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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 Spring Fling

Wednesday, June 7 at 5 p.m.

St. Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings on Hudson, NY

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!**

**Cost of \$55 per person includes the following:**

Upon Arrival:

Cheese, Fruit, & Vegetable Display  
With Assorted Crackers & Dip

First Course

Arnold Palmers on table

Warm Bread and Butter Basket

Saint Andrew's House salad Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrée (combo)

Organic Roasted Chicken Breast &  
Pan Seared Salmon, Chardonnay Sauce

Seasonal Vegetables

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Dessert:

Key Lime Pie

Coffee and Tea

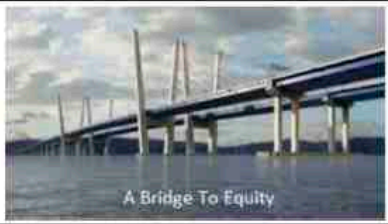
(a cash bar will be available)



**Your check to Barbara Sarver is your RSVP!**

**Make check for \$55 to AAUW Westchester Branch and send to  
Barbara Sarver, 34 Scenic Circle, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520**

**Please reply by Tuesday, May 30th**



# AAUW Dues Renewal Reminder!



**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**

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*Bridge Photo from NY  
State Thruway Authority*

**AAUW Dues Renewal time!** Thank you all for supporting AAUW through this challenging year. Your support has been vital. Membership in the AAUW Westchester Branch expires at the end of June, so it's time to renew and spring into action. Please remember that your dues are tax deductible except for \$3 to our government which supports the AAUW Action Fund that lobbies for our mission "to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy".

**You will notice that there is the "Additional Donation/Contribution" line. If you can make an additional contribution to AAUW Westchester, it will be greatly appreciated.**

<b>Members \$108</b>	_____
<b>Life Members \$36</b>	_____
<b>New Members \$98</b>	_____
<b>Additional Donation/Contribution</b>	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____
<b>Name</b>	_____

You may pay via check or online. If you pay via check, please send a check payable to "AAUW Westchester Branch" to Barbara Sarver, 34 Scenic Circle, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. To pay online with a credit card, go to our website <https://westchester-ny.aauw.net>. (Click on the Member tab and select membership renewal). A \$2.75 service charge will apply to defer the cost of using PayPal.

FYI: In order for your name to be included in our 2023-2024 Yearbook your dues must be received by July 31, 2023.

**Since our Westchester Branch's main source of revenue to support our many programs is our dues [we only keep \$29 of your membership dues – \$72 goes to National and \$7 to NY State], please consider making an additional donation. Either include your donation in your dues check or make a donation on our website [westchester-ny.aauw.net](http://westchester-ny.aauw.net). Click on the Donate button (top right corner) and use your credit card to complete the transaction.**

**Thank you for your continued support of AAUW.**

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).

### CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

To sign up for the 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. June 2 at 10 a.m. will be the next Current Issues meeting.

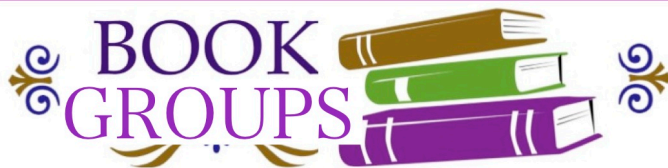
### ART INTEREST GROUP

On Thursday, June 8, the Art Interest Group will visit Seven Bridges Gallery in Greenwich, CT. If you would like to come, 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 June 13 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Marilee Scheuneman will lead the conversation about Fiona Hill's non-fiction book, There is Nothing for You Here.

After the book discussion we will make our book selections for the new season. Members are invited to nominate up to three books each. Please contact Wilma Gitchel for details.

#### **EVENING LITERATURE GROUP**

The Evening Lit Group will meet for its end of the year picnic on Wed. June 14 at 5 p.m. at the home of Sue Lambert. We will choose our books for next year. Please let Sue know whether you will be attending and what you plan to bring.

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 \$103 for the first year of membership, a \$10 reduction from regular membership dues, which are \$108/year. When you join Westchester AAUW, you also become a member of the AAUW New York State & National AAUW.

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

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

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

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

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

College/University, Degree, Graduation Year:  
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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)).

## GOOD NEWS FOR WOMEN Submitted by Selena Barron



There was good news for women in May. The most publicized event was the verdict in the E Jean Carroll vs former president Donald Trump case. In this civil case Ms. Carroll accused Trump of sexual assault in a dressing room in Bergdorf Goodman in New York and for defamation when Trump used his Truth Social post to deny he knew her and claimed it was all a hoax.

Trump never showed up at the trial. After cross examinations of Ms. Carroll and other witnesses who spoke in support of Ms. Carroll, the defense closed its case. The jury made up of six men and three women took only three hours to come to a unanimous verdict. They found Trump guilty of sexual abuse and defamation. The Jury found that Ms. Carroll proved a preponderance of sexual abuse. Trump was found guilty of punitive damages because his conduct was “willfully or wantonly negligent, reckless, or with conscious disregard of Ms. Carroll’s rights.” Trump was found to have defamed Ms. Carroll and that she was injured as a result of his October 2022 Truth Social post. The Jury also found Trump acted maliciously. Ms. Carroll was awarded five million dollars as a result of these findings.

After the verdict was announced Ms. Carroll said “Today the world finally knows the truth.” She also hoped that the verdict would prompt other women to speak up which would influence even more women to speak up which would result in changing the sexual abuse culture. Her attorney said: “For far too long survivors of sexual assault faced a wall of doubts and intimidation. We hope and believe today’s verdict will be an important step in tearing down that wall.”

In another case first filed in 2010 a group of about 2800 former and present women employees of Goldman Sachs alleged that the Wall Street bank systematically discriminated against women. The suit alleged widespread discrimination involving compensation, promotion, performance, evaluation and business opportunities. In order to end the lawsuit Goldman Sachs finally agreed to the following settlement: Payment of \$215 million dollars; An independent expert who for three years will oversee how Goldman Sachs evaluates and promotes employees; a second independent expert who for three years will do pay equity studies and will address any pay gaps.

AAUW has been an important supporter of equal opportunity and equal pay for women. Many of us remember the Lilly Ledbetter case in which Ms. Ledbetter claimed she had been paid less than the men she was training at her job at Goodyear Tires. The case went up to the Supreme Court and AAUW became an amicus curiae. She won the case but was told by law she could only be compensated for 18 months of back pay. The first legislation President Obama signed was The Lily Ledbetter law which provided that it was possible to be compensated from the beginning of the pay discrimination. Lily Ledbetter and the president of AAUW sat with President Obama at the signing.

### The AAUW Engagement Survey

**We are asking all AAUW Westchester members to complete a survey to assess their level of engagement and any barriers that prevent members' active participation in branch activities, especially in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The survey resulted from the work of a Task Group charged by the Board to reach out to membership with these questions.**

**Please use click on the link below to log onto to complete the AAUW Westchester Branch Engagement Survey. The deadline for returning completion is June Wednesday June 14th.**

**We look forward to robust participation. Thank You.**

**Marcia V Keizs for The Engagement Task Group.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnItZ1In5i7xHu3hz24ReAGcAModSMSBVdtJYpycJAn4BRzg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnItZ1In5i7xHu3hz24ReAGcAModSMSBVdtJYpycJAn4BRzg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



## WESTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FEMALES PRACTICE THE ART OF RUNNING & WINNING

By Mary Logan

On April 27, 2023, the League of Women Voters-Westchester and AAUW-Westchester with support from the Westchester Community Foundation and other sponsors hosted its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Running & Winning workshop for 46 local high school girls.

AAUW member Jane Pendergast attended as a Facilitator assisting a table of students throughout the event. And Co-President Marcia Keizs manned an information table for AAUW-Westchester.

Women elected officials at all levels of NY government shared with high school sophomores, juniors and seniors about how they got started in politics, the challenges they faced and the rewards that come with shepherding important legislative changes.



Over 440 Westchester high school girls have participated in this event since its initial workshop in 2012. The event plants a seed in young women's minds that women can succeed in elected office and the broader political sphere. Based on positive student feedback we can expect that in one form or another these seeds will grow.



### JUNE 2023

6/2	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
6/7	Spring Fling	St.AndrewsClub	5 p.m.
6/8	Art Interest Group	Seven Bridges Gallery, Greenwich, CT	
6/13	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
6/14	Evening Literature Group Picnic	Sue Lambert's Home	5 p.m.
6/16	Joint Board Meeting	Sue Lambert's Home	10:30 a.m.
6/20	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.
6/24	AAUW NY State Annual Meeting	Zoom	9-11:30 p.m.

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