

# 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**

## **WHERE ARE THE AAUW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TODAY?**

**by Marilee Scheuneman**



Our three scholarship recipients from last year have decided to go into nursing. Each one of them told me how much they appreciated receiving the AAUW scholarship, and said that it is a big help in their pursuit of a four-year degree in this field.

One of these women will graduate from Mercy College in May. She volunteers teaching religious education to third graders, feeding her neighbor's cats, and driving a nine year old to piano lessons at the home of an 86-year-old. She does babysitting to make some money, and has a place to live in Irvington where she is house-sitting. She told me she gave a donation to our branch, and would like to attend our Wednesday programs, but has classes that day.

Another winner is in the middle of a nurse residency program at Mercy College, which is going well, she said. She is busy getting settled into her new role as a nurse, and will soon begin a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program.

Our third recipient is also attending Mercy College, but on line because she cannot afford the commute to Dobbs Ferry from her home. Things are pretty rough for her now. Having stepped out of an abusive relationship, she is pretty much on her own with a sixteen-month-old child and another on the way in a few months. She had to quit her job at a nursing home because of intense back pain, so she's behind on her rent and has a \$5250 student loan outstanding. Food stamps and the federal supplemental nutrition program, WIC, are a big help.

The first ever recipient of the Beverly Jordan AAUW Scholarship, which was established in 2018 with a bequest from the estate of Beverly Jordan and additional gifts from several branch members, lives in White Plains. She is a New York EMT and plans to have a career in the health field. She is majoring in liberal arts and sciences and entered Westchester Community College with an exceptional grade point average.

### **NEXT BRANCH MEETING**

**Wednesday  
March 4, 10:30 AM  
Greenburgh Library  
300 Tarrytown Road  
Elmsford**

**SPEAKER:  
Catherine Parker**

**PROGRAM  
Women's Issues in  
Westchester County**

### **Annual Local Scholarship Luncheon Reservation**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at noon**

**Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla  
Student Center Viking Cafe, Parking Lot 8**

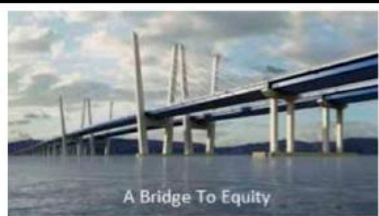
**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number attending \_\_\_\_ x \$35 \_\_\_\_ Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_**

**Checks payable to WCC Foundation with  
"AAUW Scholarship" on the memo line**

**Mail to Marilee Scheuneman, 27 Hillside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10705**

**Thank you for your support!**



**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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**The AAUW**

**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.

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# PLEASE JOIN US!

## MARCH BRANCH MEETING!

### Women's Issues in Westchester County

*County Legislator Parker will discuss how Westchester County has worked to protect women and families this legislative term and highlight some issues she hopes to see addressed in the near future.*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 4, at 10:30 AM

**WHERE:** Greenburgh Public Library, 300  
Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford

**SPEAKER:** Catherine Parker, County  
Legislator, Westchester County Legislature

After serving as Rye City Council Member since 2007, Catherine Parker was elected to the Westchester County Legislature in November 2013 and re-elected in 2015 and 2017 to represent the constituents of the 7th Legislative District (Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye, part of Harrison and part of New Rochelle).

She served as the Majority Leader of the Democratic Caucus for the 2018-2019 Legislative Term.





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### **ART INTEREST GROUP**

On Thursday, March 19 the Art Interest group will go to the Katonah Museum of Art for a private tour of the exciting new exhibit "Bisa Butler Portraits." If you would like to join us, please email Shelli Pines"

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### **CURRENT ISSUES GROUP**

The Current Issues Interest Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday morning, March 6th, in The Knolls, Valhalla. We will discuss : 1) the Senate Races; and 2) Local Westchester Races and 3) the Corona Virus. For further information please contact Marie McKellar mariemck@optonline.net

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### **POETRY INTEREST GROUP**

The Poetry Interest Group met on Tuesday, February 25 to continue to discuss the work of W. B. Yeats. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 at the home of Janice Rabinowitz.

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### **THURSDAY MORNING LIT GROUP**

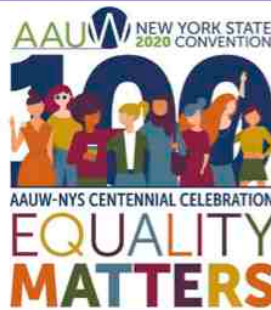
The Thursday Literature Group will meet on March 26 at 10 a.m. at the Ossining Library. The group will discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Contact Anita Dye for further information.

### **TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP**

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet on March 10 at 10 a.m. in the home of Judy Walsh. We'll discuss the classic novel, It Can't Happen Here, by Sinclair Lewis. Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you'd like to join our company.

### **EVENING LITERATURE GROUP**

The Evening Literature Group will meet at Lexington Square Cafe in Mt. Kisco at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11. Ellen Eschmann will lead the discussion of The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. Please call Ellen Eschmann if you plan to attend.



April 24-26

Check in out  
on the NY  
AAUW  
website!

### **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 \$85, of which \$82 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send check and/or branch record form request to: Cynthia Plater, 9 Cleveland Dr, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 or Phone 914-325-0357 or email: [westchesteraauw@gmail.com](mailto:westchesteraauw@gmail.com)

Have  
You Seen  
Our Web Site?

**[westchester-ny.aauw.net](http://westchester-ny.aauw.net)**

Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.

## **CURRENT ISSUES: HARRIET TUBMAN**

**- by Selena Barron**

We are living in a time when anger, divisiveness, and disbelief are pulling us apart. The presidential candidates for the Democratic Party nomination seem to spend more time attacking each other than discussing their policies and view of the future. The Republican Party is standing together in lockstep and silence behind a president who is exacting revenge against those who dared to speak the truth in their testimony before the impeachment inquiry. Where can we look for inspiration and confidence that the United States Constitution, resources, determination, leadership, and our ability to heal will work to again create a forum where differences in policy can be discussed rationally and differences in gender, race and original birth place will be looked at as attributes that are positive for the United States? A recent book, "The Book of Gutsy Women" written by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton highlights many, many women whose lives are examples of courage and resilience that can act as role models and inspiration for everyone.

As a young woman in her early twenties Harriet Tubman decided: "There was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other." Harriet left her husband and family and set off for the North. She followed the North Star seeking help from an "Underground Railroad" of houses and hiding places. Unable to read she relied on sympathetic people to hide her and send her with a name written on a piece of paper to the next place of safety. Arriving in Philadelphia she found other freed slaves, a network of black churches, and the chance to discuss abolition. She shared her experiences in slavery and was able to find work and support herself.



When she heard that the wife of her former master was about to sell Harriet's cousin and the cousin's two children, Harriet went back and managed to bring them to Baltimore and hide them there until she was able to bring them North. In 1851 Harriet made her second trip back and rescued her brother and two of his coworkers. The trip was even more dangerous because the U.S. had passed a fugitive slave act and even in freed states, anyone who helped slaves could be jailed or fined. In December 1851, Harriet became an official part of the "Underground Railroad". She went back South again and brought back another brother and 10 other fugitives. She started taking her "passengers" to Canada. She said "I wouldn't trust Uncle Sam with my people no longer." Eventually she was able to rescue her entire family including her elderly parents. Harriet brought hundreds of slaves to freedom. As others learned of her work, she was nicknamed "Moses." When the Civil War broke out the abolitionist, John Brown, called her "General Tubman". Harriet believed her place was in the middle of the war. She traveled with Union troops to South Carolina where she took care of sick and wounded soldiers using her knowledge of herbal medicine. In 1863 the Union Army appointed Harriet to be the leader of an espionage and scout network. Despite being a wanted woman, she went behind the lines and set up a whisper network of scouts tracking Confederate movements. In 1863 she also led the Combahee River Raid which was successful in freeing about 700 slaves.

In retelling stories about her use of the "Underground Railroad" Harriet said: I was the conductor of the "underground Railroad" for eight years, and I can say what most conductor's cannot say: I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger."

Hilary Clinton said: "I was delighted when I learned that she would be depicted on the Twenty dollar bill--the first time a black person would appear on U.S. currency. However it remains to be seen whether the current administration will follow through on this long overdue recognition."

Chelsea Clinton quoted Harriet's advice to her passengers on the way to freedom: "If you hear dogs, keep going. If you see torches in the woods, keep going. If they are shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want to taste freedom, keep going." Chelsea said: "Even in the darkest moments, that is what we all must do: Keep going". In the midst of today's discord and the pressure to change the balance of powers set out in the Constitution, Harriet's life and advice can act as inspiration and hope for all of us.



## **THE NOMINATING BRANCH PROJECT PRESENTS THE 2020—2021 BRANCH BOARD MEMBERS SLATE**

The Nominating Branch Project has selected and hereby presents the slate of Branch Board Members for 2020—2021 for your consideration and vote on April 1 at the Annual Branch Meeting, or by email or U.S. mail.

**Co-Presidents: Lorrin Johnson and Ellen Leuner**

**Program Co-Vice Presidents: Barbara Lehman and Susan Perko**

**Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Marjorie Kingsley and Judith Walsh**

**Recording Co-Secretaries: Roberta Michael and Elaine Weiss**

**Co-Treasurers: Susan Gardner and Cynthia Plater**

**Corresponding Secretary: Rene Parmar**

The Nominating Branch Project Project was composed of: Phyllis Hirth, Lorrin Johnson, Pam Margand, Marie McKellar, Jane Pendergast, and Shelli Pines. We thank and extend appreciation to our departing officers (Roseanne Klein, Cheryl Larson, Marie McKellar, and Carol McMillan) and to those officers who will continue to serve (Susan Gardner, Lorrin Johnson, Barbara Lehman, Ellen Leuner, Cynthia Plater, Susan Perko, and Judith Walsh) for their excellent contributions. Also, the Branch Project extends a warm welcome to the new nominees (Marjorie Kingsley, Roberta Michael, Rene Parmar, and Elaine Weiss).

Voting for the above slate will take place at the April Branch Meeting. An absentee ballot will also be sent via email several weeks before the April meeting. If you do not have access to email and will not be able to attend the April meeting, please vote using the absentee ballot in this issue of Chips.

## AAUW-Westchester Branch BALLOT

In favor of the slate presented for 2020-21

Yes

No

In favor of the budget presented for 2020-21

Yes

No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your ballot to Sue Lambert at

19 Pinehurst Dr., Purchase, NY 10577  
or email to [slamb47@aol.com](mailto:slamb47@aol.com)

On Page 7 you will find the  
Westchester AAUW  
proposed budget for  
2020-21

If you are unable to attend  
the April Branch Meeting  
on 4/1 at 6 p.m., please  
mail or email your ballot.

Without your vote we may  
not get the quorum  
required.

If you would like to volunteer at the March 14th EYO Conference, please email us at [eyoconference@gmail.com](mailto:eyoconference@gmail.com). If you would like to make a donation please fill out the form below. For more information, please go to [aauw-eyoconference.org](http://aauw-eyoconference.org).

### "Explore Your Opportunities - The Sky's The Limit!" Conference

Help AAUW Celebrate a Legacy of Leadership Through Service!

*Yes . . . I want to help the American Association of University Women and the College of Mount Saint Vincent interest girls in opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through the Explore Your Opportunities—The Sky's the Limit! Conference. Here is my tax deductible contribution for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*



Benefactor (\$500 or more)



Friend (\$25)



Supporter (\$100)



Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Contributor (\$50)



Donations totaling \$25 or more, received by February 11, 2020, will be included in our Conference Journal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below how your name should appear in the Conference Journal

Your contribution to the EYO conference is tax deductible within the limits prescribed by law.  
Please mail completed form and check payable to "AAUW Westchester Branch" with EYO on the memo line to:  
Carol McMillan, 14 Lyon St., Rye Brook NY 10573  
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<b><u>Proposed Budget 2020-21</u></b>						
	<b>Proposed Budget 2020-21</b>	<b>Budget 2019-20</b>	<b>Budget 2018-19</b>	<b>Year-End Total 18-19</b>	<b>Year-End Total 2017-18</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>						
Branch Dues -	\$3,700	\$4,200	\$4,500	\$3,915	\$4,460	
Contributions for Sr. Awards	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$632	\$483	
Other Contributions				\$71		
Grants						
Grants for WizGirls						
Contributions for Special Projects						
Interest from CD						
Mailing Fees & Ads for CHIPS	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	
Holiday Lunch	\$200	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$282	
Spring Fling		\$150	\$120			
Ways/Means & Other Fund Raising						
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,340</b>	<b>\$5,090</b>	<b>\$5,310</b>	<b>\$4,958</b>	<b>\$5,265</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>BRANCH ACTIVITIES</b>						
8th Grade Educational awards	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$224	\$362	
Sr. Educational Awards	\$750	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,008	\$663	
Public Policy (Running & Winning)	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
Exploring Your Opportunities (EYO)			\$500			
Women's Club & Other Assns. Dues	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	
AAUW Student Leadership Conference	\$600	\$500	\$500			
Special Projects - Start Smart, STEM camp, etc.	\$600	\$600	\$600			
WCC Scholarship Fund	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	
Community Service Project	\$200	\$200				
Aauw Funds contribution	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	
<b>Total BRANCH ACTIVITIES EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,175</b>	<b>\$3,125</b>	<b>\$3,625</b>	<b>\$1,882</b>	<b>\$1,675</b>	
<b>CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS</b>						
Delegates - State or National	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$50		
District V					\$150	
<b>Total CONF./CONVENTIONS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$150</b>	
<b>GENERAL MEETINGS &amp; SOCIALS</b>						
Hospitality	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$76	\$97	
Holiday Lunch						
Spring Fling Dinner						
Programs	\$150					
Rental & Custodial Fees (inc. \$300 to library)	\$450	\$350	\$350	\$300	\$300	
<b>Total GEN. MTGS &amp; SOCIAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$550</b>	<b>\$376</b>	<b>\$397</b>	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Corres.Sec./Sunshine Fund	\$50	\$50	\$50			
Insurance	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$522	\$522	
Membership	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$188	\$18	
Newsletter/Postage	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$507	\$570	
Other Council/Board expense inc. web	\$370	\$370	\$300	\$166	\$50	
Publicity/Branch Brochure	\$700	\$700	\$200	\$215	\$210	
Yearbook/Postage	\$800	\$800	\$500	\$765	\$444	
AAUW Funds Mailing	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$226	\$228	
State Convention Ad	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	
Bank Charges			\$50			
Intern Expenses	\$100	\$100	\$100			
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,895</b>	<b>\$3,795</b>	<b>\$2,925</b>	<b>\$2,714</b>	<b>\$2,167</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,020</b>	<b>\$7,620</b>	<b>\$7,300</b>	<b>\$5,022</b>	<b>\$4,389</b>	
Net Income	<b>-\$3,680</b>	<b>-\$2,530</b>	<b>-\$1,990</b>	<b>-\$64</b>	<b>\$876</b>	
<b>Budget Notes for 2020-21</b>						
Expense Budget reflects total expenses, except for Explore Your Opportunities						
Branch dues remain \$23 per year per person						





## MARCH 2020

3/2	Monday Bridge Group			11 a.m.
3/4	Board Meeting	Greenburgh Library		10:30 a.m.
3/4	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Library		12 p.m.
3/6	Current Issues Discussion Group	The Knolls in Valhalla, NY		10 a.m.
3/9	Monday Bridge Group			11 a.m.
3/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS			
3/10	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Judy Walsh's Home		10 a.m.
3/11	Evening Literature Group	Lexington Sq. Cafe, Mt. Kisco		5:30 p.m.
3/12	Art Interest Group	Katonah Museum of Art		
3/14	EYO Conference	College of Mt. St. Vincent		8 a.m.
3/16	Monday Bridge Group			11 a.m.
3/17	Financial Interest Group	Diana Kent's Home		10 a.m.
3/17	Poetry Interest Group	Janice Rabinowitz's Home		1:30 p.m.
3/23	Monday Bridge Group			11 a.m.
3/26	Daytime Literature Group	Ossining Library		10 a.m.
3/30	Monday Bridge Group			11 a.m.