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CHIPS

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



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Empowering Women and
Girls Since 1933

PLEASE COME TO OUR JUNE ZOOM SPRING FLING (JUNE 10, 4:30 P.M.) AND PLEASE RENEW! -submitted by Lorrin Johnson Marie McKellar

We thank you for your friendship and membership in the past year and we ask you to renew for the coming year. We are continuing our AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Even if you are not able to participate in our activities, remember that your dues help us to continue our Mission. We are putting many of our meetings on Zoom or conference calls, so we are still very active. And, all but \$3 of your dues is tax-deductible. More information about our June Zoom Spring Fling is in a separate article on page five and it will also be sent out via email.

We thank you for voting for the budget and for the slate of officers. Your new officers for next season are:

Co-Presidents: Lorrin Johnson and Ellen Leuner

Program Co-VPs: Barbara Lehman and Susan Perko

Membership Co-VPs: Marjorie Kingsley and Judith Walsh

Recording Co-Secretaries: Roberta Michael and Elaine Weiss

Co-Treasurers: Susan Gardner and Cynthia Plater

Corresponding Secretary: Rene Parmar



Our best wishes to all of you and your families for your health and safety. We are thinking of you and hope to "see" you on June 10 at our Zoom Spring Fling! All the best,

HOW DO YOU ZOOM?!!!

-by Ellen Leuner

"Zoom" is a great thing in this time of social distancing!

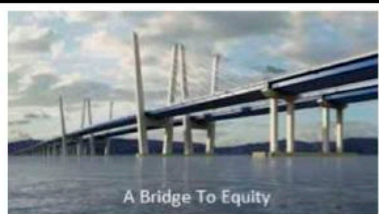


If you haven't had the opportunity to participate on a Zoom "meeting", AAUW is going to launch you into our brave new world. We want you to become comfortable and connected. There is a lot we can do with Zoom.

All you need is a computer, iPad (or similar device), or a cell phone.

For an easy demonstration, there are numerous videos on YouTube that show how to use of the platform. Here's one that you might like to preview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>



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.

Bridge Photo from NY State Thruway Authority

1. If you haven't already used Zoom, after you click on the link [provided in the email invitation to join a zoom meeting], you will be asked to approve a download by Zoom. Please do so. Then go to your settings on the Zoom app to test your audio and video connection. There is no cost to you to download or use the Zoom app.
2. On **Wednesday, June 3rd at 4:30 pm**, we will have a **practice Zoom AAUW meeting** with Cynthia Plater leading the way. Please email Cynthia at [westchesteraauw@gmail.com], letting her know you want to practice. She will send you an invitation via email, with a link to access the Zoom meeting.

The **Big Event** will be the following **Wednesday, June 10th at 4:30 pm**, when we have our **Virtual Spring Fling** with **Maria Ellis** as our speaker. She will give a wonderful presentation on AAUW Fellowships and Grants and introduce us to one or two Fellows, who will talk about their own career path development and life experiences in the NYC area.

---You get to provide your own food--- So munch away while we celebrate the accomplishments of Westchester AAUW on Wednesday, June 10th and reconnect with each other.

Make sure you let Cynthia Plater know if you want a Zoom practice session on **June 3rd**. All AAUW Westchester Branch members will receive an invite via email to the June 10th Zoom Branch Spring Fling.

See you soon on Zoom.



REMINDER OF DUES RENEWAL

Membership in AAUW expires at the end of June so it's time to renew. \$95 covers national, state, and branch dues. For those who are life members, the state and branch portion is \$36. All but \$3 of the dues is tax deductible. Many thanks to those who have already renewed. Those who haven't renewed yet are encouraged to do so even if you do not have time to be involved. Remember we are fighting for gender equity for women and girls and our money is used for a good purpose, even if you cannot participate in our activities.

To help us all be safe and minimize trips to the branch post office box, we prefer that you pay by credit card. This option is available on the branch website (click on the Member tab and select membership renewal). A \$2.50 service charge will apply. For those who do not wish to pay online, please send a check payable to AAUW Westchester to Carol McMillan 14 Lyon Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573.



Save September 16th for our Fall Fest!

AAUW Fall Fest will be held at St. Andrews Golf Club/ZOOM/or a location to be announced... It just depends on what LIFE gives us! Whatever our situation is, we will have a speaker and we will celebrate AAUW NY State's 100th Anniversary and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote! We won't stop our progress for women's equality, virus or not.

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 2020-21 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: _____

City:State:Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

College/University, Degree, Graduation Year: _____

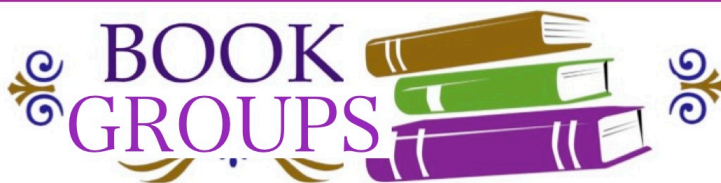
Send check and/or branch record form request to: Judith Walsh at 2 Fountain Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583 or 734-748-9318 or email: westchesteraauw@gmail.com

CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Interest Group will have a ZOOM meeting on Friday morning, June 5 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be about Covid-19 with participants sharing their personal life changes and discussing the economic and political impact of the virus. For further information please contact Selena Barron at selenabarron@optonline.net

POETRY INTEREST GROUP

The Poetry Interest Group met on Tuesday May 19 to discuss the work of C.K. Williams. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 16 at 1:30 p.m. We are using ZOOM for all poetry meetings at this time.



TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet via Zoom on May 12, at 10 a.m. This meeting will be in two parts: first, we'll discuss Trevor Noah's memoir, Born a Crime. Then, we'll choose a total of 12 books, 10 for the coming season (September through June), plus bonus meetings in July and August. We welcome novels, historical novels, biographies, autobiographies, and other non-fiction books. Members may nominate up to three books each, must have read them, and please give consideration to whether the book will lend itself to a good discussion. We usually meet in member's homes, but during the pause for the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be meeting via Zoom. Members lead the discussions, so please consider volunteering for this important role. Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you're interested in joining us.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Literature Group held two Zoom meetings in May. Books discussed on May 6 and May 20 were Nemesis by Phillip Roth and Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. On June 17 at 5 p.m. the group will meet via Zoom to pick the books for next year. New members are welcome! Contact Colleen Fay to get your Zoom invitation.

CURRENT ISSUES: PROUD AND POWERFUL AAUW

-by Selena Barron

Recently AAUW national sent all members a collection of note cards highlighted by illustrations created by talented AAUW members across the country. The package is also a fundraising endeavor and a proud and powerful document describing the way AAUW makes “a tangible difference in women’s lives through transformative efforts”. The information reinforces our reasons for being members of the Westchester branch of AAUW. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now in order that we can continue our support of our national and local efforts. Part of our branch dues does go to national AAUW. Below is a summary of the AAUW information.

AAUW’S “Every Voice, Every Vote Project” is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. -- two critical milestones in ensuring women’s right to vote. Your membership helps AAUW keep fighting voter suppression and racial discrimination so that every voice is heard and every vote is counted.

Within a year of launching the innovative Work Smart and Work Smart Online programs, which teach women to negotiate for fair wages and career advancement, more than 102,000 people registered for the training. AAUW recently received a second grant from the Coca Cola Foundation to expand the program.

In 2019 eleven states passed some form of fair-pay legislation, more than double last year’s number.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, AAUW was one of the largest sources of funding for graduate women in the country. AAUW provided \$4.3 million in grants and fellowships to 270 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations.

AAUW’s 2019 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders was the fourth largest in its 34 year history. More than 800 young women attended to learn from top women leaders and be inspired to follow their dreams.

An AAUW research program report found that workplace sexual harassment can negatively effect women’s physical and mental health, limit their job choices, reduce prospects for career development and even force them out of the workforce. Research results are used to inform national conversations and affect policy changes.

Although AAUW is nonpartisan, it does strongly advocate for policies that improve lives for girls, women and their families including investing in STEM education, reducing the burden of student debt carried by women, passing the Paycheck Fairness Act and implementing paid family and sick leave.

We empower women. Agree with these programs and the agenda? You can help! Join or renew your Westcher AAUW branch membership. To decrease leaving home, we prefer you pay by credit card (click on the Member tab on the AAUW Westchester website and follow directions.) \$95 covers national, state, and branch dues. All but \$3 is tax deductible. A \$2.50 service charge will apply for credit card use. If you prefer to pay by check, send a check made out to AAUW Westchester for \$95 to Carol McMillan, 14 Lyon Street, Rye Brook, N.Y. 10573.



As a member of AAUW Westchester, you are a woman making a difference!



SPRING FLING via Zoom



PROGRAM: AAUW Fellowships and Grants

Maria Ellis will speak about AAUW Fellowships and will bring 1 or 2 Fellows who will talk about their own career path development and life experiences in the NYC area.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: wherever you are - via Zoom (invitation to join Zoom meeting will be sent to all members via email)

SPEAKER: Maria Ellis, President, Empire State NYC Branch, AAUW



Maria is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Owner-President Management Program and holds an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. As a former International Banker, Investment Advisor, and Financial Planner, she specialized in converting clients' financial objectives into successful action plans. Her background includes board leadership positions at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, AAUW, and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. She also volunteers at the Harvard Business School Club of New York City Community Partners and applies her business skills to a variety of issues including strategic planning, marketing, finance, governance and organizational development.

June 2020

6/5	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom		10 a.m.
6/9	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom		10 a.m.
6/10	Spring Fling	Zoom		4:30 p.m.
6/16	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom		1:30 p.m.
6/17	Board Meeting	Zoom		10:30 a.m.
6/17	Evening Literature Group Book Selection	Zoom		5 p.m.

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Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.