

# POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW, INC. HISTORY July, 2018 - JUNE, 2019

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

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## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

June 30, 2018- June 30, 2019

### Elected Positions

President	Diane Jablonski
Program Co-VPs	Monique Jones & Sandra Lash
Membership VP	Susie Blecker & Sheila Zweifler
Educational Opportunities Fund VP	Jocelynn Banfield
Communications VP	Bonnie Auchincloss
Secretary	Ruth Sheets
Treasurer	Pat Luczai
Membership Treasurer	Mary Anne Hogarty

### Appointed Positions

Community Initiative Liaison	Kathy Friedman
Historian	Barbara Hesperheide
Honor and Awards	Betty Harrel
Immediate Past President	Maria DeWald
Interest Group Chair	Linnea Masson
International Relations	Marti Madory
Newsletter Editor	Margaret Nijhuis
Nominating Committee	Barbara Van Itallie
Public Policy	Patricia DeLeo
Publicity	

### Off Board Positions

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

### Interest Groups 2018-2019

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	Susan Fink & Kathy Friedman

Gourmet: Out & About	Kay Saderholm & Mary Ann Boylan
Mah Jongg	Blanche Bergman
Manderley Literary Society	Rochelle Friedman
Movie Night	Linnea Masson & Ellen Zelig
Pedal Pushers	Sheila Zweifler
Photography	Carol Demicco
Pins & Needles	Pat Luczai & Mary Ann Williams
Poetry & Play Reading	Barbara Hugo & Jackie Sweeney
Trekkers	Tori Smith
Word Games	Susan Doyle
World Travelers	Bonnie Auchincloss

### Community Service Initiatives 2018-2019

Careers and Leadership	Maria DeWald & Leah Feldman
Court Watch	Ann Pinna
Days for Girls	Sabashnee Govender
Extending Girls' Horizons	Peggy Kelland
Leading to Reading	Betty Harrel
Live Your Dream Girls' Conference	Lori Scolaro & Diana Babington
Mothers Project	Lula Allen & Kay Bishop
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)	Barbara Van Itallie

### Events 2018-2019

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



## OPEN HOUSE

September 6, 2018

**Introduce our guests and prospective members to all the joys of AAUW:** our 20 Interest Groups, our 8 Community Service

Initiatives, our monthly programs and our other special events of the year.

23 New members joined.

**Chairs:** Susie Blecker & Sheila Zweifler

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018

**Dr. Pamela R. Edington**

President

Dutchess Community College

Dutchess Manor

October 21, 2018

**Chairs:** Gail Sisti & Margie Quart



### "The Evolution of New York State's Family Courts and the Challenges of Achieving Justice Today"

**Judge Tracy MacKenzie**

Dutchess County Family Court Judge

October 11, 2018

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie

Elected in 2015 to a 10-year term on the bench, Judge Tracy MacKenzie is Dutchess County Family Court's newest judge. As she approaches the end of her second year on the bench, she will share her insights about the history of the court and the challenges and dilemmas of today. Join us for this unique view from the bench.

**Chairs:** Monique Jones & Sandy Lash

## AAUW-NYS SUMMER CONFERENCE 2018



Marcine Humphrey, Mary Lou Davis, Diane Jablonski, Maria DeWald, Betty Harrel and Margaret Nijhuis (photographer) attended the Summer Conference in Cazenovia, July 21-

22. Diane and Mary Lou attended a board meeting on Friday while Betty, Marcine and Margaret toured the Lorenzo State Historic Site Saturday brought computer workshops, Webinars (with speakers from the national office), convention planning and counterpart sessions. We did skip the evening entertainment and went to hear the Lakeside A Cappella Music Camp (both teens and adults) that had shared the campus with us for the weekend.

## ADDRESSING SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Poughkeepsie AAUW partnered with the Women's Professional Network (WPN) to present a timely and informative session on:

"Sexual Harassment in the Workplace; Compliance and Response"

Vassar College, Villard Room

**September 11.**



Speakers will include: AAUW Member **Leah Feldman**, Director of the Center for Victim Safety and Support, Family Services; **Brittney L. Denley**, Esq., Associate Director of the Vassar College Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action/Title IX; and, **Jonna Spilbor**, Esq., a Poughkeepsie Attorney, TV Legal Analyst, and Radio Personality. There will be both networking and time for Q&A.

**Chair:** Maria DeWald

## POUGHKEEPSIE BRANCH AAUW, INC. CORNERSTONE AWARD 2018



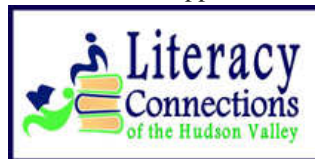
Our branch has the opportunity, on occasion, to honor a member who represents the "foundation" of AAUW. She has contributed her energy, enthusiasm, and talents to AAUW but is rarely in the limelight. Through her efforts, she helps to further our mission, increase branch visibility, and make others feel that they, too, are a vital part of who we are.

### This year we are pleased to honor Mary Coiteux.

Whenever an AAUW program takes place, Mary can be found helping in a myriad of ways - setting up or taking down chairs, doing registration, snapping pictures, or collecting goods for the community. She can be found leading Art on the Go, passing out posters for the Writers' Tea and Auction, helping middle school girls design their posters at the Live Your Dream Conference, or sorting Leading to Reading books. Her talents even extend to the AAUW-NYS level where she has made displays and decorated our LAF baskets. Mary has served on the Poughkeepsie AAUW board as Cultural Interest Chair, Program Vice President and Publicity Chair. And she always has on a big smile! In all, Mary represents the best of our branch. We are delighted to present her with our 2018 Cornerstone Award.

**Chair:** Betty Harrel

Thanks to the support of the **Poughkeepsie Branch of the**



**American Association of University Women (AAUW)**, our Math Buddies program has grown this school year! There are 50% more Math Buddies volunteers

helping children navigate the sometimes tricky waters of adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, and more.

**Chair:** Barbara Van Itallie



**Chairs:** Sabashnee Govender & Judy Longacre

This year Days for Girls (DfG) is a community initiative. AAUW branch members, together with members of the community have been very active this summer at (DfG) work

sessions. **We are meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Poughkeepsie Meeting of Friends.** We sent 10 feminine hygiene kits to Madagascar in July 2018 via our branch member Sue Osterhoudt. We completed 85 shields and 400 liners that meet quality standards for international distribution. We have kit components to complete 25 feminine hygiene kits and counting! On the domestic front, Puerto Rico still needs our help due to the devastation of Hurricane Maria. We are excited to let you know that our team has sent 20 kits to Guatemala via a distribution team from Colorado.

### EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

**Chair:** Peggy Kelland

This year's Friday evening events for girls in grades 6-12 include several popular repeat offerings as well as some new programs:



- September 28** - Map and Compass Skills
- October 12** - Math Game Night
- November 9** - Crafts
- December 14** - Beading
- January 11** - New Cuisines
- February 1** - Science Experiences
- March 1** - Creative Dance
- April 24** - Compass Skills, Dave Beck

We will also again be offering the Cadette Journey "A-Maze" in January and February.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### CHANGES FOR 2018-19

**Chair:** Marticia Madory



The International Relations Committee will have a new theme this year: **"International in Our Own Backyard."**

We will be making an effort to identify the international facets of our local community – including foreign students and faculty, immigrants (both experienced and recent arrivals), refugees, diplomatic and consular staff with homes in our communities, foreign employees of local corporations and institutions – and form personal relationships with the women among them. We will examine the ethical, religious, and ethnic aspects of our differences, as well as our similarities, with a goal of achieving tolerance, understanding, and compassion. We will share our cultures – our food, our music, our literature and our crafts – as a way of expanding all of our horizons.

### LIVE YOUR DREAM GIRLS' CONFERENCE



**Chairs:** Diane Babington & Lori Scolaro

On **November 3, 2018**, we will celebrate the 12th year of the Live Your Dream Girls' Conference. We are in the midst of our **Divas, Dreamers and**

**Darlings** fundraiser and once again our membership does not disappoint. This year, we are **adding 8th grade girls** to the conference in hopes that we can encourage girls to attend for three years of inspiring workshops, Girl Talks and meeting women who are strong and insightful.

### JOURNALS & CROWNS FOR "LIVE YOUR DREAM"



We did it and some! Journals & butterfly crowns are ready for *Live Your Dream*

*Girls' Conference.* Gwen is always creating tasks for us! Great fun! Thanks to M. Humphrey, G. Higgins, P. Kelland, P. Luczai, MA. Boylan, D. Salsberg (pictured) and D. Babington, co chair of Live Your Dream Girls' Conference and A. Seligman (not pictured).

### "Beyond Betty Crocker: How Americans Learned to Love Chow Mein, Stir-Fries, and Chinese Food"

**Dr. Willa Zhen**

**Nov 8, 2018**  
**Unitarian Fellowship**

Chinese food is one of the most popular types of cuisine in America. When did Americans learn about chow mein, stir-fries, potstickers, and other beloved Chinese-American dishes? How did they learn? And how did they learn to embrace these new flavors?



This program was part of the Big Read.

**Chairs:** Monique Jones & Sandy Lash





## LEADING TO READING

Chair: Betty Harrel



A big thank you again goes to the **Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers (WCRT)**. They have made a donation each year.

## Gift Wrapping –Fun For All!!!

Chair: Betty Harrel



Big smiles. Mountains of wrapping paper. Lots of gifts and shiny new books. These are the images created by the *Leading to Reading* gift wrapping project.

Each year, we descend on Hudson River Lodging, a temporary shelter sponsored by Hudson River Housing

## 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.*

## MORE BEAUTIFUL FOR HAVING BEEN BROKEN

December 13, 2018  
Unitarian Fellowship



Founder **Kelly Lyndgaard** (left) and **Rachel Hermosillo** (below) will speak about *Unshattered*, a nonprofit social



enterprise that employs women who are “winning their fight against addiction.

Chairs: Monique Jones & Sandy Lash

## AAUW RIB FEST VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE \$570.00 TO LAF

Chair: Marcine Humphrey

Each year Poughkeepsie AAUW sends a contribution to the National Fund specifically for the Legal Advocacy Fund. By volunteering at the Annual Rotary Rifest we are rewarded with a “share” in the profits. This year our volunteers raised \$570.00 for LAF.

Thank you to Marilyn Miklau, Bonnie Auchincloss, Marguerite Cotter, Barbara and Phil Van Itallie, Rolf and Margaret Nijhuis, Maria and Fred Dewald, Gwen Higgins, Marcine Humphrey and Claudette Hennessy.

Join Poughkeepsie AAUW as we prepare to celebrate the life and achievements of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** (January 21, 2019)



**RACE SOLDIER:  
Growing Up Black  
in a White  
Environment in the  
1960's \***

Jocelyn Johnson-Kearney  
January 10, 2019  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship\*\*

*Race Soldier: Growing Up Black in a White Environment* in the 1960's is a dramatic presentation based on Jocelyn Johnson-Kearney's memories of growing up as a Black child in an all-white environment during the Civil Rights era of the 1960's. Ms. Johnson-Kearney is a gifted writer and actor who combines drama, visual imagery and sound to tell a unique and powerful story.

Chairs: Monique Jones & Sandy Lash

## POUGHKEEPSIE TEEN CLOSET



At our January program meeting we will be **collecting personal care (hygiene) items** for the Poughkeepsie Teen Closet.

The PMS Teen Closet services grades 6-8. Jennifer writes, “This year, we have noticed an increase in homeless students and/or students displaced and

living with friends/relatives. The needs are increasing!”

Chair: Marcine Humphrey

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Marti Madory

**What do immigrants need to know to become naturalized United States citizens?**

☞ Test yourself by answering the questions on the International page of our AAUW Poughkeepsie website. *In a new running feature on the page, we list some of the 100 questions that must be answered by every individual who seeks to become a naturalized American citizen.*

In keeping with this year's theme, *International in Our Own Backyard*, on January 9 from 3 to 5 pm, we will launch our *Global Friends* sharing circles, in informal and personal conversations with women from Palestine, Russia, Yemen, and Colombia.

☞ We'll talk about their lives and ours – before and after they came to America, as well as New York. We'll learn about what we share and what is unique about each of us.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE



**Leah Feldman, MPA**, Director, Center for Victim Safety and Support, Family Services and **Chief Deputy Jason W. Mark**, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

Thursday, February 14, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie**

*Nearly half of female victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner. –CDC*

Members of the Dutchess County **High Risk Team** will share how they are working to help identify and intervene in cases of domestic violence that are at high risk for escalation to homicide.

**Chairs:** Monique Jones & Sandy Lash

## A BIG THANK YOU from Leading to Reading!

**Chair:** Betty Harrel

Many thanks to the many members who shared in the **Leading to Reading** gift-wrapping at Hudson River Lodging. We were joined by five associates from Kohl's. The Associates in Action Program provides volunteers for educational programs.

## Barnes and Noble Book Donations

Did you buy a book for the holiday giveaway at Barnes and Noble? The Barnes and Noble store manager personally delivered 19 boxes of new books! They will be given out this spring to some of our community collaborators

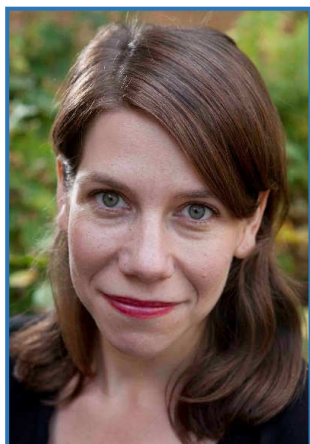
## 'YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DELETE THAT, HONEY': PHOTOJOURNALISM'S #METOO MOMENT

**Rachel Somerstein, PhD**

March 14, 2019  
Unitarian Fellowship

When Rachel Somerstein looks at the "Year in Pictures" slideshows that commemorate the year that was, she doesn't look at the photographs. She looks at the bylines. And this perusal yields disappointing results. Fewer than thirty percent of the photographs published by major news organizations.

**Chairs:** Monique Jones & Sandy Lash



## COURT WATCH IS GOING INTERNATIONAL----AGAIN!

**Chair:** Ann Pinna



Dr. Mavis Morton, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at the **University of Guelph in Ontario**, Canada, was working collaboratively in the process of developing research methodology about issues that abused women face in Family Court. Dr. Mavis stated that "the overall purpose of their research is to identify best practices in conducting court watch research." As a result of Dr. Mavis' request, our Court Watch team of nine participants met at the Boardman Rd. Library on November 29<sup>th</sup> for a conference call to share our experiences with the research team from Guelph. The call lasted for about 1 ½ hours. During that time, we were asked a series of questions about our experiences: how our Court Watch program got started, what our Court Watch team actually did, how we go about gathering and assessing our courtroom information, and what we ultimately do with the information once we've evaluated our findings. According to our new friends at Guelph, they appreciated our input and found it was a very productive interview.

Our team was happy once again to assist others in faraway places to learn more about Court Watch right here in Poughkeepsie, NY!

**Court Watch Monitors:** Ann Pinna (chair), Mary Lou Davis, Joanne Dyson, Mara Goldstone, Liz Graham, Sandy Lash, Flo Mondanaro, Margaret Nijhuis, Sandy Sherman

## LOCAL WOMAN RECEIVES NATIONAL AAUW FELLOWSHIP

Ellie Charwat

**Mariel Gruszko** recently received a national AAUW fellowship to finish her doctoral dissertation. She is so excited about the award. She grew up in Dutchess County, and graduated from Arlington High School, Brandeis, University of Chicago and University of California at Irvine (where she is completing her doctorate).

## PROFESSIONAL JUMP START CONFERENCE

March 9, 2019

Guttman Community College

A one-day conference to help college women successfully transition from students to professionals as they look for new jobs and start their careers. This event is organized through a collaboration of AAUW New York State, and branches including **Poughkeepsie Branch**. Funding is provided by a grant from the AAUW NYC Metro Area Fund.

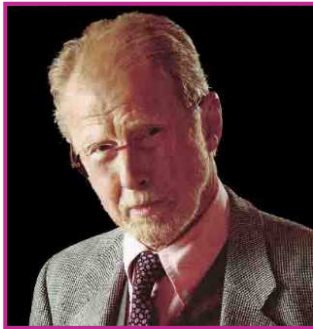
**Members Involved:** Diane Jablonski, Maria DeWald and Mary Lou Davis





## 10TH ANNUAL WRITERS' TEA & BENEFIT AUCTION

April 14, 2019  
The Links at Union Vale



**Michael Korda** is the author of numerous bestselling books and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus for Simon & Schuster. Beginning in the 2000s, Korda wrote a number of history and biography books on the Hungarian Revolution, Dwight Eisenhower, T.E. Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. On

writing histories Korda said, "I've always wanted to write history, and it was only the accident of going to work for a book publisher in 1958 ... that slowed me down." He will discuss his latest book *Alone: Britain, Churchill, and Dunkirk: Defeat into Victory*.

**Irene O'Garden** has won or been nominated for prizes in nearly every writing category from stage to e-screen, hardcovers, as well as literary magazines and anthologies. Her critically-acclaimed play, *Women on Fire*, played to sold-out houses at Off-Broadway's Cherry Lane Theatre and was nominated for a Lucille Lortel Award. We will learn more of her life through her new book *Risking the Rapids: How my Wilderness Adventure Healed my Childhood*.



### High Tea

We will be welcomed with champagne, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we arrive and browse the silent auction items. The writers' presentations will be accompanied by high tea.

### Silent Auction

A silent auction of hand-crafted items and services donated by our members, local businesses and craftsmen. **Checks, cash or credit card.**

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Many articles from items at the auction, directions, table seating, agenda of the day, help needed and so forth.

**Chairs:** Lula Allen & Linda Roberts

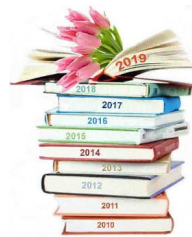
**Committee:** Vivian Rose, Pat DeLeo, Margaret Nijhuis, Ginny Marcus, Jocelynn Banfield and Mary Lou Davis



### VASSAR COLLEGE NIGHT OWLS A CAPPELLA GROUP

Maria DeWald

To help celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Writer's Tea and Benefit Auction, AAUW Poughkeepsie wanted to add something special to this year's event. **We think we have found a perfect match in a performance by the Vassar College Night Owls.**



### 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WRITERS' TEA & BENEFIT AUCTION PROCEEDS

Lula Allen & Linda Roberts

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended and made this event successful for another year. At this time our profits stand at **\$8,698**.



**APRIL 26-28,  
2019**

The spring issue of the AAUW-NYS

FOCUS has full information about the Convention in Cooperstown at the Otesaga. Poughkeepsie Branch was well represented with 13 members attending. During the weekend, Poughkeepsie Branch received well deserved recognition in several areas. **Sabashnee Govender** received the Emerging Leader Award. She is the force behind the *Days for Girls* initiative. A Gold Award in Economic Security was awarded to Poughkeepsie Branch for its Duboff award-winning **Court Watch initiative**. Poughkeepsie also received recognition in Communications: **Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence, and Excellence in Visibility**.

**Barbara Van Itallie** was elected AAUW-NYS Treasurer, taking over for outgoing Treasurer **Diane Jablonski**. Many thanks are due to the Poughkeepsie Branch members who served on Convention Committee. An outstanding job was done by **Convention Director Mary Lou Davis**. Others on the committee included **Diane Jablonski, Barbara Van Itallie, Maria DeWald, and Marcine Humphrey**. Additionally, **Betty Harrel** served as Nominating Committee Chair.

## NCCWSL SCHOLARSHIPS

Marcine Humphrey

The Irene Keyes Memorial Fund Committee is pleased to announce that we are sending two remarkable local college women to the National Conference for College Women Leaders this year



**Kayla Bowen, SUNY New Paltz**

Kayla Bowen is currently a Digital Media Production student at SUNY New Paltz and serves as Public Relations Coordinator for a body positivity club on campus called Project HEAL (Help to Eat, Accept & Live).



**Alyssa Covelli, Dutchess Community College**

Alyssa Covelli's spirit, enthusiasm and desire to attend NCCWSL simply bubbled off the page as one committee member commented. Lori Scolaro, Co-Coordinator of the *Live Your Dream Girls Conference*, describes her as brilliant, fun-loving, helpful, compassionate and cooperative.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Marti Madory, **Chair**

Raising the International Profile: I represented AAUW at the annual Academic World Quest sponsored on March 2 by the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley at the Wallace Center of the FDR Library.

AAUW presents at the UN Commission on the Status of Women: Branch members Mary Lou Davis, Gwen Higgins, Marcine Humphrey, Diane Jablonski and Margaret Nijhuis will be attending this annual meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> in NYC.

International Calendar: The World Affairs Council is interested in working with us on the Mid-Hudson Calendar of International Activities.

CTAUN Conference: Committee member Peggy Kelland will be attending the annual conference of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) on April 5 in New York City.

Global Friends Sharing Circles: A second Global Friends sharing circle will be held at Gloria Ghedini's home on April 10.

International Hospitality: Ellie Charwat has contacted the Committee about our International Hospitality effort, pointing out that Poughkeepsie's new Oaxaca Sister City program will involve teacher exchanges, and there will be a need for host homes.

## AAUW ATTENDS THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DINNER



Pictured above is Lea Bishop (WPN) with AAUW members Marcine Humphrey, Marti Madory and Gwen Higgins. Diane Jablonski and Wendy Maragh Taylor

were also present at the March 5<sup>th</sup> event at the Poughkeepsie Grand.

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2019

It is with great pleasure that our committee announces

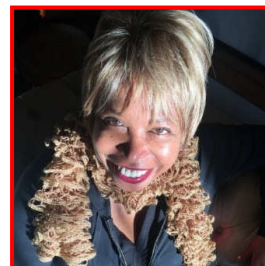
### **The Honorable Joan S. Posner**

Dutchess County Family Court Judge and Acting Supreme Court Justice

is the AAUW 2019 Woman of the Year

**Dutchess Manor  
Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Mary Lou Davis & Margie Ouart, Chairpersons



**Goldee Greene, Vocal Artist  
Tom McCoy, Music Director**

## Women of SONG

**Goldee Greene**

Diverse Divas in Opera, Jazz & Musical

**May 9, 2019**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie\*\*

Get up close and personal with such opera divas as Cleopatra, Tosca and Delilah as well as real-life prima donna's like Bessie Smith, Ethel Waters, Mae West and Marlene Dietrich. All this and more as award-winning singer/actor and Off-Broadway playwright Goldee Greene offers *Women of Song: Diverse Divas in Opera, Jazz & Musical*.

## TOM MCCOY

Tom McCoy is a versatile pianist, arranger and composer, moving seamlessly between the worlds of classical, jazz, theater and pop.



**Chairs:** Monique Jones & Sandy Lash



**POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW GIVES SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS**

Kay Saderholm, Bonnie Auchincloss, Claudette Hennessy,

The 60th Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair was held March 30, 2019, at Dutchess Community College. The Poughkeepsie AAUW Branch gave two awards of gift cards to Barnes & Noble, one to a 7th grader, the second to an 8th grader. The seventh grade award went to **Sofia Giammatteo**. The eighth grade award went to **Krishna Sikka**.



**Chairs:** Judy Longacre & Sabashnee Govender


We have 25 kits ready which are heading to the Ivory Coast in May 2019. Our members and community volunteers have been busy with making liners, shields and drawstring bags for the DfG Kits

To complete the kits we need to add wash clothes, underwear and gallon size Ziplock brand freezer bags. We welcome your donations help complete the kits. There will be a donation box at our membership meeting on May 9.


**AAUW-NYS CONVENTION**

Ten of our members are headed for convention. You will hear more about the convention in the June newsletter. Below is the ad our branch placed in the convention program booklet.

**Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW**  
 Congratulations to two great women!  
**AAUW-NYS Treasurer**



**Diane Jablonski**  
 Current: 2016-2019



**Barbara Van Itallie**  
 Future: 2019 Nominee

Appreciation to our other members serving AAUW-NYS:  
 Cyd Averill    Mary Lou Davis    Betty Harrel

**PHOTO BOOTH - ANNUAL MEETING**



Have your photo taken with friends, colleagues, Interest Group members, etc. at the Annual meeting! Props will be provided.

**Chair:** Bonnie Auchincloss

**POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION DINNER 2019**

Committee: Sharon Fleury, Diane Jablonski, Joan Kimmel and Ann Pinna

**JUNE 13, 2019**

The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

**Gather and Greet will be followed the Dinner**

There will be a keynote address by **Sabrina Marzouka**, Commissioner of Community and Family Services for Dutchess County. In addition, we will hear from the two recipients of our NCCWSL scholarship, **Kayla Bowen** of SUNY New Paltz and **Alyssa Covelli** from Dutchess Community College.



Sabrina Marzouka

Alyssa Covelli

Kayla Bowen

We will honor our:

**2019 AAUW FUNDS NAMED HONOREES**

Lula Allen, Bonnie Auchincloss, Maria DeWald  
 Claudette Hennessey, Donna Reichner, Linda Roberts  
 and

**EMERGING LEADER AWARD**

Sabashnee Govender, *2019 Recipient*

**Election and Installation of officers:**

**Nominating Committee Report**

Committee Members: Barbara Van Itallie, Chair; Mary Coiteux; Sue Doyle; Betty Harrel and Sheila Zweifler

The committee is pleased to present the following nominees for consideration for board positions for 2019-21:

**Program Co-VPs: Monique Jones & Sandy Lash**

**Membership Co-VPs: Mary Scalise-Annis & Sheila Zweifler**

**Development VP: Lula Allen**

**Membership Treasurer: Sue Doyle**

Completing their 2018-20 term:

President: Diane Jablonski

Communications VP: Bonnie Auchincloss

Secretary: Ruth Sheets

Treasurer: Pat Luczai

Nominations may be made from the floor with the written permission of the nominee.

Animals for the *Leading to Reading* project for children in crisis are collected at the Annual Meeting each year.





## AAUW AT CSW

Marti Madory, **Chair**



Mary Lou Davis, Gwen Higgins, Marcine Humphrey, Diane Jablonski and Margaret Nijhuis attended the March 14th session at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). On this day of the 2 week session our **national AAUW CEO, Kim Churches** did an excellent job of moderating a well-organized panel

discussion, "Economic Security, Women & Work: Global Solution for Equity."

## THE BRANCH HAS A NEW EDITOR



Margaret Nijhuis  
[margaretnijhuis@gmail.com](mailto:margaretnijhuis@gmail.com)

**Cyd Averill** has graciously accepted the position as editor of the Poughkeepsie newsletter, *The Branch*.

**Kathy Friedman** will continue to receive the information from Interest

Groups for the monthly calendar page in the newsletter and/or on the online calendar. **Margaret Nijhuis** (the retiring editor) and **Joanne Scolaro** will continue to edit the website so that information should be sent to them.

## REVISITING 1969----Looking Back 50 years

Barbara Hesperheide, Historian

With the focus on Woodstock and the Moon Landing in 1969, what was happening in Poughkeepsie and in AAUW at that time?

## CONTINUED COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### **Leading to Reading**

**Chair:** Betty Harrel

We've been very fortunate to have ongoing support for many of our community projects. Once again, **Central Hudson has donated funds to the Leading to Reading project.** Money will be used to purchase additional books for the **Books for Babies program.**

We also received two generous donations recently. **Stewart's Shops & Friendship Circle at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church**

### **AN EASY WAY TO HELP AAUW**

Maria DeWald, Careers and Leadership

The challenge is very simple; just go to [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org), click on the WorkSmart workshop and just look it over. Maybe you will not want to complete the entire **free**

## ANNUAL REPORT – PRESIDENT – 2018-19

Please find the President's Report from Diane Jablonski at <http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org> / About Us/Leadership/Annual Reports.

## SOME PUBLIC POLICY TITLES

**Chair:** Pat Deleo

“Pink Wave Could Mean Pink Slips”

“We Must Persist”

“Pink isn't just a Color; it's an Attitude!”

“The Best of Times...The Worst of Times (1859)”

“Dr. Bernice Sandler, known as ‘the godmother of Title IX,’ died on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 90”

“Mirror, Mirror on the Wall”

“Punctuation Stresses the Point”

“Let There Be Fairness for All...”

“No Tuffet for Miss Muffet”

“Deeper in Debt”

## MEMBERS MENTIONED IN HATS OFF

*During September 2018 – June 2019 the following members were honored with a mention in Hats Off:*

**Didi Barrett, Mary King, Mary Coiteux, Anthula Natsoulas, Karen Goodman, Shirley Granda's Family, Erica Salzman-Talbi, Cynthia Averill, Gwen Higgins, Peggy Kelland, Lula Allen, Mary Lou Davis, Pat DeLeo, Ginny Marcus, Margaret Nijhuis, Linda Roberts, Vivian Rose, Lula Allen, Bonnie Auchincloss, Maria DeWald, Claudette Hennessey, Donna Reichner, Bonnie Auchincloss, Mary Lou Davis, Maria DeWald, Kathy Friedman, Sabashnee Govender, Betty Harrel, Diane Jablonski, Mary King, Pat Luczai, Kay Saderholm, Ruth Sheets, Ellen Smith and Barbara Van Itallie.**

## A Final Word...

*Our branch has been enriched throughout the year by the articles written in our newsletter. Our thanks to **Diane Jablonski, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE; Sandy Lash and Monique Jones, program announcements; Susie Blecker and Sheila Zweifler, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS; Pat DeLeo for the articles in PUBLIC POLICY and Linda Roberts for her monthly articles leading up to the tea.***

