

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 1 "The Branch" deadline for March.
- 1 **Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
Coordinator: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)
- 3 **Girls' Conference: 7:00 pm**
Review & look ahead to the future. Join us!
Call: Marcine Humphrey (485-7697)
- 4 **Aventures en Soleil: 11:00 am**
Tour of Adriance Memorial Library
Reservations: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)
& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 4 **Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30 pm**
Il Continori - Wappingers Falls
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWgourmet@msn.com
- 6 **Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Clarence Fahnestock State Park
Organizer: Peggy Kelland (297-0507)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 6 **Board Meeting: 10:00 am**
Hostess: Betty Harrel (462-2141)
- 10 **Membership Meeting** - see next column
- 12 **Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *The House at Sugar Beach*
by Helene Cooper
Hostess: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
- 15 **Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm**
Book: *Olive Kitteridge*
by Elizabeth Strout
Hostess: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 16 **Cuisine: 7:00 pm**
Australian Dinner
Recipes: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
Hostess: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
Limited to the first 16 who call. Others will
be put on a wait list.
Coordinator: Betty Olson (889-4836)
- 16 **Thriving in the Workplace That Has Not
Moved Beyond the Rhetoric.** See Page 7.
Contact Jacqueline Groffe-McNish
mcnish@sunydutchess.edu (431-8445)

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The Other Side of Slavery in the Mid-Hudson Valley through Song and Historical Reenactment

An event not to be missed!!!

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

55 Wilbur Blvd.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

SONG

The Mid-Hudson Valley Underground Railroad Singers

Featuring songs done by Abolitionists in the anti-slavery struggle.

The Poughkeepsie High School Gospel Choir

Featuring songs that slaves used in the anti-slavery struggle.

HISTORICAL REENACTMENT

Featuring "conversations" with "residents and
leaders" in the Mid-Hudson Valley during the
mid 1800's. You may "meet" a teacher, a friend
of Sojourner Truth, or the wife of a barber.

*Participants will include Rebecca Edwards,
Ciesta Quinn, Lorraine Roberts,
Margaret White & many others.*

There will be time for interesting and informative discussion after the
program.

Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to
the public!

Questions: Contact Margaret White 845/462-8052 or mgwhitecsw@aol.com

Directions: St. John's is on Wilbur Blvd. between Spackenkill Road and Hooker
Avenue.



Samuel Ringgold Ward:
Author; Teacher; and
Minister, Congregation
Assoc. in Poughkeepsie;
1839



Sojourner Truth: Abolitionist
and Women's Right Activist,
1843

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- 17 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 18 All those books...:** 7:00 pm
Book: *The Masterpiece*
by Emile Zola
Hostess: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 19 Art on the Go:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location: TBA - weather dependent
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 24 Contemporary Literature:** 7:30 pm
Book: *The Lace Reader*
by Brunonia Barry
Hostess: Karleen Dorn (223-3904)
Coordinator: Ann Wade (229-5267)
- 24 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
- 25 Pins & Needles:** 7:30 pm
Meet at "I Dream of Beading"- Rt. 55, same building as LaGrange Library. \$25 for supplies for the necklace should be sent to Sue Osterhoudt (address in our directory) by Feb 10.
Coordinators: Jane Toll (463-2712)
& Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)
- 25 Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Hostess: TBA
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org
& Janet White (462-6675)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mar 10** *Insight into Hispanics in Dutchess County*, Mariel Fiori, from *LaVoz*, awarding winning Spanish language newspaper. Reformed Dutch Church, Hyde Park
- Apr 10** *Leading to Reading Day* at Barnes & Noble, Pok.
- Apr 18** *Writer's Tea* 3 - 6 pm Locust Grove. See page 3,7.
- Apr 23-25** *AAUW-NYS Convention*. Register by February 1 and get 4 chances to win a \$250 gift certificate to Talbots. See page 5.
- May 11** *Annual Meeting* Christo's. Call Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469) to assist with this program.
- Oct 23** *2010 Woman of the Year*

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Bergie Lebovitch, NYS & Poughkeepsie Membership VP
298-4045 blebokuvi@yahoo.com

Happiness is the ability to get to where you want to go!

Need a ride? Winter is upon us and some are already experiencing "cabin fever." Well, we have a solution for you.... get involved in some of our fabulous programs,

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interest groups and initiatives to waylay those winter Blahs! "But Bergie, I can't get there because I can't drive at night." For starters, this former teacher, would NEVER allow any student to tell me "I can't." You have to "try" at least once and I have a totally painless solution for you....call another former teacher, Carol Wall (226-7240), who will find you a ride. We have a long list of members who are willing to drive you from all over the Dutchess County area, but we could always use a few more so please contact Carol to add your name to the list.

If you are not driving in the day time as well, please speak to the coordinator of the interest group(s) and/or the chairwoman of the initiative(s).

While you're planning trips, please set aside the time for the **Writer's Tea on Sunday, April 18th** and, the following weekend to join us at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown for the **AAUW New York State Convention, April 23-25**. There are a lot of members attending so there will be no problem with transportation. The food is great, the accommodations are wonderful, and the program is exhilarating. A real "sweetheart of a deal" for only \$330/double or \$495/single for the two nights including 6 meals and loads of fun!! Register early!

So, grab that new calendar and get the dates set! Just think of all the friends, old and new, you'll be making.

CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS "LEADING TO READING"

Betty Harrel *462-2141* bharrel28@msn.com

Thanks to a grant from the **Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union**, the **Leading to Reading** project will be able to expand into the eastern part of Dutchess County. In partnership with the Millerton and Pine Plains Astor Early Childhood programs, the grant will allow us to provide summer reading kits for the pre-school youngsters. We will continue to provide them to the Wappingers Falls facility as well.

We're looking forward to working with the centers and the Credit Union in 2010!

Supporters of *The Branch*!!

Annual contributions from members help defray the expense of publishing *The Branch*. All patrons and sponsors are listed in each monthly newsletter unless anonymity is requested.

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TONY MUSSO

Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com

Meet Anthony P. Musso, author of *FDR and the Post Office: A Young Boy's Fascination & a World Leader's Passion*. Mr. Musso will be a presenter at our Writer's Tea on April 18, 2010 at Locust Grove.



Mr. Musso was born and raised in Brooklyn and worked for 38 years as a public affairs manager, writer/editor and media spokesperson for the government. During this time, he detected an unusually close connection between FDR and the Post Office. Consequently, he took some time off from his job in order to research this connection thus leading to his book. As a media spokesperson in New York City, he was one of three primary postal spokesmen following the September 11, 2002 attacks and handled both domestic and international media for the subsequent anthrax attacks that occurred one month later at the Church Street Station.

In addition, Mr. Musso was a weekly columnist for the Poughkeepsie Journal and is currently a freelance journalist for this newspaper. In addition, he is the author of not only the above-mentioned book but also *Setting the Record Straight Volumes One and Two*. These focus on the music and careers of recording artists from the late 1950s and 1960s.

As was FDR, Mr. Musso is an avid philatelist, promoting the educational value of stamp collecting.

MARIST BROTHERS AFFILIATES

John Davis • Poughkeepsie Journal • December 19, 2009

You might not want to call them "brother," but three long-time employees of Marist College have been honored by being invited into the fold of the Marist Brothers of the United States as affiliates.



Shaileen Kopec (long time AAUW member), Robert Lynch and the Rev. Richard LaMorte were recently welcomed into the Marist Brothers Affiliate. The ceremony took place at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Marist campus in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

"It's really like an honorary membership in the Marist Brothers," said Tim Massie, college spokesman.

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The Marist Brothers is a Catholic religious order of clergy dedicated to the Christian education of young people, particularly those most neglected. The congregation founded Marist College, which was transferred in 1969 to an independent board of trustees....

...Those honored with Province Affiliation share in the information network of the brothers and are remembered in their prayers. They are invited to Province gatherings and to participate more fully in contributing to future initiatives and developments.

Kopec joined the Marist College staff in 1972. She served as vice president for college advancement for 14 years and assisted the Marist Brothers nationally as chair of the Brothers' development committee. Kopec is the college's senior development officer.

"I was very surprised and very humbled," Kopec said of the honor. "I have a lot of respect and appreciation for the brothers and the work they do. They are so dedicated to the faith and serving others."...

Editor: The article goes on to describe Lynch's service to the college and Father LaMorte's service to the college and community. Many of our members will remember Bob Lynch from Little People's Summer Workshop and his help with our Girls' Conference.

TECH TIP

Irene Keyes *227-6686* ickeyes@frontiernet.net

Opening .docx files

Do you get Word documents from people that you cannot open because they have a newer computer and save the documents in .docx format? Here is a simple fix so that from now on you can open and read all .docx files.

To open Microsoft Office Word 2007 .docx or .docm files with Microsoft Office Word 2003, Word 2002, or Word 2000, you need to download (free) and install the Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for 2007 Office Word, Excel and PowerPoint File Formats and any necessary Office updates.

By using the Compatibility Pack for the 2007 Office system, you can open, edit some items, and save Office Word 2007 documents in previous versions of Word.

Here is where you can download the Compatibility Pack: <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/> Look at the list of popular downloads and you should find it there. It was number one on the list the day I looked.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Beyer *462-0345* imbchanel@aol.com

Plans are well underway for a spectacular **Writer's Tea on April 18th at Locust Grove**. Lula Allen, with co-chairman Mary Coiteux and their committee are working hard to plan an elegant, exciting, and memorable experience for the community. Featured will be specially decorated tea tables, delectable foods, beautiful music, and notable local writers to discuss their works. Gather your friends, neighbors, prospective members, and reserve tables for 10, or simply come with your spouse or on your own (you will know most everyone there).

This relatively small committee needs your help! Silent auction items consisting of goods or services are needed. If you are an artist, crafter, or creator of desirable things, call Linda Roberts or Gloria Gibbs to pledge your contributions to the auction. If you feel you cannot construct creative things, then donate those wonderful gift certificates to dinner out, a day at the spa, or theater tickets, which we all desire.

We also need your help with publicity. Help the committee get the word out to other community groups and individuals you interact with. Soon you will find a "save the date" e-mail announcement. Forward this on to everyone in your address book!

This major fundraiser is being launched in the hope of its being able to cover many of our funding needs for next year. If successful, this event can become an annual fundraiser for our branch. This first year, however, we have had to hold our typical November fundraising event to cover our financial needs for this year. The tea, we hope, will cover us for 2010.

We have, in addition, launched our long-term Dutchess endowment scholarship fund drive in order for us to have one permanent scholarship to Dutchess Community College available each year without needing to fundraise. While it may seem that there is lots of fundraising this year, we are in reality transitioning to a more simplified, automatic way of covering our expenses while keeping our commitments to fund scholarships and community projects – all without raising our membership dues!

This is an ambitious plan by an ambitious branch filled with creative, determined women who are working to better our community. Let's all pull together to make it happen!

**Check
your email
each day!**

PUBLIC POLICY

Marcine Humphrey marcine.humphrey@att.net

AAUW joined a coalition of partners in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, January 20th to lobby Congress and rally on Capitol Hill to protect women's reproductive rights as negotiations over health care coverage move forward. AAUW is part of the Stop Stupak Coalition, a broad group of advocacy organizations.

AAUW has long believed that politicians should not insert themselves into the decision-making process when it comes to reproductive health care, which is a basic element of women's overall health care. AAUW continues to work for final passage of a health care reform bill that provides comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion.

We are also asked to remind our legislators that the ban on "gender rating" should be extended to all groups and employers, regardless of their size, as is done in the House bill.

Under the House bill, insurance companies are banned from charging men and women different premiums for individually-purchased health care plans, and are also banned from charging employers different premiums based on the gender make-up of their workforce. However, the Senate bill fails to provide this protection to businesses with more than 100 workers.

As a result, women working for large employers with majority female workforces, like schools, child care providers, health care facilities, and others will continue to face this discriminatory pricing.

As the two bills are merged into one, contact your members of Congress now to urge them to end this discriminatory practice for all women, regardless of the size of their workplace.

Again, the best, fastest way to get involved is to become a "Two Minute Activist!" Go to www.aauw.org, select **TAKE ACTION** then **TAKE ACTION** again (center of page), scroll down and follow directions.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com

A few months ago, I wrote about the organization, **Women for Women**, founded by Zainab Salwi (daughter of Saddam's chauffeur). [See *The Branch*, November, 2009 page 3]. Women for Women pairs women from war ravaged countries in need of help to get on their own feet through education with other women around the world. I am now corresponding with a 27-year old woman from Kosovo who has completed high school but cannot find employment. She does live in a house with 6 others and has electricity and running water. However, she rarely obtains medical treatment, as she cannot afford it. Sadly various family members died from war and political oppression. Her goal is to develop vocational skills and to learn about women's rights. This could become a reality!

LITERARY NOTES

Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org
Guest columnist Diane Browne-Sterdt

Anne Munro & Grace Paley

Two short story writers...both women, prolific, widely recognized for their art...Alice Munro, from Ontario, Canada's world of farmers and lumberjacks...and Grace Paley, hailing from the Jewish immigrant culture of New York City.

Alice Munro's and Grace Paley's vivid characters are women needing a life better than that of the circumstances handed to them. The story lines are secondary. The characters' emotional experiences are most important, especially in relationships...the sad, funny, curious aspects of love and the struggle for self-respect.

Munro's women explore and describe their worlds internally. They are often alone, their voices like diary entries...rich in detail, searching in tone. Life's surprises rattle them, silence them, and--most significantly-- enrich their histories, as Munro portrays them. The reader gets to know them quite well.

Grace Paley's women are never quiet, their stories compact, passionate, and intense in nature. All is externalized, in raging, fighting, loving, mourning and reconciling. The immigrant neighborhood is a character in itself..."pungent as pumpernickel," to use the words of a literary admirer of Paley's. The writer's dream for her grandchildren--a dream similar to that of Alice Walker's--was a life in which women would not have to fight for their place in the world.

My personal favorites in Alice Munro's currently available comprehensive collection are "The Moons of Jupiter," "Simon's Luck," "Fits," and "Material".

Grace Paley has numerous collections separately published. "Friends," "Wants," and "Lavinia, A Love Story"--from the "Later The Same Day" collection-- are terrific, as is "Love," from the "Enormous Changes At The Last Minute" volume.

Enjoy!

Attention all AAUW Artists and Crafters!

We'd like to ask all of our talented members to consider donating a piece of their hand-made work for our Silent Auction to be held at the Writers' Tea on April 18, 2010.

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Gloria Gibbs gmg24@cornel.edu 454-7262

AAUW-NYS CONVENTION

APRIL 23-25

Peggy Kelland *297- 0507* AAUW-NYS V.P. Program

Our emphasis this year is on **equity** and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (**STEM**) **programs** for young women and girls. Speakers include Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director; Carolyn Kemet, Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee; Kerry Connolly, Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York; and Gina Torry, NGO Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security at the United Nations. Linda will give **the keynote, "Mission 2010,"** and two workshops on **AAUW's latest research report** and on **current public policy efforts**. Carolyn will be on a public policy panel, including an open question and answer time. Kerry will join with AAUW's Betsy Forkas in presenting **opportunities for branches to partner with Girl Scout units and councils**. Gina will conclude the weekend with **"Women in the World: Accomplishments and Dilemmas and How AAUW Members Can Help"** at the International Luncheon.

We will also have an **LAF litigant** and an **EF recipient** as luncheon and dinner speakers. Other workshops include **"Value U: A Gender Equity Community Action Initiative"** with Jennifer Ball, Clarkson University; **"Too Sexy, Too Soon"** with Deborah Borie, Just Kids Early Childhood Development Center; **"Live Wires in a Labor Cause"**, with Francine Moccio, the Cornell University School of Labor Relations; **"Dignity for all Students,"** with Melanie Trimble, NY Civil Liberties Union; **"Music of Holocaust Refugees at Fort Ontario,"** with Marilyn Smiley, SUNY Oswego; and **"Eleanor Roosevelt,"** with Joan Monk, AAUW-NYS Cultural Interests Director.

Register online at the AAUW-NYS website (\$5 discount), www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm. You can also print or get from your branch president a registration form and mail it in. The state convention is for everyone, not just branch officers, and is a great way to learn more and meet women from around the state in a beautiful lakeside setting, the **Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown**, New York. If you arrive by 2pm on Friday afternoon there is a special tour, **"Dirt on Their Skirts,"** at the **Baseball Hall of Fame**.

[Register by February 1 and get 4 chances to win a \\$250 gift certificate to Talbots!](#)

We have the volunteers!
We have the enthusiasm!
We have the ideas!
We need a leader....

Irene Keyes *227-6686* ickeyes@frontiernet.net

The **Let's Read Math** community outreach program is looking for a new project leader. Needed is a person willing to be the face of Poughkeepsie AAUW, Inc., the point person, for this worthy community outreach project.

Let's Read Math is a program that combines reading and math. Designed for early elementary students, the concept of the program is to take a story, share it with young children and then follow the story with a math activity related to the story.

In 2008, we provided Let's Read Math training for 20 Dutchess County Educators and several AAUW members. We have all the materials needed to share this outstanding program with the children of our area. We have committee members who are excited and willing to work on this project. Several of the trained AAUW members are currently heading other AAUW committees or projects. They would like to work on this project but want a new to leader to keep the *sphere* rolling.

Step up! Say, YES! Contact Irene Keyes or Betty Harrel today!

GLOBAL IMPACT

One Community at a Time

Wendy Maragh Taylor wmt02@verizon.net

Last May, my husband visited Liberia, West Africa – where he was born and grew up. He had not been back after completing his college years here, in part, because of a prolonged civil war there. After his three week visit to Monrovia (the capital) and then to his grandparents' home in ZorZor (the rural interior), he returned home committed to actively doing something to help the people there.

Within a few months, he completed several bike rides – including a 100-mile ride – to raise funds. With the help of a few others, we (I kept him healthy for his bike rides and waited for him at the finish line ☺) raised enough money to buy land in ZorZor. Our goal is to build a church and school there, which is what that community has said they need the most.

This summer, a group of us will be going to Liberia to see this project completed. Our plan is to raise enough money to buy all of the material and begin building upon arrival in July. We are not an organization, just a few individuals who see a need and have decided to try to meet it. In so doing, we hope to positively impact a group of people, a community, and potentially, a nation. If you would like more information or would like to know how you can help with this project, please do contact me at wmt02@verizon.net or 845-473-7484. *"All that is necessary for evil to prevail is that good men [and women] do nothing."*

FYI: February CULTURAL EVENTS

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February is the time of the year when Vassar College holds its annual Modfest celebration of new music, dance, drama, film, literature, poetry, and the visual arts. This year's Modfest will feature 30 events from January 21 through February 7, 2010. These programs and events are open to the public without charge. I have picked out a number of them that I think might be of interest to the membership. A more complete list of activities and information can be found at www.art.vassar.edu

Art and Film:

2/1 Foreign Film *Maghe Dhaka Tara / The Cloud Capped Star*, film and commentary about an Indian refugee family and the effects of the India-Pakistan Partition. 8pm, Foreign Language Resource center, Chicago Hall.

Francis Lehman Loeb Art Center:

2/9, 2/16, 2/23 Artful Dodger, informal discussions and personal interpretations of a work of art by Vassar faculty. 12pm noon,

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 Late Night at the Leyman Loeb, 5-8pm Informal discussions and performances inspired by the works of art. Refreshments.

1/22-3/21 At the Heart of Progress: Coal Iron, and Steam since 1750. 76 prints and posters associated with industry and labor.

Palmer Gallery, Main Building:

2/7-2/20 Works by Eleanor Daniels and Katherine Mangiardi

2/24-3/3 collaborative works by 4x4 Artists: Bambrick, Redwood-Martinez, Webner, and Warren

Music:

2/4 violin performance by **Adrienne Elisha** of "Circle Voices" inspired by Harry Roseman's "Hole in the Wall." 6pm, Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center

Performance and Dance:

2/27 8pm **2/28** 3pm **Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre 28th Annual Bardavon Opera House Gala.** Tickets available on campus, Info Center, Main Building or Ticketmaster, 845 454-3388 modest fee

Literary Activities:

Darwin Days 2010, the annual celebration at Vassar College, highlighting the connection between science and the humanities, **will focus on women in science this year** with three solo dramatic readings at the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film, Martel Theatre.

2/12 "Blue Lias: or the Fish Lizard's Whore", written and performed by Claudia Stevens

3/1 "Maria Mitchell: Self Portrait," celebrating the life and achievements of Vassar's first professor (male or female), by Barbara Gibbins Duffy '51, performed by Frances Sternhagen.

4/2 (Earth Day) "A Sense of Wonder," about the life and work of Rachel Carson, written and performed by Kaiulani Lee.

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2/3 **Dorothy L Crawford** discusses her book *A Windfall of Musicians: Hitler's Emigres and Exiles in Southern California*. 5 pm, Skinner Hall of Music.

2/5 **Alex Klimoff** discusses his book *The Soul and Barbed Wire: An Introduction to Solzhenitzyn*. 5pm, Vassar College Bookstore.

2/6 **Vanessa Camilleri** editor of *Healing the Inner City Child: Creative Arts Therapies with At-Risk Youth*. 3pm, Vassar College Bookstore.

1/20-5/23 **Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn**, an exhibition of letters, artwork, manuscripts, books and articles relating to the works of Mark Twain, will be on view at the Vassar College Library.

THRIVING IN A WORKPLACE...

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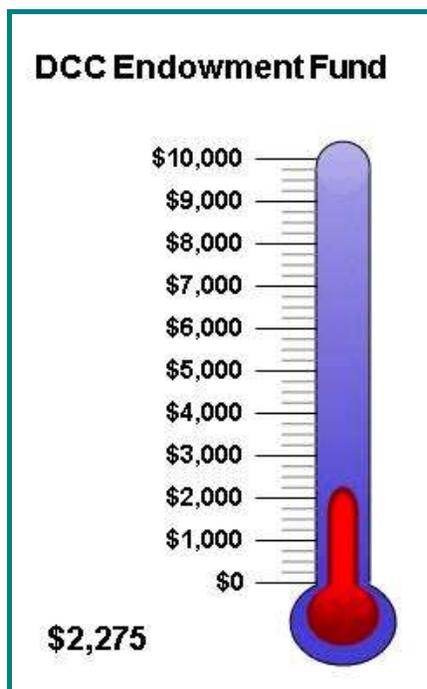
Tuesday, February 16, 2010
5pm -7 pm
DCC, Browne Hall, Room 122



AAUW's Diversity Committee presents: **Thriving in a Workplace That Has Not Moved Beyond the Rhetoric**. Led by AAUW member and Dutchess Community College Professor of English/Humanities, **Jacqueline Goffe-McNish**, this interactive session will be of interest to anyone concerned with diversity in the workplace.

This event is not only for members, you are encouraged to bring family and friends.

Reservations & questions: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish (431-8445) or mcnish@sunydutchess.edu.



DCC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mary Louise Van Winkle *471-3680* mlvanwink@att.net

The Good News is that the DCC Endowed Scholarship Fund has crossed over the two thousand dollar mark, with \$2275. This is over 20% of the money needed to establish an endowed scholarship at Dutchess Community College.

Give a Gift of Education

Are you puzzling over a gift for a birthday or other special occasion for a very special person? Consider giving to the AAUW Endowed Scholarship in her or his name. The Funding Advisory Committee will be glad to send out a card announcing your gift to that very special person. Just send us the name, address, and preferred greeting, along with your check made out to: **Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.** with "DCC Endowment" in the memo line and mail to:

Mary Louise Van Winkle
61 High Acres Drive
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Remember that since we are now a 501(c)(3) organization, any donations that you make will be tax deductible

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Association website: www.aauw.org
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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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