

BRANCH MEETINGS & 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 19th 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

Explore Your Opportunities – The Sky's The Limit!

An annual hands-on STEM conference to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and math for 7th grade girls in New York City and Westchester County

Location: College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale (Bronx), New York

APRIL 22, 2021

Running and Winning Workshop

8:30—2:30 p.m.

YWCA White Plains

In collaboration with the League of Women Voters and YWCA White Plains, the Westchester Branch holds an annual *Running and Winning* workshop for high school women to encourage them to explore public service as a career. Designed for junior and senior high school women, this one-day workshop brings together students from Westchester with local female elected officials to hear about their experiences in seeking and holding public office.

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 19th Amendment Gave Women the Vote*

Now a century after its passage, has the promise of the 19th 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*