

Please enjoy a brief review of the two books that will be highlighted at:

WRITERS' TEA & AUCTION

May 15, 2016

2:30 – 6:00 pm

The Links at Union Vale

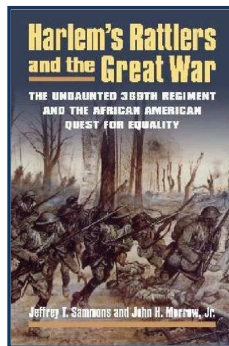
“Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War”

by Jeffrey T. Sammons and John H. Morrow Jr.

<http://history.as.nyu.edu/docs/IO/1590/harlemsrattlersflyer.pdf>

“The authors, both eminent historians, depict the epic struggle to transform a New York State Guard unit composed almost entirely of black soldiers into a one of the most decorated regiments of the United States Army in World War I. *Harlem's Rattlers* is an absorbing book, a work of deeply important and distinguished scholarship, nuanced in its exploration and handling of the layers and layers of contradictory and incomplete accounts that are the natural character of all history.”

- **Hamilton Fish, Publisher and Editorial Director, the Washington Spectator**
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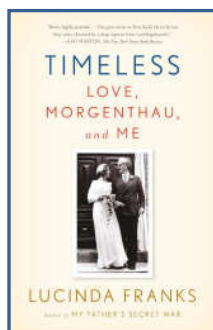


“Timeless: Love, Morgenthau, and Me”

by Lucinda Franks

“Happy families may be all alike, as Tolstoy has remarked, but happy marriages are not, as Lucinda Franks allows us to know in this beautifully composed, painfully candid, and often very funny double portrait of the author ... and Robert Morgenthau ..., who were married in defiance of nearly everyone who knew them after Franks, a young woman of 26, met Morgenthau, a widower of 53. *Timeless* is something of a defiant memoir as well, yet it also brims with tenderness, good humor, and a good deal of inside information about a number of Morgenthau's most famous criminal cases including something of the background of 9/11.”

- **Joyce Carol Oates, novelist, playwright, essayist**
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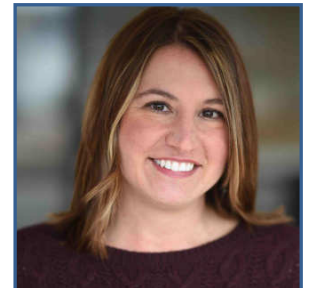
TALK SAVES LIVES

Presenter: Maria Idoni*

Thursday, April 14, 2016

7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
67 South Randolph Ave., Pok



April's Program is an important one for all of us. *Talk Saves Lives* is an introduction to Suicide Prevention, which will be presented by Maria Idoni, the AFSP's (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention), Area Director for the Hudson Valley and Westchester chapters.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

This is a community based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide.

We will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, who it affects, what we know about it and what can be done to prevent it.

Don't assume someone else will reach out. Only 1 in 5 seeks help. You can encourage people to make that critical first step. Suicide is a health issue. You can prevent suicide. We invite you to this very important presentation of *Talk Saves Lives*.

*See page 4

Questions: Sandy Goldberg, 297-7670 sajgold@aol.com &
Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, 485-7044 bkopstein@hotmail.com



APRIL CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aaupoughkeepsie.org

Contact: Kathy Friedman kfriedman33@gmail.com

March 30: *She's Beautiful When She's Angry*, **details page 7.**

April 4: Live Your Dream Girls' Conference Planning

St John's Lutheran Church 7:00 pm

All help welcomed!!!

Contact: Diana Babington (471-5385)

4 Word Games: 2:00 pm

Hostess: Sheila Zweifler (462-6478)

Coordinator: Betsy Vivas (485-2379)

5 World Travelers: 7:00 pm

Tibet

Presenter: Charlotte Mann

Hostess: Kathy Friedman (485-8671)

Reservations: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)

AAUWtravelers@gmail.com

6 The Ediss Book Group: 7:00 pm

Book: *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan

Hostess:

Coordinator: Celia Serotsky (473-8426)

7 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie

7 Donations for LAF Tote Bag: Deadline, see page 4.

8 Daytime Literature: 10:00 am

Book: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

The Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy, Pok.

Coordinators: Leona Miller (471-0777) &

Vicki Greenberg (462-6763)

8 Trekkers: 10:00 am. Meet at Dutchess Mall

Stonecrop Gardens, Cold Spring, Fee \$5

Rain Date: **April 14**

Coordinator & Contact: Tori Smith (345-0043)

9 Bridge 3: 10:00 am

Hostess: Mary Lou Davis (223-5544)

Coordinator: Donna Reichner dlr0804@verizon.net

10 "The Branch" deadline for MAY.

11 All those books...: 2:30 pm

Book: *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Hostess: Cathy Lane, akitalane@optonline.net

Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)

12 "Wine Bowl" details page 5.

12 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

13 Pedal Pushers: 10:00 am

Bike to Hopewell Junction (12-13 miles)

Meeting point: Gold's Gym rail trail parking lot

Leader: Bonnie Auchincloss (635-5191)

Coordinator: Sheila Zweifler sheilaz@optonline.net

13 Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30 pm

Michael's, 150 Osborne Hill Road, Fishkill

Contact: Mary Ann Boylan (462-2504)

Kay Saderholm (229-8545) Ksaderholm@aol.com

14 General Membership Program: 7:00 pm

All members are invited and encouraged to attend

– see **details page 1.**

15 – 17 AAUW-NYS Convention, Saratoga

Registration information on page 3.

Also Soleil Trip for April

Contacts: Betty Harrel (462-2141) or

Margaret Nijhuis (635-8612)

18 Manderley Literary Society: 7:30 pm

Book: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

Hostess: Pat Gulick (221-0042)

Coordinator: Rochelle Friedman (462-4996)

19 Cuisine: 6:30 pm

Cuisine of New England

Recipes:

Hostesses: oAnn Clark (876-5189) &

Pat Aglietti (677-9485)

Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger

brleberger@yahoo.com

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

Hostess: Sheila Zweifler (462-6478)

Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745) &

Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)

21 Diversity, One Out of Many People: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Understanding Islam, **details page 7.**

Boardman Rd Library

Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

mcnish@sunydutchess.edu

25 Follow up to CSW60: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Boardman Road Library, **details page 4.**

27 Mah Jongg: Noon - 4:00 pm

Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch

Contact *Blanche* (226-6049) by April 25.

Coordinator: Blanche Bergman (462-3955)

27 Contemporary Literature: 7:30 pm

Book: *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan

Hostess: TBD

Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) &

Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)

28 Bridge II: 12:00-4:00 pm

Uno Chicago Grill – Lunch (\$15)

Coordinator: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org

28 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm

Project: *Silk Scarves*

Hostess: Mary Ann Williams (868-7465)

Coordinators: Arlene Seligman (297-0006) &

Mary Ann Williams (868-7465)

29 Poetry & Play Readings: 2:00 pm

Selected Poetry Readings

Hostess: Maria DeWald (226-4960)

Coordinators: Jackie Sweeney (518-947-6682) &

Carol Loizides e.loizides@verizon.net

Art on the Go: No Meeting this month

Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

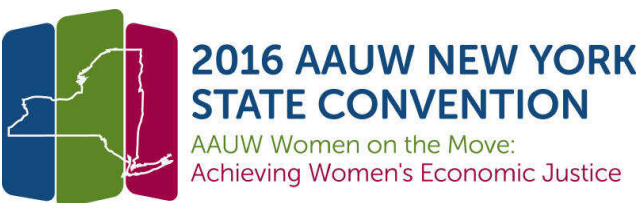
Barbara Van Itallie *462-3924* bvanitallie@yahoo.com

I was in Florida when the March newsletter arrived. Perhaps it was the sunshine that made me notice something even more than usual that is there all the time. **As I read this issue I was struck with the phrase “depth and breadth;” that is, the wide range of what our branch has to offer.** Some of our activities and articles delve into some serious issues of our time but at the same time we offer a range of programs from light-hearted fun to serious study.

On the depth side we have taken a look at the women of Iran, and this month, on suicide prevention. We were about to visit the UN to learn about women's issues from around the world and to celebrate International Women's Day locally. We concern ourselves with the issue of domestic violence by actually doing something through our Court Watch program. We keep on top of the many issues surrounding diversity with monthly programs.

Our annual Writer's Tea & Auction is a good example of breadth. Yes, we are having an author discussing the subject of race, but we are also having some fun shopping along with a lovely tea. Another is our upcoming Wine Bowl for Equal Pay, highlighting the issue of women's pay inequality in the workplace at a fun social event. Think of the enjoyment of reading to young children or crafting with pre-teen girls while performing a valuable community service. And let's not forget games and crafts and outdoor activities to discussions of books and poetry and movies.

Yes, March was just one month among many when we have outstanding programming and activities. **We are a fortunate branch to offer something for everyone. Thanks to all of you who lead, plan, organize, participate in and attend our many, many activities. You are what make this organization great!** And particular thanks to Newsletter Editor Margaret Nijhuis, Assistant Editor Kath Friedman and all of the others who contribute to each outstanding newsletter.



Still Time To Attend AAUW-NYS Convention

Registration details are on the AAUW-NYS website, <http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm>. The registration deadline is March 30. Please contact Barbara Van Itallie if you plan to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 15: Writers' Tea & Auction, page 1, 3, 6 and 8.

Jun 9: Annual Dinner, Poughkeepsie Grand,
Speaker: **Lisa Ghartey**.

Jul 17 – 23: Diversity Trip to Jamaica, see page 6.

Jul 22-24: Summer Leadership Conference, see page 3.

Nov 5: “Live Your Dream Girls’ Conference” at DCC.

WE ARE GIVING PAYPAL A TRY

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

You will be able to make your reservation for the Writers' Tea this year using PayPal. You will need to go through the AAUW website. Your reservation details will be forwarded to the Tea Committee. You do not have to contact them separately. If you do not have a PayPal account you can open one at the same time you make reservations for the tea.

If you have any problems/concerns, please contact me via email. We will evaluate how this works before using it for other events.



To make reservations using **PayPal**, go to www.aaupoughkeepsie.org, select the link to the tea from the home page, then select the PayPal button (see image above), follow the onscreen directions. When PayPal asks for **special instructions to Seller**, click in that box and type tea, your phone number and the full name(s) of everyone you are including in your reservation.



Save the Date!
Join us at Cazenovia!

*“Building Success with Smart Ideas
Focus on Programming and Leadership”*

**Summer Leadership Conference
July 22-24, 2016
Cazenovia College
Cazenovia, NY**

- ▶ 3 days of learning, planning and fun
- ▶ AAUW members from across the state
 - ▶ beautiful upstate location
 - ▶ all members of AAUW are invited

Questions: Call Betty Harrel (462-2141) or Margaret Nijhuis (635-8612)

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To add your name to the list, mail a check payable:
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FOLLOW-UP TO CSW60

Sabashnee Govender *914/850-0195* Sabashnee@aol.com

April 25, 2016

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Boardman Road Branch Library

141 Boardman Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

A follow up meeting to discuss our experiences of attending the parallel events of CSW60 (Commission on the Status of Women) as well as a viewing of a DVD: "**Women Street Vendors in Vietnam**" is going to be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Boardman Road Branch of the Poughkeepsie Library (Greene Room #1). It will be a great opportunity for us to share our experiences, thoughts, ideas and plans.

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

Susie Blecker *462-7074* iblecker@aol.com

Happy Spring to all our members. April is the month when our branch begins to look forward to two important annual events. First, at the beginning of **May you will receive in the mail your membership renewal notice for the coming year** which will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Annual dues are \$78.00 and **four free memberships** are available. We will have a drawing for these freebies at the end of the year dinner in June. Once you receive your membership renewal information keep the following in mind:

- Mail your **dues by May 11, 2016 and get three (3) tickets** for the drawing.
- Mail your **dues by May 18, 2016 and get two (2) tickets** for the drawing.
- Mail your **dues by May 25, 2016 and get one (1) ticket** for the drawing.

Also in April, we begin counting down the days to the Writers' Tea on May 15th at the Links at Union Vale. We rely on the monies we receive from this, our only fundraiser, to support our many programs and initiatives during the year. **Your support of the tea is vital to the success of our organization.** The location is lovely, the afternoon tea is a special event and the authors are very interesting while the silent auction offers many exciting items. To our new members, this event is so special, you should make it a priority to attend.

"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 Jodi Miller who, after 16 years as the executive director of the Mediation Center, has left to become the county's Equal Opportunity/Human Rights Officer and chair of the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission. Congratulations on a job well done and best wishes in your new position.

MARIA IDONI

Presenter, April 14 AAUW Program

Maria Idoni has been active in the field of suicide since 2008. In her role with AFSP, Maria has helped establish and oversees the Hudson Valley and Westchester chapters of AFSP. She is a registered trainer in suicide prevention programming for QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer), safeTALK and Connect. She implements local suicide prevention programming, teaches gatekeeper training classes, and advocates for suicide prevention laws. Maria has been the Hudson Valley and Westchester Lifekeeper Memory Quilt organizer since 2008. It is her passion to continue to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide and to help reduce the annual suicide rate by 20% by 2025.

FILL THE TOTE BAG!!!

Raise Funds for LAF at the NYS-Convention!

Janna Whearty *546-9190* jannawhearty@gmail.com

At the NYS Convention our branch will be participating in the LAF (Legal Advocacy Funds) Baskets/Purses Raffle. LAF will benefit from the money raised through this auction. Our branch is in need of donations of Hudson Valley made items to be included in a **Hudson Valley themed tote bag** to be donated to the auction. If you can contribute an item, please contact **Janna Whearty at jannawhearty@gmail.com or (845) 546-9190** to make arrangements to deliver the item before April 7, 2016.



Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX. **LAF addresses issues by using the legal system to seek justice and change.**

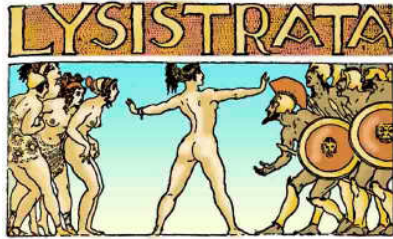
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Wine Bowl

Tuesday
April 12, 3-6

Piano Piano
Wine Bar

1064 Main Street
Fishkill



Eliminate the .22 cents Gender Pay Gap. Pledge your support over a wine or other beverage and remember, make it a Lysistrata kind of night. Cash Bar. Appetizers provided.

PUBLIC POLICY

Patricia DeLeo *883-5181* pattide2@optonline.net

Hearing the Unspoken

As the race for presidential hopefuls continues, I keep **listening for the topics important to women.**

I hear about the efforts to **shut down Planned Parenthood** while grown men joke about the size of their penises and breastfeeding. (If this conversation happened in the workplace wouldn't it be considered sexual harassment?) I don't hear much protecting the reproductive rights. **I hear slurs** against immigrants, Muslims, and Mexicans, but little about women's civil rights. **I hear about building a wall**, but I don't hear about breaking the gender pay gap. **I hear education**, but no plan or legislation to guarantee equal pay for women. **I hear diatribes on gun control**, but no programs to address violence, human trafficking or hate crimes. **I hear about the growing wealth of the one percent**, but worry about cost of living for the other ninety-nine. **I hear about Affordable Health Care** but little about protecting retirement either through employment or social security. **I witness trying to shut down the appointment of a Supreme Court judge** even though the Constitution mandates appointment. **I hear talk of foreign policy** but where is the discussion of fair treatment in the military?

Change must come from the bottom up. Along with the presidential election, 80% of Congressional seats will be up for election. **Set your agenda. Ask the questions that will improve the quality of life for women and children.** How will you support passage of the Fair Pay Act? What can you do to insure that every child, regardless of background and income, has access to early childhood care and educational opportunity? Will you vote for the Family Leave Bill or any bill guaranteeing paid family leave and sick days? What will you do to expand health coverage for women and children and reduce costs? How will you strengthen Social Security? How will you advocate and protect civil rights for women?

If you don't like what you are hearing, it is up to you to change the conversation.

THANK YOU FROM GRACE SMITH HOUSE

Linda Beyer *462-0345* imbchanel@aol.com

At our December meeting, there was an amazing pile of gifts donated by you for the women at Grace Smith House.

Dear Linda, All of us here at Grace Smith House would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the

Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women for the beautiful holiday gifts you collected for our ladies in our domestic violence shelter! They loved the gifts, especially the handbags, perfume sets and pajamas!

We wish you all a peaceful and prosperous 2016 holiday season and a very happy New Year. Best wishes, Michele
(Michele Pollock Rich, director of Grace Smith House)



THE AUCTION IS ALMOST HERE!!

We need your wonderful items and ideas!

Linda Roberts *227-5287* olsen241@aol.com

Our seventh annual Tea and Auction is quickly approaching **about eight weeks away**. Please send in your reservation as soon as you can. It is very stressful for all of us if people wait until the last minute to do this.

Auction items have been coming in but we still need a lot more! Please contact me or anyone on our committee if you have any questions about this. Please send me an email describing your item for listing in the program for the day of the Tea. **All items need to be received on or before April 29.** On May 3 the committee will have a final meeting at Marcine Humphrey's in order to organized the items for the auction. Marcine has graciously offered to have her house be our new "Auction Central." Please contact her to make arrangements to drop things off. Her information is in the directory.

Two forms are on our website www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org for everyone's use. First is a letter for potential donors explaining who we are and our programs supported by this fundraiser. The second one is a simple tax form for donors. We don't assign the value of the item, that is up to the donor.

The theme of this year's **Raffle Basket is "Hudson Valley Bounty."** We would appreciate donations of items for this basket. You can buy raffle tickets ahead of time as our committee members have them.

You will be given a number when you arrive at the Tea for use (along with your name) on the bidding sheets. The actual Auction will be one block of time at the beginning, no bidding at intermission, to enable us to streamline the checkout process.

Please remember that this is the only fundraiser we have for the entire year. The proceeds support all of the valuable programs of our organization. **We need the support of our membership.** Thank you so much.

Review of “Harlem Rattlers”
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...“The pith of this book is the ferocious and unending drama of race, the core narrative that tracks the American experience. *Harlem's Rattlers* is an engrossing social history, brimming with humor, irony, courage on a grand scale and the small acts of human decency and painful betrayal that are the grist of the wartime narrative. Men skirmish in the legislature, manipulate the media, get trampled in the military bureaucracy, compete ruthlessly for recognition and at every turn the underlying racial dynamic shapes their behavior and deforms the culture. The integration of the armed forces was a focal point of the civil rights cause for the first half of the twentieth century. Sammons and Morrow have given us a panoramic tale, rich in its evocation of the strains of class, ambition, patriotism, bravery and prejudice that run deep in the American story. An absorbing book, a work of deeply important and distinguished scholarship” —**Hamilton Fish, Publisher and Editorial Director, the Washington Spectator**

Review “Timeless”
Continued from page 1...

..”As an intimate depiction of an unusual marriage, *Timeless* is unique; yet, in its delineation of the ever-shifting contours of married love, it is universal and archetypal—indeed, “timeless.” —**Joyce Carol Oates, novelist, playwright, essayist; author of the new novel, Carthage**

“It’s rare for a book this candid and revealing to be so well written. The combination makes this a marvelous memoir, one with an honesty and exuberance that is unforgettable. With a reporter’s eye for detail and the narrative talents of a novelist, Franks brings alive a love story, a behind the scenes look at a high-profile marriage and the inside secrets of headline-connected criminal investigations. This is a book you don’t want to put down and wish it were longer when you finish.” —**Dan Rather, author of the memoir *Rather Outspoken*, investigative reporter and newscaster**

“This book is a treasure: a shining love story, a fascinating slice of history, a paean to an extraordinary man. And a terrific read—honest, funny, daring, and beautifully written.” —**Francine Klagsbrun, author and columnist for *The Jewish Week***

“There is a surprise on almost every page of this book. It is a remarkably intimate tale of passion and politics, of growing old and staying young.” —**Chris Wallace, Emmy-winning political journalist and anchor of Fox News Sunday with *Chris Wallace*.**

“Lucinda Frank’s memoir is truly a “portrait of a marriage” in all its intimacy. “Lucinda” and “Bob” – two highly accomplished, strong-willed individuals from different backgrounds, dedicated to separate professions, widely apart in age, sharply different in temperament – came to be bound together by the power of love. It is said all marriages may be different... but this one is a celebration of life, a reflection of what human spirit can achieve.” —**Paul Volcker, former chair of the Federal Reserve**

Presented by
American Association of University Women
and Association of Women at Dutchess Community College

Saturday, November 5, 2016
8:30am - 2:30pm
at Dutchess Community College

Live Your Dream
Girls' Conference

For 6th and 7th Grade Girls

DIVERSITY PLANS CULTURAL IMMERSION TRIP TO JAMAICA

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish *471-7220* McNish@SUNYDutchess.edu

When: July 17-23, 2016
Where: Each Parish in Jamaica
Cost: \$1,300.00, Double Occup.

Accommodations:

- Four Seasons Hotel in Kingston
- Silver Sands Villa in Duncans Trelawny



The price covers **airfare, accommodations** in two hotels, **transportation in the island** and **breakfast and dinner** each day.

See www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org under Upcoming Events for a brochure or contact Jackie



AAUW walks the Bridge for International Women’s Day on March 5th. L to R: Sabashnee Govender, Diana Babington, Didi Barrett, Erica Salzmänn-Talbi, Marcine Humphrey, Sherre Wesley, Barbara Van Itallie, Maria DeWald, Margaret Nijhuis, and Mary Lou Davis!

UPCOMING WAC PROGRAMS

Betty Harrel & Barbara Van Itallie

The World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley (WAC) has been one of our program co-sponsors in February and March 2016 as well as co-sponsor of programs last year. Some of their upcoming events include:

April 4: Great Decisions Discussion: *The Rise of ISIS*. 7:00 pm at Boardman Branch of Poughkeepsie Public Library

April 19: *The Ottoman Endgame*. 7:00 pm Henry Wallace Center, Hyde Park

For further information, please see their website at www.hvworldaffairsCouncil.org.

HANDBAGS FOR HOPE

Maureen Crush *565-3564* Maureen@cvlawgroup.com

Handbags for Hope; a girl's night out event to benefit the Hudson Valley House of Hope domestic violence shelter, featuring a shopping extravaganza of handbags – all types and price ranges. A basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle and an opportunity to catch up with other women. **The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.** Cost is \$45 on line www.hudsonvalleyhouseofhope.org. Price includes all food and dessert plus wine/beer bar and signature Hope Cocktails.

In 2015 the Hudson Valley House of Hope provided emergency shelter for over 230 women and children fleeing domestic abuse and handled nearly 700 hotline calls. With the help of the Hudson Valley House of Hope these individuals found protection through 24-hour crisis response and shelter; prevention through education services; transition through counseling and support services; advocacy in the criminal justice system, medical and social services agencies.

A screening of....

Mary Louise Van Winkle *256-5580*



Followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker, Mary Dore

“A documentary film about the birth of the women’s liberation movement in the 1960’s”

Wednesday, March 30th 2016
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Fusco Music Hall
Marist College

Presented by: The Women’s Studies Program, Gillespie Forum, Vice President of Academic Affairs Office, School of Liberal Arts, History Department, and Center for Multicultural Affairs

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Presented by AAUW Diversity Initiative

Dr. Nada Halloway and Diana Pollard

April 21, 6:30 pm
Boardman Road Library

In the book *Islam and the Future of Tolerance* neuroscientist and mindful atheist, Sam Harris, tells the liberal minded Islamist, Maajid Nawaz, that to reform Islamic practices one must “pretend” that “jihad is just an inner spiritual struggle, whereas it’s primarily a doctrine of holy war.” Nawaz counters the notion that Islam cannot be reformed by declaring that “religion doesn’t inherently speak for itself” because “no scripture, no book, no piece of writing has its own voice.” Nawaz’s statement speaks to the idea of interpretation and it is interpretation, specifically Western interpretation of Islam that has led to the branding of the religion as a haven for terrorist.

This talk will look at some of the representations of the religion in popular media and attempt to offer a re-definition of the some of the popular terms.

EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Peggy Kelland *297-0507* SMKell45@aol.com

On Friday, **April 8**, we will hold "**Project Wild**" in the cafeteria of R.C. Ketcham H.S. on Myers Corners Rd., Wappingers Falls, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Although intended primarily for girls in grades 6-12, we will include girls in grades 4-5 on a space available basis.

The girls will be learning about animal needs, predator/prey relationships, and the problems of shrinking habitat and environmental pollution. This program of interactive games about wild animals and habitat was created and sponsored by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation. Gwen Higgins, Mary Ann Boylan, Marcine Humphrey, and I took the training offered by the Town of Poughkeepsie last May. All AAUW members are invited to come.

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NY State website: www.aauw-nys.org

Poughkeepsie Branch website: www.aauwpoughkeepsie.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.



7th Annual Writers' Tea & Auction

Sunday, May 15, 2016
2:30 ~ 6:00 pm

The Links at Union Vale
153 North Parliman Rd., Lagrangeville, NY

Featured Writers

Meet two area authors who will share stories from their books and their lives. Before the tea the authors will be available for questions and with their books for purchase and signing.



Lucinda Franks
"Timeless: Love, Morgenthau, and Me"



Jeffrey T. Sammons
"Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: The Undaunted 369th Regiment and the Quest for African American Equality"

High Tea

We will be welcomed with champagne, light drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we arrive and browse the silent auction items. The writers' presentations will be accompanied by high tea.

Silent Auction

A silent auction of hand-crafted items and services donated by our members, local businesses and craftsmen. **Checks or cash only.**

Reservations

Please RSVP by May 5, 2016

A literary benefit for the AAUW Scholarship Funds, Community Initiatives and Events.

Name _____

Phone _____


Email _____

If you making reservations for more than one person list all additional names. _____

The cost is \$50 per person. Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ attendee(s).

Make checks payable to: "Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc." [\$20 of the fee is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law]

Mail to: Patricia DeLeo, PO Box 542, Plattekill, NY 12568

To make reservations using PayPal, go to www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org, select the link to the tea from the home page, then select the PayPal button,  and follow the onscreen directions. When PayPal asks for **special instructions to Seller**, click in that



box and type tea, your phone number and the full name of everyone you are including in your reservation. Your reservation details will be forwarded to the Tea Committee. You do not have to contact them separately.

Questions: 845/883-5181, event@aauwpoughkeepsie.org

Open seating, no table reservations.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support our scholarship funds, community initiatives and events please write a check payable to "Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc." and mail it to Patricia DeLeo at the address above.

Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc. is a nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)] that works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.