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CHIPS

The monthly newsletter of the Westchester Branch of the American Association of University Women, Westchester County, New York



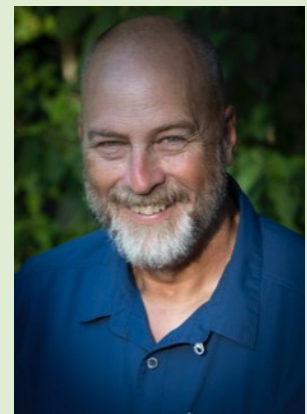
Westchester AAUW Has Been
Empowering Women and
Girls Since 1933

Westchester AAUW April Branch Meeting!

- ★ **PROGRAM:** The Unique Environment of the Hudson River In celebration of Earth Day, environmentalist Scott Craven will discuss the geographically and culturally rich area along the Hudson River and the impact of humans on our local environment.
- ★ **SPEAKER:** Author Scott Craven
- ★ **WHEN:** Wednesday April 12, at 5:30 p.m.
- ★ **WHERE:** Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford and via Zoom. Visit www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com to register for virtual and in-person, and to receive the Zoom link.

Scott Craven is co-author of Croton Point Park: Westchester's Jewel on the Hudson (2022) and a frequent speaker about wildlife and human impact on the environment. As the former Historian of the Town of Ossining and an avid fisherman, paddler and cyclist, he knows our area better than most. Over the years he has connected with many people whose passion and expertise regarding different aspects of the Hudson River Valley have helped us weave its history into a compelling story. He will discuss our unique environmental and cultural history and how these have shaped our human experience while we also influence the nature of the Hudson Valley.

Scott is a retired Ossining Police captain and currently works at the Ossining Public Library. He is a graduate of Pace University and has a Masters in American History from Western Connecticut State University. His Master's thesis focused on an environmental history of the geographically and culturally rich area along the Hudson River.



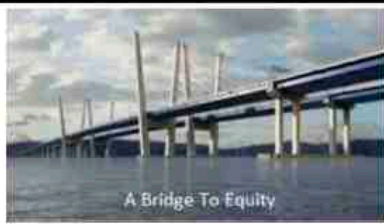
Log in to register to attend- <https://greenburghlibrary.libcal.com/event/9241434>

VOTING FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS AND BUDGET

Voting for the 2023-24 slate of officers (listed on page 5), the 2023-24 budget (shown on page 6), and the increase of dues for 23-24 (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 on page 5.

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

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Thea Jacobs & Mary Schenck

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State Thruway Authority

LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT OUR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT -submitted by *Marilee Scheuneman*

If you are new to the branch's local scholarship project, let me fill you in. It was established around 1992 and makes a small difference to some women students at Westchester Community College (WCC), and is in keeping with our mission to advance gender equity through education. During the year and especially at the scholarship luncheon, individual branch members donate to raise money for two or three scholarships. The recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrate leadership qualities and concern for women's issues.

The winners of the AAUP scholarships are invited to our Spring Fling dinner in June. They are asked to deliver a short speech telling us about their background and aspirations. We have always been impressed by their stories and their erudition.

New this year, because of WCC's wish to streamline the scholarship process at the college, and to ease our ability to reach the awardees, scholarships will be given to students in their second year instead of to graduates. Donations will be payable to our branch (AAUP-Westchester) instead of to WCC Foundation. I will collect the checks and pass them on to our treasurer who will send the donations to WCC in a lump sum two or three times a year.

I hope you will join us at this year's luncheon at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13**, in the Viking Café, elegantly prepared by students in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Department.



AAUP 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: _____

of People attending ____ x \$35 = \$_____
(\$21 of \$35 is tax deductible)

Additional Contribution \$ _____ (fully tax deductible)

Please make checks **payable to AAUP - Westchester** with "scholarship" on memo line.

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

CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

Wondering what is going on in the world?
Local concerns interest you?

Then, the Current Issues meeting is where
you want to be.

To sign up for these Zoom Current Issues
meetings, contact Ellen Leuner. The Zoom
link and monthly topics will be sent to you.
Join us for some very informative and lively
discussions.

We meet the first Friday of the month. April 7
will be our next Current Issues meeting.

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.

ART INTEREST GROUP

On Thursday, April 20, the Art Interest
group will go the American Folk Art
Museum for a tour of the exhibits "What
That Quilt Knows about Me" and "Material
Witness: Folk and Self-Taught Artists At
Work." 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.

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).



TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet on April 11
at 10 a.m. to discuss the young adult novel, The
Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas. Leading the
conversation will be Ellen Leuner. Please contact
Wilma Gitchel if you would like to join our group.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Literature Group will meet at 6 p.m. on
Wednesday, April 19 at Stone Fire Restaurant in Mt.
Kisco. Shelli Pines will lead the discussion of Count
the Ways by Joyce Maynard. 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.



WOMEN'S VOICES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

-by Selena Barron



March is Women's History Month and I believe that there is no better way of understanding its importance and honoring women today than by sharing the following voices of today's generation of women.

Carren Morris, President of PENSOLE, Inc.

"It is imperative to understand how women before us created their journey that has allowed us to be where we are today. Women's History Month is about honoring the past and creating history."

Jamie Ellis, Soles4Souls Vice President, Marketing and Communications

"Think about it, it wasn't that many generations before ours where women couldn't do so many things that we could easily take for granted if we didn't take the time to reflect. We certainly have a long way to go, but it's important to reflect and celebrate how we got here."

Wells Fargo highlighted the following three women, in leadership positions at Wells Fargo, in a full page, in color ad, in the N.Y. Times:

Eugenia Kristina Draper is the Head of Consumer Technology Platform Services. She is a first generation Hispanic who didn't learn English until she went to school in the U.S. She praises her opportunity to learn from peers and managers. She says "By challenging me, giving me room to rise and equal room to make mistakes, these relationships have shaped me into the leader I am today."

Tangela Richter is the Executive Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Corporate Secretary. She says "As a leader, I strive to create an environment where everyone knows that their voice is valued, and everyone feels like they belong no matter their background." "I was the first in my family to graduate from college, and my parents encouraged me to not be afraid to take a stand, take up space and to make sure that my voice is heard." "Leadership isn't about your title. It's about having a voice and taking a stand."

Muneera Carr is the Executive President & Chief Accounting Officer. She says "as a first-generation immigrant, I started out working in minimum-wage jobs." "Not in my wildest dreams did I expect my journey to result in me leading a global team. It wasn't easy, but I hope my story shows that anything is possible. My goal is to make a difference, and my current role puts me in a unique position to make active change. For those with similar stories, know that you do belong, your efforts matter, your views are respected and you can find success."

Aramco honored women and praised their importance to the company in a full page ad in Scientific America. The CEO said "Women continue to be underrepresented in fields such as science, technology, engineering and math. This reality inspired a series of initiatives designed to accelerate women's professional development within our operations. This approach has produced an outcome which signals a more promising future; Aramco's growing cohort of female researchers have been named as inventors on 352 U.S.patents and counting."

When asked for her view of History Month:

Sephania Whitmore, the Soles4Souls Senior Director of Business Development , Footwear Companies said "Women's History Month is important to me because it highlights all the amazing things that women have accomplished over the years and how women are evolving and making strides. It showcases how far we have come as a society with recognizing the value that women bring to the table. Women's History Month is a time to celebrate all women, from all vocations and recognize the contributions they have made and will continue to make.

AAUW continues to be a strong advocate and voice for equal opportunity and equal pay for women. Especially during Women's History Month we can be proud that as members we are women making a difference!

WE INVITE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHIPS

The deadline for each month's submissions is the 10th of the previous month. Send articles by email to the editor, Sue Lambert at slamb47@gmail.com. The submitted articles may be reviewed by the AAUW-Westchester Board if necessary.

**Pictures from Girls for STEM conference March 4.
We had 50 girls sign up!**



**At 9/11 Branch Meeting
Rene Parmar; Madison Norwich of
Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic;
Diana Lennon; Abby Hirsch**



THE 2023-2024 BRANCH BOARD MEMBERS SLATE

Co-Presidents: Abby Hirsch & Marcia Keizs

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Diana Lennon & Teresa H. Neal

Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Thea Jacobs & Mary Schenk

Co-Recording Secretaries: Susan Appel & Eileen Weiss

Co-Treasurers: Susan Gardner & Judith Kessler

Corresponding Secretary- Susan Ferris Rights

Westchester AAUW Ballot

In favor of the proposed slate for 2023-24

Yes No

In favor of the proposed budget for 2023-24

Yes No

I accept the increase of dues for 2023-24

Yes No

Name_____

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



4/7	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
4/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
4/11	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
4/13	Scholarship Luncheon	Viking Cafe at WCC	11:30 a.m.
4/12	Board Meeting		4 p.m.
4/12	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Public Library or Virtual	5:30 p.m.
4/18	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.
4/19	Evening Literature Group	Stone Fire Restaurant, Mt. Kisco	6 p.m.
4/20	Art Interest Group	American Fold Art Museum	
4/27	Running and Winning Workshop	Manhattanville College	8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

WESTCHESTER AAUW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

-submitted by Barbara Sarver, Treasurer



<u>AAUW Westchester - Proposed Budget for 2023-2024</u>		
INCOME	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
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 11,585.00
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
Total BRANCH ACTIVITIES EXPENSES		\$ 2,050.00
CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS		
	Delegates - State or National	\$ 200.00
Total CONF./CONVENTIONS EXPENSES		\$ 200.00
GENERAL MEETINGS & SOCIALS		
	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
Total GEN. MTGS & SOCIAL EXPENSES		\$ 6,700.00
OPERATING EXPENSES		
	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
Total OPERATING EXPENSES		\$ 3,195.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 12,145.00
	Net Income-Expenses	\$ (560.00)

At the April branch meeting 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 8th Grade Educational awards, the Senior High School Educational awards, and/or the branch operating funds.