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## WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018

Gail Sisti \*564-4268\* & Margie Quart \*896-6928\*



Join us to honor:

**Dr. Pamela R. Edington**  
President  
Dutchess Community  
College

Dutchess Manor  
Sunday, October 21, 2018  
12:00 noon – 3:00 pm.

Reservations on [page 4](#) or our website.  
[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org) ■

*Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW is pleased to welcome:*



**Judge Tracy MacKenzie\***  
Dutchess County Family Court Judge

*"The Evolution of New York State's Family Courts and the Challenges of Achieving Justice Today"*

We will hear a brief history of the Court as well as where the Court is today. Family Court is the court that is visited and monitored by Poughkeepsie AAUW Court Watch Initiative.

**October 11, 2018, 7:00 pm**

- Coffee and Tea by the Children's Home
- Desserts by the Board

**The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie\*\***

10 Children's Way  
Poughkeepsie, NY

\*More information page 3.

\*\*Directions: There are many ways to get to the Children's Home, the simplest is to take Route 9 to Fulton Street (just across the street from Marist College and before the shopping center), stay left on Fulton and Children's Way will be the 4th street on the right.

Questions: Monique Jones, 849-1692, [myj712@aol.com](mailto:myj712@aol.com)  
Sandy Lash, 227-4650, [splash@optonline.net](mailto:splash@optonline.net) ■

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**PROFESSIONAL JUMP START FOR COLLEGE WOMEN 2018**

PRACTICAL CAREER ADVICE:

- AAUW START SMART WORKSHOP
- REFINE YOUR RESUME
- ACE THE INTERVIEW
- DRESS FOR SUCCESS
- SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY

**20 OCTOBER 2018**  
**8 AM - 4 PM**  
The Roosevelt House  
47-49 East 65th St  
New York, NY 10065

PROGRAM SPONSORED BY AAUW-NYC METRO FUNDS GRANT

Registration: [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org)

Additional information: [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org) ■

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Online Calendar at [www.aaupoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aaupoughkeepsie.org)

Contact: Kathy Friedman [kfriedman33@gmail.com](mailto:kfriedman33@gmail.com)

### 1 "The Branch" deadline for November.

#### 1 Word Games: 1:30 pm

Hostess: Sharon Fleury (471-7261)

Coordinator: Susan Doyle (914/474-1232)

#### 2 World Travelers: 7:00 pm

*Cooking and Cultures in Mexico*

Hostess: Betty Olson (889-4836)

Presenter: Ellie Charwat

Coordinator: Bonnie Auchincloss (635-5191)

[AAUWtravelers@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWtravelers@gmail.com)

#### 4 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm

Vassar Hospital, first floor conference room B

#### 4 & 18 Live Your Dream Committee, Page 8

#### 8 All those books...: 2:30 pm

*Persuasion*, Jane Austen

Hostess: Karin Fein

Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)

#### 9 Movie Night: 4:00 pm

Movie: Group members will be notified the

Thursday before - sign up with Linnea (883-7726).

Discussion: *Eveready Diner*, Rt. 9, Hyde Park

Director: Linnea Masson [patandlinnea@yahoo.com](mailto:patandlinnea@yahoo.com)

#### 10 Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30 pm

*Hudson's Fish & Ribs*

Contacts: Mary Ann Boylan (462-2504)

Kay Saderholm (229-8545) [Ksaderholm@aol.com](mailto:Ksaderholm@aol.com)

#### 10 Pedal Pushers: 10:00 am

*Bike to Hopewell Junction, 16 miles*

Meeting point: Rail trail parking lot on

Old Manchester Rd.

Coordinator: Sheila Zweifler [sheilaz@optonline.net](mailto:sheilaz@optonline.net)

#### 11 Canasta: 1:00 pm

Hostess: Contact Coordinator

Coordinator: Barbara Cohen [barbco451@gmail.com](mailto:barbco451@gmail.com)

#### 11 General Membership Program: 7:00 pm

All members are invited and encouraged to attend

– see details on **page 1, 3.**

#### 12 Daytime Literature: 10:00 am

*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

*The Manor at Woodside*, 168 Academy, Pok.

Coordinators: Kathy Friedman (485-8671) &

Susan Fink [sbudson@aol.com](mailto:sbudson@aol.com) (473-3168)

#### 15 Manderley Literary Society: 6:30 pm

*Everything I Never Told You* by Celest Ng

Hostess: Diana Salsberg (471-7620)

Coordinator: Shelly Friedman (462-4996)

#### 16 Cuisine: 6:30 pm

*Japanese Cuisine*

Hostesses: Linda Luri (229-9397) and

Barbara Lemberger [brleberger@yahoo.com](mailto:brleberger@yahoo.com)

Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger

[brleberger@yahoo.com](mailto:brleberger@yahoo.com)

#### 17 Photography Club: 7:00 pm

Planning meeting: Please bring 1 or 2 photos from  
a recent trip or from the last 4 months.

Hostess: Carol Dimicco (204-9553)

Coordinator: Carol Demicco (845-204-9553)

#### 17 Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Hostess: Ann Valentino (221-2591)

Coordinator: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)

#### 18 Aventures en Soleil: Meet to carpool at 10:30 am

*John Jay Homestead*, Bedford, NY

Lunch at a nearby restaurant and tour of the house

Contact: Send check for \$13 to Patricia Lucazi,

9 Bridgewater Way, Poughkeepsie NY 12601

Coordinator: Janna Whearty (546-9190)

#### 20 Poetry and Plays - Emily D to Tennessee: 1:45 pm

*Dodge Poetry Festival*

Newark Performing Arts Center, Newark NJ

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

Barbara Hugo [BHugo2@gmail.com](mailto:BHugo2@gmail.com)

#### 20 Days for Girls: 1:30-4:30 pm

Friends Meeting House, Hooker Ave, Pok.

Chair: Sabashnee Govender (914/850-0195)

[poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.org](mailto:poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.org)

#### 21 Woman of the Year page 1, 4

#### 24 Mah Jongg: Noon - 4:00 pm

Red Lobster, Route 9, Poughkeepsie

Contact Blanche (462-3955) two days before.

Coordinator: Blanche Bergman

[blanchebergman@gmail.com](mailto:blanchebergman@gmail.com)

#### 24 Contemporary Literature: 7:30 pm

Contact Coordinators for book and hostess

Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) &

Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)

#### 25 Bridge II: 12:00-4:00 pm

*Red Lobster, Route 9, Poughkeepsie*

Coordinator: Cathy Kinn [cathy@kinn.org](mailto:cathy@kinn.org)

#### 25 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm

*Washer Necklaces*

Hostess: Mary Ann Williams

Coordinators: Pat Luczai (463-4662) &

Mary Ann Williams (868-7465)

#### 26 Art on the Go: 10:00 am

New York Botanical Garden, Georgia O'Keefe exhibit

Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

#### 27 Bridge III: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Hostess: Raina Maissel (297-8466)

Coordinator: Donna Reichner (298-7732)

[donnababy25@hotmail.com](mailto:donnababy25@hotmail.com)

#### Trekkers:

Contact Coordinator for date, time and place

Coordinator: Tori Smith (345-0043)

[torilsmith.home@gmail.com](mailto:torilsmith.home@gmail.com)

## LOOKING AHEAD

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

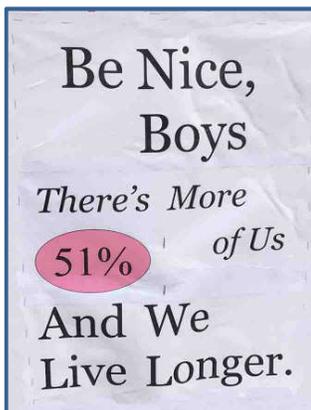
Diane Jablonski \*485-6228\* [dianejablonski@gmail.com](mailto:dianejablonski@gmail.com)

This month the focus is on one of the three foundational elements of the new national AAUW strategy: **Education and Training**. As I wrote this, I realized that a solid educational footing is a necessary base to address the other goals of Leadership and Economic Security.



**While access to education has always been a key concern of AAUW, we are intensifying the focus to directly address the barriers and implicit biases that prevent or inhibit women from following varied career paths, particularly those leading to high-paying jobs.** We must champion equal access to all levels and fields of education with a vision of making any career a possibility for a woman. In the past, work on Title IX and STEM addressed these areas, but we now have the opportunity, even the obligation, to extend our thinking. Some pathways may not be through the traditional college/university system we are familiar with but include other technical and vocational programs such as construction, automotive, welding, and plumbing. The opportunities are limitless to make a difference in so many ways as we encourage women and girls to challenge the status quo in career opportunities.

Our Poughkeepsie AAUW program initiatives of *Leading to Reading*, *Math Buddies*, *Liberty Partners Stem programs*, and the *Live Your Dream Girls Conference* directly address this issue locally as does *Days for Girls* on an international level. The new *Careers and Leadership* initiative addresses professional opportunities and career development. Our support of the *Legal Advocacy Fund* is critical to supporting women who challenge discrimination in the workplace. For the 2018–19 academic year, National AAUW's extensive fellowship program will provide funding of \$3.9 million to 250 women and community projects serving women and girls. This level of funding for women's education and projects has a tremendous impact on women and their communities by expanding women's potential and supporting their future promise.



Working at all levels we can make a difference and move towards achieving gender equity. Thank you for your continued support of all these vital AAUW efforts. ■

*Our favorite poster from the District 4 meeting, parade & rally on Women's Equality Day in Glens Falls, August 26, 2018*

## JUDGE TRACY MACKENZIE

Judge Tracy MacKenzie was elected in 2015 to a 10-year term as a Dutchess County Family Court Judge. She took the bench in January 2016. As a Family Court Judge, she handles over 500 cases each year and is responsible for a varied caseload comprised of custody, visitation, guardianship, adoption, orders of protection, abuse and neglect of children, juvenile delinquency and persons in need of supervision matters. She hears and determines those cases from commencement through trial. Her decisions have been published in the New York Law Journal.

In addition to her responsibilities in the courtroom, Judge MacKenzie serves on numerous committees tasked with improving the efficiency of the Family Court system and maintaining connections between service providers and at-risk youth. Judge MacKenzie is currently a member of the Court Improvement Project, the Family Court Involved Youth Committee, and the Dutchess County Juvenile Justice Committee.

From 2012 until 2016, Judge MacKenzie was a Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Denise M. Watson, Judge of the Family Court. Prior to that, Judge MacKenzie was a partner in a private law firm with an active family court practice representing parents, children, and grandparents in both Family Court and Supreme Court. She is a past recipient of the Dutchess County Bar Association Law Guardian of the Year and was honored by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce as one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in our community.

Judge MacKenzie is a lifelong resident of Dutchess County. She and her husband are raising their three daughters in LaGrange. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School and the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and received her Juris Doctorate from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

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### Professional / Community Involvement

- Attorneys for Children Panel of the Appellate Division, Second Department, 2004 – 2011
- Member, Dutchess County Bar Association, 2004 – present
- Member, Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association, 2004 – present
- Board of Directors, Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, 2005 – 2011 (president 2010-2011)
- Awarded Dutchess County Law Guardian of the Year 2009.
- Awarded by the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce, 40 under 40 recognition 2011 ■

### "HATS OFF"

Mary Coiteux \*226-8275\* [mcoiteux@frontiernet.net](mailto:mcoiteux@frontiernet.net)  
*An expression of admiration for someone's achievement or contribution and our acknowledgment for it.*

*Hats Off to Prime Printing and owner Daniel Clark for 10 years of service to our branch! He has been a great supporter of our programs and has consistently helped us to provide information to our members and our community. ■*

Please join the Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women, Inc. to:

## Honor our Woman of the Year 2018

# Dr. Pamela R. Edington

*President, Dutchess Community College*



**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**12-3 pm**

**Dutchess Manor**

**263 Route 9D, Beacon, NY**



Directions and Complete Biography at  
[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

Event Chairs: Gail Sisti 564-4268 & Margie Quart 896-6928

### Cash Bar & Hot Luncheon

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you are making reservations for more than one person, please list all additional names and choices on back.

#### Meal Choice:

Chicken Breast, tomato cream sauce \_\_\_\_\_

Pan Seared Black Bass, citrus beurre blanc \_\_\_\_\_

Braised Boneless Short Ribs, whiskey sauce \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If you have any dietary concerns, please let us know:

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

**Price:** \$50 (includes gratuity)/  
\$52 if using PayPal or Credit Card.

**Reservations and checks due:** October 8, 2018

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

Mail to:

**Betty Harrel, 28 Laffin Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

**Questions:** Call Betty Harrel 845/462-2141

or [bharrel28@gmail.com](mailto:bharrel28@gmail.com)

**To make reservations using PayPal or Credit Card go to**  
[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a contribution in Dr. Edington's honor, please send it to Betty Harrel at the address above. Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW is a 501(c)3 organization.

An experienced educator and administrator with 35 years of service at community colleges, Pamela R. Edington, Ed.D. assumed the presidency of Dutchess Community College in August 2014.

Key educational initiatives that Dr. Edington is advancing as president include increasing the number of Dutchess students who complete a degree, developing additional programs of study to meet emerging workforce needs in the mid-Hudson Valley, growing civic and community engagement programs that offers opportunities for students to deepen their academic learning while helping to meet community-defined needs, and enhancing strategic relationships with local partners to enhance the educational pathway in Dutchess County from pre-K through college.

Dr. Edington has distinguished herself in both the community and on the DCC campus as an accessible, energetic and passionate visionary gifted in creating linkages between people and organizations to leverage resources and facilitate positive change. She enjoys engaging with students, faculty, staff and the community, and is committed to enhancing life in the mid-Hudson Valley.

Dr. Edington is a member of Poughkeepsie AAUW and was the guest speaker at our annual meeting in 2015.

## SUPPORTERS OF THE BRANCH!!

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9 McAllister Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

## EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

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This year's monthly Friday evening events for girls in grades 6-12 include several popular repeat offerings as well as some new programs:

- **September 28** - Map and Compass Skills at Bowdoin Park nature center 5:00-6:30
- **October 12** - Math Game Night at R.C. Ketcham High School cafeteria 6:30-8:30
- **November 9** - Crafts at Ketcham library 6:30-8:30
- **December 14** - Beading at Ketcham library 6:30-8:30
- **January 11** - New Cuisines at Zion Episcopal Church parish hall 5:00-8:30
- **February 1** - Science Experiences at Ketcham cafeteria 6:30-8:30
- **March 1** - Creative Dance at Ketcham cafeteria 6:30-8:30

We will also again be offering the Cadette Journey "A-Maze" in January and February.

*Extending Girls' Horizons* is an outgrowth of the Girls Conference "reunions." By collaborating with the Girl Scouts, we reach middle school age girls throughout the year, and provide programming for older Girl Scouts that would be difficult for small individual troops to arrange. Our offerings are open to all girls, not just Girl Scouts, in grades 6-12 throughout the Hudson Valley. The Girl Scouts provide chaperones, transportation, insurance, and venues, while AAUW members plan the programs and provide presenters.

All AAUW members are welcome to attend the programs, assist in the presentations, and join the planning committee. ■

## SAVE THE DATE APRIL 14, 2019

**Writers' Tea & Benefit Auction.** A day of interesting discussion, good food and amazing items to purchase. Items are already being collected. **Contact Linda Roberts (227-5287) [olsen241@aol.com](mailto:olsen241@aol.com)** ■

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHANGES FOR 2018-19

Marticia Madory [marti67138@gmail.com](mailto:marti67138@gmail.com)



The International Relations Committee will have a new theme this year: **"International in Our Own Backyard."**

We will be making an effort to identify the international facets of our local community – including foreign students and faculty, immigrants (both experienced and recent arrivals), refugees, diplomatic and consular staff with homes in our communities, foreign employees of local corporations and institutions – and form personal relationships with the women among them. We will examine the ethical, religious, and ethnic aspects of our differences, as well as our similarities, with a goal of achieving tolerance, understanding, and compassion. We will share our cultures – our food, our music, our literature and our crafts – as a way of expanding all of our horizons.

We're collecting ideas in a questionnaire, and will be holding a planning session the first week of October. Join us and help make these activities meaningful experiences for all who participate. Contact the new committee chair, Marticia Madory, at [marti67138@gmail.com](mailto:marti67138@gmail.com) for information. ■



## SAVE THE DATES: Membership Programs

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Sandy Lash, 227-4650, [sjlash@optonline.net](mailto:sjlash@optonline.net)

- **Thursday, November 8, 2018 - "Beyond Betty Crocker: How Americans Learned to Love Chow Mein, Stir-Fries, and Chinese Food."** Presented by **Willa Zhen**, Professor of Liberal Arts and Food Studies at The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie  
67 S Randolph Ave.,  
Poughkeepsie



Chinese food is one of the most popular types of cuisine in America. Yet it was not always part of the American diet and for many Americans, Chinese food was foreign and exotic. When did Americans learn about chow mein, stir-fries, potstickers, and other beloved Chinese-American dishes? How did they learn? And how did they learn to embrace these new flavors? **Dr. Willa Zhen will answer these questions at our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

This program is presented in partnership with The NEA Big Read and highlights this year's book selection, Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You*. The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



- **Thursday, December 13, 2018 - "Unshattered," a nonprofit social enterprise that employs women who are "winning their fight against addiction."** Presented by **Kelly Lyndgaard**, founder  
**BRING GIFTS FOR MOTHERS AT GRACE SMITH HOUSE**  
7:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie
- **Thursday, January 10, 2019 - "Race Soldier."** Presented by **Jocelyn Johnson-Kearny**  
7:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie
- **Thursday, February 14, 2019 - "Dutchess County High Risk Response Team."** Presented by **Leah Feldman**, Poughkeepsie AAUW member  
7:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

As the dates approach further information will be in the monthly newsletter, *The Branch*, and online at

[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org) ■

## MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

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Sheila Zweifler \*462-6478\* [sheilaz@optonline.net](mailto:sheilaz@optonline.net)

We want to extend a **warm welcome to all of our new members who joined the Poughkeepsie Branch of AAUW at the September Open house.** We hope that you will have a wonderful year and enjoy the many activities our Branch offers. Our Branch has 21 Interest Groups and 8 Community Service Initiatives as well as monthly meetings featuring guest speakers. We have annual events like the Woman of the Year Luncheon, the Writer's Tea & Benefit Auction, and the Annual Dinner. We offer something for everyone. **This is an opportunity for you to meet other smart women who share your interests.**

**The choice of what kind of member you will be is yours.** If you don't make an effort to join an interest group, a committee, or work with a community initiative group, you will miss the many benefits of AAUW and particularly our Poughkeepsie AAUW Branch. If you become involved and take an active role in AAUW, you will broaden your horizons and have fun while making new friends. We know it is hard to go to a meeting or activity alone. When we were new members, we felt the same way. But we were always welcomed by the members and made to feel comfortable.

**Your next opportunity to meet other members will be on Thursday, October 11th at 6:00 pm at The Children's Home, 10 Children's Way, Poughkeepsie.** It is the New Members' reception followed by our monthly meeting. The topic is "The Evolution of New York State Family Courts and the Challenges of Achieving Justice Today." We hope that you will be able to join us.

The September Open House would not have been such a success without the help of the following people: **Mary Anne Hogarty**, our membership treasurer and **Claudette Hennessy**, our database manager, who did a tremendous job meeting and registering prospective members as well as helping set up the room, **Linnea Masson** and her volunteers who supplied the refreshments, **Bonnie Auchincloss** and **Pat Luczai** who took the photographs, **Mary Coiteux** who helped set up the room and organized the table arrangements, **Mary Scalise-Annis** who signed in our current members and helped set up, and **Diane Jablonski**, our President, who helped with set up and always supports us in all our endeavors. In addition, we would like to thank all the volunteers from the interest groups and community initiatives who escorted prospective members and made them feel welcome.

### Welcome to Our Newest Members

Donna Angiolillo  
Gail Bock  
Donna Gruberg  
Judy McGowan  
Deanna Poet  
Tracy Williams  
Hilary Wrobel

Denise Brown  
Lynda Crystal  
Joann Klein  
Eileen Nye  
Ellen Smith  
Vanessa Williamson

### Welcome Back to Returning Members

Susan Haight

Suzanne Letterii ■

## PUBLIC POLICY

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### *Pink Wave Could Mean Pink Slips*

A question often asked is, "Would you vote for a candidate just because she is a woman?" My response, "Of course not." I listen to all candidates' priorities and see how they align with my needs as and for an American woman.

I'm looking for a candidates who will pass legislation that: promotes economic self-sufficiency and pay equity for women; support abortion rights and reproductive freedom and women's health issues; exhibit active opposition to violence, racism and fight bigotry and hate; assure LGBT rights; education; affordable healthcare; common sense immigration; and the passage of the ERA.

There have been many men who have advocated these issues and I won't abandon them just because a woman is running, but I will consider the advantages and insight a particular female candidate might offer. Then, I'll vote for the candidate and agenda closest to mine. I'm choosing a personal advocate; I'm not voting for or against a political party or personality.

There are currently 154 female candidates who are not incumbents on the ballot in November. Who are these new challengers? They are lawyers, doctors, teachers, CEO's, mothers, single women, wives. They come from diverse backgrounds. A large number share military careers. Many of them, combat and military veterans, claim expertise in national security and veterans issues, with a track record of thriving in institutions dominated by men. Regardless of party, they cast themselves as the antidote to bitterly partisan politics — describing themselves as "mission-driven" and trained by the military to work toward a common goal. Hence, the pink. I want to hear them address my agenda.

**The Pink Wave is here. While new women candidates will find their freshman campaigns challenging and difficult, an uphill climb for sure, consider the platforms they, not necessarily their party, are offering. Consider your political agenda and find the candidate you want to advocate for you.**

#### **Some statistics for your information:**

In total there 107 (78D, 29R) women who hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising 20.0% of the 535 members; 23 women (23%) serve in the Senate, and 84 women (19.3%) serve in the House. Five women non-voting delegates (3D, 2R) also represent American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in the United States House of Representatives. There are currently 6 women serving as governors, four Republicans and two Democrats. ■



## THE OTESAGA RESORT HOTEL

by Jean Havens, From Fall 2018 *Focus*



**Ready for a huge helping of New York State history and culture** complete with a thriving contemporary art scene and beautiful rolling hills thrown in for good measure? Plan now to soak up the elegant atmosphere at **Cooperstown's Otesaga Hotel, site of the 2019 AAUW New York State Convention, April 26-28.**

This legendary 132 room hotel occupies 700 feet of lakefront on the southern shore of Lake Otsego. Made famous as "the Glimmerglass" in James Fenimore Cooper's *Leatherstocking Tales*, the nine-mile-long lake is the source of the Susquehanna River.

Built by brothers and Cooperstown benefactors Edward Severin Clark and Stephen Carton Clark, the Otesaga opened in 1909 and from the start provided gracious hospitality, first-class accommodations, and fine dining. The resort boasted the latest in modern conveniences and engineering. There was, for example, a refrigerator cooled with 30 tons of ice, a telephone in each room, central heating that could be individually adjusted, and 400 windows from which visitors could admire the area's lush surroundings.

The Clarks were no strangers to building prominent structures. They owned, for example, the famous Dakota apartment building in Manhattan's Central Park West. Their grandfather, Edward Cabot Clark, a lawyer, had amassed the family's fortune by partnering with Isaac Singer, founder of the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

Today, the Otesaga resort is also home to the 18-hole Leatherstocking Golf Course, rated by *Condé Nast Traveler* as one of the finest on the East Coast. Stepping from the hotel's front portico with its massive 30-foot columns, you can explore all that Cooperstown has to offer. Attractions range from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the Fenimore Arts Museum to, in season, the annual Glimmerglass Festival with its rich schedule of operas and musicals. In describing all that the area has to offer, the *Sunday Times of London* called it "the most magical of settings."

**Come to join us at the Otesaga next year to share the magic of AAUW with branch members from around the state. We'll see you at the Farmer's Museum's Empire State Carousel. ■**

## LIVE YOUR DREAM GIRLS' CONFERENCE

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On **November 3, 2018**, we will celebrate the 12th year of the Live Your Dream Girls' Conference. We are in the midst of our **Divas, Dreamers and Darlings** fundraiser and once again our membership does not disappoint. We are so

grateful for the support that our membership gives us each year. Your support adds so much to our event.

This year, we are **adding 8th grade girls** to the conference in hopes that we can encourage girls to attend for three years of inspiring workshops, Girl Talks and meeting women who are strong and insightful. Our girls meet not only with members of AAUW, but also women of the community, college women and of course each other.

**We cannot run this program without the help of our membership.** Two weeks ago, a group of women shared lots of laughs as they crafted over 100 journals and butterfly crowns for this year's conference.

At our membership night, we were **happy to have women sign up to help with our committee, recruit at local schools and work on the day of the conference.** There is need for others.

We can use help with all aspects of the conference. If you **want to work just ½ day to one full day, why not volunteer for the day of the conference.**

Support us by **interfacing with your local middle or elementary school by speaking with the principal, counselor or teachers about our event.** You could attend a **Parent Open House** or **speak in a classroom if you so desire or you could just leave flyers and business cards with the school.**

You decide how much time you'd like to spend on promoting Live Your Dream Girls' Conference.

If you are interested in a bigger commitment, **our committee will meet three more times before the conference.** We will meet

**September 20**

**October 4**

**October 18**

**7:00 pm in Room 315, Hudson Hall,  
Dutchess Community College.**

If you would like more information or just want to ask some questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at

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## JOURNALS & CROWNS FOR "LIVE YOUR DREAM"



We did it and some! Journals are ready and we also began to complete the 100 butterfly crowns that will be used in the closing for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> *Live Your Dream Girls' Conference*. Gwen is always creating tasks for us! Great fun! Thanks to M. Humphrey, G. Higgins, P. Kelland, P. Luczai, MA. Boylan, D. Salsberg (pictured) and D. Babington, co chair of Live Your Dream Girls' Conference and A. Seligman (not pictured). ■



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