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## POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW ANNUAL MEETING 2019

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Plan to attend the Annual Meeting on June 13th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. We will begin with a cash bar and greeting old friends at 6 pm, followed by dinner, a business meeting to elect new officers, honor women in our local AAUW branch\* and a keynote address by **Sabrina Marzouka**, Commissioner of Community and Family Services for Dutchess

County. In addition, we will hear from the two recipients of our NCCWSL scholarship, **Kayla Bowen\*\*** of SUNY New Paltz and **Alyssa Covelli\*\*** from Dutchess Community College.

Join us to catch up with friends, remember all the accomplishments, activities, and great times in AAUW during 2018-19.

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend

### POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION DINNER JUNE 13, 2019

The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel  
**Gather and Greet 6:00 PM**  
**Dinner and Meeting 6:30 PM**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 1st: **\$45.00**

Make checks payable to: **Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**  
or use PayPal/Credit Card (\$47) at

[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

Deadline for reservations is May 25th.

Please send a check along with your entrée selection to  
**Sharon Fleury, 18 Rosalind Rd, Poughkeepsie NY 12601.**

Choose One:

- Strip steak,
- Chicken Francese,
- Sole Meuniere
- Vegetarian.

Special dietary restrictions and questions, contact Sharon  
Fleury 845-471-7261 or [Sharon.fleury@earthlink.net](mailto:Sharon.fleury@earthlink.net)

\*See *The Branch*, March 2019

\*\*See *The Branch*, April 2019

[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org) /Newsletters.

*Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW presents:*

**Goldee Greene, Vocal Artist\***  
**Tom McCoy, Music Director\***



## Women of SONG

*Goldee Greene*

**Diverse Divas in Opera, Jazz & Musical**

**Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie\*\*

Get up close and personal with such opera divas as Cleopatra, Tosca and Delilah as well as real-life prima donna's like Bessie Smith, Ethel Waters, Mae West and Marlene Dietrich. All this and more as award-winning singer/actor and Off-Broadway playwright Goldee Greene offers *Women of Song: Diverse Divas in Opera, Jazz & Musical*.

Many genres express the laughter, love, struggles and empowerment of women through the ages, from Handel, Mozart and Puccini, to Duke Ellington, Eubie Blake and Nat "King" Cole. In collaboration with world-class pianist and arranger Tom McCoy, a stirring, wheels-within-wheels evening is in store.

**\*Continued on page 4 *Women of Song*...**

**\*\*Directions:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie at 67 South Randolph Ave. can be accessed from Hooker Ave. **OR** take Route 9 to Sharon Dr. (near Holiday Inn). At the end of Sharon turn left onto Beechwood then the first right onto Ferris Lane, next an immediate left to S. Randolph. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie is on the right.

**Questions:** Monique Jones, 849-1692, [myj712@aol.com](mailto:myj712@aol.com)  
Sandy Lash, 227-4650, [sjlash@optonline.net](mailto:sjlash@optonline.net) ■

## MAY CALENDAR

Online Calendar at [www.aaupoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aaupoughkeepsie.org)

Contact: Kathy Friedman [kfriedman33@gmail.com](mailto:kfriedman33@gmail.com)

- 2 Board Meeting:** 7:00 pm  
Vassar Hospital, Radiology Conference Room, 2nd floor
- 4 Trekkers:** 10:00 am  
*Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie*, bring bottle of water.  
Coordinator: Tori Smith text 914-805-8046.  
[torilsmith.home@gmail.com](mailto:torilsmith.home@gmail.com)
- 6 Word Games:** 1:30 pm  
Hostess: Betsy Vivas (485-2379)  
[b.betsymike@verizon.net](mailto:b.betsymike@verizon.net)  
Coordinator: Susan Doyle (914/474-1232)
- 7 International Relations Committee:** 4:00 pm  
Details **page 6**  
Chair: Marti Madory [marti67138@gmail.com](mailto:marti67138@gmail.com)
- 7 World Travelers:** 7:00 pm  
*Africa*, Joyce Mongero  
Hostess: Maria DeWald (226-4960)  
Reservations: Bonnie Auchincloss (635-5191)  
[bauchincloss@gmail.com](mailto:bauchincloss@gmail.com)
- 8 Gourmet: Out & About:** 6:30 pm  
*Casablanca*, 2 Delafield St. Poughkeepsie  
Contacts: Mary Ann Boylan (462-2504)  
Kay Saderholm (229-8545) [Ksaderholm@aol.com](mailto:Ksaderholm@aol.com)
- 8 Pedal Pushers:** 10:00 am  
*Bike over walkway to Highland – 12 miles*  
Meeting point: LaGrange Trailhead parking lot on  
Old Manchester Road  
Coordinator: Sheila Zweifler [sheilaz@optonline.net](mailto:sheilaz@optonline.net)
- 9 Canasta:** 1:00 pm  
Hostess: Barbara Cohen [barbco451@gmail.com](mailto:barbco451@gmail.com)  
Coordinator: Barbara Cohen ([barbco451@gmail.com](mailto:barbco451@gmail.com))
- 9 General Membership Program:** 7:00 pm  
*All members are invited and encouraged to attend*  
– see details on **page 1, 4.**
- 10 Daytime Literature:** 10:00 am  
*The Center Cannot Hold* by Elyn Saks  
*The Manor at Woodside*, 168 Academy, Pok.  
Coordinators: Kathy Friedman (485-8671) &  
Susan Fink [sbudson@aol.com](mailto:sbudson@aol.com) (473-3168)
- 10 “The Branch” deadline for June.**
- 11 Bridge III:** 10:00 am  
Hostess: TBD  
Coordinator: Donna Reichner  
[donnababy25@hotmail.com](mailto:donnababy25@hotmail.com)
- 13 All those books...:** 2:30 pm  
*House of Mirth* by William Faulkner  
Hostess: Bonnie Auchincloss [bauchincloss@gmail.com](mailto:bauchincloss@gmail.com)  
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 14 Movie Night:** *Time late afternoon TBD by show*  
Movie will be followed by discussion at a nearby diner.  
Theater and movie choice will be announced Thursday of  
the previous week and will be based on what is available at  
that time.  
Director: Linnea Masson (883-7726)  
Producer: Ellen Zelig [ellenzeligcrs@aol.com](mailto:ellenzeligcrs@aol.com)
- 15 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Hostess: Sandy Goldberg (297-7670)  
Coordinator: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
- 16 Global Friends Sharing Circle:** 4:00 pm  
Hostess & Contact Gwen Higgins  
[gwenhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:gwenhiggins@gmail.com), **See page 6.**
- 17 Poetry and Plays - Emily D to Tennessee:** 1:45 pm  
*Poet Laureates*  
Hostess: Mary Lou Davis (223-5544)  
Coordinators: Cathy Augello (473-2188) &  
Jackie Sweeney (518/947-6682)
- 18 Days for Girls:** 1:30-4:30 pm  
Friends Meeting House, Hooker Avenue  
Chair: Sabashnee Govender (914/850-0195)  
[poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.org](mailto:poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.org)
- 20 Manderley Literary Society:** 6:30 pm  
*In the Woods* by Tana French  
Hostess: Shelly Friedman (462-4996)  
[rfriedman5@gmail.com](mailto:rfriedman5@gmail.com)  
Coordinator: Shelly Friedman (462-4996)
- 21 Cuisine:** 6:30 pm  
*Cuisine of the Riviera*  
Hostesses: Emily Moran (345-9876) &  
Betty Olson (889-4836)  
Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger  
[brlemlberger@yahoo.com](mailto:brlemlberger@yahoo.com)
- 22 Mah Jongg:** Noon - 4:00 pm  
*Antonella's Restaurant, Route 9, Wappingers Falls*  
Contact Blanche by 2 days before (462-3955)  
Coordinator: Blanche Bergman (462-3955)
- 22 Contemporary Literature:** 7:30 pm  
*Before and Again* by Barbara Delinsky  
Dinner meeting: Restaurant TBD  
Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) &  
Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)
- 23 Bridge II:** 12:00-4:00 pm  
*Red Lobster, Route 9, Poughkeepsie*  
Coordinator: Cathy Kinn [cathy@kinn.org](mailto:cathy@kinn.org)
- 23 Pins & Needles:** 7:00 pm  
*Planning Meeting*  
Hostess: Kay Saderholm (229-8545)  
Coordinators: Pat Luczai (463-4662) &  
Mary Ann Williams (868-7465)
- 24 Art on the Go:** 11:00 am  
*Photography exhibit at SUNY New Paltz museum*  
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 30 Aventures en Soleil:** 11:30 am  
*Guggenheim Museum, NYC*  
\$26.50 – admission and tour  
Contact: Diane Jablonski, [dianejablonski@gmail.com](mailto:dianejablonski@gmail.com)  
Coordinator: Janna Whearty (546-9190)

### Photography Club:

Contact Coordinator

Coordinator: Carol Demicco (845-204-9553)

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Jun 13: Annual Meeting**, Poughkeepsie Grand

**Oct 20: AAUW-NYS District IV** at Kingston

**Oct 27: Woman of the Year**, Dutchess Manor

**Nov 2: Live Your Dream Girls' Conference**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Diane Jablonski \*834-3378\* [dianejablonski@gmail.com](mailto:dianejablonski@gmail.com)

### **The board just reviewed and updated our Branch strategy.**

We undertook this task to align with the new National Strategy. The added benefit of doing this was it gave us an opportunity to really look at all the activities within the branch that support the goals of gender equity and at same time recognize the incredible offerings of our branch. The board has approved the strategy and you can find it on our website.

([www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org) /About Us/Strategic Plan) We consolidated it into a format that will guide us into the future, allow us to measure ourselves, make decisions, and prioritize our activities in accordance with the strategy.

**But a strategy written on paper is just a document** – it lives and breathes with your actions, leadership and support. It is exhilarating to see how our community service initiatives tie into the national strategy as you can see in the chart on **page 4 of the Poughkeepsie Branch Strategic plan**. We cover all the areas of the national strategy - Education, Economic Security, Leadership, and Governance and Sustainability.

If you take the time to review our strategy, I believe it will give you a sense of how important the Poughkeepsie Branch is to the Hudson Valley. **As it is membership renewal time, the strategy reminds us about what our time and money support and the contributions we make to the Hudson Valley.**

The one part of the strategy that is easy to overlook is that of governance and sustainability. As a large organization, many of you have stepped forward to be leaders of interest groups, initiatives, as officers, supporting ongoing programs, and just participating. **Every time you participate in an activity, step forward to help on an effort, accept a leadership position you are part of sustaining us.**

**A major challenge in the area of governance and sustainability is that of communication.** It is a challenge to make the information about our many events available to our members yet also reach out into the community to attract new members and supporters for our initiatives. The major changes in journalism, social media, and online communication require new skills and technologies and an understanding of how to navigate through the online forest. As the *Poughkeepsie Journal* made major changes in their staff and policies by eliminating Letters to the Editor, Valley View columns, and coverage of local events, we lost a vehicle that we used for many years to communicate with the local community. The integrity of Facebook is being questioned by some and every month, there is a new social media app that attempts to gain audiences. We have been trying some new things: the International committee is providing a separate calendar of events and linking to other organizations with interest in international affairs; libraries provide and we are trying that as well, **Burbio Community Calendars**. There is no easy answer to how we can more effectively communicate to a broader

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audience. Our website and newsletter provide excellent communications to our membership but getting the word out about our wonderful programs and efforts to a wider community is increasingly challenging. If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear them.

**AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch began in 1925 and has survived many tumultuous changes. I am sure that some of those changes created challenges that seemed insurmountable – but we survived, grew and became stronger. Our strategy will carry us into the future and we will continue to be a force in the Mid-Hudson Valley.**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Barbara Van Itallie, Chair; Mary Coiteux; Sue Doyle; Betty Harrel and Sheila Zweifler

The committee is pleased to present the following nominees for consideration for board positions for 2019-21:

**Program Co-VPs: Monique Jones & Sandy Lash**  
**Membership Co-VPs: Mary Scalise-Annis & Sheila Zweifler**  
**Development VP: Lula Allen**  
**Membership Treasurer: Sue Doyle**

Completing their 2018-20 term:

President: Diane Jablonski  
Communications VP: Bonnie Auchincloss  
Secretary: Ruth Sheets  
Treasurer: Pat Luczai


Election and installation will be conducted at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, held at the Poughkeepsie Grand. Nominations may be made from the floor with the written permission of the nominee.

## AAUW-NYS CONVENTION


Ten of our members are headed for convention. You will hear more about the convention in the June newsletter. Below is the ad our branch placed in the convention program booklet.

### Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW

Congratulations to two great women!  
AAUW-NYS Treasurer



**Diane Jablonski**  
Current: 2016-2019



**Barbara Van Itallie**  
Future: 2019 Nominee

Appreciation to our other members serving AAUW-NYS:

Cyd AverillMary Lou DavisBetty Harrel



## AAUW AT CSW

Margaret Nijhuis \*635-8612\* [margaretnijhuis@gmail.com](mailto:margaretnijhuis@gmail.com)



Mary Lou Davis, Gwen Higgins, Marcine Humphrey, Diane Jablonski and Margaret Nijhuis attended the March 14th session at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). These annual presentations are parallel to the meeting of the Commission at the UN. The presentations take place in sites near the UN.

On this day of the 2 week session our **national AAUW CEO, Kim Churches** did an excellent job of moderating a well-organized panel discussion, "Economic Security, Women & Work: Global Solution for Equity." After a brief presentation of the problem, Kim introduced the panel: Mabel Abraham, PhD of the Columbia Business School and an **AAUW American Fellow**; Carmen Sebros, Senior Associate Brand Manager for M&M at Mars and an **AAUW Selected Profession Fellow** and Estelle Kone, PhD, Vice President in Market Risk Engineering for Goldman Sachs and an **AAUW International Fellowship** recipient. They each explained their work and what they saw as the problem. There were many questions and the takeaways were women's need to support women, women's need to prepare from their earliest education to take roles in all fields (math and science included) and leadership and women's need to work with men to make this happen. The need for skills in negotiation salary and working conditions was spoken of many times and Kim was very skillful in pressing the use of the **AAUW WorkSmart online training program** which is free for anyone. Please see *The Branch*, April 2019, page 3, President's Message for details.

## WOMEN OF SONG

Monique Jones [myj712@aol.com](mailto:myj712@aol.com) & Sandy Lash [sjlash@optonline.net](mailto:sjlash@optonline.net)

### GOLDEE GREENE

International vocal/recording artist Goldee Greene hails from the verdant Hudson Valley highlands.

Goldee has performed classical, jazz, folk/rock and worship music at such New York venues as St. Patrick's Cathedral/*Verdi Requiem*, Alice Tully Hall/*Beethoven's Ninth Symphony*, New York Public Theatre/*No Shame Series*, *Big Voices* concert with lead Metropolitan Opera tenor Adam C.J. Klein.

Goldee was a guest artist on the Grammy Award winning CD, *God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You*, by Pete Seeger and Lorre Wyatt; toured with reggae star Bankie Banx on Caribbean tour as singer/pianist; and was featured in Reggae SunSplash film, *Cool Runnin's*, with Banx's band. Also an Off-Broadway playwright, her full length, original musical, *Sprang Thang*, was independently produced by Amas Musical Theatre Company, at the Player's Theatre, in New York.

### TOM MCCOY

Tom McCoy is a versatile pianist, arranger and composer, moving seamlessly between the worlds of classical, jazz, theater and pop. Tom wrote the original score for *The Battle of the Orphans*, based on the book by Brian McConnell, and wrote the music for the new musical *Madame President*, which is currently venue-shopping. He arranged and music-directed the new musical *Adventures in the Great Beyond*, mounted at the Harold Clurman Theater. Tom has music-directed many local and regional productions and done Broadway pit work nationally and internationally.



Mothers Project Presents  
**EXPLORING MOTHERHOOD**  
Celebrating Poughkeepsie mothers  
in their many forms

489 Main Street (Trolleybarn)  
May 11th, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Light refreshments and appetizers

Please RSVP by email to [sebus@vassar.edu](mailto:sebus@vassar.edu) or by text to (908) 442-0544



**At the May 9, Women in Song presentation, Days for Girls will be collecting donations. See page 8 for details.**

***Mothers Project is a Poughkeepsie AAUW Community Service Initiative.***

## MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

Susie Blecker \*462-7074\* [iblecker@aol.com](mailto:iblecker@aol.com)

Sheila Zweifler \*462-6478\* [sheilaz@optonline.net](mailto:sheilaz@optonline.net)



**Spring has sprung and it is time for all our wonderful Poughkeepsie Branch members to renew their membership.** You should have received or shortly will be receiving in the USPS mail the 2019-2020 AAUW renewal form. Please fill it out along with the **Member Profile Sheet** so we can update our records.

This is very important since it is our way to keep track of your interests and abilities. We can then contact you if there is an upcoming activity we think might interest you or an event in which we could use your talents and help.

**Members have the option to pay their dues using PayPal/Credit Card.** There is a \$2.00 charge and there is a link on the AAUW website ([www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)) with instructions. Otherwise, please mail your check and/or completed profile to Mary Anne Hogarty as soon as possible. We will be very sorry to see you leave AAUW, but if you cannot continue your membership, please let us know by either checking the box on the member renewal form and returning it or calling one of us.

**On the renewal notice, you will see that members have a chance to win a free national membership (a \$59 value).** There are three free memberships available. The drawing will take place at our Annual Dinner on June 13, 2019. Mail your dues by **May 11th and get three (3) tickets** for the drawing. Mail your dues by **May 22nd and get two (2) tickets** and mail your dues by **June 1st and get one (1) ticket** for the drawing. If you do not renew your membership by Sept. 15, 2019, you will not receive *The Branch* newsletter, be able to participate in the interest groups nor be listed in the Membership Directory. Once, you renew, all AAUW benefits will be reinstated.



Help us welcome **Janet Houston** and **Patricia Murphy** as our newest members of Poughkeepsie AAUW.

**Our Open House will be in September.** This is our only event that showcases all the different activities AAUW has to offer. Please start thinking about those friends, neighbors, and relatives who might enjoy AAUW. You can send their names, emails, and addresses to **Sheila Zweifler** at [sheilaz@optonline.net](mailto:sheilaz@optonline.net), so they can receive an invitation to the Open House.

**Finally, we want to thank all of you who have worked so hard to make this year such a success. We are sure with your continued help and enthusiasm, next year will be even better.**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING! DETAILS ON PAGE 1.**

## SUPPORTERS OF THE BRANCH!!

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Mary Ann Ryan

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

## SAVE THE DATE:

**AAUW-NEW YORK  
DISTRICT IV CONFERENCE DAY  
KINGSTON, NY  
October 20, 2019**

AAUW Kingston Branch is very excited to host the next District IV Conference Day on **Sunday, October 20, Stonehedge Restaurant, West Park.** For those of us traveling from Poughkeepsie, this is a very short ride located on 9W not far north of the Route 299 turn off.

The committee includes Lynn Gore, Susan Holland (also a member of Poughkeepsie Branch) and Geraldine Popko. They have been working to make this a meaningful day focusing on programs supporting the AAUW mission. If you would like to join the committee, contact Lynn at [lynnore54@gmail.com](mailto:lynnore54@gmail.com) or 845-687-9210.

District IV includes branches from Poughkeepsie, Adirondack, Schenectady, Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown and Kingston. The conference will be open to the community and other organizations that support our mission.

## POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW GIVES

### SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

Kay Saderholm



The 60th Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair was held March 30, 2019, at Dutchess Community College. The Poughkeepsie AAUW

Branch gave two awards of gift cards to Barnes & Noble, one to a 7th grader, the second to an 8th grader. The seventh grade award went to **Sofia Giammatteo**, of Holy Trinity School, Poughkeepsie, for her project "What's in your O.J.?" The eighth grade award went to **Krishna Sikka**, from St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie, for her project "Hot Car Deaths: Steering to the Solution." **Bonnie Auchincloss, Claudette Hennessy**, and **Kay Saderholm** served as judges for AAUW.

## PUBLIC POLICY

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### *No Tuffet for Miss Muffet*

**Notre Dame Women's Basketball Coach Muffet McGraw** (yes, Muffet is her real name) went viral three times this week: her team made it to the NCAA finals; her celebratory dance moves; and most importantly, her comments on political and job equality for women. **McGraw announced she would not be hiring men to fill positions on her team. She has not hired any male coaching assistants since 2012 but retains a trainer previously hired.**

"When you look at men's basketball, 99 percent of the jobs go to men, why shouldn't 100 or 99 percent of the jobs in women's basketball go to women? Maybe it's because we only have 10 percent women athletic directors in Division I. People hire people who look like them. That's the problem. We don't have enough female role models. We don't have enough visible women leaders. We don't have enough women in power." McGraw has committed to hiring women-only for team positions.

Many argue that women are needed to purify a contaminated system. The most decorated American gold medalists in history - gymnasts - were serially sexually abused by a team doctor for over a decade. Our most decorated soccer players, who, for 30 years now, have done better work for less pay, literally went on strike to get a decent pay raise/adjustment from USA Soccer. "If you think that women in corporate America are discriminated against, look at women in American sports."

When asked if she had any plan to hire any male assistant coaches, she gave a one-word answer, "No." "People are hiring too many men to coach women's college sports."

### **Do you agree? Not everyone does.**

McGraw's fiercest opponent, U Conn's Geno Auriemma, whose wife is his coaching assistant, finds her attitude and practices sexist and discriminatory. "I hope she sends a thank you to all those guys that used to be on her staff that got her all those good players that won a championship. I look at some of the top programs in America, and they seem to have pretty good coaches who happen to be men."

So how do we see this moment? I see an opportunity to actively protect the provisions of Title IX. Without Title IX, women's sports would not be national in scope nor would women have the opportunities to choose professional sports as a career. Equal pay and job access are front and center issues to be explored and litigated when necessary. And third, the hiring of women for women's sports may help to level the playing field and correct long overdue social injustice.

One thing is clear. Women are the best fighters for the rights and advancement of other women.

*Our Coach Muffet got off her tuffet  
To bring equality to the female courts.  
Along came a man and she sensed a hiring scan  
So she frightened him back to his own sports.*

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Marti Madory \*471-8577\* [marti67138@gmail.com](mailto:marti67138@gmail.com)

### International Calendar

The spring entries in our **Mid-Hudson Calendar of International Activities** have been particularly-attractive, with charming logos for several events. Please check it out and recommend it to others ([www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org) /Fast Facts (second item)). We have produced a "referral logo" for the calendar that you can copy and add to your correspondence and flyers, recommending that the reader seek it out on the branch web site. This serves the branch by exposing readers to our own activities, described on the first page of the site, as well as those listed by other organizations on the international calendar. We've also printed the logo on sticker paper so we can add it to items that have already been printed.

The image is available to our Calendar partners, which can carry it on their own web sites; and it can be printed on card stock, creating little cards that can be passed along in person. Without a local daily newspaper, we all need to play a role in publicizing branch activities.

 **For a Calendar of  
International  
Activities in the Mid-Hudson  
Valley go to  
[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)**



### Global Friends Sharing Circles

Our second Global Friends sharing circle was held at Gloria Ghedini's home on April 10. International guests hailed from Colombia, Germany, Yemen, Senegal, and Japan. Another is scheduled for May 16, at Gwen Higgins' home. Members interested in participating should contact Gwen. We'd also welcome suggestions for additional international guests who would enjoy an invitation.

### Tuesday, May 7, Committee Planning Session

International Hospitality will be discussed at the Committee's Tuesday, May 7, planning session, to be held at 4 pm at the home of the chair, Marti Madory. We will also be outlining our proposal to the Program Committee to produce a panel presentation for **the January membership meeting**. We want to make the case for supporting international students enrolled in local high schools and colleges and identify the most-effective way we can be helpful to them.

We'll also discuss ideas for the Committee's display at the September Open House, when new members are recruited for AAUW in general and the Committee specifically. **In addition, we'll research the possibility of borrowing the Academy Award-winning documentary film "Period. End of Sentence,"** and arranging to have it shown locally along with promotion of Days for Girls. (The film was created by Oakwood, CA, high school students and includes the story of women in a village in India who learned to manufacture and market their own menstrual pads.) Ideally, this effort would be handled jointly with a women's group at a local college.



## BUDGET 2019 – 2020

The following budget was approved by the board on April 4, 2019. Questions may be addressed to **Pat Luczai** at the Annual Meeting or before. [pat.luczai@gmail.com](mailto:pat.luczai@gmail.com)

	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Investments	275.00
Undesignated Contribution	800.00
Communication Contribution	350.00
Dues	28,600.00
	Assume 325 members (decrease)
Annual Meeting	4,000.00
Woman of the Year	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>37,025.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration	350.00
Awards/Gifts	155.00
	Cornerstone not awarded this year
Caring Comm.	25.00
Convention	525.00
	Ad: \$125; State and Cazenovia: \$400
Dues	23,400.00
	AAUW National, AAUW-NYS
Equipment	50.00
Historian	20.00
Insurance	1,200.00
<b>Membership Activities:</b>	
Dues Collection	450.00
Directory	1,050.00
Open House	475.00
New Member Reception	425.00
	Increase from \$250
<b>Total Membership Activities:</b>	<u>2,400.00</u>
Monthly Meetings	1,550.00
	Increase from \$1250
Newsletter	150.00
Annual Meeting	4,000.00
Woman of the Year	3,000.00
Reserve	<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>37,325.00</u></b>

### Writers' Tea & Benefit Auction 2019

*Thank you to everyone who donated items/money and/or attended the Writers' Tea & Benefit Auction. Members of the Tea & Auction Committee want to express our appreciation for the part each of you played in making it once again a very successful event. At the time of publication, we do not have a final accounting of the funds raised but will let you know in the June newsletter. It is not too late to send a contribution directly to our treasurer, Pat Luczai, 9 Bridgewater Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601*

Beatrix Farrand Garden Association Announces **Farrand/FORWARD**, a Weekend Symposium & Hudson Valley Premiere of Documentary, *Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes* - June 1 & 2.



The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (BFGA) has announced a Hudson Valley debut of *Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes*, a documentary on American landscape pioneer, Beatrix Farrand. The film's screening is part of a two-day symposium, called *Farrand/FORWARD*, which includes panel discussions, a filmmaker Q&A, garden tours and culminates in a reception and plant sale. *Farrand/FORWARD* will be held **June 1 and 2, 2019 at the Henry A. Wallace Education Center** at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, NY. The site is also home to the Beatrix Farrand Garden at the **Bellefield Estate**. BFGA is dedicated to honoring the environmental and design legacy of Beatrix Farrand, (1872-1959), one of America's most celebrated landscape designers and a pioneering woman who broke barriers in her field.

**For more information** on BFGA and *Farrand/FORWARD*: 845-229-9115 ext. 2023 or

<https://www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org/beatrice-farrand-symposium>

### HATS OFF TO THE WRITERS' TEA & BENEFIT AUCTION

There are always a group of people that make a successful event happen and the tea was no exception. This year the group was **Lula Allen, Mary Coiteux, Mary Lou Davis, Pat DeLeo, Ginny Marcus, Margaret Nijhuis, Linda Roberts and Vivian Rose**. There were many others that gave their help and support this year and in years in the past but these eight people worked all year to make this day possible.

See **page 8** for more pictures of the event.





Judy Longacre & Sabashnee Govender

Thank you to all those who have been volunteering with the Days for Girls (DfG) project. Our team has sent 90 completed kits to developing countries and 5 kits and 5 pods to local shelters and pantries. We have 25 kits ready which are heading to the Ivory Coast in May 2019. Our members and community volunteers have been busy with making liners, shields and drawstring bags for the DfG Kits. To complete the kits we **need to add wash clothes, underwear and gallon size Ziplock brand freezer bags.** We welcome your donations help complete the kits. **There will be a donation box at our membership meeting.**

**Guidelines:**



**Underwear, Panties**

Girls sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 and Women's 5. (Girls size 16 and Women's size 5 are the same size.) Preferably a cotton blend brief (nylon causes chafing). No thongs, or boy shorts. No faces or animals.



**Washcloths:** cotton and new, not white.

**Fabric:** There are very specific requirements for fabric which must be new. Please refer to the details at [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/Programs/Community Services/Days for Girls](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/Programs/Community%20Services/Days%20for%20Girls)

Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to join us to work on kit making (there are many tasks besides sewing) on **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at The Poughkeepsie Meeting of Friends**, 249 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY.

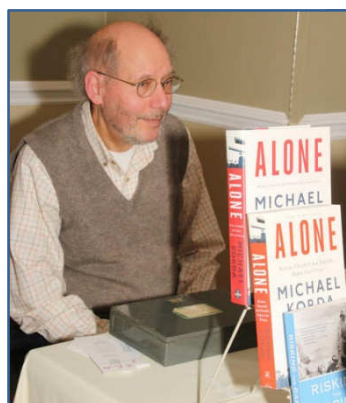
Please contact Judy Longacre or Sabashnee Govender if you have additional questions at [poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.org](mailto:poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.org)

**THE TEA VIPS**



**Ginny Marcus**

**Andy & Vivian Rose**



**Walter Efron**



**Lula Allen & Linda Roberts**

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