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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

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Marcia Keizs & Abby Hirsch



Welcome to our year of 2023-2024. We know that this is going to be an exciting year with wonderful programs and important advocacy work as we work together to help enhance women's rights.

Our branch is one of the largest in the state and we are confident that we can become even larger. If each of us could reach out to just one friend or colleague and encourage her to join our chapter, we would be able to double our membership. We know that our membership co-presidents would welcome the new members.

There are times that new members or potential new members attend one of our programs. Perhaps they are here to learn more about AAUW or perhaps they heard about the program and found the topic to be of interest. If you see someone new at a program, please go over and welcome the individual and introduce yourself. We are a very warm and friendly group and this will help a new member feel at home.

The nominating committee will be meeting soon and will reach out to many in the hope that you will be willing and eager to join our board of dedicated women. Please do answer the phone and do consider this opportunity. Remember the best word to say when asked is YES.



Our Co-Presidents of programming, Teresa Neal and Diana Lennon, have many exciting and wonderful programs planned for this year beginning on September 6th. Each will teach us something new, allow us to explore a new topic and will be entertaining. These meetings will once again take place at the Greenburgh Library, and

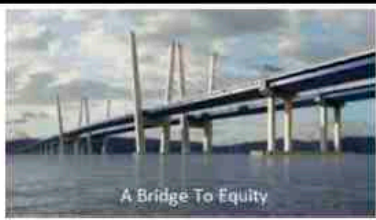
you may attend either in person or via zoom. We do hope that most of you will be able to attend in person. It is always worthwhile to see you from your head to your toes!

Many of you give much of your time and energy to our chapter. Thank you for all that you have done for us. This might include contributing money for scholarships, working on our STEM conference of 7th and 8th grade girls, assisting the families of incarcerated women to name just a few. You also enjoy the camaraderie of many of our interest groups such as book clubs, poetry, art and so much more.

We were reminded recently by Susan Ferris Rights, a new Board member, that November 2024 marks the crucial date for New York State to vote on the NYS Equal Rights Amendment. As the constitutional amendment has passed twice in the legislature, the public will have the opportunity to vote, on the measure in November 2024. During this year, our Branch will work with partners like the League of Women Voters to raise awareness and advocacy of the upcoming vote that when passed, will protect the rights of all New York State residents and give us an equal rights amendment worthy of the 21st century. As women in Westchester will be important in getting this passed, we are in need of a team of members to lead this important advocacy role. Should you be interested in serving, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing another wonderful year at AAUW. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact either one of us.





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.

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**SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 5:30 P.M.
GREENBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Are you new to AAUW?

Are you a Life member?

Or are you somewhere in between?

For our September 2023 program, we are planning an event which will educate our branch members (and potential new members) about the history and priorities of AAUW at all levels, as well as promote our branch activities, Interest Groups, and Action Groups. We also are aiming to "recruit" future officers and leaders.

We are inviting each officer and Group Leader to speak briefly (two or three minutes max) about what her AAUW position entails or what the group does, when it meets, upcoming meetings, etc. Light refreshments will be served.

Visit <https://greenburghlibrary.libcal.com/event/10932852> to register for in-person and virtual, and to receive the Zoom link.

TIME TO READ

AAUW WESTCHESTER BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS FOR 2023-24

TUESDAY LIT GROUP SELECTIONS

The Promise, by Damon Galgut

The Thursday Murder Club, by Richard Osman

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Haniff

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

EVENING LIT GROUP SELECTIONS

Lilac Girls, by Martha Hall Kelly

The Postmistress of Paris,
by Meg Waite Clayton

Fellowship Point, by Alice Elliott Dark

Dragonfly, by Leila Meacham

Horse, by Geraldine Brooks

Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie
Garmus

The Last of Her Kind, by Sigrid Nunez

Remarkably Bright Creatures,
by Shelby Van Pelt

The Weight of Ink, by Rachel Kadish

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, Susan Ferris Rights at susanferris123@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 usually meet the first Friday of the month. Our first meeting this year is September 8 at 10 a.m.

ART INTEREST GROUP

On Thursday, September 14, the Art Interest Group will visit the Morgan Museum and Library to view exhibits of drawings by several artists with very different styles.

If you would like to come, please email Shelli Pines.



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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 \$98 for the first year of membership, a \$10 reduction from regular membership dues, which are \$108/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 September 12 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Ellen Leuner will lead our conversation about Damon Galgut's novel, The Promise.

Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you'd like to join us.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Lit Group will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. at The Lexington Square Cafe in Mt. Kisco. Barbara Wright will lead the discussion of the Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. Please contact Marsha Savino by phone, e-mail 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, EXAMPLES OF LASTING ACHIEVEMENT Submitted by Selena Barron

Congress created the United States Mint in 1792, and the Mint became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873. It is the only legal manufacturer of coins. The Mint is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the country to conduct its trade and commerce. The Mint also produces numismatic products, including proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals, silver and bronze medals, and silver and gold bullion coins. Unlike many government agencies, **“Its numismatic programs are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to taxpayers.”**

The United States Mint in 2022 announced the beginning of a four year program from 2022 until 2025, named the American Women Quarters Program, which features quarters with designs honoring the accomplishments and contributions of trailblazing American women. Each year five women are honored. The Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen, selected the final designs in keeping with the selection process. The Women come from an ethnically, racially and geographically diverse group. The women also represent a wide range of accomplishments and fields, including suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space and the arts. In 2022 the chosen women were Maya Angelou, Dr. Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren and Anna May Wong.



Maya Angelou, a celebrated writer, performer, and social activist is depicted with her arms uplifted. Behind her are a bird in flight and a rising sun, images inspired by her poetry and symbolic of the way she lived.

Dr. Sally Ride is a physicist, astronaut, educator, and the first American woman to soar into space. Dr. Ride is depicted next to a window on the space shuttle. The design is based on her quote. “But when I wasn’t working, I was usually at a window looking down at Earth.” The inscription “E PLURIBUS UNUM” is intentionally positioned over the Earth next to America indicating that out of all women in the United States, Dr. Ride was the first into space.



Wilma Mankiller is the first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and is a known activist for Native American and women’s rights. She is represented with a resolute gaze to the future. The wind is at her back, and she is wrapped in a traditional shawl. At her left is the seven pointed star of the Cherokee Nation.

Nina Otero-Warren is a leader in New Mexico’s suffrage movement and the first female superintendent of Sante Fe public schools. The design on her quarter features Ms. Otero-Warren on the left and includes three of New Mexico’s state flowers, the Yucca.



Anna May Wong is the first Chinese American film star in Hollywood who left a legacy for women in the film industry. Her quarter features a close-up image of Anna May Wong with her head resting on her hand, surrounded by the bright lights of a marquee sign.

United States Mint Acting Director, Alison L. Doone said “These inspiring coin designs tell the stories of five extraordinary women whose contributions are indelibly etched in American culture. Generations to come will look at coins bearing these designs and be reminded of what can be accomplished with vision, determination and a desire to improve opportunities for all.

June 7th Spring Fling at St. Andrews Golf Club



**2023 Scholarship Winners
Emily Lin and Joan Waldron**



Induction of 2023-24 Board



SEPTEMBER 2023

9/6	Board Meeting		4 p.m.
9/6	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Public Library and Zoom	5:30 p.m.
9/8	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
9/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
9/12	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
9/14	Art Interest Group	Morgan Museum & Library	
9/19	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.
9/20	Evening Literature Group	Lexington Square Cafe, Mt. Kisco	6 p.m.

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