

2018-2019 Annual Report for Programming

The Program Vice Presidents held the program planning meeting for the 2018-2019 year on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in the Charwat Room of the Adriance Memorial Library. In advance of this brainstorming session, an email invitation was sent to AAUW members who had participated in a planning meeting previously as well as to those who had offered program suggestions during the course of the year. An announcement was also included in the May edition of The Branch. Eleven members, including the two Program V.P.s, attended. A non-member who saw the meeting posting while in the library that evening was also present.

A number of program ideas were offered during the May 22nd gathering, and the Program V.P.s subsequently met to develop a plan for scheduling the proposed offerings.

The final list of programs held is attached to this report. Again, this year one program was offered in partnership with another organization. Specifically, the November program was offered in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read and highlighted the Big Read 2018 book selection, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Also, similar to last year, efforts were made to offer a variety of program topics in varying presentation formats. To this end, the January program was a dramatic presentation based on the speaker's memories of growing up during the Civil Rights era and the May program was a musical performance paying tribute to the "laughter, love, struggles and empowerment of women through the ages."

Program promotion was done through the website and the monthly newsletter; flyers were also developed and shared with the program speakers in the event they

wished to invite friends, colleagues, and other community members to their presentations. Overall, programs were well-attended with turnout ranging from 30 to 60 members and non-members.

Program meeting refreshments were handled using the model developed during the 2017-2018 year. Members who had expressed interest, during membership renewal, in providing food and beverages for meetings were solicited to do so. The system continued to work well.

Throughout the year, the Program V.P.'s received program ideas from members and maintained a listing for 2019-2020 programming consideration. Since both V.P.s will continue in their positions for another two years, several programs have already been confirmed for the upcoming year. In addition, in response to a request made by the Program V.P.s, the Board approved a \$300 increase to the 2019-2020 budget for the Monthly Meetings.

Finally, in the President's absence, the Program V.P.s chaired the second required general meeting which was held in January.

Respectfully submitted by

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Program Vice Presidents

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW 2018-2019 Program Year

October 11th – The Evolution of New York State's Family Courts and the Challenges of Achieving Justice Today
Presented by Judge Tracy MacKenzie, Dutchess County Family Court
Program was held at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, 10 Children's Way, Poughkeepsie, NY

November 8th – Beyond Betty Crocker: How Americans Learned to Love Chow Mein, Stir-Fries, and Chinese Food
Presented by Willa Zhen, Professor of Liberal Arts and Food Studies at The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

This program is presented in partnership with The NEA Big Read and highlights this year's book selection, Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You*. The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Program was held at the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

December 13th – More Beautiful For Having Been Broken
Presented by Kelly Lyndgaard, founder of Unshattered
Program was held at the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

January 10th – Race Soldier
Presented by Jocelyn Johnson-Kearny
Program was held at the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

February 14th – Dutchess County High Risk Response Team
Presented by Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW member Leah Feldman
Program was held at the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

March 14th – You Are Going To Have To Delete That, Honey': Photojournalism's #Metoo Moment
Presented by Rachel Somerstein, PhD
Program was held at the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

May 9th – Women of Song: Diverse Divas in Opera, Jazz & Musical
Presented by Goldee Greene, Vocal Artist and Tom McCoy, Music Director
Program was held at the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie