Lucinda Franks graduated from Vassar and then went to London where she got a job as a coffee girl at United Press International. She wrote news stories on her own time, visiting Northern Ireland when civil war broke out. At 22, she found herself dodging bullets and sending back stories to UPI headquarters, which later won several awards.

She then was summoned to New York to investigate a new phenomenon: highly educated young people who had formed a revolutionary terrorist group called Weatherman. Franks entered the radical underground and traced the life of Diana Oughton, who had blown herself up making dynamite bombs in the cellar of a New York town house. The five part newspaper series won Franks and reporter Thomas Powers the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. Franks was the first woman to win this award.

In 1974, she joined the staff of the New York Times and then wrote for the New Yorker, New York, and other magazines. One of her New Yorker stories, about the struggle between the adoptive and birth parents of a three-year-old child, was made into a television movie.

She has been a visiting professor at Yale, Princeton, and Vassar and has written four books including *Waiting Out A War: The Exile Of Private John Picciano*, (non-fiction), *Wild Apples* (novel), and *My Father’s Secret War* (memoir). She has also won The Society of the Silurians Award twice and the Easter Seal Award.

Her latest book is a memoir of her unconventional marriage to New York’s most powerful prosecutor, called *Timeless: Love, Morgenthau, and Me*.

She lives in New York City with her husband, Robert Morgenthau.

Additional information is available at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org and Ms Franks’ website www.lucindafranks.com

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**HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: SEX TRAFFICKING**

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

2:30 – 6:00 pm

The Links at Union Vale

Dr. David Crenshaw and Courtney Albert will discuss what are the typical indicators that trafficking is occurring. How this can happen in your own neighbor without you recognizing it. Why young women have a hard time separating from their exploiters.

**Dr. David A. Crenshaw,**
Clinical Director of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie, an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia University and an author, co-author, editor or co-editor of 15 books in the field of child and adolescent therapy, will talk about this on-going issue of sex trafficking. He currently is a Board Member of the coalition against Sexual and Domestic Abuse and a member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Courthouse Dogs Foundation in Seattle. In addition, Dr. Crenshaw is a member of the Dutchess County Task Force Against Human Trafficking.

**Courtney Albert,** MEd, is the Founder and President of *Give Way to Freedom*, a private operating foundation dedicated to enhancing the care and empowerment of survivors of human trafficking. She has worked as a psychotherapist of survivors of trafficking and torture at the Helen Bamber Foundation, London, UK and currently continues her direct client clinical work at Columbia County Mental Health agency.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org
Contact: Kathy Friedman kfriedman33@gmail.com

1 Word Games: 2:00 pm
Hostess: Betsy Vivas (485-2379)
Coordinator: Betsy Vivas (485-2379)

2 World Travelers: 7:00 pm
Iceland
Presenter: Bonnie Auchincloss
Hostess: Jeanette Cantwell
Reservations: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWtravelers@gmail.com

3 Aventures en Soleil: 10:30 am
Beacon Recycling Plant tour
Contact: Betty Harrel 462-2141 bharrel28@gmail.com
Coordinator: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)

3 The Ediss Book Group: 7:00 pm
Book: The Home-Maker by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Hostess: Cathy Kinn (462-3169)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
Celiaser@aol.com

4 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm
St. John’s Lutheran Church, Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie

7 Extending Girls' Horizons: 2:00-4:00 pm
Baubles, Bangles, and Beads, help is welcomed, see p. 8
Chair: Peggy Kelland (297-0507) smkell45@aol.com

8 All those books...: 2:30 pm
Book: Eleanor of Aquitaine by Marion Meade
Hostess: Betsy Vivas, b.betsymike@verizon.net
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
e.loizides@verizon.net

8 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

9 “The Branch” deadline for March.

11 General Membership Program: 7:00 pm
All members are invited and encouraged to attend – see details on page 1.

12 Daytime Literature: 10:00 am
Book: All the Light we Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy, Pek.
Coordinators: Leona Miller (471-0777) & Vicki Greenberg (462-6763)

16 Cuisine: 6:30 pm
Cuisine of Russia
Hostesses: Linda Lurie (229-9397) & Bonnie Auchincloss (635-51910
Information: Barbara Lemberger
Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger brlemberger@yahoo.com

17 Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745) & Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)

19 Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30 pm
Al Fresco, 1036 Main St. Fishkill, NY
Contact: Mary Ann Boylan (462-2504)
Kay Saderholm (229-8545) Ksaderholm@aol.com

19 Poetry & Play Readings: 2:00 pm
Selected Poetry Readings
Hostess: Carol Loizides e.loizides@verizon.net
Coordinators: Jackie Sweeney (518-947-6682) & Carol Loizides e.loizides@verizon.net

19 Diversity, One Out of Many People: 5:00 pm
Film: The Good Lie
Chair: Marcine Humphrey (485-7697)
DCC, Bowne Hall, Room 122
Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish mcnish@sunydutchess.edu

20 Bridge 3: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Hostess: Raina Maissel (297-8466)
Coordinator: Donna Reichner dlr0804@verizon.net

22 Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm
Book: The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
Hostess: Jackie Klein (485-8530)
Coordinator: Rochelle Friedman (462-4996)

24 Mah Jongg: Noon - 4:00 pm
Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch
Contact Blanche (462-3955) by February 22
Coordinator: Blanche Bergman (462-3955)

24 Contemporary Literature: 7:30 pm
Book: Some Luck by Jane Smiley
Hostess: TBA
Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) & Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)

25 Bridge II: 12:00-4:00 pm
Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch ($15)
Coordinator: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org

25 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm
Crocheted Basics – Granny Squares and silk scarves
Hostess: Arlene Seligman (297-0006)
Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) & Mary Ann Williams (868-7465)

26 Art on the Go:
For time, place and activity: contact coordinator
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

26 Pedal Pushers:
Watch for our return on April 6.
Coordinator: Sheila Zweifler sheilaz@optonline.net

26 Trekkers:
Back on the trails in April!
Coordinator: Tori Smith (345-0043)

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Barbara Van Itallie *462-3924*  
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Geek or Pink?

As some of you might know, I am particularly interested in the issue of encouraging more young women to enter the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields, as I did myself with my careers in computing and math. Several of our members are both supporting and looking for new ways to foster interest among girls in the STEM fields.

Our National AAUW magazine, Outlook, had a recent article on the diversity crisis in STEM fields and recruiting girls into these fields. They say, “Most people seem to agree that there’s a gender diversity crisis in the STEM fields — and the situation is especially alarming in engineering and computing. What people don’t agree on is how to fix the problem.”

An interesting twist on this recruiting dilemma is falling into two categories: “Geek Pride” and “Sparkle Science.”

The term “geek” is being reclaimed and made positive. Any girl with a passion for something – be it science, technology, video games or comic books – is encouraged and empowered to pursue this passion. Several programs nationwide such as Seattle’s Geek Girl Con (www.geekgirlcon.com) buy into this approach. But the stereotype of a white, male, socially awkward techie is off-putting to some. A 2009 study found that to emphasize typical tech-geek themes like video games or even Star Trek-themed room decorations signaled a masculine environment that women consistently chose to opt out of because they felt like they didn’t belong.

“Sparkle Science” refers to the attempt in some STEM programs to use typical “girlie” topics like princesses, make-up and the color pink to attract girls to science. For example, a program at the Carnegie Science Center for Girl Scouts in Pittsburgh offered a workshop in the chemistry of cosmetics (Boy Scouts’ list included engineering, robotics, and other STEM-related offerings). Yet this approach is met with derision as well, with some critics saying that this was relying on condescending and damaging stereotypes about what girls are interested in. The Science Center responded that no girls registered for the other STEM topics.

Women professionals in the STEM fields, as well as those studying attracting women into these fields are divided about what approach works best for girls. Tech workers admit that the geek stereotype is often correct, but those who don’t fit the mold have difficulty on the job. A professional in the field said, “No need for a one-size-fits-all formula to usher girls into the field. Try anything and everything.”

To read this entire Outlook article go to www.aauw.org/2015/11/09/princess-or-geek. If you would like to join several of our members looking for ways to encourage girls into STEM fields, please contact me.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 10: Susan Sprachman, will give a presentation and display entitled “Photographs of the Women of Iran”

Apr 14: Maria Idoni, Hudson Valley & Westchester Area Director, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She will focus on suicide, depression and symptoms for all of us to beware of before the situation becomes dire.

Apr 15 - 17: AAUW-NYS Convention, Saratoga  
Registration:  
http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention_forms.htm

May 15: Writers' Tea & Auction

Nov 5: “Live Your Dream Girls’ Conference” at DCC

MORE AND MORE BOOKS

Betty Harrel *462-2141*  
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Thanks to a generous program sponsored by Macy's and RIF (Reading is Fundamental) our Leading to Reading program is receiving over 600 new books!

During specific time periods, Macy’s customers have the opportunity to make a donation which will be used to purchase a child’s book. Through a partnership with RIF, those funds are then used to distribute books within the local area served by each store. We have been accepted as a Macy's/RIF partner for the past two years. One of our volunteers, Barbara Gill, spoke with the Macy’s staff in June about our local programs.

Since the Poughkeepsie Macy’s was the leader in their district, we also received an outstanding set of multi-cultural books. They feature characters with various ethnic backgrounds and focus on STEM topics. They will be donated to Literacy Connections to use within the Poughkeepsie City School District.

Leading to Reading volunteers have been busily preparing the first set of books for distribution. We know the books will be greatly appreciated!

LEADING TO READING

2016 AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

AAUW Women on the Move:  
Achieving Women's Economic Justice

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

AAUW-NYS Convention will be held at the  
Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs,  
April 15-17, 2016

Registration:  
http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention_forms.htm

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The Wine Bowl

Lysistrata, a strong and clever Athenian woman with a great sense of individual obligation for the nation, made an overture to the women of Greece to end the Peloponnesian War. **Lysistrata asks the women to refuse sex with their partners until a treaty for peace has been signed.** The women are absolutely mortified at the prospect, saying that they were expecting a much easier proposition, like being made to walk across fire. They contemplate the idea but surmise they would rather see the war continue. However, one by one, while meeting "round a wine bowl," the women convert, take an oath and the civil action commences. The result? **Peace is achieved.**

Another year has passed and women are still making an average 77 cents to a man's dollar. **The Paycheck Fairness Act** failed although California just passed the toughest state gender pay equity law to date. Had a federal bill passed, the bill would have made it illegal for employers to retaliate against workers who inquire about or disclose their wages or the wages of other employees in a complaint or investigation. It also would make employers subject to civil actions by employees who feel aggrieved. **The Fair Pay Act** would require employers to provide equal pay for work of equal value, whether or not the jobs are the same. This legislation addresses equal pay for women working in female-dominated jobs equivalent to jobs traditionally dominated by men. The legislation would ban retaliation, require employers to file wage information with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, eliminate the gag rule on wage disclosure, and prohibit employers from reducing wages to comply with pay equity requirements. This act has not been approved.

AAUW supports legislation such as the **Healthy Families Act** which will provide seven accrued paid sick days for full-time employees and a prorated number for part-time employees. Many states are also considering paid sick days legislation and ballot initiatives similar to the Healthy Families Act. It has yet to pass. **Senator Gillibrand's The Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act** would establish a national paid family and medical leave insurance program ensuring that American workers would no longer have to choose between a paycheck and caring for themselves or a family member.

So, what do we do about the gender pay gap? Complaining hasn't worked. Discussion has been fruitless. Federal legislation isn't passing. Negotiations are at a stalemate while women continue to be paid less than men for the identical work. We can have a march, write an editorial, protest at the work site or wear buttons. Maybe at election time we can construct a Trojan Horse and invade Washington?

**I say fight like the Greeks...Greek women that is.** Since we are 23 cents short on every dollar, we can't afford to hurt men's wallets, but maybe we can hurt them where their heads rest. **I propose on April 17, National Equal Pay Day, we become Greek women.**

Early in the morning, or anytime that afternoon or night gather around "wine bowls" decorated with festive markings with your compatriots and make an oath. Pledge to a new boycott..."girlcott"... the bedroom on behalf of equal pay and benefits. Instead of physical engagement, turn to the intellectual, political and economic. Discuss the issues of the day that are hurting women: failed legislation for equal pay and family leave, and most importantly, the 23 cents pay gap.

It will make for great pillow talk. See you at a wine bowl.

PHOTOS FOR FACEBOOK, WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

Bonnie Auchincloss, Chair, *635-5191*  bkauchincloss@hvc.rr.com

At a recent meeting of our newly formed Poughkeepsie AAUW Photography Committee the subject of privacy was discussed.

We are asking that if you see photos being taken at a membership program, interest group meeting or Community Outreach event please tell the photographer if you object to your photo being used on AAUW Facebook, AAUW Poughkeepsie website or our newsletter, The Branch.

**We are leaving it up to you to "opt out" if you have objections.**

There are a number of people who will be taking photos at various meetings – **Bonnie Auchincloss, Mary Coiteux, Barbara Hugo, Charlotte Mann and Margaret Nijhuis.** There will be others as time goes on. Our goal is to document the many events and programs that our branch has each year. It will be fun for all to share this effort at our annual meeting and other events.

If you are holding an AAUW event and would like photos taken, please contact Bonnie.

**December**

**“Fun with Friends”**
This year the NGO CSW 60 is being held from March 14 - 24, 2016.

Please join us for our annual trip to attend the parallel events during the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

This year we would like to have our trip coincide with the AAUW National parallel event. The date should be announced in the first week in January 2016.

I am hoping that this year we can organize a bus trip. It will give more of our members an opportunity to attend this inspiring experience, bond with each other, strengthen our sisterhood and provide support to our global sisters in our many struggles against the injustices that women endure worldwide.

Here is what some of our members said about previous trips:

“As a grief therapist, I work with groups of widows. Their struggle to adjust to their new circumstances is painful and arduous. It is, therefore, all the more shocking for me to learn of these additional hardships and cruelties that women around the world are forced to endure. Being able to hear from, and speak to the courageous women around the world who addressed us – some lawyers who are working to change laws – others in the field working directly with women and their families to overcome the cycles of poverty that feed in war and disease. These speakers were an inspiration and I urge other AAUW members to attend next year.” Judy Elkin, LMSW

“What a wonderful sense of strength and shared purpose came over me as I rushed from one program to the next with women from all over the globe - Chechnya, Botswana and Thailand - we were so engaged in learning and mutual support. It was an unforgettable day.” Barbara Hugo

“The Speaker did give me a lot to think about: who do I invest with, who do I buy my food and clothing from, etc. (encouraging me to do more research). We can be unintentionally supporting human trafficking based on our investments and the products we consume.” Sabashnee Govender

Poughkeepsie AAUW is planning to attend either March 14 or March 15 or March 16.

Please email me the date you would like to attend ASAP.

Cost will be approximately $23 (plus gratuity for bus driver)
The bus leaves from Poughkeepsie TJ Max Plaza
Departure time (POK): 7:30 am
Departure time (NYC): 5:30 pm

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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

COURTNEY ALBERT, MEd, MA
Founder and President, Give Way to Freedom

Courtney is the founder and president of Give Way to Freedom, a private operating foundation dedicated to enhancing the care and empowerment of survivors of human trafficking. She identifies potential projects, facilitates trainings, develops and analyzes surveys, and provides skilled individual and group counseling. Courtney worked as a psychotherapist for survivors of trafficking and torture at the Helen Bamber Foundation, London, UK and currently continues her direct client clinical work at Columbia County Mental Health. Courtney is a member of the Dutchess County Human Trafficking Taskforce and is on the board of directors of the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse.

Courtney received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with honors, from the University of Rochester. She holds a Master’s degree (MEd) in Counseling Psychology from Temple University and a Master’s degree (MA) in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of New Haven. In addition, Courtney completed an intensive course in Somatic Trauma Therapy in 2012. Courtney has facilitated trainings and workshops on human trafficking at several colleges, conferences, and events including, Zonta International London, Champlain College, University of Vermont, UNC Chapel Hill, Vermont 211, Marist College, Family Services, The Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, Building Bridges Conference, The Dutchess County Human Trafficking Taskforce, The 2011 and 2014 Not Here Conferences in Maine, and the 2012 Tri State Not for Sale Conference in Stowe, Vermont.
AAUW COURT WATCH INITIATIVE
Ann Pinna, Chair *462-3140* ajpinna@aol.com

Training: Thursday, March 31, 2016
Please respond by January 29th.

RATIONALE: In accordance with AAUW’s mission to provide equity for women and girls, the “Stand Up to Domestic Violence Initiative” was created in 2011 to document systemic issues in the local justice system that result in the re-victimization of women and children suffering from domestic abuse.

WHAT COURT MONITORS DO: Court Monitors go into Family Court and observe judges, attorneys, and other court personnel in order to look for systemic problems relating to cases of domestic violence. Court Monitors fill out specially designed Observation Forms and then submit them for Data Entry. The data is collected, results are analyzed, and their findings are shared with judges and appropriate court personnel in the hope of creating greater accountability and making improvements in the court system.

THE GOAL OF COURT MONITORS: The monitors’ goal is to assist in providing information and insight for the fair and equal treatment of women and everyone else associated with domestic violence.

TIME COMMITMENT: Monitors go to Family Court at least one-half day per month, according to a prearranged schedule, for either a full morning or afternoon session. While in court, monitors are required to fill out separate Observation Forms for each case they witness and submit their sheets each month for Data Entry. In addition, monitors are required to attend occasional monthly meetings to update information and to participate in Group-Share sessions.

NEW TRAINING: The next court monitoring training will take place on Thursday, March 31, 2016. It will be a full day of training, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Boardman Rd. Library.

TO REGISTER: If you wish to be trained to become a court monitor and can commit to the necessary guidelines and requirements as indicated in the description above, please submit your contact information and questions via e-mail to AJPinna@aol.com or call 845-462-3140 by January 29th so proper arrangements for training can be made.

****PLEASE NOTE: If you register, you must be able to make a commitment to monitor Family Court for one-half day per month for one full year according to a pre-arranged schedule. You must also be willing to fill out Observation Forms for each case and attend occasional educational meetings. The full-day training in March is also a requirement in order to monitor.

AAUW POUGHKEEPSIE GIRLS’ CONFERENCE:
DEFINITELY ON!
Maria DeWald, Community Initiatives Liaison

Thanks to a new partnership between Dutchess Community College (DCC) and Poughkeepsie AAUW, we are pleased to say that we will definitely be sponsoring a 2016 Girls’ Conference under the leadership of Lori Scolaro, representing Dutchess Community College, and Diane Babington, representing AAUW. This dynamic partnership will allow us to renew this community initiative and, hopefully, infuse the excellent previous framework with new energy and ideas.

The Conference will be held at DCC on November 5, 2016. We hope many more will join our strong Committee to help in making this a memorable and impacting experience for sixth/seventh grade girls.

Again, there are many ways to be involved such as volunteering for one of the committees we have formed so far. They include a Logistics Committee; a Communications/Liaison group which will foster contacts with Dutchess County middle schools (see list page 7), Dutchess Community and Marist College regarding work with their interns, guidance counselors, social workers and so forth; and a Conference Agenda Committee which will plan the event including a facilitator, workshop presenters, and activities for the day.

You could help in any of these areas whether it is in planning a particular workshop, working on publicity/registration/materials or on many other tasks large and small. There is ample opportunity to shape this Conference, which we hope will be at least an annual event, with your input and assistance. We need your ideas, leadership and follow through for this to work.

Please contact Diana Babington at dibab@aol.com or 471-5385 to volunteer for a committee and/or so she can notify you about the next meeting and keep you informed.

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS
Susie Blecker *462-7074* iblecker@aol.com

As the second month of the new year approaches, I hope our new and old members are back enjoying all of our AAUW programs.

A special welcome to our newest member, Ruth Wally. We are thrilled to have you, Ruth, and hope you have gotten involved in some of our interest groups and initiatives.

Just a reminder, March 15th marks the FIRST date new members can join and have their dues be good through June 30, 2017. This is a great time to join and get maximum membership time for your dollars – you get one year and 4 months for the price one year. If you know of anyone who might want to become a part of our organization, please have them contact me.
David A. Crenshaw received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1969 from Washington University in St. Louis. He is Clinical Director of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University. Dr. Crenshaw is a Board Certified Clinical Psychologist (American Board of Professional Psychology-ABPP); Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA), Division of Child and Adolescent Psychology; and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S) by the Association for Play Therapy.

From 2009 to 2014, he was a Faculty Associate at Johns Hopkins University where he taught graduate courses in counseling and play therapy. He is the author, co-author, editor or co-editor of 15 books in the field of child and adolescent therapy, numerous journal articles, and book chapters on child trauma, abuse, the rage of children, the wounding of adolescents, and the resilience of children. His latest books are Play Therapy Interventions to Enhance Resilience co-edited with Robert Brooks and Sam Goldstein published by Guilford Press, and Termination Challenges in Child Psychotherapy co-authored with Eliana Gil by Guilford Press. Dr. Crenshaw is also co-editor with Cathy Malchiodi of a book series for Guilford Press called Creative Arts and Play Therapy.

Along with his colleagues at the Children's home, he has been a vigorous advocate for trauma-sensitive courts and the use of Facility Dogs in the Courtroom to comfort vulnerable witnesses. He is currently a Board Member of the Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASADA) and a member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Courthouse Dogs Foundation in Seattle. In addition, Dr. Crenshaw is also a member of the Dutchess County Task Force against Human Trafficking.

Mary DeWald, Community Liaison Chair

Middle School/Junior High Liaisons for the AAUW Girls’ Conference: Do you have a student or know a staff person at one of the following middle/junior high schools who can help inform their middle school students about the November 5, 2016 AAUW Girls’ Conference? Can you either send us a name or volunteer to be a liaison for that school? Your job would simply be to help motivate attendance from that school at the Conference next fall. Please contact Suzie Stoller, Middle School Liaison, at suzi.stoller@gmail.com or 845/462-4137.

Public Schools:
Arlington: LaGrange MS and Union Vale MS
Beacon: Rombout MS
Dover: Dover MS
Hyde Park: Haviland MS
Millbrook: Millbrook MS
Pawling: Pawling MS
Pine Plains: Stissing Mountain MS
Poughkeepsie: Poughkeepsie MS, Circle of Courage
Red Hook: Linden Avenue MS
Rhinebeck: Bulkeley MS
Spackenkill: Todd MS
Wappingers: Van Wyck JHS and Wappingers JHS
Webutuck (North East): Eugene Brooks Intermediate

Parochial Schools:
For example, Holy Trinity has asked to be invited
Private Schools: For example, Poughkeepsie Day School

“HATS OFF”
Mary Coiteux *226-8275*
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An expression of admiration for someone’s achievement or contribution and our acknowledgment for it.

“Hats off” to our amazing members who provided so much entertainment and learning at our December Membership Program:

Anthula Natsoulas: Let’s Do Math, Math and Logic Games
Mary Coiteux & Pat Luczai: Art on the Go, Earring Making
Arlene Seligman: Pins & Needles, Macramé Key Chains
Betsy Vivas: Word Games, Games they enjoying playing
Blanche Bergman: Mahjong, Introducing Mahjong
Barbara Durniak: The Ediss Book Group, Literature Quiz
Joann Clark & Barbara Van Itallie: Cuisine, Worst Cooks in America quiz & Unusual Gadgets
It’s Time Already to Think About
WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2016
Co-chairs: Carol Barmann 845-229-9063 cbargirl@aol.com
& Joanne Long 845-229-0664 nanajo851027@aol.com

Please submit your nominations for 2016 Woman of the Year !!

Criteria for Poughkeepsie AAUW Woman of the Year:
- She has made outstanding contributions to the community in either a voluntary or paid capacity. Most recipients have served in both capacities.
- 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.

To nominate an outstanding woman for 2016, please use the form found on our website: http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org under Resources/Woman of the Year or use the search function.

Return your nomination to: Carol Barmann or Joanne Long by email: cbargirl@aol.com or nanajo851027@aol.com or mail to:
Carol Barmann, 22 Julia Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538 or
Joanne Long, 106 Roosevelt Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538

If you encounter difficulty downloading the form, feel free to contact either Carol or Joanne for assistance.

EXTENDING GIRLS’ HORIZONS
Peggy Kelland *297-0507* smkell45@aol.com

On Sunday, February 7, from 2:00-4:00 pm, we are repeating last year’s highly popular program, “Baubles, Bangles, and Beads.” Open to girls in grades 6-12, they will learn how to make earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. This is a service project for the Piggy Bank Bazaar, an annual opportunity of holiday shopping for children in the community. It is sponsored by New Hackensack Reformed Church, who is hosting the craft afternoon. The girls get to keep one while making more for the Bazaar. If they wish to keep additional creations, the price is only $1.00-$2.00. AAUW members are welcome to join us in making jewelry and assisting the girls.

Poughkeepsie AAUW members plan the programs and provide presenters, while the Girl Scouts arrange for venues, girls, chaperones, and insurance.

WRITERS’ TEA AUCTION
Linda Roberts *227-5287* olsen241@aol.com

As 2016 gets started, I hope the year will bring happiness, good health and love to everyone. 2016 also brings AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch’s 7th Annual Writers’ Tea & Auction.

Save May 15 for this wonderful event. Remember that it is our only fundraiser for the year and is a splendid way to spend a Spring afternoon at The Links in Union Vale.

I have already been getting emails from our enthusiastic members, many who have donated every single year! Their generosity always amazes me and the things they donate are always beautiful hand-crafted items: for example original paintings, pottery, ceramics, knitted and crocheted items, jewelry, hand-stitched pillows, bags, quilts. One member’s cleaning lady has even donated several hours of her time...this is a first!

Of course, remember that it is very important to come to the Tea. We always have a wonderful event, one we are excited to share with our new members. You can read all about the first of our two authors on page 1.

If you would like to donate an item for the auction or need a suggestion, please contact me. We will pick items up from you or else you can arrange with Gloria Gibbs (454-7262) to drop things off at her house, our AUCTION CENTRAL. Her other contact information is in the Directory. She is centrally located in Poughkeepsie.

So, now that the holiday dust has settled we are ready to give our attention to the Auction. Thank you all so much for participating in this event and making it the success that it always has been.

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