

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW, INC. HISTORY MAY, 2012- APRIL, 2013

History of our branch as taken from the pages of our newsletter, "The Branch." Details are available at www.aauwpoughkeepie.org

"AIN'T I A WOMAN?"

May 8, 2012 at Christo's

The Poughkeepsie AAUW is proud to present four legendary women from the Hudson Valley who changed American history. For one evening only, through the magic of performance, Sojourner Truth (Carmen McGill), Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Eileen Hayden), Jane Bolin (Sherre Wesley) and Katharine Graham (Geeta Desai) will speak to us about their challenges and their triumphs, revealing surprising details of their lives and the status of women in American society.

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

POUGHKEEPSIE BRANCH AAUW, INC.

BOARD 2012-2013

Elected Positions

*President	Jackie Goffe-McNish
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*These officers will serve through June, 2014.

Appointed Positions

<i>The Branch</i> Editor	Margaret Nijhuis
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Website	Mary King
Woman of the Year Chair	Marge Barton

DUTCHESS COUNTY Science Fair!

On Saturday, March 31, Eileen Hayden and Ginny Marcus judged the science on behalf of AAUW and presented gift certificates to seventh grader **Ashley Quinn**, and eighth grader **Victoria Smith**.

Now it's your turn to . . .

SHAPE THE FUTURE!

. . . at the annual AAUW
BRAINSTORMING SESSION!

Our June membership meeting will focus on
YOUR IDEAS

for the 2012-2013 season of
monthly membership programs.

Come and tell us what's important to you,
what you'd like to learn more about,
what fascinates you these days.

Do you have a friend with special
knowledge of an intriguing subject?
We want to know!

When: Thursday, June 14th, 7:00 pm
Where: St. John's, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (EOF)

HONOREES

Every year we name these scholarships after deserving members to honor their work in the Branch. This year's honorees are **Mary Coiteux, Mary King, Dave King**, as well as three members in memoriam; **Irene Keyes, Susan Kemp, and Elizabeth Moesel**. Each of these people have, in their own way, had a positive influence on AAUW.

Coordinator: Linda Roberts

IRENE KEYES MEMORIAL FUND AND NCCWSL

We are proud to announce that a grant from the **Irene Keyes Memorial Fund** has been awarded to **Domonique Garrett**, a local Marist College student. She will attend the 27th annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) from May 31 to June 2, 2012. In addition to her studies, Domonique Garrett is the Director of Youth Services for D.I.V.A.S. of Sister 2 Sister of Poughkeepsie. She has co-coordinated Project S.W.A.G (Society at War Against Illegal Guns and Violence.)

Coordinator: Marcine Humphrey

OPEN HOUSE/REUNION

Thursday, September 13, 2012, 7 pm
Hellenic Community Center

AAUW gives us wings which helps us broaden our borders and soar everywhere! Join us for our annual Open House/Reunion after the summer meeting.

Poughkeepsie AAUW welcomed 32 new members at this open house.

Coordinators: Kay Saderhorn & Amy Schwed

BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

Can you picture **10,000 books**? That's the number that have been sorted, labeled, packaged and distributed to children throughout our area by enthusiastic members of the *Leading to Reading* project!



Since the community outreach program started in 2004, numerous community partnerships have been developed. The focus has been on supporting early literacy programs, but adult books and teen libraries have also been supplied. In addition, members serve as community readers, wrap holiday gifts, provide Children's Book Week celebrations, sponsor Barnes and Noble book fairs, and work alongside the residents at The Manor at Woodside.

Coordinator: Betty Harrel

STAND UP TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

"SHOUT OUT" to the volunteer monitors in Family Court.

"SPECIAL SHOUT OUT" to Karen Gomba for researching a computer analysis program and designing the monitors' survey form to fit the program.

"SHOUT OUT" to Joanne Dyson for inputting the data and to Elaine Andersen for helping Joanne and sending out e-mail notifications.

The project has been greatly enhanced by these extraordinary individuals!!

The Coalition Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault (CADVSA) recognized AAUW for its work on the Court Watch Program

Coordinators: Mary Lou Heissenbittel & Leah Feldman

MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE

Seventh Annual Poughkeepsie Area Girls' Conference for 7th grade girls sponsored by Poughkeepsie AAUW Inc. and Dutchess Community College Saturday, November 3, 2012

Although Hurricane Sandy was a factor, there were 63 wonderful girls to enjoy and benefit from the day.

Coordinator: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin



WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2012

Judith A. Lombardi

Director of Outreach and Support Services, Grace Smith House

Saturday, October 20, 2012

Villa Borghese



Judy received her BA in Psychology from the University of Connecticut and her MSW from the State University of New York in Albany. Currently, she is the Director of Outreach and Support Services at Grace Smith House. Judy was the Executive Director of Grace Smith House from August of 2004 until June of 2010. Judy is a member of AAUW.

Coordinator: Marge Barton

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL FOWLIN



Actor/Psychologist/Poet

Dr. Michael Fowlin

Performs "You Don't know Me Until You Know Me"

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Poughkeepsie Day School Auditorium

Michael's program is about bias, but it is not a workshop. There are no theories espoused, no charts or historical findings. It is a psychodrama that mines self-revelation and acceptance from the very qualities we find strange, unlikeable or even frightening in other people, and ourselves.

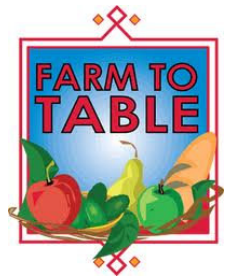
Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

WHAT IS A LOCAVORE?

Reinventing the Journey from Earth to Table to Your Body! Hudson Valley Solutions for Our Broken Food System

December 13, 2012, 7:00 pm
Hellenic Center

Come and join us for an evening of exploration with the vanguard of food advocates and producers in our region.



Didi Barrett, AAUW member and our newly re-elected representative to the New York State Assembly
Joe Baldwin, Director of the farm advocacy organization, Earth to Table, and a 1974 graduate of the CIA.

Susan Grove is the Executive Director of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project,

Roufia Payman, DT, CDN, is the Director of Outpatient Nutritional Counseling at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

TWO POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW MEMBERS WIN ELECTION

Didi Barrett has been elected to the new 106th Assembly District, including the towns of Milan, Pine Plains, North East, Stanford, Amenia, Clinton, Hyde Park, Pleasant Valley, and Poughkeepsie.



Maria Rosa was elected to a fourteen year term as a Justice in the New York State Supreme Court, serving here in Dutchess County

MISS REPRESENTATION

– a documentary film by Jennifer Seibel Newsom, premiered to rave reviews at the Sundance Film Festival in 2011!

January 10, 2013, 7:00 pm
Dutchess Community College

Mia Mask, Associate Professor of Film at Vassar College, will lead the discussion. She is the author of the acclaimed, *Divas on Screen: Black Women in American Film*, featured writer at the AAUW's 2011 Writer's Tea, and member of AAUW
Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater



MARIST PARTNERSHIPS LINK KIDS, SCIENCE

Mentor, tutor program allows students in middle school chance to experience college, instills interest in tech careers. Marist College's Liberty Partnerships Program is providing experiences in science and technology to middle-school students through a **partnership with the Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women.** The program provides students with academic enrichment, exposes them to college and instills an interest in careers in science and technology.

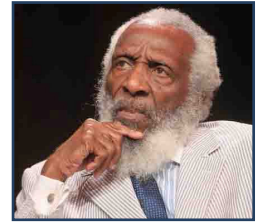
Coordinator: Kris Puzza

CECILIA DINIO-DURKIN CHOSEN AS THE 2012 ATHENA AWARD RECIPIENT

With four out of the nine of this year's Athena nominees being AAUW members, the woman chosen to represent Dutchess County was in great company! On December 2, 2012, with the main banquet hall at the Grandview filled to near capacity, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin was stunned to have been chosen to attend the Athena Conference in Chicago. Other nominees were Geeta Desai, Kathleen Mantaro and Jacqueline Goffe-McNish.

DICK GREGORY

at Marist College
Thursday, February 7, 2013
7:00 pm



Dick Gregory, civil rights activist, author, politician and comedian will take the stage at Marist to deliver his hard-hitting observations of contemporary life with a genial big-heartedness that has made him an American icon.

Dutchess Community College Black History Committee, chaired by AAUW member Carmen McGill

BACK TO THE FUTURE!

Retracing Our Steps To Improve Our Lives

March 14, 2013, 7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

GEETA DESAI – the International Federation of University Women's representative to the United Nations, and Past President of Poughkeepsie AAUW, will moderate the program

If we, American women, are to secure a future for ourselves that provides gender equality, financial stability, access to quality education, physical safety, social justice and clean air, water and food, we must take a giant step back to reach the poorest women in some of the world's oldest countries and cultures – women that time itself has forgotten.

Coordinators: Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

My Sister's Keeper of the Poughkeepsie AAUW
Sponsors trip to

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: A Day of International Understanding, Hope and Action

On March 6, 2013, 3,000 women from across the world come together in NYC to share their experiences, stories, work and plans for gender equity.

Forty seven women from Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW were there. Transportation was provided in part by the branch.

Coordinators: Geeta Desai, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin & Barbara Hugo

CUISINE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Remembrances by Joann Clark

This year marks the 40th anniversary of our Poughkeepsie Branch's' Cuisine Group. As one of the present members who has been a part of Cuisine for the longest period of time I thought I would share some of its history and my own thoughts.

Continued in Branch March 2013



The Branch
switched to the new
logo in March 2013

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This year's theme is THE GENDER AGENDA: GAINING MOMENTUM.

March 8, 2013.

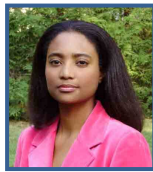
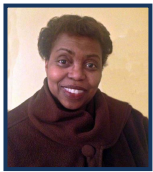
2:30 pm Registration & Inspirational speeches

4:15 pm Walk begins As in the past, the International Women's Day will end with a walk over the "Walkway Over the Hudson"

Coordinator: Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

WRITERS' TEA

April 7, 2013, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
The Links at Union Vale



Myra B. Armstead Wendy MaraghTaylor Jacqueline Sweeney

Another successful fundraiser chaired by **Lula Allen and Linda Roberts.**

INTEREST GROUPS

Our interest groups, numbering nineteen, provide programs and events each month for their members

All those books... Carol Loizides

Art on the Go Mary Coiteux

Aventures en Soleil Peggy Lombardi & Ruth Sheets

Bridge I Linda Ronayne & Mary Ann Ryan

Bridge II Cathy Kinn & Janet White

Bridge 3 Donna Reichner

Contemporary Literature Ann Wade & Linda Freisitzer

Cuisine Group Barbara Van Itallie

Daytime Literature Diana Gleeson & Tiz Hanson

Ediss Book Group Celia Serotsky

Gourmet: Out & About Kay Saderholm

Mah Jongg Amy Schwed & Gerri DiPompei

Manderley Literary Society Ellie Burch

Movie Night Sue Osterhoudt & Diana Gleeson

Pins & Needles Jane Toll & Arlene Seligman

Tee Off Terry Schneider & Carol Mastropietro

Trekkers Karen Haynes

Word Games Ellie Charwat

World Travelers Jeanette Cantwell

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INITIATIVES

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Community projects and the services they provide.

Careers, Compensation & You Sharon Clarke

Diversity Initiative Gwen Higgins

Leading to Reading Betty Harrel

Let's Do Math Anthula Natsoulas

My Sister's Keeper Joan Monk & Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

Partnership for Healthcare Awareness

STEM Kris Puzza

Stand Up to Domestic Violence Leah Feldman & Mary Lou Heissenbuttel

Women's Personal and Professional Dev
Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

Events

Annual Meeting Barbara Hugo & Shelby Outwater

Live Your Dream Girls' Conference Cecilia Dinio-Durkin

Open House Kay Saderholm & Amy Schwed

Woman of the Year Marge Barton

Writers' Tea Lula Allen & Linda Roberts

OFF BOARD POSITIONS

Assistant Editor of "The Branch:" Kathy Friedman

Assistant Secretary: Maria DeWald

Database Manager: Mary Jo Cottrell

LAF Rotary Rib Fest Coordinator: Sharon Clarke

WOMEN'S PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL

Offering women support and empowerment in dealing with workplace issues, personal and professional development and work/family balance efforts. Speakers for this year are:

October *Budgeting*, Adrienne Haynes

November *Journaling*, Angela Batchelor

January *The Power of One*,
Wendy Maragh Taylor

February *Kitchen Savvy*, Ruth Howell-Johnson

March *Motivation*, Paula Perez

April *Women's Health Issues*, Eva Williamson

Coordinator: Jacqueline Goffe-McNish

A FINAL WORD...

Our branch has been enriched throughout the year by the articles written in our newsletter. Our thanks to Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**; Mary Coiteux, **"HATS OFF"**; Amy Schwed & Kay Saderholm, **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**; Geeta Desai, **AN INFORMED LIFE** and Doris Kelly, **PUBLIC POLICY**