



# The Branch

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## JUNE CALENDAR

Online Calendar at [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

- 3 **Tee Off** : 10:00 am (ready to play)  
*Vassar College Golf Course*  
Coordinator: Dorothy Evangelista (677-9046)
- 7 **Word Games**: 10:00 am (NOTE TIME)  
Hostess: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)  
Coordinator: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)
- 9 **Membership Meeting** - see next column
- 11 **Daytime Literature**: 10:00 am  
The Blue Fountain Restaurant, Hopewell Jct.  
Book selection. *Make reservations by 6/1.*  
Reservations: Carol Loizides (452-3208)  
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)  
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
- 12 **Aventures en Soleil**: 10:30 am - 5:00 pm  
*Rhinebeck House & Garden Tour \$25*  
No Reservations necessary just notify Mary Ann Ryan ((897-9679) if you plan to attend.  
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)  
& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 12 **Trekkers**: 8:00 am  
*Taconic-Hereford Area. Meet at Hannaford Supermarket, Route 55 near Arlington HS*  
Organizer: Cathy Lane (229-1036)  
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 15 **Cuisine**: 6:30 pm  
*Global Palate, West Park*  
Reservations: Mary Lou Davis (223-5544)  
Coordinator: Betty Olson (889-4836)
- 15 **Gourmet: Out & About**: 6:30 pm  
*Global Palate, West Park*  
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)  
[AAUWgourmet@msn.com](mailto:AAUWgourmet@msn.com)
- 16 **Bridge I**: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Hostess: Gloria Gibbs (454-7262)  
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)  
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 17 **All those books...:** 6:30 pm  
*Dinner and book selection*  
Thai House Restaurant, Hyde Park  
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 18 **Art on the Go**: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
TBA - weather dependent  
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

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## Mexican Cuisine - Its History, Culture and Background

**Erika Kastel, Chef and AAUW member\***  
**June 9, 2010**

**7 pm**

**St. John's Lutheran Church,  
55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**



Join us for a presentation on Mexican Cuisine where you will discover aromas, textures and flavors that will reveal the origins and history of Mexico. You'll learn and expand your Spanish and culinary vocabulary as you taste indigenous ingredients and regional specialties.

Chef Erika Kastel has planned for us an exhilarating and fun-filled culinary adventure!

There will be an \$8 charge for food ingredients. Make checks payable to:  
**Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.** and send by June 2 to:

**Diana Gleeson**

**15 Robert Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538**

Please make reservations so that food will be available. There will be a limited number of tickets at the door with a price of \$10. No refunds after June 2.

\* See bio on page 5.

## STAND UP AND BE HEARD!

**Program Planning Meeting**

**June 2, 2010 7:00 pm**

**St. John's Lutheran Church,  
55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY  
12603**

Bring along your ideas for monthly programs that highlight Education, Women's Issues, International Topics, and Cultural Interests.

Please be prepared to share as many details as possible about the programs you would like to offer and be part of. If you cannot attend but have the perfect idea that will thrill our members, please email the information to Sue Osterhoudt [sosterhoudt@yahoo.com](mailto:sosterhoudt@yahoo.com) or Dina Gleeson [gleesa@optonline.net](mailto:gleesa@optonline.net).

Details of the process and responsibilities of sponsoring a program will be presented.

Hope to see you there!



## Calendar Continued...

- 21 Manderley Literary Society:** 6:00 pm  
Annual Pot Luck Dinner and  
Book Selection for 2010-2011.  
Hostess: Mariellen Pangia (473-3545)  
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 23 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Hostess: Flo Mondanaro (454-0352)  
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
- 24 Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm  
For location, email Cathy before June 15th.  
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn [cathy@kinn.org](mailto:cathy@kinn.org) &  
Janet White (462-6675)
- 26 Trekkers:** 8:00 am  
*Mark Twain House & Eliz. Park Rose Garden. Meet at Karen Haynes' home. We may need to exchange this with the May 12<sup>th</sup> walk to catch the roses at their best.*  
Organizer: Karen Haynes (297-5700)  
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)

### Contemporary Literature:

No June meeting. Enjoy your summer - see you in Sept!  
Coordinator: Ann Wade (229-5267)

### Pins & Needles:

No June meeting. Enjoy your summer - see you in Sept!  
Coordinators: Jane Toll (463-2712) &  
Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 8 - Planning Meeting for Girls' Conference  
6 pm Marcine Humphrey's (485-7697)  
July - August Interest Groups - See page 4  
Aug 10 - Deadline for the Sept newsletter  
Oct 23 - Woman of the Year  
Nov 6 - Girls' Conference at DCC

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

A tremendous thank you to all the members below who have made contributions to support our newsletter. Since most of our members receive their newsletter by email, these contributions have allowed us to send the remaining newsletters by first class mail. This insures all members receive their newsletter in a timely fashion. Thank you!

### Patrons (\$25 or more)

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## "THE BRANCH"

Margaret Nijhuis [Rnijhuis@hvc.rr.com](mailto:Rnijhuis@hvc.rr.com)

Our newsletter is not published during the months of July and August. **The next deadline is August 10<sup>th</sup>!** Summer activities should appear in this newsletter - if you do not see your interest group, contact your coordinator or check the online calendar at [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org). Many interest groups do not meet in the summer months.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Beyer \*462-0345\* [lmbchanel@aol.com](mailto:lmbchanel@aol.com)

### *Tea a Smashing Success*

The results are in! Smashing success! That's the final word on the Writers' Tea. Many thanks to Lula Allen and Mary Coiteux and their committee for a many months' effort to launch what has become our best fundraising effort in anyone's memory. **Our profit of \$6416.59** is the final tribute to this committee's successful initiation of what may become a yearly event. Preliminary feedback on an informal survey suggests that our members want a repeat, that you all had a great time, and that you were surprised at what a \$1 raffle ticket can reap - especially if Linda Roberts is selling tickets (\$755). The silent auction items sold like hotcakes..... Guess who got the luxurious, gray, gold-threaded, soft as kitten fur delight? See if it shows up at future AAUW meetings. You, our members, are to be thanked for fully supporting the event. Because of your participation, our branch now has the funds to continue our many worthwhile projects to better the community. We are, indeed, a platinum branch!

### *AAUW-NYS Convention*

New York State AAUW agrees with that assessment. At the state convention we have, once again, received the 21st Century Platinum Award for Mission-Based Programming. Numerous other recognitions included awards for Girls' Conference, membership increases, our newsletter, our website, and our contributions to scholarships. At the state level, it is clear that Poughkeepsie branch has a powerful presence. They know who we are! They know we make a difference in our community. They have heard that our membership makes this possible. Thanks to all of you talented, enthusiastic, dedicated ladies!

### *Thank you one and all*

The talent and enthusiasm continue. You have a wonderful new Board installed for next term. It's encouraging to see several new members step up to try out a Board position. Our branch can only benefit from the fresh ideas that newcomers bring.

To the outgoing Board, I would like to personally thank each of you for the support you have given me during my term as president. To the incoming Board, I wish you the enjoyment and fulfillment which AAUW Board membership brings. Know that your branch supports you.....with much enthusiasm.

## 2010 WOMAN OF THE YEAR Saturday, October 23, 2010, Villa Borghese

It is with the greatest pleasure that the committee announces the selection of our own **ELIZABETH HARREL** as the 2010 Woman of Year.

We all know Betty and appreciate her outstanding contributions to AAUW. Her first job in Poughkeepsie AAUW was Nametags - this led in a few years to branch President and later to AAUW-NYS President. Many of us helped in Betty's campaign for AAUW-NYS Vice President - the very first time there was competition for an office on the state level. In recent years, she was one of the major players in the process of our branch becoming a 501(c)(3) organization and, of course, her leadership in "Leading to Reading" is legendary. There is so much more to tell and we all look forward to doing just that on October 23.

We have numerous accolades for Betty in her AAUW work but she is also involved in many other organizations, such as her church, The Children's Home, and the United Way.

Poughkeepsie AAUW, Inc. organization is comprised of talented, empowered, and creative women and it is time for us to recognize, profile and showcase the talents and leadership of one of our own.

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend to honor Betty and her role in AAUW and the Dutchess County Community.**

Woman of the Year Committee: Mary Lou Davis-chair, Mary-Jo Cottrell, Elaine Crosby, Geeta Desai, Judy Linville, Margaret Nijhuis, and Linda Rashba

### THANKS

Great gratitude goes to all those who gave such superb items for the Writers' Tea. I would especially like to thank Cecilia Dinio-Durkin for the very generous basket of magic I was able to buy. I fell in love with her Fair Trade shop, Women's Work, when Soleil visited it in Cold Spring a few years ago. Now I am delighted she has re-located to the Poughkeepsie Plaza Mall - and that she is a member of our branch. **Cathy Kinn**

*Editor: Everyone receiving the beautiful items from the Writers' Tea silent auction must have the same feelings you see expressed above!*

### THANKS

A very LARGE thank you to the Branch who has donated a \$500 Scholarship in my name to the National AAUW Educational Fund. When I think of all the women who have been assisted by these scholarships I am humbled.

Gratefully yours, with BIG Hugs,  
**Bergie Lebovitch**, NYS & Poughkeepsie Membership VP

## APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> BOOKFAIR - A SUCCESS!

Betty Harrel \*462-2141\* [bharrel28@msn.com](mailto:bharrel28@msn.com)

A dramatic drumbeat. A colorful book. An enthusiastic voice. Giggles and laughter. These were all part of the Barnes and Noble bookfair sponsored by the "Leading to Reading" Project.

Members provided story times, handed out reading tips to parents, and encouraged everyone to enjoy reading experiences with young children. AAUW volunteers staffed the program throughout the day.

Many thanks to Linda Roy and Judy Linville, event coordinators. Due to their hard work, along with the support of many AAUW members, the project earned \$416 from in-store and on-line sales. The money will be used for early literacy projects throughout Dutchess County. Watch for next year's date!!!!

## A Cook's Tale: A Celebrity in our Midst

Carol Loizides \*452-3208\*

When Barbara Van Itallie arrived with her Broccoli and Cauliflower Tetrazzini at our last Cuisine dinner, none of us knew that this dish had a distinguished past. With this creation, Barbara was one of 100 semi-finalists in the 1988 Pillsbury Bake-Off. The company flew her to San Diego, where cooking stations were set up for each entrant according to her/his needs (yes, a small number of entrants were men). When she returned 11 years later as a member of the Bake-Off Hall of Fame, her husband was also included in the expense-paid trip. "At both of my visits to the Bake-Off, the Pillsbury Company treated us very well," Barbara said, "and the experiences were a great deal of fun!"

Barbara also brought three exhibits of this accomplishment to our dinner: The Pillsbury Bake-Off 33rd Contest Cookbook from 1988, with the 100 recipes; a later cookbook called "The Best of the Pillsbury Bake-Off;" and a copy of the September 7, 1999, *National Inquirer*. In *The Inquirer* was a photo of a beaming Barbara along with two other Bake-Off winners in an ad for the Bake-Off Hall of Fame Contest. While stocking up on copies of the tabloid at Price Chopper she spotted a friend over the check-out counter. "I'm in *The Inquirer*!" Barbara exclaimed, to the astonishment of nearby shoppers.

The theme for our dinner was "Secret Ingredient" (hers was cream), but certainly this tale has been the best kept secret of all. By the way Broccoli and Cauliflower Tetrazzini is delicious!

## DID YOU KNOW...

... that Pins and Needles has distributed almost 3 miles of yarn to its members to be made into bookbags to be given to the kids at Staatsburg Library when they get their first library card?

If you would like to be in the **Did You Know** spotlight send a short fun fact to Sue Osterhoudt at [sosterhoudt@yahoo.com](mailto:sosterhoudt@yahoo.com) to brag about your interest group and community projects. How many pages has your book group read? How many steps have you hiked with your group? If you are REALLY brave, how many calories has your group consumed?

## Interest Groups in the Summer

**Art on the Go:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Jul 16 and Aug 20

TBA - weather dependent

Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

**Aventures en Soleil:**

Jul 7 NJ Botanical Garden & Ringwood Manor

Carol Loizides (452-3208)

Aug 4 Norman Rockwell Museum, Studio, Sculpture garden and Linwood Mansion.

Liz Moesel (896-9426)

Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)

& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)

**Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Jul 21 Susan Fink (473-3168)

Aug 18 Barbara Lalli (677-5363)

Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)

& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)

**Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Jul 22 & Aug 26

For location, email Cathy before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Coordinators: Cathy Kinn [cathy@kinn.org](mailto:cathy@kinn.org) &

Janet White (462-6675)

**Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Jul 28 Mary Lou Davis (223-5544)

Aug 25 Jackie Prusak (226-6049)

Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)

**Tee Off:**

Jul & Aug play weekly

Contact Dorothy for location.

Coordinators: Dorothy Evangelista (677-9046)

**Trekkers:**

Jul 17 Wethersfield, Amenia. Pat Luczai (463-4662)

Jul 31 Minnewaska, New Paltz. Pat Luczai (463-4662)

Aug 14 Dover Stone Church & Harlem Valley Rail Trail Amenia. Cathy Bala (227-7293) & Karen Haynes

Aug 28 Cary Arboretum, Millbrook.

Cathy Lane (229-1036)

Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)

## 5th Live Your Dream Girls' Conference November 6, 2010

Marcine Humphrey [marcine.humphrey@gmail.com](mailto:marcine.humphrey@gmail.com)



I can hardly believe that this will be our fifth conference! We are seeking assistance, as usual, from the talented women of AAUW. Thanks to those of you that have contacted me already.

If you want to participate, please contact me or Peggy Kelland to get on the list! We will be "crafting" journals and gifts in August!

We are signing up workshop Facilitators and plan to have 10-12 workshops, plus the ever popular "Girl Talks." Dutchess Community College has turned out to be a fantastic

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location and the students from Dutchess really enjoy participating.

Gwen Higgins assisted with our "Reunion" in March which was small but lovely. The girls had a chance to talk, do a craft, eat pizza and salad, and participate in a workshop on internet safety with Bethany Hamilton. We topped off the night making ice cream Sundaes and sharing experiences!

Gwen and I are especially grateful to Amelia Rogers, Erika Kastel, Allison Bundy-Travis, Jennifer Hafner and Gerry DiPompi.

We are seeking sponsors again this year through the "Divas, Dreamers and Darlings." **See the contribution form on the last page.**

## Because You Asked.... How to Give to Educational Opportunities Fund

Pat Luczai, Educational Fund VP, Poughkeepsie Branch, \*463-4662\*

We have had questions about how to ensure that your contributions to AAUW national can be directed to the fund that was formerly known as EF (Educational Foundation). This fund is now known as 'Educational Opportunit'es'. The Educational Opportunities Fund (#4336) supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success.

Some of the other programs include:

**Fellowships and Grants:** There are hundreds of endowed fund numbers, each for a specific fellowship, career development grant, community action grant, or selected professions award.

**The Fellows Alumnae Initiative**, which inspires women by providing access to the network of past and current AAUW fellows and grantees. **The Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse**, which educates women by allowing students to find and apply for much-needed scholarships from AAUW branches across the country. Poughkeepsie AAUW, Inc. gives their local scholarship through DCC.

If you want to restrict your gift to **The Educational Opportunities Fund**, please indicate the name or number (#4336) of the fund in the memo section of your check or any accompanying document (like matching forms) and mail to AAUW, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045. Make all checks payable to AAUW Funds. Contributions to this program are fully tax deductible. **If you would like to ensure that an honoree receives notification from our branch of your gift, please notify Pat Luczai (9 Bridgewater Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or [pat.luczai@gmail.com](mailto:pat.luczai@gmail.com).)**

[Note: if you contribute through the AAUW online form on the website, you cannot select Educational Opportunities. The only choice is "Giving unrestricted gifts to AAUW Funds (#9110)" which is an umbrella category that contains Educational Opportunities among others.]

If you have any questions about giving to AAUW or would like to receive information about including AAUW in your estate plans, call 202/728-3307 or email [development@aauw.org](mailto:development@aauw.org).

## FYI Summer Cultural Events: 2010

Mary Coiteux \*226-8275\* [mcoiteux@frontiernet.net](mailto:mcoiteux@frontiernet.net)

The summer season is upon us and there are so many events being offered in Dutchess County. I have listed a few events of interest but for a more complete listing, log onto <http://dutchesstourism.com/search.asp>. The events calendar lists the activities on a day to day basis. Another way to search is to click on to a topic such as History, Arts, Cuisine, Recreation and view several events in that category. You can plan activities in advance or find something to do on the spur of the moment. Enjoy your summer to the fullest.

### Art and Film:

**'Photography Now.'** An exhibition of photography at Barrett Art Center. Opening Reception: **6/19**, 5-7pm. Free. Exhibition continues throughout the summer.

**Water, Water, Everywhere.** Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries. Joel Adas, Peter Brauch, Erica Hauser, Laura Moriarty, Richard Sigmund, Shawn Snow are the participating artists in this compelling water-centric exhibition. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 11am-5pm and Sun. noon-5pm. 199 Main St., Beacon

### Music:

**6/26 Beacon Riverfest 2010.** Three bands headline. "Super Rock" legends The Fleshtones; Grammy-nominated recording artist and performer, Tracy Bonham; and Brooklyn-based alt-country jam band, "Yarn." 2 pm-dusk. Riverfront Park, Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY

**7/18/10 Bard SummerScape & Music Festival.** The 7-week festival opens **7/8** and closes **8/22**. Schedule online. Bard College.

### Performance :

1st Annual Iron Grad Cooking Competition. Culinary graduates do battle to reach the grand finale '**Culinary Showdown Live from the Rhinecliff Hotel**'. Cocktail reception & 'Parade of the Chefs': 4 courses, 4 chefs, wine pairings included. Fee: \$35.95+tax+gratuity; Reservations required. Iron-schedule: starts at 6:30 pm Rhinecliff Hotel, 4 Grinnell St., Rhinecliff, NY 845-876-0590.

### Literary Activities:

**6/3/10 River Voices: A Hudson Valley Sound & Story Project.** 7:30pm. Fireman's Hall in Dutchess County. Tivoli, NY

**'Haiti, 12 January 2010'. Photographs by Ron Haviv.** On view through **June 10**. Ron Haviv was in Haiti less than 24 hours after the earthquake devastated Port au Prince.

### Festivals and Special Events:

**Noon-4pm. CPR Exhibit. Wilderstein House** museum Fee:\$10, Rhinebeck.

**Apr - Oct. 'Fishing the River' at Norrie Point.** NYS Fishing demonstrations at Norrie Point Environmental Center in Staatsburg, NY. Call 845-889-4745 x106 .

**6/12/10. 7pm. Hobo Night with Bindlestick Bill.** Free. Hyde Park Train Station Museum Hyde Park, NY

**6/20/10. 1pm. Father's Day Hike & Tree Identification** \$12, 1 Clermont Rd. Germantown, NY

**7/4/10 Hudson Valley Philharmonic & Fireworks Show** Time and admission price TBD. DC Fair Grounds.

## **ERIKA KASTEL, Program Presenter for June 9<sup>th</sup>, AAUW general meeting.**

Erika Kastel joined the AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch in 2009. She has been a member of Slow Food since 1998.

Before moving to the US in 2005 she was the Executive Director of a large catering company in Mexico City managing 80 employees and providing catering for large parties. Her varied professional background includes working in Mexico City as an Operations Manager for two retail locations and a production facility; Associate Director for Culinary & Baking School at Universidad Anahuac del Sur coordinating the enrollment of 150 students per year for 6 different programs; and managing educational programs for Culinary, Baking and Bachelors of Professional Studies. Erika has been program coordinator and liaison with the Culinary Institute of America and Public Relations Manager at Melia Azul Ixtapa Hotel in Zihuatanejo Mexico, a luxury hotel with 475 rooms and Convention Center for 2000 people managing sales and marketing for national and international business. In addition, she assisted with demonstrations of Mexican Cuisine in Spain, UK, Italy, Canada and the United States.

She currently directs the ESL in the Kitchen program with the Center of the Square Community Center in Poughkeepsie, she teaches Spanish for children with the Poughkeepsie Continuing Education Department, and writes for "La Voz." Erika provided recipes and cooking tips in the radio show that Mariel Fiori and Bard College ran for a couple years. You can now listen to her on 950 AM WHVW with the radio show "Beauty & Health".

She is fluent in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese. Erika received her Master's Degree in International Business Management from Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Mexico City. She received her Bachelor's in Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts from CESSA Universidad, a Diploma in History and Anthropology of Mexican food from Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia, and a Diploma in Nutrition and Obesity from Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Medicas y Nutricion. Erika has taken courses at The Cordon Blue in France and the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park NY.

## **LITERARY NOTES**

Cathy Kinn [cathy@kinn.org](mailto:cathy@kinn.org)

Diane Browne-Sterdt [browruf@yahoo.com](mailto:browruf@yahoo.com)

### ***Winners of the Really, Really Short Stories Contest... Stories in Six Words***

We are delighted to announce our winners, and to share their writings with you:

**Bernadette Barrett.....**"Death not end. Love best remains."

**Linda Beyer.....**" Wordsmithing for pleasure; Elegantly taking measure."

**Sarah Shouse.....**"Loved teaching English; Born for retirement."

Our winners will be getting together for a latte treat at Barnes and Noble. Looking forward to it!

## Dear Writers' Tea Committee Members,

*Your Efforts Have Made a Difference For AAUW! Final profit stands at \$6416.59!!!!*

*Thank You for Doing an Excellent Job in Making the Tea A Huge Success!!*

### Authors:

Gloria Ghedini, Chair  
Lula Allen  
Mary Coiteux  
Bonnie Kieffer  
Greta Woo

### Decorating:

Carol Loizides

### Silent Auction/Raffle:

Linda Roberts, Chair  
Cecilia Dinio-Durkin  
Gloria Gibbs  
Doris Kelly  
Carol Loizides  
Jeanette Madera  
Barbara Mindel  
Donna Reichner  
Nancy Smith

### Publicity:

Cynthia Averill, Chair  
Program/Invitations Committee  
Many others!!

*Yours truly,*

*Lula Allen & Mary Coiteux, Co-Chairwomen*

## VOTER ISSUES

Jeanette Cantwell 452-4188  
[jnt@msn.com](mailto:jnt@msn.com)



This is an important election year!

### National and State level

-Governor	-Attorney General
-Comptroller	-2 U.S. Senators
-U.S. House of Representatives	
-State Assemblymen	-State Senators

### Primary Election – Sept 14, 2010

- Requirements for voting in the primary: You must be registered, have party affiliation, and..... your address or name has not changed.
- New voters: in order to vote in the primary, your application for registration (with party affiliation designated) must be postmarked no later than August 20th.
- If you have no party affiliation you must choose a party by August 20th in order to vote in the primary.
- If you chose to change your party affiliation, this will not be effective until 2011. (*Oct 8, 2010 is the deadline to make a change for the election year 2011.*)

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### Voting by absentee ballot in the primary:

Sept 7 - Last day to postmark application for ballot.  
Sept 13 - Last day to apply in person for ballot.  
Sept 13 - Last day to postmark ballot. They must receive it by Sept 21st.  
Sept 14 - Last day to deliver ballot in person to the county board.

Applications may be downloaded from

[www.dutchesselections.com](http://www.dutchesselections.com) or [www.co.ulster.ny.us](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us)

Questions??? Contact your local election board.

*Dutchess County Board of Elections*, 47 Cannon St,

Poughkeepsie, 12601 (486-2473)

*Ulster County Board of Elections*, 284 Wall St., Kingston,  
12401 (334-5470)

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Gloria Ghedini [gloriaghedini@cs.com](mailto:gloriaghedini@cs.com)

*Editor's Note: This is Gloria's last article for a while. She is taking time off from the AAUW board. We will miss her many stories about all the people of the world she has met and spoken with on the behalf of women. We will still see her at meetings and interest groups. Gloria, thank you for all your work!*

### **The Saudi Arabian woman**

This information is very recent, as a friend just returned from Saudi Arabia. Since her husband was not allowed entrance to Saudi Arabia, due to being Jewish, my friend traveled with a female acquaintance. Their aim was to both visit a mutual friend (French) whose husband (American) is teaching ESL at a university there (an all male class). Well, it was never possible to go to their home, as life in Saudi Arabia is extremely restricted. The only transportation is by car, taxi or by foot but no woman is allowed to drive. Of course, a woman can never go out without a family male escort and must be covered (to what extent is the woman's choice). Foreign woman must be veiled.

How much freedom a married woman can enjoy depends upon the agreement between her father and the future husband. Some fathers are very adamant that there be no polygamy and that their daughter be allowed to study or to work, should she so desire. If the agreement is not kept by the husband, then a divorce will be granted. Of course, not all fathers are so considerate.

My friend only saw one camel and also observed that in private homes, there was plenty of alcoholic drinking. She did see her French friend who, needless to say, is not happy with her life and does not want her husband to extend his stay.

## Congratulations to Sally!

Sally Edwards Taylor was among those honored as Senior Citizen of the Year by DC Executive, William Steinhuis, and John Beal, Office for Aging Director. "The Celebration of Aging" luncheon took place on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Borghese.

# DCC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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## Our DCC Scholarship Recipients

The Poughkeepsie Branch of AAUW will again be presenting \$500 scholarships to two graduates of Dutchess Community College. This year the recipients are **Rosemarie Ficara and Kaitlin Forbes**. **Rosemarie** will be graduating with an Associate's Degree in Nursing. She is a Dean's List student, a member of the Nursing Club and of the community college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. Rosemarie says, "You are never passed the opportunity for higher learning. I plan to dedicate my life as a Registered Nurse to help others." She will be applying her AAUW scholarship toward her tuition at the SUNY Institute of Technology, where she will be studying for a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. **Kaitlin** is also a Dean's List student and will be graduating with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences – Humanities. She is a co-founder of the Rhinebeck Heart Safe Club and a Representative for the American Heart Association. Kaitlin stated that, "Being able to receive an education should never be taken for granted. It is an opportunity that much of the world does not have." She will be applying her AAUW scholarship toward her tuition at SUNY Cortland, where she will be enrolled as an athletic trainer and sports medicine major.

## DCC Endowed Fund Report

As you know, our first major effort as a 501 (c) (3) organization was to establish an AAUW endowed scholarship at DCC so that our Branch would have permanent funding for one of our \$500 scholarships. I'm very pleased to report that as of May 5th we were well over a third of the way toward our goal of \$10,000! I urge you to join your sister AAUW members in contributing to the fund so that we will be assured of continuing to have the money to support such fine women as this year's recipients. Currently on the honor role of donors are the following: Miriam Zimet Aaron, Linda Beyer, Lynda Byrne, Diane Closs, Sharon Clarke, Geraldine Di Pompei, Gloria Ghedini, Gloria Gibbs, Nancy Gruczka, Virginia Hanson, Irene Keyes, Cathy Lane, Pat Luczai, Barbara Markell, Margaret Nijhuis, Eleanor Skov, Cindy Smith, Erin Teichman, Barbara Van Itallie, and Mary Louise Van Winkle. Each of these generous donors deserves the thanks of all of us in the Poughkeepsie Branch. Many of these donors were honoring long time AAUW member Ellenora Oberhofer's 100th birthday, so, once again, Happy Birthday Ellenora!!!

**DCC Endowment Fund**



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If you would also like to donate to the fund to support the AAUW scholarships, or, if you would like to honor someone for a special occasion, then 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.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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**Summer is here and it's time to start thinking about September and the Open House!** Before you run off to parts unknown, please make sure that you have sent all of your referral's information to either **Amy Schwed** [amyschwed@optonline.net](mailto:amyschwed@optonline.net) or myself at the above address. **We will be sending out hand written invitations, via snail mail, at the beginning of August.** We are a very dynamic group of women, so get out there and SHARE your enthusiasm. **Remember, You are the MVIP's ....we'll just do the paperwork**

*Please join me in welcoming:*  
**Anne Constantinople, Doris Haas,  
Patricia McCaffrey, Jessica Riley**

## NEW OFFICERS

The officers elected at the May Annual meeting:

**Geeta Desai - President  
Ginny Marcus - Secretary  
Barbara Van Itallie - Treasurer**

will take office on July 1, 2010. All others officers continue.

### Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. Officers 2009-2010

<b>President</b>	Linda Beyer	462-0345
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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, 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.*



# MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE

*Fifth Annual Poughkeepsie Area Girls' Conference  
for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls sponsored by The Poughkeepsie Branch  
of the American Association of University Women, Inc.  
and Dutchess Community College  
Saturday, November 6, 2010*

You can help inspire a girl to be strong, smart and bold by sponsoring her attendance at the Fifth Girls' Conference this fall. Our members generosity in the past four years has made the difference.

Your help can come in many forms, but we are asking for sponsorship of individual girls.

In addition to your sponsorship, each girl will pay \$7. We feel this small fee will insure each girl makes a personal commitment to the conference.

Please fill out the following form and mail it with your check payable  
**"Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc."**

to: **Barbara Hespenheide, 11 McIntosh Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

**Questions:** Contact Barbara [bwhespen@juno.com](mailto:bwhespen@juno.com) or 452-3241



**I would like to sponsor a girl's attendance to the "Live your Dream" conference.**

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| G | <b>*Divas</b>    | <b>\$28</b> | materials, gifts, lunch and T-shirt with logo |
| G | <b>*Dreamers</b> | <b>\$20</b> | lunch and T-shirt with logo                   |
| G | <b>*Darlings</b> | <b>\$8</b>  | T-shirt                                       |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name will be included in the program book as a donor unless anonymity is requested.**

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