NAMED SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES
Barbara Hugo *876-6686* BHugo2@gmail.com

Each year we honor members of our branch and others with a donation given in their honor to AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Below is a short paragraph on each. Join us to congratulate them as they are introduced at the Annual Meeting on May 6.

Jeanette Cantwell – Jeanette has been a member of the AAUW for 14 years. Over that period, she headed Voter Issues, a Board position in conjunction with Public Policy; led Gourmet for 3 years; was a founding member of Bridge; and is now in her third year as Coordinator of World Travelers, a group she founded. She is also a member of Trekkers, Movie Night and the Daytime Literature Group, and participates in Soleil. She played a major role in launching the first Writers Tea now in its 5th year. Jeanette has been an officer of the Poughkeepsie Branch for 3 years, serving as Membership Treasurer. One of her duties is to manage the national database (Washington DC) for the Poughkeepsie Branch membership. Jeanette has a deep interest in enhancing the quality of the membership experience and is pursuing a number of creative ways of realizing this goal. She is a retired Physician Assistant and Family Nurse Practitioner, and was educated at Albany Medical College.

Cathleen Kinn - When Cathy Kinn first came to Poughkeepsie in 1985, she knew no one. Like many, she joined AAUW because of an Interest Group. “Joining the Manderley Literary Society, I found educated, fun, thoughtful women and I knew my new home would be a good one. I became active when Jan Jonas, then President, plucked me away from reading and asked me to coordinate the Censorship Project.” Since then, Cathy has been Membership VP, the Manderley leader, the Adventures en Soleil founder and leader, an Ediss member, the Bridge II leader, and is currently the overall Coordinator for the Branch’s Interest Groups, a Board position.

Ruth Sheets – Ruth has been a leader of Adventures en Soleil for the past 5 years, sharing the coordination in the early years with Peggy Lombardi, and now handling the administration on her own “for the most part.” Adventures en Soleil is one of the most visible and active of AAUW’s Interest Groups with a mailing list of over 200 members. “I’m amazed at how well it all comes together,” says Ruth. “Everyone who goes has a great time and learns a great deal.” Ruth was educated at Allegheny College (BS, Computer Science) and Union Graduate College (MS, Computer Science).

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Music as the Voice of the People*

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting and Officer Installation Dinner

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Time: Cash bar: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
Place: Christo’s
155 Wilbur Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Price: $40

Make checks payable to: Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.

Please mail reservations to:
Margaret Nijhuis
9 McAllister Drive
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Please note the number in your party, entrée choice for each person, and any dietary restrictions for each person.

Reservations are due by May 1st (No refunds after May 2nd).

Officers will be elected and installed, bylaws approved, budget presented and music of a variety of jandra enjoyed. *See page 3.

Come celebrate our branch – the largest in New York State.

MENU
Salad of Baby Leaf Lettuces
Make a choice on your reservation of:
1) Grilled Norwegian Salmon with Dill Sauce
2) Black Angus Filet Mignon with Demi-Glace
3) Chicken Francaise in a Light Sweet Sauce
Twice-Baked Potato
Locally Grown Fresh Vegetables
Dessert
Coffee or Tea

Questions: 845-635-8612 or margaretnijhuis@gmail.com
Reservations required.
MAY CALENDAR
Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org
Contact: Kathy Friedman kfriedman33@gmail.com

Apr 29 World Travelers: 7:00 pm
France/Italy by Linda & Paul Rashba
Hostess: Lillian DePasquale
No May meeting.
Coordinator: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWtravelers@gmail.com

May 1 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

3 Bridge 3: 10:00 am
Hostess: Noreen Rothman (452-2670)
Coordinator: Donna Reichner dlr0804@verizon.net

3 Friends of Trekkers: for time contact leaders
New York City High Line Walk
Leaders: Barbara Hespenheide (452-3241)
& Pat Luczai (463-4662)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)

5 Word Games: 2:00 pm
Hostess: Sue Doyle (914-474-1232)
Coordinator: Ellie Charwat (462-7061)

6 General Membership Meeting: 6:00 pm
All members are invited and encouraged to attend.
See details on page 1 & 3. Reservations required.

7 The Ediss Book Group: 7:00 pm
Book: Life after Life by Kate Atkinson
Hostess: Patty Rickets (345-9568)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)

10 “The Branch” deadline for JUNE.

13 Movie Night: Time TBD by show
Movie: Group members will be notified the Thursday before - sign up with Sue.
Discussion: Eveready Diner, Rt. 9, Hyde Park
Director: Susan Osterhoudt (889-4469)
Producer: Diana Gleeson

14 Pedal Pushers: 10:00 am Gold’s Gym Rail Parking
A New Interest Group, see page 4.
Coordinator: Sheila Zweifler sheilaz@optonline.net

17 Trekkers: for time contact leader
Stop and Smell the flowers at NJ State Botanical Gardens
Skylands Manor, Ringwood State Park
Leader: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)

19 Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm
Book: Defending Jacob by William Landay
Hostess: Patty Rickets (345-9568)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)

20 Cuisine: 6:30 pm
The Food of Brazil
Recipes & Hostess: Betty Olson
BettyOlsonHomes@aol.com (889-4836)
Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger
brlemberger@yahoo.com

21 Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Lillian DePasquale (462-4729)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)

22 Bridge II: 12:15-4:00 pm
Lesson and Game, $10.00
The Bridge Center – 24 Park Avenue
(Hellenic Community Center)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org & Jackie Prusak (226-6049)

23 Art on the Go: 12:00 pm
Pot Luck Luncheon and Planning Meeting
Hostess: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

26 All those books...: 7:00 pm
Book: Zuleika Dobson by Max Beerbohm
Hostess: Cathy Lane (229-1036)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)

28 Contemporary Literature: 7:30 pm
Book: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
Hostess: contact coordinators
Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) & Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)

28 Mah Jongg: Noon - 4:00 pm
Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch ($15)
Contact Jackie Prusak: JRPrusak@aol.com (226-6049)
by May 26.
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)

29 Aventures en Soleil: 10:30 am -12:30 pm
Harlem Walking Tour
Reservations: Carol Demicco (831-6653)
Send $20 check to Carol Demicco,
408 McGrath Blvd., Fishkill NY 12524
Coordinator: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)

29 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm
Planning Meeting
Hostess: Pat Luczai (463-4662)
Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) & Jane Toll (463-2712)

31 Trekkers: 9:00 am at Toys-R-Us to car pool
Lake Minnewaska Mountain Laurel Hike
Leaders: Linda Beyer (462-0345)
& Pat Luczai (463-4662)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)

WILL NOT MEET IN MAY:
Gourmet: Out & About
World Travelers
Women’s Personal & Professional Development

LOOKING AHEAD
June 12 – Music of the Holocaust Refugees,
Dr. Marilynn Smiley, see page 6.

July 25 – 27 AAUW-NYS Summer Conference,
Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY

The Branch May 2014 Page 2 of 7
Music as the Voice of the People

The concept of music as voice is one of the most interesting issues in the New Critics Approach to the analysis of literature. If one agrees that “art imitates life” then this is one of those perfect examples of life being represented in this cultural artifact, music. The culture of America displays this concept of music. Music has evolved out of the people’s desire to “speak” to the issues of their lives. This May, during our Annual Meeting, we will celebrate those “voices.” This will include a musical presentation, appreciation of members’ contribution, and distribution of state and national awards. We will acknowledge that everyone has something to say and should be afforded the opportunity to voice her opinion. We will be celebrating everyone’s freedom to speak through her “music.”

Deeply rooted in the beliefs of the Poughkeepsie AAUW is the understanding of the need of everyone to have a voice. This is demonstrated in the multiple interest area groups and community initiatives that are sponsored and funded by the organization. These are the strongest part of the organization and give the membership the opportunity to express their individual talents. This is our “music.” This is our “voicing.”

Let us use the music to celebrate our freedom to voice our opinions and display our talents. Let us come together and join in the celebration.

POUGHKEEPSIE’S EMERGING LEADER – Susie Blecker

Barbara Hugo 876-6686* BHugo2@gmail.com

At the AAUW-NYS Convention each Branch can designate a member to be honored as their Emerging Leader for the year. This year our designee is Susie Blecker. When Mary Lou Davis tapped Susie Becker to join the AAUW and take the position of Co-Chair of Membership Programs at the same time, Susie said yes. In a way, that is all you need to know about this dynamic, thoughtful, and capable woman.

Susie regards the monthly programs as an expression of the AAUW’s mission. Of her work at the helm with her much-admired Co-Chair, Mary Coiteux, Susie says, “I feel like I’m doing something on a broader scale, something that could affect a positive change for women everywhere!”

Educated at Florida State University, Susie worked in rural schools in central Florida and Georgia when segregation was still widespread. She taught children during the day and coached their parents at night so they could pass their GED’s. These experiences were life-defining, and not surprisingly, she is still in touch with two of her students from those years.

Susie wants to continue working in a leadership role, saying “I see the AAUW as an opportunity to educate people to look beyond their own lives. It’s been a great year, and I’m looking forward to the next.” So are we, Susie.

May 6, 2014
Annual Meeting & Installation Dinner

Join us at Christo’s for good times, good music and good conversation with fellow AAUW members! Come to thank Jackie for two years of service to our branch and come to welcome Barbara as she prepares to lead us for the next two years!

Happy Mother’s Day
Supporters of The Branch!!

Annual contributions from members help defray the expense of publishing The Branch and other communication expenses. All patrons and sponsors are listed in each monthly newsletter unless anonymity is requested.

Patrons
Catherine Albanese, Lula Allen, Mary G. Bagley, Joan Cordani, Marguerite Cotter, Lillian DePasquale, Marion Effron, Joan Fay, Ruth Gau, Gloria Gibbs, Sandra Goldberg, Doris Kelly, Cathleen Kinn Peggy Lombardi, Jean Miller, Jacqueline Prusak, Margaret Ruggeri (In Memoriam), Brenda Schaffer, Terry Schneider, Barbara Van Italie

To add your name to the list, mail a check payable: “Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.” to Margaret Nijhuis, 9 McAllister Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

PEDAL PUSHERS

A New Interest Group
Sheila Zweifler sheilaz@optonline.net

A new interest group called Pedal Pushers will start on the second Wednesday in May (May 14th). It is for women who have some experience biking. We will be biking approximately 15 miles on rail trails. We will start at 10 am (9 am when the weather is warmer) and the ride should last about 2 hours. Bikers should bring a helmet, water, and a snack if desired. Please send me your e-mail if you have any interest in joining the group.

Our first trip will start at 10 am from Gold’s Gym Rail Trail Parking Lot on Titusville Road. We will bike to Hopewell Junction 12-13 miles round trip

Looking forward to riding together, Sheila

AAUW Girl Scout Project:
"Extending Girls' Horizons"

Peggy Kelland 297-0507 smkell45@aol.com

On March 21 we presented a workshop on scrapbooking for girls in grades 6-12. Mary Ann Boylan and two Girl Scout leaders offered instruction in color coordination, layout, and techniques. They brought various tools and contributed materials to enable the girls to preserve photos and mementos in an artistic manner, both in regular scrapbook size pages and in a mini photo album.

We will be offering a storytelling workshop for the same age group on Friday, April 11, from 6:30-8:30 P.M. in the R.C. Ketcham H.S. cafeteria. Gwen Higgins will be sharing stories and facilitating story creation and presentation by the girls. All AAUW members are welcome to join us.

“HATS OFF”

Mary Coiteux *226-8275* mcoiteux@frontiernet.net
An expression of admiration for someone's achievement or contribution and our acknowledgment for it.

“Hats Off” to Beth Devine who is being recognized as a Dutchess County Senior Citizen of the Year for 2014. She along with some other well-seasoned individuals, will be feted at the annual “Celebration of Aging” luncheon at Villa Borghese on May 19th. Additional information is available through the Office of the Aging.

“Hats Off” to Carol Loizides for her participation in the Howland Cultural Center’s Annual Artist Members’ Exhibition. Her work was on exhibit through the month of April.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Kay Saderholm *229-8545* ksaderholm@aol.com

Spring has arrived! Oh, the calendar told us this more than a month ago – but it has taken a long time for the snow to melt and the temperature to rise.

This is time for AAUW membership renewal. You will be receiving your renewal notification in the mail very soon. Dues for the membership year, which runs from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, are $78.00 – which includes $49.00 for national dues, $13.00 for NY state dues, and $16.00 for Poughkeepsie Branch dues.

Please open your membership renewal letter promptly. You will see the AAUW logo and my name on the envelope. Then quickly reply – with a check for your renewal. Why respond quickly? Because your name will be entered into a drawing for one of five free national memberships. The quicker you respond the more chances you will have to win one of these $49 national memberships.

LEADING TO READING

Ten Years of Celebrations!

Elizabeth Harrel * 462-2141*
bharrel28@gmail.com

Since the start of the Leading to Reading project, we have sponsored a special celebration for Children’s Book Week in May. Volunteers go into pre-school classrooms at the Community Family Development Center and read stories to the children, work with them to create their own classroom books, and help them select books to take home. We always have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who put together the materials for the classroom books, select the books for the giveaways, serve as classroom readers, or provide support to the children as they’re working on their project.

The rewards are many – big smiles, looks of disbelief when the children are told they can keep the books, and lots of hugs. If you’re interested in helping, please contact LTR members Sarah Shouse (462-5663) or Pat Dogil (454-5441 or pedogi@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!
IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION-
JUST ASK THESE 16 YEAR OLDS!

Although Priya Ramamoorthy and Kavya Ramamoorthy are future AAUW members, we celebrate their Title IX championship and the contributions of the AAUW Austin (TX) Branch.

AAUW has launched a “Title IX Champions Award” which celebrates the vital contributions of AAUW members and branches across the country to Title IX advocacy. These special young women are being honored for their work. “When they were in eighth grade, the sisters were looking for a project for a National History Day competition. A classmate’s cousin told them that her swim team didn’t get the same opportunities as the boys’ team. The girls decided to make their project about sex discrimination in school, and they contacted AAUW for ideas and resources. The website they created for the competition won first prize in the Junior Website Category.” After doing research, the girls found that kids their age are not aware of Title IX or the challenges that women face. The purpose of their presentation was to motivate girls to appreciate and make use of the opportunities they have, to fight inequalities when they encounter discrimination, and to show them that a federal law is on their side.

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Its resources range from community outreach programs to legal referrals and backing of major cases.

"DON'T FENCE ME IN: MUSIC OF HOLOCAUST REFUGEES AT FORT ONTARIO"

JUNE 12, 2014

Peggy Kelland 297-0507 smkell45@aol.com

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Its resources range from community outreach programs to legal referrals and backing of major cases.

SPECIAL FRIENDS FOR LEADING TO READING

LAF Chair Marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

Once again, The Little Kindness Fund has made a donation to the Leading to Reading project. The gift is to be used for books for young children. It may be through our partnership with the United Way on the Born Learning project or another outreach to local families.

The Arlington Teacher’s Association also donated again to the project. Through their support, we’ve been able to expand the number of community partners and put books into the hands of even more needy children throughout our region.

Our thanks to the members of both groups for their continued support!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Lula Allen *832-7140* lulaallen@aol.com
Linda Roberts **227-5287* olson241@aol.com

Our 5th Annual Writers’ Tea was another successful fund raiser. Our profits are “roughly” $6400. We want to thank everyone who came, who brought raffle tickets, who contributed raffle and auction items or who purchased items from the auction.

Thanks also to all the members of the committee that helped in so many ways to insure the success of this event.

The profits from the tea fund our donations to the National AAUW and the DCC scholarships. They also make possible our community initiatives that we are all so very proud to provide.

Pictures from the tea are linked from the home page of our website at http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/

Please complete the tea survey that you have received so that we can better plan for next year.

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Kathy Sheehan *471-7213* ksheehan@dutchessmediation.org

The Coalition on Elder Abuse in Dutchess County, a program of the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, will hold its 6th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference:

Farm & Home Center in Millbrook
Friday June 13 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

DO YOUR PART ENGAGING GENERATIONS BUILDING COMMUNITIES FREE OF ELDER ABUSE

The Champion for Elder Rights and Safety Award will be presented to Marcus Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive.

The keynote speaker will be Nora Dowd Eisenhower, Assistant Director, Office for Older Americans at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, DC.

For more information contact Kathy Sheehan at ksheehan@dutchessmediation.org or 845-471-7213.

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Do you know of a deserving person you would like to propose for our 2014 ‘Woman of the Year’?

Criteria for nominee:
• She has made outstanding contributions to the community in either a voluntary or paid capacity. (Most recipients have served in both ways.)
• She reflects the AAUW mission:
   AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Note: Qualifications should not be based solely on accomplishments within AAUW. AAUW membership is NOT a requirement.

To nominate an outstanding woman for 2014, please use the form found on our Website: http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org under Resources > Woman of the Year

Return your nomination to:
Pat Luczai
by email pat.luczai@gmail.com
or mail to:
9 Bridgewater Way,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

If you encounter difficulty downloading the form, feel free to contact Pat Luczai for assistance.

All nominations for 2014 need to be submitted anew using the form. We will no longer consider nominations made in previous years, but your nomination will be considered current for two years after submission going forward.

**CALLING ALL RETIRED SECONDARY TEACHERS!**

Elizabeth Harrel *462-2141* bharrel28@gmail.com

A possible outreach for Leading to Reading would be to support learners in middle and high school. One suggestion was made that we contact local schools about providing tutors or helpers in the school libraries for those students who are struggling.

If you’re interested in exploring possible ways to be involved, please contact member Carol Ann Kacherski at cakacherski@gmail.com or 896-9309.

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**2014-2015 Budget Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**

Barbara Van Itallie *462-3924* bvanitallie@yahoo.com

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| **EXPENSES**          |                        |                |                 |
| Admin. 160.00         | 160.00                 | 150.00         | 175.00          |
| Awards/Gifts -        | 100.00                 | 100.00         | 100.00          |
| Caring Comm. -        | 10.00                  | 100.00         | 25.00           |
| Convention 65.00      | 475.00                 | 475.00         | 475.00          |
| Directory 893.87      | 893.87                 | 1,300.00       | 1,000.00       |
| Donations -           | -                      | 0.00           | 100.00          |
| Dues 4,246.50         | 23,520.00              | 22,320.00      | 22,320.00      |
| Equipment 201.21      | 201.21                 | 100.00         | 100.00          |
| Historian -           | -                      | 20.00          | 20.00           |
| Insurance 1,117.00    | 1,117.00               | 1,200.00       | 1,200.00       |
| Membership and dues collection 525.21 | 925.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Monthly Meetings 1,653.55 | 1,700.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Newsletter 135.89     | 200.00                 | 250.00         | 250.00         |
| Other 10.00           | 25.00                  | 100.00         | 300.00         |
| Postage, Mailing 31.00 | -                     | -              | 40.00          |
| Printing, Copying 31.00 | -                     | -              | 40.00          |
| Special Event Expenses: Annual Meeting 4,470.75 | 4,000.00 | - | 4,000.00 |
| Tea 4,278.93          | 4,500.00               | -              | 4,500.00       |
| Woman of the Year 2,028.18 | 2,028.18 | - | 3,000.00 |
| Supplies 30.24        | -                      | 0.00           | 35.00           |
| Website Hosting -     |                        | -              |
| **Subtotal** 19,878.33 | 39,855.26 | 28,515.00 | 40,480.00 |

| Obligations: depending on Tea proceeds | 3,500.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Scholarships and EOF | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,400.00 |
| Community projects | - | - | - |
| **Total Expenses** | 19,878.33 | 47,755.26 | 35,515.00 | 48,380.00 |

**INCOME – EXPENSES**

7,355.17 | 2,179.74 | 890.00 | - |

This budget was approved by the board at their April meeting and will be presented at the annual meeting on May 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara.
Raising the full minimum wage and the tipped minimum wage will help reduce poverty among women and their families, as well as make progress toward closing the gender pay gap.

2.8 million working single parents would benefit from the President’s proposed increase in the full minimum wage, more than 80 percent of whom are women.

For every dollar that men earn, women earn just 77 cents. Estimates from the President’s Council of Economic Advisers suggest that increasing the minimum wage to $10.10 an hour and indexing it to inflation could close about 5 percent of the gender wage gap.

On another wage issue:
The privatization of education won another round this week with the New York State budget. The budget included a promise to support charter schools.

The Budget increases tuition funding for charter school students over three years: $250 per student the first year, $350 the second, and $500 in the third. The Budget will also promote the growth of charter schools by addressing their facility needs. Charter schools will be eligible for Pre-K funding – [http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/03312014Budget](http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/03312014Budget)

'Addressing their facility needs' translates to requiring school districts to find space for charter schools in district school buildings or pay much of the cost to house them elsewhere. New York City’s Mayor De Blasio had insisted the owners of charter schools pay rent and use vacant classrooms where appropriate. Keep in mind, despite the fact that charter schools receive local, state, and federal funding, a NYS Supreme Court judge determined that charter schools cannot be audited by State Comptroller Di Napoli, declaring that charter schools are not 'units of the state'.

Many of us, who have taught in public schools, see this as an attempt to end public education, thus destroying a career path which has made it possible for mainly women to be able to support themselves.

### PUBLIC POLICY

Doris Kelly  mscw12@aol.com

The fight for an increase in the federal minimum wage is a pay equity issue. This increase would help narrow the gap between wages earned by women and men.

According to the White House report of March 26, 2014:

Raising the minimum wage is especially important for women because:

- **Women in the workforce are more highly concentrated in low-wage sectors such as personal care and healthcare support occupations.**
- **Women account for more than half (55 percent) of all workers who would benefit from increasing the minimum wage to $10.10.**
- **Women also make up the majority of workers in predominantly tipped occupation. Under Federal law, employers are allowed to pay a “tipped minimum wage” of $2.13 to employees who regularly earn tips as long as their tips plus the tipped minimum wage meet or exceed $7.25 per hour.**
- **Women account for 72 percent of all workers in predominantly tipped occupations – such as restaurant servers, bartenders, and hairstylists.**

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