

**PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS updated AUGUST 16, 2020**

**THEME**

**“CONNECTING, DEVELOPING, INSPIRING ACTION”**

*Branch Meetings will be held either on Zoom or at the GREENBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY (GPL), 300 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, unless otherwise noted. In the event of inclement weather for a non-Zoom meeting, listen for news of any meeting cancellation or delay on radio stations WHUD (100.7 FM) or WFAS (103.9 FM).*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Branch Meeting** **5:30 p.m.**

**Program:** *The Birth of the Modern Women’s Movement*

Muriel Fox will tell how the modern women’s movement came together as a Second Wave to carry on the battle of the suffragists, who won women the vote with the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed 100 years ago. She will describe the laws that were passed in the 1970s and later, and finally enforced under feminist pressure, to combat discrimination against women in all phases of society.

**Speaker:** Muriel Fox, co-founder of NOW (National Organization for Women)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**Branch Meeting** **5:30 p.m.**

**Program:** *Libraries in 2020: Responding, Reinventing, Recovering*

As the world reacted to the COVID-19 pandemic, we realized it was time to redefine what it means to be a library. From closing buildings in March to now providing much needed services and programs, libraries continue to respond to patrons’ needs in our new world.

**Speaker:** Diana Lennon, Head of Adult Services, Ossining Public Library

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Branch Meeting** **10:30 a.m.**

**Program:** *Food Insecurity*

**Speaker:** Robin Larkins

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Holiday Luncheon or Branch Meeting 12:30 p.m.**

**Program:** *The Abuse to Prison Pipeline for Women*

Women in prison in the United States share two experiences in overwhelming numbers: poverty and a history of abuse. Rev. Dorothy Muller will talk about the physical and societal implications of these experiences; how they lead to prison sentences; and possibilities for altering this path. She has many stories to share from her ten years as a volunteer chaplain at Bedford Hills.

**Speaker:** Reverend Dorothy Muller, Presbyterian minister and volunteer chaplain at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

**Branch Meeting 10:30 a.m.**

**Program:** *Revolutionary Women: Spies and Secret Agents*

Join Stephen Paul DeVillo for a presentation on the many courageous women who served in dangerous and clandestine roles in the Revolutionary War. We will hear about: Sybil Ludington, Putnam County's own Paul Revere; the Mysterious Agent 355; Anna Smith Strong and her Long Island laundry telegraph; Mom Rinker and her patriotic ball of yarn; Patience Lovell Wright, the waxwork secret agent; and more, plus a ghostly tale from Pelham Bay.

**Speaker:** Stephen Paul DeVillo, local historian and author of *The Bronx River in History and Folklore* and *The Bowery: The Strange History of New York's Oldest Street*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Branch Meeting 10:30 a.m.**

**Program:** *Bending the Arc of the Moral Universe toward Justice*

America's founding principle of liberty and justice for all has not been a reality for many Americans. The 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington, which the speaker was on, produced great promise and great tragedy. He will assess the present health of Dr. King's Dream and recent events, including racist killings, Covid-19, Black Lives Matter protests, and the 2020 elections. He will discuss how far, and for how long, the arc is and will be bending toward justice and what it means for us.

**Speaker:** William Greenawalt

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

**Branch Meeting 10:30 a.m.**

**Program:** *Going Zero Waste in Municipalities, Schools and Houses of Worship*

Over the last ten years, Michelle has been instrumental in launching sustainability and zero waste initiatives throughout Scarsdale and Westchester County. She will discuss how she has helped schools, houses of worship and municipalities launch food scrap recycling and other zero waste programs. She will discuss how her initiatives can be successfully instituted elsewhere, and will give attendees the tools to do so as well.

**Speaker:** Michelle Sterling, JD, Scarsdale Zero Waste and Sustainability Leader

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**

**Annual Branch Meeting** **5:30 p.m.**

**Vote on budget and slate of officers**

**Program:** *Evolving Learning Environments: Challenges and Benefits of Online Learning*  
Drs. Amanda Gunning and Meghan Marrero will lead a discussion about the increasing role of online learning in today's world. Access to the internet can be a mitigating factor for learning success, for elementary students connecting with their teacher up through adults seeking to gain new skills. Join us to learn more about the face of today's digital learning and its inherent benefits and challenges.

**Speakers:** Drs. Amanda Gunning and Meghan Marrero, co-directors of the Mercy College Center for STEM Education

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**

**Exploring Your Opportunities (EYO)** **8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls** **College of Mount Saint Vincent**  
Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math **Riverdale, NY**

**APRIL 22, 2021**

**Running and Winning Workshop** **8:30—2:30 p.m.** **YWCA White Plains**

**APRIL 2021 (Date TBD)**

**Scholarship Luncheon** **12:00 noon** **Westchester Community College**

**APRIL 2021 (Date TBD)**

**AAUW State Convention**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**

**Branch Meeting** **5:30 p.m.**

**Program:** *The Role of Women in the USA—100 years after the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Gave Women the Vote*

Now a century after its passage, has the promise of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment been fulfilled? The discussion will include the Equal Rights Amendment and why it has not yet been passed. We will include the experience of women outside our borders. We will examine the data, discuss the causes, and share what we realistically (perhaps hopefully) believe we will see in the years ahead.

**Speaker:** Evelyn Stock, Past President, LWV of Scarsdale, Westchester, and NYS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**

**SPRING FLING**

**5:30 p.m.**

**St Andrews Golf Club**

**Installation of Officers**

**Program:** *Honoring our Westchester Community College Scholarship recipients*