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SEPTEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

A GREAT Way To Start Our AAUW Year!!



Wednesday September 26, 6:30 pm
McChesney Room, Schenectady County Public Library

Program: The Social Enterprise and Training Center

Speaker: Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of SEAT, will provide insight into its mission, to provide transformative and workforce experiences that create a sense of purpose and hope in our communities and connect business to real-time solutions

OCTOBER'S GENERAL MEETINGS

Two Programs this Month!

Monday, October 15, 1:30 PM
McChesney Room, Schenectady County Public Library

Program: The History of Gynecology

Speaker: Dr. Mary McGinnis, Gynecologist
Dr. McGinnis, owner and co-founder of McGinnis Women's Medical Care, has dedicated her life for over 40 years to women's health and is committed to empowering women.





Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 PM
McChesney Room, Schenectady County Public Library

Program: Compassion & Choices, NY

Speaker: Amanda Cavanaugh will speak on the legalization of PAD (Physician Aid-in-Dying). This organization also provides resources for people to prepare living wills and health care power of attorney documents.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

WELCOME TO ANOTHER YEAR OF INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

As many of you know, our branch has been fairly consistent with the same core group of volunteers taking on leadership roles. Because of this, the board needed to adjust some job responsibilities. Also, because our local branch is taking in less money and expenses are going up (ex. printing and mailings), the board had to find ways to streamline our spending so that we could continue to support AAUW's mission. For these reasons, you will notice a change in the directory, fewer newsletters, board and general meetings.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL AAUW

A – Be ACTIVE by attending our General Meetings and our Study and Interest Groups.

A – APPLY your talents.

U – Uphold the purpose of AAUW.

W – Win a better future for women.

MAKE THIS A WIN, WIN YEAR!!!

Let's continue our camaraderie as an important local organization, continue to support AAUW's mission, vision and promise and be a visible, contributing part of our community.

OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

Presidential Council: **Gail Karl, Robin Eddy
and Bobbi Richardson**

Treasurer: **Karen Huggins**

Secretary: **Ann Hicks**

Programming: **Eleanor Aronstein**

Membership Vice-Presidents:

Jackie Mendini and Bobbi Richardson

Public Policy Vice-President: **Linda Rizzo**

Study and Interest Group: **Mary Delory**

Newsletter: **Faith Weldon**

Website: **Robin Eddy**

Directory: **Julie Panke**

Social Events: **Arlene Maranhville
Carol Reynolds**

College Liasons: **Robin Eddy
Arlene Maranhville**

Bylaws: **Robin Eddy**

Legal Advocacy Fund: **Susie Leon**

Circulation: **Pat Terry**

Do you enjoy reading? - READERS NEEDED!

The **Book Exchange II** Study Group is looking for one book lover to join. You buy one book a year and pass it to another at the beginning of September. In exchange, you get a book passed to you. You do this the first of each month, September to May when your original book is returned.

Book Chat meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm at member homes, is looking for new members. INTERESTED? Contact the leader.

SUNSHINE



If you know of someone who needs a ray of sunshine, who has been hospitalized or death, please contact
Karen Huggins at 518 372-5128
or Mobile: 528 421-6183.

Membership: MEMBERS MATTER!

Our members do matter and we hope you have found a connection within our organization either through our General Meetings or through an Interest Group. These connections are important and we hope that they don't get lost as we pursue our main goal of striving to promote equality for all women. These connections make us stronger as a group. We need to expand our membership and spread the word about our organization to potential members. Many do not know about our mission and of the personal relationships that we develop with each other, a real sisterhood. When people ask about AAUW, be prepared with your ELEVATOR SPEECH, a quick synopsis of who we are and what we do.

Then ask would you like to make a difference in the lives of women and their families: Invite them to join our local chapter where members work together and make personal connections through Interest groups and General meetings along with supporting our mission of promoting equity and education for women and girls through the lobbying efforts of our national organization. We are one of many voices being heard on issues affecting women. Invite your friends to join us. **We are stronger together.**

Jackie Mendini & Bobbi Richardson, Membership chairs.

Our Branch is Preparing Young Women for the Future

The following article is a thank you letter from the woman that our branch sponsored to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) this past June.



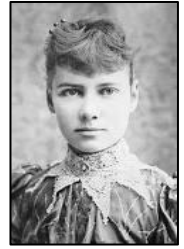
It has been a great experience attending the NCCWSL Conference as the AAUW Schenectady branch scholarship recipient. Between attending the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony and reception, where we heard from empowered, successful women, to the workshop sessions, it was a transformative experience leaving me empowered and ready to take on my internship that has come to follow the closing session. What I particularly liked about the conference was that it was tailored to fit my current and future aspirations. Over the course of the three-days I had the opportunity to choose from dozens of workshops and all-in-all each had opened my eyes to pressing issues and the tools to drive change away from these issues.

One of the workshops that left a lasting impression on me was *Radically Unfinished* presented by Erin Fischer. It was the first conversation I've had about women's confidence, involving important concepts such as, underconfidence, overconfidence, and authentic confidence. We learned about the things that we as women say, and what we do in regard to confidence. As I go through my every day I consider this conversation on women's confidence. Since this workshop, I've become more cautious of my confidence as well as the mistakes associated with confidence such as saying, "This may not be right but..." or "oh, I'm sorry" and being fearful of making mistakes. NCCWSL gave me and the others in attendance the opportunity to learn and advocate for women's issues, while also developing a skill set essential for college women student leaders.

In my application, I shared that I wanted to share my experiences and skills with fellow women. Several of my experiences are attributed to growing up with a single working mother and learning to be self sufficient early on, beginning with applying to college and now pursuing a career. Having said that, being a part of several male dominated groups on campus, working hard to gain leadership positions and helping provide opportunities for other women is something I was able to share with the women at NCCWSL. I plan and look forward to bring this aura into the remainder of my time at The University at Albany and my career.

I want to thank the AAUW-Schenectady branch for awarding me with the scholarship to attend this great conference and empowering women since 1881. ~ **Kayla Curatola-Morin, SUNY Albany student**

A WOMAN PIONEER IN JOURNALISM



Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman was a pioneer in the field of journalism. She is better known by her pen name, Nellie Bly. Nellie launched a new kind of investigative journalism.

She wrote articles in the Pittsburgh Dispatch focusing on how divorce in the 1880 affected women. She argued for reform in the divorce laws. In addition, she wrote about the suffering of women factory workers. Nellie also served as a foreign correspondent in Mexico for six months. She was threatened for exposing the corruption of the government under Porfirio Diaz.

She left the Pittsburgh Dispatch and began to work for the New York World owned by Joseph Pulitzer. She went undercover in order to investigate the abuse at the women's asylum on Blackwell's Island. She experienced first hand the abuse at the institution fighting for mental health reform. Nellie was responsible for the closing of the asylum. She also served as a reporter on the eastern front during World War I.

Nellie died in 1922 of pneumonia at the age of 57. ~ *Linda Rizzo*, Public Policy

The Results on the National Bylaws Amendment

On June 11, 2018, Kimberly Churches, CEO, announced the results of the national bylaws amendment vote.

Proposal #1 to create staggered board terms passed. Staggered terms will affect elected and appointed AAUW Board members starting terms in 2019.

Proposal #2 to allow non-AAUW members eligibility for the Board did not meet the percentage required to pass.

Proposal #3 to remove the educational requirement for AAUW membership did not meet the percentage required to pass.

Mark your Calendar

September

No Board Meeting this month

Wednesday September 26, 6:30 pm

General Meeting See page 1

Saturday and Sunday,

September 22 & 23

**Friends of Schenectady County
Public Library Book Sale**

at the main branch
Saturday 9:00-4:00
Sunday 1:00-3:00



Wednesday, October 3, 6:45 p.m

Board Meeting, Shaffer Room,
Niskayuna Town Hall

Monday, October 15, 1:30 p.m.

General Meeting – See page 1

The History of Gynecology

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting – See page 1

Compassion & Choices, NY



Study and Interest Group Meetings for September and October 2018

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

Book Chat

Leader: Ellie Rowland (518-250-4302)

September 11th, 2:00 p.m.

Book: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Hostess: Linda Ward

4028 Windsor Drive, Niskayuna

October 16th, 2:00 p.m.

Book: My Dear Hamilton by S.Dray & L. Kamole

Hostess: Maxine Borom

2171 Fox Hill Drive, 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)

September 21, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: Hawaiian

Organizers: Faith, Weldon/Barbara Piliere

October 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: Italian

Organizers: Blanche Payne,/Jackie Mendini

Diverse Topics

Leader: Eleanor Aronstein (518-265-2500)

September 26th, 6:30 p.m

McChesney Room, Schenectady Library

Program: Jenifer Lawrence, SEAT

(Social Enterprise And Training Center)

October 15th, 1:30 p.m.

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Program: Dr. Mary McGinnis

The History of Gynecology

Hostess: Linda Ward

4028 Windsor Drive, Niskayuna

Modern Literature

Leaders: Joan Bergin (518 399-1861)

Mary Delory (518-269-0966)

September 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Book: The Address by Fiona Davis

Reviewer: Barb McEvoy

Hostess: Pat Gregory

26 Central Avenue

Saratoga Springs

Co-hostess: Mary Delory

October 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Book: The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott

Reviewer: Toni Walsh

Hostess: Bobbi Richardson

1417 Fox Hollow Road, Niskayuna

Co-hostess: Barb McEvoy

Mah Jongg

Leader: Linda Ward

September 17th 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Bobbi Richardon

1417 Fox Hollow Road, Niskayuna

September 24th 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Maxine Borom

2171 Fox Hill Drive, Niskayuna

October 1, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Ellie Rowland

216 Lois Lane, Niskayuna

October 15th, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Robin Eddy

1222 Hempstead Road, Niskayuna





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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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Award Winner in the following areas

Overall Programing
Public Policy
Newsletter
Website
Fundraising