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# CHIPS

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



## CO-PRESIDENTS' OCTOBER MESSAGE

Marcia Keizs & Abby Hirsch



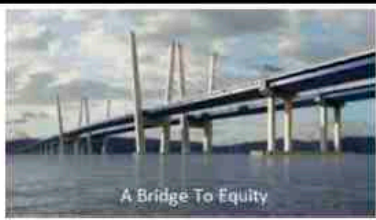
WHAT A GREAT BEGINNING! Our first program of the year took place on Sept 6 and introduced the membership to the various leaders of our organization. Introduced groups such as Poetry, Current Events, Book Groups, Ladies Who Lunch were all discussed, and we are sure that many new members will sign up. Please feel free to reach out to the Board members and Group leaders if you have any questions and want any additional information. Many thanks to Terri and Diana for this program.

**“WELL BEHAVED WOMEN NEVER MAKE HISTORY”** This is a bumper sticker recently seen on a car and does represent our organization. The AAUW mission speaks about Advancing Gender Equity Through Research, Education and Advocacy. So many women in our history have done this and we as an organization continue to work towards this goal. Some of the women who have come to our mind who were not “well behaved” are Hillary Clinton, Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Sanger, Harriet Tubman, Gloria Steinman, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Billie Gene King, Louisa May Alcott, Harriet Tubman, Jane Austen, and Maya Angelou. Too bad they are not available to join our AAUW branch. Which other women do you think of? We know that there are many women in our chapter who are working hard to make our community a safer and more equitable place for all of us. Keep up the good work!

Unfortunately, we are witnessing many books that have been banned in the past and this practice does continue. Many of the authors are certainly women. Popular on the list are Margaret Atwood, Jodi Picoult, Maya Angelou, Harper Lee, Margaret Mitchell and even Anne Frank. How sad to think that some of our children and grandchildren might not be able to read, enjoy and learn from these books. Do consider supporting these authors and reading these books on your own or in book clubs.

Our programs for this year will continue to enlighten us and teach us. The theme for the year is “Women Ever Present Role in Advancing Gender Equity.” The October program will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greenburgh library at 5:30, and the speaker will be our county executive George Lattimore. This administrative continues to support women and we are confident that Mr. Lattimore will enlighten us as to the state of women’s rights in our county. More information will be forthcoming.





**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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# OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCT.4, 5:30 P.M.

GREENBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford and via Zoom

Visit [www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com](http://www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com) to register for in-person and virtual, and to receive the Zoom link.

## SPEAKER

**George Latimer, Westchester County Executive**

## PROGRAM

### **The Importance of Women & Girls in Government**

Westchester County Executive George Latimer will speak on the importance of women in government and community action, and encouraging girls and young women to become involved in government at all levels.

George Latimer (he/him/his), a third generation Westchester native, was born in Mount Vernon, attended Mount Vernon public schools, and graduated with a B.A. from Fordham University in the Bronx in 1974, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from NYU's Wagner School in 1976. A resident of the City of Rye for over 35 years, Latimer ran his first successful race for public office in 1987, earning him a seat on the Rye City Council. Four years later, in 1991, he was elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators, where he became the first-ever Democrat to win the 7th District. During the 13 years Latimer was a member of the chamber, he served as Minority Leader and then as the first Democratic Chairman of the Board of Legislators in Westchester County history. Elected in 2004 to the State Assembly, and was then elected to the State Senate in November 2012, representing the 37th District comprised of 16 Westchester municipalities. Latimer took office as Westchester County Executive in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. He was then re-elected to a second term as County Executive in November 2021, never losing an election after over three decades in public office.





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](mailto: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.

The next meeting is on October 6 at 10 a.m.

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You Seen  
Our Web Site?

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

Board minutes are posted on the Web Page.



### TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet via Zoom on October 10 at 10 a.m. We'll discuss Richard Osman's fiction The Thursday Murder Club. Marianne McGovern will lead our conversation.

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

### EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Lit Group will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 6 p.m. at The Lexington Square Cafe in Mt. Kisco. Ellen Eschmann will lead the discussion of The Postmistress of Paris by Meg Waite Clayton. 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.

### 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.

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## WOMEN REACHING THE TOP IN SPORTS

Submitted by Selena Barron

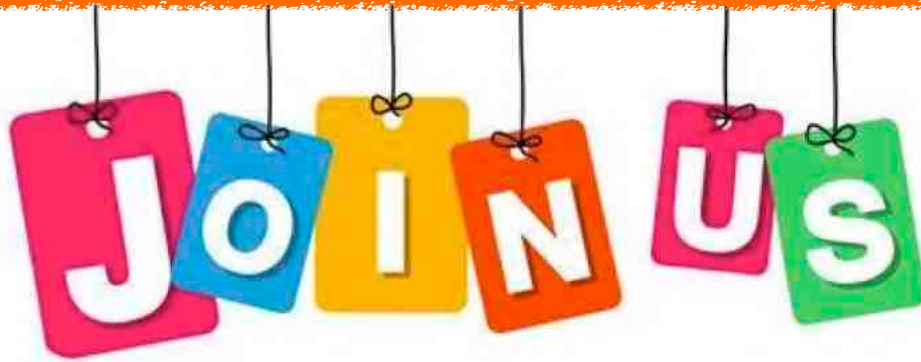
With a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 1, Aujla Sablenka, 19 year old American tennis player Cocoa Gauff won the U.S. Open women's single final. The Grand Slam title comes with a \$3 million winner's check which is equal to the men's winner payout. This year The U.S. Open celebrated 50 years of equal pay for men and women. Corporations are also very aware of the pressure for them to spend equal or almost equal dollars with their sponsorship dollars. With this new payout Gauff's prize money will come to \$5.6 million this year. Over her five year pro career Gauff has made an estimated \$12 million from endorsements, appearance fees and other business endeavors (before taxes and agent fees). She is now NO. 7 on Forbes list of the highest paid players. After this win she will surely earn more as she has reached a new high in her career.

Here in Westchester The Pace University lacrosse team, The Setters, became the NCAA Division II National Champions for 2023. Kayla Conway was voted the Northeast Conference Scholar athlete of the year for the 2022-2023 season. She finished this spring with a 3.88 GPA. The NEIO Midfielder of the year was also named MVP of the NCAA tournament as the Setters won their first ever NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship. The Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) announced Pace Women's Lacrosse Program as one of 290 schools across Division I, II, III and NALA as an IWLCA Academic Honor Squad for 2022-2023. To qualify for the honor, the women's lacrosse team must have posted a 3.2 or higher team GPA.

The team was invited to join college athletes across the country at the White House to celebrate the team's NCAA National Championship. The Setters joined 47 teams representing 19 sports from NCAA division's national winners. They were all congratulated on the South Lawn as part of College Athlete Day.

Vice President Kamala Harris told the crowd "You made tremendous sacrifices, training through injuries, birthdays, vacations and even a pandemic. You know, all of you, what it means to commit and persevere. And we know that so often during the course of a long season, sports teams also become a family. You develop life-long relationships. You demonstrate teamwork and character. You make the people around you better in every way. You are leaders. You are role models, and, of course, you are champions"





*New and Prospective Members Coffee  
Come and learn what our branch has to offer*

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Ellen Leuner's Home

10 Old Jackson Ave. Unit 6, Hastings, NY 10706

RSVP: Thea Jacobs by Wednesday 10/11/23

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#### OCTOBER 2023

10/4	Board Meeting	Greenburgh Public Library and Zoom	4 p.m.
10/4	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Public Library and Zoom	5:30 p.m.
10/6	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
10/10	Deadline for submitting for CHIPS		
10/10	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom	10 a.m.
10/11	Evening Literature Group	Lexington Square Care	6 p.m.
10/17	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom	1:30 p.m.

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