

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW, INC. HISTORY July, 2017 - JUNE, 2018

History of our branch as taken from the pages of our newsletter, "The Branch."

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YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

June 30, 2017- June 30, 2018

Elected Positions

President	Maria DeWald
Program Co-VPs	Monique Jones & Sandra Lash
Membership VP	Susie Blecker & Sheila Zweifler
Educational Opportunities Fund VP	Jocelynn Banfield
Communications VP	Bonnie Auchincloss
Secretary	Kathy Friedman
Treasurer	Diane Jablonski
Membership Treasurer	Mary Anne Hogarty

Appointed Positions

Community Initiative Liaison	Barbara Hugo
Diversity	Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
Education	Kris Puzza
Historian	Eileen Hayden
Honor and Awards	Betty Harrel
Immediate Past President	Barbara Van Itallie
Interest Group Chair	Barbara Lemberger
International Relations	Sabashnee Govender
Legal Advocacy Fund	Janna Whearty
Newsletter Editor	Margaret Nijhuis
Nominating Committee	Betsy Kopstein-Stuts
Public Policy	Patricia DeLeo
Publicity	Cathy Kinn
Web Mistress	Mary King

Off Board Positions

Assistant Historian	Barbara Hesperheide
Assistant Newsletter Ed.	Kathy Friedman
Assistant Secretary	Susan Doyle
Communications Assist.	Joanne Scolaro
Database Manager	Claudette Hennessy
Facebook Manager	Mary Coiteux
Keyes Fund/ NCCWSL	Marcine Humphrey
Photography Comm. Chair	Bonnie Auchincloss
State & National Liaison	Mary Lou Davis
Technical Support	Mary Ann Boylan

Interest Groups 2017-2018

All those books...	Carol Loizides
Art on the Go	Mary Coiteux
Aventures en Soleil	Janna Whearty
Bridge I	Linda Ronayne
Bridge II	Cathy Kinn
Bridge III	Donna Reichner
Contemporary Literature	Linda Freisitzer & Ann Wade
Cuisine Group	Barbara Lemberger
Daytime Literature	Leona Miller
Ediss Book Group	Celia Serotsky
Gourmet: Out & About	Kay Saderholm & Mary Ann Boylan
Mah Jongg	Blanche Bergman
Manderley Literary Society	Rochelle Friedman
Movie Night	Sue Osterhoudt & Dina Gleeson
Pedal Pushers	Sheila Zweifler
Pins & Needles	Pat Luczai & Mary Ann Williams
Poetry & Play Reading	Barbara Hugo & Jackie Sweeney
Photography	Carol Demicco
Trekkers	Tori Smith
Word Games	Susan Doyle
World Travelers	Jeanette Cantwell

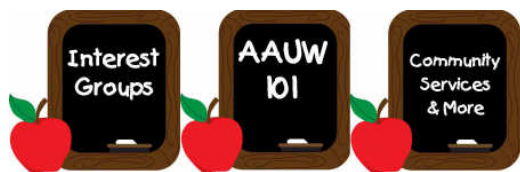
Community Service Initiatives 2017-2018

Court Watch	Ann Pinna
Diversity	Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
Extending Girls' Horizons	Peggy Kelland
International Initiatives	Sabashnee Govender
Leading to Reading	Betty Harrel
Let's Do Math	Anthula Natsoulas
Live Your Dream Girls' Conference	Lori Scolaro & Diana Babington
Mothers Project	Lula Allen & Kay Bishop
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)	Kristina Puzza & Barbara Van Itallie

Events 2017-2018

Annual Meeting	Judy Linville
LAF/ Rotary Rib Fest	Sharon Clarke
Open House	Susie Blecker/ Sheila Zweifler
Woman of the Year	Mary Lou Davis & Gail Sisti
Writers' Tea	Lula Allen, Linda Roberts

BACK TO AAUW



September 7, 2017

Chairs: Susie Blecker & Sheila Zweifler
The Hellenic Community Center

AAUW was on display with our 20 Interest Groups, our 9 Community Initiatives, our monthly meetings, and other wonderful events throughout the year!

At this meeting the Photography Committee began working on a project to photograph all AAUW members
29 new members joined at this event or later in the year.

Woman of the Year 2017

Marief Fiori

Managing Editor of La Voz



October 29, 2017

Chairs: Mary Lou Davis & Gail Sisti
Beekman Arms

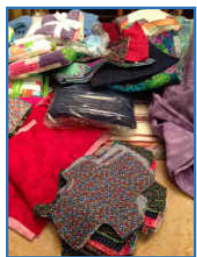
Marief Fiori, MBA, is a journalist, translator, educator and entrepreneur. She co-founded and is the managing editor of the Bard-sponsored La Voz, which is the only Spanish language print publication serving the 140,000 Latinos in the Mid-Hudson Valley and Catskill regions since 2004.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Chair: Sabashnee Govender

Days for Girls

This summer members from AAUW Poughkeepsie have partnered with *Days for Girls International*. We established The *Poughkeepsie NY Days for Girls Team*. Our members together with other members of the community have been volunteering in making feminine Hygiene kits for girls who miss 5-7 days of school each month because of lack of feminine hygiene products. In March, 25 kits were sent to Haiti with the Vassar Haiti Project.



Thank you, **Girl Scout Troop 1116**, for your generous in-kind donations of Days for Girls Kit items. Thanks also for cutting fabric, barrier layers and bags ready for us to sew.



POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW CORNERSTONE AWARD

June, 2017

*Presented at the
June Annual Dinner*

Each year, our branch honors a member who represents the "foundation" of AAUW. She has contributed her energy, enthusiasm, and talents to AAUW but is rarely in the limelight. Through her efforts, she helps to further our mission, increase branch visibility, and make others feel that they, too, are a vital part of who we are. **This year's honoree is Gloria May Gibbs.**

AAUW-NYS DISTRICT 4

Sponsored by Poughkeepsie Branch, Inc



October 21, 2017

Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory

Chairs: Peggy Kelland, Maria DeWald, Gwen Higgins & Marcine Humphrey

Speakers: **Elizabeth Celaya, Ruth Ellen Blodgett, Kathy Scheider, Diane Jablonski, Sandy Goldberg, Barbara Gutzler, Elisa Sumner Peggy Kelland**

- *How can AAUW members make our voices heard?*
- *Presentations on
Health, Education and Governance.*

AAUW-NYS SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Even though we sometimes resist giving up time for leadership training, it really is a motivating and informative experience and time well spent.

So it was for AAUW-NYS annual summer leadership conference

held at Cazenovia College, July 21-23. Poughkeepsie members on the state board: Mary Lou Davis, Betty Harrel, & Diane Jablonski. Off Board: Cyd Averill, Margaret Nijhuis & Linda Roberts



P. Kelland, M. DeWald, B. Harrel,
D. Jablonski, B. Auchincloss,
M. Humphrey, M.L. Davis

Here Comes the Judge ... and Comptroller

Candidates Forum: October 10, 2017

The Unitarian Fellowship

Chair: Pat DeLeo

Meet the candidates for State Supreme District 9 (Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Putnam and Westchester Counties):
Christi Acker and Linda Murray.

Jim Coughlan and Robin Lois are this year's candidates for Dutchess County Comptroller.



Bettering our Community: Using Resources Wisely

October 12, 2017

The Barn, Vassar College Environmental Cooperative
Chairs: Betty Harrel & Barbara Durniak and Monique Jones & Sandy Lash



Atticus

- Do we recycle as many eligible items as possible?
- How can extra food be recycled?
- Is there a way to "share" unused items with others?



Siennah

Our October meeting will help provide answers to these and

many other questions about recycling. Atticus Lanigan, General Manager of Zero to Go, and Siennah Yang, Branch Head of Rescuing Leftover Cuisine **New Members' reception** was held before the meeting.

11th Annual LIVE YOUR DREAM GIRLS' CONFERENCE

November 4, 2018

Dutchess Community College
Chairs: Diana Babington & Lori Scolaro



Money was raised with Diva, Dreamer and Darling campaign as well as profits from the Writers' Tea. It was a very successful day with many AAUW and community volunteers.

BEING MUSLIM IN AMERICA

"THREADING MY PRAYER RUG: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim"

Author and Speaker: Sabeeha Rehman

November 9, 2017

Unitarian Fellowship
Chairs: Sandy Lash, Monique Jones

As fear of ISIS and Islamic extremism shades our perception of Islam, Sabeeha's voice is a clear, radiant contribution to the national conversation.



MATH BUDDIES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Barbara Van Itallie



AAUW's newest initiative, Math Buddies, is seeking more volunteers for the coming school year.

COURT WATCH

Ann Pinna, Chair.



HAVE NEWS WILL TRAVEL!

Our Court Watch team is proud to announce that yet another attorney is seeking assistance in developing a similar court watch program--- this time, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In addition, **Sandy Lash** has been invited to present a program about the **Poughkeepsie Branch Court Watch Initiative** at the AAUW-Westchester Branch meeting on February 7, 2018.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT DCC

Linda Roberts, VP Educational Foundation 2017, and Linda Beyer



L to R Front: Linda Roberts, Linda & Klaus Beyer, Stacie Woodard, Noah Fields. Back: Kristina Daniels, Marie DeWald, and Amanda Booth.

Kristin Daniels and Amanda Booth received the two Poughkeepsie Branch Scholarships. Noah Fields received the Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship and Stacie Woodard the Wilda Dible Hunt Memorial Scholarship (presented by Linda Beyer).

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW MEMBERS MEET WITH NEW AAUW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Diane Jablonski

Members of the AAUW- New York State Board including **Diane Jablonski** and **Betty Harrel** recently met with the new **AAUW CEO, Kim Churches**, and the **COO, Mark Hopkins**. Kim was on a "listening" tour to understand the issues facing local AAUW branches and state organizations and to share her priorities for AAUW.



Kim Churches



Our end of the month email summary of AAUW and community events

Chair: Cathleen Kinn

MARIST LIBERTY PARTNERSHIP, May 2017

Chair: Kris Puzza



One of our STEM projects involves working with the Marist Liberty Partnership.

Marist Liberty Partnership's first workshop was Tuesday, May 2. Volunteers included **Pat Luczai, Iris Turkenkopf, Gwen Higgins, Suzanne Turetzky and Kris Puzza**. Kris planned a twist on the classic Egg Drop project.

IRENE KEYES MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Chair: Marcine Humphrey



2017 Recipient of the NCCWSL scholarship, Qadan Mohamed - Marist College student

"I am beyond grateful that I was selected and awarded this scholarship. Opportunities like this scholarship make a significant difference in the lives of driven and passionate women."

"FIVE CENT COOKIES" A Journey to Senegal

Presented by: Amy Thrasher

December 14, 2017

Unitarian Universalist

Chairs: Sandy Lash & Monique Jones

"Sometimes Travel to New Places Leads to Great Transformation:

Believe it or not, that was printed on the slip of paper inside my fortune cookie from a Chinese takeout dinner, just a few days before I left for my month in Senegal. I can't think of anything more timely or auspicious!" (Amy Thrasher)



MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY THIS YEAR!

Chair: Linda Beyer

Once again let's share the spirit of the holidays with the residents of Grace Smith House at our December meeting.



The children who are residing at Grace Smith House, a home for victims of domestic violence, are remembered and well-provided for with lovely gifts from various community groups at the holidays. **The mothers there, however, need also to feel that the community cares about them and remembers them at holiday time.** For the past three years AAUW has provided a host of wonderful gifts.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Marcine Humphrey

Donations are welcomed at the January 11, 2018 program meeting for "Poughkeepsie Teen Closet."



LEADING TO READING NEWS AND NOTES

Chair: Betty Harrel

BAGS AND MORE BAGS

Thanks to a recent grant from **4Imprint.com**, the *Leading to Reading* project now has 200 new string bags. The logo on the bags was designed by *Leading to Reading* volunteer **Mary Coiteux**.



A NEW POPULAR TREAT

If you stop by a local laundromat or food bank, you might see our newest *Leading to Reading* outreach, **Laundromat Libraries**. This joint project with the **Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District** started in June.

AND A THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS.....

who brought stuffed animals to the annual dinner in June. *Leading to Reading* distributed them to children at Grace Smith House during the summer.



HELP MAKE A MOUNTAIN!



It's time to build our AAUW mountain of brightly wrapped gifts. As part of our *Leading to Reading* community outreach, we'll be wrapping gifts for children living at Hudson River Lodging.

LEADING TO READING DONATIONS

For the second year in a row, *Leading to Reading* was given **boxes of beautiful new books by the WCT (Wappingers Congress of Teachers)**. We also received a **generous check from the WCRT (Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers)** to purchase new books.

REACHING OUT

The community has continued to respond to our positive outreach program and we've received great support. **Central Hudson** again made a donation and noted their delight in sponsoring the project. A grant was also received from the **Nora Roberts Foundation**, which seeks to empower people through literacy. The **Community Nursery School of PUMC** (Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church) sponsored a book drive to support our Laundromat Libraries (733 books received). Also AAUW **Cuisine Interest Group** has donated money they've accumulated over the year and a donation from **Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District**.



PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE PERILS OF ONLINE ACTIVITY

Investigator Thomas Roidl

January 11, 2018

Unitarian Fellowship

Chairs: Sandy Lash & Monique Jones

"The Internet has opened up a world of information and opportunity for anyone with a computer and a connection."

With expertise in the world of hacks, stolen identities, malware, sexual and financial predators and more, Investigator Roidl will bring us vital information about the perils of online activity and cover Internet Safety for children and adults.



The Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW has volunteered at the Hudson Valley Ribfest for 13 years. **Sharon**

Clarke is retiring this year from the role as volunteer organizer for LAF. We received the **best returns ever!! \$629.** Next year, **Marcine Humphrey** will be reaching out to the membership for ribfest volunteers.

THE MANY FACES OF TRAFFICKING AND WHAT WE CAN DO

Presenter: Grace Roebuck, Vassar

February 8, 2018

Chairs: Gloria Ghedini, Sandy Lash & Monique Jones
Unitarian Fellowship

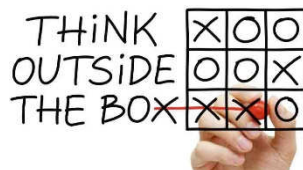
Grace Roebuck, a sophomore Psychology major from Vassar College will speak on the issue of Human Trafficking.



PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING ANNOUNCED

Sandy Lash and Monique Jones

May 22nd, 6:30 pm
Charwat Room of
Adriance Library



9TH ANNUAL WRITERS' TEA & BENEFIT AUCTION

Chairs: Lula Allen & Linda Roberts

April 15, 2018

The Links at Union Vale

Authors:

Mihai Grunfeld was born in Cluj, Romania. In 1969, at age 18, he escaped to Austria. He has a Ph.D. from the University of California and is a professor at Vassar College. We will learn of his extraordinary life through his autobiography *Leaving – Memories of Romania*.

Jane Lazarre is a prize-winning writer of fiction and non-fiction. Her memoir, *The Communist and The Communist's Daughter*, was published in fall, 2017. Her previous memoir, *Beyond the Whiteness of Whiteness: Memoir of a White Mother of Black Sons*, will be the focus of her presentation.

Many articles appeared throughout the year to advertise the coming Tea event. These articles were written by Linda Roberts or Margaret Nijhuis.

Once again the tea was a great success, raising over \$10,000 for our Community Service Initiatives and scholarships.



AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

April 20 to 22, 2018

Radisson Hotel
Corning, NY

*One Year After the
Women's March*



Moving Onward: Empowering Women

AAUW & Non-AAUW Members Welcome

Kim Churches, National AAUW CEO is the keynote speaker.

LEAN IN? OPT OUT? WHAT'S A WOMAN TO DO?

April 4, 2018

The Aula at Vassar College

Chairs: Sandy Lash & Monique Jones

Moderator: Wendy Maragh Taylor.

This program will attend to the challenges women face with having a range of "noise" around us, being pulled in various directions and having numerous possibilities. **Panelist:**

Sophia Burns, Student, Vassar College; **Leah Feldman**, Director for Victim Safety, Family Services; **Cecilia Hoang**, Student, Vassar College; **Lubna Somjee**, Clinical & Health Psychologist; **Shona Tucker**, Faculty Vassar College



Join us on June 14th for a unique Annual Meeting and Dinner! Election and Installation of the new officers for 2018 will be a part of this program.

The introduction of our honorees and the announcement of our Cornerstone Award will also take place.

The event will be held at The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. We will have the opportunity to have a tour of the newly renovated main building and will also enjoy a guest speakers from the Children's Home, Courtney Rovere and Erin Cafarelli, "**The Importance of Community Connections**" as well as Kathie Murray, our NCCWSL recipient for 2018.

OUR INTEREST GROUPS

We started the year with 21 Interest Groups and as our organizational year comes to a close we have one that has reorganized, Movie Night, and two new groups, Canasta and Ediss II. We are very proud of the fun and fellowship that these groups add to our Branch.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Van Itallie, chair

For 2018-2020:

President: Diane Jablonski

Treasurer: Pat Luczai

Secretary: Ruth Sheets

Communications VP: Bonnie Auchincloss

Officers continuing for 2018-19:

Program Co-VPs: Monique Jones & Sandy Lash

Membership Co-VPs: Susie Blecker & Sheila Zweifler

Development VP: Jocelynn Banfield

Membership Treas.: Mary Ann Hogarty

HONOREES

Chair: Betty Harrel

Emerging Leader: **Monique Jones**

Named Fellowships: **Pat DeLeo, Sabashnee Govender, Eileen Hayden, Sandy Lash, Judy Linville, Joanne Scolaro**

EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Chair: Peggy Kelland

A full year with great programs for the girls in grades 6 – 12. Many AAUW volunteers insured each was an interesting evening.

September "Math Games"

October "Science of Trees"

November "Weaving and Cross Stitch"

December "Morse Code Bracelets"

January & February "Amaze"

January "Paper Crafts"

February "International and Historic Cooking"

March "Dancing"



VOTING NATIONAL AAUW

Bylaw Amendments

Your member ID number (found in our membership directory) and the assigned voting PIN are required to submit a ballot whether online or by mail. PINs will be e-mailed to members before voting begins and will also be sent with the Spring AAUW *Outlook*. Be sure to Vote! **Voting online is April 25 - June 9th. You may request a paper ballot April 16 - May 7.**

ANNUAL REPORT – PRESIDENT – 2016-17

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WORLD WAR WOMEN: THE UNSUNG HEROINES OF WWII

A Live Performance of an original play presented by Judith Kalaora, the Founder and Artistic Director of History at Play*

May 10, 2018

Chairs: Sandy Lash & Monique Jones

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Chairs: Sandy Lash & Monique Jones



In a never before seen adventure into the stories of the unknown, History At Play™ embodies the spirit of women who risked their lives to defeat Fascism in WWII. World War Women is a suspenseful reliving of the triumphs of some of our greatest heroines. From organizing the Resistance, to blowing up rail tracks, rescuing downed RAF pilots, and

flying dangerous missions, these stories are not for the faint of heart and may very well be the most influential and often forgotten victories of the war. In a live performance, Judith Kalaora, professional actress, portrays five of these influential and often forgotten women.

Two examples of our Perusing Our Past – others in our newsletter for the 2017 year.

PERUSING OUR PAST

Eileen Hayden & Barbara Hesperheide

In 1992 we had 112 members. One project was to establish a **small library at Camp Beacon**, which became Beacon Correctional Facility. We raised funds for scholarships by raffling a signature quilt we made to honor Eleanor



Roosevelt and other well-known women. Barbara Markell, pictured with the quilt, sent fabric swatches for signatures and many were returned including Rosalynn Carter (whose first name is Eleanor), Barbara Walters, Barbara Jordan and Bella Abzug. For many years the quilt hung at Val-Kill, Eleanor's cottage in Hyde Park...

With the celebration of the centennial women's suffrage in New York State fast approaching, it is a prime time to look more closely at some of the aspects of what led to the 1917 legislation and the ultimate passage of the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920...



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Chair: Sabashnee Govender

This year the 62nd Commission on the Status of women will be held from March 12, 2018 to March 23, 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. A small group attended on March 15, 2018 and found it as interesting and stimulating as ever. Maria DeWald, Marcine Humphrey and Gwen Higgins attended.

COURT WATCH –“Update & Looking Forward”

Ann Pinna, AAUW Court Watch Chair

Sandy Lash gave Court Watch talk to the AAUW Westchester branch. On April 10, **Anne Negrin**, AAUW member and formerly a member of the Domestic Abuse Response Team for the Town of Poughkeepsie Police and a facilitator for a weekly support group for survivors of domestic abuse, shared her experiences with our team in order to provide us with a greater understanding of how abused women navigate through the judicial system. We are expecting **Carl S. Chu, Esq.**, to come to our May meeting and speak about his role as Attorney for the Child. Many on our team see Attorney Chu in court on a regular basis and we hope to learn a great deal of information from his years of experience dealing with children and families challenged



NCCWSL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2018

Katherine Murray, Marist College

Marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

The Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW has selected Katherine Murray of Marist College as the recipient of the **Irene Keyes Scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).**

Majoring in Communication and Public Relations and Music and Video Digital Production, Katherine describes herself as a “work in progress.” She is a firm believer in trying new things and pushing herself to grow. She has a strong desire to attend NCCWSL because she wants to build upon her leadership skills.



LEADING TO READING RECEIVES THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Judy Linville



On April 6th, fifteen members of AAUW went to the United Nations where Betty Harrel accepted an award on behalf of the *Leading to Reading* interest

group, which was one of seven projects honored, including one from a high school in Algeria. LTR was recognized for their many and varied efforts to promote early literacy and for the distribution of over 30,000 books to needy children in the Hudson Valley.

The awards ceremony was part of a day-long conference sponsored by the **Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTUAN)** and the theme of the conference was "Stepping Up to Protect Children."

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Chair: Sabashnee Govender

I am pleased to announce that **Judy Longacre** from the American Sewing Guild (ASG) will be co leader of Days for Girls Poughkeepsie NY Team. Judy is a talented seamstress and has been part of Days for Girls since the beginning. Thanks to a very generous donation from the **Quaker Church** we were able to purchase a die cut and patterns for making the kit components.

Picture of Dr Gueslin explaining DfGs to Nurse Journey outside the clinic in Chermaitte, Haiti.



DUTCHESS COUNTY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Claudette Hennessy and **Kay Saderholm** served as judges at the 59th Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The **7th grade winner was Alyssa Lowe from St. Mary's School in Fishkill** for her project on "Synesthesia: The Sixth Sense". The **8th grade winner was Abigail Gadonniex from St. Martin de Porres School**. Her project was "Comparing Algal Biofuels and Diesel". Each young woman received a certificate from AAUW and a \$50 gift card from Barnes and Noble. ■

SOME PUBLIC POLICY TITLES

Chair: Pat Deleo

The Past is Present and the Future is Tense

A Day in the Neighborhood

Veterans and Pioneers

AAUW Belongs On the Cover, Not Undercover

"You May Say I'm a Dreamer, But I'm not the Only One..."

John Lennon

"Mothers, tell your children... Not to do what I have done."

MEMBERS MENTIONED IN HATS OFF

*During July 2017 – June 2018 the following members were honored with a mention in **Hats Off**:*

Dr. Pamela Edington, Carole Peterson, Carol Loizides, Honorah Hinkle, Carol Mastropietro, Bonnie Auchincloss, Pat Luczai, Cathy Kinn, Joanne Scolaro, Maria DeWald, Barbara Hugo, Susie Blecker, Sheila Zweifler, Diane Babington, Lori Scolaro, Live Your Dream Conference Committee, Gail Sisti, Mary Lou Davis, Woman of the Year Committee, Monique Jones, Sandy Lash, Pat DeLeo, Ellie Charwat, Suzi Stroller, Cathy Lane, Betty Harrel, Lula Allen, Linda Roberts, Wendy Maragh Taylor, Dian Jablonski, Cyd Averill, Bonnie Auchincloss, Marcine Humphrey, Margaret Nijhuis, Sabashnee Govender

THOSE WE WILL MISS

Doris Kelly was a staunch political activist and involved many branch members in her efforts on both the local and state level. She was also active in a number of other branch interest groups. She loved to dance.



A long-time educator, **Rita Kaplan** taught English, history and ESL and was passionate about writing. She was very involved in several community organizations and joined AAUW in 2010 after retiring.

Jackie Prusak was an avid reader and loved playing bridge and Mah Jongg. Along with all of her community activities, she took part in several of the branch interest groups and was involved in the Leading to Reading community initiative. She was a great supporter of the Writers' Tea & Auction as well as our Communications efforts.\



Margaret White served as part of the AAUW Writers' Tea committee and was an active community volunteer. She had recently moved to California to be closer to her daughter.

A Final Word...

*Our branch has been enriched throughout the year by the articles written in our newsletter. Our thanks to **Maria DeWald**, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE; **Sandy Lash and Monique Jones**, program announcements; **Susie Blecker and Sheila Zweifler**, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS; **Pat DeLeo** for the amazing articles in PUBLIC POLICY, **Barbara Hespeneide and Eileen Hayden** for their PERUSING OUR PAST and **Linda Roberts** for her monthly articles leading up to the tea.*