

AAUW Woman of the Year Committee—Annual Report 2016-2017

The Woman of the Year Committee for Fall 2016 was comprised of Carol Barmann and Joanne Long, Co-chairs, Mary Lou Davis, Beth Devine, Betty Harrel, and Judy Linville. Each member's commitment and participation contributed to the success of this event.

Krista Jones, Founder and Executive Director of Sparrow's Nest of the Hudson Valley, was honored for her service to and impact on our community. Her goal and the mission of the organization is to help as many people as possible who are or have/had a member of their family under treatment for cancer by providing meals and offering support in many ways . The full bio on our AAUW website provides more information about her, what motivated her to begin Sparrow's Nest, and what the organization does. Krista was honored and recognized for her unwavering devotion to assuring that "every caregiver's nest should be protected."

A luncheon honoring Krista was held on Sunday, October 23, 2016, at LeChambord in Hopewell Junction, and was attended by 94 people associated with both AAUW and the Sparrow's Nest communities. We had 98 paid reservations. We chose a theme of "inspiration" for the luncheon, and incorporated that into the afternoon. Le Chambord provided a lovely atmosphere, lunch, and great service.

Reservations and contributions income totaled \$4867.08. That includes two donations to AAUW (\$40). Other donations were given directly to Sparrow's Nest. Expenses amounted to \$4692.94 (\$4192.94 for 2016-1017 and \$500 deposit for 2015-2016 year), resulting in a surplus of \$174.14. For purposes of evaluating PayPal, we had 26 PayPal reservations with fees of \$1.40 per reservation/\$2.50 per 2 reservations. Our PayPal costs were \$34.32, reducing our income total by that amount.

The 2017 Woman of the Year Committee will be co-chaired by Mary Lou Davis and Gail Sisti, and members of this year's committee agreed to serve on that committee. In addition, names sent to us by Susie Blecker as also interested in serving on next year's committee are Carol Buyakowski, Lorraine Schwinger, Cathy Varunok .