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AAUW Branch Meeting via Zoom (Hosted by Town of Greenburg Library)

Welcome [Ellen Leuner]: We are so excited to be working again with the Town of Greenburgh Library. When the Covid climate improves, we will be hosting hybrid AAUW Branch meetings from the library's large auditorium and via Zoom. We can hardly wait to begin this project. Thanks to Christa O'Sullivan for all her work for our organization.

AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women. We hope today's guests will join us in our mission "To advance gender equity for women & girls through research, education and advocacy." Both men and women with college degrees can join. We would love for you to join us.

On our website, Westchester-ny-aauw.net, you can see our financials, minutes and various programs.

Announcements [Ellen Leuner]:

- On April 30th we will be partnering with Mount Saint Vincent College in the Bronx to do an in-person and virtual Girls for STEM program for 7th grade girls.
- In spring, we will be partnering with the League of Women Voters to present the Running and Winning event for high school girls, where female elected officials' answer students' questions about running for public office and to consider a career in public serve.

Our AAUW Branch is proud of recent fund-raising events.

- We have donated \$1490.00 to the Bedford-Hills Correctional Facility/Holiday Gift for Children. Thank you to Thea Jacobs for chairing this event.
- For the National AAUW fundraising drive, 42 of our members donated \$6,760. These donations will help to fund grants and fellowships, gender discrimination lawsuits, research reports, Work Smart salary negotiation workshops, STEM for Girls, and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

Introduction of speaker [Marie McKellar]:

Stephen Paul De Villo, author, member of Bronx County and White Plains Historical Societies. We learned about the manors along the Hudson, the families that owned them, and the special role of the ladies of the manors. Mr. DeVillo spoke about the poor and the slaves as well. Women were cooks and “nurses” and could better pass as spies than men.

Respectfully Submitted by: Ellen Leuner and Elaine Weiss