

CHIPS

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



JUNE CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Abby Hirsch and Judith Walsh



As our year comes to an end, it is time to review and reflect. We hope you will agree that this has been a most successful year at the branch, filled with many opportunities to advocate for women and girls, and to enjoy exciting events and programs.

This past November the New York State's ERA amendment was on the ballot, and many of us worked hard to ensure passage of this important piece of legislation, which protects those with disabilities, LGBT individuals, and women's reproductive rights. It also prevents discrimination against race,

religion, nationality, age, and other factors. We can be proud that we helped to make this happen.

Once again, the Greenburgh Public Library provided space for us to hold our monthly meetings. Diana Lennon and Teresa Neal, our Vice Presidents of Programming, provided us with a variety of interesting and timely guest speakers. We started the year with a dinner, where we could spend time socializing with other AAUW members. Other programs included learning about influential women in song, celebrating the history of our suffrage movement, and the needs of food banks in Westchester, to name just a few. We know that next year will also be a year of outstanding programs.

We continue to have a close relationship with Westchester Community College. Many thanks to Marilee Scheuneman for organizing the annual scholarship luncheon at the College, where we enjoyed the food prepared and served by the culinary art students. The scholarship winners will be honored and introduced at our June Spring Fling. Joni Sims once again was the AAUW leader at our annual Running and Winning Conference, where high school girls from more than 20 school districts came together to meet with elected women officials in the County. Many of these students will become our elected leaders in the future. Maybe even our first female president!

In March we held our annual STEM conference at the College of Mt. Saint Vincent. More than 90 girls participated in this very successful day. Lorin Johnson, Joni Sims, Susan Gardner and Susan Appel and others helped to make it happen. A very special thanks also to Mary Logan for leading the Annual Fund Campaign.

Our interest groups have continued to prosper. Bridge meets enthusiastically on zoom. The art interest group travels to many museums. Our two book groups meet each month; one on zoom and the other at the Lexington Square Cafe in Mt Kisco. The Ladies who Lunch dine out each month,

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the poetry interest group meets on zoom, and the current issues group members have lively and important discussions.

Social events continue for our members. Selena Barron and Susan Gardner organized our holiday lunch at the Crabtree Kittle House in Chappaqua. Laurie Austin organized our toy drive. We look forward to seeing everyone at our **Spring Fling on June 18 starting at 5 p.m.** It will take place at St. Andrews Golf Club in Hastings. Many thanks to Selena Barron and Ellen Leuner for organizing this.

We have instituted two changes this year, which we hope you all endorse. Emails from Sue Lambert, including mailings of CHIPS, are sent via Constant Contact. If you don't receive them, please contact Sue. In addition, all membership renewals will be managed by AAUW National, with payments made online.

Thanks to each of you for all that you do to help us continue as a vital and important organization. With your continued enthusiasm we will continue to grow and work on our mission to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy.

Spring Fling

It's Spring Fling Time!

**Wednesday, June 18 at 5 p.m.
St. Andrews Golf Club, Hastings on Hudson**

Come and join us for our long-anticipated evening of fun and friendship.
PLUS meet the WCC scholarship winners and view installation of our officers for 2025-2026.

**The menu includes assorted appetizers
followed by a delicious 3-course dinner with cash bar!**

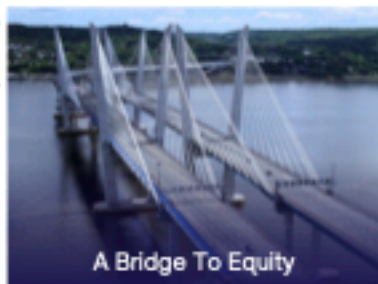
To reserve your place write a check for \$75 to AAUW Westchester, and mail it to
Susan Gardner, 19 Robbie Road, Cortland Manor, NY 10567

Please postmark your check by June 8 to ensure receipt!

Running and Winning

High School girls from across the county joined Westchester's League of Woman Voters and AAUW Westchester on April 30 for our annual Running and Winning Conference. The event, designed to help our girls develop into future leaders, gives them the chance to interact with locally elected women from all levels of government. They split into small groups where the girls learned about running for office and how government works. Finally, the girls put together a campaign to elect one of their group to a local office. The campaign committee consist of a campaign manager, speech writer, and support staff. AAUW members Susan Appel, Laurie Austin, Abby Hirsch, Thea Jacobs, Marcia Keisz, and Joni Sims were on hand to support the girls.





A Bridge To Equity

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

VISION: Equity for ALL

OUR VALUES: Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering. We are nonpartisan but not values-neutral. We fight barriers and biases that impede 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 discrimination.

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Poetry Interest Group



Looking for a lovely way to spend an afternoon? Our poetry interest group may be just what you've been searching for. You need not be a poet or literary expert. At our zoom meetings, held on the third Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30, we take turns reading the poems aloud and talking about them. Our discussions are lively, enlightening, and intellectually stimulating. At the end of each session we select the poet for next time. If you can join us on June 17, contact Mary Schenck for the zoom link.

ART INTEREST GROUP

On Thursday, June 19, the Art Interest Group will tour the Seven Bridges Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden in Greenwich. If you'd like to join us, email Shelli Pines.



Did You Know



83% of academic librarians are women but only 58% of management positions in these libraries are held by women.

source: College and Research Libraries

Have you visited our website?

westchester-ny.aauw.net

Board minutes are posted on the web page

Visit our Facebook Page: AAUW Westchester NY

CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Group meets each month via zoom to offer lively discussions on noteworthy topics. Join us at 10 a.m. **on Friday, June 6.** Our discussions last month were on the U.S. birth rate, pros and cons of tariffs, and considerations when choosing senior housing such as an independent living facility



Join us and expand your horizons. It's a great group of women! Contact **Ellen Leuner** for the zoom link.



BRIDGE MEET UP GROUP



Bridge group meets each Monday at 1 p.m. on zoom. Contact Elaine Barbakoff for details and the zoom link.

LITERATURE GROUPS



TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

We will meet at 10 a.m. on June 10 via zoom. Marilee Scheuneman will lead a discussion of Lisa See's historical fiction, "Lady Tan's Circle of Women." Immediately following this, we will select our books for the next season. Members are encouraged to nominate up to 3 books each. **Please contact Wilma Gitchele if you'd like to join us.**

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The evening lit group will meet for its end of the year picnic on Wednesday, June 4 at the home of Sue Lambert. We will choose our books for next year at this time. Please let Sue know whether you will be attending and what you plan to bring. If you have questions about this group please contact Sue at slamb47@aol.com. 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 \$100 for the first year of membership, a \$10 reduction from regular membership dues, which are \$110/year. When you join the Westchester Branch of AAUW, you also become a member of the AAUW New York State and National organizations. To join online, go to westchester-ny.aauw.net/new-members-2/

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

College/University, Degree, Graduation Year: _____

To join send a check to: Westchester AAUW, 455 Tarttown Rd. #1354, White Plains, NY, 10607 or to get more information visit: westchester-ny.aauw.net

LADIES WHO LUNCH

The Ladies Who Lunch Group has a decades-long history of exploring the culinary delights of Westchester and nearby Fairfield (CT) counties.

The group meets at 12:30 p.m. on the third Friday of the month and members take turns selecting and contacting the restaurants involved. For more information contact Jean Havens.



There are time when one of our members is dealing with an illness, a loss or another personal crisis.

If you know 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





It's time to renew your membership

It's dues renewal time. We are changing the way we collect dues by asking members to pay through the national website. Most of our members have a June renewal date and should look for an email from AAUW National on or about May 20 with instructions on how to pay dues. AAUW National will send a second reminder in June. Those who renew in months other than June will receive an email from National one month prior to their expiration.

We highly encourage you to take advantage of this new way to renew your membership. It will simplify bookkeeping and decrease the amount of work for our Treasurer.

Dues for 2025-2026 are \$110. Please remember that your dues are tax deductible except for \$3, which supports the AAUW Action Fund that lobbies for our mission "to advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

If you have any questions, please reach out to Membership co-Vice Presidents Thea Jacobs or Joni Sims.

FYI: in order for your name to be included in our 2025-2025 Yearbook, your dues must be received by July 31, 2025.

From the Editor

The deadline for submitting material for CHIPS is the 10th of the previous month. Material received after the 10th is not guaranteed to be included, although every effort will be made to do so. *Please contact the editor if you need extra time.*

Have a great summer!



June



JUNE 2025 CALENDAR

6/4	Evening Lit Group Picnic	contact Sue Lambert
6/6 10 AM	Current Issues Group	Zoom
6/10 10 AM	Tuesday Lit Group	Zoom
6/14	Flag Day	
6/17 1:30 PM	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom
6/18 5 PM	Spring Fling	
6/19	Juneteenth	
6/19	Art Interest Group	
6/20	Summer Solstice	
6/20	Ladies Who Lunch	
6/20	Lillian Hellman's birthday	