

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch, Inc.
Honors and Awards Chair
Annual Report May 2019

Each year our branch honors members and those in the community who have helped to forward our mission. The awards are an effective way to publicize and validate their accomplishments. Selections were made with the help of member nominations, board input, and an awards committee.

Activities this year included:

- Publicizing honorees: Articles were placed in The Branch and announcements were made at board meetings to solicit nominees, and a presentation of awardees will be made at the Annual meeting. Information was sent for the state convention program and articles about winners were in The Branch.
- Serving on the Woman of the Year Committee: Chaired by Margie Quart and Mary Lou Davis, the committee selected Judge Joan Posner, who recently retired from the position of Family Court Judge. She has worked closely with the Court Watch initiative and served many families in the Dutchess County area. She will be honored at our October 2019 event.
- Selecting members for Named fellowships: 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 state board and national AAUW office. This year's honorees are Lula Allen, Bonnie Auchincloss, Maria DeWald, Claudette Hennessey, Donna Reichner, and Linda Roberts.
- Selecting our Emerging Leader: The committee selected Sabashnee Govender. Shortly after joining AAUW, she was appointed as the International Relations chair and established the Days for Girls Poughkeepsie initiative. During the current year, she was the DFG initiative co-coordinator. She was honored for her accomplishments at the state convention.
- Coordinating with the Mid-Hudson Regional Science Fair: Three members, Kay Saderholm, Claudette Hennessey and Bonnie Auchincloss, represented AAUW as judges. They awarded \$50 Barnes and Noble gift certificates to one 7th grade girl and one 8th grade girl.
- Cornerstone Award: Following a discussion both at a board meeting and with the selection committee, it was decided not to select an honoree each year. A potential nominee was selected for the 2019-2020 program year.
- Serving on the Irene Keyes Memorial Fund Committee: The committee was chaired by Marcine Humphrey and met through email to select two college students to attend NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) The 2019 recipients were Kayla Bowen and Alyssa Covelli, who will attend the conference at the University of Maryland in May.
- AAUW-NYS Program Award Application: An application was submitted for branch programming, and the branch received a Gold Award at the state convention.

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