



# THE BRANCH

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### *Coming in March*

## **A Long & Winding Road: The Local Path to Women's Suffrage on its 100th Anniversary** 7 pm, March 12, 2020

Speakers:

**Bill Jeffway**, Executive Director, Dutchess County Historical Society

**Melodye Moore**, Head of Collections, Trustee, Dutchess County Historical Society

Celebrate the Centennial of Women's Suffrage with a program highlighting Dutchess County's role in advancing the rights of women. We will commemorate this milestone of American democracy with a fascinating look at the individuals and events within Dutchess County that led to the adoption, in August 1920, of the US Constitutional Amendment granting women across the nation the right to vote.

Even before the first organized efforts at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, Dutchess County had a unique influence on the women's suffrage movement, in part due to its large Quaker community and the presence of Vassar College.

Photo, Top: Lucretia Mott, one of the five organizers of the Seneca Falls convention in 1848, was a student and teacher at the Nine Partners Boarding School in what is today Millbrook. Bottom: Vassar College faculty members were not allowed to publicly advocate for women's suffrage until after 1910. The leader of the Equal Suffrage League who did emerge at that time was Vassar Professor Laura J. Wylie.



## **Asylum and the Role of Counsel**

**Speaker: Robert Horne, Esq.**

*Managing Attorney, Regional Immigration Assistance Center 4  
Hudson Valley Region*

**7pm, February 13, 2020**

Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie  
67 South Randolph Ave., Poughkeepsie

The perilous situation of asylum seekers at the border and of non-documented and other non-citizens living in the US has garnered headlines and filled the news. What is actually happening and how can the situation be addressed?

Join us to hear immigration attorney Rob Horne address the fundamentals of an asylum application and the role of counsel, current issues in asylum law and at the border; consequences of criminal convictions and resources available to non-citizens charged with crimes.

Rob Horne has over 25 years of experience in private practice representing non-citizens in a wide variety of matters in Federal, State and Local criminal court and immigration court. He has a B.A. from Boston University and graduated from Pace Law School.



Rob opened the Regional Immigration Assistance Center in 2016 and has served as the Managing Attorney and senior counsel ever since. The Center is sponsored by the Legal Aid Society of Westchester County and covers nine counties in the Hudson Valley, including Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Orange and Sullivan. The Center provides expert legal advice and trains attorneys representing non-citizens on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and family court matters.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

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

- 3 Word Games: 1:30 pm**  
Hostess: Pat Luczai (380-8473)  
Coordinator: Sue Doyle (914-474-1232)  
[suedoyle1@aol.com](mailto:suedoyle1@aol.com)
- 4 World Travelers: 7:00 pm**  
*Gourmet Tour of the Amalfi Coast*  
Hostess: Kathy Friedman (485-8671)  
Presenter: Mary Ellen Pangia  
Coordinator: Bonnie Auchincloss  
(635-5191) [bauchincloss@gmail.com](mailto:bauchincloss@gmail.com)
- 5 Gourmet: Out & About: 6:30**  
*Joe Willy's Fish House, Wappingers Falls*  
Contact: Jo Ann Abraskin, (901-0373)
- 10 Board Meeting: 7 pm**  
Board Conference Call
- 10 *Deadline for March Branch articles***
- 10 All those books...: 2:30 pm**  
*The Education of Henry Adams* by Henry Adams  
Hostess: Sally Taylor (232-5576)  
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)  
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- 11 Movie Night: Time late afternoon TBD by show**  
Movie will be followed by discussion at a nearby diner.  
Theater and movie choice will be announced Thursday of the previous week and will be based on what is available at that time.  
Director: Linnea Masson (883-7726)  
Producer: Ellen Zelig [ellenzeligcrs@aol.com](mailto:ellenzeligcrs@aol.com)
- 13 General Membership Program: 7:00 pm**  
*All members are invited and encouraged to attend*  
– see details, p. 1
- 13 Canasta: 1-4 pm**  
Hostess: TBA  
Coordinator: Barbara Cohen [barbco451@gmail.com](mailto:barbco451@gmail.com)
- 14 Daytime Literature: 10 am**  
*The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead  
The Manor at Woodside  
Coordinators: Kathy Friedman (485-8671) and Susan Fink (473-3168)
- 15 Days for Girls: 1:30-4 pm**  
Friends Meeting House, Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie  
Contact: Sabashnee Govender, [Sabashnee@aol.com](mailto:Sabashnee@aol.com)
- 18 Cuisine: 6:30 pm**  
*Foods of the Heart – Red Foods/Aphrodisiacs*  
Hostesses: Rita Minnerly and Gail Bock  
Contact Coordinator: Barbara Lemberger,  
[brlemberger@yahoo.com](mailto:brlemberger@yahoo.com)
- 19 Bridge I: 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Hostess: Patty Cerniglia (298-7655)  
Coordinator: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)  
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- 20 Aventures en Soleil:**  
TBA  
Contact: Coordinator: Terry Jackel  
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- 21 Poetry & Play Readings: 1:45 pm**  
Hostess: Kathy Friedman (485-8671)  
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn (462-3196) & Jackie Sweeney (518-947-6682)
- 26 Mah Jongg: Noon - 4:00 pm**  
Antonella's Restaurant, Route 9, Wappingers Falls  
Contact: Blanche Bergman by 2 days before (462-3955)  
[blanchebergman@gmail.com](mailto:blanchebergman@gmail.com)
- 26 Contemporary Literature: 4:00 pm**  
*The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Mechele Richardson  
Hostess: Pat Luczai (380-8473)  
Coordinators: Ann Wade (229-5267) and Linda Freisitzer (266-5427)
- 27 Bridge II: 12:00-4:00 pm**  
Red Lobster, Route 9, Poughkeepsie  
Coordinator: Cathy Kinn [cathy@kinn.org](mailto:cathy@kinn.org)
- 27 Pins & Needles: 7:00 pm**  
*Washi Tape Workshop*  
Hostess: Mary Ann Williams (868-7465)  
Coordinators: Pat Luczai [pat.luczai@gmail.com](mailto:pat.luczai@gmail.com) and Mary Ann Williams [maryannwms@optonline.net](mailto:maryannwms@optonline.net)
- 28 Art on the Go:**  
TBA  
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)

### Trekkers

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Coordinator: Tori Smith (345-0043)

### No Manderley this month

Please report any changes in contact information to Sue Doyle, Membership Treasurer, 914/474-1232 or [suedoyle1@aol.com](mailto:suedoyle1@aol.com)

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 12: *A Long & Winding Road: The Local Path to Women's Suffrage on its 100th Anniversary* – see page 1

### April 16: *Food of the Future*

Presenter: Allison Righter, MSPH, RDN  
Assistant Professor, School of Culinary Science and Nutrition, Culinary Institute of America

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Diane Jablonski \*834-3378\* [DLJab@live.com](mailto:DLJab@live.com)

I am thinking about 2020 and the myriad organizations and groups that continue to fight for women's equality. Rather than trying to fight every battle for Women's Equality ourselves, we need to remember that we can partner and collaborate with other organizations working for women's equality. I am highlighting just a few of those efforts here, and I encourage you to consider participating and supporting these.

### International Women's Day, March 8th.

Join us in celebrating this day in conjunction with the Women's Professional Network. (see article, p. 5) To find out more about the theme, #EachforEqual, you can go to this page, <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme>

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific.

### The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 64, March 9-20

In 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). A five-year milestone will be reached towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 2020 is therefore a pivotal year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and



the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

There is usually one day when AAUW is represented and it is a rewarding experience to hear and see from NGOs all around the world and hear and see what they are doing to improve the status of women. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw64-2020>

### Equal Pay Day, March 31, 2020

**Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!**

Last year we were successful in getting the Dutchess County Legislature to proclaim Equal Pay Day in Dutchess County. Let me know if you want to help work on the proclamation and get it to the legislature again for 2020. <https://www.pay-equity.org/day.html>

## MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

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

As February approaches, we hope that all our members, old and new, are back participating in our AAUW interest groups and community initiatives. We also hope you are attending our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month. There are quite a variety of speakers and topics.

Just a reminder, March 15th marks the FIRST date new members can join AAUW and be a member in good standing through June 30, 2021. This is a great time to join and get maximum membership time for your dollars – you get one year and 4 months for the same \$88 fee.

So, if you know of anyone who might want to become a part of our organization, please have them contact either of us to get an application.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2019 MEMBERS:

Linda Babas  
Kele Baker  
Kim Butwell  
Linda Ciano  
Miriam Cohen  
Alyssa Covelli  
Judy Cummins  
Mary Gall  
Philippa Goodman  
Sarah Hathaway  
Janet Houston  
Leanne Lawson  
Mary Jo Mann  
Nancy Marrine  
Sabrina Jaar Marzouka  
Joanne McCullen  
Gael Morey  
Patricia Murphy  
Cynthia Nguyen  
Tricia Sims  
Breanna Syslo  
Eileen Duffy Traslavina  
Gayle Turowski  
Norma Vazquez  
Beatrice Wong  
Darlene Yerdon  
Nadine Zaritsky

## HONORS & AWARDS

Marge Barton, Chair  
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The Honors and Awards Committee has made their selections for Emerging Leader and Named Scholarship honorees.

We need someone who is proficient in calligraphy and would be willing to volunteer writing names on certificates. The presentation will be in June at our final dinner meeting, so there is a lot of time to do so. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Please contact me if you'd like to help. Thank you!

## PROGRAM NOTES: MARCH PREVIEW

Sandy Lash [sjlash@optonline.net](mailto:sjlash@optonline.net); Monique Jones [myj712@aol.com](mailto:myj712@aol.com)



**Melodye Moore** has been a long-serving leader at the Dutchess County Historical Society in many roles: as Chair of the Collections Committee, as Program Chair of major initiatives like the “Year of the Veteran,” and is very centrally involved in

interpretation for public engagement. She authored numerous articles on local history, has been a lecturer, including at Marist College for Lifetime Studies. She served as Chief Administrative Officer and Site Manager for Mills Mansion Historic Site in Staatsburg.

**Bill Jeffway** was appointed Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) in early 2017. Having retired from three decades of work in communications and marketing, primarily at the advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather, he turned his attention to his first love: local history. Given his background, he is helping DCHS “get the word out” about its enormous reserves of physical collections, research and writings that have been nurtured since DCHS’s 1914 inception.

Together, in addition to their managerial roles, Bill and Melodye develop the majority of program and exhibition content for DCHS and manage its outreach efforts to members, educators, and friends of history.



*The Local Path to 1920 “Votes for Women”* by **Bill Jeffway** will give you an overview of this journey to voter rights for women. You will find a link to the article at [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

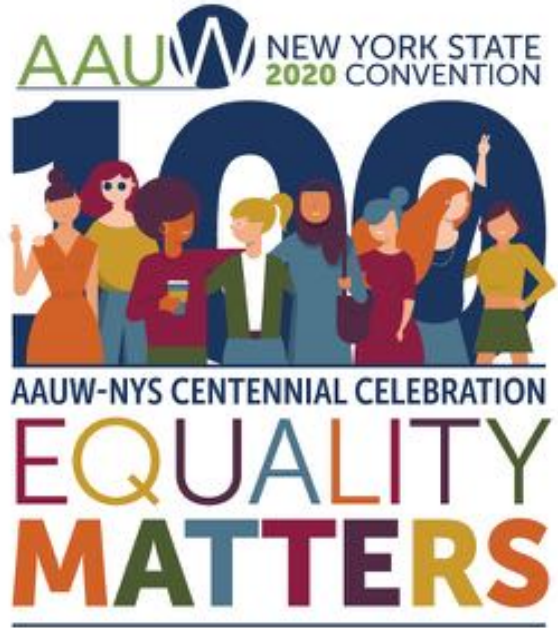
## EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Peggy Kelland \*264-9085\* [SMKell45@aol.com](mailto:SMKell45@aol.com)

The next event is “A-Maze,” held at the Fanny Fay Scout House in Beacon. All members are welcome to join us.

Jan 25	<b>A-Maze</b>	Scout House	8:45-3:30
Feb 1	<b>A-Maze</b>	Scout House	8:45-3:30
Feb 7	<b>Special Agent</b>	RCK	6:30-8:30
March 6	<b>Woodworker</b>	RCK	6:30-8:30
March 20*	<b>Drama Queen</b>	RCK	6:30-8:30
April (TBA)	<b>Map and Compass Skills</b>	Bowdoin Park	5:00-6:30

RCK = R.C. Ketcham High School Library  
 Zion = Zion Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Wappingers Falls  
 Scout House = Fanny Fay Scout House, Beacon



## AAUW-NYS Convention Update

The 2020 Centennial Convention will be held on **April 24-26, 2020 at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa in Fairport, NY.**

Registration will open on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The first 50 registrants will be entered in a raffle for a FREE Swedish massage (valued at \$100) during the weekend. The winner will be announced at the close of registration so you can make time to schedule the massage.



## Wear the pin, show your pride!

The Convention fundraiser is a Centennial Lapel Pin, a limited edition design created especially for AAUW-NYS. It is available in 18k yellow gold plating or rhodium plating with faux pearls. The stones in the ‘100’ are precious crystals. The pin is \$75 (\$10.00 will go to Greatest Need Fund of AAUW). For more details and ordering information, go to the branch website: ([www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org))

## PUBLIC POLICY

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## Equality DOES Matter

This year, AAUW New York State will celebrate a double centennial of 100 years of vital work on behalf of women and girls, as well as the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment granting women the right to vote. Recently, however, some important unfinished business is in the news again that also needs our attention: getting the ERA ratified.

Virginia recently became the 38<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the amendment, but the ERA cannot become part of our Constitution unless the deadline for ratification, 1982, is removed. There are on-going efforts in both the House and the Senate to make this happen; however, there are legal challenges that must be overcome, and naysayers who think this is not an important issue. It is. In fact, the theme for our convention is, Equality Matters.

YOU can make a difference. Contact your Senators and Representative to let them know you support their efforts to ensure that gender-based equality under the law becomes part of the Constitution. If you need some inspiration, tap into National Women's History Alliance on your computer for reminders of what women in the past have done in the name of equality. It is a great resource for history, and what is going on now across the United States in celebration of this wonderful year.

## INTERNATIONAL/DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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### Hudson Valley Gospel Festival

In recognition of February as Black History month, Arts Mid-Hudson will host the first-ever Hudson Valley Gospel Festival on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Changepoint Theater, and the Nesheiwat Convention Center.



Activities will include performances by the Hudson Valley Community Gospel Choir: workshops for choir members, including youth choir directing for teenagers; and drum and dance ministry. AAUW will be represented at Sunday's brunch and hat parade, concluding with a concert by the choir.

For program details, go to [www.dutchesstourism.com/hygospelfestival](http://www.dutchesstourism.com/hygospelfestival). Weekend passes are \$125 for adults; \$100 for Seniors over 65 and students aged 13-18. One-day tickets are \$50. To attend the brunch and hat parade with other members, contact Marti Madory, chair of the AAUW Poughkeepsie International/Diversity Committee.

## International Women's Day Dinner

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm  
Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel  
40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch is a co-sponsor of this event, which brings together hundreds of women from all walks of life who live and work in the Mid-Hudson area. It's a great opportunity to meet other women and tell them about our Branch and its activities – and have a fun evening, too.



In addition to dinner, the event features author Amy Jin, a pitch coach for start-up founders who need to perfect the story they tell about their businesses to prospective investors. She worked in business development for Google, as an account executive for Open Table, and launched her own fashion start-up.

Cost of the evening is \$47 for WPN members, and \$52 for non-members. To obtain the Eventbrite link for registration, see the AAUW Facebook page or contact Marti Madory, who will forward it to you.

## Committee on Teaching about the United Nations February 28, 2020

Join the AAUW delegation attending CTAUN's 1-day conference again this year.

Theme for the sessions will be "War No More", as we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN with diplomats, other peace educators, and outside expert leaders. Special hotel rates available to registrants must be booked by Feb. 12. Registration fee is \$65; to register, contact [registrar@teachun.org](mailto:registrar@teachun.org). If you would like to travel together on Metro-North, contact Marti Madory for the schedule.



### AUTUMN 2020 –Branch Program:

#### Restrictions on Girls and Women Who Menstruate

Join us for a look at the limits on the world's menstruating populations and how they can be lifted. In cooperation with Vassar College and Days for Girls International and honoring the hundreds of local volunteers – AAUW members and others -- who produce menstrual hygiene kits for girls so they can attend school every day. Special screening of "Period. End of Sentence," an Oscar-winning film produced by high school girls in California about enterprising women in India.

### EVERY DAY–Looking for Other Interesting/Worthwhile Things To Do?

Be sure to check AAUW's Mid-Hudson Community Calendar or the International/Diversity page of the branch website ([www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)) for the exciting activities available to the public in our area during the coming months.

## LEADING TO READING

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### Continuing Members' Legacies

As a lifetime educator and long-time AAUW member, Linda Roy wanted to continue support for the Leading to Reading community initiative. She particularly loved the Books for Babies program and was instrumental in starting it. One of her last wishes was for people to donate funds in her memory to the project. **Friends and family have been very generous, and over \$1600 was donated to purchase baby books.** Each book will have a label honoring her commitment to reading for all children. In addition, the Noxon Road School held a book drive in her honor and donated both new and used books to the program.

A donation was also made to honor Sandy Sherman, another active AAUW volunteer. She divided her time between Leading to Reading and Court Watch and was always ready to help when needed. One of her special interests was taking part in the middle school projects.

The memories of both of these special women will live on in children's love of books.

### Holiday Book Drive A Huge Success

AAUW's Leading to Reading was the beneficiary of this year's Barnes and Noble holiday book drive. Thanks to the generosity of Barnes & Noble customers, **Leading to Reading received a donation of 28 boxes of new books!**

Our members will sort and distribute them over the next few months. Through this project, we will be able to reach even more children in the coming year.

A big Thank You goes to the Barnes and Noble staff for their enthusiastic support and to the many, many customers who so generously purchased books for donation.

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