

MAY CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- 1 **The Ediss Book Group: 7:00 pm**
Book: *The Orphan Master's Son*
by Adam Johnson
Hostess: Cyd Averill (485-2866)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
- 2 **Board Meeting: 7:00 pm**
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
- 4 **Trekkers: 9:00 am** at Toys-R-Us
Tivoli Bays Hike
Organizer: Pat Luczai
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 6 **Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Gloria Gibbs (454-7262)
Coordinator: Ellie Charwat (462-7061)
- 7 **General Membership Meeting: 6:00 pm**
All members are invited and encouraged to attend – see details in the next column.
- 10 **“The Branch” deadline for June.**
- 10 **Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*
by Garth Stein
The Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy, Pok.
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
- 13 **Movie Night: Time TBD by show**
Movie: Group members will be notified the
Thursday before - sign up with Sue.
Discussion: *Eveready Diner*, Rt. 9, Hyde Park
Director: Susan Osterhoudt (889-4469)
Producer: Diana Gleeson
- 14 **World Travelers: 7:00 pm**
Presentation: *Liberia* by Wendy Maragh Taylor
Hostess: Maria DeWald
Coordinator: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWtravelers@gmail.com
- 15 **Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Hostess: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745) &
Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 16 **All those books...: 7:00 pm**
Book: *The Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James
Hostess: Judy Harkavy (471-4973)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 18 **Bridge 3: 10:00 am**
Hostess: Patty Ricketts (343-9568)
Coordinator: Donna Reichner
dlr0804@verizon.net

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AAUW 2013 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Celebrating Cultures

Keynote: "Out of One, Many: Why We Celebrate the Kaleidoscope of Culture"

Stephanie J. Roberg-Lopez*

Come celebrate the year and all we've accomplished together in AAUW- Election of officers, awards and honors!

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Time: Cocktails: 6:00 pm
(Cash bar)

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Place: Christo's
155 Wilbur Ave.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Price: \$40.00/person includes tax and gratuities



Make checks payable to: **Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**

For Reservations:

Please mail reservations to:

Debbie Michaud
125 Sandy Pines Blvd.
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Email: dm1124@optonline.net

Please note the number in your party and main course menu choices

Reservations are due by May 1st (No refunds after May 2nd)

MENU

Salad of Baby Leaf Lettuces

Make a choice on your reservation of:

Grilled Norwegian Salmon with Dill Sauce

Black Angus Filet Mignon with Demi-Glace

Chicken Francaise in a Light Sweet Sauce

Twice-Baked Potato

Locally Grown Fresh Vegetables

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

Questions: Barbara Hugo (876-6686) or Shelby Outwater (206-2083)

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- 18 Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Storm King Sculpture Park, New Windsor in Orange Co.
Organizer: Barbara Hesperheide (452-3241)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 19 Gourmet: Out & About: 11:00 am - Brunch**
The Ice House, 1 Main Street, Pok, on Hudson
Contact: Kay Saderholm (229-8545)
Ksaderholm@aol.com
- 20 Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm**
Book: *Lone Wolf* by Jody Picoult
Hostess: Marge Moran (266-5109)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 21 Aventures en Soleil: 11:00 am Tour**
Yale Art Gallery, see page 5 for details.
Reservations: Diane Jablonski (485-6228)
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)
& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 21 Cuisine: 6:30 pm**
Not My Mother's Party
Recipes: Pat Luczai pat.luczai@gmail.com
Hostess: Pat Aglietti (677-9485)
Coordinator: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
- 22 Contemporary Literature: 7:30 pm**
Book: *How It All Began* by Penelope Lively
Hostess: Call Coordinators
Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) &
Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)
- 22 Mah Jongg: 1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Hostess: Jackie Prusak (226-6049)
Coordinators: Amy Schwed (462-2269) &
Gerry DiPompei (635-2050)
- 23 Bridge II: noon - 3:30 pm**
Uno (on the arterial) - Lunch (\$15)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org &
Jackie Prusak (226-6049)
- 24 Art on the Go: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Locust Grove
Painting in the garden, weather permitting.
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 28 Women's Personal & Professional Development:**
5:30-7:30 pm, DCC,
Washington Hall, Room 138
Details – see page 7.
Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
mcnish@sunydutchess.edu
- 30 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm**
Planning Meeting
Hostess: Peggy Kelland (297-0507)
Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) &
Jane Toll (463-2712)
- Tee Off:** *Play will continue in June, 2012.*
Coordinators: Terry Schneider (849-1122) &
Carol Mastropietro (221-8862)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish *471-7220* mcnish@sunydutchess.edu

On Saturday April 6, 2013, I was a special judge at the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair at DCC. I was amazed at the students' creativity and innovation. There were students from fifth grade to twelfth grade exploring areas of physical, biological and social science. This took me back to the early days in my teaching career when I taught General Science to seventh through ninth grade. It seems that it has been a long time since I have thought about solving a problem using the scientific model. In our branch we want to introduce our members to different and wonderful ideas and theories. How can we test this scientifically? Let's use this scientific model of hypothesis, experiment and conclusion..

Since

1. The AAUW Poughkeepsie is made up of women who have completed tertiary education
2. True education creates individuals who are not simply trained for careers but are open minded and receptive to ideas and new knowledge
3. Members are diverse and represent multiple nationalities, ethnicities, countries of origin, and races

If

1. Our goal is indeed to create equity for women and girls
2. Our objective is to empower women and girls
3. Our activities will facilitate education and advocacy
4. Our results portray genuine philanthropy

Therefore

1. We will participate in our Annual meeting on May 7, 2013 where we will be "Celebrating Cultures"
2. We will attend the personal and professional development workshop on May 28 where Dr. Nada Halloway originally of Sierra Leone and a professor at Manhattanville College, will be discussing Feminism and Africa
3. We will participate fully in the brainstorming meeting on June 13, 2013 when we will plan a variety of programs for 2013/2014

Solution

We will "Broaden our Borders".

BROADEN OUR BORDERS

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Kay Saderholm *229-8545* ksaderholm@aol.com

I hope that as you read this, that spring has really arrived. As I am typing, the sun is shining, there is a gentle breeze, and it is warm enough to go outside without a jacket. Spring also means that the time has arrived for membership renewal. You may have already received your renewal notification.

So, open the envelope, grab a pen, read the application for renewal, fill it out, write a check for your dues, **fill in the profile sheet** (see page 6 – “New .. Database”), put everything in an envelope and send these items on their way.



But wait! Did you fill in the boxes on the form with your first and last name - your name will be entered into a drawing for a free national AAUW membership. The sooner you send in your membership dues, the more boxes you are eligible to fill. Be an early bird, increase your chances, and send in your renewal promptly.

And good luck! You may be a winner. You are always a winner when you are an AAUW member.

AAUW POUGHKEEPSIE BRANCH HONORED!

Jeanette Cantwell *452-4188* jntt@msn.com

We are the largest Branch in New York State. And now we have the honor of the **most new members in the entire country, that joined between June and December of 2012.**

Most of our members say that they joined because of our mission of the empowerment of women, followed closely by our excellent programming, initiatives, and interest groups. And most say that they continue as members because of the wonderful, caring and supportive women that make up our membership.

As assistant treasurer, I am honored to receive your dues that continue to support our award winning, fabulous Branch. I feel a special connection with each and every one of you.



LOOKING AHEAD

June 13 - Program Planning
September 12 - Open House/Welcome Back
October 26 - Woman of the Year Luncheon

IT “PAYS” TO “PAY EARLY”

Jeanette Cantwell *452-4188* jntt@msn.com

...and the winners on June 14, 2012 were:

³ Robin Rabideau

³ Beatrice McCormick

Last year at about this time Robin and Beatrice were the delighted members of our Branch who each received a free National membership for the year 2012-2013. They were a part of a special drawing as a result of paying their membership dues early.

This year, at the June 13th General Meeting we will again have a special drawing of raffle tickets for those who pay their dues early. However, this year, we have available 3 FREE National memberships each worth \$49 each.

The entitlement to the raffle tickets for this year's drawing will be to:

- Mail your dues by: **April 29th**
(entitling you to 3 raffle tickets.)
- Mail your dues by: **May 6th**
(entitling you to 2 raffle tickets.)
- Mail your dues by: **May 13th**
(entitling you to 1 raffle ticket.)

Look for your printed raffle tickets on your membership renewal form, which was mailed to you on April 15th. Mail by one of the above dates to be part of the drawing.

Welcome, Welcome to our newest members!

Maureen Peters Gittleman	Alyce Kosofsky
Marsha Kramer	Adrienne London
Marticia Madory	Charlotte Mann
Iris Maron	Amy Pender
Mary Petteruti-Shultz	Regina Reilly-Lydon
Kathy Timm	

PUBLIC POLICY

Doris Kelly mscw12@aol.com

Taken in part from "States' Rights Is Also Code for Keeping Women Down" by Doris Weatherford of WeNews.

Why must women become involved in the political system? If we look back in the history of women's rights in the United States, it becomes clear how far we have come. When we look at laws being passed in state legislatures today it becomes clear how easy it is for women to lose the rights they have gained.

States' rights, which was used to discriminate against people of color in the past, should also be seen as a way some states have been able to legalize the suppression of women's rights. Even today, a woman will gain or lose the right to make decisions about her own body depending on the state in which she resides.

In the beginning of the nineteenth century, an American woman couldn't vote or hold office. She had few rights to her own property or her own earnings. Her husband could take custody of her children in the event of divorce. Even staying unmarried didn't entitle a woman to full citizenship, although she had to pay full taxes.

Women were excluded from tax-supported colleges and universities well into the 20th century. Most states would not allow women on juries thus preventing a women from being tried by a jury of her peers. In 1961, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that exemption of women from jury lists was constitutional. Of course, there were no women justices on the Supreme Court until 1981.

Griswold v Connecticut (1965) addressed women's right to birth control. Connecticut had banned the sale of contraceptives, but the U.S. Supreme Court struck down their state law. After Massachusetts lawmakers restricted sales to individuals only if they could prove they were married, a 1972 Supreme Court ruling allowed contraceptive purchase without regard to marital status.

Now in 2013, North Dakota lawmakers banned the termination of pregnancies that are beyond six weeks, when a woman barely knows whether or not she might be pregnant. Other states which have passed laws to curtail a woman's choice are South Dakota, Virginia, Arizona, Minnesota, Arizona, Florida, Missouri, Kansas, Arizona, and Idaho.

But, it's not just abortion rights which are being targeted.

"They are targeting not just abortion rights, but also access to birth control and preventative care, as well as contemporary views of women's roles in the workplace, the family and the halls of power." By cutting funding for Planned Parenthood, Texas has made it more difficult for women to access affordable contraception, screenings and preventative care. In March of 2012, Wisconsin state senator Glenn Grothman introduced a bill that would require that the state's Child Abuse and Protection Board label single parents as a major factor contributing to "child abuse and neglect".

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Public Policy Continued...

As in the past, "states' rights is a code for keeping the victim in her place." We need to turn this around. We need you to think about the importance of voting, working for candidates, and running for office.

2013-2014 Budget

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.

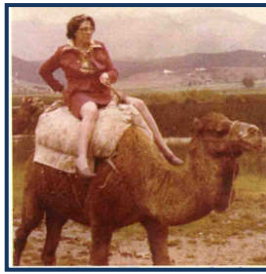
Barbara Van Itallie * 462-3924* bvanitallie@yahoo.com

	<u>Actuals to</u> 2/28/2013	<u>Projected to</u> 6/30/2013	<u>Budget</u> 2012-13	<u>Proposed</u> 2013-14
INCOME				
Dues	4,594.00	26,832.00	26,832.00	28,080.00
Investments	99.75	125.00	150.00	125.00
NYS Awards	-	-	50.00	0.00
Undesignated Contributions	375.00	375.00	100.00	300.00
Communications Contributions	320.00	-	-	300.00
Revenue Annual Meeting	300.00	-	-	200.00
Revenue Woman of the Year	(169.99)	330.00	-	200.00
Revenue Tea	(283.00)	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Other	67.20	70.00	-	100.00
Total	5,002.96	35,032.00	34,132.00	36,305.00
EXPENSES				
Dues	2,740.00	21,328.00	21,328.00	22,320.00
Administration	5.75	50.00	270.00	100.00
Sunshine Fund	-	50.00	100.00	100.00
Monthly Meetings	737.80	800.00	800.00	1,100.00
Membership and dues collection	648.96	800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Website Hosting	-	-	50.00	0.00
Directory	1,038.13	1,050.00	900.00	1,300.00
Newsletter	200.00	250.00	-	250.00
Other Communication	-	-	-	100.00
Convention	65.00	470.00	450.00	475.00
Awards/Gifts	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Insurance	1,098.00	1,098.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
Historian	-	-	20.00	20.00
Donations	50.00	50.00	100.00	0.00
Other	10.00	25.00	100.00	100.00
Subtotal	6,593.64	26,071.00	26,318.00	28,515.00
Obligations:				
DCC Endowment	-	-	-	-
Scholarships and EOF	3,100.00	-	3,000.00	300.00
Community projects	3,000.00	-	4,000.00	3,500.00
Total Expenses	6,593.64	32,171.00	33,318.00	35,515.00
INCOME - EXPENSES				
	(1,590.68)	2,861.00	814.00	890.00

This budget was approved by the board at their April meeting and will be presented at the annual meeting on May 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara.

FROM PHYLLIS TEASDALE

The Fountains, Apt I 143
79 Flint Road
Millbrook, NY 12545
845/905-8155



Now it's time to park your camel
'neath a shady green palm tree
And hop into your Prius and come out to visit me. I'm back
home at The Fountains after limber surgery (they chopped
away my left limb, just above the knee) I hope I can be
established as your favorite amputee.

It is good to be in Millbrook, in a familiar place,
'Cause I'd really like to see you and thank you face to face
For all the cards, notes and special treats,
Like clementines and books and fancy chocolate sweets.

Spring is on its way, so some sunny afternoon Come and share
a sip of sherry and a tasty macaroon. Don't think that you must
bring me something, I've got enough My apartment is quite tiny
and it is already full of stuff.

In ending, I hope to see you and that you can find your way. And
we'll have a nice reunion on some future sunny day.

But enough already, with these visitation pleas,
Here are the directions to help you make the trip with ease.

Hasta la vista, Phyl

Easiest way to The Fountains from Poughkeepsie:

- 1) Take Rt. 55 East toward the Taconic Parkway
- 2) Go under the parkway to the first traffic light –
intersection of Rt. 82
- 3) Turn left on to Rt. 82 - go 4.7 miles (to Hamlet of
Union Vale)
- 4) Turn right on to Canby Road (Rt. 90) - go 2.8 miles
to The Fountains
- 5) Turn left onto Gifford Drive and then proceed to the Inn
at the Fountains on the right
- 6) Follow signs to the main entrance

Editor's Note: Phyllis has been a member of the Poughkeepsie
Branch AAUW for 70 years! We have had the pleasure to hear
many of her poems and are delighted to share the latest.

THANK YOU, ARLINGTON TEACHERS!

Elizabeth Harrel *462-2142* bharrel28@gmail.com



The Arlington Teachers' Association recently
sent a generous donation for the *Leading to Reading* project.
They were pleased to be part of a community outreach program
which supports early literacy efforts. In addition, a number of
the teachers donated new books to the project. During the
coming month, we will be delivering many of the books in our
family reading kits throughout Dutchess County.

The support is greatly appreciated!! Thanks! Betty

YALE ART GALLERY- SOLEIL TRIP

Diane Jablonski *485-6228* dianejablonski@gmail.com

The Soleil trip for May will be to the Yale Art Gallery in New
Haven, CT on May 21st with a tour scheduled at 11 am. The
Yale Gallery has just reopened after a major renovation and the
reviews of the renovation were very positive. We will be
having a tour of the main exhibit, Societe Anonyme:
Modernism for America. The following description is from the
Yale Art Gallery website:

The Société Anonyme Collection at the Yale University
Art Gallery is an exceptional anthology of European and
American art in the early 20th century. Founded in New
York in 1920 by Katherine S. Dreier, Marcel Duchamp,
and Man Ray to promote contemporary art among
American audiences, Société Anonyme, Inc., was an
experimental museum dedicated to the idea that the story
of modern art should be told by artists. Société Anonyme:
Modernism for America traces the transformation of this
organization from an exhibition initiative to an
extraordinary art collection. It features works by over 100
artists who made significant contributions to modernism,
including Constantin Brancusi, Paul Klee, Piet Mondrian,
and Joseph Stella, along with lesser-known artists, such as
Marthe Donas, Louis Eilshemius, and Angelika Hoerle.

More information on the Yale Art Gallery is available at
<http://artgallery.yale.edu/> and on the British Art Gallery is at
<http://britishart.yale.edu/> exhibitions-future

There will time after the tour to explore other areas of the Yale
Gallery or visit the Yale Center for British Art which is right
across the street.

Details on carpooling and options for lunch will be available at
a later date. The cost will be \$10 per person for the tour.
Please contact Diane Jablonski (dianejablonski@gmail.com or
845/485-6228) if you have questions. If you plan to attend,
please send a check to

Diane Jablonski
41 Parkwood Blvd
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Please make the check out to **Diane Jablonski.**

“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 Elisha Johnson whose science
fiction novel, *The Demon Rolmar*, written
under the pen name A.V. Griffin is now
available on <http://www.amazon.com/>.



Hats Off to Herb and Suzi Stoller who are being honored with
the Eleanor and Franklin award by the Dutchess County
Democratic Committee Sunday, May 5. For additional
information <http://www.dutchessdems.com/>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (EOF) HONOREES

Linda Roberts, Poughkeepsie Branch EOF VP

Each year, our Branch renews its commitment to helping women access quality education. One way in which we do this is by contributing to the national AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF). The EOF is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, and provides more than \$3 million for more than 200 fellowships and grants to outstanding women every year. Since 1888, the EOF has been instrumental in the academic and career successes of over 10,000 women across the globe.

Every year we name these scholarship contributions after deserving members to honor their work in the Branch. This year's honorees are: **Mary Lou Davis, Geeta Desai, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Doris Kelly, Margaret Nijhuis, and Barbara Van Itallie**. Each of these people have, in their own way, had a positive influence on AAUW. These honorees each had their own distinctive experiences with our branch. They all served in leadership roles and were committed to serve the organization and to support the causes of gender equity.

Mary Lou Davis is currently President of New York State AAUW. She has also served on the state board as Nominating Chair, Convention Director, Secretary / Bylaws and District Council Director. She is a former President of our Branch and has served Nominating Chair, Membership Vice President, Assistant Treasurer and Woman of the Year Chair. She is also on the Writer's Tea committee. Marylou is very active in many other Dutchess County organizations.

Geeta Desai, Poughkeepsie Branch immediate past president was honored as our Woman of the Year in 1995 while serving as a Vice President of the United Way. Geeta organized our Diversity Conference in 2008 and was responsible for obtaining the funds to make our first Girls' Conference a reality. Over her years as President she helped start many of our community projects, delighted us with programs, pushed us to revamp the website and held a organizational development workshop. Geeta is now the International Federation of University Women's representative to the United Nations and just recently wrote working rules for our organization - a 30 page document.

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin has been an AAUW member for four years. She serves as International Chair, Chair of the Live Your Dream Girls' Conference and is an integral part of the silent auction committee for the Writer's Tea. Cecilia has been honored with several awards due to her role as co-chair for My Sister's Keeper including a CTAUN Award for Best Practice, Emerging Leader and an Honorable Mention Award last year during the Summer Leadership Conference.

Doris Kelly is AAUW's Public Policy Chair. She writes a monthly article to educate our membership about issues affecting women in our society. She keeps our members apprised of both national and New York State Public Policy. She has been an active member of the auction committee for the annual Writer's Tea. She is an integral part of our local Chapter and serves on our Board

Margaret Nijhuis has been a member of the Poughkeepsie Branch of AAUW since 1968. She feels that her greatest contribution to AAUW was producing the film "A City on the Hudson," premiering in 1983. For the Poughkeepsie branch she has served in many positions, among them are President, VP Programming, Secretary, and Treasurer. Her latest position is editor of *The Branch*. She also sees to the maintenance of our website. Margaret has served on the state board and is currently one of Mary Lou Davis' "gofers" – officially known as Administrative Director.

Barbara Van Itallie has been a member of the Poughkeepsie Branch of AAUW for 7 years. During this time she has been very active in many different ways, including serving as secretary. She is currently the treasurer of our Branch, serving very effectively on our Board. She is also the head of the Cuisine interest group.

The Poughkeepsie Branch of AAUW recognizes and appreciates the hard work of these honorees. As volunteers and leaders they have paved the way for many others to become instruments of change for women all over the world. We applaud their efforts and appreciate their commitment to the AAUW goals and ideas. They will be introduced at the Annual Meeting on May 7th.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

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

A very important part of our organization that only a very few members see is our computer database. This exists for us to keep up with our organization of 400 members. This month we launched a new and revised database. One that will contain the information from the profiles (that everyone fills out and wonders why) as well as the usual contact information. We will be able to find out who wants to work with "Diversity" or "Leading to Reading" or who will "drive" or "bake" with only a few clicks of the keys. **PLEASE FILL OUT THOSE BLUE PROFILE SHEETS!!**

Once again we have to thank Dave King for using his amazing knowledge of programming and wonderful sense of volunteerism to provide this program for us. Mary and Dave King now of Queensbury and Brandt Lake have continued to assist our branch. Mary has been a member of our branch for over 40 years and continues as a dual member with Adirondack AAUW. Dave worked for IBM and is now using his skills to benefit not only our branch but many other organizations in their new home. Two years ago they revamped our entire website and now the database.

Joanne Sclaro, Communications VP and Mary Jo Cottrell, Database Manager, join me in saying thank you to the Kings.



PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHCARE AWARENESS

Lula Allen *832-7140* lulaallen@aol.com

A new Healthcare Committee is forming—please join us to become involved in healthcare issues for under served women in the Poughkeepsie area.

We have the two proposed projects for the upcoming year:

- a healthcare workshop based on real stories of local women who have been affected by lack of healthcare/health insurance
- the development of a local Women's Wellness Center

We welcome anyone with an interest in women's health issues, and have many volunteers opportunities. You will be notified of our first meeting. Please contact:

Lula Allen, lulaallen@aol.com or 845/832-7140 OR

Kay Bishop, kaybishop@gmail.com or 845/677-8793.

YOU CAN VOTE IN THE NATIONAL AAUW ELECTIONS!

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

There is a national convention for AAUW this year (they are held bi-annually) in New Orleans. Under the new structure of national all members can vote whether you attend the convention or not. Below is a portion of the note from the current AAUW national president, Linda D. Hallman

“All AAUW members are eligible to vote in the 2013 AAUW election. Voting begins April 15, 2013, and ends June 10, 2013, at 9 p.m. CDT.

The ballot includes candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, one proposed amendment to the AAUW Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. For details, see the voter guide posted online and included in your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine.”

THE VALUE OF A CUP OF TEA!

Lula Allen *832-7140* lulaallen@aol.com

Thank you to all the wonderful women of AAUW that made our 4th annual tea a success once again. The over \$8000 raised will insure the funding of our community projects and scholarships for the coming year. Each person who attended, crafted or gave items for the auction, obtained items from businesses, purchased a raffle ticket, posted fliers, invited and made arrangements with the authors, registered and greeted the attendees, worked with the venue, produced the fliers or researched material for the website made this event happen. **Thank you, Thank you.**



Watch for the announcement of the 5th Annual Writers' Tea AND go to www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org to see pictures from the 2013 tea.

WOMEN'S PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish *471-7220* mcnish@sunydutchess.edu

Africa and Feminism

Dr. Nada Halloway

Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Washington Hall, Room 138, DCC

Feminism, in Western societies, has always been presented as a universal movement that worked to right the wrongs done to women regardless of race, color, or creed. However, this position has been and continues to be challenged by African women. The contention is based on the notion that sisterhood is global and as such, women, regardless of cultural backgrounds, share a common oppression. We will look at the nature of feminism and whether it is global in its representation.

Dr. Nada Halloway is Assistant Professor of English, Manhattanville College. She received her PhD in 2004 from Stony Brook University, SUNY. She teaches classes in Victorian History and Literature, Post-colonial History and Literature, and Feminist Theory.

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QATAR: SAND, SEA, AND SKY

Diana Untermeyer

Monday, April 29, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

James and Betty Hall Theater, Dutchess Community College

On Monday, April 29, Diana Untermeyer, wife of the former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar, will present a richly illustrated lecture on the culture and history of this moderate Muslim country. The address begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater at Dutchess Community College.



Diana Untermeyer lived in Doha, the bustling capital of Qatar, from 2004-2007 while her husband Chase served as U.S. ambassador. "Qatar: Sand, Sea, and Sky" documents Qatar's journey into modernity. Though small in size, Qatar's strategic location and natural gas wealth make it a rising economic and political power. Mrs. Untermeyer's personal narrative provides a unique perspective of Qatar's attempts to engage with the world without losing its heritage.

Her talk, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the World Affairs Councils of America, together with the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley and the History, Government, and Economics Department of Dutchess Community College.

JOIN THE KINGSTON BRANCH AAUW

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am

Sustainable Living Resource Center
150 Cottekill Road, Cottekill

Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater Environmental Action Director and Rosendale town councilwoman, will speak to us about the Center and about Clearwater

Lunch follows at the High Falls Cafe, 12 Stone Dock Road, High Falls. More info: <http://kingston-ny.aauw.net>

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE MID-HUDSON REGION

2013 Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 23, noon
Ulster County BOCES

175 North Chestnut Street (Route 32), New Paltz

Is Albany Hardwired for Corruption and Other Tough Questions: A Conversation with the Benjamins featuring local and state government expert Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz and his daughter Liz Benjamin of YNN's *Capital Tonight*.

More info: <http://www.lwvmidhudson.org> or 845/340-2003

Luncheon catered by Main Street Bistro, \$10 minimum donation.

STEPHANIE J. ROBERG-LOPEZ

Stephanie Roberg-Lopez will be our keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting on May 7, 2013 at Christo's. Ms Roberg-Lopez is a professor at Dutchess Community College and a practicing Archeologist. She also works as a Consulting Anthropologist for Businesses.



She received her BA from Columbia University and her MA from Yale University. She holds a certificate of study from Moscow State University.

Ms Roberg-Lopez's area of expertise is New World Archaeology with a concentration on the South American Andes. She is a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA) and an Executive Board Member of the New York Archaeological Council

Her topic on May 7th will be *Out of One, Many: Why We Celebrate the Kaleidoscope of Culture*.

She says, "For fun, my husband and I spend time at our house in the Ecuadorian Andes."

We welcome, Stephanie Roberg-Lopez to our AAUW Annual Meeting and look forward to celebrating culture with her.

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