**Save the Date**

**FEBRUARY 10**

**HISTORY & MISSION OF THE SKIDMORE TANG MUSEUM**

Our Saturday, **February 10, 2018**, meeting will be a presentation by **Rachel Seligman**, Assistant Curator of the Tang Museum at Skidmore College, about the history and mission of the museum. This luncheon meeting will be at the **Glens Falls Country Club**. Because this event takes place in early February, watch for details and the reservation form in the next issue of Glimpses. Reservation deadline is Feb. 3.

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**64TH AAUW LOCAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

For the 64th year our Adirondack Branch of the American Association of University Women will award its local memorial scholarship. The Adirondack Branch Memorial Scholarship is available to a student presently enrolled and attending an accredited college, working for a degree at the associate, bachelor or graduate level. Students who have completed at least one full year of college or are completing a two-year college who can show a letter of acceptance to a four-

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BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, JAN 4
The next Board meeting is on Thursday, Jan 4, at 3 p.m. in the Holden Rm of the Crandall Library. All are welcome to attend. Board members unable to attend should contact Linda Campopiano or Nan Scinta.

AAUW LIFE MEMBERSHIP A BARGAIN!
Are you in AAUW for the long term? Here’s an opportunity to show your support and save some cash in the future! For a long time, AAUW has offered a Life Membership at the cost of 20 times the current national dues; as of now the one-time cost is $980. As a life member you no longer pay national dues, but do continue to pay state and local dues as a branch member; currently that is $21 per year. Since our yearly national dues (currently $49) are going up to $59 after this June 30th, getting a life membership now would pay for itself after 16.6 years! Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of $980. If interested, you can do it through your branch treasurer. Either contact me (518-793-9271, marjory@nycap.rr.com), or send me a check made out to AAUW and in the note section write Life Membership.

-Marjory Moeller, Treasurer, 31 Windy Hill Rd, Glens Falls, 12801

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year college also may apply. Graduate students are eligible as soon as they have earned at least four hours of graduate credit. Scholastic record, financial need and evident commitment to completing the college program are factors considered in the selection process. The branch has budgeted $1,000 this year for the award. Completed applications are due back by March 1, 2018.

Residents of the area served by the AAUW branch are invited to apply. The application package is available at our website, adirondack.aauw-nys.org, or call Jan Ritter, 668-2985, to have it sent.

-Jan Ritter, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee

The deadline for the January Glimpses is Wednesday, Jan 3.

Send articles via email to both:
Mary King, mary@thekingz.net and
Jean Bruce, harleanjean@earthlink.net
Put “Adk Glimpses” in the subject line. Microsoft Word format attachments are appreciated!

Help needed: A volunteer to compose a brief monthly listing about local cultural events.
Suffrage Exhibit at the NYS Museum

Mary Enhorning and Nan Scinta went to the NYS Museum in Albany on Nov. 19 to see an exciting new and comprehensive exhibit on women’s suffrage. Women featured in the exhibit include Sojourner Truth (pictured), Margaret Sanger, Harriet Tubman, and Mary Ann Krupsak. It included information on the 1884 hanging of Roxalina Druse, who shot her husband in retaliation for his 20 years of domestic abuse. The day featured two lectures about the exhibit. Attendees were privileged to learn that Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul was planning for a statue of Sojourner Truth to be sited near her birthplace in Ulster County and one of Rosalie Gardiner Jones to be placed near her home on Long Island. Ms. Jones led suffrage “pilgrims” from New York City to Albany and to Washington DC. —Mary Enhorning

Trip to the United Nations

On Thurs. Nov. 16th, Linda and Nan traveled to the UN with the League of Women Voters (LWV) from the Albany Area. We spent the day touring the UN Building and concluded the day with a “Briefings on Forced Labor and Human Trafficking” panel discussion.

Our speakers for the day included Simone Monasebian, Director of the NY Office of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Rosalee Keech, UN Observer for LWVUS and Saphira Rameshfar, Bahai International Community’s UN office in NY. Each panelist focused on the negative effects of Human Trafficking and then described the many challenges that face agencies as they work to eradicate it. Some of the challenges that face these agencies include: corrupt officials and the substantial amount of money to be made by profiteers at all levels. Human trafficking is primarily aimed at women and children, and men are trafficked as forced labor, especially for farm work.

Suggested approaches that were given to focus on reduction of human trafficking include establishment of a fund to assist survivors who escape trafficking, arresting “johns” and charging them with criminal exploitation, encourage women’s groups to focus on the horrors of trafficking through education and women’s studies, implement cooperation with other countries, enforce laws that do not allow corruption at the highest levels and train businesses and tourism industry to identify human trafficking on their premises.

Upcoming Branch Meetings

2018 has arrived and we have many great meetings for all of our members to attend. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you.

Thur. Jan 18 — Informative meeting about the Impact of Climate Change in the Adirondacks (article on page 1). We will have an opportunity to see the new Workforce Center building on campus. Order box lunch by Jan 15.

Sat., Feb 10 — Luncheon meeting will be at the Glens Falls Country Club where we will be hearing about The Tang Museum. Reservation deadline is Feb. 3.

Thur., Mar 8 — Celebration of International Women’s Day with The Soroptomist of the Adirondacks and Zonta Club of Glens Falls. The meeting will be at the Queensbury Hotel.

Sat., Apr 21 — Our Scholarship Brunch Fund Raiser at the South Glens Falls Methodist Church

Apr 20-22 — NY State Convention in Corning. All members are welcome to attend. Watch for more information.

Tue., May 15 — STEM program at SUNY Adirondack. We will need lots of volunteers to assist with the middle school girls.

Sat., May 19 — Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner at the Queensbury Country Club. You can sign up to play golf and/or to attend the Dinner.

Thur., June 14 — Annual Banquet Awards and Installation of Officers at Fort William Henry.

Wishing all of our members a very Wonderful New Year! We are looking forward to seeing you at meetings and events. Please bring your friends and introduce them to our friendly Adirondack Branch AAUW members.

—Linda Campopiano & Nan Scinta

These are just a few of the highlights of the panelists. We were impressed with their breadth of knowledge and sensed their frustration as they try to make a difference. This was a wonderful opportunity to tour the UN Building and to meet women who have dedicated their time to eradicating Forced Labor and Human Trafficking. We would encourage everyone to take the opportunity and to attend a UN Day in the future.

—Linda Campopiano & Nan Scinta

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A FEW AAUW MILESTONES

As members of AAUW we often wonder what are some of AAUW’s milestones. I went to our national website and found a history of major events that are available for you to peruse. The national AAUW website is very informative and I hope that you are able to take some time during our winter months to have a look at all that AAUW is doing. To whet your interest here is a very abbreviated timeline.

Nov. 28, 1881 – Marion Talbot & Ellen Richards meet with 15 other women and form the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA) which becomes AAUW in 1921.

1885 — First Research report is published. “Health Statistics of Women College Graduates” established that contrary to popular belief, women’s health is not adversely affected by attending college.

1920 -- Marie Curie receives money toward the purchase of 1 gram of radium to continue research. The beginning of monies being awarded for research and fellowships which continues today.

1946 -- AAUW granted permanent UN observer status.

2017-2018 — $3.7 Million dollars awarded in fellowships and grants to support 250 women

—Linda Campopiano

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DISTRICT IV FALL CONFERENCE
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On Saturday, October 21, about 40 AAUW members from across the Mid-Hudson Valley met at the Underwear Factory in downtown Poughkeepsie. The newly renovated factory now includes low income housing, art studios, a commercial kitchen, a café and meeting space. Ruth Ellen Blodgett, the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Mid-Hudson Valley, spoke on the current status of women’s access to affordable health care, the impact of defunding Planned Parenthood, and the slow erosion of access to free birth control. She stated that abortions are only 3% of what Planned Parenthood does. Other statistics she mentioned were that 78% of patients are low income and the primary source of payment is Medicaid. Six out of ten women go nowhere else for birth control information.

Kathy Scheider, of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), talked about education. She noted benefits of the union, and explained the implications of a Constitutional Convention.

After a buffet lunch there was a bi-partisan panel of five Women in Politics who spoke about the need for more women to pursue political office. While 20% of the U. S. Congress is made up of women, 30% of N. Y. State legislators are women, but we should do better. Women are good at building a consensus. Two organizations that are helping women run for office are Emily’s List, a political action committee (PAC) and the non-partisan Center for American Women in Politics (CAWP) of Rutgers University.

Adirondack Branch members Linda Campopiano, Nan Scinta and Mary Enhorning attended.
—Mary Enhorning
INTEREST & STUDY GROUPS
All Interest and Study Groups are open to all members. Please contact the hostess if you are planning to attend. In the event that there is a change in schedule, the hostess will notify you.

EVENING LITERATURE
This group meets monthly, on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. Please call the hostess listed if you plan to attend. For further information, call Elayne Leonelli at 518-793-3081.

1/16 Nan Scinta, hostess, 518-683-1034, at the GF Episcopal Parish House on Glen St., Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance.

2/20 Linda Campopiano, hostess, 517-798-4637, A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

TRAVEL GROUP
Our next meeting will be Jan. 22nd, 6:30 p.m. at Elayne Leonelli’s home. If you plan on attending, please call Elayne, 518-793-3081. We will begin looking for spring trips.

If you would like more information about our group, please call Rachel Quackenbush, 518-747-6076 or Elayne Leonelli.

GOURMET GROUP
We will be going to The Aviator Restaurant, located at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, 443 Queensbury Ave, Queensbury at 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 26. Please call Rachel Quackenbush, 518747-6076 for reservations by Jan. 19.

MORNING LITERATURE
This group does not meet in January and February, but will resume again on the second Wednesday of each month March through June. We are happy to have additional members come to socialize and hear a book review prepared by one of our members. Call Joyce Smith, 518-793-6379 for additional information.

OUTLOOK & NYS AAUW FOCUS
Fall 2017 AAUW Outlook magazine, The Power of Lobby Day print issue (36 pages) arrived Nov. 27. Recently I had opted in to receive the print copy, rather than an emailed link to the digital copy. If you, too, would prefer to receive a print copy, Click on the green Sign Up button under “Opt in to the print edition” on this page: https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/outlookmag

You can also use the above link to read the issue online. Click on the green Read Online button. You will be asked to log in to AAUW.org

Winter 2017 FOCUS – The digital copy arrived Dec 12 with an email link. Months ago I chose to receive the digital copy since it is usually only 8 pages. I print it out to read at my leisure. The link is: http://www.aauw-nys.org/attached%20files/focus/2017-Winter-FOCUS.pdf

— Mary King, 518-615-9573, mary@thekingz.net

Thank You
Mary Enhorning and her family wish to thank all those who expressed their sympathy and condolences upon the death of her husband, Norman.

GIRLS GO STEM 2018
Linda Campopiano, Connie Bosse and Nan Scinta visited the middle schools at Glens Falls, South Glens Falls, Hudson Falls, and Queensbury and have spoken to the building principals with the guidelines for the 2018 Girls Go STEM program that will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the SUNY Adirondack campus. Twenty-five middle school girls will be chosen by each building team to attend this enrichment and discovery one day event. Next step is getting the workshop presenters chosen. Ideas or suggestions can be given to Nan Scinta, 518-683-1034.
Kim Churches, AAUW National President

Speaks with State Presidents

On November 28, AAUW’s 136th birthday, Kim Churches held a conference call with AAUW State Presidents and past National Presidents. You can listen to the conversation and see the slide presentation by taking the link from http://aauw-nys.org/

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AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

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Value Promise: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Vision Statement: AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

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