Development:

Regarding our annual Dutchess Community Scholarships, in the spring of 2018, the AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch awarded two $600 Dutchess Community College scholarships to two non-traditional women students graduating from DCC and continuing their education at 4 year institutions. (In 2010-11, our branch established an endowment fund to ensure one Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW Scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity. One of our scholarships, as always, was funded through this endowment.)

In addition, President DeWald and I attended the DCC Scholarship Award Ceremony where we met the Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW Scholarships recipients.

As Development VP, I also sat on the Committee for the Annual Fundraising Tea. That Committee was again chaired by Linda Roberts and Lula Allen. There was a record amount of dollars awarded. The 2019 Tea and Benefit Auction will be the last chaired through them and a decision on how to continue will need to be made this year.

In May, I participated in the post-Tea meeting to distribute the raised funds among the Initiatives, scholarships, and donations to National through our annual 6 Named Scholarships. It was also determined that we would try to award two scholarships to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) next year.

Also, regarding the National donation, AAUW Poughkeepsie had traditionally always made their donation to the Education Fund. However, following National’s advice on the need for unrestricted funds, the Board determined that this year’s donation would go to the AAUW Fund plus the donations to the LAF fund sent in via individual members, and totaling the $3000 from our Poughkeepsie Branch. The branch will be deciding annually where funds should be sent each year according to need.

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