**Our annual toiletry and/or scarf/hat/mittens donation to the women's shelter
(see page 3 for reservation details)**

Mark your Calendar



No Board Meeting in November

Wednesday, November 14
General Meeting (see above)

Tuesday, November 27
Reservation due for the December luncheon

Thursday, November 22
Happy Thanksgiving



No Board meeting in December

Saturday, December 1
Luncheon at the Turf Tavern, Scotia
11:30 am

Friday, December 14
Bracelet Making, Girls Inc.

A Message from our Board

Since 1881 AAUW has been an articulate voice in the struggle for women's rights. Never has this mission been more important than right now. AAUW works to advance gender equity for women and girls by advocating for policies which target educational and economic barriers. Their research has been groundbreaking and has included: **The simple truth about the Gender Pay Gap, Deeper in Debt: Women and student Loans, Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Nonprofit Leadership** and other areas of leadership opportunities, the underrepresentation of girls in STYEM classes and women in science and engineering jobs, and Sexual Harassment. "Through new and traditional media, targeted outreach to policymakers, and member efforts, AAUW research serves as a catalyst for actions."

Part of our local mission has been to provide opportunities to local college women so that they can access and benefit from the leadership training AAUW provides. Not only have we been able to provide scholarships to one student each year for 4 years to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), we also have contributed to SCCC's 3-year AAUW's START SMART license to give their students strategies on how to negotiate for better salaries and benefits. It is impressive to read a Visions article or hear from these young women (2 of these students did a presentation at our District IV conference several years ago) about the impact these AAUW training workshops and conferences have had on their lives.

We have been proactive in empowering local college students and now have AAUW student clubs at SCCC and Union College. We are very cognizant of the imperative that we train, educate and empower the next generation of women to step up to the challenge to achieve true economic and political parity. You can be part of this effort by financially contributing to our efforts.



MEMBERSHIP – Shape the Future Membership Campaign!

AAUW is offering a special discount to new members!

The **Shape the Future** membership campaign is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members and students can take 50 percent off the national dues rate when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually. This is a good time to bring a friend or relative to one of our general meetings

Anyone needing a ride to a general meeting, please call or e-mail Bobbi Richardson at (518) 346-6697 or Roberta_Richardson@hotmail.com. I'd be happy to find transportation. Don't miss out on a program because you don't have a ride. ~ **Bobbi Richardson & Jackie Mendini**

Directory Update – Add the following to your directory

Gail Puckette
518 399-7369

Linda Rizzo
2229 Fairlawn Pkwy
Schenectady, 12309
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518 428-2185. (c)

Diane Whitburn
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Dianew@nycap.rr.com

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Schenectady, 12305

Joanne Chambers
Chambersjp@aol.com.
(518) 371-9265.

Dottie Potochnik - Apt. 213

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Join us on Saturday, December 1st

11:30 am at The Turf Tavern, Mohawk Avenue, Scotia

Choice of **Chicken Florentine**, **Broiled Salmon with Citrus Sauce**, or **Vegetarian Sauté**

Send your check for **\$25**, payable to AAUW Schenectady Branch to:
Arlene Maranville, 1 Maywood Drive, Scotia, NY 12302

Your reservation is due by **Tuesday, November 27**. Please indicate your menu choice on your check.
Send in your check **as soon as possible!** It would make Arlene's job easier.

As we have done in the past, if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves etc. for the women's shelter, we will have a box to collect them.

Our Branch is working with Girls Inc. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

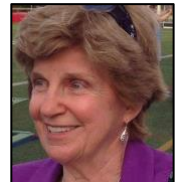
We will be teaching 4th and 5th graders at Girls Inc. to make beaded bracelets.
The girls will be making one bracelet for themselves and one to give as a gift.
We will also be teaching them how to make origami boxes to put their bracelet in.
Friday, December 14 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED

Contact: Gerri Pinkerton: 518 346-4560 gpinkerton@nycap.rr.com
Gail Karl: 518 393-7590 gail@johnkarl.net



Congratulations to Carol Reynolds Our 2018 AAUW Named Gift Honoree!



My mom, Carol Farnan Reynolds, was born and raised in Saratoga County and graduated from Schuylerville High School and the College of St. Rose with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She did her student teaching at Shenendehowa and her first teaching job was in Schenectady City School District.

She was married to Leo in 1958 and just celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary this past April 12th. After having her first child she continued to substitute teach in the area for about a decade and raised four children, and managed and operated a restaurant in the Catskill mountains during the summers for five years.

When her nest was empty she went back to work for 7 years as a counselor at The Diet Center, and then for a decade for the family business, Reynolds Tax Service. She has been a grandmother for 34 years and still gets called upon regularly for helping with the youngest of her 13 grandchildren. (Which you would think she would be done with by now!)

She has been an active member of AAUW for many years, especially the Varied Interest group, and (I know she was treasurer for several years, but you probably know the AAUW positions better than me). She has also been an active parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Scotia from the Catholic Family Movement in the 1970s, to teaching religious education to teenagers in the 1980's right up to currently volunteering at the City Mission and being recently selected as a Trustee of St. Joseph's just this year.

Perhaps what most characterizes Carol is being a life-long learner -- with travel all over the world, being widely read and loving book clubs, taking classes as Union's UColl program, and just always being interested in teaching and learning all types of topics and issues in the world around her. ~ **Anne Reynolds**



STUDY AND INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS for NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2018

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

Book Chat

Leader: Ellie Rowland
(518-250-4302)

November 20, 2:00 p.m.

Book: **The Secrets of Wishtide**

by Kat Saunders

Hostess: Bobbi Richardson
1417 Fox Hollow Road, Nisky

December 18, 2:00 p.m.

Book: **Little Fires Everywhere**

by Celeste Ng

Hostess: Ellie Rowland
216 Lois Lane, Niskayuna

Book Exchange 1

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi
(518-280-5623)

No regular meetings

Book Exchange 2

Leader: Ellie Rowland
(518-250-4302)

No regular meetings

Couples Gourmet

Leaders: Faith Weldon
(518-930-2843)

Pat Terry (518-372-8431)

November 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: Culinary Road Trip

Organizers:

Richardson/Chambers

December 14th, 4:30 p.m.

Theme: Holiday Fete

Organizers: Puckette/Richardson

Diverse Topics

Leader: Eleanor Aronstein
(518-265-2500)

November 14th, 1:30 p.m.

McChesney Room, Sch'y Library

Program: Dr. Valerie Rapson,

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Dec. 1st AAUW Luncheon

Mah Jongg

Leader: Linda Ward
(518-377-2377)

November 5th 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Arlene Maranville

1 Maywood Drive, Scotia

November 19th, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Linda Ward

4028 Windsor Drive Niskayuna

December 3rd, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Gail Puckette

28 Via Maria Drive, Scotia

December 17th, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Dottie Potochnik
5000 Queen Philomena Blvd,
Schenectady

Modern Literature

Leaders: Joan Bergin

(518-399-1861)

Mary Delory (518-269-0966)

November 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Book: **The Other Alcott** by

Elise Hooper

Reviewer: Pat Gregory

Hostess: Arlene Maranville

1 Maywood Drive, Scotia

Co-Hostess: Susie Leon

No December Meeting

Quilting

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi
(518-280-5623)

November 27th

Program: Signature Friendship
Blocks & Other Historic Blocks

Hostess: Erica Berger

91 Pheasant Ridge, Nisky

No Dec. or Jan. Meeting

Science Topics

Leader: Dot Gray
(518-859-4420)

November 5th 7:00 p.m.

Program: TBA

Hostess: Sue

Location: Fireplace Lounge

Glen Eddy Senior Center

1 Glen Eddy Drive, Niskayuna

December 3rd, 7:00 pm

Program: TBA

Hostess: Margy

Location: Fireplace Lounge

Glen Eddy Senior Center

1 Glen Eddy Drive, Niskayuna

Varied Interests

Leader: Arlene Maranville
(518-225-2143)

November 8th

Program: Lunch 12:00

(place to be announced);

Followed by tour of local

woman's textile workshop

Hostess: Reba Mehan

(518-374-7866)

Dec. 1st AAUW Luncheon

**Thanksgiving is the time to be
thankful.**

**December is the time for
reflecting and giving.**

Consider giving to AAUW.

For information

**[https://www.aauw.org/who-
we-are/support-aauw/](https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/support-aauw/)**

or

send your donation check to

Karen Huggins

11 Carrie Court

Niskayuna, NY 12309

Our AAUW-SCHENECTADY WEBSITE

Misplaced your newsletter? Want more information on National and State AAUW issues?

Need a suggestion for a good book?

Want to contact your legislator but don't know the phone number or email address?

Find your AAUW answers on our branch website!

<http://schenectady-ny.aauw.net>





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AAUW's New Strategic Plan

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

Vision: Equity for all

Values: Nonpartisan, Fact-based. Integrity, Inclusion and Intersectionality

Our Focus

- Education & Training
- Economic Security
- Leadership

<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are>

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