

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch, Inc.
Honors and Awards Chair
Annual Report June 2017

As Honors and Awards chair, projects involved honoring our members and those in the community. Recommendations were sought from board members and an article requesting nominations was placed in *The Branch*. Short term committees were formed to recommend honorees, which were then presented to the board for approval. The awards are an effective way to validate the work done to forward our mission.

Projects included:

- Woman of the Year: served on the committee chaired by Gail Sisti and Mary Lou Davis. The committee selected Mariel Fiori, who has worked throughout our area to support the Latino population and dramatically increased the scope and reach of her publication, *La Voz*.
- Named fellowships: selected committee to make recommendations. Those chosen have dedicated a great deal of time and effort for various branch activities. Contact was made with each candidate as well as the national AAUW office to obtain the certificates. This year's honorees are Diana Babington, Mary Ann Boylan, Mary Anne Hogarty, Barbara Lemberger, Lori Scolaro, and Barbara Van Itallie.
- Emerging Leader: Committee selected Sheila Zweifler, a new member who became involved in the Membership Committee and is nominated for Membership Co-Vice President. Information was sent to the AAUW-NYS District Director and the nominee was contacted. She was honored as part of a special celebration at the state convention.
- Mid-Hudson Regional Science Fair: Two members, Kay Saderholm and Claudette Hennessy, were asked to represent AAUW. They served as judges and awarded \$50 Barnes and Noble gift certificates to one 7th grade girl and one 8th grade girl.
- Cornerstone Award: Committee selected Gloria Gibbs, a long time member who has consistently helped to increase membership, develop branch diversity, and involve new members in branch activities. The winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner and an article will be placed in the September Branch. The gift was engraved and a handout was developed for the meeting.
- Irene Keyes Memorial Fund: Served on the committee chaired by Marcine Humphrey to select a college student to attend the NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) conference held at the University of Maryland in May.

Articles were sent to *The Branch* and our Facebook page on each of the awards.

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