



October 10

WHAT IS THIS 21st CENTURY LEARNING ALL ABOUT?

Thursday, October 10, 2013
7:00 pm
Poughkeepsie Day School
260 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie*

We read about how education is changing. What do teachers who are teaching in the 21st century do differently? How does technology get used in a classroom? What is the role of the teacher? Of the student?

Come listen to two "21st Century" teachers explain how their practice has changed in recent years. Technology, a flexible schedule and flexible learning spaces have changed what school looks like while keeping the main values the same.



Shirley Rinaldi (left) is a middle school humanities and English teacher. **Laura Graceffa** (right) is Dean of Middle School at Poughkeepsie Day School and teaches science. Laura is also a former president of Poughkeepsie AAUW.

Together they have over 50 years of teaching experience, straddling both centuries.

*More details and directions, page 5
Questions: Susie Blecker (462-7074)
& Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

OCTOBER'S "TRIPLE TREAT"

October 19

AAUW-NYS District IV Diversity in Programming

This conference is not to be missed! Our presenters are outstanding women and you will learn about a highly successful project and help plan a ground breaking program.

Co-Sponsor: Association of Women
Dutchess Community College

Saturday, October 19, 2013
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Washington Hall,
Dutchess Community College

Cost: \$30
**Includes continental breakfast
and lunch**

Reservations: Make check payable to
Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. and
mail to:

Kathy Brown, 8 Wilbur Blvd
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Questions: kabrown@vassar.edu
or 845/486-4605

Reservations deadline October 12

**Bring 2 or 3 gently used or new
children's books for an activity.**

Ethnicity — Dr. Nada Halloway*
Gender — Dr. Cathy Collins*
Culture — Jacqueline Goffe-McNish*
Activity led by "Leading to Reading"
Program Planning Workshops
Facilitators: **Mary Coiteux,**
Marcine Humphrey, and
Ellie Charwat

*More details and directions, page 4
Questions: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
(471-7220)

October 26

2013 Woman of the Year Patti Peck*



Join us in honoring Patti on

Saturday, October 26, 2013
Villa Borghese*
12 noon – 3:00 pm

Cash Bar & Hot Buffet
Luncheon**

Cost \$40.00 (includes gratuity)

Reservations: send your name (use the
name you would like on your name tag)
and check to:

Pat Luczai
9 Bridgewater Way
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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

Reservations deadline October 19.

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Questions: Marge Barton (897-0164)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

Contact: Kathy Friedman kfriedman33@gmail.com

- 1 World Travelers: 7:00 pm**
Dalmation Coast by Ellie Charwat
Coordinator: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
AAUWtravelers@gmail.com
- 2 The Ediss Book Group: 7:00 pm**
Book: *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg
Hostess: Cyd Averill (485-2866)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)
- 3 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm**
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
- 5 Gourmet: Out & About: 12:00 noon**
Brunch: *McKinney & Doyle Fine Foods*, Pawling, NY
Contact: Kay Saderholm (229-8545)
Ksaderholm@aol.com
- 5 Trekkers: 9:00 am** meet at Dutchess Mall
Bucket List Hike of the Year! Mt. Beacon, Beacon
Organizer: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 7 Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Ellie Charwat (462-7061)
Coordinator: Ellie Charwat (462-7061)
- 8 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
- 10 "The Branch" deadline for November.**
- 10 General Membership Meeting: 7:00 pm**
All members are invited and encouraged to attend.
See details on page 1&5.
- 11 Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin
The Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy, Pok.
Coordinators: Pat Dogil (454-5441)
& Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
- 15 Cuisine: 6:30 pm**
Armenian
Recipes: Susan Ball, susanclarkeball@gmail.com
Hostess: Gabriella Drasny (471-5406)
Coordinator: Barbara Van Itallie (462-3924)
- 16 Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Hostess: Anne Valentino (221-2591)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745) &
Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 18 Aventures en Soleil: Tour starts 1:30 pm**
Chelsea Art Galleries (7 galleries), NYC. \$25
Reservations: Carol Demiccio (831-6653)
Coordinators: Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
- 19 Friends of Trekkers: 9:00 am** meet at Toys-R-Us
Tour home and grounds of Hudson Valley Painter, Frederic Edwin Church
Organizer: Kathy Brown (486-4605)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 19 AAUW District IV Conference**
All members are invited and encouraged to attend
See details on pages 1 & 4.
- 21 Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm**
Book: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hossini
Hostess: Pat Gullick (221-0042)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 22 Women's Personal & Professional Development: 5:30-7:30 pm**, DCC, Room 138, Washington Hall
Is Your Budget Being Choked by Your Mood?
Presenter: **Adrienne Haynes**
Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
mcnish@sunydutchess.edu
- 23 Contemporary Literature: 7:30 pm**
Contact coordinators for book and hostess.
Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) &
Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)
- 23 Mah Jongg: noon - 4:00 pm**
Uno (on the arterial) - Lunch (\$15)
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
- 24 Bridge II: noon - 3:30 pm**
Uno (on the arterial) - Lunch (\$15)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org &
Jackie Prusak (226-6049)
- 24 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm**
Project: *Fun with Felt*
Hostess: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) &
Jane Toll (463-2712)
- 25 Art on the Go: 9:30 am**
Peekskill Contemporary Museum
Organizer: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
- 26 Bridge 3: 9:00 - 11:30 am**
Hostess: Jane Barber Smith (473-6427)
Coordinator: Donna Reichner dlr0804@verizon.net
- 26 Woman of the Year: 12 noon - 3:00**
All members are invited and encouraged to attend
See details on pages 1 & 3.
- 27 Trekkers: 9:00 am**, meet at Toys-R-Us
Falling Waters Hike, Saugerties, NY
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 28 All those books...: 7:00 pm**
Book: *Dispair* by Vladimir Nabokov
Hostess: Cathy Lane (229-1036)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
- 30 The Ediss Book Group: 7:00 pm (Moved from Nov.)**
Book: *A Bend in the River* by V.S. Naipaul
Hostess: Helen Buhler (473-0665)
Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)

LOOKING AHEAD

November 2 *Live Your Dream Girls' Conference*

November 14 *Service Dogs in Court*
Dr. David Crenshaw

December 12 *The Local Effects of Climate Change*
John (Skip) DeGilio

January 31, 2014 *CTAUN Conference UN, page 6*

April 13, 2014 *Writers' Tea*

April 25 - 27, 2014 *AAUW-NYS Convention*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Different and Wonderful: Making each Member's Contribution Count.

In the early 1990s, Derek and Darlene Hopson wrote a social psychology book entitled *Different and Wonderful*. This book discusses the presence of diverse cultures in the American society and seeks to suggest ways of honoring the contributions they make to the richness of the culture. The title of the book is interesting to me because of the use of the coordinating conjunction "and." It implies that being different is equal to being wonderful. The fact that the subordinating conjunction "but" was not used suggests that one does not need to apologize for being different. We can all celebrate our differences and proudly contribute to the growth and development of our Branch.

As we begin a new year, let us affirm our commitment to respect the contributions of all the members of the Branch. We are all different. We have different citizenship, ethnicity, cultural backgrounds, race, and country of origin. We can all enrich the lives of our fellow members. Let us enjoy the privileges that come from the varied talents of the members of the Branch.

This month's newsletter, *The Branch*, is filled with many opportunities to participate in uplifting activities. We will honor the Woman of the Year in October. We will also be hosting the District IV Conference in October whose focus is Programming for Diversity in the Branches and other organizations. The Interest Area groups and Community Outreach groups continue to provide opportunities for everyone to learn new skills and socialize with different people. All of this continues to provide ways for us to "Broaden Our Borders."

BROADEN OUR BORDERS

NEW INTEREST GROUP

Euterpe and Friends

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

Poetry has been an integral part of human expression from the dawn of civilization. It enriches the lives of those who are open to its ability to support us, enhance our life experiences and simply provide aesthetic pleasure. I'd like to propose a new interest group, *Euterpe and Friends*. We would read poetry and perhaps members would also take the leap to write poems. Poetry from around the world would be included. Several approaches are possible including not having one person do a report per meeting. Members could bring a poem of their choice to read, perhaps on a particular topic or by a particular poet.

If anyone is interested in exploring this possibility, please contact me at 452-3208 or e.loizides@verizon.net.

Continued from Page 1 ..PATTI PECK

For the past 14 years, Patti's mission has been to serve those less fortunate. She "works" 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Her only "day off" is Christmas Day! Patti receives no financial compensation, and relies solely on the generosity of others and her own resources to allow her charity, "His Table" Ministries, Inc., to operate. This is an incredible feat, as she supports herself on her Social Security disability income.

A typical 5 - 6 hour day will find Patti collecting food set aside for her at 2 local supermarkets. Once her van is loaded, she visits and distributes this food to a variety of food banks, soup kitchens, churches, and homeless shelters. The value of each day's food collection is between \$2,000 - \$2,500, and her resources help out nearly 1,000 people a month!

Patti also provides for approximately 22 single mothers with 2 or more children and many senior citizens. For these families, she not only provides food, but clothing and furniture - especially baby items. Besides the material things that Patti brings to them, she also is there to listen and give advice.

Various local agencies have recognized Patti's selfless efforts. She has been named Volunteer of the Year by the American Red Cross (2010) and Citizen of the Year by the LaGrange Lion's Club (2002). Patti has received the Town of Wappinger Supervisor's Award and The Good Neighbor Award from Bugaboo Creek (2006).

Patti Peck is living proof that **"One person CAN make a difference!"**

Directions to Villa Borghese:

From I-84, travel North on Route 9 for 5.5 miles. After Home Depot, turn right onto County Route 104 (New Hackensack Road). Travel 3/10 of a mile to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Widmer Road. Villa Borghese is located 1/2 mile on the right.

From Poughkeepsie, Route 9 South (towards Wappingers Falls). Go approximately 8 miles South (pass Poughkeepsie Galleria). Stay in left lane. Turn left onto county Route 104 (New Hackensack Road). Follow remaining directions above.

Menu:

Cash Bar – Free soft drinks

Green Salad

Buffet: Sliced London Broil
Stuffed Filet of Sole
Chicken Marsala
Penne Arrabiata
Roasted Red Potatoes
Seasonal Hot Vegetables

Cake, Coffee and Tea

*Join us at the
Villa Borghese!*

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Diversity in Programming**

OUR SPEAKERS

Dr. Cathy Collins, the executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh. Dr. Collins is a non-profit leader and a versatile social science scholar committed to bridging theory, research, and action to achieve social justice and transformative social change. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh. She came to Habitat Newburgh having served over 12 years as an Executive Director for innovative non-profits, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill and as the first Executive Director for the Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas. She also spent two years at the Omega Institute with the Women's Leadership Center. Cathy possesses a wealth of knowledge in human and organizational systems, gender equity, race relations, and community development. She has lived in the Hudson Valley for nearly 11 years, and has dedicated her life to being a bridge of understanding across lines of difference—whether they are religious, socio-economic, racial, gender, or just the sisterly squabbles of her two daughters, Rachel and Rebekah.

Dr. Nada Halloway, 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.

Dr. Halloway gave a presentation earlier this year to Poughkeepsie AAUW's Women's Personal & Professional Development Group. Her presentation, "Africa and Feminism," is described as *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. The contention is based on the notion that sisterhood is global and as such, women, regardless of cultural backgrounds, share a common oppression. However, this position has been and continues to be challenged by African women. We will look at the nature of feminism and whether it is global in its representation.*

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, professor of English and Humanities at Dutchess Community College. Jacqueline is the president of Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. and chairs the Personal and Professional Development community group. She is also the faculty advisor for the college/university group of the AAUW at Dutchess Community College (DCC). At DCC, she specializes in teaching African American Literature and Caribbean Literature. She has chaired the Black History Committee at the college and has been a member of the committee for twenty years. A former chair of the Multi-Cultural Affairs Committee for National Education Association of New York, she has served on the committee for six years. She is the superintendent of Sunday School at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and teaches the Adult Sunday School.

Program Planning Workshops Facilitators:

Mary Coiteux, Marcine Humphrey and Ellie Charwat are all members of AAUW and experienced workshop facilitators. You will certainly come away with a plan for action in your organization or your personal life.

Additional Information at www.aaupoughkeepsie.org

Directions: *The directions below are from the DCC website but you may have your own favorite way of getting to Washington Hall on the campus. This is the same building that the Girls' Conference uses.*

Route 9 North - Hyde Park. Proceed north about 2 miles from the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Make a right at Fulton and a left when Fulton ends. Make the right onto Cottage Road. Visitor parking is available in Lot D. Entrance to Lot D is located on Cottage Road. Washington Hall is the first building on the left. There is handicapped parking and also an easy place to drop off passengers at Washington Hall (top of hill on the left) and then return to park in Lot D at the bottom of the hill.

<http://www.sunydutchess.edu/aboutdcc/visitus.html>

DESCRIPTIONS OF WORKSHOPS

Presentation of Culture – Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

This presentation will explore the sociological definition of culture. This will include a discussion of the twelve artifacts of culture which investigates the way individuals live these lives. These artifacts include choices made about mores, traditions, education, politics, religion, and celebration. The workshop participants will look at the role these play in their lives and the lives of the members in their branches.

Presentation of Ethnicity – Dr. Nada Halloway

This presentation will facilitate a discussion on the definition of Ethnicity. It will explore the related ideas of race, country of origin, and nationality. The participants will be encouraged to analyze this issue in relation to multiple Diasporas represented in America and their contribution to the formation of the American identity.

Presentation of Gender – Dr. Cathy Collins

This presentation will discuss the focus on Alice Walker's definition of Womanist Theory. This redefines the presentation of women in literature and the media as it rejects the stereotyping of women as either innocent and childlike or arrogant and aggressive or self seeking and manipulative. It instead considers the total development of the woman which includes the social, emotional, psychological, intellectual and physical development.

If you only have time for the morning and lunch – please join us, you will have a most interesting day!

PUBLIC POLICY

Doris Kelly mscw12@aol.com

This has become the year of the rally.

In Albany, there have been rallies for quality education, for an increase in minimum wage, against fracking, and for the women's equality agenda.

In our nation's capital, there were two rallies to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 Civil Rights march on Washington and the Martin Luther King, Jr. "I Have a Dream" speech. Union members, church groups, and other activists from across the country rallied to educate the public about the renewed need to fight for more and better jobs, for increased protection of our environment, for pay equity for women, for safety in the workplace, and for quality public education.

In New Paltz, over two dozen local and statewide organizations endorsed a Rally and March in Defense of Women's Rights which took place there, on Saturday, September 7. According to the organizers: "Politicians have launched fierce attacks in over a dozen states on the right to legal, safe abortion. Women are fighting back but the onslaught is spreading. We are in solidarity with our sisters in those and other states. We also deplore the plight of low wage and unequally paid women workers and the cruel erosion of social services that is creating extreme hardship for millions of single mothers living in or near poverty. We likewise condemn the unremitting high levels of violence against women in America. We oppose these injustices and must build a stronger women's movement to fight back!"

Now it is up to all of us to use our voting rights to help make a change in our own little part of the country. It is imperative for all of us to use our voting power. This year we are voting for local representatives in our towns, in our county legislatures, and for family court. For the sake of all of us, make your vote count.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY RALLY

Monday, September 23, 2013 at 4:30 pm

Join us for a Real Majority Project Rally for the Women's Equality Act, Monday, Sept. 23rd at 4:30 pm in front of Northern Dutchess Hospital (on the shoulder of Rt. 9) in Rhinebeck.

Or call your state legislators at 877-255-9417-- make sure they push more loudly and strongly for the Women's Equality Act to pass later this year or early in 2014!

HOPEWELL DEPOT

Jackie Prusak, Treasurer/ Trustee

What could you buy for \$1.00 today? Well, the Hopewell Depot Restoration Corporation bought the 1873 train station in Hopewell Junction (on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail) for \$1.00.



The station was burned almost to the ground in 1986 and the county soon informed the volunteers at the Depot to get it repaired or else it would be bulldozed down to ground level. With the help of donations and volunteers, we were able to save the station with all its history. People have made donations of candlestick telephones, clocks, pot belly stoves, pictures, time tables, milk cans, roll top desk, station master's uniform, the station's wagon, etc. Others donated money by purchasing windows, benches, lights, etc. and grants were given for other requests.

Go back in time to when President Grant was serving out his second term and experience what it was like to travel by rail in 1873.

Editor's note: As a frequent rider of the rail trail, I find Jackie at the Hopewell Depot most any Saturday. When you go, stop by, say hello and buy a cold drink or some train memorabilia!

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Join Laura Graceffa and Shirley Rinaldi as they demonstrate the use of technology in 21st century learning. Part of the 21st century thinking is that students have devices and will be using them in an integrated way where ever they are being taught. Bring your ipads, your smart phones, laptops or a friend who has one and join the backchannel if you wish. We will meet at Poughkeepsie Day School, a campus with Wi-Fi.

Editor's note: Backchannel is the practice of using networked computers to maintain a real-time online conversation alongside the primary group activity or live spoken remarks. The term was coined in the field of Linguistics to describe listeners' behaviours during verbal communication. *Wikipedia*

Directions: Poughkeepsie Day School

Take Route 9 to Spackenkill Road, in 1.9 miles turn left onto Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie Day School (PDS) is the first right. Boardman Rd can also be accessed from Hooker Ave (Rt 376), you will be approaching the school from the opposite direction - the school will be on your left just before Spackenkill Road. *Our meeting will be held in the Elizabeth C. Gilkeson Center, a modern one-story building on PDS campus. Watch for the AAUW signs.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

Editor's Note: Below is an email written to the members of the Trekkers interest group by Karen Hayes, the coordinator. It might be addressed to the Trekkers group but is could be about any of the 19 interest groups in AAUW. To our new members: *look at what you can experience* and to our "seasoned" members: *see what you have as a member of AAUW.*



Dear Trekkers:

Welcome to the newcomers to our group. While attending the Open House last week I met many new faces and reacquainted with some of our 'seasoned' Trekkers and I found myself reflecting on the first year of Trekkers and the Open House I attended eight years ago.

I initially began this interest group since I love to walk and hike and generally enjoy the outdoors. I wanted to share that love with others. I was very fortunate to find many like-minded women in AAUW. Since that time, I've found that no interest group can simply just run itself, but because of everyone's interest and passion, Trekkers comes pretty darn close.

In the early days of coordinating this group I found my head filled with ideas of trails we could hike, bodies of water we could ford, mountains we could climb, and all the things I could teach the group. I quickly learned, however, that it was not me that was doing the teaching. From its inception, the success of this group has been due to a compilation of everyone's ideas and efforts, as is always very apparent at our annual January planning meeting.

Over the past eight years Trekkers has evolved from having one hike a month within our local area, to now having one hike and one walk each month all year long. Our traveling radius has grown substantially to include not only Dutchess, but also Ulster, Putnam, Orange, Westchester, Columbia, Rockland and even parts of Western CT. We have expanded the hiking to also include ventures in kayaking and snowshoeing, and our walking expanded from rail trails to NYC walking tours of Central Park and the like. The energies and enthusiasm and creative ideas of our group no longer amaze me like they once did, now they are a given. This year we scheduled two Mystery events (for those who like surprises), as well as two "Friends of Trekkers" events (where you may invite a spouse or friend).

I am always likening Trekkers to "your one stop shopping place." Your membership includes a bi-monthly physical outdoor group activity, but you experience way more than that. On our hikes we discuss current events, tell jokes, spin yarns, research local history, critique books and movies, share recipes, read maps, get lost, get found, and I defy any of the cuisine groups to find a better lunch or ice cream place than Trekkers!

We divulge personal trials and tribulations, as well as share our joys and jublations. I had not felt this camaraderie since the years I spent with my friends in Girl Scouting. I want to say thank you to all of you for this experience and I look forward to seeing all of my fellow Trekkers again this year, as well as many new faces.

I am not wishing to perpetuate a TV watching couch potato lifestyle, but the following contains information about two TV shows I think many of you will like and may not have heard about.

The first is called "America Unearthed" and will become a favorite for all of you amateur geologists, rock hounds and history buffs. I get it on the H2 History Channel through Direct TV, however I'm not sure what that would translate to all of you with your carriers. You can check it out and learn more about Scott Wolter and the show by clicking on: <http://www.history.com/shows/america-unearthed/about>

Another show I have been talking about for ages and is a favorite for my husband and myself since it began in 2008, is called "Motion." It can be found on the Living Well Network. Again, I'm not sure how this translates to your particular carriers, but you MUST check it out. These two brothers are doing more for getting people excited about the great outdoors than anyone else I've seen in the media. Please check out: <http://livewellnetwork.com/Motion/episodes/Motion-Behind-the-Scenes/8806615> and if you aren't able to get Motion through your TV carrier you can get the latest episodes at: <http://livewellnetwork.com/Motion/7624634>. From the photography to the music to the helpful tips and most importantly, the inspiration, this show has it all. It makes you want to get in Motion, which after all, is Trekkers message too.

Take care and see you on the Trail!

Karen Haynes kmhaynes1@hotmail.com



AAUW CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Contact: Kathy Friedman kfriedman33@gmail.com

On our website www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org, we maintain a calendar of all events in Poughkeepsie AAUW. If you are planning an event, please refer to this calendar to keep conflicts at a minimum. We have so many activities that some will undoubtedly be on the same day but we do ask that you try to avoid this when you are making your plans. We would request that you avoid the major events and membership meeting dates.

To keep the calendar current, we depend on you to keep us informed. Please let [Kathy Friedman](mailto:kfriedman33@gmail.com) know if you want anything added to the calendar. All interest groups coordinators and community project chairs should check the calendar for the coming year and let Kathy know what changes or additions you would like to make.

Suggestion: On your computer, make a bookmark the AAUW calendar for easy future reference.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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

Welcome to all the new members who joined us at the September Open House. You attended the Open House – you saw the many opportunities we have to keep you involved – 19 Interest Groups, 9 Community Initiative and Outreach Programs – and you signed up for many of them. We also have our annual events and we hope to see you at them. And don't forget our monthly meetings – on the second Thursday of each month – October to June.

Be involved! Stay involved! There are so many ways to participate in AAUW events. Learn new things, take part in new activities. We are a diverse group of women and by participating in all our activities you will have opportunities to “broaden your borders.”

I want to thank my committee and others for helping make the Open House a success. This includes Jeanette Cantwell, Susan Ball, Marguerite Cotter, Mary Jo Cottrell, Judy Dym, Judy Elkin, Diane Jablonski, Linda Lurie, Carol Foy, Rita Minnerly, Anthula Natsoulis, and Mary Petteruti-Shultz. Also many thanks to Mary Coiteux and Susie Becker, Program VPs, for their helpful suggestions and Barbara Lemberger, Hospitality Chair, whose committee provided all those delectable tidbits.

Welcome to our newest members:

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| Jo Anne Abraskin | Nancy Aronzon |
| Blanche Bergman | Patricia DeLeo |
| Judith Fox | Frieda Gershuny |
| Barbara Glassman | Margo Hill |
| Elaine Hofstetter | Margaret Kasin |
| Valerie Mackay | Wendy Marin |
| Rose Piazza | Tracy Schober |
| Patricia Sheehan | Rose Shron |
| Donna Snowden | |

CTAUN CONFERENCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin *849-1858* womensworkbw@yahoo.com

Friday, 31 January 2014

As International Affairs Chair, I would like to tell you about the Committee on Teaching About the UN (CTAUN) Conference being held at the UN on January 31, 2014. In 2011, our branch was recognized by CTAUN for a Best Practices Award for our My Sister's Keeper Initiative. There's still time to nominate an effort you may know about for this year's conference. For more information, please go to www.teachun.org

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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

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NY State website: www.aauw-nys.org

Poughkeepsie Branch website: www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

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