

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



THE VOTE, YOUR POWER, USE IT!

By Selena Barron

This is the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment that “gave” women the right to vote. In another first, in Central Park, sculptor Meredith Berman unveiled a bronze sculpture, the new Women’s Rights Pioneer Monument. The sculpture depicts Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton all activists in the national suffrage movement. It is the first statue in Central Park to depict real

women. What would the three women have said about this monument celebrating their achievement? Most likely they would have been thankful at the acknowledgement of the fight for the vote for women that took over 70 years. However, they would certainly think that a better way to honor them would be for all eligible women to use the power they now have and **VOTE!**

Women do vote in higher numbers than men. In 2016 9.9 million more women than men voted; 63.3% of eligible female adults voted compared to 59.3% of eligible male adults. More women registered to vote 83.8 million compared to 73.8 million men. That means women outnumber men by 10 million eligible voters. What power! Use it! We can do much better than a 63.3% turnout of women voters. **Make a plan and vote.**

AAUW OCT. BRANCH MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.

Via Zoom. Invitation to join Zoom meeting will be sent to all members via email. If you are not a member, please email westchesteraauw@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invitation. (You may join at 5:15 for a short social time to say hello to friends you have missed during this time of ‘social distancing’.)

SPEAKER: DIANA LENNON, HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES, OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Prior to joining the staff as the Head of Adult Services at the Ossining Public Library, Diana worked with the Latino community as a Librarian at the Greenburgh Public Library for ten years. In light of our recent global changes, her focus has shifted to how libraries can best respond to the COVID pandemic by adapting programs and services to meet new community needs. She will discuss the importance of libraries as part of the solution to the current challenges we are facing together.

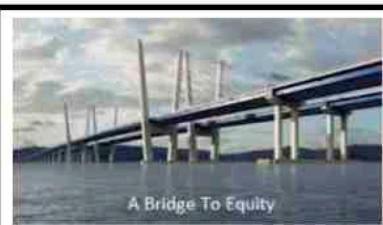


As Vice President of Development for AAUW NYS I am very grateful for the Westchester Branch donations to the Greatest Needs Fund and Education Training Fund totaling \$1849.00.

- Carol A. Griffith

CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Interest Group will have a ZOOM meeting on Friday morning, October 2 at 10 a.m. Possible discussion topics are: 1) Schools and the Covid Situation; 2) The Law and Order Campaign and Actual Urban Crime; and 3) Other Election Issues. For further information, please contact Marie McKellar, Diona Koerner, or 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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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

AAUW FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - by Mary Logan

As it is Fall, AAUW's Annual Fund Campaign kicks off with this reminder to review the "How To Support" chart to choose your favorite fund(s). Recall, that Legal Advocacy is now under Economic Security, and Eleanor Roosevelt and Public Policy are now under Education and Training. Our national office does an excellent job running many valuable and worthwhile programs that further AAUW's mission to promote equity for women and girls. Show your support by picking your favorite fund and donating today.

How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

STEM Title IX Pathways to Jobs

Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy
Research



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

Pay Equity Title VII Retirement Security

Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Career Workplace Training

Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL

Yes, I would like to contribute to the AAUW Greatest Needs Funds in the amount of:

\$1000 \$500 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other _____

If you do not designate a specific fund in your check memo line, your contribution will be applied to the AAUW Funds, # 9110.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please make your check out to AAUW Funds and specify in the memo line AAUW Funds or any particular fund to which you would like your contributions applied, and how much to each fund. Checks should be mailed to Mary Logan, 1204 Hall Ave, White Plains, NY 10604. Thanks for your support!

VOTE: BE PREPARED, KNOW THE ISSUES, BE INFORMED

-by Selena Barron

Recently AAUW-NYS sent out an email stating that they are committed to open and fair elections, nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office and the expansion of voting rights. We hope that the information included in a poll by the Pew Research Center will be a resource and information for beginning conversations about the 2020 presidential election.



Between July 27 and August 2, 2020 the Pew Research Center conducted a poll of U.S adult, registered voters to learn which of 12 issues they considered the most important. The poll is broken down into two parts. The first part is based on overall results. The second part separates the results based on the inputs from Trump supporters and Biden supporters.

| Overall Results | Trump Supporters | Biden Supporters |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 79% Economy ----- | 88% ----- | 72% ----- |
| 68% Health Care ----- | 48% ----- | 84% ----- |
| 64% Supreme Court Appointments ----- | 61% ----- | 66% ----- |
| 62% The Coronavirus Outbreak----- | 39% ----- | 82% ----- |
| 59% Violent Crime----- | 74% ----- | 46% ----- |
| 57% Foreign Policy ----- | 57% ----- | 57% ----- |
| 55% Gun Policy ----- | 60% ----- | 50% ----- |
| 52% Racial and Ethnic inequality ----- | 24% ----- | 75% ----- |
| 52% Immigration ----- | 61% ----- | 46% ----- |
| 49% Economic Inequality----- | 28% ----- | 65% ----- |
| 42% Climate Change ----- | 11% ----- | 68% ----- |
| 40% Abortion----- | 46% ----- | 35% ----- |

With the country suffering from an economic crisis, it is understandable that overall the economy was the number one issue voters said was very important to them in deciding for which candidate they would vote. Trump supporters chose the economy and violent crime as their top issues, followed by immigration, gun policy and foreign policy. For Biden supporters, health care and the coronavirus outbreak are top issues, followed by racial and ethnic inequality and climate control.

On the 100th anniversary of women successfully fighting for the right to vote, make sure your ballot reflects your own study of the information and resources that are available. How would you rank the twelve issues? Would you delete any issue or add one of your own?

TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet on October 13 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. We'll discuss the novel, Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens. Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you'd like to join us.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Literature Group will meet via Zoom on Wed. Oct. 14. Monica Hockman will lead the discussion of The Other Americans by Laila Lalami. Contact Ellen Eshmann by phone if you are interested in joining our group.



Evening Lit Group meeting on Sept. 9th!

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Our Web Site?

westchester-ny.aauw.net

Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.



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: _____

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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

OCTOBER 2020

- 10/2 Current Issues Discussion Group**
- 10/7 Board Meeting**
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- 10/10 Deadline for submitting for CHIPS**
- 10/13 Tuesday Morning Literature Group**
- 10/14 Evening Literature Group**
- 10/20 Poetry Interest Group**

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4 p.m.
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