



## Jamestown Branch

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### From the Editor

Lucyism #1:

*"I think knowing what  
you cannot do is more  
important than knowing  
what you can do."*

*-- Lucille Ball*

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### Calendar of Branch Events

**Nov. 9 and 10, 2013, Sat./Sun.**

**Program:** AAUW What's New Fair

**Place:** JCC Hamilton Collegiate Center

**Time:** Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM; Sun: 10 AM - 4 PM

**Nov. 15, 2013, Fri.**

**Program:** New Member Party

**Place:** 33 LaSalle Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 8 PM

**Nov. 19, 2013, Tues.**

**Board Meeting**

**Place:** Celoron Community Center

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Dec. 12, 2013, Thurs.**

**Program:** Holiday Gathering

**Speaker:** TBA

**Place:** Marvin House

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Dec. 17, 2013, Tues.**

**Board Meeting**

**Place:** Celoron Community Center

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM



*All members are  
encouraged to  
attend these  
meetings.*

## President's Message

-- By Maggie Irwin, President

What a wonderful day we had on Saturday, October 19th! Our branch hosted the AAUW District One meeting in the Tropicana Room at the Lucy Museum. Big thanks to Candy Johnson for creating the wonderful programming and also to Kathi Clark who helped with the many details, to Elaine Damsteegt who put together the meeting packets, and to Linda Fellows and Dixie Siegel for taking reservations and providing a delicious breakfast. Our speakers were wonderful and reminded us of the treasures we have right here in Jamestown as well as the many empowered female business owners that are working in the area. I heard from a number of our members what a great time they had.



A day like we had at the District One meeting reminds me of how much we accomplish when we pull together as a team. An even bigger example of that is the upcoming What's New Fair. A lot of people are working hard right now -- to get the raffle

prizes together, admission and raffle tickets printed and distributed, yard signs and posters out, gathering items for the AAUW table, and on and on. The work intensifies during set up on Friday, November 8th and then we all take a turn working at the various AAUW posts (Sweet Shoppe, Gingerbread House, AAUW table, Membership, Raffle, Hospitality).

If you are able, please be certain you volunteer at the Fair on November 9th and 10th by calling Ruth Wahl who will find a spot for you. We also ask that you bring gently used items or handmade crafts to the AAUW Table and baked goods for the Sweet Shoppe. We have a wonderful time at this Fair, raise lots of \$\$\$ for our women's scholarships, sign up new AAUW members (for a reduced price of \$45.50), and do a good bit of Christmas shopping on our own!

After the Fair, we will have a celebratory party at my house (33 LaSalle Avenue, Jamestown) on Friday, November 15th, 5:30-8 pm to meet our new members and to congratulate ourselves on the good work we did to raise the scholarship monies we will give away to JCC and JBC female graduates next April. See the WNF articles in this issue to learn more.

See you at the FAIR!

### AAUW Mission

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

### 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 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 Value Promise

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

### Member Birthdays

\*send your birthday (month/day)  
to Maggie Irwin

Alicia Hodnett	Oct. 30
Heidi Strickland	Nov. 2
Phoebe Forbes	Nov. 8
Maggie Irwin	Nov. 11
Chris Ahlstrom	Dec. 4

## AAUW What's New Fair Excitement Is in the Air

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### It's time to raise some AAUW scholarship money!

Here's a little overview of this year's Fair.

**Saturday, Nov. 9:** 10 am - 5 pm

**Sunday, Nov. 10:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

**Hamilton Collegiate Center** at JCC, Jamestown.

**Admission:** \$3 for adults, \$1 for JCC/JBC students with ID, \$1 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are admitted free.

**Proceeds are awarded as scholarships** for JCC and Jamestown Business College female graduates who are going on to earn their four-year degrees.

### *Who will be there?*

### **Merchants:**

3C's Catering, A.B. Better Alternative/Coffee, Alphabet Art Photography, Arbonne, Avon, Baubles & Bangles, Beckett Custom Stamped Metal Designs, Bella Ballerina, Belin Boutique, Bert's Bottles and Bricks, The Cala Lily Yarn and Gift Shop, Candles by Julie, Carlson's Jewelry/Weeping Willow Gifts, Cornell Cooperative Master Gardeners, Chautauqua Miniatures & 2 Chixx Gift Shoppe, Discovery Toys, Dove Chocolate, DSN Crafty Stuff, Dun Roving Farm Suri Alpaca, Evergreen Outfitters, Fences & Such, GG My Love, Glassworks, Greater Jamestown AM Rotary, Initials Inc., Gustafson's Maple Country USA, It's Random, Jamestown Audubon Society, Jewels by Park Lane, Joan of Z, Josie's Jewelry, Kniti Gritti Works, Kreative Krystal, Lala Designs, Lasting Impressions, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Natural Nomad, Norwex, Origami Owl, PC Pottery, Paparazzi Jewelry and Accessories, Peaceful Designs, Primitive Peddler, Quirky Quilters, Radiantly You, Randolph Retail Co. & The Pickle Barrel, Sensations Salon and Day Spa, Sew Sweet Designs, Silpada Designs, Simply Natural Alpaca, The Sugar Shack, Tammarie Design, Tastefully Simple, Trendy Wendy Handbags, Tupperware, Two Sisters Gems, View from Hickory Heights, Vineyard Acres Sugar Shack, Weezy's Korner, and Zombie Food Crafts.



### **Other Features:**

Hourly door prizes, Sweet Shoppe, raffle drawings (27 prizes; \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 7 tickets, or \$10 for 20 tickets), personalize gingerbread cookies (\$2 each or 3 or \$5), AAUW gift table, Santa and Mrs. Claus visit each day. JCC food service will serve lunch both days.

### *What's needed from you?*

- Items for the AAUW table (see p. 4)
- Items for the Sweet Shoppe (see p. 4)
- Help working the various areas of the Fair. If you can help more than one time slot at an area, that would be appreciated.

See you at the Fair . . .

## Membership Party

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-- *By Barbara Russell & Alicia Hodnett,  
Membership VPs*

The Membership Committee is having a party! Come to Maggie's house (33 LaSalle Avenue, Jamestown) on Friday, November 15th, from 5:30 - 8 pm to celebrate our successful work on the 58th Annual What's New Fair and to meet members who have joined our branch since last Spring. We will have finger food and cider, coffee & tea. Please feel free to bring wine to share.



Stop by after work, if even for a few minutes, or stay the entire time. We promise the dogs and cats will be locked up.

We would appreciate knowing if you are coming, so we can get a count for food, etc. Let Maggie know by emailing or calling her (Mirwin@stny.rr.com; 483-5448 or 640-8688) and ask for directions to her house.



# WANTED

*Homemade goodies for the  
Sweet Shoppe*

*Last year's award winning sellers were:  
fruit pies, especially berry pies; caramel  
clusters; cookies; brownies; fudge; gluten  
free items; and a chocolate caramel bar*

Please drop off the items by 9 am on Saturday, November 9, 2013. Where practical, please package for individual sale. We can sell items anyway that they are packaged.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kathy Colby, Shirley Sanfilippo & Theresa Levandoski

What's New Fair Sweet Shoppe Co-Chairs

## CALLING ALL AAUW MEMBERS

**THE AAUW TABLE AT THE WHAT'S NEW FAIR IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF THINGS TO SELL.**

**This is me going to my porch every day,  
HOPING SOMEONE LEFT US SOME THINGS TO SELL:**



The Board expects us to make \$600--\$700--\$800 at the AAUW TABLE to keep our Branch dues at \$8.00. Please help. We're looking for:

**Handmade items—knit, crocheted, crafted, etc.,  
White Elephants, Gift items (No clothing and expensive gift items).**

**Please bring your contributions to my house:**

**186 Hallock Street (by Nov. 4, if possible).**

1. Call 483-0858 or 450-7423...OR
2. Leave them on my porch... OR
3. Bring them to the WNF Table at JCC on Friday,  
November 8 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**HOPING TO LOOK LIKE THIS COMING FROM MY PORCH  
DAILY FROM NOW UNTIL THE FAIR:**



## Great Fun at the District 1 Conference

-- By Kathi Clark, District 1 Co-Coordinator

We ventured to another time and place for this year's District 1 meeting. Set in the Tropicana Room, surrounded by Ricky Ricardo's famous Manhattan Night Club, includ-



ing maracas, band stands, instruments, and Ricky's suit, AAUW branches from Jamestown, Dunkirk, and Buffalo were transformed into Lucille Ball's world. She was even there to greet and entertain us as Lucy impersonator, Megan Clark, performed the Vitameatavegamin skit.

We enjoyed speaker Journey Gunderson, executive director of the Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz Center for Comedy, who shared some of Lucy's life with us as well as information on the Lucy-Desi Center. Following that we heard from a panel of local business women who spoke about the ins and outs, ups and downs of starting and growing a business. These included: Barbara Jean, Strickland Optical; Ronda Whitford, I-86 Truck Repair & Auto Service; Marcia Bliss, Marcia C. Bliss, CPA; and Mickey Muirhead, Hire the Help.

To top it off, we received an incredible lunch and all-inclusive tour of the Desilu Studios and Museum.



Hello AAUW-Jamestown members,

Remember to frequent our the AAUW-Jamestown website at

<http://jamestown-ny.aauw.net/> Use the easy links to national, state, updates, legislative alerts.

AND follow us on Facebook - Log into your Facebook account and search for AAUW Jamestown Branch and AAUW What's New Fair. For Twitter use [www.twitter.com/aauwjamestown](http://www.twitter.com/aauwjamestown)

### ~ Benefits of Social Media ~

Social media is a collection of several different software platforms designed for easy communication between friends, groups and the general public.

Twitter, fb, and Pinterest are just a few of online tools we can use for our branch's advocacy, free event advertisements, special announcements and reaching potential followers/members.

Social media works best as a conversation not a monolog. A conversation develops via posts earning "LIKES" and "comments". This conversation expands when someone shares it with friends, who then shares with their own friends.

The goal of social media is twofold:

1. Gather some good news sources. We do this by befriending or subscribing to people or organizations we respect and national news sources,
2. Develop a following of people or organizations who want to read what we post and share: friends, family, neighbors, and people with similar interests and etc.

After developing a good stream of news, a person can share and enhance other people's post, share photos, issues and events - Ultimately generating excitement for CASAC's causes.

*When you are on Facebook continue to LIKE and COMMENT on items already posted so your friends can see what's up in the world of AAUW and they can offer their opinions by commenting further in response to your comments.*

*Twitter ([www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)) is a platform for posting very short messages (also called "tweets") of 140 characters or less. Twitter is a service to communicate and stay connected through this exchange. The goal is to collect a group of people (followers) interested in our message and opinions. Our Username is [aauwjamestown](http://aauwjamestown). Type in your address bar [www.twitter.com/aauwjamestown](http://www.twitter.com/aauwjamestown)*

*SO GET SOCIAL — Remember Social Media is about conversation. Share and comment on other people's or organizations' posts to start new conversations, and join in the conversations that are occurring on our social media pages. The more we engage with our followers, the more they will understand that our priorities are their priorities too.*

*SEND ITEMS OF INTEREST, RELATED TO AAUW, TO ME FOR POSTING— [kjcolby@hotmail.com](mailto:kjcolby@hotmail.com)*

*Kathy Colby, Social Media Chair*



We're on Facebook!  
Please visit our Facebook page and *Like* us. Find our page by typing in AAUW Jamestown Branch in the Search space at the top of the page.

**National Website:** [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**State Website:** [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org)

**Jamestown Website:** <http://jamestown-ny.aauw.net>



## Public Policy

-- By B. Dolores Thompson, Public Policy VP

The Public Policy committee's voter registration efforts were a bit subdued this year compared to last year. We assisted 6 persons at St. Susan's; most persons there are already registered or not interested. Joint Neighborhood Project, another good resource, has closed. At JCC, we assisted several students with questions and helped 2 with their registration. We did not attend the Farmer's Market due to rainy, chilly weather most Fridays. It seems from past experience that most patrons are already registered....or not interested. How can people not be interested in voting??? It is one of our fundamental rights and privileges!

AAUW collaborated again this year with the League of Women Voters in a Candidate Forum.. It was scheduled for October 24th at the Prendergast Library, from 6:30 to 8:30. Scheduled speakers included the candidates for County Executive - Vince Horigan and Ron Johnson - and Larry Barmore and Lori Cornell for County Clerk from 6:30 to 7:30. Also, from 7:30 to 8:30 were the Legislature Candidates: District 10 - Sharon Lisciandro and Paul Wendel; District 11 - Robert Whitney and David Wilfong; District 12 - Fred Larson and William Pietro; District 15 - Samuel Ognibene and Lisa Vanstrom; District 16 - Tom Erlandson and Ronald Lemon. We believe this is a very important service to the voters of the Jamestown area and no other organization is offering it.

Jamestown AAUW's life member, Mary Joyce D'Aurizio, is the Mayor of Irondequoit, NY and is running for re-election. Mary Jo was president of our branch 1985-1988 when she was living in this area and took out her life membership through our branch. Thus, she still appears as a member of our branch. We wish her success in the upcoming election!



As many of our members are aware, I am the City of Jamestown Historian. My major focus for many years has been on historical markers - those visible, tangible reminders of our history. This year's marker (2013), the 67th marker, at the suggestion of our AAUW member, Traci Langworthy, honors the Chautauqua County Political Equality Club, which organized October 31, 1888 at Allen's Opera House in Jamestown to promote voting rights for women. The Jamestown club hosted members from clubs throughout Chautauqua County. It was the first county organization in New York State and, by 1891 with over 1,000 members, it was the largest county organization in the entire United States. We can be very proud of these stalwart women - and men - who persisted despite many odds in securing the right to vote we today take for granted. In honor of them - VOTE!!

*Chinese Proverb: When Sleeping Women Wake, Mountains Move...*

Jamestown AAUW Member Lori Cornell is running for Chautauqua County Clerk. We wish her success in the coming election as well.

## Women for Women International Affairs

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-- By Loreen Ginnitti, *International Affairs Chair* *International Book Review:*

Here is another international organization doing good work for women whose needs go beyond the basics: Women for Women International plays a vital role in helping to heal women in war-torn nations including Afghanistan, Bosnia, Rwanda, Congo, Sudan, and Colombia.

The women are survivors of war and conflict and are helped to move toward economic self-sufficiency with a year-long program of direct aid, rights education, job skills training, and small business development. Women who enroll in the one-year program learn job skills and receive business training so they can earn a living. They come to understand their rights and how to fight for those rights in their homes, their communities and their nations. They learn how to become leaders.

The program addresses the women's immediate and long-term needs, works to improve their status and opportunities and see what can be done to create a more just and peaceful world. This organization rates three out of four stars on Charity Navigator who rates non-profit organizations. You can make a one time donation to this organization in any amount or "sponsor a sister" for \$30 a month. Check them out at [womenforwomeninternational.org](http://womenforwomeninternational.org).

## What's New Fair Raffle and Admissions

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-- By Kathi R. Clark, *Raffle Co-Chair*

Thank you to those who have already turned in your checks for AAUW What's New Fair raffle and admissions tickets. If you have not done so, we would appreciate receiving your checks in advance of the Fair to make managing and keeping track of everything a bit easier.

This year's raffle is very exciting. We are having individual bags for each prize, so you can specifically place your tickets into the bags of the prizes you want most. The following are the raffle prizes for this year:

Contented Inn Bed and Breakfast two night stay, YMCA six month membership, Chautauqua Institution two Day and Evening Passes with parking, Chautauqua Insitution Golf Club two Greens fees with cart, Summer Wind Cruise two Sunday brunch

*The Other Side of War: Women's Stories of Survival and Hope*

- By Zainab Salbi, Founder of Women for Women International

*"Perhaps by understanding women, and the other side of war...we will have more humility in our discussions of wars...perhaps it is time to listen to women's side of history."*

This book presents a collection of letters and first-person narratives by amazing women who survived war's devastation and now must find the strength to rebuild families and communities. *The Other Side of War* explores six regions where Women for Women International has helped survivors of the world's most tumultuous countries learn new skills, open small businesses and forge bonds with sponsors.

Overviews by the author explain how each nation's history led to violent conflict; then the women tell their stories--of horror, cruelty, and suffering but also of profound inspiration as they work toward renewal and toward the day their fierce determination is rewarded with productivity, prosperity, and lasting joy.

cruises, See Zurh House \$50 gift card, Hare 'N Hound Restaurant \$50 gift card, one hour Wanda Lucariello Massage, JCC Faculty Association Filled JayHawk Duffle bag--\$100 value, Snap Fitness one month membership, Roger Tory Insitutute Family Membership, Cala Lily Yarn Shop \$100 Gift Basket, Lakewood Apothecary \$50 Gift Basket, Bemus Point Inn Lunch for two, Salon One hair cut and style, Fenton History Center Family Membership, Girton's Flowers and Gifts \$25 gift card, Urban Cycling, Chautauqua Youth Ballet two tickets, Lucille Ball Little Theatre two tickets, Jamestown Concert Association two tickets, Community Music Project tickets, Jamestown Audubon Family Membership, Fort Restaurant \$25 gift card, The Cosy Shack four hour Interior Design Consult, BAag and String \$40 Wine Basket, Wing City Grill gift card, Roberts Nursery \$20 Gift Card.

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## Jamestown Branch

### 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: **Barbara Russell**  
(716) 763-3346

### **Branch Leadership**

#### *Executive Board--(Elected Officers)*

President:	Maggie Irwin
Program VP:	Candy Johnson
Membership VPs:	Barbara Russell Alicia Hodnett
EOF VP:	Frances Fair
LAF VPs:	Mary Keeney Patricia Luciani
Treasurer:	Shirley Sanfilippo
Recording Secretary:	Phoebe Forbes

#### *State Representatives*

NYS Membr./Finance Liason:	Phoebe Forbes
District 1 Coordinators:	Elaine Damsteegt Kathi Clark

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