**POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW, INC. HISTORY MAY, 2012- APRIL, 2013**

*History of our branch as taken from the pages of our newsletter, “The Branch.” Details are available at www.aauwpoughkeepie.org*

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**“AIN’T I A WOMAN?”**
May 8, 2012 at Christo’s

The Poughkeepsie AAUW is proud to present four legendary women from the Hudson Valley who changed American history. For one evening only, through the magic of performance, Sojourner Truth (Carmen McGill), Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Eileen Hayden), Jane Bolin (Sherre Wesley) and Katharine Graham (Geeta Desai) will speak to us about their challenges and their triumphs, revealing surprising details of their lives and the status of women in American society.

**Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater**

**POUGHKEEPSIE BRANCH AAUW, INC.**

**BOARD 2012-2013**

*Elected Positions*

- **President**: Jackie Goffe-McNish
- **VP Programming**: Barbara Hugo
- **VP Membership**: Kay Saderholm
- **VP Education Funds**: Linda Roberts
- **VP Communications**: Joanne Scolaro
- **Treasurer**: Barbara Van Itallie
- **Secretary**: Peggy Hansen

*These officers will serve through June, 2014.

*Appointed Positions*

- **The Branch Editor**: Margaret Nijhuis
- **Community**: Maria DeWald
- **Diversity**: Gwen Higgins
- **Education**: Kris Puzza
- **Historian**: Eileen Hayden
- **Hospitality**: Barbara Lemberger
- **Interest Group Coordinator**: Cathy Kinn
- **International Relations**: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin
- **Legal Advocacy Fund**: Sharon Clarke
- **Nominating Chair**: Mary Lou Davis
- **Public Policy**: Doris Kelly
- **Publicity**: Mary Coiteux
- **Website**: Mary King
- **Woman of the Year Chair**: Marge Barton

**DUTCHESS COUNTY Science Fair!**

On Saturday, March 31, Eileen Hayden and Ginny Marcus judged the science on behalf of AAUW and presented gift certificates to seventh grader Ashley Quinn, and eighth grader Victoria Smith.

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**SHAPE THE FUTURE!**

... at the annual AAUW BRAINSTORMING SESSION!

Our June membership meeting will focus on YOUR IDEAS for the 2012-2013 season of monthly membership programs.

Come and tell us what’s important to you, what you’d like to learn more about, what fascinates you these days.

Do you have a friend with special knowledge of an intriguing subject? We want to know!

**When**: Thursday, June 14th, 7:00 pm
**Where**: St. John’s, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie

**Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater**

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (EOF) HONOREES**

Every year we name these scholarships after deserving members to honor their work in the Branch. This year’s honorees are Mary Coiteux, Mary King, Dave King, as well as three members in memoriam; Irene Keyes, Susan Kemp, and Elizabeth Moesel. Each of these people have, in their own way, had a positive influence on AAUW.

**Coordinator: Linda Roberts**

**IRENE KEYES MEMORIAL FUND AND NCCWSL**

We are proud to announce that a grant from the Irene Keyes Memorial Fund has been awarded to Domonique Garrett, a local Marist College student. She will attend the 27th annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) from May 31 to June 2, 2012. In addition to her studies, Domonique Garrett is the Director of Youth Services for D.I.V.A.S. of Sister 2 Sister of Poughkeepsie. She has co-coordinated Project S.W.A.G (Society at War Against Illegal Guns and Violence.)

**Coordinator: Marcine Humphrey**
OPEN HOUSE/REUNION
Thursday, September 13, 2012, 7 pm
Hellenic Community Center

AAUW gives us wings which helps us broaden our borders and soar everywhere! Join us for our annual Open House/Reunion after the summer meeting.

Poughkeepsie AAUW welcomed 32 new members at this open house.

Coordinators: Kay Saderhorn & Amy Schwed

BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

Can you picture 10,000 books? That’s the number that have been sorted, labeled, packaged and distributed to children throughout our area by enthusiastic members of the Leading to Reading project!

Since the community outreach program started in 2004, numerous community partnerships have been developed. The focus has been on supporting early literacy programs, but adult books and teen libraries have also been supplied. In addition, members serve as community readers, wrap holiday gifts, provide Children’s Book Week celebrations, sponsor Barnes and Noble book fairs, and work alongside the residents at The Manor at Woodside.

Coordinator: Betty Harrel

STAND UP TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

“SHOUT OUT” to the volunteer monitors in Family Court.

“SPECIAL SHOUT OUT” to Karen Gomba for researching a computer analysis program and designing the monitors’ survey form to fit the program.

“SHOUT OUT” to Joanne Dyson for inputting the data and to Elaine Andersen for helping Joanne and sending out e-mail notifications.

The project has been greatly enhanced by these extraordinary individuals!!

The Coalition Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault (CADVSA) recognized AAUW for its work on the Court Watch Program

Coordinators: Mary Lou Heissenbuttel & Leah Feldman

MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE

Seventh Annual Poughkeepsie Area Girls’ Conference for 7th grade girls sponsored by Poughkeepsie AAUW Inc. and Dutchess Community College Saturday, November 3, 2012

Although Hurricane Sandy was a factor, there were 63 wonderful girls to enjoy and benefit from the day.

Coordinator: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2012

Judith A. Lombardi
Director of Outreach and Support Services, Grace Smith House

Saturday, October 20, 2012
Villa Borghese

Judy received her BA in Psychology from the University of Connecticut and her MSW from the State University of New York in Albany. Currently, she is the Director of Outreach and Support Services at Grace Smith House. Judy was the Executive Director of Grace Smith House from August of 2004 until June of 2010. Judy is a member of AAUW.

Coordinator: Marge Barton

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL FOWLIN

Actor/Psychologist/Poet
Dr. Michael Fowlin
Performs “You Don’t know Me Until You Know Me”
Thursday, November 8, 2012
Poughkeepsie Day School Auditorium

Michael's program is about bias, but it is not a workshop. There are no theories espoused, no charts or historical findings. It is a psychodrama that mines self-revelation and acceptance from the very qualities we find strange, unlikeable or even frightening in other people, and ourselves.

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

WHAT IS A LOCAVORE?

Reinventing the Journey from Earth to Table to Your Body! Hudson Valley Solutions for Our Broken Food System
December 13, 2012, 7:00 pm
Hellenic Center

Come and join us for an evening of exploration with the vanguard of food advocates and producers in our region.

Didi Barrett, AAUW member and our newly re-elected representative to the New York State Assembly
Joe Baldwin, Director of the farm advocacy organization, Earth to Table, and a 1974 graduate of the CIA.
Susan Grove is the Executive Director of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project,
Roufia Payman, DT, CDN, is the Director of Outpatient Nutritional Counseling at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

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TWO POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW MEMBERS WIN ELECTION

Didi Barrett has been elected to the new 106th Assembly District, including the towns of Milan, Pine Plains, North East, Stanford, Amenia, Clinton, Hyde Park, Pleasant Valley, and Poughkeepsie.

Maria Rosa was elected to a fourteen year term as a Justice in the New York State Supreme Court, serving here in Dutchess County.

MISS REPRESENTATION

– a documentary film by Jennifer Seibel Newsom, premiered to rave reviews at the Sundance Film Festival in 2011!

January 10, 2013, 7:00 pm
Dutchess Community College

Mia Mask, Associate Professor of Film at Vassar College, will lead the discussion. She is the author of the acclaimed, Divas on Screen: Black Women in American Film, featured writer at the AAUW’s 2011 Writer’s Tea, and member of AAUW

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

MARIST PARTNERSHIPS LINK KIDS, SCIENCE

Mentor, tutor program allows students in middle school chance to experience college, instills interest in tech careers. Marist College’s Liberty Partnerships Program is providing experiences in science and technology to middle-school students through a partnership with the Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women. The program provides students with academic enrichment, exposes them to college and instills an interest in careers in science and technology.

Coordinator: Kris Puzza

CECILIA DINIO-DURKIN CHOSEN AS THE 2012 ATHENA AWARD RECIPIENT

With four out of the nine of this year’s Athena nominees being AAUW members, the woman chosen to represent Dutchess County was in great company! On December 2, 2012, with the main banquet hall at the Grandview filled to near capacity, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin was stunned to have been chosen to attend the Athena Conference in Chicago. Other nominees were Geeta Desai, Kathleen Mantaro and Jacqueline Goffe-McNish.

CUSINE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Remembrances by Joann Clark

This year marks the 40th anniversary of our Poughkeepsie Branch’s Cuisine Group. As one of the present members who has been a part of Cuisine for the longest period of time I thought I would share some of its history and my own thoughts.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INITIATIVES

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Community projects and the services they provide.

Careers, Compensation & You  Sharon Clarke
Diversity Initiative  Gwen Higgins
Leading to Reading  Betty Harrel
Let’s Do Math  Anthula Natsoulas
My Sister’s Keeper  Joan Monk & Cecilia Dinio-Durkin
Partnership for Healthcare Awareness
STEM  Kris Puzza
Stand Up to Domestic Violence  Leah Feldman & Mary Lou Heissenbuttel
Women’s Personal and Professional Dev  Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

Events
Annual Meeting  Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater
Live Your Dream Girls’ Conference  Cecilia Dinio-Durkin
Open House  Kay Saderholm & Amy Schwed
Woman of the Year  Marge Barton
Writers’ Tea  Lula Allen & Linda Roberts

OFF BOARD POSITIONS
Assistant Editor of “The Branch:”  Kathy Friedman
Assistant Secretary:  Maria DeWald
Database Manager: Mary Jo Cottrell
LAF Rotary Rib Fest Coordinator: Sharon Clarke

WOMEN’S PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL

Offering women support and empowerment in dealing with workplace issues, personal and professional development and work/family balance efforts. Speakers for this year are:

October  Budgeting, Adrienne Haynes
November  Journaling, Angela Batchelor
January  The Power of One, Wendy Maragh Taylor
February  Kitchen Savvy, Ruth Howell-Johnson
March  Motivation, Paula Perez
April  Women’s Health Issues, Eva Williamson
Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

A FINAL WORD...

Our branch has been enriched throughout the year by the articles written in our newsletter. Our thanks to Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE; Mary Coiteux, “HATS OFF”; Amy Schwed & Kay Saderholm, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS; Geeta Desai, AN INFORMED LIFE and Doris Kelly, PUBLIC POLICY