

AAUW Diversity Committee 2016-2017 End of Year Report

The Diversity Committee facilitated multiple activities during the year of 2016-2017.

In October we presented a joint program with the AAUW Programming Committee on Islam in America. Our speaker, Dr. Nada Halloway was very thorough and intellectually stimulating. She was well received.

For our community project, we collected cosmetic product for the halfway house in Poughkeepsie. The membership was very generous and we collected over 150 items. The management of the home was appreciative.

In February we presented a discussion on “Dreamers”. The presenter was a “dreamer” who told her story, showed a movie on the subject, and led a very honest and lively discussion.

In March the discussion was entitled The African living in America in 2017. This was led by professor Lawrence Nsereko. He reminded us that race and class is a totally different definition in the non-westernized world. He indicated that this was one of the hardest things to learn and adjust to in the USA.

The committee also initiated a cookbook project. This has had a very poor response from the general membership and has therefore being put on hold.

The trip to Seneca Falls has been taken over by another committee.

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