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April 2011

APRIL CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 4 Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Ginny Marcus (223-5246)
Coordinator: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)
- 6 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm**
Hostess: Geeta Desai (297-7589)
- 8 Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *Mudbound*
by Hillary Jordan
Hostess: Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
- 9 Bridge For Beginners: 10:00 am**
Hostess: Peggy Hansen (473-8453)
Please response to coordinators (y/n).
Coordinators: Donna Reichner Mintz &
Betsy Vivas (485-2370)
- 9 Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Ferncliff Forest/Southlands Hike, meet left of
Stop & Shop, Route 9, Poughkeepsie
Organizer: Irene Keyes (227-6686)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 10 Membership Meeting - Writers' Tea**
- 10 "The Branch" deadline for May**
- 13 What Every Woman Needs to Know
About Social Security: 7:00 pm**
DCC, Bowne Hall Rom 122, see page 3.
- 14 Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30 pm**
Bonefish Grill, Rt 9, Poughkeepsie
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWgourmet@msn.com
- 18 Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm**
Book: *The Family Markowitz*
by Allegra Goodman
Hostess: Kathleen Brown (486-4605)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 20 Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Hostess: Joan Fay (633-8856)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 21 All those books...: 7:00 pm**
Book: *Miss Lonelyhearts*
by Nathanael West
Hostess: Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)

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Writers' Tea

April 10, 2011

3:00 – 7:00 pm

at

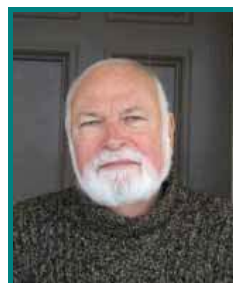
Dutchess Golf and Country Club

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

Invite your spouse,
significant other,
friends, all welcome!

Our Writers

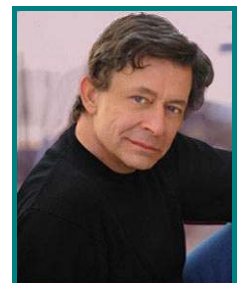
Meet three Hudson Valley authors who will share stories from their books,
scripts and their lives.



Harvey Keyes Flad
*Main Street to Main Frame:
Landscape and Social Change
In Poughkeepsie*



Mia Mask
*Divas on Screen: Black
Women in American*



John Pielmeier
*Agnes of God,
Screen Play*

Our Tea

We will be welcomed with champagne and chilled hors d' oeuvres as we
arrive and browse the silent auction items. Accompanying the authors'
presentations will be tableside service of assorted tea sandwiches, mini
pastries and a selection of teas.

Silent Auction of handcrafts and services

Reservation form on Page 2.

All those interested in asking questions of our three authors, Harvey Flad, Mia
Mask and John Pielmeier, will have ample time both before and after their
presentations. The books by Harvey Flad and Mia Mask will be available for
purchase and signing, as well.

Additional information and Reservation form also available at:

www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

Calendar Continued...

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 26 Professional Women's Networking:** 5:30-7:30 pm
Merrill Lynch Conference Room
The Dynamics of Personal Power, Geeta Desai
Coordinators: Kim Butwell kim_butwell@ml.com &
Jacqueline Goffe-McNish mcnish@sunydutchess.edu
- 27 Art on the Go:** 11:00 am - at the museum
Katonah Art Museum. \$6/\$4, limit of 20
Reservations required: Carol Mastropietro (221-8862)
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 27 Contemporary Literature:** 7:30 pm
Book: *Cutting For Stone*
by Abraham Verghese
Hostess: Betty Harrel (462-2141)
Coordinator: Ann Wade (229-5267)
- 27 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Margaret Nijhuis (635-8612)
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
January - March: Gerry DiPompei (635-2050)
- 28 Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Uno, Brunch, Lesson and Bridge (\$15)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org &
Janet White (462-6675)
- 28 Pins & Needles:** 6:00 pm
Making a necklace at I Dream of Beading, \$25
Reservations required - attendance is limited.
Send check payable *I Dream of Beading* to Jane Toll.
Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) &
Jane Toll (463-2712)
- 30 Trekkers:** 10:00 am, Main Gate
Vassar College Walk/Shakespeare Gardens
Organizer: Kathy Brown (486-4605)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- Aventures en Soleil:**
No meeting in April.
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091) &
Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- Cuisine:**
No meeting in April.
Coordinator: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
- Tee Off** *Play will continue in the Spring.*
Coordinators: Dorothy Evangelista (677-9046) &
Linda Ronayne (897-9745)

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr 15-17 AAUW-NYS Convention page 4, 7
May 6 Art on the Go Art Show, page 4
May 10 Annual Meeting, Dinner at Christo's, page 7
Jun 8 Program Planning for 2011-12, St. John's
Oct 22 Woman of the Year, 12-3 pm Villa Borghese

WRITERS' TEA RESERVATIONS

[Deadline: April 1, 2011]

A literary benefit for the AAUW Scholarships Funds and
Community Initiatives and Events

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

If you are making reservations for more than one person, please list
all other names.

The cost is \$45 per person.

Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ attendee(s).

Checks payable to: **Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**

[\$20 of each 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.**



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.

Patrons (\$25 or more)

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Peggy Lombardi Catherine Pété Terry Schneider

To add your name to the list, mail a check payable:
"Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc." to Margaret
Nijhuis, 9 McAllister Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Our AAUW Branch has always accomplished great things when our members have collectively focused on a goal. We need your laser –like focus now! At this time, we need to be working together with the singular purpose of making this year's Writers' Tea an unmitigated success. As you know, proceeds from ticket sales will fund much – needed college scholarships and community programs that are the backbone of our mission.

Here are some things that each of you can do that can exponentially increase event attendance:

- If you have not bought your ticket yet, buy it now
- Prevail on your friends and family members to join us in a quietly elegant setting for an afternoon of delectable eats, aromatic teas and the pleasure of listening to three eminent authors from the Hudson Valley region. What could be more relaxing or intellectually stimulating?
- If you belong to an Interest Group or Initiative, think about reserving tables of ten so that you can enjoy the afternoon with your group and committee members
- If you are a board member, demonstrate your leadership by persuading at least ten people you know to come to the event.
- Beyond your family and friends, brainstorm a comprehensive list of who you think would most be interested in attending a writers' forum. Do you know any writers or would-be writers? Do you know high school teachers and college faculty members who teach creative writing? Send them invitations to the Tea and additionally ask them to share information with their students

My final suggestion is to really think “outside-the-box” about inviting people who would organically connect with the work of our authors. For instance, Harvey Flad's book *Main Street to Mainframes* traces the transformation of Poughkeepsie from an agricultural market town, to a small city with a diversified economy centered on Main Street, to an urban region dependent on the success of one corporation and the demographic shifts that accompanied these transformations. I would think that his book would appeal to many different audiences: history buffs, economists, social and political scientists, history teachers and professors, older and newer immigrant communities. There are lots of ways to reach these audiences; even you don't know any of them. There are professional societies and colleges with whom historians, economists, scientists are affiliated. Most immigrant communities have social organizations where they can be reached. Contact information for all of these organizations is available on the Internet. Send them invitations to the Tea, briefly outlining why they would enjoy the event.

I urge you to do your best for the Writers' Tea, for the members who have worked tirelessly on its planning and execution and for the cause of women and girls. *Vive la revolution!*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Marcine Humphrey, Nominating Committee Chair

Poughkeepsie AAUW, Inc. has a rotating system of officers. Half of our officers are elected each year. The Nominating Committee has been working for several months to select a slate of the officers for the coming two years. The other officers will continue to serve the second year of their term. A vote will be held at the May annual meeting, after which the new officers will be installed. Work is continuing on the appointed positions on the board that are due to expire this year.

It is with pleasure that the nominating committee presents the following slate of officers for 2011-2013:

Co VPs Program - Barbara Hugo and Shelby Outwater

Co VPs Education Opportunities Fund (EOF) -

Trish Prunty and Linda Olsen Roberts

Co VPs Membership - Amy Schwed and Kathy Brown

VP Communications - Joanne Scolaro

Assistant Treasurer - Elizabeth Moesel

Officers continuing the second year of their term:

President - Geeta Desai

Secretary - Ginny Marcus

Treasurer - Barbara Van Itallie

Nominating Committee members: Marcine Humphrey (Chair), Geeta Desai, Gloria Gibbs, Barbara Hesperheide, Irene Keyes, Bergie Lebovitch, and Amy Schwed

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW AND DCC

Present

What Every Woman Needs to Know about Social Security

A look at benefits for retirement, disability and survivors

Presented by **Adrienne L Vavricka**

Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration
Newburgh Office

Wednesday April 13, 2011, 7:00 pm

Dutchess Community College

Bowne Hall, Room 122

This is an informational presentation for people who are:

- *getting ready to retire*
- *retired and want to know what's new with Social Security*
- *Caregivers for someone who is eligible for Social Security*
- *Widowed*
- *Divorced*
- *Disabled*

Questions? Contact Kim Butwell kbutwell@msn.com or 914/489-6400. All are invited!

LITERARY NOTES

Second Annual Really Really Short Story Contest

Diane Browne-Sterdt browruf@yahoo.com

In upcoming issues of the Branch, I will be writing about Barbara Kingsolver and Ann Beattie, two terrific writers...

...but now is the time for our Second Annual Really, Really Short Stories Contest.

Contestants are asked to write a memoir, their world view, or a story in exactly six words. An example for the ages is that written by Ernest Hemingway, when he was challenged to tell a tale in only six words. Papa rose to the occasion with "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." Memorable.

An example of a world view? " Young, old...Pretty, plain...Just words." How about a memoir? " Defined at 21. Redefined at 50." Another? " Yoga, meditation, workouts. AAUW membership. Complete." (Initials and numbers count as one word.)

If you've got the creativity, the guts, the chutzpah, or are just looking for a fine experience having coffee with the winners from last year (at Starbucks, where else??) please send your entry to me at browruf@yahoo.com ...

The three winning entries will be in June's Branch. The deadline is mid-April.

Hope you'll take the leap!

ART on the GO ART OPENING

Mark your calendar and come enjoy the art work of your fellow AAUW members!!

Place: East Fishkill Library
Rte. 376, Hopewell Jct
Date: May 6, 2011
Friday Evening at 7:00pm

The artwork will be on display for the month of May



Dear Board Members,

I am wonderfully surprised and deeply honored to be selected by the Board for an EOF named scholarship designation. Thank you for attaching my name to a mission which I feel represents the very core of all AAUW's activities. Scholarships for women make the goals of AAUW a concrete reality in the lives of deserving individuals. I am proud to be a part of that endeavor. Sincerely, Linda Beyer

"HATS OFF"

Margaret Nijhuis for
Mary Coiteux *226-8275*
mcoiteux@frontiernet.net
*An expression of admiration for
someone's achievement or
contribution and our
acknowledgment for it.*



"Hats off" to Sue Osterhoudt who recently received a letter beginning...

"On behalf of the planning committee for Psychology Day at the United Nations, we would like to extend a formal invitation for you to participate in an afternoon workshop on Thursday, April 14th. This year we have selected the millennium goal of universal access to education for our theme.

The ... workshop at which you will present is "Innovative Ideas" which will have three speakers, Erin Murphy Graham who will be talking about an elementary school project in Honduras; Sue Osterhoudt who will be talking about a library for a village in Madagascar; and Andrew Simon who will be talking about scaling up successful projects to improve education for women and girls in Uganda."

For those of you that were not at our December general meeting: *Since its founding in 2007 Bibliotheque HITA, the Community Library of Imorona, Madagascar has evolved from a small shelter housing a few books, into a community center that provides training, resource materials in Malagasy, French and English, computer access and (at times) internet, as well as electricity to charge cell phones to help defer costs. This was accomplished with the help of friends, many from AAUW, Peace Corps volunteers and the U.S. Embassy. Before the library Imorona was 19th out of 19 in test scores on the entrance exam for High School - they are now 1st!*



Our congratulations and best wishes to Sue who has always told her children "when you dream, dream in technicolor!!"

**STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR
AAUW-NYS CONVENTION.
APRIL 15-17, 2011
SEE www.aauw-nys.org**

HEALTH CARE REFORM

What does it REALLY mean?

With the premise of health care as a human right, this will be a day of exploring the impact of health care reform on women, small businesses, seniors, African-Americans, Latinos and Americans with disabilities. As leaders in their fields, featured speakers will illustrate, educate and debunk myths of health care reform.

Keynote Address: Geeta Desai, President, AAUW

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011
THE HENRY A. WALLACE CENTER
(Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and
Museum, Hyde Park, New York)

8:30 am TO 2:30 pm

Luncheon Speaker: Jamie Torres, US Health and Human Services Regional Director

Speakers & Workshop Leaders:

Susan Dooha, Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY

Margaret Moree, The Business Council of NY State, Inc.

Michael Olender, Associate State Director, AARP

Jamie Torres, US HHS Regional Director

Lois Uttley, Raising Women's Voices

TO REGISTER please call (845)229-5302 or e-mail mmartinetti@ervk.org \$10 Suggested Donation

Complimentary Continental Breakfast
(If desired, order your box lunch for an additional \$10 when you register.)

ALMOST "OVER THE TOP"

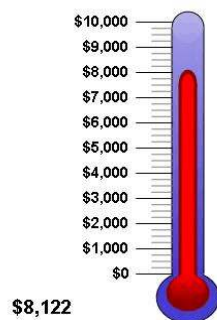
Margaret Nijhuis *635-8612* NijhuisMJ@gmail.com

We only need \$1,878 more to put our Dutchess Community College Endowment Fund over the top! You can help make this a reality by attending the Writers' Tea or sending a contribution. See page 2, second column.

The funds realized from the Tea will go to many of our projects and scholarships. The endowment is one of those scholarships. What an accomplishment this will be!! Our branch will establish this fund so that every year there would be a guaranteed \$500 scholarship given to a deserving student at DCC in the name of Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc!

Join us for an enjoyable and worthwhile afternoon at the Writers' Tea, April 10th.

DCC Endowment



WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011

October 22 at the Villa Borghese

Mary Lou Davis *223-5544* davehdavis@aol.com

Please let the committee know who you would like to see as the 2011 Woman of the Year!!!!

Criteria for AAUW Woman of the Year

She has made outstanding contributions to the community in either a voluntary or paid capacity. (Most recipients have served in both ways)

She reflects the AAUW mission: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

Branch membership does not disqualify a candidate, but selection should be based on accomplishments outside AAUW.

Woman of the Year Nomination

I would like to nominate: _____

Submitted by: _____

Please list the contributions of the nominee to the community on an attached sheet. Return your nomination to Mary Lou Davis by email davehdavis@aol.com or mail to 125 Andrews Road, Lagrangeville, NY, 12540.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Cathy Lane, Interest Group Coordinator, *229-1036*

A column that gives us the news of "What's Happening" in our Interest Groups.

What is a walk? a hike?

Although we've already published an article on **Trekkers** this year, we seem to be getting questions from people about the type of walks or hikes we do and why we sometimes refer to them as walks or hikes. We will generally describe something as a **walk** when the terrain is mostly level and flat. A walk is often on pavement, such as a rail trail, but we will refer to wooded areas as walks if they are not too hilly or rocky. A **hike** can be short or long in mileage, but will generally refer to uneven terrain with hills.

Each outing has a leader who will try to get out on the trail shortly before the date of our trek to let people know if the trail is muddy, if there are any bathrooms close by, the length of the trail, etc. People can then decide if the outing will be something they are interested in attending. We meet in February to plan walks and hikes for the year. We try to incorporate a walk and a hike option for each month, however, during the winter months we tend to have more walks than hikes due to the snow and ice. This year, we are planning some special outings in addition to our hikes and walks which will include a bike ride, kayaking and snow shoeing. If you enjoy the fresh air and the beauty of the outdoors, Trekkers is for you. If you would like more information about Trekkers, contact Karen Haynes at kmhaynes1@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC POLICY

Doris Kelly mescw12@aol.com

Can you believe this? Could this be happening in America? If this doesn't make you want to become an activist, I don't know what will.

Utah Decides to Tone Down "Miscarriage Bill," But Some Miscarriages Would Still be a Felony

The Miscarriage Bill's sponsor, Utah State Rep. Carl Wimmer, says that he will take out a provision in the bill making a woman's "reckless act" inducing miscarriage eligible for homicide prosecution. This provision could have gotten a woman a life sentence for staying in an abusive relationship, falling down stairs, drinking alcohol, or other undefined "reckless acts." The bill which passed through the Utah legislature does not affect legally obtained abortions. It does criminalize actions taken by a woman to induce a miscarriage or abortion outside of a doctor's care. The penalties still include up to life in prison. An important fact noted in the article about the change of this bill is, "the upcoming revision has been attributed to the backlash by the pro-choice community."

I know, I know, that's Utah, we're in New York. But are we or are we not "Our Sisters' Keepers?" We, as AAUW members, have had the privilege to be party to a wonderful movement of women who are working to improve the lives of women throughout the world. This is happening in our country and Utah is not the only state where a woman's choice is in jeopardy.

- **Georgia** legislator proposes a "prenatal murder" bill that calls for investigation of ["unsupervised" miscarriages](#).
- **Virginia** legislature approved a bill [regulating clinics](#) where first trimester abortions are performed. Regulations would have clinics meet hospital like conditions.
- **Texas** legislature may soon vote on a bill [mandating sonograms](#) for women seeking an abortion.
- **Kansas** lawmakers in the House passed one of the two bills that [restrict abortion and mandate parental consent](#).
- **Iowa** is mulling a bill to [protect unborn fetuses](#) by classifying them as separate people.
- **Montana** legislature passed a bill [preventing abortion providers from offering materials](#) to students and forcing school districts to provide parents with an opt-in option for sex education courses.

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Continued from the first column...

- **Nebraska** legislature has recently resurrected a bill--which **South Dakota** was forced by public opinion to drop--that could offer legal protection for those who attack abortion providers.

...and our **US House of Representatives** has voted to defund Planned Parenthood cutting money for contraceptives, HIV tests, cancer screenings and reproductive health services as part of an attempt to weaken the abortion provider. Planned Parenthood does not currently spend federal money on abortion services.

Make those telephone calls. Send those e-mails and letters.

It took activism to get us as far as we have come. It will take activism to keep what we have won.

Support the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye....

Attention: Fresh-"woman" class of 2011

You do *Not* have to wear your Beanie, *BUT* you do have to "grab the hand" of your Big Sister (aka your referring member) and sign-up for the Writers' Tea, April 10th. When you register before April 1st (no fooling!) please let Saranne Ratner (see page 2) know that the two of you want to sit together. See you there...

Additionally, attached to your email will be a Directory Update. Please print and add it to your current 2011 Yellow (very bright yellow) Membership Directory. The Update will have changes in member listings and information on the following new members:

Please join us in welcoming:

Crush, Maureen
Hinkle, Honorah
Foy, Carol
Friedman, Katherine
Gill, Barbara
Goldman, Mary
LaGoy, Ann
Meade, Joan

Mills, Janet C.
Rabideau, Robin
Rothman, Noreen
Stevens, Carol

Welcome back:
McGill, Carmen



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ANNUAL MEETING Coming to America

May 10, 2011
Christo's

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Come and listen to the poignant, hilarious, thoughtful, always entertaining stories of your fellow members as they take you on their journeys from the countries of their birth to a magical, mythical place called Poughkeepsie.

Replete with costumes, music, carefully-chosen-words and pageantry, this performance piece defies the imagination and is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seats all evening

Performance is limited to one evening only, before our troupe of merry actresses leave for destinations unknown.

Come for the entertainment and the education in all things international. Come because you want to say you were there at the evening of all evenings!

If that is not enough, we will:

- Elect and install new officers (Vice Presidents and Assistant Treasurer)
- Introduce our new website
- Introduce our named Educational Opportunities Fund scholarship honorees (See *The Branch*, March 2011)
- Announce Membership Awards!

More details will follow in the May newsletter!!

AAUW-NYS CONVENTION NEWS

From the AAUW-NYS Board of Directors

Please notify your branch members that a proposal to change AAUW bylaws will be presented during the business meeting at the State Convention at Glen Cove Mansion on April 16. The proposal will be to remove the word of \$10 from Article IV, Section 2, g and I, to add Article IV, Section 2, j (The state dues amounts for AAUW-NYS members and student affiliates shall be determined by the AAUW-NYS Board of Directors.) and to remove Article IV, Section 2,l of the AAUW-NYS bylaws.

The Board of Director has voted to increase dues to \$13. The members were notified of this change in the Spring FOCUS, but were inadvertently not notified that it would require a bylaws change.

Editor's Note: You may view the AAUW-NYS bylaws at <http://www.aauw-nys.org/>

BORROWING FROM PUBLIC POLICY... "THE POWER OF ONE VOTE"

Bergie Lebovitch, NYS VP of Membership
Bergie.lebovitch@gmail.com



On April 15th, National AAUW is sending out paper ballots to all our 80,000+ members across the Country. I urge you to vote, which will necessitate using **your membership number found under your name in the Yellow Membership directory**. (I will personally "deliver" the new member's numbers as quickly as I get them.) For those of you who have not received the *Outlook National Magazine*, I urge you to go to the National AAUW website www.aauw.org and check out the candidates that are running for national offices very specifically two of our very own NYS members. For those of you who have attended the New York Convention, you will know how dynamic and dedicated both **Mildred DeWitt and Nancy Mion** are, and how great their contributions will be as Directors at Large.

Whilst on the AAUW website, click on the "Facebook" icon where you can post your thoughts about the proposed amendments. Please see what others have written about the adoption of the amendments which would preclude any deliberative assembly for change, discussion or votes if they are so adopted. Special attention to Proposals #6 & #8 (pages E-7 and E-8 of the *Outlook Winter Edition*) should be made as they give National total authority over the distribution of any assets in the dissolution of any AAUW affiliated groups (such as any local branch or state organization of AAUW).

We fought long and hard for the vote, and in this, YOUR Organization - Your Voice and your Vote count!! Please be a participatory and "Informed" Voter....

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. Officers 2010-2011

President	Geeta Desai	297-7589
Program V.P.	Susan Osterhoudt	889-4469
	Diana Gleeson	229-8458
Membership V.P.	Bergie Lebovitch	298-4045
Educ. Foundation V.P.	Patricia Luczai	463-4662
	Trish Prunty	
Secretary	Virginia Marcus	223-5246
Treasurer	Barbara Van Itallie	462-3924
Assistant Treasurer	Elizabeth Moesel	896-9426
Association website: www.aauw.org		
NY State website: www.aauw-nys.org		

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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