AAUW OPPOSES CONFIRMATION OF
JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH

After careful consideration, AAUW has announced its opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Review of his available record has made clear that Judge Kavanaugh holds positions that are fundamentally at odds with AAUW’s mission. I encourage you to read and share this statement from AAUW CEO Kim Churches, which outlines the criteria for AAUW’s position. This is an issue of policy, not party.

AAUW advocates for the health, education, and economic security of all women and girls. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated hostility to women’s right to access abortion; shown little support for workers’ rights; failed to support contraceptive healthcare coverage; argued against longstanding precedent prohibiting the use of public funds for religious activities; and has a record of limiting access to the ballot box. If confirmed, Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in women’s constitutional and civil rights for decades to come. We cannot support a nominee who will not uphold and protect our fundamental rights. Please consider this information about what’s at stake, and call on your U.S. Senators to oppose the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the team at advocacy@aauw.org with any questions.


Respectfully submitted,
B Lynn Havens, Public Policy

"WOMEN VETERANS:
ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND SERVICES"
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Crandall Public Library Community Room
251 Glen Street, Glens Falls
6:30 pm Networking & refreshments
7-8 pm Program

The AAUW Adirondack Branch is pleased to present an informational program on "Women Veterans - Issues, Challenges, and Services" with a panel of distinguished veterans and representatives from support services organizations. Panel members will include, among others: Cheryl Hage-Perez, Executive Director of the Veterans and Community Housing Coalition; Karen Charbonneau, President of the Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce Veterans Business Council; and Denise DiResta, Director of the Warren County Veterans Services Organization.

Please join us for this timely and informative discussion. — Leslie Kendall, Program Chair

AAUW-NYS CONVENTION, APRIL 2018

I (Nan Scinta) was privileged to attend the April NYS AAUW convention in Corning, NY. Our Adirondack branch is one of 34 branches in the state. We are considered a mid-size branch.

On Friday evening, Kimberly Churches, our National AAUW chief executive officer, spoke on the new strategic plan to concentrate on Leadership, Education and Training, Economic Security by 2030, and Governance Sustainability. Her delivery was dynamic and full of energy. On Saturday, our branch received several awards – the platinum award for our Girls Go STEM program, the Newsletter of Excellence award, the Website of Excellence award, Visibility Excellence award, 3rd place in membership growth with 5%. We have 3 honorees, Connie Bosse, Clare Decker, Marjory Moeller, in the named gifts AAUW Funds that you all

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**BOARD MEETING: Thursday, Sept 13**

The next Board meeting is on Thursday, Sept 13, 4 – 6 p.m. in the Holden Room of the Crandall Library. Board members: Please notify Nan Scinta or Jo Ann Harig if you are unable to attend. All members are welcome to attend.

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contributed to during the January and February meetings.

There was a panel discussion on Advocacy in the Current Media Landscape, bringing us all into recognition of the need to reach younger potential members through social media sites. All meal speakers were young vibrant women of action. The LAF speaker, Aileen Rizo from California, won her case against the Fresno County Office of Education. Rizo’s employer used prior salary alone to set her current wage. Rizo argued that this perpetuates existing pay disparities and undermines the legislative intent of the Equal Pay Act, which is to address pay inequity based on sex. Federal legislation like the Paycheck Fairness Act, currently pending in Congress, addresses the “factor other than sex” affirmative defense of employers by forcing them to articulate a necessary business justification for pay differentials.

Aasha Shaik, a Rutgers student, talked about her girl activism in the UN which has led her to leadership roles in college. As entertainment I heard Melinda Grube, as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, speak on suffrage rights.

Another perk was the Corning Glass Museum tour and activity of creating a wine glass. It was an inspiring weekend with our AAUW sisters around the state. Plan on going next year to Cooperstown on April 26-27, 2019 and staying in the beautiful Otesaga Hotel. – Nan Scinta, Co-President

**AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference**

Nan Scinta and Jo Ann Harig were “First Timers” at the Summer Leadership Conference along with 43 other NYS attendees at Cazenovia College. Our first group session included meeting someone new and introducing them to the entire group. Our second session focused on Leadership qualities. The 4 Cs of successful leadership are Confident, Competent, Courageous, and Calm. This presentation was from Gwen Webber-McLoed, president of Gwen Inc.

On Saturday we learned from Jessica Simms about the importance of social media: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter. We need to get our message out to possible new members through Tweets, Images, Re-

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tweets, Likes, Shares, etc. Social Media enables members to keep informed and to grow our branch.

In a convention planning session, attendees suggested possible topics for workshops for the AAUW State Convention in Cooperstown, on April 26-28, 2019.

After a trip to a local library/museum and scavenger hunt, Jessica Simms continued her emphasis on social media.

During break-out sessions for counterparts (Presidents, Treasurers, VP for Membership, Program Chairs) officers from different branches shared their issues and successful strategies. We heard that other branches had similar challenges of recruitment and retention of members. Janice Brown led the Presidents’ group and offered her successful activities to engage and keep members.

Nan attended a session about fundraising which she will share with the board for possible activities.

During our last meal together we were serenaded by over 50 Jr. High and High School students who were at Cazenovia for an acappella weekend workshop. We also attended a band concert by Cazenovia Community Band.

Cazenovia was a great experience. We learned a lot and made connections with our New York State AAUW members.

--Nan Scinta and Jo Ann Harig, Co-Presidents

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**9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The tournament was held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Queensbury Country Club. There were 7 teams signed up to play. Since rain was on the radar, 1 team opted out, leaving 6 teams for the tournament. With our rain gear in hand, we weathered the storm. Included in the day, was a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, putting contest, prize raffle, and dinner buffet. There were 13 people who came to join the golfers, for the buffet.

The tournament results:

1st Place Team: Al Wilcox, Paul McLean, Ed Barber, Fred MacNaughton, Score: 60.


3rd Place Team: Jim Campopiano, Michael Cruz, Tom McHugh, George Ferone, Score: 70

This is our branch’s main fundraiser for the year and proceeds fund our Memorial Scholarship as well as our programs. Thank you to all the Adirondack Branch AAUW members for their generous donations, contributions, tee sign sponsorships, attending the buffet, and helping put on the tournament.

Thank You to all the sponsors, donors, and players. With everyone’s help we were able to raise $3,327.00!

--Jan Ritter, Golf Tournament Chairman
National Bylaws Voting Results

"Thank you for voting on the three proposed amendments to the AAUW Bylaws in the 2018 National Bylaws Amendment Vote. We had a great turnout this year with over 19 percent of eligible members participating in the vote, more than three times the 5 percent required by our bylaws. Thank you for making your voice matter on these important issues."

Note: Bylaws amendments require a two-thirds (66.67%) affirmative vote to pass.

The issues were:

Proposal 1. re: Staggered Terms for Board members - Passed with 96.61% affirmative; 13584 voted yes; 477 voted no

Proposal 2. re: allowing non-AAUW Members on Board - Failed with 54.47% affirmative; 7110 voted yes; 6188 voted no

Proposal 3. re: eliminating the Degree Requirement for AAUW membership - Failed with 47.73% affirmative; 6503 voted yes; 7121 voted no

They also give the total members voting by state. In New York State, of the 3856 members eligible to vote, 617 did participate, which was 16% of those eligible.

https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/

New Member

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Please welcome Marti and add her contact information to your membership directory

Glen Falls Suffrage Events

Sept 17, 11:30 a.m. - The Chapman Historical Museum’s Annual Fall Luncheon at the Queensbury Hotel “The Saga of the Equal Rights Amendment (95 Years and Counting...)” The guest speaker is award winning storyteller Kate Dudding, who will share the story of Martha Griffiths & The ERA. $45 per person. Reservations held with checks payable to: Chapman Museum. To pay by credit card, call the museum at (518) 793-2826. Reservations deadline, Sept 10.

Week of Sept. 17—Constitution Day events at SUNY Adirondack to include E.R.A. programs.

—Mary Enhorning, 518-792-7608

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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.
10/16 - Clare Decker, hostess, 518-668-3327, “The Girl in the Spider’s Web” by David Lagercrantz

GOURMET GROUP
9/7—5:00 p.m. at the Cock ‘n Bull Restaurant in, 5342 Parkis Mills Rd, Galway, NY which is west of Saratoga. RSVP by Aug.31 or as soon a possible. Rachel Quackenbush, 518-747-6076.
10/12—5:00 p.m. at Chez Pierre, Rt 9 South of Exit 17. 979 Route 9, Gansevoort. RSVP by Oct 5. Rachel Quackenbush, 518-747-6076

SUMMER PICNIC
A few Adirondack members enjoyed our branch summer outing at Clare Decker’s home in Lake George. The day was beautiful and the food and drink were scrumptious. Everyone had a relaxed visit and good conservation --Nan Scinta

TRAVEL GROUP
9/24—6:30 p.m., Rachel Quackenbush, hostess, 518-747-6076. Please call Rachel Quackenbush if you plan to attend.

MORNING LITERATURE
This group meets at 9:30 – 11 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (Sept – Dec and March—June). All meetings for the 2018-19 will be held in the Singleton Lounge at The Glen at Highland Meadows. We are happy to have additional members come to socialize and hear a book review prepared by one of our members. Call Joyce Smith at 518-793-6379 for further information.
9/12 -- Kathy Hoeltzel program, Carol Whalen, refreshments, 518-636-3112
10/10 – Bernice Mennis, program; Eleanor Randles, refreshments, 518-338-3295

GIRLS GO STEM-2018
The third Girls Go STEM Program took place on the SUNY Adirondack Campus on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. In attendance were 97 middle school girls from Glens Falls, Queensbury, South Glens Falls and Hudson Falls. Girls had the opportunity to participate in 3 workshops, with a total of 10 presented. Some of the workshops were returning favorites such as How to Extract DNA and Introduction to Nursing along with some new topics such as Vet Tech Essentials and Exploring Aquatic Ecosystems. Dr. Kristine Duffy, President of SUNY Adirondack welcomed the group. The Keynote speaker was Tenee Rhem Casaccio, President of JMZ Architects and Planners. Thanks to the many members and guests who volunteered in various capacities during the day. — Connie Bosse

The deadline for the October Glimpses is Sept. 10.
Send articles via email to both: Mary King, mary@thekingz.net and Kathy Hoeltzel, kaswitz@aol.com
Put “Adk Glimpses” in the subject line. Microsoft Word format attachments are appreciated!
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All the current benefits are on this page: https://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/

AAUW’S STRATEGIC PLAN
New Mission, Vision & Values Statements
https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/

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

Vision
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Values

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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.

Diversity Statement: In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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