



Calendar of Branch Events

Nov. 9, 2016 • Wed. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting • Celoron Community Center

Nov. 19 & 20, 2016 • Sat. 10 am-5 pm • Sun. 10 am-4 pm

What's New Fair • JCC Hamilton Collegiate Center

Dec. 14, 2016 • Wed. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting • Celoron Community Center

Dec. 20, 2016 • Tues. 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Celebration • Landmark Restaurant, 516 W. 4th St., Jamestown

January 19, 2017 • Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Heroin Epidemic-Women's Voices, Needs, & Impact
James Prendergast Library
Speaker: Keynote and panel discussion

February 11, 2017 • Sat. 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Get in the Game • JCC Athletic Complex

March 15, 2017 • Wed. – Time TBD

Dream It Do It STEM • JCC Athletic Complex

March 2017 • 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tech Savvy • UB's North Campus

April 21 -23, 2017 • Fri.-Sun.

AAUW NYS Convention • Double Tree Inn, Syracuse, NY

April 26, 2017 • Wed. 6-8 p.m.

Membership Social - Speaker:TBD • James Prendergast Library

May 23, 2017 • Tues. 6 p.m.

Annual Dinner • Landmark Restaurant, 516 W. 4th St., Jamestown

July 21 - 23, 2017 • Fri. – Sun.

AAUW NYS Summer Leadership Conference • Cazenovia College,
Cazenovia, NY

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Editor's Note

Thank you to Kathi Clark for her years of dedicated service as the editor of the Twigs newsletter.

Kathi created a fantastic template to make handing over the reigns to a new editor very easy. She added a lovely personal touch to this newsletter and I hope to do that as well.

- Leslie Calimeri

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What's New Fair

By Mary Lee Talbot

It's time to get ready for the 61st annual What's New Fair. AAUW Jamestown branch has been raising money for women to continue their education and make a difference in the world. This year we will again be at the Jamestown Community College on November 19 and 20 from 10 to 5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. Last year we raised over \$10,000 for scholarships and over the last 59 years we have raised over \$300,000.

Kat Colvin and Mary Lee Talbot are the Fair co-chairs. Phoebe Forbes is our treasurer. Kat coordinates the merchants and Mary Lee handles everything else.

We need people to help us mark the booths on Friday, November 18 from 9:30 until 3 p.m. You don't need to get down on the floor; we have tape rollers to push and mark the booths. It is a fun time and you get to see the Hamilton Center transformed. We will also need people to help hang some banners and other decorations at that time.

The success of the Fair depends on us.

Terry Klein and Rita Brown are chairing the admissions committee. Please be sure to sell or give away your admissions tickets and send the proceeds in the envelope provided to Terry Klein.

Holly Gatto and Becky Nystrom have been working hard to find great prizes for the Raffle. If you have sold or given away your raffle tickets, please send the money in the envelope provided to Holly.

Maggie Irwin has been working hard on publicity and you should begin to hear radio ads soon. Alice O'Grady, Dixie

Siegel and Shirley Forbes are working on hospitality for our merchants and volunteers.

You will be getting some emails about the Sweet Shoppe and the AAUW Table. The proceeds from these tables help keep our local dues low. Kathy Colby and Mary Keeney are looking for pies, cookies and brownies to sell at the Sweet Shoppe. Pies can be cut and sold by the piece and treats like White Trash and Chex Mix are always welcome.

Elaine Damsteegt, Linda Fellows and Ruth Wahl are looking for handicrafts and gently used or re-gifting merchandise to sell.

Candy Johnson is running the Gingerbread House again this year and needs someone to help her decorate the cookies. We will have cookies again from Ecklof's decorated by our own members.

Mary Keeney, Maggie Irwin and others will be at the membership table inviting women to join our AAUW branch.

Our volunteer coordinators B. Dolores Thompson, will call you to help at the Fair. She needs someone to help her make these calls. Please try to find 4 hours to volunteer at the Fair.

Wendy Present, our contact at JCC, has been looking for high school and junior high students to volunteer. If you know of a young person looking to fulfill volunteer hours, let her know.

Please come out and support our fair! Contact Mary Lee at 412.390.6399 or mltalbot@aol.com to volunteer.

Educational Opportunities Fund

By Elaine Damsteegt

As most of you know, during my tenure as EOF VP I have done a Garage Sale to support our Jamestown Branch Grant that is given each year to a woman who has completed her 4-year degree and wants to go on into graduate studies.

This year our Garage Sale efforts have earned us \$464. I'm so grateful to all who brought such nice things for us to sell. Special thanks goes to Linda Fellows and Mary Keeney who gave up 2 entire days to work the Sale and to Laurie and Anna Holthouse for their work at this last Sale and the earlier ones this summer where we also sold some of the AAUW items. We also really appreciate Dixie Siegel, Mary Lee Talbot, Ruth Wahl, Becky Nystrom, Carol Wayne, and Christina Marsh for their willing help at the Sale. And



I must not forget thanks to Linda's husband and mine for wrestling tent, racks, table and books, etc. with us.

The things that were left at the end were donated to the Ellington Rummage Sale; leftovers from that were moved on to the Sinclairville Sale. Books went to the Prendergast Library for their sale room.

President's Message

By Christina Marsh

Here is a summary of reports and key decisions made by the branch board at the September and October 2016 meetings. All board meetings are open to all members.

- For any AAUW Members who have not yet received the 2016-2017 AAUW Directory and your WNF packet, you may pick one up at Dr. Faulk's office at the Five Star Bank in the plaza across from the Chautauqua Mall (corner of Fairmount and Mall Blvd). Elaine Damsteegt works there, and she will give you one. If that does not work for you, please contact Linda Fellows 615-665-6863.
- Proceeds from EOF garage sale totaled \$464 and are to be split between EOF and LAF. This is the last year Elaine will be able to organize and conduct the garage sale. However, she is willing to loan her garage to any volunteers that may be interested in conducting the sale next year.
- District Conference Wrap Up: The conference was well attended with keynote speaker, Journey Gunderson, delivering timely and inspiring remarks and included a diverse group of panelists. We welcomed four new members who joined at the conference.
- A key event open to the public and supported by the Educational Partnership committee working with AAUW-JCC Women's Issues Advisory Board:
 - The Hunting Ground Film Screening**
Tuesday, November 15 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Student Union A documentary film about the incidence of sexual assault on college campuses in the United States and what its creators say is a failure of college administrations to deal with it adequately. The documentary focuses on Annie E. Clark and Andrea Pino, two former University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students who filed a Title IX complaint against UNC in response to their rapes while enrolled.
- WNF help is needed including some key positions to be filled for 2017. Interested women should contact Mary Lee Talbot 357-2035 or Kat Colvin 640-7682 for more information as hopes are volunteers could begin working alongside current chairs right away. See the directory for a list of open positions.
- Get in the Game has been rescheduled to February 11, 2016.

Legal Advocacy Fund

By Laurie Holthouse

The U. S. Supreme Court recently upheld the constitutional right for all women to make decisions about their health, family, and future without needless barriers, in the case *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*. AAUW believes this case is about more than reproductive health. It is about upholding women's dignity and autonomy. (Baker, para 1-2, AAUW.org).

In an earlier case, in May, 2016, the U. S. Supreme Court opted not to answer important legal questions,

in *Zubik v. Burwell*, a critical case dealing with women's access to birth control. The Court opted to send this case and several related ones back to the lower courts. AAUW is disappointed that women who work for religious nonprofits will continue to lack clarity on their access to contraception. AAUW hopes the lower courts will rule, as many already have, in favor of access to contraception as guaranteed by law. (Maatz, para 1, AAUW.org).



Who Can Join AAUW?

A graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a nationally accredited educational institution is eligible for membership.

Contact:

Linda Fellows, 716-665-6863
or Mary Keeney, 716-664-4758

Program

By Janet Forbes, Program VP

Our 2016-17 AAUW program year is off to a great start. We enjoyed a good time together at our Kick-Off Potluck gathering on September 28, 2016. Good food, conversation, and working together on What's New Fair materials prep all made for an enjoyable evening together.

Our Branch hosted the annual District I Fall Conference

on Saturday, October 8th at Jamestown Community College. Our theme - "Growing a Leadership Pipeline for Girls and Women" was an engaging topic for both our speakers and guests. The 54 people who attended included AAUW members from Jamestown and Buffalo, women student campus leaders from Jamestown Community College and Cassadaga Job Corps Academy, speakers, and community members. Five new members joined at the conference. A special Thank You to Christina Marsh who worked with JCC on the facility arrangements as well as securing organizations to table at the conference, Elaine Damsteegt and Kathy Colby who served at the registration table, and Mary Keeney

and Linda Fellows who provided the morning continental breakfast. A great team effort! Thank you to all who attended and recruited new members. This conference was funded in part by an AAUW-NYS District Grant.

Our annual Holiday Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm. at the Landmark Restaurant, 516. W. 4th St., Jamestown. We will order off the menu. In lieu of gifts, members may make donations to the Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Funds. This event is open to prospective members, so invite a friend or two to come along with you. Please make your reservation to Janet Forbes, jforbes@hotmail.com or 490-2616 by Fri., 12/16/16.

Program Change: Get in the Game 2017 has been moved to Saturday, Feb., 11, 2107 due to a scheduling conflict at JCC.

Membership

By Linda Fellows

We have had a number of new members added to our Jamestown AAUW branch recently.

One new member who joined in August 2016 is Yvonne Makl of Bemus Point. She has recently retired from St. Bonaventure University. There she worked with students in the Student Life Department and the School of Education to support cultural diversity awareness, respect and inclusion. She looks forward to finding her individual connection within the Jamestown AAUW.

Grace Hanlon, Esq., joined our branch at the District 1 conference on October 8th this year. She is an attorney for the Chautauqua County DA Office. Currently, she is running for the office of Supreme Court Judgeship in NYS. She lives in Fredonia, NY.

Dr. Rianna Moore of Fredonia, NY received her PhD degree from Fielding Graduate University. She is a human and organization development specialist who specializes diversity inclusion work and leadership coaching. Dr. Moore joined our Branch at the District 1 conference on October 8th.

Journey Gunderson also joined our branch on October 8th, 2016. She was the keynote speaker of our District 1 Conference and is the Executive Director of the Lucille Ball Dezi Arnez National Comedy Center. Journey received a degree in Sports Information and Communication at Ithaca

College. She lives with her husband and their one and a half year old son, Oscar, in Bemus Point.

Debra Puckhaber joined our branch at the District 1 Conference. Debra holds an associates degree from Erie Community College. She lives in Westfield with her husband, and has been active as a Board Trustee for the Village. Debra has a Black Belt and has taught self defense classes at the YMCA and at Erie Community College. Recently, Ms. Puckhaber has been very active in getting the Women's Equality Party recognized in New York State, and the party will put forth candidates in this fall's elections.

Kerri Brown joined our Jamestown AAUW Branch in May of this year. Kerri graduated from Bowling Green University in Ohio. She works for Bellevue University and spends time as their representative at the Jamestown, Olean and North JCC Campuses. Ms. Brown lives with her husband and two sons ages four and two in Randolph.

Dr. Eileen Goodling is the Dean of Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer at Jamestown Community College. She joined our Jamestown AAUW at the Clothesline project at JCC in September 2016. Dr. Goodling lives with her husband in Ashville, NY.

Circle of Distinction

By B. Dolores Thompson

In 1988 the CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION honored Edith Ainge and the Political Equality Club. Edith and the members of the PEC (a number of whom were male) were in the forefront of the suffrage movement in Jamestown and Chautauqua County from the mid-late 1800s to 1920 when women were granted the right to vote in all elections throughout the United States.

The suffrage movement in the US had its beginnings in 1848 at a meeting in Seneca Falls, NY. The men and women attendees decided to focus their efforts for women's equality on women's right to vote. Their efforts were met with contempt and ridicule by the general public and few political leaders took their efforts seriously.

Chautauqua County was slow to adopt serious efforts even though state and national officials often appeared and spoke in Jamestown and Fredonia. Finally, in 1887, the Political Equality Club was organized in Jamestown with 13 members. Other clubs soon formed throughout Chautauqua County. In 1888 representatives from all these clubs met at Allen's Opera House (now Little Theatre) in Jamestown to form a county organization. Speakers at

the meeting included Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. The Chautauqua County Political Equality Club was the first county organization in New York State. In 1890 there were 1400 members and it was the largest group in the entire nation for several years.

Jamestown resident, Edith Ainge, became active at the national level in Washington, DC, serving as national treasurer. She helped plan many WNY demonstrations, and volunteered for picket duty, gave speeches, marched in parades, and took on whatever else was needed. She was arrested at one point and sent to the old District of Columbia jail where she refused to eat the food of a government that recognized its women citizens only as criminals.

Congress passed the 19th Amendment June 4, 1919, granting US women the right to vote in all elections throughout the US. Following ratification by the requisite number of states, it was signed into law August 26, 1920. And, for the first time in United States history, women had the right to vote that year for the president of the country of which they were citizens.

Get in the Game :: Attention all AAUW members, We need your help!

By Rae Lynn DeAngelo

We are in need of member volunteers for our 18th Annual Get in the Game event which will be held at JCC, Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 from 8 AM to 4 PM. In the Physical Education Building on Curtis Ave.

What is Get in the Game? It is our local celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day and has been a huge success for the past 17 years. Girls in grades 4-7 spend the day at JCC rotating through several different sports sessions, trying them out and learning new skills. They also create new friendships and develop self-confidence. We cannot continue this wonderful event without the support of our members. Please consider donating some of your time to encourage our area's young girls to participate in sports. This year we are working on including GITG favorites like kayaking, basketball, rugby, track, gymnastics, self-defense, and others.

If you have never participated in Get in the Game, you will NOT be disappointed! You will get so much joy out of introducing these girls to sports they can participate in. Email Rae Lynn DeAngelo at rreimondo@stny.rr.com or call her at 386-2052 if you are able to volunteer or would like more information.

Here is a description of the various "jobs" that we need our members help with and we are asking for volunteers to assist us with the following duties:



1. Registration: Registering/ checking- in participants and handing out T- shirts to each registered girl (from 8 - 9:15 AM) . (Most girls are pre-registered.) 6 volunteers needed



2. Lunch: Helping to serve the delivered pizza etc. (from 11:45 AM - 12:45) 4 or 5 volunteers needed



3. Dismissal: Recording each child's pick up by authorized person (from 3 4 PM.) 6 volunteers needed

4. Group Leader: Taking your group of girls to their designated scheduled event and making sure your group stays together completing all rotations. The Group Leader can be full day 8am-4pm) or 1/2 day morning (8-12pm) or afternoon, (12-4pm) but we need 2 adults Group Leaders per group for both morning and afternoon shifts . 14 volunteers needed.

Candidate Forum

B. Dolores Thompson

As Public Policy Chair, I again had the privilege to work with Minda Rae Amiran, of the League of Women Voters, and with Greg Rabb, JCC Faculty member to present the Candidate Forum which offers the local community an opportunity to hear and to question select candidates for local office.

Presenters in the first hour included the candidates for Chautauqua County Court Judge, Sally Jaroszynski and Michael Sullivan, and Chautauqua County District Attorney, Jason Schmidt and Patrick Swanson. The second hour featured NYS Assembly candidates, Jason Purdue and Andrew Goodell. Unfortunately, NYS Senate candidates, Catharine Young and Lee Hyson, were unable to attend the event.



The Candidate Forum, an annual event held in the Weeks Room on the JCC campus, is presented as an informational service to the community. It annual draws a near capacity audience. Many thanks to the local news media for their support in promoting the event!

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS, & GUESTS!

Share in the fun at our regularly scheduled dining out events.



**For more information
contact Kathy Colby
kjcolby@hotmail.com**

This AAUW special interest group is called “Dining Divas.” This is open to all AAUW members, guests and the community. This is a great tool for member recruitment, member retention and engagement.

The first step in membership recruitment is sometimes joining an interest group - since this is our only active interest group, we need to get a pipeline to membership.

So spread the word. Send a simple note out *“I’m going to chosen restaurant for dinner with some friends from AAUW, I would love for you to meet them.”*

Another message to non-members would be - *“Get to know us, then learn more about AAUW and what it does through our dinner conversations then maybe become a member.”*

About the AAUW

AAUW Mission

The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW Diversity

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW Vision

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

National Website:

www.aauw.org

State Website:

www.aauw-nys.org

Jamestown Website:

<http://jamestown-ny.aauw.net>

Branch Leadership

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