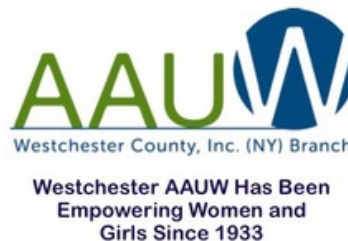


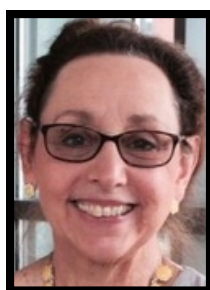
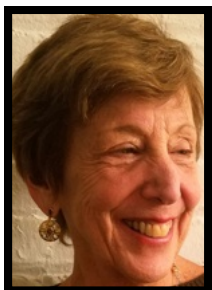
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OCTOBER CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Abby Hirsch and Judith Walsh



"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle or end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it without knowing what's going to happen next."

GILDA RADNER

This very apt quote can be applied to many of the issues that our State Public Policy Committee and State Board are tackling. The focus of our

state organization, as well as that of our local branch, is to work towards economic security, education, and advocacy for women.

Last year our State Public Policy Committee looked into the issue of book banning, which we are monitoring because it continues to occur throughout New York and most other states. There are attempts in our state to limit access to school library materials and books on the basis of their content and the identity of their authors. Many of our school and public libraries, happily, are utilizing certified media specialists to suggest and support materials that align with curriculum, diversity of populations, and differentiated needs and abilities of student populations.

Also of concern in New York State is human trafficking. There have been times when young girls have been drugged, placed in vans, and taken to Canada and other countries. Some in our state are designing stickers to be placed in restrooms which will tell women where to go for safety or to obtain information if they feel they or someone they know might be in danger. AAUW has always stood for human rights and justice. Human trafficking is clearly a violation of this core principle.

Title IX of the Education Amendments is a federal civil rights law prohibiting sex-based discrimination in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. It applies to academics and athletics and protects students from sexual harassment and violence. We know that Title IX is under attack at this time. Our State Public Policy Committee is monitoring this and is concerned about the impact that attacks on Title IX might have on our students.

Our state organization will be offering a program next spring on **"Being a Financially Savvy Woman"**. Many of us lack expertise on how to handle finances. Many of us worry that our money may not last for us. We worry about how to make smart financial investments. This seminar will answer these questions and many more. Detailed information will be forthcoming.



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 non-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 October 21st, contact Mary Schenck for the zoom link.

ART INTEREST GROUP

On Thursday, October 9th the Art Interest Group will visit the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT. If you would like to join us, please email Shelli Pines.



Did You Know



Ukrainian immigrant Clara Lemlich, age 23, incited a strike in 1909 by 20,000 ILGWU textile workers receiving \$3 per week for a 66 hour work week.

Source: National Women's History Museum

Have you visited our website?

westchester-ny.aauw.net

Board minutes are posted on the web page

Visit our Facebook Page: AAUW Westchester NY

The Yearbook Has Arrived!

By now we all should have received the link to our digital 2025-2026 branch yearbook via Constant Contact. If you have not already downloaded it, be sure to take a few minutes to look through it. Besides being a directory of our members, it contains a wealth of information on the branch, with details on our many programs, officers, committees, projects, and interest groups. If the link to the yearbook isn't in your inbox, please check your other folders as well as spam. We hope you like the new format and find it convenient.

Abby Hirsch



WC Women: Engaged & Inspired

Women Empowering Women

Dr. Cheryl Brannan will discuss her work with Sister to Sister International, a non-profit organization that connects, advances and strengthens women, girls and families of African descent worldwide by linking them to available resources.

SPEAKER: Dr. Cheryl Brannan, Founder of Sister to Sister International
WHEN: Wednesday, October 8 at 5:30pm; social time at 5:00pm
WHERE: Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford and via Zoom.
Visit www.greenburghlibrary.libcal.com to register for the Zoom link.



Dr. Brannan, founder of Sister to Sister International, is also President of the Brannan Solutions Group, a multi-faceted consulting firm specializing in the elimination of health disparities in communities of color; women's empowerment; education and strategic management programs and initiatives. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY at Cortland and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Mercy College, where she has taught as an adjunct professor in Business. She received an Honorary Doctorate from Mercy University in recognition of her work, and Dr. Brannan serves on several boards that promote the educational and professional advancement of women of color.

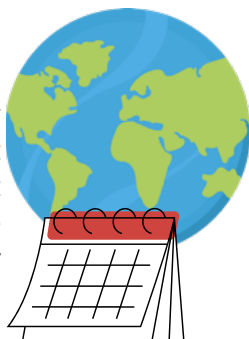


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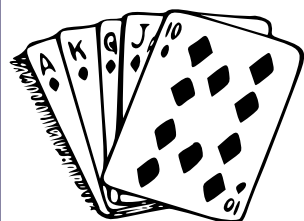
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CURRENT ISSUES GROUP

The Current Issues Group offers 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, October 3. We are always open to your suggestions for topics.



In September Selena Barron spoke on President Trump's takeover of the D.C. police department and Diona Koerner discussed MAHA personnel and policies. All are welcome. 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. **Note:** If you are interested in an in-person game, contact Elaine.

LITERATURE GROUPS



TUESDAY MORNING LIT GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Lit Group will meet at 10 a.m. on October 14 via zoom to discuss the historical fiction "Small Things like These" by Claire Keegan. Diona Koerner 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 6 p.m. on Wednesday October 15 at the Lexington Square Cafe in Mt. Kisco. Joni Sims will lead the discussion of The Paris Novel by Ruth Reichl. Please contact Marsha Savino by phone, e-mail or text if you plan to attend. New members are welcome. **For more information, contact Sue Lambert at slamb47@aol.com.**

JOIN AAUW

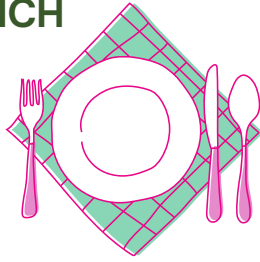
WESTCHESTER BRANCH

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, please visit aauw.org and click on "log in" at the top of the page for further instructions. If you have questions, contact simsjoni@gmail.com or 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, Sandy Yorn sjy406@aol.com



Wicked Wolf North Luncheon



Marlene, Thea, Abby, Susan

Scenes From our Summer Outing At Scandinavia House



Jane and Laurie



Jane, Amber, Marilee, Laurie, Diana



Jane, Amber, Teri, Diana, Susan, Phil



October



OCTOBER 2025 CALENDER

10/3 10AM	Current Issues Discussion Group	Zoom
10/8 5 PM	Branch Meeting	Greenburgh Library
10/9	Art Interest Group	
10/10	Deadline for November issue of CHIPS	
10/14 10AM	Tuesday Morning Literature Group	Zoom
10/15 6PM	Evening Literature Group	Lexington Sq. Cafe
10/17	Ladies Who Lunch	Contact Jean Havens
10/21 1:30PM	Poetry Interest Group	
10/25	Early voting begins	Through November 2



We Want to Hear from You!

Do you have an idea for a project to benefit women and girls? Or maybe you can suggest a speaker for one of our programs? Have you volunteered with Running and Winning, or Girls for STEM? Did you particularly enjoy a discussion at the Current Issues Group, or at one of the book groups? Tell us your reaction to an exhibit you saw with the Art Interest Group, or a poem you heard at the Poetry Interest Group. If you are one of the Ladies who Lunch, tell us about your experiences and recommend any restaurants that you particularly liked. Or reflect on how membership in AAUW has impacted your life. Sound off! Send your comments to goodiesue59@gmail.com.