



The Branch

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MARCH CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 1 **Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Saranne Ratner (297-9360)
Coordinator: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)
- 2 **NEW INTEREST GROUP 12:00 noon**
Professional Women's Networking Group
Artist's Palate, Main St., Pok. See page 6.
Contact: Kin Butwell 914-489-6400 or
Kim_Butwell@ml.com
- 3 **Board Meeting: 7:00 pm**
Hostess: Nancy Gruzca (298-2344)
- 5 **Join Me on the Bridge: 4:30 pm**
Walkway Over the Hudson
100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. See page 4.
- 6 **Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Planning Meeting, Walk DC Rail Trail
Organizer: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 8 **Aventures en Soleil: Visit starts 10:30 am**
Norwalk (CT) Maritime Aquarium,
visit (\$9 - \$16) & lunch (your choice)
Reservations: Joan Cordani (855-5259)
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)
& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 10 **"The Branch" deadline for April.**
- 10 **Membership Meeting** See next column.
- 12 **Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *The Space Between Us*
by Thrity Umrigar
Hostess: Phyllis Teasdale (454-4582)
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
- 12 **Girls' Conference Reunion: 5:30 pm**
Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
Help needed - see page 5, "Live your.."
- 15 **Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm**
Book: *The Book Thief*
by Markus Zusak
Hostess: Patty Cerniglia (298-7655)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 16 **Cuisine: 6:30 pm**
Theme: Secret Ingredients
Recipes: Pat Luczai (463-4662)
Hostess: Nancy Smith (691-7547)
Coordinator: Betty Olson (889-4836)

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INSIGHT INTO HISPANICS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

Wednesday
March 10, 2010
7:00 pm

Reformed Dutch Church
Route 9, 4408 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park

Marief Fiori

Managing Editor, *LaVoz...*
...award winning Spanish language newspaper



Do you know that there is a Spanish periodical in Dutchess County?

Are you aware to what extent Hispanics influence life in Dutchess County and what services and programs these Hispanics are being offered?

Find out more on Wednesday, March 10!

Marief Fiori, recipient of the Ippie award for best overall design from the New York Community Media Alliance (see January *The Branch*) will be speaking both about her periodical, *La Voz*, as well as her insight into the Hispanic presence in Dutchess County. Marief founded this Spanish-language news, cultural and arts magazine five years ago. It began as a quarterly and snowballed into a monthly magazine.

Ms. Fiori wishes to clarify misconceptions on both sides and publishes articles by Spanish speakers, both natives and non-natives to the language alike.

Born in Argentina, Ms. Fiori is fluent in Spanish, English and French and has spent time in Spain. She has produced and hosted a radio show, helped make a documentary on Mexican immigrants in the Hudson Valley and served as interpreter for the Poughkeepsie School District. Presently she is working towards her MBA degree at NYU School of Business.

There will be a short business meeting before the program begins.

This event is free and open to the public.

Questions: Contact Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com

Calendar Continued...

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 17 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Margaret Nijhuis (635-8612)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 17 Gourmet: Out & About:** 6:30 pm
Mahoney's, Poughkeepsie
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWgourmet@msn.com
- 18 All those books...:** 7:00 pm
Book: *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*
by Wallace Stegner
Hostess: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 19 Art on the Go:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
TBA - weather dependent
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 24 Contemporary Literature:** 7:00 pm
Book: *Queenmaker: A Novel of King David's Queen*
by India Edghill
Dinner meeting at *Cappuccino*, Rt. 9, Poughkeepsie
Call Ann Wade (229-5267) for reservations.
Coordinator: Ann Wade (229-5267)
- 24 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Linda Roberts (227-5287)
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
- 25 Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Hostess: TBA
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org
& Janet White (462-6675)
- 25 Pins & Needles:** 7:30 pm
Sewing Projects, Pat Luczai & Dina Gleeson
Hostess: Margaret Nijhuis (635-8612)
Coordinators: Jane Toll (463-2712)
& Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)
- Tee Off** *Play will continue in the Spring.*
Coordinators: Dorothy Evangelista (677-9046)
& Linda Ronayne (897-9745)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Apr 10** *Leading to Reading Day* at Barnes & Noble.
See page 5.
- Apr 18** *Writer's Tea* 3 - 6 pm Locust Grove.
See pages 3 & 7.
- Apr 23-25** **AAUW-NYS Convention.** Register by
March 1 and get 2 chances to win a \$250 gift
certificate to Talbots. www.aauw-nys.org.
See page 4.
- May 11** **Annual Meeting** Christo's, Anne
Constantinople will address "Gender and
Generation in American Philanthropy."
- Oct 23** **2010 Woman of the Year**
- Nov 6** **2010 Live Your Dream Girls' Conference**
- tentative date. See page 5.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Our award-winning, esteemed newsletter, *The Branch*, has been called our "lifeline." It is our primary accurate, direct, consistent connector between you, our members, and all the interesting and varied activities going on in AAUW. I strongly recommend that you print it out immediately upon receipt each month and keep it posted by your phone. You can also refer to our activities calendar on our website but, for detailed descriptions and background information on events and individuals, you just can't beat *The Branch*!

Note all that's going on..... 14 interest groups, stimulating general meetings, Equity for Life projects (we need a Let's Read Math leader), Diversity initiatives (don't miss Jackie's February 16th interactive session on "Thriving in the Workplace....." at DCC), major fundraisers (Writers' Tea, DCC Endowment), State Convention (April 23-25). And there's more to come! Stay tuned, check your branch newsletter, print it out; don't miss the fun!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Bergie Lebovitch *298-4045* blebokuvi@yahoo.com

Do you know of any young woman about to graduate from college? Would you be willing to sponsor their membership in AAUW at NO COST to either of you? The new graduate will receive a free one-year "member-at-large" membership. If she chooses to join a branch, she will have to pay branch and state dues. It's the gift that keeps on giving... think of the networking capabilities that someone would benefit from by your "Give a Grad a Gift" sponsorship....I'm more than willing to assist you in this painless activity. Call, email, whatever....

Watch for a directory update coming in March. You will receive it attached to an email. Please remember this information is for the exclusive use of AAUW.

Get your registration in for the AAUW-NYS Convention. It appears we're going to have a fantastic representation from the Fabulous Poughkeepsie Branch. EVERYONE is invited - including our newest members who are:

Welcome Aboard!

Danielle Banta
Sandra Goldberg
Susan Htoo
Judy Killmer
Jacqueline Klein
Lila Lynch
Jeanne Moseley
Susan Murphy
Erin O'Neill
Ann Pinna
Rebecca Reim
Sally Edwards Taylor

Welcome Back!

Kathleen Brown
Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

**Congratulations
to Bergie!**

303 Members!

IT'S AAUW-NYS CONVENTION TIME!

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

Do you prefer one-time projects?

Do you enjoy laughing?

Do you like cookies?

If you can answer "Yes" to 2 out of 3 questions, we need YOU! Our branch is in charge of registration for the AAUW NYS Convention and we need volunteers for two tasks.

First!

We're assembling the registration packets on **Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Betty Harrel, 28 Laffin Lane, Poughkeepsie. We need people to put on labels, sort inserts, and stuff envelopes.

Second!

Volunteers are also needed to help **at the convention** with registration. Most members arrive on Friday afternoon between 12:00 – 6:00 and we need people to work a two-hour shift at the registration table.

If you're interested in helping on either project, please contact Betty Harrel (bharrel28@msn.com or 462-2141) or Margaret Nijhuis (mijnhuis@hvc.rr.com or 635-8612). We hope you can help!

ADAMS SUPPORTS COMMUNITY PROJECT

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

Adams Fairacre Farms recently donated a large supply of sturdy paper bags to the **Leading to Reading** project. The bags are quickly being filled with book kits for needy children. They soon will be used to distribute them to a number of community agencies. The support for our community project is greatly appreciated!

Writers' Tea Extra!

Silent Auction - *you write your offer on the list but keep checking to see that no one outbids you!*

Items for bid:

Original Artwork Paintings & Photographs
Dinner Gift Certificates
Quilt
Hand-knitted Items
Sports Collectors Items *and more!*

Raffle - *tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each!*
"Gourmet Gift Basket"

Bring Checks or Cash!!

FYI MARCH CULTURAL EVENTS

Mary Coiteux *226-8275* mcoiteux@frontiernet.net

March is the time to shake off the **winter doldrums**. It is also the time when the Fourth annual Restaurant Week shows off area chefs' culinary expertise as they use local farm products to create fine dining at bargain prices. Participating restaurants (listed online) offer three-course prix-fixe dinners at \$28 and three-course lunches at \$20. For the first time, this much-anticipated dining event will include two full weekends. www.HudsonValleyRestaurantWeek.com We all know how our branch members like to include dining as part of their organizational meetings.

Hikes

What better way to walk off those delicious meals than to join the Mid Hudson Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club for the following hikes.

3/13 Short hike to the highest point in the Town of Poughkeepsie. See good views from the summit. The location of hike maybe changed depending on weather conditions. Call after 3/6 for meeting time, location and other details. Rain cancels. Free. Peach Hill, Poughkeepsie. www.MidHudsonADK.org

3/23 A leisurely hike along the lovely path from Route 9 to 9G and into Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's retreat. Flat woods road and loop at Val-kill. About 4 miles. Meet at trail-head on Rte. 9, just past Hyde Park Brewery, 10:30am. Free. Roosevelt Road Farm Lane Trail and Eleanor's Walk. Rte. 9, Hyde Park. www.MidHudsonADK.org

Keep in mind our own interest group "the Trekkers" and watch the calendar for their hikes.

Literary Activities

Two events sponsored by Dutchess Community College are open to the public and will be of interest to many of our members.

3/4 Courtney Lynch, *Leading from the Front*, No Excuse Leadership Tactics for Women. 12:30 pm, James and Betty Hall Theatre. Co-author of the Book *Leading from the Front* Courtney Lynch will talk about her 10 key practices to becoming a powerful leader.

3/9 Catherine Clinton, *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life*. 7:00 pm, James and Betty Hall Theatre. In her book, *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life*, Catherine Clinton draws on important new research to illuminate the remarkable life of Mary Lincoln..

Music:

3/7 Biava String Quartet. Howland Chamber Music Series. 4pm fee. Howland Cultural Center, Beacon.

www.HowlandMusic.org

3/28 The Peabody Piano Trio, joined by violist **Roger Tapping**, 4pm. Fee Howland Cultural Center, Beacon.

www.HowlandMusic.org

3/14 Debra Kaye, composer, classical string quartet, premiere of "Changing Forms." 4 pm Howland Cultural Center, Beacon. Her music has been described as "...lyrical, dramatic, witty, transcendent, funny, beautiful, original.." Donation. Reception following concert. Call 212-932-1376 for advance reservations.

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Art & Films

3/1-3/20 Quintet Photographers Capturing Life. Exhibit hours: Mon.–Fri. 9am–5pm & Sat. 9:30am–12:30.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. www.Cunneen-Hackett.org

3/21 Fresh, new thinking about what we are eating in collaboration with the American Farmland Trust.

www.freshthemovie.com Fee. The Moviehouse, 48 Main St. Millerton. www.themoviehouse.net

Bardavon Film Series.

If you have not seen these classic films on a large screen, these are a MUST!

3/5 North by Northwest (1959)

3/12 Casablanca (1942)

Pre-show music on the Bardavon's Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ by The New York Theatre Organ Society (NYTOS), 7pm. 7:30 pm fee. www.Bardavon.org

Special Events

3/26 Princess and the Frog. A hand drawn animation. 8pm. James & Betty Hall Theatre at Dutchess Community College. Free.

3/13 Selected Shorts. Readings by award winning actors Jane Curtin, David Strathairn and host Isaiah Sheffer. Fee. Bardavon, Poughkeepsie.

3/14 A Sugar Maple Celebration. Pancake breakfast and hands-on demonstration of tapping trees, boiling sap and producing syrup. Regional farms participate. 9am-noon. fee Taconic Outdoor Education Center, 75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring. www.nysparks.state.ny.us/

LITERARY NOTES

Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org

What are you reading, Miss -----?" "Oh! It's only a novel!" replies the young lady; while she lays down her book with affected indifference or momentary shame. "It is only Cecilia, or Camilla, or Belinda"; or, in short, only some work in which the greatest powers of the mind are displayed; in which the most thorough knowledge of human nature, the happiest delineation of its varieties, the liveliest effusions of wit or humour [sic], are conveyed to the world in the best chosen language. Jane Austen, *Northanger Abbey*

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Margaret Nijhuis *635-8612* RNijhuis@hvc.rr.com

During March take the time to discover a little of AAUW's history at <http://svc.aauw.org/museum> and keep clicking on "Next" to go from page to page. On our website at <http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org/> look in the left column and click on "Notable Women," this will bring you to a list of short histories of well known women in our area written by our members. Next click "Women of the Year" and look through the amazing list of women who have been honored by our branch since 1975.


TECH TIP

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

WORD 2007 Users

Are you tired of getting messages from others that they cannot open your .docx files? Older versions of WORD do not recognize .docx files.

If you frequently save Microsoft Office Word 2007 documents as Word 2003-97 (.doc) files, you can change the settings so that Word saves documents in that file format by default.

1. Click the Microsoft Office Button  , and then click Word Options (bottom right corner).
2. Click Save (on the left).
3. Under Save documents, next to Save files in this format, select Word 2003-97 Document (*.doc).
4. Click on OK at the bottom.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Walkway Over the Hudson

March 5, 2010

Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com

This coming March 8 marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. In celebration Women for Women, founded by Zainab Salwi, daughter of Saddam's chauffeur, is organizing "Join Me on the Bridge" together with the Women's Leadership Alliance and the Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce. On **March 5** there is a 4:30 pm kick-off with an event in the center of the bridge. For further information, please contact www.womenforwomen.org. This is very much part of the AAUW mission and I urge as many members as possible to walk on that date.

Editor: See "The Branch" for January, 2010 and November, 2009 for articles on Women for Women in our "International Relations" column by Gloria Ghedini. www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org select Newsletter in the left column.

New York State AAUW Convention April 23-25, 2010

Peggy Kelland, AAUW-NYS V.P. Program

Reminder

It's not too late to register for the convention at the Otesaga in Cooperstown. Regular registration is open until March 8; late registrations can be made after that with a late fee and subject to hotel room availability. Registration forms are available on line and can be sent in on line or by U.S. mail. Go to www.aauw-nys.org and to the convention page. If you do not have access to the internet, call our branch president, Linda Beyer (462-0345) or Peggy Kelland (297-0507) for the forms. We have an exciting weekend planned and hope to see you there!

MARCH IS FUZZY FRIENDS MONTH!

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

The **Leading to Reading** project is once again making "Fuzzy Friend" kits for children in the emergency shelter at The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. Each kit consists of two books with reading activities, craft materials, and a stuffed animal to hug. This year we're able to provide them in snazzy navy and gold "Leading to Reading" string bags.

We're asking each interest group to collect SMALL (approximately 8") stuffed animals during your March meeting. They can also be brought to the March general meeting. Many are on sale after Valentine's Day or are available at area discount stores. If you need them picked up, please contact Saranne Ratner at 297-9360 or rteacher@optonline.net. They can also be dropped off at the home of Betty Harrel, 28 Laffin Lane, Poughkeepsie.

Thanks for your support!

LIVE YOUR DREAM: THE SEQUEL!

Marcine Humphrey Marcine.humphrey@att.net

The "Reunion," for the girls who attended the "Live Your Dream Girls' Conference" in the fall, is scheduled for **March 12, 2010 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm** at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church in Poughkeepsie on New Hackensack Road. The theme is "effective communication." The evening is divided between fun, food, games and discussion about good, safe communication.

We need about 12 women to set up, register the girls, chaperon, assist with initial "craft" activity, pick up and deliver food, lead small group discussions, and brief closing activity. **Call either Marcine (485-7697) or Gwen Higgins (452-5931) if you can assist.**

Our goal is to bring some of the girls together again and reinforce the themes of self empowerment and sisterhood. We average 20 - 30 girls at these events.

We are moving ahead with **planning the 5th "Live Your Dream Girls' Conference"** as Equity for Life continues the search for funding. We are requesting that DCC partner with us again in November and are requesting November 6, the first Saturday in November. The event will have the familiar format of an opening, two workshops sessions, a lunch and girl talks." followed by a closing celebration.

Members who wish to be involved in the planning for this event can contact Marcine Humphrey.

Check your email each day!!

STRENGTHENING OUR CORE THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Geeta Desai *297-7589* geetadesai@optonline.net

Our AAUW has transformed and grown over the last couple of years. We've become a 501 (c) (3) and we are now the biggest branch in the country! In order to sustain our momentum and optimize all of our resources, we will be developing an organizational blueprint that will help us work together even more effectively on a day to day basis.

We will be working on this blueprint in two separate sessions. The first session will be held during the last week in March and the second in the first week of May 2010. Through thoughtful discussion, a strong sense of camaraderie, and an innate knowledge of common purpose, we will create a set of working rules that will provide organization-wide support to all our members who work tirelessly on behalf of our Branch. It is also our hope that with these working rules, we can offer an even richer organizational experience to all of our members

If you would like to participate in the development of this blueprint, please email me. Attendance at both sessions is a requisite of participation.

NEED BOOKS?

COME TO BARNES AND NOBLE DAY!

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

Saturday, April 10 will be another special AAUW day. The **Leading to Reading (LTR)** project will be featured at a Barnes and Noble Day. Members have volunteered to conduct story hours, do story telling, and demonstrate our now famous assembly lines for making book kits. **Barnes and Noble** will donate a portion of the proceeds for any purchases made by a supporter of our literacy project.

If you would like to take part in this special event, please contact Linda Roy (471-9498 or lmroy@mail@gmail.com) or Judy Linville (889-4802 or judylinville@citlink.net). In the meantime, plan on joining us that day for a fun time!

Barnes and Nobles stores throughout the country will contribute money to LTR if someone mentions our name at check-out on April 10th, so spread the word to family and friends to save that date for book shopping.

VOYAGE to FRANCE

Miriam Zimet Aaron *462-8179* zimetama@gmail.com

Good news! The deadline has been extended to sign up for the 10 day trip to France in October. The tour includes Paris, Caen (Normandy) and the D-Day beaches, Mont St. Michel, and the chateaux of Chambord and Chenonceaux in the Loire Valley. If you're interested, contact Miriam Zimet Aaron.

HAITIAN RELIEF

January 12, 2010 will be a day we will all remember. The earthquake in Haiti has brought sadness to all of us. Below are just three of the many worthwhile organizations that are receiving funds for Haitian relief:

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org>

800-733-2767

American Red Cross National
Headquarters
2025 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

UNICEF

www.unicefusa.org/

800-367-5437

U.S. Fund for UNICEF
25 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038.

Clinton Bush Haiti Fund

<http://www.clintonbushhaitifund.org/index.php>

212-348-8882

Text "HAITI" to 20222 to donate \$10 to Haiti relief

Clinton Bush Haiti Fund

c/o William J. Clinton

Foundation

Donations Department

610 President Clinton Ave.

Little Rock, AR 72201

Clinton Bush Haiti Fund

c/o Communities Foundation

of Texas

5500 Caruth Haven Lane

Dallas, TX 75225

A New Interest Group is Forming!

Kim B. Butwell *914-489-6400* kim_butwell@ml.com

The Professional Women's Networking Group will focus on offering working members of AAUW a variety of opportunities to build relationships with other professional women. The group will provide a chance for members to learn new business practices, exchange marketing ideas and offer business referral opportunities. We hope to invite informative speakers to meetings, adding an educational component. Recently retired professional women will have the opportunity to meet and mentor newer professional women. Hopefully the group will attract and grow membership of working professional women to the Poughkeepsie Branch of AAUW.

Our first meeting will focus on solidifying the underlying intention of the group.

If you would like to attend our inaugural meeting, **Tuesday March 2 at 12 noon for lunch at The Artist's Palate** in Poughkeepsie, please contact Kim B. Butwell, Cell phone 914-489-6400, Work 845-431-2272, kim_butwell@ml.com.

If you are interested in networking with other professional women please keep an eye out for our upcoming meetings, which we plan to hold the first Tuesday of each month.

AAUW: WHAT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

Carol Loizides *452-3208* e.loizides@verizon.net

It is our understanding that the following would be tax-deductible now that Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3). Please verify with your tax consultant.

- \$62 of our annual dues: \$46 (national) + \$16 (Poughkeepsie Branch)
- All moneys paid to the Poughkeepsie Branch **less** amounts for which goods or in-kind services were received. (For example, the \$12.00 portion of the \$50.00 paid for the event at Amici's is tax-deductible. The expenses per person were \$38.00.)
- Donations of goods and services are tax deductible. Artists may deduct only the cost of materials.

(All finances and activities of the Interest Groups are excluded.)

As far as verification of the donation, the IRS requires donors to provide written confirmation from the donee for contributions over \$250.00

Donations to National Funds: All donations to the five AAUW National Funds #9110, 3999, 4336, 4337, 4339 and 9170. Go to www.AAUW.org for details.

Mileage

As a nonprofit volunteer organization all Board members can claim volunteer mileage to Board meetings and programs they attend. Other members can claim volunteer mileage for events they are responsible for or for committee meetings they attend. (Interest group attendance would not qualify for volunteer miles.)

Participation in any of the Equity for Life community projects: Girls' Conference; Leading to Reading; Start Smart, Diversity events would qualify. With Mapquest it is easy to determine the miles if you have know which meetings and events you attended and drove to. The 2009 rate is 14 cents per mile.

As for the mileage verification, the organization does not have to verify the mileage traveled, the person just has to have a written record. If ever audited they would have to produce proof of those meetings on those dates.

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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*Thank you to the **The Branch** supporters!!*

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Please join us for an elegant Sunday afternoon High Tea.



Writers' Tea
April 18, 2010
3:00 – 6:00 pm at

Locust Grove
 (Route 9, Poughkeepsie – more details at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

Our Writers

India Edghill: *Queenmaker, Wisdom's Daughter, and Delilah*
Tony Musso: *FDR & The Post Office: A Young Boy's Fascination & a World Leader's Passion*

Our Tea

Enjoy beautiful surroundings; hear live music by professional tenor, John Vergili; and taste the high tea delectables prepared by Cynthia and John Vergili of the Historic Horton House.

Silent Auction of handcrafts and services

Reservations [Deadline: April 5, 2010]

A literary benefit for the AAUW Scholarships Funds and Community Projects

Name _____
 Phone _____
 The cost is \$45 per person.
 Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ attendee(s).

Checks payable to: **Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**
 [\$20 of the admission fee is tax-deductible]

Mail to: **Saranne Ratner, 7 Hamlet Court, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590**
 Questions: 845/297-9360 or srteacher@optonline.net

Open seating or reserved tables for 10 persons are available.

Table reservations can be made by contacting Saranne Ratner.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support our scholarship funds and community projects, please write a check payable to "Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc." and mail it to Saranne Ratner at the address above.

DCC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

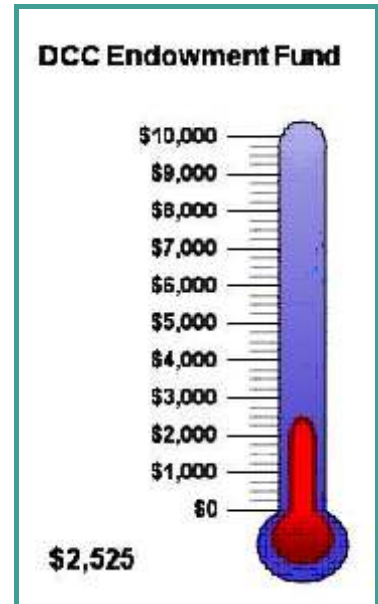
Mary Louise Van Winkle *471-3680* mlvanwink@att.net

Latest update: Our thermometer show that we have now passed the 25% mark toward our goal of \$10,000, with a total of \$2525 as of February 1st. A number of our members have already taken advantage of the opportunity to recognize the birthday of a friend or family member by donating in their honor to the DCC Endowed Scholarship Fund. If you would also like to donate to the fund in someone's name, just send 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 to:

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

And remember, now that we are a 501(c)(3) organization, your donation will be tax deductible.



Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. Officers 2009-2010

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Association website: www.aauw.org
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