



Jamestown Branch

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Goodbye From the Editor

Thank you to the AAUW Jamestown Branch for providing me with leadership opportunities:

- Including 15 years as your What's New Fair Co-Chair and 3 years as your WNF Raffle Chair;
- Including the privilege to edit and produce *Twigs* newsletter.
- Including the honor of being your Communications Chair.

Next month I will be joining my husband at our new home in Milford, MI. Because of you, my sisters, I have grown into the person I am today. I thank you and will miss you dearly.

~ ~ Kathi R. Clark

Calendar of Branch Events

March 9, 2016; Wed.

Program: Screening of "He Named Me Malala"
Event: International Women's Day Celebration
Place: Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, 16 E. 3rd St., Jamestown
Time: 7:00 PM

March 17 2016; Thurs.

Event: Dream It. Do It. STEM Wars - 9 AM - 1 PM
 Stem Career Search - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Place: JCC Phys Ed Complex

April 15 - 17, 2016; Fri. - Sun.

Event: AAUW New York State Convention
Theme: "AAUW Women on the Move: Achieving Women's Economic Equity"
Place: Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY

April 27, 2016; Wed.

Program: Membership Social
Place: James Prendergast Library Community Room
Speaker: Traci Langworthy, JCC History Professor
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Mark these meetings on your calendar

May 4, 2016; Wed.

Event: Women Create Salon
Place: Dykeman Young Gallery, 100 E. 2nd Street, 3rd Floor, Jamestown

May 18, 2016; Wed.

Program: Annual Dinner
Place: Landmark Restaurant
Time: 6 PM



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Board Message

-- *By Janet Forbes, Program VP*

Board of Directors Updates

Due to severe weather and lack of a quorum due to some of our Executive Board members being out of town, both the January and February AAUW Board meetings were cancelled. Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm. at the Celoron Community Center. NOTE: This is a change of date since the screening of

Do You Know About the New York State Grant Programs?

-- *By Edwina Frances Martin, AAUW-NYS Pres.*

Did you know? AAUW-NYS now offers not one, but two exciting grant programs! Created in the 2014-15 fiscal year, the purpose of the NYS grants are to help branches plan mission-based local and district conference programs by providing funds for space, speakers (food, travel, honorariums), and promotion of the events. The aim is that these programs will not only inspire our current members, but attract like-minded new branch members who will be excited by the mission of AAUW. You can find the grant applications on the NYS Treasury page on its website [HERE](http://www.aauw-nys.org/treasury.htm)-or-<http://www.aauw-nys.org/treasury.htm>. All applications are reviewed on a rolling basis by AAUW-NYS's Finance Committee.

Branch Grant Program

AAUW-NYS has allocated up to \$500 per branch to support ongoing and new mission-based programming. Applications should include a detailed budget, outline of the program, an explanation of how the program relates to AAUW's mission and vision, and a description of how the program will increase AAUW's visibility (by collaborating with community organizations, providing membership opportunities, etc.).

District Conference Grant Program

AAUW-NYS has also allocated up to \$500 per district for the use of the host branch for district conferences. Grants will support a mission-based focus for a district conference. Similar to the branch grant program, host branches must submit an application with a detailed budget, outline of the program, an explanation of how the program relates to AAUW's mission and vision, a

He Named Me Malala is scheduled on our usual monthly BOD meeting date.

Janet Forbes, Program VP, will serve as chair of this BOD meeting. A draft agenda will be sent out the week of March 7th. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the BOD meetings. A decision will be made to name our Branch delegates to the AAUW NYS Convention, discussion of initial Nominating Committee report, etc.

description of how the program will increase AAUW's visibility (by collaborating with community organizations, providing membership opportunities, etc.), and a description of how the conference will be promoted.

The goal of these grant programs is to help AAUW-NYS branches expand their programming opportunities, enhance their visibility in their communities, and attract new members, so please consider if your upcoming programs are eligible for state support and submit your applications now!

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.

Program Update: What's Happening in Our Branch?

-- By Janet Forbes, Program VP

Saturday, March 6, 2016, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

17th Annual Get in the Game

Local celebration of National Women and Girls in Sports Day for girls in grades 4-7

Jamestown Community College Physical Education Complex,

126 girls have registered for GITG, and we expect a full, busy, fun-filled day.

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 7 PM

International Women's Day Celebration

Screening of "*He Named Me Malala*" at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, 16 E. 3rd St, Jamestown.

This film is an award-winning documentary about Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate. AAUW will have a table in the lobby with members recruiting prospective AAUW members, voter registration, and information about International Women's Day.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Dream It. Do It. STEM Wars, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

STEM Career Search - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Held at Jamestown Community College Physical Education Complex

Our Branch STEM Team members will table at this event sharing AAUW STEM for women and girls research materials and recruiting prospective members.

New this year - "*Girls/Young Women Area*" - Women professionals from different career backgrounds will be on hand in a designated area to encourage young women to pursue careers in STEM/Manufacturing.

www.didiwny.com/stem-wars-2016.html

Friday - Sunday, April 15-17, 2016

AAUW NYS Convention

Held at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Spring, NY

Theme: "AAUW Women on the Move: Achieving Women's Economic Equity"

Registration is open. Deadline for registration is March 27, 2016.

Our Jamestown Branch will be celebrated for our 95 year anniversary! Christina Marsh will be recognized as our Branch Emerging Leader. Congratulations, Christina, for this well-deserved honor.

To learn more visit:

<http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm>

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 6 PM - 8:30 PM

Membership Social

Held at Jamestown Prendergast Library, Community Room, 509 Cherry St., Jamestown

Speaker: Traci Langworthy, JCC History Professor, will present about "Women's Suffrage."

Celebration of AAUW scholarship recipients and election of Branch officers. Please invite prospective AAUW members as guests.

Note new location, date, and time.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Women Create Salon

Held at Dykeman Young Gallery, 100 E. 2nd St., 3rd Fl., Jamestown. More details to follow.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 6 PM

Annual Dinner

Held at Landmark Restaurant, 515 W. 4th St., Jamestown.

Public Policy

-- By *B. Dolores Thompson, Public Policy VP*

Unless you have been living in a cave in a remote foreign country, you know this is a Presidential election year. So far, it has been far from dull and it promises to remain equally lively in the months ahead.

This past Fall's election brought to our attention the lack of interest in voting on the part of the generation under 35 years of age. Their grandparents voted at a much higher rate. The rates for both were on the low side, probably because it was a local only election year. One would hope a Presidential election will stir much greater interest on the part of all eligible voters. (I did not ask any of my 12 grandchildren if they voted...)

Circle of Distinction

-- By *B. Dolores Thompson, Public Policy VP*

In 1987 the Circle welcomed Bertha Stoneman, a member of that remarkable Lakewood family. Her aunt, Kate Stoneman, was the Circle's first honoree.

Bertha was born in Lakewood August 18, 1866. She graduated from Jamestown High School in 1885 and 9 years later earned a bachelor of pedagogy degree from Cornell University, followed by a doctor of science in botany two years later. In 1897 she joined the staff of Huguenot College in Wellington, South Africa, a newly founded college for women.

Bertha was put in charge of the botany department and, by 1905 she had established a large and well-stocked herbarium and botany laboratory. Her book, *Plants and Their Ways in South Africa* was published in 1906, the first one on the subject. She taught other subjects as well and headed the Department of Philosophy.

The big question - why did so many them not vote? Will a Presidential election stir their interest and get them involved? Are they turned off by government? Do they not care what government does with the taxes they pay? Are they too busy with their careers and their young families? All of the above? Other issues?

The next 10 months promise to be "interesting," perhaps more so than many of us wish. If anyone has suggestions on how AAUW Jamestown branch can encourage those under age 35 to get to the polls this year, I would love to hear them.

In 1921 Dr. Stoneman was appointed the third president of the college, a post she held until she retired 12 years later. She was instrumental in founding the South African Association of University Women and served on several significant Boards. She was keenly interested in sports, had tremendous rapport with her students (some became life-long friends), had a talent for composing verse and had a great love of fun and laughter.

Dr. Stoneman died April 30, 1943. Her ashes remained in South Africa until the close of World War II when they were returned to Bentley Cemetery in Lakewood. A woman of remarkable stature who achieved acclaim and renown in another part of the world, she epitomizes the goals which AAUW holds for all women. Intelligent and educated, she used her talents to further human knowledge and progress and, in the process, became greatly beloved and revered.



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National Website: www.aauw.org

State Website: www.aauw-nys.org

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

What Do Your Annual Dues Support?

-- By Edwina Frances Martin, Esq., AAUW-NYS President

When you pay your annual dues, a portion goes to AAUW national, a portion goes to the state, and a portion goes to your local branch. AAUW national is the national voice for AAUW, promoting the mission, vision and goals of AAUW on a national level, and providing support to members and branches through leadership, grant and scholarship programs and funding. AAUW-NYS provides support to its local branches to promote AAUW, raise visibility, provide community leadership, and attract new members dedicated to the mission of AAUW. At the local level, members live the mission of AAUW and are the lifeblood of the organization - giving local scholarships, collaborating with like-minded organizations to address critical community needs, and providing leadership in their local communities on issues of importance to AAUW. Your annual dues support:

1. The promotion of AAUW's overall mission, vision and goals by the national office on a national level:

- Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
- Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.
- Vision Statement: AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.
- Diversity Statement: 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.

2. The lobbying, public policy and research work of the national office, including in 2015-16:

- Fighting for women's rights - recent work includes addressing sexual assault on campus;
- Promoting STEM careers for young girls and women;

- Advocating for Pay Equity;
- Producing the report Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing, which takes a closer look at the STEM fields where the jobs are but women aren't;
- Lobbying for Reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA);
- Producing a New Toolkit for Title IX Coordinators;
- Lobbying for the STEM Opportunities Act of 2015 (H.R.467); and
- Continued advocacy on issues such as the Gender Wage Gap, Work-Life Balance, and Economic Justice (i.e., the Paycheck Fairness Act, increasing the Minimum Wage, Paid Family Leave and Paid Sick Days, Health Care and Reproductive Health, and Decreasing Student Loan Debt).

3. The grant programs and legal advocacy and workshop projects of the national office, including:

- The Legal Advocacy Fund;
- Elect Her-Campus Women Win;
- \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop;
- Campus leadership Programs; and
- Tech Trek, Elect Her, Tech Savvy.

4. The grants and programming provided for you by the state, including:

- AAUW-NYS Branch Grant Program;
- AAUW-NYS District Conference Grant Program;
- Annual summer leadership conference;
- *Focus* newsletter; and
- The Business Meeting at the annual convention.

5. Last but not least, your dues support the scholarships and programming of your local branch!

The combination of national, state and local work is what makes being a member of AAUW so powerful and special - we are truly the change makers of our communities and our nation!



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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: **Alicia Mae Hodnett**
(716) 489-3012

Branch Leadership

Executive Board--(Elected Officers)

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