

# 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

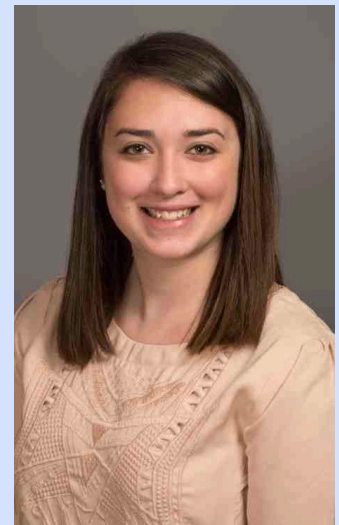
## Westchester AAUW March Branch Meeting!

- ★ **PROGRAM:** The State of Sexual and Reproductive Health Care
- ★ **SPEAKER:** Madison Norwich, Public Affairs Specialist Planned Parenthood
- ★ **WHEN:** Saturday March 11, at 10:30 a.m.
- ★ **WHERE:** Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford and via Zoom. Visit [www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com](http://www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com) to register for virtual and in-person, and to receive the Zoom link.

*A representative from Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic will discuss accessing sexual and reproductive health care in New York and across the country, as well as sex education programs and advocacy efforts. historian and genealogist.*

*Planned Parenthood's mission is to empower individuals to determine their own sexual health and reproductive futures. Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic provides sexual and reproductive health care at 10 health centers and two mobile health centers in Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties. They offer a wide range of sexual and reproductive health care services regardless of the individual's age, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or ability to pay.*

*Our speaker Madison Norwich (she/her) is the Manager of Advocacy and Student Programs for Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic. She has been in this role for over four years where she spends time educating activists, collaborating with community partners and engaging youth in the reproductive rights movement. She has a Masters in Public Policy from Stony Brook University.*



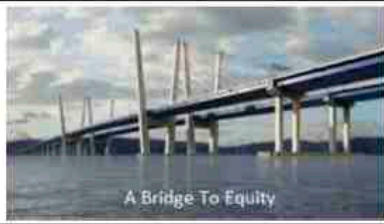
Log in to register to attend- <https://greenburghlibrary.libcal.com/event/9241434>

### VOTING FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS AND BUDGET

Voting for the 2023-24 slate of officers (listed on page 4), the 2023-24 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](mailto: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 on page 4.

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



**MISSION:** To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

**VISION:** Equity for All

**OUR VALUES:** Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering. Though we are nonpartisan, we are not values-neutral: We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.

#### **2022-2023 BRANCH OFFICERS**

##### **Co-Presidents**

*Marcia Keizs & Rene Parmar*

##### **Program Co-Vice Presidents**

*Diana Lennon & Teresa N. Neal*

##### **Membership Co-Vice Presidents**

*Thea Jacobs & Mary Schenck*

##### **Recording Co-Secretaries**

*Susan Appel & Elaine Weiss*

##### **Corresponding Secretary**

*Abby Hirsch*

##### **Treasurer**

*Barbara Sarver*

##### **CHIPS Editor**

*Sue Lambert [slamb47@aol.com](mailto:slamb47@aol.com)*

##### **Branch Web Site**

[westchester-ny.aauw.net](http://westchester-ny.aauw.net)

##### **State Web Site**

[www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org)

##### **National Web Site**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

##### **Facebook**

*AAUW Westchester NY*

*Bridge Photo from NY  
State Thruway Authority*

## **THE HISTORIAN 1963-1964: A BIRTH OF CHANGE**

**Submitted by Elaine Weiss, Branch Historian**

Between 1957 and 1963, more than 10,000 babies in the United States were born with physical abnormalities caused by the drug thalidomide. Out of this came stricter regulations for approving new drugs and vaccines that remain in effect to this day. This tragedy led to an open and passionate fight for the right to abortion. The travels to other nations was reported by the national news stations. The AAUW's search for change rose with a new generation. Our Branch of AAUW responded to the early women's cultural revolution.



In March 1963, the Westchester AAUW had an International Relations group working with the "Home Demonstration Department of the Westchester County Extension Service". AAUW members were encouraged to attend. In 1963 there were three Study Groups International Relations, Contemporary Issues and Contemporary Literature. The October meeting Program included "The New Math: A Sample Lesson". The Contemporary literature group discussed James Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time*. The fire was alive in the Civil rights movement. Equal pay legislation passed in 1963. The legislation failed to solve the problem of low paying jobs that were still passed as 'female'.

Fall 1963 and Spring 1964 were times of serious cultural impact. such as the assassination of JFK in November 1963. The winter and spring of 1964 led to an increase of AAUW membership. During March 1964 the Drama Group ordered Dylan tickets! They had a guest from the U.N. Secretariat on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The March 1964 *Chips* noted the first Science Field Trip, of about 25 members, had toured IBM's Watson Research Center on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

There was a New York State Convention from May 14-16. Meetings and workshops filled the time including the AAUW of New York telegram to President Johnson informing him of our complete support of the civil rights legislation being debated in the Senate. On June 21 President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

These events begin to turn us into a nation of progress. Women, who had fought for equality earlier now were supported by many pieces of legislation and decisions of the Supreme Court that created rights for women. There were work and voting changes. The *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 gave women in states that failed to give them the right to control their lives. The decision was the most important legal change for equal women's rights. The steps toward personal freedom will continue as the female baby boomers become mature adults and are followed by their children. Today *Dobbs v. Jackson* may inspire woman's political energy.



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](mailto:ahirsch03@gmail.com).

### **ART INTEREST GROUP**

On Thursday, March 24 the Art Interest group will visit the Katonah Museum of Art for a private tour of the exhibit "Miniature Worlds: Joseph Cornell, Ray Johnson, Yayoi Kusama." If you would like to come, please email Shelli Pines.

Have  
You Seen  
Our Web Site?

**[westchester-ny.aauw.net](http://westchester-ny.aauw.net)**

Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.

### **CURRENT ISSUES GROUP**

The current issues group will meet on Friday, March 3 at 10 a.m. To sign up for these Zoom Current Issues meetings, contact Ellen Leuner or Adelaide DiGiorgi and the Zoom link and topics will be sent to you. Join us for some very informative and lively discussions.



### **TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP**

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet on March 14 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Our conversation, led by Marilee Scheuneman, will be on James McBride's novel, Deacon King Kong. 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, March 15 at Stone Fire Restaurant in Mt. Kisco. Ellen Eschmann will lead the discussion of People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. Contact Marsha Savino by phone, email or text to let her know if you plan to attend.

If you have questions about this group phone Ellen Eschmann, the group leader. New members are welcome.

### **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. Dues for a new member are \$93 for the first year of membership, a \$10 reduction from regular membership dues, which are \$103/year. When you join the Westchester Branch of AAUW, you also become a member of the AAUW New York State and National organizations.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City:State:Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University, Degree, Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

To join send a check to: Westchester AAUW, 455 Tarrytown Rd. #1354, White Plains, NY 10607 or to get more information go the Westchester AAUW Website ([westchester-ny.aauw.net](http://westchester-ny.aauw.net)).

# AAUW Local Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, April 13 at 11:30 a.m. NEW DATE

Viking Café

Westchester Community College – 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla  
Student Center–Parking Lot #8



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People attending \_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$21 of \$35 is tax deductible)

Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (fully tax deductible)

NEW! Please make checks **payable to AAUW – Westchester**  
with “scholarship” on memo line.

Mail to Marilee Scheuneman, 27 Hillside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10705



## THE 2023-2024 BRANCH BOARD MEMBERS SLATE

**Co-Presidents: Abby Hirsch and Marcia Keizs**

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**Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Thea Jacobs and Mary Schenk**

**Co-Recording Secretaries: Susan Appel and Eileen Weiss**

**Co-Treasurers: Susan Gardner and Judith Kessler**

**Corresponding Secretary- Susan Ferris Rights**

## Westchester AAUW Ballot

In favor of the propped slate for 2023-24

Yes No

In favor of the propped budget for 2023-24

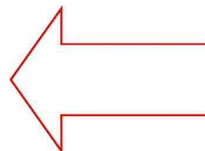
Yes No

I accept the increase of dues for 2023-24

Yes No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail you ballot to Sue Lamber at  
19 Pinehurst Dr. Purchase, NY 10577 or  
email your vote to slamb47@aol.com



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## CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS

-by Selena Barron



Recently the hot news has been full of achievements from which artificial intelligence is able to create works of art and write articles and reports with very little effort on our part. A professor from Princeton University said a paper written by ChatGPT would have passed at Princeton. Amazon's latest robot arm, called Sparrow, can pick up a varied list of objects in their warehouse and place them in a box. In a pizza restaurant robots made 100 pizzas to order. New cars are partly made by computerized robots, have no keys and touch screen computers. Improved safety features include automatic braking when necessary, provision of directions and adjustment for traffic problems.

When I tried to visit ChatGPT online, the site was full. The notification I was given was in the form of the following ode written by ChatGPT in the style of Shakespeare. **"Explain the status of CHATGPT in the style of Shakespeare."**

"Ah, dear user of ChatGPT, thou art not alone in thy desire to engage with our esteemed AI chatbot. Many have flocked to our website in this hour, and we do our utmost to accommodate each and every one. Yet, alas, our resources are not without limit and we must ask for thy patience and forbearance. In time, we shall be able to provide thee with access to ChatGPT. Until then, we beg thee to return at a future juncture."

The ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) debut was met with some positive reviews. Kevin Roose of The New York Times said it was the "best artificial intelligence chatbox ever released to the general public". Samantha Lock of the Guardian newspaper noted that it was able to generate "impressively detailed" and "human like" text. Technology writer Dan Gillmor used Chat GPT for a student assignment and found its generated text was on a par with what a good student would deliver. He wrote "Academia has some very serious issues to confront." In The Atlantic Magazine's "Breakthroughs of the Year for 2022, Derek Thomson included Chat GPT as part of "the generative AI eruption that may change our mind about how we work, how we think, and what human creativity really is." The Open AI CEO, Sam Altman, was quoted in The New York Times stating AI's "benefits for human kind could be so unbelievably good that it's hard for me to even imagine."

As reported in The New York Times, two months after ChatGPT's debut, the site has had more than 30 million users and receives about five million visits a day. As a comparison Instagram reached only ten million users after a year. The company, Open AI, has now announced it would start selling a \$20 monthly subscription. Mr. Altman has also signed a \$10 billion dollar deal with Microsoft. He has also met with top executives of Apple and Google. Open AI is also entering into a deal with BuzzFeed to use its technology to create A.I. generated lists and quizzes. The announcement more than doubled BuzzFeed's stock price. Mr. Altman met with lawmakers in Washington, explaining the tool's strengths and weaknesses and hoping to clear up misconceptions about how it works.

As women we have the responsibility to learn about and utilize new achievements and to encourage our daughters to study STEM courses and new career opportunities. We must stay current to expect equal opportunity and equal pay.

### WE INVITE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHIPS

The deadline for each month's submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

Send articles by email to the editor, Sue Lambert at [slamb47@gmail.com](mailto:slamb47@gmail.com).

The submitted articles may be reviewed by the AAUW-Westchester Board if necessary.



# WESTCHESTER AAUW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

-submitted by Barbara Sarver, Treasurer



<b><u>AAUW Westchester - Proposed Budget for 2023-2024</u></b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	Total Branch Dues	\$ 4,060.00
	Contributions for Sr. Awards	\$ 500.00
	Contribution for 8th grade awards[restricted funds]	\$ 300.00
	Donations	
	Scholarship Fundraiser for WCC Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,800.00
	Proceeds from Spring Fling	\$ 3,000.00
	Proceeds from Holiday Lunch	\$ 1,925.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 11,585.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>BRANCH ACTIVITIES</b>		
	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
<b>Total BRANCH ACTIVITIES EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,050.00</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
	Scholarship Fundraiser for WCC Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,800.00
	Spring Fling Expenses	\$ 2,900.00
	Holiday Lunch Expenses/Toy Drive	\$ 1,400.00
	Rental & Custodial Fees (inc. \$300 to library)	\$ 300.00
<b>Total GEN. MTGS &amp; SOCIAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 6,700.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
	Corres.Sec./Sunshine Fund	\$ 50.00
	Insurance	\$ 600.00
	Membership	\$ 75.00
	Newsletter/Postage	\$ 300.00
	Board Expenses [zoom, fees,...]	\$ 600.00
	Publicity/Branch Brochure	\$ 200.00
	Yearbook/Postage	\$ 950.00
	AAUW Funds Mailing	\$ 200.00
	Constant Contact @9.99 per month	\$ 120.00
	Intern Expenses	\$ 100.00
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 3,195.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 12,145.00</b>
	Net Income-Expenses	<b>\$ (560.00)</b>

In April the Membership will vote on the 2023-2024 Budget, the incoming Board of Directors, and the acceptance of the dues change for 2023-2024.

AAUW National is again raising our yearly dues by five dollars, bringing the total National dues to \$72. New York State dues will remain the same at \$7. Our branch dues will also remain the same at \$29. As a result, we have had to raise your total membership dues by five dollars to \$108.

Attached is the budget for 2023-2024. Our calendar year runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. When you review the budget, you will notice that we are projected to operate at a deficit, as we have done for the past few 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 renew their annual membership. We hope 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Educational awards, the Senior High School Educational awards, and/or the branch operating funds.



At the February Branch Meeting: Susan Gardner, Rene Parmer (Co-President), Joyce Sarrock Cole (Speaker), Teresa Neal (Co-Program President), Diana Lennon (Co-Program President), and Marcia Keizs (Co-President)

## Girls for STEM

### EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES!

#### A CONFERENCE FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS

#### MARCH 4, 2023

#### 8:30AM-12PM

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS FOR  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS

INTRODUCING GIRLS TO STEM BASED CAREERS  
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH)

THE COLLEGE OF MOUNT SAINT VINCENT  
RIVERDALE, NEW YORK 10471

INFO AND REGISTRATION: [AAUW-GIRLSFORSTEM.ORG](http://AAUW-GIRLSFORSTEM.ORG)  
QUESTIONS? [AAUW.GIRLSFORSTEM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AAUW.GIRLSFORSTEM@GMAIL.COM)

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If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event please contact Susan Appel, (914) 715-8114 or [appelsusan2@gmail.com](mailto:appelsusan2@gmail.com). Lorrin Johnson and Maria Ellis are Co-Directors and can be contacted at our email address [AAUW.girlsforstem@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.girlsforstem@gmail.com)

# MARCH

## MARCH 2023

3/3	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
3/4	Girls for Stem Workshop	College of Mt. St. Vincent	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3/9	Art Interest Group	Katonah Museum of Art	
3/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
3/11	Branch Meeting (Saturday)	Greenburgh Public Library or Virtual	5:30 p.m.
3/11	Board Meeting		4 p.m.
3/14	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
3/15	Evening Literature Group	Stone Fire Restaurant, Mt. Kisco	6 p.m.
3/21	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.

*Bridge - every Monday at 11 a.m. in person and/or 1 p.m. online*