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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

## AAUW-WESTCHESTER BRANCH PROJECTS UPDATE

- submitted by Mary Logan

Good news regarding our joint venture with the Westchester League of Women Voters, Running & Winning, a program designed to give junior & senior high school girls the opportunity to explore public service as a career: after having to cancel this one-day workshop last year, it has been re-imagined for this year as a webinar currently scheduled for May 18th from 7-9pm. It will be a scaled down event where students will hear from a select group of female elected officials to learn about their experiences in public office. After each official addresses the entire group, attendees will be able to ask questions.



On the sponsorship front, the Branch has signed up Maimuna Joof, one of our WCC scholarship recipients from last year, to attend this year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. NCCWSL provides leadership training through workshops, panels, and speakers. This year's conference, although virtual, will have a packed agenda including a keynote speaker, networking time, a STEM roundtable, Women of Distinction Fireside Chat, two workshop sessions and two panel sessions. Workshops are divided among leadership objectives such as: professional development, leadership development, activism, women's issues and identity & diversity. Students we have sent to NCCWSL in the past described it as an inspiring and transformative experience.

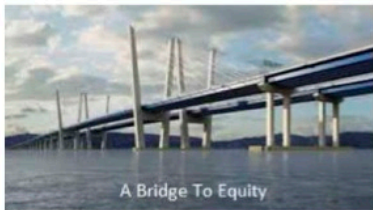
## TREASURER'S NOTES submitted by Susan Gardner



The Westchester Branch of AAUW budget projects a deficit for the year. Simply put, we spend more than our income. This is projected to be worse next year when reduction in social distancing will allow "in person" meetings. A generous member partially underwrites the Senior Book Awards with an annual donation that improves our bottom line.

Our branch continues to gather for projects, e.g. Senior Book Awards, 8th grade certificates, and Running and Winning. Interest groups meet virtually thanks to Zoom technology. We maintain our interest groups and meetings with excellent speakers, despite the challenges. Just as we have surmounted the difficulties of isolation to continue our interest group meetings, we can also reduce our deficit. The board encourages each member to make a donation to help our mission supporting young women. If you choose to do so, please write "dues and additional donation" on the memo line of your check. And please consider underwriting a project completely or partially.

**APRIL BRANCH  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 7  
5:30 P.M.**



**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.

## **PROFILE ON AAUW WESTCHESTER CHAPTER MEMBER**

### **SUSAN DAMPLO**

**-submitted by Marie McKellar**

On January 19, 2021, chapter member Susan Damplo filed to run for New York City Council Member in District 1.

Susan has lived in Greenwich Village since 2010. Before that she lived in Ardsley. District 1 includes much of Lower Manhattan, including parts of Greenwich Village, Tribeca, Soho, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Lower East Side, the Financial District, South Street Seaport, Battery Park City, and Civic Center. Portions of Ellis Island and Liberty Island as well as Governors Island are all in the district. It was an auspicious filing date: she later learned that January 19 was National Run for Office Day.



Susan is a first-time candidate, not a career politician. For most of her adult life, she has been an attorney. She has used her legal skills to promote the common good, including drafting and promoting civil rights legislation and defending poor persons in criminal and family law matters. For the past several years, she has volunteered as a community mediator, helping people solve their personal disputes constructively. Most recently, she served as a state administrative law judge.

Susan wants to apply those skills to representing the district in this pivotal moment, away from the darkness, chaos, and division of the last four years, toward a brighter tomorrow. Her platform includes improving the district's quality of life, addressing issues such as noise pollution, homelessness and climate change. She wants to promote fairness for all by combating systemic racism and social injustice. And she wants to revitalize the local economy after this devastating pandemic by not just helping to rebuild the district, but by building it back better.

At a time when women are grossly underrepresented as legislators, representing just over 25% of the Council, Susan argues we need more qualified women on the City Council, not fewer. Her campaign slogan is "there's unity in community."

To learn more about Susan's campaign, you can visit <https://www.damploforcouncil.com/>.

### **FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING KITS**

If you are interested in participating in the Food Scrap Recycling initiative, you can purchase at a low price, the Food Scrap Recycling kits from the Greenburgh Nature Center. FYI the contact person there who runs the program is Lindsay Cohen. Her email address is [lcohen@greenburghnaturecenter.org](mailto:lcohen@greenburghnaturecenter.org)

If you live in Hastings, you can get the Food Scrap Recycling Kits at the Hastings Community Center. Because of COVID, please call first. The number is 914-478-2380 and just hit 0 to talk to someone. You can also email the [conservationcommission@hastingsgov.org](mailto:conservationcommission@hastingsgov.org) or Ms. Haven's email at [haven.colgate@gmail.com](mailto:haven.colgate@gmail.com) (Ms. Havens and others are on the Conservation Commission) for more information.

Bridge Photo from NY  
State Thruway Authority

## 2021-2022 OFFICER SLATE FOR WESTCHESTER AAUW

**Co-Presidents:** Ellen Leuner & Rene Parmar

**Program Co-VPs:** Marie McKellar & Susan Perko

**Membership Co-VPs:** Marjorie Kingsley & Judy Walsh

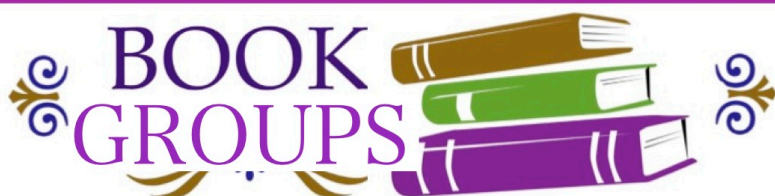
**Recording Co-Secretaries:** Marcia Keizs & Elaine Weiss

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**Corresponding Secretary:** Abby Hirsch

### **CURRENT ISSUES GROUP**

The Current Issues Interest Group will have a Zoom meeting on Friday April 9 at 10 a.m. Note that the meeting will NOT be held on April 2, due to Easter Weekend activities. As usual, there will be 3 topics. One topic will be, "Trumpsters: Who Are They?" A second topic will be, "The Voting Rights Act and the Filibuster." The third topic will be decided later. For further information, please contact Selena Barron, Diona Koerner, or Marie McKellar.



### **TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP**

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet via Zoom on April 13 at 10 a.m. We'll discuss Herman Koch's novel, The Dinner. Diona Koerner will lead. Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you'd like to join us.

### **EVENING LITERATURE GROUP**

The Evening Literature Group will meet via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on April 14. Ellen Eschmann will lead the discussion of The Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doit. Contact Colleen Fay if you want to receive a Zoom invitation to this meeting.

### **PROGRAM MEETING**

A Program Meeting will be held the week of May 10 (on Zoom) to discuss our Branch programs and speakers for 2021–2022. All members are welcome to attend. Please send suggestions for topics or speakers to Sue Perko and Marie McKellar. If you want to attend the Zoom meeting and have preferences for days or times of the meeting, please let Sue and Marie know.

Thank you.

### **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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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](mailto:westchesteraauw@gmail.com)



## **AAUW APRIL BRANCH MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Invitation to join Zoom meeting will be sent to all members via email. If you are not a member, please email [westchesteraauw@gmail.com](mailto:westchesteraauw@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom invitation.

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Evolving Learning Environments: Challenges & Benefits of Online Instruction**

The discussion will focus on how the pandemic has changed education, in some ways, permanently. Remote learning has presented many challenges, often pushing teachers and students to acquire new skills. Join us to learn more about the face of today's digital learning and its inherent benefits and challenges.

### **SPEAKERS**

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



Dr. Meghan Marrero is Professor of Secondary Education at Mercy College, where she is also co-director of the Mercy College Center for STEM Education. Her research interests lie in STEM teacher education as well as ocean science education.



Amanda M. Gunning, PhD, is an associate professor of science education at Mercy College. She teaches K-12 science methods, STEM pedagogy, and interdisciplinary science content courses for teachers. Her research interests lie in K-12 science teacher education; family learning of STEM; and the history of physics education. Gunning co-founded Mercy College's Center for STEM Education, which she co-directs, providing outreach programs for K-12 students and teachers.

Missed seeing our Speaker at the last AAUW Westchester Zoom Branch Meeting? Well now you can treat yourself and view it online via our website: <https://westchester-ny.aauw.net>

Go to "Home", located on the left side on the page. Click down to "Zooming" and you will see "Speaker Presentations". Clicking on that will take you to their talks.

## YOUR VOTE ON IMPORTANT BRANCH ISSUES IS NEEDED!

April is our voting month. Locally, our Branch members will vote on three separate items:

1. 2021-2022 Slate for Board of Directors
2. 2021-2022 Budget
3. Dues for the Westchester Branch:

2021-22 \$98

2022-23 \$103

2023-24 \$108

PLEASE  
VOTE!

On the National Level, AAUW will have a vote on whether to let women without a college degree to join AAUW National. The Westchester AAUW Branch already welcomes and has members who do not have a college degree.

Voting for National AAUW will begin on April 7th. Details will be provided by AAUW National.

<u>AAUW Proposed Budget 2021-2022</u>		Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Total Branch Dues	\$ 3,800.00
	NYS Dues Waiver	\$ 600.00
	Contributions for Sr. Awards	\$ 400.00
	Contribution for 8th grade awards(restricted funds)	\$ 300.00
	Donations	
	Mailing Fees for CHIPS	\$ 200.00
	Spring Fling Fundraiser for WCC Scholarship Fund	\$ 250.00
	Net proceeds from Holiday Lunch	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 5,550.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>BRANCH ACTIVITIES</b>		
	8th Grade Educational awards	\$ 300.00
	Sr. Educational Awards	\$ 750.00
	Public Policy (Running & Winning)	\$ 200.00
	Westchester Women's Agenda Membership	\$ 100.00
	AAUW Student Leadership Conference	\$ 600.00
	Special Projects - Start Smart, STEM camp, etc.	
	WCC Scholarship Fund	\$ 250.00
	Community Service Project	
<b>Total BRANCH ACTIVITIES EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>
<b>CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS</b>		
	Delegates - State or National	\$ 200.00
<b>Total CONF./CONVENTIONS EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>GENERAL MEETINGS &amp; SOCIALS</b>		
	Hospitality	\$ 150.00
	Programs	\$ 150.00
	Rental & Custodial Fees (inc. \$300 to library)	\$ 450.00
<b>Total GEN. MTGS &amp; SOCIAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
	Corres.Sec./Sunshine Fund	\$ 50.00
	Insurance	\$ 550.00
	Membership	\$ 50.00
	Newsletter/Postage	\$ 350.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 600.00
	Publicity/Branch Brochure	\$ 100.00
	Yearbook/Postage	\$ 800.00
	AAUW Funds Mailing	\$ 200.00
	State Convention Ad	\$ 125.00
	Intern Expenses	\$ 100.00
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,925.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 6,075.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ (525.00)</b>

### AAUW Westchester Branch Ballot

**In favor of the slate for 2021-22**

Yes

No

**In favor of the budget for 2021-22**

Yes

No

**I accept the dues increases for 21-23**

Yes

No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your ballot to Sue Lambert at 19 Pinehurst Dr. Purchase, NY 10577 or email your vote to [slamb47@aol.com](mailto:slamb47@aol.com)

**Ballots via either email or snail mail need to be received by noon on Wed. April 7th.** Results will be reported at the zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 7th.

Please take the time to cast your vote so that we reach the required quorum.

Thanks!

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Our Web Site?

**westchester-ny.aauw.net**

Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.

## **HONORING WOMEN PHOTOJOURNALISTS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**-by Selena Barron**



AAUW advocates for equal opportunity for Women. March is Women's History Month and provides a special opportunity to highlight and praise women who have created important, successful careers as photojournalists, a field that usually was dominated by men in the past.

Yunghi Kim is one of those women. She wants to make sure her peers get the recognition they deserve. Especially those who started their career in the film era, before the advent of the digital camera. She said, "They were courageous. They were fearless, and they were trailblazers because they were in a sea of men." So Kim took action to correct the problem. She started a website, Trailblazers of Light, to honor the women. More than 500 women photojournalists are listed on the website. Kim said, "It had to be done." "It was a sense of duty to the women."

Kim came to the United States from South Korea when she was 10 years old. She has covered some of the biggest international stories including conflicts and issue-driven stories all over the world. Intimate storytelling and giving a voice to the people she is photographing, are most important to her. Kim has won many accolades and prestigious awards. A turning point in her career came in 1992 when she was

covering the famine in Somalia for The Boston Globe. She and a reporter were pinned down by heavy fire and taken prisoner by Warlord Siad Hersey Morgan. The United Nations and CARE intervened on their behalf and they were released after 13 hours. Kim returned to Somalia a few days later to complete her assignment and returned months later to report on the entry of U.S. troops to Somalia. Her coverage of the Somali famine was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize that year.

Well known Margaret Bourke White broke many glass ceilings during her prominent career. She was Fortune Magazine's first staff photographer and the first woman to be hired as a photojournalist for Life Magazine. She was the first professional photographer from the West to be permitted into the Soviet Union. During World War II she was the first female war correspondent credentialed to work in combat zones.

Another female photojournalist, Idi Klein is based in Jerusalem. Idi has covered many Mideast conflicts during her career. In 2014 she covered the war in Gaza and won the first-ever Anja Niedringhaus Award for courage in photojournalism. She said, "Some people look at us as adrenaline junkies, but for me and the majority of the colleagues I have known throughout my career, we are simply addicted to making a difference in this world." "I want my audience to know that for me, the most important tool I take with me, is not my camera, but my heart and my empathy for the people that I have documented."

Ami Vitale, a photographer for Natural Geographic documented Chinese facilities dedicated to saving pandas. She has traveled to more than 100 countries. During her career she has seen violence and conflict as well as surreal beauty and the enduring power of the human spirit. Her focus has now turned to stories about wildlife and the environment. She said "Storytelling and photography have their unique ability to transcend all languages and help us understand each other .... They remind us of our deep connection to all of life that we share the planet with."

Photojournalists can often be faced with dangerous situations and, knowing that, they still have the courage to pursue their assignments. Unfortunately the outcome is not always positive. Dickie Chapelle was a war correspondent who traveled across the world covering conflicts. During World War II, she was embedded with U.S. Marines during the battle of Iwo Jima. She also covered the battle of Okinawa. Chapelle was covering the Vietnam War in 1965 when she was killed by a landmine. She is the first American female war correspondent to have been killed in action.

These photojournalists all displayed, empathy, courage, the willingness to break glass ceilings, and above all to tell a story made real with photographs. As AAUW members we can honor their achievements and be proud of their opening the way for other women who choose to be photojournalists.

## **ADVOCACY ALERTS MARCH 15, 2021**

**- by Jane Pendergast**

POWHERNY will be presenting a virtual Equal Pay Day event on March 24th, Equal Pay Day. A morning virtual forum will feature Attorney General Letitia James, followed by an afternoon statewide virtual rally and participation in a national twitter storm. AAUW-NYS will be a sponsor. This announcement may reach you after the event, but you can visit [www.powherny.org](http://www.powherny.org) for information on this key event promoting POWHER's advocacy for equal pay. Importantly, POWHER is working on new legislation to expand salary information required to be provided to job candidates.

Westchester Women's Agenda met on March 5th and reviewed the numerous activities its member organizations are pursuing. Related to the Native Mandate program, several members described visiting sites where you were born or work or live and learning what Native American Tribes lived there. You can search using the term Native Mandate for a map that will give you this rich historical information. YWCA's Maria Imperial introduced the 21 Day Challenge program about Building Community through a personal development process, with the theme of Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Visit YWCA of Yonkers' website and sign up. As of the 5th, the Public Policy Committee had met with County officials but did not yet have definitive information on the County budget. Corolla Brocco of Neighbors' Link updated the group on excluded workers (workers who have not received pandemic aid). A large demonstration walking across the Brooklyn Bridge to support a bill in the legislature took place on the 5th. It was noted that funding could be made available through DACA programs. The Reproductive Justice Group is sponsoring a conversation on Undivided Rights, on Tuesday, April 13. Corolla Brocco also spoke about extensive community efforts to expand vaccine sites to high population sites and also to provide community education on the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. A meaningful discussion on the need and moral necessity of expanding access to all followed. If you would like more information on these topics, please contact Jane Pendergast at [jpendergast2@msn.com](mailto:jpendergast2@msn.com).

Sister to Sister International, AAUW National, and the Pay Equity Outreach Group of AAUW Westchester sponsored a virtual Work Smart Workshop on Saturday, February 20th, beginning at 10 am, that was attended by over 70 participants. The workshop, the first of several planned workshops for Sister-to-Sister members and alumnae, was supported by a New York Metro Funds grant. AAUW National, working with the partners, spent several months developing a workshop targeted for the group, and is currently working to develop a next-generation workshop that will include more workshop interaction.



### **AAUW COVID ANGEL**

**Are you a Senior who is having a hard time getting a COVID-19 vaccine appointment? Well, AAUW has their very own COVID Angel, Sally Suen. Contact Sally for help! Her contact information is in our AAUW Yearbook on page 38.**

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**WHITE PLAINS, NY 10607**



**APRIL 2021**

4/7	Board Meeting	Zoom	4 p.m.
4/7	Branch Meeting	Zoom	5:30 p.m.
4/9	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
4/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
4/13	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
4/14	Evening Literature Group	Zoom	5:30 p.m.
4/17	EYO Conference	Virtual	10 a.m.
4/20	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.