

# CHIPS

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



## NOVEMBER CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Abby Hirsch and Judith Walsh



***“Some day I should get credit for all the things I could have said, but didn’t.” This is a quote by the main character in Ann Tyler’s newest book, Three Days in June.***

This quote gives us much to think about. What are the things that perhaps we wanted to say to our children or other family members, but didn’t? What are the things that perhaps we wanted to say to a boss or colleague, but

didn’t? What are the things that perhaps we wanted to say to a rude person who said something to us in a store or elsewhere, but didn’t? What are the things that perhaps we wanted to say to a politician, but didn’t?

There are times when we are in conversation with a person who has very different views on political and/or social issues. This is true with a neighbor and me. She happens to be a warm, friendly, and wonderful person. And we disagree on so many issues. I have found that we can have a more than cordial relationship, and I am happy that she is my neighbor. When conversations do travel to controversial issues, we can disagree without being disagreeable. We both, I believe, avoid saying things that perhaps we might want to say, and therefore do get credit. It is important that we find ways to enter into conversations with all types of people who might have all types of world views.

Credit should certainly be given when it comes to our children and other family members. My two wonderful sons have each married wonderful women and have given me wonderful grandchildren. I knew that they made many mistakes over the years in raising their children and I did not say a word. I deserve so much credit. Two of my grandchildren are seniors in high school and working on college applications. Both of my sons have reached out to me for advice on the process and the college essays. What a shock! I did not say this to either of them. More credit please. I was thrilled that they did this and so perhaps my many years of keeping somewhat silent has paid off.

In a few short months, my granddaughter will be turning eighteen. I recently asked her if she was excited about voting in her first election. She said that she is excited, particularly for being able to help re-elect a congressman whom she knew I did not like. I reacted instantly, expressing my horror. Luckily, she laughed and assured me she was kidding. I was relieved. There are clearly times when we can say what we want and it is fine. We need to know our audience.

Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends. It is a time to be grateful for so much, particularly the relationships we have developed over a lifetime. Maybe it is good that we have not always said certain things and therefore we deserve credit. And perhaps we can find a way to express our thoughts without being disagreeable. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.



WC Women: Engaged & Inspired

## Lincoln's Funeral Oration: The Gettysburg Address

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Robert Valentine, History Professor, Lehman College, CUNY  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:30pm  
**WHERE:** Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford and via Zoom.  
Visit [www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com](http://www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com) to register for the Zoom link.



*government of the people,  
by the people, for the people,  
shall not perish from the earth.*  
Abraham Lincoln.

One week before the 162<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Gettysburg Address (Nov. 19, 1863), Dr. Robert Valentine will describe the circumstances in which Lincoln accepted the invitation to dedicate the first National cemetery for the interment of the Union dead following the Battle of Gettysburg. He also will discuss how Lincoln delved into the traditions of public oration, utilizing Old Testament forms of speech to define the meaning of the American Civil War and its impact on the future of our democracy.

Dr. Robert Valentine is an historian who specializes in Nineteenth-Century American and Military History and has conducted extensive research on the U.S. Civil War. His publications include "Yankees and Yorker: Opposition to Lincoln's Policies in Westchester, New York and the Greater Hudson Valley". Dr. Valentine began as adjunct professor at Lehman College in 1999, and has been a full-time senior lecturer since 2007. He served as acting Chair of the History Department and Chair of the Lehman College Academic Freedom Committee. In 2022, he won Lehman College's Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Valentine received his Bachelor's degree from The Citadel, Master's degree from Fordham and Doctoral degree from The University of South Carolina.



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**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 November 18, contact Mary Schenck for the zoom link.

## ART INTEREST GROUP

On Wednesday, November 12th the Art Interest Group will visit the David Rockefeller Creative Arts Center at Potantico for a tour of "Shen Wei: Still Moving". If you would like to join us, please email Shelli Pines.



## Did You Know



Esteemed black educator Nannie Helen Burroughs was placed under surveillance by President Wilson after she spoke out against his inattention to lynchings.

**source:** Washington Post. 2/28/21,

## Have you visited our website?

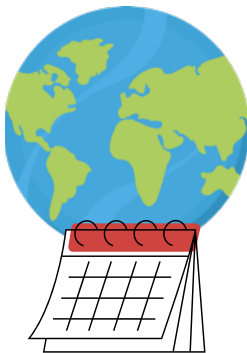
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**Board minutes are posted on the web page**

**Visit our Facebook Page: AAUW Westchester NY**

## CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Group offers our members stimulating discussions on noteworthy topics. We meet via zoom on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 7. A week or so before each meeting, our

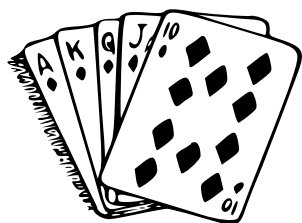


presenters decide on items for discussion. October's topics included "A Discovery of Rare Earth in Wyoming" and "Autism: Epidemic? Cause? Cure?" All are welcome. Contact **Ellen Leuner** for the zoom link.



**A warm welcome  
to our new members**

**Patti Lang of West Harrison  
Nicole Goldberg of Irvington**



## 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

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet at 10 a.m. on **November 18** via zoom to discuss Geraldine Brooks' memoir, "Memorial Days". Anette Cohen will lead our conversation. **Please contact Wilma Gitchel if you'd like to join us.**

### EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

The Evening Lit Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19 at the Lexington Square Cafe in Mt. Kisco. Shelli Pines will lead a discussion of, "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Please contact Marsha Savino by phone, email, or text if you plan to attend. **For more information, contact Sue Lambert at slamb47@aol.com.**

## JOIN AAUW WESTCHESTER BRANCH

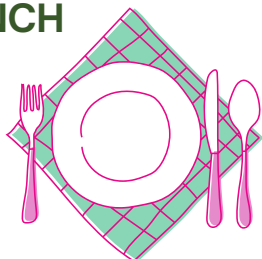
Membership is open to anyone with an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited college or university. Dues for a new member are \$100 for the first year of membership, a \$10 reduction from regular membership dues, which are \$110/year. To join, visit [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and click on "log in" for instructions. If you have questions, contact [simsjoni@gmail.com](mailto:simsjoni@gmail.com) or [mlogan@knowsoft.com](mailto:mlogan@knowsoft.com).

When you join the Westchester Branch of AAUW, you also become a member of the AAUW New York State and National organizations.

## 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](mailto:susanferris123@gmail.com)



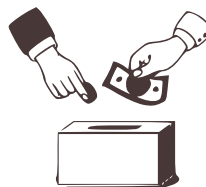
## A NEW WAY TO DONATE TO THE ANNUAL FUNDS

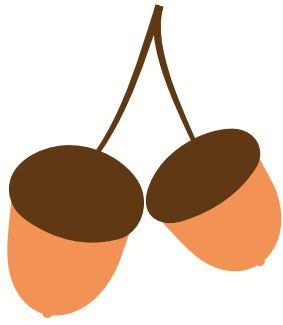
Dear Members, It's that time of year again for the annual fundraising campaign. As you know, snail mail donation requests are becoming a thing of the past. We now have the ability to donate online to AAUW National at <https://my.AAUW.org/donation-product-detail>

This link brings you to the options of donating to #9110 Greatest Needs Fund, #4513 Defend Higher Education Fund, or #4514 Public Policy General Fund.

Please remember AAUW's annual fundraising request in your yearend giving.

Many thanks, **Mary Logan**





# November



## NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDER

<b>11/7  10AM</b>	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom
<b>11/10</b>	Deadline for December issue of CHIPS	
<b>11/12 5:30 PM</b>	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Library
<b>11/12</b>	Art Interest Group	
<b>11/ 18 10 AM</b>	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom
<b>11/18  1:30-3:30</b>	Poetry Interest Group	Zoom
<b>11/21</b>	Ladies Who Lunch	Contact Jean Havens
<b>11/19 5:30PM</b>	Evening Literature Group	Lexington Sq. Cafe Mt Kisco
<b>11/27</b>	Thanksgiving	Enjoy!