

## **AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch**

### **Historian: Annual Report 2017-2018**

The Poughkeepsie Branch archives are stored at Adriance Memorial Library in the Local History Room and they are a valuable resource for the historian and scholars of women's issues. Archives form the institutional memory for our organization and as such, must be kept up to date.

A basic task is the collection of issues of The Branch, programs, membership booklets, newspaper items etc. highlighting our branch. Because today's newsprint is such poor quality, news items have been copied. This task is ongoing.

The history columns for The Branch, written with Barbara Hesperheide to celebrate the centennial of suffrage for New York women, were completed in 2017.

September-Notes on our branch history

October- Background of the women's suffrage centennial

November-New York State exhibits and historic sites of the suffrage movement

December-Brief history of national AAUW origins. All of the columns are online.

In addition, a Valley View on the history of women's suffrage in New York State was published in the Poughkeepsie Journal with a reference to AAUW.

A more comprehensive strategy for the ongoing management of the collection was an unmet goal for the Historian. With the various technical advances available for retaining information, this is a complicated matter and consideration should be ongoing. I will be happy to offer assistance to Barbara Hesperheide, the new Historian to move this idea forward.

It has been my great pleasure to work with the Officers and the Board for the 2016-2018 term.

Respectfully submitted,

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