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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

April Branch Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford

This hybrid: In-Person /Virtual Event is limited to the first 40 "In-Person" & 100 "Virtual" people that register for the event.

To register:

1. Go to the Greenburgh Public Library Website www.greenburghlibrary.org
2. Click on the Events Tab. Select "Calendar" from the drop-down menu
3. Scroll down to see March 2 event. Click on the event.
4. Scroll down the event details page. Click on the "Begin Registration" button.
5. You will receive a confirmation email of your registration after you click submit.
6. You may also call the Reference Desk at 914-721-8225 to register.

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

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

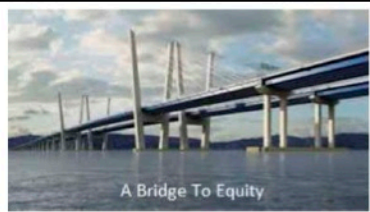


As a research psychologist, former faculty member, and now President of the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Dr. Susan Burns has spent years learning about and teaching on topics of sex and gender. In her talk, she will highlight some interesting historical approaches to understanding gender differences 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.

Dr. Burns is widely published, authoring numerous articles and research papers for peer-reviewed journals. She has co-authored a textbook titled *Human Relations for the Educator: Meeting the Challenges of Today and Tomorrow*, now in a second edition, and she most recently authored a textbook titled *Psychology of Sex and Gender*, a text designed for courses in gender, gender issues, the psychology of women or men, and sex roles, as well as sociology and anthropology courses on diversity. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in experimental psychology from Emporia State University and her Ph.D. in social/personality psychology from Kansas State University.

HEADS UP!

We are planning on having the Spring Fling at the Saint Andrews Golf Club in June. The restaurant isn't taking reservations until April 1st. Selena Barrons is our organizer and will let us know as soon as possible the definite day and time! It will be so good to see people together ---at last!



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 StateThruway Authority

VOTING FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS AND BUDGET

Voting for the 2022-23 slate of officers (listed below), the 2022-23 budget (shown on page 6), and the increase of dues for 22-23 (page 6) will take place at the April Branch Meeting. You can also vote via e-mail to Sue Lambert at slamb47@aol.com.

If you do not have access to email and will not be able to attend the April meeting, please vote using the ballot provided below.

It is important that you vote so that we reach the required quorum.

THE 2022-2023 BRANCH BOARD MEMBERS SLATE

Co- Presidents: Susan Damplo and Rene Parmar

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**AAUW WESTCHESTER
BRANCH BALLOT**

In favor of the slate for 2022-23

Yes No

In favor of the budget for 2022-23

Yes No

I accept the increase of dues for 22-23

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

**We Need Your
VOTE**

Help Needed - 8th Grade STEM Awards!

The Westchester Branch of AAUW offers certificates for excellence in STEM to three young women in the 8th grade at *all* Westchester middle schools, recognizing those who excel in mathematics and/or science and/or computer science. Our goal is to recognize the young women's accomplishments and encourage girls to continue pursuing STEM studies. Last year, we awarded approximately 150 certificates to deserving 8th grade girls.

If you are available to donate a few hours on an afternoon in May to meet up in Tarrytown for certificate printing, envelope stuffing, and labeling, we would greatly appreciate your help. The date will be chosen later but many hands will make light work. Please email Meghan Marrero at mmarrero3@mercy.edu if you are interested.

CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Interest Group will have a Zoom meeting on Friday, April 1 at 10 a.m. There will be 2 or 3 topics discussed, including: 1) Ukraine; and 2) The U.S. Senate Races in November 2022.

For further information, please contact Selena Barron, Diona Koerner, or Marie McKellar.

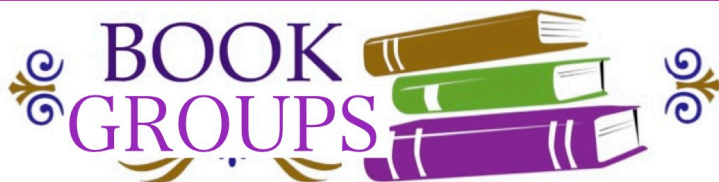
ART INTEREST GROUP

On Thursday, April 7 the Art Interest Group will go to the Hudson River Museum to see the exhibits "Frida Kahlo In Context," "The World Of Frida," and "Collection Spotlight: Women Photographers." If you would like to join us, please email Shelli Pines.

**Have
You Seen
Our Web Site?**

westchester-ny.aauw.net

Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.



TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet on April 12 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. We'll discuss the novel, The Fountains of Silence, by Rita Sepetys. Carolyn Lyall will lead the conversation. Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you'd like to join us.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Literature Group will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 at Stone Fire Restaurant in Mt. Kisco. Barbara Wright will lead the discussion of Sometimes You Have to Lie: The Life and Times of Louise Fitzhugh, Renegade Author of Harriet the Spy by Leslie Brody. Contact Marsha Savino by email, text or phone if you plan to attend. If you have questions about this group phone Ellen Eschmann, the group leader.

BRANCH PROGRAM MEETING— MAY 13, 10 A.M.

A Branch Program Meeting will be held Friday May 13, 10 a.m., possibly at the GPL, possibly at a member's home, and possibly on Zoom. The location will be decided in April. All members are invited to attend. If you cannot attend, but have ideas for speakers for the monthly Branch Meetings, please send your suggestions either to Sue Perko or Marie McKellar, Co-VPs for Programs. If you wish to attend, please let either Sue Perko or Marie McKellar know, so we can decide on the best location for the meeting. Thank you for your help in planning the Branch Meetings.

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 2021-22 are \$88, of which \$85 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: _____

City:State:Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

College/University, Degree, Graduation Year: _____

Send check and/or branch record form request to: Judith Walsh at 2 Fountain Ln. Apt. 1V, Scarsdale, NY 10583 or 734-748-9318 or email: westchesteraauw@gmail.com

Good afternoon ladies,

I am sending my thanks for your co-sponsorship of AAUW-Rockland's 22nd Annual Diversity Brunch. From all indications it was a successful event and would not have been without your support and participation.

I am sure you will agree that Roger Glass shared a wealth of family history that needs to be treasured and shared with others. Maybe one day it can be displayed so that all can be aware of the heroines residing in our own communities.

Included below is the link to the recording of the presentation for your use:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IsDOmRavW1aoeSeOnkb-sISNi9QjJ-MP/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Suzanne Young-Mercer
Chair, DEI AAUW Rockland



RECORDS OF THE MOUNT KISCO AREA BRANCH IN THE LATE 1950'S

Submitted by Elaine Weiss, Branch Historian

AAUW Westchester Vol.1, No.1 began with the work of Co-Editors Betty Bayley and Marie Richardson distributed the October -November 1957 for the Mount Kisco Area Branch. The bi-monthly or monthly News of our Branch begins here.

Betty Potter was the first woman mayor of a Westchester town or city. Mayor Potter was the guest of honor at the October 2nd. meeting. She spoke informally about her activity in local government and shared insights into the work of a mayor of a growing village. At the November 6th meeting Mrs. Selma Brody, Supervisor of Senior Citizens Activities of the Westchester County Recreation Committee, was the speaker.

The first study groups were started. They were Great Books, Mental Health, and Social Problems and Welfare.

The National Convention of 1957 took place in Boston. Committee reports were summarized.

The National Committee of the AAUW followed suggestions from branches and established the following list of committees: the Arts, Elementary and Secondary Education, Fellowship Program, Mass Media, Membership, Program, Social and Economic Issues, and the Status of Women.

The 1958 October-November newsletter promoted the Theater Study Group. Members were asked to see a play and discuss it in a way that would inspire others to look forward to the experience.

The study groups passed a resolution that would encourage new members to join the study groups. This resolution included the following, "Women not eligible" to AAUW membership may attend study group meetings for a fee of 50 cents per meeting."

What can we do to encourage "women not eligible" be able to join us? Please send your ideas.

HONORING WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE

-by Selena Barron

March was Women's History Month and many women were honored for their past excellent achievements and their dedication to achieve equal opportunity and equal pay for women. However, AAUW also stresses the importance of recognizing women who are outstanding achievers today. Since 1973 The Fund for the City of New York and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation have honored extraordinary NY City Public Servants through its Sloan Public Service Awards which are widely regarded as the Nobel Prizes of City Government. The Fund states "This program annually honors six outstanding civil servants whose work performance and commitment to the public transcend not merely the ordinary but the extraordinary – day after day and year after year." For 2021 the six awardees included the three following women.



Lynette Parker is employed as a Supervising Attorney in the NYC Department of Housing, Preservation & Development where she carries a large portfolio of cases. All Manhattan based cases in the Housing Litigation Division are under her supervision. She also oversees all NY City "7A administrator" cases. These cases often have the worst housing conditions. She began her career as an attorney at the Administration for Children's Services. In 2002 she was recruited to HPD. The award statement said that Ms. Parker was chosen because "she is dedicated to ensuring all New Yorkers have safe and decent housing and has been effective in pursuit of this goal."

Paula Evans for the past five years has held the position of Director of the Admitting Department at Metropolitan Hospital. The hospital provides services for Harlem, East Harlem and Yorkville. Her first career was as a military and then civilian nurse in Guyana. In the United States she completed a nursing program and in 1992 began working in the NICU at Metropolitan Hospital. She quickly became Manager of the NICU and has also served in many other key roles at the hospital. The award stated she was chosen because "her dedication and creativity contribute to the success of the hospital helping countless patients."

Tara Boirard is the Senior Deputy Director for Housing and Economic Development, Value Engineering, Infrastructure and Community Development at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). She oversees and coordinates all aspects of budgeting and financial management for every NYC agency related to housing and economic development. The award states that "OMB manages the City's \$102.8 billion budget and oversees the budgets of more than 90 city agencies, evaluates the efficiency and cost effectiveness of city services and proposals, and helps implement the borrowing and bond programs that support the \$17 billion capital budget."

Eligibility and nomination for the awards includes, in part, the following traits: Extraordinary service with ingenuity and compassion; Responsiveness to public needs and better service delivery; Outstanding and reliable performance under pressure and in times of crisis; Willingness to take risks when needed to improve services or correct abuses or inequities; Ability to adapt to change and provide a continued high standard of service delivery; Dedication to upholding public interest in the midst of competing interests, pressures and demands.

The three women chosen for the 2021 Sloan Public Service Award embody these traits and are even more remarkable because they were able to continue to utilize the traits to successfully carry out their responsibilities despite the crisis of COVID19 and the ensuing financial deficits of New York City. They also demonstrate that women given the opportunity to move up the career ladder can be extraordinary, responsive, knowledgeable, successful and compassionate.



There are times when one of our members is dealing with an illness, a loss, or another personal crisis.

If you know of a member who should receive our well wishes or support, please send the information to our corresponding secretary, Abby Hirsch, at ahirsch03@gmail.com.

WESTCHESTER AAUW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NEX YEAR
 -submitted by Cynthia Plater, Treasurer APRIL 2022



AAUW Westchester -Proposed Budget for 2022-2023		
INCOME		
Total Branch Dues	\$	4,080.00
Contributions for Sr. Awards		
Contribution for 8th grade awards	\$	300.00
Donations		
TOTAL INCOME	\$	4,360.00
EXPENSES		
BRANCH ACTIVITIES		
8th Grade Educational awards	\$	300.00
Sr. Educational Awards	\$	850.00
Public Policy (Running & Winning)	\$	200.00
Westchester Women's Agenda	\$	100.00
AAUW Student Leadership Conference	\$	600.00
Special Projects - Start Smart, STEM camp, etc.		
WCC Scholarship Fund	\$	250.00
Community Service Project		
Total BRANCH ACTIVITIES EXPENSES	\$	2,300.00
CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS		
Delegates - State or National	\$	200.00
Total CONF./CONVENTIONS EXPENSES	\$	200.00
GENERAL MEETINGS & SOCIALS		
Hospitality	\$	150.00
Programs	\$	150.00
Rental & Custodial Fees (inc. \$300 to library)	\$	450.00
Total GEN. MTGS & SOCIAL EXPENSES	\$	750.00
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Corres.Sec./Sunshine Fund	\$	50.00
Insurance	\$	600.00
Membership	\$	50.00
Newsletter/Postage	\$	200.00
Other Expenses [zoom, fees,...]	\$	600.00
Publicity/Branch Brochure	\$	100.00
Yearbook/Postage	\$	950.00
AAUW Funds Mailing	\$	200.00
State Convention Ad	\$	125.00
Intern Expenses	\$	100.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	2,975.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	6,225.00
Net Income-Expenses	\$	(1,865.00)

In April the Membership will vote on the 2022-2023 Budget, and the incoming Board of Directors and the acceptance of the dues change for 2022-2023.

AAUW National is again raising our yearly dues by five dollars, bringing the total National dues to \$67. NY State dues will be \$7 this year. As a result, we have had to raise your total membership dues by five dollars to \$103.

Attached is the budget for 2022-2023. Our calendar year runs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. When you review the budget, you will notice that we are projected to operate at a deficit, as we have done for the few past years. In order to minimize this deficit, the Board voted to include an option to allow our members to make an additional donation when they are renewing their annual membership. We hope that you will consider adding a donation to your dues. The dues renewal form will include the option of making an additional donation to support the 8th grade Educational awards, Sr. H.S. educational awards, and/or the branch's operating funds.

YEARLY DUES FOR WESTCHESTER AAUW WILL BE AS FOLLOWS.

2022-2023 \$103 (an increase of \$7) 2023-2024 \$108 (an increase of \$5)

The membership must vote to accept any increase of dues, so this is on the ballot along with the budget and the slate of officers.

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES – MARCH-APRIL 2022

by Jane Pendergast

Equal Pay Day – March 15 – this year will have featured rallies in New York City, Rochester and other cities, with the NYC rally at 1 pm also welcoming digital attendees. Importantly, this year's events have also included a legislative briefing with the sponsors of the salary range transparency bill. POWHER New York has worked to gain passage of this bill in the NYS legislature that will require employers to provide the salary range of job openings in all job announcements – a simple way to address the elusive goal of equal for women and all prospective employees. We have received indications that the bill has a good chance of passing this year. A similar New York City law passed early in the year.



POWHER New York continues to advocate actively for important issues affecting women on the state level, including a 2/15 briefing on the governor's budget, detailing the budget for key areas: childcare and fair pay for home care. Advocates for home care fair pay will continue to press for increased funding, but Federal funding is likely to be limited in the current environment. The briefing also included updates on legislative priority issues, reproductive health access, pay equity, comprehensive sexuality education, and the equality amendment.



APRIL

4/1	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
4/6	Board Meeting		4 p.m.
4/6	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Library or Virtual	5:30 p.m.
4/7	Art Interest Group	Hudson River Museum	
4/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
4/12	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
4/13	Evening Literature Group	Stone Fire Restaurant, Mt. Kisco	6 p.m.
4/19	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.
4/21	Running and Winning Workshop	Manhattanville College	9 a.m.- 2 p.m.
4/30	Girls For Stem	Virtual	

On line bridge is scheduled every Monday at 1 p.m.