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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.

Value Statement: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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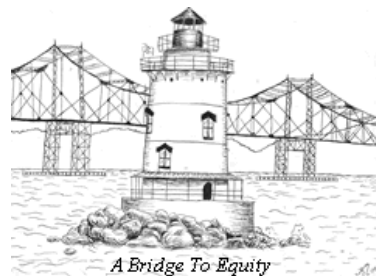
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SPRING FLING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

HELP US CELEBRATE THIS YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO 2014-2015

You are invited to the Spring Fling that will take place in a beautiful setting in the clubhouse of the St. Andrews Golf Club at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 4th. St. Andrews is located very near the Jackson Avenue exit of the Sprain Parkway at 10 Old Jackson Avenue, Hastings on Hudson, N. Y. (phone 914-478-3500). It is five miles south of 287. There is ample parking.



Our celebration offers good friends, fine food, and fun and an opportunity to learn about and honor our three Westchester Community College scholarship recipients!

We have an elegant, large spacious room, and if the weather cooperates, we can move our pre-dinner festivities outdoors onto a very large, lovely deck where we can sample served hors d'oeuvres and a fruit and cheese display while we enjoy a drink from the cash bar. A served dinner follows.

If you have any questions or special dietary needs, please call Selena Barron at 914-693-4465 or email at selenabarron@optonline.net

Spring Fling Sign Up

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____

The cost is \$55 per person. Please make checks out to AAUW Westchester, and send to Carol McMillan, 14B Lyon St., Rye Brook, NY 10573



SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES :



Sign-up sheets will be available on Wednesday, June 4th at the Spring Fling. Or call or email the leader to give your name if are not at the Final Fling. Directions will be given.

June 10, Tuesday: Guided Tour of Untermeyer Gardens in Yonkers 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. - small donation (wear comfortable shoes)
Leader: Marilee Scheuneman

June 12, Thursday: Botanical Gardens, Forest Walk with Diona Koerner 10a.m. Tour of Rose Garden 10:45. Entrance to all exhibits: \$20. Leader: Gina Andreassi and Paulette Didato. Car pooling can be arranged: parking fee \$12. Meet at main entrance, Southern Blvd and Fordham Road. Late lunch on Arthur Avenue if you wish.

June 14, Saturday: Ossining Street Fair (Rain Date June 15th) meet at Community Center, 95 Broadway at 10:30 a.m. We can tour the Weir and Tunnel of the Historic Old Croton Aqueduct System as well as enjoy the displays, shopping stands, food, etc. on Main Street. Leader: Paulette Didato [Note: if a large # of people are interested we can arrange a private tour of the Weir during the week]

June 27: Friday: Bronx Zoo Tour, including the new-born gorillas. Leader and docent Diona Koerner. Meet at Southern Blvd. Entrance at 10 a.m. Entrance fee \$16 or \$20, if you wish to include the Congo. Parking is \$15. Car-pooling can be arranged.

July 2, Wednesday: Tour of the Museum of the City of New York, Fifth Avenue and 103 Street. Meet at 11a.m. Entrance fee for seniors is \$6. Enjoy "Activist New York," "Gilded New York," "The City as Canvas: Graffiti as Art," and "Palaces for the People." Lunch in the Museum Café. Leader: Paulette Didato

July 15, Lunch at X20 the popular Yonkers Restaurant on the Hudson:. Leader : Selena Barron.

July 24, Thursday: Museum of the Moving Image, Astoria Queens Carpooling will be arranged. The museum opens at 10:30 a.m. Entrance fee is \$9. Lunch in the Museum Cafe or in a local ethnic establishment of interest. Leader: Marilee Scheuneman

August 4, Monday: Highline Tour: Manhattan: Come walk the Highline on Manhattan's West Side - a beautiful public park built on an historic elevated freight line. Meet Ann Sheridan at Grand Central Station on Monday, August 4th between 11-11:15 am. From there, bus, subway, or cab can take us to 30St & 10th Ave, where there is entrance (elevator and handicapped accessible) to High Line. Or, meet us directly at the entrance around 11:45. We will walk to end at Gansevoort St (below 14th St.-14th St also has elevator.) Ann's email is hungarynana@optonline.net. Leader: Ann Sheridan.

Friday, August 8: Dolphin Waterfront Restaurant at noon one Van der Donck Street, Yonkers. "A unique Waterfront Seafood Restaurant with an eclectic menu featuring Mediterranean, Italian, French and Asian influences. It specializes in fresh seafood, raw bar, pasta, steaks, specialty drinks and wine. The restaurant has a large outdoor garden-like seating area" Directions available. Leader: Marilee Scheuneman

CURRENT ISSUES DISCUSSION

The Current Issues Interest Group will meet on Friday morning June 6th at 10 a.m. in Selena Barron's home in Hartsdale. Our topic will be "Obama's Recent Foreign Policy". All are welcome to attend and if you would like to help with the presentation, or have questions, please contact this meeting's leader Marie McKellar at mariemck@optonline.net.



THE PLAY READING GROUP



The Play Reading Group will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 1 pm at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library. We will be reading "God's Favorite" by Neil Simon. Contact Joyce Koyner for more information: jkoyner@gmail.com

POETRY INTEREST GROUP

The Poetry Interest Group will meet on Tuesday May 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Janice Rabinowitz. We will discuss the work of Robert Frost. Our group is full, but if you wish to be on our waiting list, please email Doris Lowenfels dlowenfels@aol.com with your name and telephone number. You will be contacted if we are going to have space at any meeting. For further information, please call Mary Ellen LeClair, the group's leader :914 762 4208



OUR BOOK GROUP MEETINGS



DAYTIME LITERATURE GROUP

The Daytime Literature Group will meet on June 26 at 10 a.m. at the Ossining Library, to nominate, discuss and select our 2014-2015 reading list. Details will be sent to members in an email before the meeting. Contact Jan Ruotolo for further information.

TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet in the home of Marge Phillips on June 10 at 10 a.m. We'll discuss two short novels by Julie Otsuka, and recommend reading them in the order listed: Buddha in the Attic and When the Emperor Was Divine.

Following the discussion we will entertain nominations of books to be selected for next season, and will then vote on them. We hope to fill the entire calendar with the selections, hostess locations and volunteers to lead the conversations. In order to make the process flow well, and to ensure we have good books to read and discuss, we do have a few rules for book nominations. They are:

- * fiction and non-fiction are both welcome
- * you must have read the book
- * hopefully the selection will stimulate a lively discussion
- * the book must be widely available on the Westchester Library System--at least 15 copies
- * the book must be available in paperback
- * each member can nominate up to three books
- * your brief pitch for your nominations should include why you liked them and why you think they'll be interesting to discuss

Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you would like to join us.

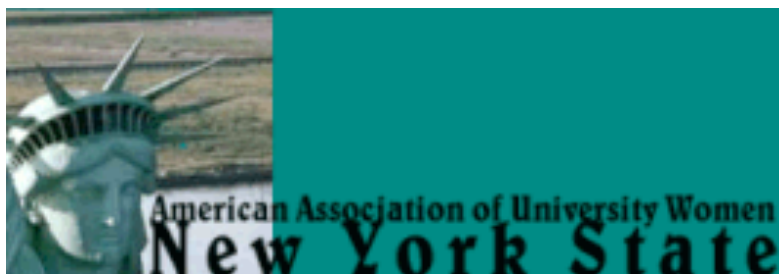
EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Literature Group will hold its year-end picnic and book selection meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25 at the home of Sue Lambert. Please let Sue know via e-mail or phone what you plan to bring. New members are welcome.

PUBLIC POLICY-NY STATE CONFERENCE 2014

Selena Barron

This year's AAUW convention took place at Honor's Haven Resort in Ellenville, NY. I attended along with other Westchester branch members, Jean Havens, who is VP Program on the NY State Board, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Mary Logan, Pam Margand, Joan Monk, Jane Pendergast, Barbara Sarver, and Roli Wendorf. AAUW Westchester was



named a platinum branch and we received awards for: communication, which included our newsletter, superbly edited by Sue Lambert; our contributions to AAUW Funds, the Educational Opportunities Fund, the Legal Advocacy Fund and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund; for our Equal Pay Day action and for our Gold Award Public Policy Programs. Our branch has a wonderful record for actively carrying out and supporting the AAUW mission. We can be proud of our accomplishments and all of us by being members are making a difference.

Everyone had the opportunity to hear our national AAUW President, Patricia Fae Hoe, speak both about her role as president and about the AAUW's progress, priorities and plans on the national level. Westchester attendees had a wonderful opportunity to pose with Patricia for a picture. The conference speakers and workshop presenters left us all energized and inspired. Our newly elected NY state officers each spoke about their backgrounds, their new responsibilities and their hopes for NY AAUW during their tenure. They are all competent, forward looking and passionate about AAUW's mission. We're in good hands. I was also able to personally meet Donna Seymour, NY State public policy head, who has been very supportive to me.

What was the most unusual activity I took part in? As part of my luggage I brought three new bras that were not mine and three \$1 bills. Why? Joan Monk is heading a request for new or very lightly used bras for a program called Save the Girls. Each bra and \$1 for mailing it is then delivered to young women who have been freed from sexual slavery. They are usually uneducated and lack employment skills. However bras are considered luxuries and the girls can sell them to sustain themselves. Joan is still collecting so please contact her at ftmaven@bestweb.net if you can contribute a bra! (You can also bring them to the Spring Fling on June 4th.)

I attended a fascinating, true life workshop entitled, The Work Life Balance in the 19th Century, given by Greta Nettleson. Ms. Nettleson found trunks carefully packed with diaries, photographs and memorabilia from her grandmother and great grandmother. As a historian, she has written an eye-opening book about these relatives. Her grandmother, Cora Keck was part of a scandalous family. She was sent to Vassar College in 1884 to improve her family's social status and reputation. At the same time Cora was given the opportunity to attend what Amazon.com calls "the first great educational institution for womankind". Cora was also trying to separate herself from her mother's reputation as a notorious quack and self-made millionaire. Her mother, and Ms. Nettleson's great grandmother, Dr. Rebecca J. Keck, was second only to Lydia Pinkham as America's 19th century most successful, self-made female patent medicine entrepreneur. Interested? Want to learn more? The book is available on Amazon.com.

DUES ARE DUE!

Just a reminder: YOUR DUES ARE DUE! It's that time of the year. AAUW is a grass roots organization and we value your memberships. By joining us in our advocacy for girls and women, you are a woman making a difference! Please renew your membership in the Westchester Branch of AAUW and help us continue to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Total dues for 2014-2015 are \$85, or \$75 for new members. If we receive your dues payment on or before June 1, you will be eligible for a drawing for a free membership at the Spring Fling.

AAUW Westchester Branch Membership Renewal Form for 2014-2015

Enclosed is my check for dues in the amount of:

_____ \$85 _____ \$75 (new member) _____ \$36 (local branch and state dues for lifetime members only)

Please forward your check made payable to "AAUW Westchester Branch," to
Carol McMillan, 14 B Lyon St., Rye Brook, NY 10573

AAUW CONVENTION 2014 – Adelaide DiGiorgi

The Westchester Branch of AAUW was well represented at this year's AAUW NYS Convention. Our Branch president Jane Pendergast, Program Co-Chair Selena Barron, Membership co-chairs, me and Pam Margand, Maria Ellis, Jean Havens (who did a great job as a Convention organizer), Mary Logan, Joan Monk, Barbara Sarver, and our incoming co-President Roli Wendorf were all there!

Our Branch received the Platinum Marketing the Mission Award, the Gold Public Policy "Star Branch" Award, the Equal Pay Day Action Award, the Best Use of Newspaper Education Articles Award, and a Branch membership award (for a 1.08% increase). We were third in the Top Ten Branch Funds Contributions category. The Communications & Visibility Award for our website, the 21st Century Communications Award of Distinction for our newsletter and print media, as well as Visibility Award of Distinction based on all categories (Web, newsletter, social media).



I attended all but one of the various workshops, was pleased to hear AAUW President Patricia Ho at the President's dinner, enjoyed the LAF luncheon speaker Lauren Mancuso, and came away with some good information from all the events. The thumb drive we received had a wealth of worthwhile material we can share with our Branch members. It was wonderful to be a short distance from home, and Selena and I were happy occupants of a car driven by Pam Margand to and from Ellenville.

Upon returning home, I opened an envelope sent by Mildred DeWitt, AAUW NYS treasurer and former AAUW NYC member. We now have five new AAUW Westchester members. Checks and Branch record forms for each were enclosed.. They are former members of the NYC Branch. They are: Jane Alwais, Stella Bruning, Marian DeWitt, Mildred DeWitt, and Janice Smith. They were welcomed and invited to our May 7th Branch meeting and the new member coffee on May 10th. Pam Margand is picking two of them up at the train station so they can join us at Selena's on the 10th.

Our membership count is now 181.

EYO CONFERENCE

By: Corinne Santiago, SUNY Purchase AAUW Intern

It's sunny, and 70 degrees on April 12th as over 150 7th grade girls file into the College of Mount Saint Vincent to experience a day of fun, excitement and possibilities. The Explore Your Opportunities (EYO) conference is a day full of workshops and lectures for young women to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math - otherwise known as the STEM fields. AAUW's Westchester Branch in collaboration with the Empire State Virtual Branch provides a unique learning experience for young women.



While women make up nearly 50% of the workforce, women occupy only 26% of STEM jobs. The EYO conference provides a non-competitive, educational, exciting environment for 7th grade girls to interact with representatives of that 26%.

The day begins at 9 a.m. after the girls had registered and received their welcome packages complete with neon pink Baby Lips chap stick. Nearly two-dozen women wearing safari hats to indicate their status as a "Mystery Woman" step into the crowd of 12 and 13-year-olds. The job of the 7th graders is to ask these mystery women a number of questions in order to match their

names with their biography and list of accomplishments.

"People's perception of me changes when I tell them I studied engineering and I automatically feel more respected," says first time Mystery Woman Hannah Henderson, employee in Construction and Operations at SL Green Realty Corp. "I was a member of the Society of Women Engineers and I think that it's really important to encourage young people to enter STEM fields." Like Hannah, the conference is also the first for Susan Blank, currently employed at the U.S. Center for Disease Control, assigned to the New York City Health Department. "I think it's really terrific to let these young women see that there is a variety of things available," Susan says. Perhaps one of the most enthusiastic about the day's events is Joy Jasper, 10 year volunteer.



Introducing me to her daughter, Jill Maitland, she goes back to making sure everything is still proceeding according to plan. "I got involved thanks to my mother," says Jill. "It's a fabulous conference. I haven't encountered anything like it. It's wonderful for 7th grade girls, to expose them to the sciences and the STEM curriculum. Both of my girls are very excited to participate. Girls just have so much fun." With Joy, Jill, and her two daughters, 7th grader Joelle and 11th grader Reanna, three generations were present at the conference, each playing a different, but key role: conference veteran, parent, volunteer, and participant.

Before the workshops begin, the girls are treated to an accomplished keynote speaker, Karen Jacobsen, otherwise known as The GPS Girl and the Australian voice of Siri everyone can hear on their iPhones. Before

breaking into song on stage, Karen Jacobsen delivers an inspirational, entertaining speech complete with technological directions to, “recalculate your route.” “I think it’s just absolutely brilliant,” says Karen. “In life you either are building people up or tearing them down and the world needs more building people up - especially girls and especially in this kind of industry and I am overjoyed and honored to be asked to be a part of such an important day.”



At 10:15 a.m. parents and students split up to go to their assigned sessions and spend the next three hours engaging in stimulating workshops. The 7th graders learn about circuits, DNA, evolution, and animal science. Adults are offered sessions on financial aid, robotics and math in origami.

When students, parents and teachers are reunited at 1p.m. to enjoy a lunch of salad, pizza, chips and chicken fingers, there is nothing but smiles and positivity beaming throughout the room. Young girls convene around tables gushing about the amazing things they discovered in just one short morning. One young lady describes the different

parts of a flower that she learned in the Flower Hour workshop with Dr. Elizabeth McCarthy. A friend takes a break from her lunch to show a homemade snow globe that she made in the Blizzard in a Bottle workshop with the help of General Chemistry Lab Manager, Denise Beauteau. Several girls wear paper caps diagramming different parts of the brain and others hold carefully crafted paper masterpieces marveling at the fact that they needed to use math in order to create them.

The students aren’t the only satisfied ones with exciting stories to tell. “This is about my ninth year bringing the students here,” says Marilyn Anderson, Assistant Principal of Davis Middle School in Mount Vernon, NY. “Every time I put the letter out that we’re going to this program, at least 50-60 girls sign up.” Her only sadness is that the program isn’t bigger. With the help of her science and math teachers, she handpicks girls who can attend the program. This is something that our 7th grade girls really need before they start to have that peer pressure,” she says. “I am so happy that I come here.” Ms. Anderson plans to keep the experience going. Having spoken with Dr. Pauline Mosley, director of the LEGO Mindstorms adult workshop, she plans on bringing the program to her middle school, determined to reach more students.


It’s no surprise that students, parents, administrators, and volunteers alike leave the conference with smiles on their faces. The mission of the conference was to provide young women with opportunities to meet and interact with positive women role models. Thanks to those women, everyone involved was left with a day they’re likely to never forget.



c/ o **Barbara Sarver**
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JUNE 2014

6/2	Monday Bridge Group				
6/4	Spring Fling		St.AndrewsClub		12 p.m. 6 p.m.
6/5	Thursday Bridge Group				
6/6	Current Issues Discussion Group		Selena Barron's Home		10 a.m.
6/9	Monday Bridge Group				12 p.m.
6/9	Pay Equity Outreach Group		Roli Wendorf's Home		2 p.m.
6/10	Tuesday Morning Literature Group		Marge Phillip's Home		10 a.m.
6/10	Financial Interest Study Group		Inge Clark's Home		10 a.m.
6/10	Play Reading Group		Mt. Pleasant Lib.		1 p.m.
6/12	Thursday Bridge Group				
6/16	Monday Bridge Group				12 p.m.
6/17	Poetry Interest Group		Janice Rabinowitz's Home		1:30 p.m..
6/19	Thursday Bridge Group			Happy Father's Day	
6/23	Monday Bridge Group				12 p.m.
6/25	Evening Literature Group Picnic		Sue Lambert's Home		5 p.m.
6/26	Daytime Lit. Gr. Book Selection Mtg.		Ossining Library		10 a.m.
6/26	Thursday Bridge Group				
6/30	Monday Bridge Group				12 p.m.