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May 2011

MAY CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 2 **Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Sherry Hudes (462-0220)
Call hostess if you plan to attend.
Coordinator: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)
- 2 **Diversity Initiative: 6:00 - 8:00 pm**
Movie: "Everybody loves...BABIES"
Adriance Memorial Library
All invited, see page 3.
Reservations: Marjorie Krems (473-3580)
- 4 **Board Meeting: 7:00 pm**
Hostess: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
- 5 **Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30 pm**
The Local, Rhinebeck
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWgourmet@msn.com
- 6 **Art on the Go: 7:00 pm**
Reception for Art on the Go Members' Show
East Fishkill Library, Hopewell Jct.
All Invited!! See page 4.
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 9 **Movie Night: around 7:00 pm**
Movie: Group members will be notified the Thursday before - be sure to sign up with Sue.
Discussion: Eveready Diner, Rt. 9, Hyde Park
Director: Susan Osterhoudt (889-4469)
Producer: Kim Butwell kim_butwell@ml.com
- 10 **Membership Meeting - Annual Dinner**
- 10 **"The Branch" deadline for June.**
All Interest Groups & Community Outreach Programs should submit any summer plans. The newsletter is not published is July and August.
- 11 **Aventures en Soleil: 11:00 am**
Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
Reservations: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091) & Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 13 **Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *Loving Frank*
by Nancy Horan
Location: Manor at Woodside
Call one of the coordinators for details.
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458) & Tiz Hanson (229-9394)

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ANNUAL MEETING

Coming to America

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"The oneness of human beings is the basic ethical thread that holds us together."
- Muhammad Yunus

May 10, 2011

Cash Bar 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Christo's

155 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Cost: \$40.00 (this is the cost of the meal)

Make checks payable "**Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**"

Mail to: **Diana Gleeson**

15 Robert Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538

Reservations deadline: May 4, 2011 (no refunds after May 4).

Questions: Diana Gleeson, gleesa@optonline.net or 845/229-8458

Our "guests" from around the world:

**Geeta Desai, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin
Erika Kastel, Wendy Maragh Taylor**

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!

"My life is my message." - Mahatma Gandhi

Other highlights of the evening:

- 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!
- Collect stuffed animals for "Leading to Reading." See page 5.

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Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 14 Bridge For Beginners:** 10:00 am
Hostess: Betsy Vivas (485-2379)
Please response to coordinators (y/n).
Coordinators: Donna Reichner Mintz & Betsy Vivas (485-2379)
- 14 Trekkers:** 8:00 am - Rt. 9, left of S&S, Pok.
Central Park Walk and Lunch NYC
Organizer: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 16 Manderley Literary Society:** 7:30 pm
Book: *Little Bee*
by Chris Cheaves
Hostess: Barbara Markell (758-9922)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 17 Cuisine:** 6:30 pm
Your Cooking Inspirations
Reservations (limited) & Information:
Pat Luczai pat.luczai@gmail.com
Hostess: Pat Aglietti (677-9485)
Coordinator: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
- 18 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Margaret Nijhuis (635-8612)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 19 All those books...:** 7:00 pm
Book: *Rashomon*
by Ryunosuke Akutagawa
Hostess: Cathy Lane (229-1036)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 21 Trekkers:** 9:00 am - Meet Rt. 9, left of S&S, Pok.
Shaupeneak Ridge Hike, Ulster County
Organizer: Kathy Brown (486-4605)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 24 Professional Women's Networking:** 5:30-7:30 pm
Social Networking, group discussion
Coordinators: Kim Butwell kim_butwell@ml.com & Jacqueline Goffe-McNish mcnish@sunydutchess.edu
- 25 Art on the Go:** 10:00 am
Locust Grove - View art exhibit and gardens - weather permitting we will start work of our own.
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 25 Contemporary Literature:** 7:30 pm
Book: *Breaking Night: A Memoir of...*
by Liz Murray
Hostess: Diane Closs (229-9438)
Coordinator: Ann Wade (229-5267)
- 25 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Mary-Jo Cottrell (635-5175)
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
January - March: Gerry DiPompei (635-2050)
- 26 Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Uno, Brunch (12 noon), Lesson and Bridge (\$15)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org & Janet White (462-6675)

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June 2 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm

Planning Meeting

Hostess: Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)

Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) & Jane Toll (463-2712)

Tee Off : See page 4.

Coordinators: Dorothy Evangelista (677-9046) & Linda Ronayne (897-9745)

LOOKING AHEAD

Jun 8 Program Planning for 2011-12, St. John's
Jun 16-19 National AAUW Convention

Information at www.aauw.org

Oct 15 Barnes & Noble Day, sponsored by "Leading to Reading"

Oct 22 Woman of the Year, 12-3 pm Villa Borghese

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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

Dues renewal notices will be mailed shortly. Please look for them in the mail and return promptly.

Three free national memberships (a \$49 value) will be given in a raffle:

Send your dues in by May 10th and receive 3 chances to win.

Send your dues in by May 20th and receive 2 chances to win.

Send your dues in by May 30th and receive 1 chance to win.

Please be sure to fill in all information regarding changes in your location, phone or email! Don't forget to return the member profile that will be included with the dues notice!

"HATS OFF"

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 **Wendy Maragh Taylor** who recently received this note: "The editors at *The Truth About The Fact: International Journal of Literary Nonfiction* are pleased to accept your piece for the Spring 2011 Publication of the journal. We received over 300 submissions from the international literary community, including impressive narratives about life in South Africa, Sri Lanka, China, Canada, Great Britain and the United States. Your work was one of only 25 pieces selected.

We respect your commitment to your craft, and we are honored to have this wonderful piece published in our journal."

"Hats Off" to **Eleanor (Ellie) Charwat** who along with her husband, Martin, made possible the amazing photographic art installation by Michael Asbill at Adriance Memorial Library. It is located on the ground floor and was given in memory of Ellie parents, Nathaniel and Jeanne Loth. Do take the time to visit this exhibit which is entitled "Poughkeepsie: Then and Now" - you will be enthralled.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

AAUW's 2011 Writers' Tea was an unambivalent success. We have raised over \$7000 enabling us once again to underwrite our local and national scholarships and many of our community outreach programs.

The Tea, however, was so much more than just a fundraiser: it was a spot of brilliant sunshine on an otherwise overcast Spring day. It was the perfect confluence of intellectual inquiry, food, fun and good works. For those of you who couldn't make it to this year's Tea, here are my impressions. Hopefully, these will inspire you to attend next year's event:

All three authors held the audience in rapt attention. Harvey Flad who spoke first, read excerpts from his book and took us on a historical tour of the growth, decline, and revitalization of Poughkeepsie. With his book *Mainstreet to Mainframes*, he brought to life the story of Poughkeepsie's transformation over the past three centuries and gave us an insight into the emerging immigrant communities. Mia Mask's *Divas on Screen*, described African American women actresses in historical contexts by examining the sustaining star – power of Pam Grier. Through Dorothy Dandridge's sexualized role in certain films, Mia showed us the contradictory thinking regarding race and sexuality in segregation-era American culture. John Pielmeier was simply delightful as he spoke to us about his journey to becoming an Oscar-winning screenwriter. He was humorous and thoughtful and embodied the classic American success story. We will wait breathlessly for his next screen play "World Without End."

The silent auction showcased the talents of many, many AAUW members, all of whom had given generously of their own time and funds to create items that dazzled the eye of the beholder. I have no doubt that the meticulously hand-made, stunningly clever auction items will bring joy to their new owners for many years to come. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each member who contributed items to the auction.

That being said, I will tell you what impressed me the most was the collective work that made this Tea singularly successful. It truly is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together, complementing each others' strengths, thinking creatively, recognizing each others' shortfalls, taking up the slack and focusing on a worthy goal. Bravo to co-chairs Lula Allen and Linda Beyer and your wonderful team!

Finally, it would be remiss of me if I did not mention two other groups. The string quartet of Arlington high-schoolers was incredibly talented. They played their hearts out during the busiest time of the afternoon and maintained their focus in spite of the ambient noise and milling about of 200 people. See page 7. I would also like to thank those AAUW members who made an enormous effort to invite and cajole

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their friends, family and associates to attend the Tea. We know that getting people to attend an event is as important as planning one. Their efforts paid off. We had one hundred and ninety-five attendees.

Once again, congratulations to one and all. Your efforts and hard work have enriched us all.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!!

The Website Committee: Cyd Averill (chair), Mary Coiteux, Geeta Desai, Mary King, Margaret Nijhuis, and Joanne Scolaro

We hope that all of you have taken the time to go to our new website www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org (same name)!!

It is a beautiful sight or site - whichever you choose to think!

We owe a great deal of appreciation and gratitude to Mary and Dave King. They have not only saved our branch thousands of dollars, they have taken care of everything we have asked for. If we wanted something changed it was done immediately. We have exactly what we asked for. Mary is a long time member of Poughkeepsie AAUW who now lives in upstate New York but remains a member of our board as webmaster.

They have provided the means for those of us who are not so talented as they are technologically to be able to update and add pages to this wonderful new site. There are still many things we have to depend on Mary to do for us but at least we can now be of help.

Please take the time to go through the site and come to the Annual Meeting on May 10th to say thank you to Mary and Dave who will be in attendance.

DIVERSITY INITIATIVE: “..BABIES”

Marjorie Krems *473-3580*

AAUW's Diversity Committee is happy to announce the showing of the movie "Everybody loves...BABIES," taking place at the **Adriance Memorial Library on May 2, 2011**. We will gather between 6:00 and 8:00 pm in the Charwat Meeting Room on the ground floor of the Adriance Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

"BABIES" provides a cross-cultural view of unique but very similar childrearing practices from around the world. "Sure to put a smile on your face and a warm feeling in your heart, it's the film that critics and audiences agree could be the feel-good movie of the decade!" (Moviefone)

Please join us for this illuminating and heartwarming movie...one hour and 19 minutes in length. A maximum of 30 people can be accommodated. To reserve a seat, please call Marjorie Krems at 473-3580.

Editor's note: Come a few minutes early to view the art work mentioned on page 2...“Hats Off.”



You are cordially invited to:

"ART ON THE GO"

A Group Exhibition

Friday, May 6, 2011, 7:00 pm
Art Opening

East Fishkill Library
Rte 376, Hopewell Junction

The exhibition remains up
through the month of May

Theme: *In this Moment*

Exhibiting Members:

Each member has a passion for art, for education, and for influencing others in a positive way.

Ellie Burch: SUNY New Paltz

Mary Coiteux: SUNY New Paltz

Karleen Dorn: SUNY New Paltz

Norma DePalma: SUNY New Paltz, Coll. of New Rochelle

Carol Loizides: SUNY New Paltz

Carol Mastropietro: SUNY New Paltz, Western Conn.

More details on the website, select **Programs/Annual Events/Cultural Events**.

TEE OFF

Calling all Golfers!!!

Linda Ronayne *897-9745* linronay@optonline.net

If anyone is interested in playing golf this season please notify Dorothy Evangelista or Linda Ronayne. In the past two years, we have not had much interest for various reasons, however that may have changed. Both of us are unable to play for health reasons so we will need new coordinators if the group is to function. Coordinating is very easy, requires very little time and effort and we would be happy to help get it started. It was really a fun group when we played and I think golfers would enjoy the camaraderie that this interest group provides. Please let us know your interest.

Dorothy Evangelista, 677-9046, jaedo50@hotmail.com

Linda Ronayne, 897-9745, linronay@optonline.net

A BIG THANK YOU!

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

The board recently approved a donation to the "Leading to Reading" project. A portion of the money earned at last year's Writers' Tea was earmarked for community outreach programs. The money was used to purchase big books for pre-school classrooms, string bags for reading kits in several inner city centers, and books for a rural and migrant worker summer program. The materials will be distributed in May and June to children involved in these diverse programs.



OAKWOOD'S FAIR

Celebrating World Fair Trade Day with Fair Trade Food, Fashion, and Fun for the Whole Family

Saturday, May 7
11am - 4 pm

Collins Library, Oakwood Friends School
22 Spackenkill Rd, Poughkeepsie

My Sister's Keeper, Community Outreach Program of AAUW, is a sponsor of this event.

Some of the activities that will be offered for your enjoyment:

- Macallan Durkin, daughter of Cecilia Dinio-Durkin and a high school sophomore, talks about the start of her nonprofit and how to make a difference
- Community Library of Madagascar - Sue Osterhoudt (AAUW)
- Fair Trade Marketplace - Cecilia Dinio-Durkin (AAUW)
- Fair Trade Fashion Show
- Bake Off
- "My Fair Lady - Mother's Day Exhibition" from Kenya
- Fair Trade Food Court - coffee, teas, chocolates and other food using Fair Trade Ingredients.
- Much, much more...

Questions: Cecilia (845/518-2713)

DIVERSITY INITIATIVE: TWO MORE

Wendy Maragh Taylor & Sherre Wesley, Coordinators

1) You asked for it and we're giving it you: **ZUMBA** is coming your way! Linda Thomas is a certified ZUMBA instructor who will be offering this private class for AAUW members. It will be held on **Thursday, April 28th, 6:30pm** at Estelle and Alphonse on Route 9 in Fishkill (next to Splashdown). The fee is \$7.00 per person. Space is limited; please **RSVP by Monday, 4/18 to Verna Carr** carrv@optonline.net or leave an RSVP message for Verna at 297-6082. If after 4/18, call to check for cancellations.

Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes and sneakers. Bring water and a towel, because you will perspire. The class is an hour and you work at your own pace. This is a low-impact, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired dance fitness-party that keeps you in the groove of life. It is best suited for the active baby boomers and the non active beginners. You can burn over 500 calories per class. A sense of humor and an interest in learning about another culture is a must.

2) We're not done yet: Join us for "**Wokking with Norma**," our Fun at Five activity on **Thursday, June 9th, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**, location to be announced. Norma presents demonstrations and programs on Chinese cuisine and culture. Her presentations incorporate various aspects of healthful living including nutritious food preparation, gardening, and a positive awareness of Chinese customs and culture. Norma believes that cooking should be fun and that the food we prepare should not only be good for you, but should look and taste good too. The fee is \$7.95 per person. Space is limited; **please RSVP by Thursday, 6/2 to Susan Htoo** s2htoo@aol.com



FUZZY FRIENDS ARE BACK!

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

Volunteers in the Leading to Reading project are being asked to purchase a SMALL (8"-10") stuffed animal for our Fuzzy Friend kits. These packets include two books, simple craft activities, and a stuffed animal to cuddle. In the past, they have been donated to the emergency shelter and are earmarked for children who have gone through stressful situations. They will be collected at the annual dinner and at our work sessions at the Manor at Woodside.

Stuffed animal donations from any AAUW member are always welcome! Please consider giving a child something warm and friendly to cherish.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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

Our community initiatives are thriving! The **Girls' Conference** recently held a reunion which focused on math activities, and plans are underway for the 2011 conference in early November at Dutchess Community College. The **Thinking Globally, Acting Locally** project is off to a good start and is currently seeking additional community partners, see page 7...*New Council*. The **Domestic Violence** program has been holding training sessions for court watchers and an enthusiastic group of volunteers will soon be ready to start their work. **Leading to Reading** has expanded to several new centers and will be holding a Children's Book Week celebration in May. **My Sister's Keeper** has held several special events and is continuing to look at worldwide women's issues, see page 4. The **Diversity Initiative** has screened movies on issues that bring out discussion of culture and diversity. They also are presenting "Fun at Five," events to invite members to enjoy and celebrate diverse lives and cultures, see pages 3 & 4.

All these programs have helped AAUW to address community needs. Your support is GREATLY appreciated!

Supporters of *The Branch*!!

Patrons (\$25 or more)

Catherine Albanese Lula Allen Mary G. Bagley
Joan Cordani Joan Fay Betty Harrel Irene Keyes
Leola Mason Jean Miller Lila Mitchell
Ellenora Oberhofer Jacqueline Prusak Esther Reisman
Margaret Ruggeri Sarah Shouse
Phyllis Teasdale Mary Louise Van Winkle

Sponsors (\$10 or more)

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Sandra Goldberg Vicki Greenburg Mildred Jones
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

PUBLIC POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE

Doris Kelly mescw12@aol.com

Issues of pay equity, discrimination, protection of social security, and women's health issues are AAUW concerns.

Please complete and mail to:

Doris Kelly, 7 Susan Court, Hyde Park, NY 12538

- Do you receive email updates with AAUW Public Policy and Advocacy?_____

If NO, would you like to receive the AAUW Public Policy and Advocacy email?_____
- Have you used the Two-Minute Activist online?_____

If not, would you like to?_____
- Have you contacted your local representative on any of the AAUW issues?

County Legislator_____ County Executive_____

Assemblyman_____ State Senator_____ Governor

Cuomo_____

How have you contacted your representatives?

Telephone_____, email_____, letter_____, personal contact_____
- Have you contacted your Federal representatives on any of the AAUW issues?

Senator Gillibrand_____ Senator Schumer_____

Your Representative in Congress_____

How have you contacted your representative?

Telephone_____, email_____, letter_____, personal contact_____
- Do you read the Public Policy article in the Branch?_____
- Would you like to have information on lobbying your representatives?_____

Would you like to be part of a group receiving petitions addressing AAUW mission issues?_____
- Would you like to help register voters?_____
- What other information would you like about AAUW Public Policy? (List and explain)

Please sign:_____

This questionnaire is also available on our website at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org - see the link on the home page.

2011-2012 Budget GENERAL FUNDS

| | Budget 2010-2011 | Projected 2010-2011 | Proposed 2011-2012 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Dues | 20475 | 24144 | 27846 |
| Investments | 160 | 120 | 120 |
| NYS Awards | 115 | 15 | 50 |
| Undesignated Contri | 0 | 530 | 500 |
| Revenue Sp.Events | 2320 | 7000 | 7000 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | 31809 | 35516 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Dues | 16107 | 17860 | 22134 |
| Administration | 450 | 170 | 250 |
| Sunshine Fund | 100 | 50 | 50 |
| Monthly Meetings | 1100 | 650 | 800 |
| Membership | 515 | 700 | 750 |
| Website Hosting | 200 | 50 | 50 |
| Directory | 350 | 600 | 700 |
| Convention | 450 | 450 | 450 |
| Awards/Gifts | 100 | 150 | 100 |
| Insurance | 278 | 1095 | 1200 |
| Historian | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| Other | 0 | 130 | 100 |
| Subtotal | | 21905 | 26604 |
| Obligations: | | | |
| DCC Endowment | | 1750 | 1750 |
| Scholarships and EOF | | 1750 | 1750 |
| Community projects | 2320 | 3500 | 3500 |
| Total Expenses | | 28905 | 33604 |
| Difference | | 2904 | 1912 |

Budget 2011-12 Dedicated Funds

| | Predicted Actuals by June30, 2011 | Proposed Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Scholarship | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 1847 | 1491 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 40 | |
| From General Fund | 604 | 600 |
| Total Income | 2491 | 2091 |
| Total Expenses | 1000 | 1000 |
| EOF | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 1747 | 0 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | | 50 |
| From General Fund | 1000 | 1150 |
| Total Income | 2747 | 1200 |
| Total Expenses | 2747 | 2500 |
| DCC Endowment | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 3650 | 7329 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 2075 | |
| From General Fund | 1604 | 1750 |
| Total Income | 7329 | 9079 |
| Total Expenses | 0 | 9079 |
| Leading to Reading | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 926 | 751 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 275 | 250 |
| From General Fund | 1020 | |
| Total Income | 2221 | 1001 |
| Total Expenses | 1470 | |
| Girls' Conference | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 515 | 594 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 2579 | 2500 |
| From General Fund | 1000 | |
| Total Income | 4094 | 3094 |
| Total Expenses | 3500 | |

| | Actual | Proposed |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Diversity | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 1802 | 1759 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | | 0 |
| From General Fund | | |
| Total Income | 1802 | 1759 |
| Total Expenses | 43 | |
| Career, Compensation and You | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 0 | 0 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 0 | 0 |
| From General Fund | 0 | |
| Total Income & Total Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Let's Read Math | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 59 | 59 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 0 | 0 |
| From General Fund | 0 | |
| Total Income | 59 | 59 |
| Total Expenses | | |
| Newsletter | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 457 | 482 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 375 | 300 |
| From General Fund | 0 | |
| Total Income | 832 | 782 |
| Total Expenses | 350 | |
| Soleil | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 126 | 99 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 412 | |
| From General Fund | | |
| Total Income | 538 | 99 |
| Total Expenses | 439 | |
| LAF | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 0 | 0 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 176 | 250 |
| From General Fund | 250 | |
| Total Income | 426 | 250 |
| Total Expenses | | 426 |
| My Sister's Keeper | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 0 | 325 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 325 | 325 |
| From General Fund | 0 | |
| Total Income | 325 | 650 |
| Total Expenses | 0 | |
| Domestic Violence (new) | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | | -130 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | | |
| From General Fund | | |
| Total Income | 0 | -130 |
| Total Expenses | 130 | |
| Think Globally Act Locally (new) | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | | 0 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | | 0 |
| From General Fund | | |
| Total Income & Total Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Health Care (new) | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | | 0 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | | 0 |
| From General Fund | | |
| Total Income & Total Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Education | | |
| Carry-over from previous year | 0 | 0 |
| Contributions & Service Revenue | 0 | 0 |
| From General Fund | 0 | |
| Total Income & Total Expenses | 0 | 0 |

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

I belong to several interest groups and each time I attend a meeting, I always leave having learned something new and see or hear people being kind to one another in so many ways. This month, I decided that rather than highlight one particular group, I would send out a query to the interest group coordinators to find out what their group does to make members, both new and seasoned, feel welcome. I was overwhelmed by the responses. Below is a sampling of the simple acts of kindness people do:

Word Games: Members make sure they provide rides to meetings for others who may not drive. They are always delighted to see new "Wordies" join.

Women Professional Networking: Members make introductions at each meeting and emails always suggest bringing a friend. They also invite members to present at meetings.

Bridge II: Members are always asked for input and suggestions. They also make efforts to socialize with everyone, reaching out to their quieter counterparts and new members. They don't always sit at the same tables together so they get to play with different people each month.

Manderley: Members introduce themselves at every meeting and sometimes wear name tags. Before the book review begins, members are also invited to make any announcements they think might interest the group. New members are announced, either by the coordinator or the person who brought them.

Art on the Go: They are welcoming all members to their show on May 6th at the East Fishkill Library at Hopewell Junction. This will be an opportunity for us to view their creations, learn more about Art on the Go and socialize.

Pins and Needles: Anyone who shows an interest in Pins and Needles is kept in the loop through emails and announcements.

BRAVO! BRAVO!

Members and friends who attended the Writers' Tea on April 10th were greeted with the beautiful sound of the Kija String Quartet.

The members of the group: violins: Philip White and Joo-hyun Lee, viola: Stephen Cropp, and cello:



Talija Kristapsens are all students at Arlington High School. We thank them for coming to share their outstanding talents with us.

AAUW JOINS NEW COUNCIL

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A coalition of not-for-profit agencies was recently started in Dutchess County. Coordinated by Erika Kastel, the International Relations chair for our branch, the **Bringing Agencies Together Council** meets every other month to discuss current programs, share resources, and help member agencies fill specific needs. Betty Harrel, the Community Outreach Coordinator, serves as our representative.

WHAT IS NCCWSL??

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Many of us have received emails from NCCWSL - wait don't delete until you have read the following!!!

NCCWSL (**N**ational **C**onference for **C**ollege **W**omen **S**tudent **L**eaders) is a fast-paced, two-and-a-half day conference, held each spring near Washington, DC, that addresses the needs of current and aspiring women student leaders.

For the past 26 years, more than 500 young women from across the country have gathered to take part in this unique event. Women students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential come together at NCCWSL for networking, story sharing, informative workshops, inspiring keynote speakers, and life-changing moments.

One of the highlight of the event is the Women of Distinction Awards ceremony and reception, which honors five women who have made significant contributions in their fields. These honorees range from familiar household names like journalist Connie Chung to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes like football coach Natalie Randolph.

AAUW's involvement began in 2000 when they became the conference sponsor. In 2007, AAUW joined with **NASPA** (**N**ational **A**ssociation of **S**tudent **P**ersonnel **A**dministrators - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) to sponsor the leadership conference. AAUW and NASPA partnered to build an event that took advantage of both organizations' strengths in advocacy and education. The NCCWSL Steering Committee has, throughout the history of the conference, remained a critical component to the conference's success. The source of this article is <http://www.nccwsl.org>, more details are available there.

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