

CHIPS

The monthly newsletter of the Westchester Branch of the American Association of University Women, Westchester County, New York



**Westchester AAUW Has Been
Empowering Women and
Girls Since 1933**

2020 AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION PREVIEW

by Jane Pendergast – AAUW NYS Program Vice President

**New York
AAUW
Celebrates**



The 2020 AAUW NYS Convention will present AAUW members with a remarkable chance to celebrate both the centenary of AAUW New York State and the 19th Amendment guaranteeing all American women the right to vote. The NYS Board invites you to mark your calendars for April 24-26 for the AAUW Centennial Celebration – Equality Matters. We will gather in Rochester, the center of a unique area in the state where so many great fighters for suffrage and equal rights from the 19th and 20th centuries lived and worked - Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and many more.

To capture the importance of our centennials, we will gather together AAUW members and other community leaders for equality to honor the leaders of the past and to remember, reflect, and recommit to the work of ensuring equality for all in a Community Networking and Partners event to be held on Friday night in a large white event space at the Woodcliff Hotel in Fairport-Rochester.

The evening will include an inspiring talk by a major leader for equality in New York State. It will also give us a chance to talk and connect with leaders from AAUW and other statewide community groups concerned with equality. So, bring your AAUW cards to exchange and prepare to talk about the great work you are doing in your communities - and learn about the work of new friends and potential collaborators. By wearing white, we can create a glorious, light-filled scene of celebration.

Other aspects of the convention being planned include, in addition to our annual business meeting, a video showcasing AAUW NYS branches' early years and continuing great work, an update from AAUW National, opportunities to visit historic Rochester and Seneca Falls sites, as well as the chance to talk with experts and advocates on current mission-related issues. Be alert for more information on this unique centennial event!

AAUW Westchester Branch Meeting

Saturday, January 4 at 10:30 AM

**GREENBURGH LIBRARY
300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford**

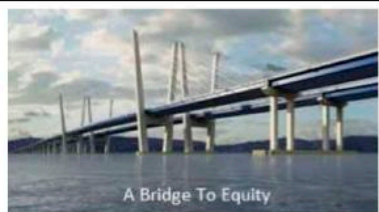
SPEAKER: Stephen Paul DeVillo

**Author of "The
Bronx River in
History and
Folklore", and
"The Bowery: The
Strange History of
New York's Oldest
Street"**



PROGRAM: Revolution on the Bronx River!

The talk will focus on the role that the Bronx River valley played in the American Revolution, from the Battle of White Plains to the dark years when it was part of the "Neutral Ground" between the two armies. We'll learn how the Bronx River helped save the Revolution at White Plains, and hear tales of spies, raiders, "skinners" and the original "cow-boys". We'll approach the story of the Revolution through the experiences of two women: Elizabeth Delancey and Abigail Purdy. These two lived at opposite ends of the valley (West Farms and White Plains, respectively), occupied opposite social positions (wealthy/aristocratic and small farmer), and embraced opposite politics (Loyalist and Patriot.) They came through the war in different ways, and their outcomes reflect the divisions brought about by the end of the conflict.



WOMEN IN ACTION- by Selena Barron



MISSION: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

VISION: Equity for All

VALUE STATEMENT: By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. AAUW is nonpartisan, fact-based, and values integrity, inclusion and intersectionality.

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Legal Advocacy Fund

provides funding and a support system for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

The AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund

provides fellowships and grants to aspiring graduate women scholars in the US and around the globe.

As a new decade begins we can be proud of the leadership and actions shown by a young girl and a women's athletic team. On December 12 TIME magazine recognized their efforts and impact and gave each a special honor. TIME stated that a sixteen year old Swedish teenager, Greta Thunberg, was named TIME's Person of the Year for "sounding the alarm on humanity's predatory relationships with the only home we have and for showing us all what it might look like when a new generation leads." The United States women's soccer team was named TIME's Athlete of the Year. TIME described the team as "Champions who showed the world what they're worth. They did this on and off the field with their incredible World Cup play as well as for their trailblazing fight for equality.

Greta Thunberg, a climate change activist, is in the midst of a protracted schedule of global travel, speeches and rallies to bring attention to the urgency of the action needed now in order to avoid in her words "irreversible chain reactions beyond human control." On September 23, 2019 Greta gave an impassioned, warning speech to hundreds of world leaders at the United Nations in New York City. She loudly addressed their insufficient realization, awareness and response to the urgent crisis caused by climate change. USA Today covered her appearance and printed a transcript of what she said. The following excerpt from her UN speech is an example of Greta's courage, determination and call for action. "This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school, on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money, and fairy tales of external economic growth. How dare you! For more than 30 years the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away, and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed, are still nowhere in sight.."

The United States women's soccer team won the World Cup, which gave them a record fourth title in tournament history. Their back to back championships were rare. Only Germany has achieved this feat. The women were dominant starting with a 13-0 win over Thailand early in the world cup. Team members, Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan, ended with 26 goals in seven games, which is a record at the World Cup Their coach, Jill Ellis, is the first manager to ever win the tournament twice. The team sold the most team jerseys in Nike's history, a 500% increase since the last World Cup. The number of global viewers was more than doubled for every game. Across all platforms 1.2 billion viewers watched the team's historic win take place. Megan Rapinoe was also named Sports Illustrated Sportperson of the year. Despite these wonderful statistics, the United States women's team set forth the financial and other supports provided to the United States men's soccer team, but not to the women's team. The women players stated that if they won 20 non-tournament games in a year, the top players would earn a maximum of \$99,000 while a men's star doing the same thing would earn an average of \$203,320. They also noted that in 2014 the federation paid the men's team \$5.375 million in bonuses in the World's Cup even though they were eliminated in the round of 16, while the women got only \$1.725 million after winning the whole title in 2015.

All 28 members of the current United States women's soccer roster fought for equality. They filed a class action lawsuit against the U. S. Soccer Federation on March 8, 2019 which was International Women's Day. The suit was filed in Los Angeles federal court under the Equal Pay Act and the Civil Rights Act. The Equal Pay Act prohibits wage discrimination between men and women who perform similar jobs. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employers from discriminating against employees based on sex, race, color, religion and national origin. The players say they have been subject to "institutionalized gender discrimination." The team is requesting a jury trial for the

Bridge Photo from NY
StateThruway Authority

case. Their demands also include equal support and development for their games, as well as fair travel, training and game promotions. The lawsuit asks for equal pay as well as back pay damages. The team wants to be the voice for women seeking equality in other occupations, as well as for future women soccer players.

Greta Thunberg, the youngest person to receive the TIME's Person of the Year award and the United States women's soccer team are both shining examples of the new, outstanding, assured girls and women who are willing to fight for what they believe is right. They do not question the limits or the power of their gender. Greta did not fear directly asking the United Nations to correct the immediate crisis of climate change. The United States Women's Soccer team did not fear asking our federal court system to stop gender inequality, not just for the team but for all occupations and for all future women, soccer players. Where others have not fought for such large global changes, they fearlessly stood up and made a difference.

ART INTEREST GROUP

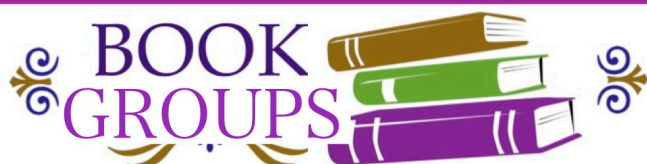
On Thursday, January 9, the Art Interest group will visit the Jewish Museum for a tour of the exhibit Edith Halpert and the Rise of American Art. If you would like to join us, please email Shelli Pines.

CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Interest Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 3, in The Knolls, Valhalla. We will discuss The Changing Economy.

POETRY INTEREST GROUP

The Poetry Interest Group met on Tuesday, December 17 to discuss the work of W. B. Yeats. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21 at the home of Janice Rabinowitz.



THURSDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Daytime Literature Group will meet on Thursday, January 23 at 10 a.m. at the Ossining Library. The group will discuss The Overstory by Richard Powers.

TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet on January 14 at 10 a.m. in the home of Linda Motelson. We'll discuss the memoir, Educated, by Tara Westover. Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you're interesting in joining our warm and collegial company.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Literature Group will meet at Lexington Square Cafe in Mt. Kisco, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15. Colleen Fay will lead the discussion of The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See and Cheryl Larsen will lead the discussion of Where the Crawdads Sing by Dehlia Owens. Please call Ellen Eschmann if you plan to attend.

JOIN AAUW WESTCHESTER BRANCH

Membership is open to anyone with an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited college or university. To join, please complete this form and send a check payable to AAUW Westchester Branch to the address below. New Member Dues for 2019-20 are \$95, of which \$92 are tax deductible. When you join the Westchester Branch of AAUW, you also become a member of the AAUW New York State and National organizations. The Membership team can also provide you with more information about AAUW-Westchester's activities on our branch record form.

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Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.



JANUARY 2020



1/3	Current Issues Discussion Group	The Knolls in Valhalla, NY	10 a.m.
1/4	Branch Meeting(Saturday!)	Greenburgh Library	10:30 a.m.
1/4	Board Meeting	Greenburgh Library	12 p.m.
1/6	Monday Bridge Group		11 a.m.
1/9	Art Interest Group	Jewish Museum	
1/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
1/13	Monday Bridge Group		11 a.m.
1/14	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Linda Motelson's Home	10 a.m.
1/15	Evening Literature Group	Lexington Sq. Cafe, Mt. Kisco	5:30 p.m.
1/20	Monday Bridge Group		11 a.m.
1/21	Poetry Interest Group	Janice Rabinowitz's Home	1:30 p.m.
1/23	Daytime Literature Group	Ossining Library	10 a.m.
1/27	Monday Bridge Group		11 a.m.

