



Calendar of Branch Events

January 17 • 6 p.m.

Divas Dine • Taste of India Restaurant

March 14 • Time TBA

Dream It Do It STEM Wars
Jamestown Community College
Athletic Complex

March 17 • 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tech Savvy • UB's North Campus

March 24 • 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Get in the Game
Jamestown Community College
Athletic Complex

April 20-22

AAUW NYS Convention • Corning, N.Y.

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Branch Updates

Welcome to new members:

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Karen Johnson, 716-386-6195
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Membership is currently at 66 members.

Currently, the branch has the following positions open:

Educational Opportunities Fund/ Legal Advocacy Co Vice President: Fundraising position for the Legal Advocacy Fund and the Educational Opportunities Grants.

Publicity: Assists in writing and distributing press releases for programs and activities.

International Issues: Helps to support AAUW's international issues.

Branch Public Policy Co-Chair:

Helps to advance AAUW's public policy priorities while organizing and encouraging other AAUW members to do the same.

DATE CHANGE: Get in the Game changed to March 24, 2018

Doors open at 8:30 am, Dismissal at 3:45—4:00 p.m.

Girls grade 4-7 are placed in age-appropriate groups and rotate through different sports workshops that are delivered for all skill and interest levels! All groups are supervised by AAUW, college and high school volunteers, and first aid assistants are available throughout the event. Cost is \$15.00 per girl (includes a full day of activities, lunch, souvenir t-shirt, new friends and fun!)

Volunteers are needed to assist with registration, groups, and refreshments. To help Email: gitgjamestown@gmail.com or call Wendy Present at 640-0056 or Rae Lynn Deangelo at 499-2548.

Mark your calendars

Below are the dates articles for TWIGS need to be received by.

March/April Issue: 2/24/18

May/June Issue: 4/14/18



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.

President's Message

By Christina A Marsh, AAUW Jamestown Branch President

Welcome 2018! I always enjoy the coming of the New Year. Although, I recognize we can make our resolutions at any time, and I do create new goals for myself on a consistent basis, there is something about the beginning of a year that elicits wonder and hope in me. I suppose it is because I look at the New Year as a clean slate with upcoming adventures yet to be revealed!

Moving into the second half of my term as AAUW Jamestown Branch president has been a tremendous experience and I am inspired for all 2018 will reveal, not only for me, but for all of us that are members. I look forward to getting to know our new members, learning more about the amazing organization AAUW is on all levels nationally, state, and regionally, and working with such strong, talented, and intelligent women that comprise AAUW. Our organization has accomplished much over the years and I know will continue to make a positive impact on our community, not only for women and girls, but for all.

My focus in 2018 for the AAUW Jamestown Branch is continuing to bridge our understanding of the variety of needs and desires within our membership. Our branch is like other branches in that growing and sustaining membership is a challenge. I believe this is due, in large part, to an aging membership that is not replenishing. AAUW leaders across the state and region believe this as well.

Fortunately, our branch is an open-minded and diverse group of The Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generation

Xers, and Millennials. This strength allows us to have at our fingertips, the knowledge and experience to be front runners in our community. In order to increase and maintain membership however, we must continue to work to understand and support all members and to provide available experiences that appeal to all ages.

If you attended our last Membership Social you heard former Striders Director of Mentoring and Advocacy, Amanda Gesing, speak on mentoring. Mentoring is integral to maintaining a robust and cohesive organization. Moreover, I believe, mentoring should be experienced as reciprocal among members. How fortunate our branch is to be represented by the many years of leadership experience but also knowledge and expertise of technology. These two characteristics alone can widely and effectively move forward our mission.

Everything considered, for the size of our branch, we have done well in providing solid programs to support women and girls in our community. Additionally, we continue to deliver funding for scholarships and grants that will underscore educational pursuits for women and girls in our community but also through EOF, those outside of our area. Lastly, not to forget, the importance of FUN and socialization we provided through Dining Divas, and most recently, our crazy Brown Bag Auction during the potluck dinner!

All the best for 2018!

Christina

AAUW – JCC Women's Issues Advisory Board

By Yvonne Makl

Best wishes to everyone in the New Year!

The AAUW/JCC Educational Partners - Women's Issues Advisory Board Committee 'wrapped-up' a very multi-faceted 2017 with our student partners, EmpowerMe! EmpowerMe! students are boundless and committed to raise awareness in all issues regarding the rights of students regardless of sexuality, race, religion, or gender. There is no end to their ideas and event planning.

The committee has to ask itself, where do we go from here?

Our vision forward for the spring semester 2018, and beyond, includes giant steps in committee member

development. Our renewed focus on current women's issues brings us to you all for your many individual strengths and life experiences. If you've ever wondered about working with students on the collegiate level, this is it! We, listen to young perspectives and ideas. They, look to us for knowledge, guidance and our invaluable community outreach and resources. Consider your time spent as an investment in the future. Help us help our young adult women to lead the way. It's a lofty goal, but together we all make a difference.

Please, join us!

Contacts: Yvonne Makl, Valerie Champlin, Maggie Irwin, Kerri Brown, Kayla Crosby

Public Policy

B. Dolores Thompson

AAUW's public policy program has its roots in the late 1800s when women, who had the privilege of a university education, social status and wealth, determined that women's voices deserved to be heard. Their efforts were not universally appreciated. Undaunted, throughout the ensuing decades, women have persisted in their goals of equality for women in all fields of endeavor - academic and non-academic, a voice in the government and now into an active role in government at all levels.

Women have a different, unique perspective on Life. As the major source of the very continuation of human life on Planet Earth, we have an investment in that Life's future. In far too many parts of the world, that voice is stifled. Ours is not. Use your voice at every opportunity!



DIVAS Dine at Taste of India Restaurant

*Join your fellow **AAUW DIVAS**
for a dining experience full of fun*

Where: 718 West Third Street, Jamestown, NY

When: 6:30 pm, Wednesday, January 17

RSVP: Kathy Colby, kjcolby@hotmail.com
or 716-720-0234

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

Our 170,000 members and supporters span local and virtual communities, cities and college campuses, all over the world. On campuses, we foster the next generation of women in leadership

and in the workplace. After graduation, we mentor, fund, and support educational and professional development. From college through career and beyond, we're working to change the future.



What's New Fair

By Mary Lee Talbot

Congratulations! We raised \$9000 toward our scholarship program through the 2017 What's New Fair. This was only possible because of the hard work and support that you all give to this event. Many thanks to each of you for all the support and time you gave this event.

Kathy Stanton worked with the merchants this year. We had about 10 fewer this year due to life events with some of our long-time participants and then new configuration of the kitchen space and fireplace room in the Hamilton Student Center at Jamestown Community College. But the merchants who were there were very happy and appreciative. Special thanks to Joyce Brasted and Jerry Vanim who helped tape down the rooms in record time.

Emily McVay has stepped in as the second co-chair of the event. Emily did the major work of getting our event seen on Facebook and reaching out to a younger demographic. She was behind the all vendor pass that tried to get visitors to spend time at every booth and came up with the survey of visitors.

Phoebe Forbes did her usual fine job as treasurer. She keeps us honest with how much we have to give away. Ruth Wahl took on the leadership of the Admissions tables. She did a great job and would love to have someone work with her next year.

Becky Nystrom led the Raffle with help onsite from Holly Gatto. It continues to be one of our biggest money makers. Becky worked hard to get in touch with a variety of institutions around the area to provide prizes. Some of our merchants even give an extra gift to help make this a successful part of the Fair.

Mary Lee Talbot and Emily McVay did the major work for publicity.

Kathy Colby, Mary Keeney and Shirley San Filippo coordinated the Sweet Shoppe. Your donations helped us sell some sweet treats to our visitors and it made more money than in previous years.

Candy Johnson always does an incredible job in decorating the Ginger Bread men. Eklof's Bakery again made the cookies for us. Candy retired this year and we need two people to come on board and coordinate the

decoration of the cookies. This is a great place to meet some of the wonderful young people who volunteer each year.

Janet Forbes said yes to coordinating our AAUW volunteers. Thank you, Janet, and your helper Dolores Thompson. Wendy Present does the recruiting of our young volunteers and she did a great job. In fact, the word is spreading among some high school groups that the What's New Fair is a good place to get their volunteer points.

Dixie Siegel found grocers all around the county who donated food for our hospitality cart. They kept the merchants happy with bagels, cookies, fruit and drinks. We will need another person to come on board. Several AAUW members including told people about the work of AAUW and invited people to join us. Welcome to all our new members!

Linda Fellows and Elaine Damsteegt coordinated the AAUW Grift Shoppe where items are re-gifted from members some members contribute handmade items. The receipts from this table help defray the dues that we pay each year. Elaine has officially retired after this fair and we will need new people to help, especially providing a central place to leave donations.

We had great support from the staff of Jamestown Community College, from a variety of merchants and institutions around the area to provide gifts and food, and from the greater community in coming to the Fair. We will be getting dates set with JCC soon and then it is time to get things started for 2018. Please consider volunteering to help with one of the committees and be sure to put the dates on your calendar to be at the Fair. Together we can raise the hopes of so many women who are working hard to get an education to improve their lives and the lives of their families.

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 2017-2018

Executive Board--(Elected Officers)

President	Christina Marsh
Program VP	Janet Forbes
Membership Joint VPs	Linda Fellows Mary Keeney
EOF VPs.....	Emily McVey Christina Marsh
LAF VPs	Emily McVey Christina Marsh
Public Policy	B. Dolores Thompson
Treasurer	Shirley Sanfilippo
Recording Secretary	Ruth Wahl

Committee Chairs

NYS BOD Liaison:	
NYS Membership VP	Barbara Sarver
NYS Member/Finance Liaison	Pheobe Forbes

Communications

Publicity	Keri Brown
TWIGS Editor	Leslie Calimeri

Directory	Debra Eck
Social Media	Kathy Colby
Member Communications...	Maggie Irwin
STEM	Janet Forbes
Nominating Committee	Linda Fellows
Hospitality	Dixie Segal
Scholarship	Wendy Present Rebecca Nystrom Yvonne Makl
Dining Divas	Kathy Colby
Historian.....	Elaine Rissel
Interclub Council	B. Dolores Thompson
Circle of Distinction	B. Dolores Thompson
Education Partners	Valerie Champlin Yvonne Makl
Get In the Game	Wendy Present RaeLynn DeAngelo
What's New Fair:	Kathy Stanton Mary Lee Talbot Emily McVey
International Issues	Open Position