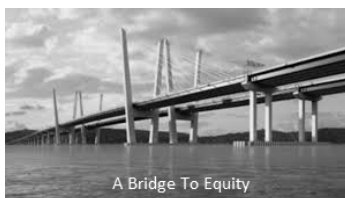


AAUW STRATEGIC PLAN

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS



Branch Meetings will be held either on Zoom or at an alternate location. Alternate locations will be emailed to members. In the event of inclement weather, listen for news of any meeting cancellation or delay on radio stations WHUD (100.7 FM) or WFAS (103.9 FM).

THEME

***“Connecting, Developing,
Inspiring Action in Challenging Times”***

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Branch Meeting **5:30 p.m.** **Alternate location or Zoom**

Program: *Women Leaders in Higher Education from Diverse Backgrounds*
Dr. Odate will describe her career path to leadership in higher education, as well as her research on women leaders from diverse backgrounds in higher education.

Speaker: Dr. Kareen Odate, Associate Professor, Medgar Evans College, CUNY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6

Branch Meeting **5:30 p.m.** **Alternate location or Zoom**

Program: *The Language of Climate Change*

Dr. Nero has conducted research on how the news media have used various types of terminology and framing to affect how people understand and respond to climate change. The talk will reveal how different agendas have played out in public space through analysis of communications from the media and political leaders.

Speaker: Dr. Shondel Nero, Professor and internationally known researcher in Linguistics, NYU

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Branch Meeting **10:30 a.m.** **Alternate location or Zoom**

Program: *Coping with COVID: Loss and Aging*

The effects of social isolation on seniors. A discussion of the various effects that the pandemic has had on our older adult population and options for coping. Some opportunities for volunteering will be presented.

Speakers: Nicolle Brunale, LMSW, Director of Senior Mental Health, Family Services of Westchester, and Mari Diamond, BA, Family Services of Westchester

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Holiday Luncheon or Branch Meeting **12:00 noon**
Restaurant or Zoom

Program: *Life Inside*

The importance of the college program at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

Speaker: Jennifer Fecu, Alumna of Marymount Manhattan College

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Branch Meeting **10:30 a.m.** **Alternate location or Zoom**

Program: *Hostesses to History: Abigail Smith Purdy, Ann Fisher Miller, and Their Revolutionary Houseguests*

In 1776 and again in 1778, two Westchester women became historic hostesses when the Revolutionary War arrived on their doorsteps. We will explore the often surprising stories of these two White Plains women caught up in the tumultuous and divisive events of the War of Independence.

Speaker: Stephen Paul DeVillo, local historian and a long-time guide for the Bronx River Alliance's Bronx River Rambles and author of [The Bronx River in History and Folklore](#), [The Bowery: The Strange History of New York's Oldest Street](#), and a forthcoming book on the Battle of White Plains.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Branch Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Zoom

Program: *New York's Climate Act and Making Buildings Healthier, Safer, and Reducing Their Environmental Impact*

New York's Climate Leadership and Community Preservation Act has codified an aggressive plan for both reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the health, safety, comfort, resiliency, and efficiency of the buildings that we live and work in. Information on New York State programs to help individuals make their homes more energy efficient will be included.

Speaker: Patrick M. O'Shei, Director of Market Development, NYSERDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Branch Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Alternate location or Zoom

Program: *How Social Isolation Impacts the Brain*

Those living alone during COVID have experienced considerable foginess, disorientation, loss of focus, and memory issues. Learn more about why this happens and how to take care of your brain as you age.

Speaker: Lisa Feiner, MBA, MEd., founder and board chair of Sharp Again Naturally, a nonprofit based in Westchester

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Branch Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Alternate location or Zoom

Program: *Beyond Venus and Mars: The Journey of Understanding the Psychology of Sex and Gender*

As a research psychologist, former faculty member, and now President of the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Dr. Susan Burns has spent years learning about and teaching on topics of sex and gender. In her talk, she will highlight some interesting historical approaches to understanding gender differences and recent research insights on the similarities and differences of women and men. She will also briefly discuss her gendered experiences that led her to writing a textbook, *Psychology of Sex and Gender*, released in 2019.

Speaker: Dr. Susan Burns, President, College of Mount St. Vincent

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Running and Winning Workshop **8:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m.**
YWCA White Plains or Zoom

SPRING 2022 (TBD)

AAUW New York State Convention

APRIL 2022 (TBD)

Girls for STEM (formerly EYO)

APRIL 2022 (TBD)

Local Scholarship Event

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Branch Meeting **5:30 p.m.** **Alternate location or Zoom**

Program: *Gilda's Club Westchester-Celebrating 20 Years of Free Cancer Support*

The mission of Gilda's Club Westchester is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered and sustained by community. Their innovative programs are an essential complement to medical care, providing individual counseling, support groups, workshops, education and social activities free of charge to the community.

Speaker: Debbie Vincent, Director of Outreach and Clinical Partnerships for Gilda's Club Westchester

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Spring Fling **5:30 p.m.** **St. Andrews Golf Club or Zoom**

Installation of Officers

Program: *Honoring our Westchester Community College Scholarship recipients*

Speakers: WCC Community College students who received our branch scholarships