

Minutes
Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.
Annual Meeting
May 7, 2013

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. President Jacqueline Goffe-McNish welcomed everyone and spoke about what an exciting year it has been. She stated that the theme for this year has been “Broadening Our Borders,” and that in keeping with this theme, each table had been decorated with artifacts from different countries and cultures, accompanied by brief written explanations. She asked audience members to circulate later and take note of the wealth of interesting information at the tables. She then recognized these former presidents of the branch, stating that the successes we have had this year have built on their work. These former presidents were present and were asked to come forward to be recognized:

Margaret Nijhuis
Betty Harrel
Erin Teichman
Barbara Markell
Cindy Smith
Laura Graceffa
Cynthia Averill
Mary Lou Davis
Peggy Kelland
Geeta Desai

Membership Honors

Kay Saderholm, Membership Vice President, presented awards to the following members:

10 years – Dolores Hughes

Catherine Foley
Nora Spann
Eleanor Burch
Geraldine DiPompei
Patricia Luczai
Gloria Gibbs
Marilyn Walsh

25 years – Linda Freisitzer

30 years – Barbara Markell

Helen Buhler
Catherine Lane

50 years – Lillian DePasquale

60 years – Lila Mitchell

70 years – Phyllis Teasdale

Lillian DePasquale spoke about the importance of AAUW throughout her fifty-year membership, and Phyllis Teasdale read a poem about AAUW.

Educational Opportunity Fund Honors

In the absence of Linda Roberts, Educational Fund Vice President, Barbara Hugo, Program Vice President, announced that six individuals were honored at the State Convention in Lake Placid by having gifts to the Educational Opportunity Fund made in their names. She read a brief statement from each honoree. This year's Named Gifts honorees were Mary Lou Davis, Geeta Desai, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Doris Kelly, Margaret Nijhuis, and Barbara Van Itallie. Barbara concluded by reading a note from Linda Roberts, who had sent good wishes from her vacation in Italy.

Emerging Leader Award

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, 2012 recipient of the Emerging Leader Award, announced that this year's recipient is Linda Roberts.

Keynote

Jackie Goffe-McNish introduced the keynote speaker, Stephanie J. Roberg-Lopez, a professor at Dutchess Community College and a practicing archeologist. Ms. Roberg-Lopez spoke on the topic "Celebrating Cultures—Out of One, Many: Why We Celebrate the Kaleidoscope of Culture." In this informative, dynamic presentation, Ms. Roberg-Lopez pointed out that humans around the globe have great genetic similarities; she then addressed the question of how and why cultural differences may have emerged.

Budget Presentation

Barbara Van Itallie announced that the 2013-2014 annual budget had been approved by the Board at its April meeting; the budget was printed in the May issue of *The Branch*.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Continuing Board Members

Jackie Goffe-McNish asked these outgoing Board members to come forward to be recognized: Barbara Hugo, Shelby Outwater, Amy Schwed, Sharon Clarke. She also recognized those members who will continue to serve on the Board, asking them to come forward to receive a certificate and a small gift.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election

Jackie presented the slate of officers for 2013-2014 and then called for nominations from the floor. As there were none, a motion was made by Marge Barton and seconded by Barbara Van Itallie, to accept the slate of officers. Peggy Hansen, Secretary, cast one vote in favor of the motion.

Installation of Officers

Mary Lou Davis, Nominating Committee Chair and President of AAUW-NYS, installed the new officers for 2013-2014:

Program Co Vice Presidents	Suzi Blecker, Mary Coiteux
Membership Vice President	Kay Saderholm
Educational Fund Vice President	Linda Roberts
Assistant Treasurer	Jeannette Cantwell

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Hansen
Secretary