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November's General Meeting
Cancelled due to the low turnout at the October evening meeting. The predicted bad weather also probably had something to do with the turnout.

Our December Luncheon

CORNELLS
 IN
 LITTLE ITALY

39 N. Jay Street

**Saturday,
 December 7
 11:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$28**



Menu Choices: Chicken Marsala, Grilled Sirloin Steak (indicate temperature), or Parmesan Encrusted Salmon with Balsamic Glaze.

All choices come with salad, family style pasta, potato and vegetable.

Dessert: carrot cake

Please send your check for \$28 to Arlene Maranville, 1 Maywood Drive, Scotia, NY 12302 no later than **Saturday November 30.**

Indicate your menu choice (and steak temperature if steak is your choice) on the check.

Please, Please, Please contact Arlene as soon as possible. It gets stressful for our event chairs when they have to wait until the last minute to get the checks.

Mark your Calendar



Wednesday, November 6:45 p.m
 Board Meeting, Robin Eddy's house

No Board meeting in December

Thursday, November 28
Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m
 Luncheon at Cornell's, Schenectady

No General Meeting in January

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Winter is approaching but do not despair, our Branch has several opportunities to stay connected and informed all winter long.

*The December Brunch is something that we all look forward to at this time of year. The coordinators of this event are Arlene Maranville and Carol Reynolds and they have put together a festive afternoon of fine food and musical entertainment.

*Our general meetings are always informative and educational, expanding our outlook on many different topics and making us better informed and capable women.

*The study groups are active throughout the winter. They provide the opportunity to get together with other women and are great places to share ideas and opinions and to have fun with friends.

If you presently do not belong to a study group and are interested in joining, by all means contact the leader of your interest. The groups are always happy to add to their membership.

If you are reluctant about driving in the winter, give us a call and we will do our best to find a ride for you.

Let's keep our springtime enthusiasm going throughout the winter.

Bobbi Richardson and Dakin Eddy

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in AAUW not only involves attending meetings and participating in Study & Interest groups but being a part of a national organization that connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national and global level to empower women and girls.

With the member Public Policy Priorities which members voted on, as our guide. AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women.

AAUW is a driving force as we strive to reach our full potential with the help of AAUW. Be proud that you are a major part of the effort being put forth in Congress. One current effort is the Paycheck Fairness Act. Sometimes we forget how our dues are used.

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining our Branch, invite them to one of our meetings. If they come, they can join at one half off of the National dues, so they would have to pay only \$53.50.

~ Jackie Mendini, Bobbi Richardson

Public Policy

PAY EQUITY - The Time is NOW!

On October 10, members of AAUW all received an email entitled MISSION & ACTION, AAUW's Newsletter. This issue was very focused on pay equity. Many of us are old enough to recall the days when women were severely disadvantaged both in terms of eligibility for jobs and equal pay for jobs. While we have come a long way toward equalizing the situation, there still remain areas of inequality and there is now an overt attempt to turn back the clock of progress. AAUW remains vigilant and has a range of programs, training opportunities and financial grants - all of which focus on achieving economic parity for women.

Smart Partnerships to Teach Negotiation - AAUW members have registered more than 102,600 women for Work Smart salary-negotiation training and workshops over the past year. AAUW has partnered with the NY City Economic Development Corporation, the Junior League of Wichita (KS) and the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. AAUW has engaged and educated over 500 professional organizations and state and local commissions. Basically, AAUW is raising awareness of the issue with groups that are in positions to impact the achievement of true pay equity.

AAUW - through its **Legal Advocacy Fund** - has adopted a new pay-equity lawsuit, Freyd v. University of Oregon. In this case, pay discrimination was faced by Jennifer Freyd, a professor whose salary was substantially less than her male colleagues holding the same position. AAUW joined an amicus "friend of the court" brief in support of Freyd's appeal.

STEM Legislation - AAUW is supporting Building Blocks of STEM Act (S. 737), which was introduced by Senator Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.). This is a bipartisan bill which will support early childhood STEM programs and break down barriers for girls in computer science. The bill will soon move to the House of Representatives...*and it is one which we should watch and let our Representative know that we support.*

One final word: Do not forget about **AAUW Educational Funding and Awards** programs. If you know of a young girl or a woman who would benefit from financial support in pursuit of education, have her check out the AAUW Funding and Awards program. It's all there on the website ...

AAUW is your watchdog in many ways and it deserves your participation and support.

~Eleanor Aronstein

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Change: Maxine Borom's
Zip code: 85142

Pat Buczkowski's telephone #
518-372-3893

STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS

Book Chat

Leader: Ellie Rowland
(518-250-4302)

November 19th 2:00 p.m.

Book: Freckled by T.W. Neal
Hostess: Bobbi Richardson
1417 Fox Hollow Rd.,
Niskayuna

December 17th 2:00 p.m.

Any Book by Carl Hiaasen
Hostess: Ellie Rowland
216 Lois Lane, Niskayuna

January 21st, 2:00 p.m.

Book: The Stationery Shop,
by Marjan Kamali
Hostess: Ann Gotwals
1359 Valencia Road, Niskayuna

Book Exchange 1

Leader: Pat Buczkowski
No regular meetings

Book Exchange II

Leader: Ellie Rowland
(518-250-4302)
No regular meetings,

Couples Gourmet

Leaders: Faith Weldon (518-393-0048)
Pat Terry (518-372-8431)

November 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: Italian
Organizers: Mendini/Weldon

December 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: Holiday Buffet
Organizers: Puckette/Richardson

January 12 (Sunday at Noon)

Theme: Brunch/Lunch
Organizer: Pat Terry

Diverse Topics

Leader: Erica Berger
(518 377-7115)
November 18th, 1:30 p.m.
Center for Common Justice
Niskayuna Town Library
Hostess: Linda Ward

December & January NO MEETINGS

Mah Jongg

Leader: Linda Ward
(518) 377-2377

November 11th, 1:30

Hostess: Robin Eddy

November 25, 1:30

Hostess: Arlene
Maranville

December 9th 1:30

Hostess: Eleanor Auerbach

December 16th, 1:30

Hostess: Harriet Severenko

January 13th, 1:30

Hostess: Dottie Potochnik

January 27th 1:30

Hostess: Jackie Mendini

Modern Literature

Leaders: Joan Bergin
(518-399-1861)
Mary Delory (518-269-0966)

November 11th 7:00 pm

Book: An American Family
by K. Khan
Reviewer: Pat Gregory
Hostess: Dottie Potochnik
5000 Queen Philomena Blvd,
Schenectady
Co-Hostess: Arlene Maranville

NO MEETING IN DEC.

January 13th 7:00 pm

Between the World and Me

by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Reviewer: Mary Delory
Hostess: Susie Leon,
12 Laury Lane, Glenville
Co-Hostess: Joan Bergin

Quilting

Leader: Gerri Pinkerton
(518-346-4560)

November 26th

Program: TBA
3 Robin's Nest, Niskayuna

December & January NO MEETINGS

Science Topics

Leader: Sue Standfast Wright
(Standfasts@gleneddy.com)
Glen Eddy Senior Living Center,
Niskayuna

November 4th

December 2nd.

January 6th

Topics & Presenters TBD

Varied Interests

Leader: Reba Mehan
(518) 374-7886

November 14th 12:30 p.m.

Program: **All you wanted to know about CBDs**
Speaker: Neil Smoller
Hostess: Arlene Maranville
1 Maywood Drive, Scotia

December 7

Branch Holiday Luncheon

January 9th Program Leader:
Gail Puckette

New Group: There is interest in starting a Canasta Group. If you would like to be part of this, or

know someone who would be willing to teach members, please let Mary Delory know (mdelory0718@gmail.com)



VISIONS

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AAUW's 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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