**AAUW Golf Tournament Branch Fundraiser Rescheduled**

It was with great sadness that the 11th annual AAUW Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020 was canceled due to the CODIV-19 pandemic.

We have reserved the date of Saturday, May 15, 2021 for next year’s Golf Tournament at Queensbury Country Club. Please SAVE THE DATE for 2021!

This is our Branch’s main fundraiser. The proceeds raised are used to help fund our Local Memorial Scholarship and branch projects and meetings.

—Jan Ritter

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**Branch Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

The recipients of the 2020 Adirondack Branch Memorial Scholarship are Amanda Ennis of Greenwich, NY and Kayli Hammond of Gansevoort, NY. They will each be awarded a $1,000 scholarship. Amanda is a student at Colgate University, where she is a sophomore pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Neuroscience. Kayli Hammond is attending Siena College, where she is a junior working toward a Bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Forensics, Criminalistics, Social Work, Psychology and Sociology; a minor in computer science.

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**May 12, 2020 STEM Day Canceled**

Since NYS schools are still closed and SUNY Adirondack is offering only online classes now though the summer session, we hope to reschedule the STEM Day for May 2021. We plan to offer it to the same students selected by guidance counselors for this year’s program and hope to have many of the same presenters participate.

--Nan Scinta

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**2020 AAUW National Vote**

Deadline: May 18, 6 PM

Every member should have received an email with your member number and voting ID. Please take a moment to ensure AAUW has strong leaders to guide us into the future by voting in the AAUW National Election. This year, members will vote on four candidates to join AAUW’s Board of Directors. You can read more about them and the election on the National Election page of AAUW’s newly redesigned website. Questions? Contact Connect at connect@aauw.org or 800.326.2289.

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**Morning Literature**

The Morning Literature Group will hold its next two meetings virtually using Zoom, an online video conferencing tool. Both meetings will start at 10 AM.

May 13th — Mary Enhorning, book report

June 10th — Carol Whalen, book report

Marjory Moeller is taking charge of helping any members who would like to "attend" the sessions. She will be sending out the Zoom access information to those on the regular list for the group, and other members are welcome to join as well. You may also contact Marjory at 518-793-9271 for information about getting started with Zoom.

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**Zoom Board Meeting Thursday, May 21, 3 PM**

Board members will receive an emailed invitation prior to the May board meeting with login information. Please notify Jo Ann Harig or Nan Scinta if you are unable to attend.

Marjory Moeller is hosting our Zoom meetings. On April 23, fourteen board members took part including Jan Ritter in Minnesota and Joyce Smith in Lake Placid.
SEVEN LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF

Hidden Figures’ Katherine Johnson

Published February 28, 2020 in Gender

Katherine Johnson, an African-American mathematician who made critical contributions to the space program at NASA, became a household name after the famous book, *Hidden Figures*, and subsequent movie, detailed her work for the space organization. Johnson passed away recently at the age of 101, but her legacy as a scientist and female empowerment icon lives on. We reflect on seven lessons we learned from her life and influential career.

1. **Mentors make a difference.** Johnson entered West Virginia State College High School at age 14 where she met and took classes with Angie Turner King, one of the first African-American women to earn a master’s degree in math and chemistry. She also met W. W. Schieffelin Claytor, the third African American to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics in America. These early mentors influenced her decision to become a research mathematician.

2. **High school mathematics count.** After completing the regular high school curriculum, Claytor created advanced classes just for Johnson, including a course on analytic geometry. She would later use some of these analytical skills to verify the computer calculations for John Glenn’s orbit around the earth and to help determine the trajectory for Apollo 11.

3. **Grit matters.** Johnson was one of three carefully selected students to desegregate West Virginia University’s graduate program and fought to become the first woman to have her name on a NASA research report.

4. **The power of self-advocacy.** Women were not allowed to attend the NASA Test Flight briefings until Johnson asked so many questions about the briefings’ content that she was eventually allowed to attend.

5. **The power of a team.** Johnson joined the West Computing Group at Langley Research Center at a time when only two percent of all African-American women had earned a college degree. The group meticulously checked each others’ work to ensure no errors were made.

6. **The power of advocating for other women.** After Johnson moved to the Maneuver Load Branch of the Flight Research Division, Dorothy Vaughan, her previous boss told her new director Henry Pearson to give Johnson a raise or send her back to the West Computing Group. Johnson’s work was so good Pearson had no choice but to offer her a full-time job and a pay raise.

7. **The legacy of possibility.** Johnson inspired generations of women to pursue careers in math and science and her story will continue to do so even after her passing. The U.S. State Department showed Hidden Figures throughout the developing world to encourage girls and women to consider the possibilities of careers in math and science. Mattel also created a Katherine Johnson Barbie in its “Inspiring Women” series. Johnson’s loss is mourned by all who were inspired and uplifted by her lifetime of service as a pioneering woman in science, and her legacy of determination and empowerment will live on for generations.

https://www.optimistdaily.com/2020/02/seven-lessons-from-the-life-of-hidden-figures-katherine-johnson/ Thank you to Elayne Leonelli for the link!
CELEBRATING SUFFRAGE

The Champlain Valley Suffrage Centennial Auto Tour is scheduled to take place on August 1, 2, 8, 15, and 16, 2020 (subject to change) as vintage automobiles and costumed suffragists motor between Plattsburgh and Glens Falls with many stops in between where re-enactments and entertainment are planned.

Barring further advancement of the COVID-19 pandemic, the reimagined pageant honoring Inez Milholland, “Forward into Light Reimagined” will be held Aug 2, 2020 (Westport) & August 16, 2020 (Glens Falls).

Subscribe to the Suffrage Newsletter edited by Tisha Dolton, historian, Suffrage singer and co-founder of Celebrating Suffrage in Greater Glens Falls. Read the informative newsletter online to get started; subscribe to keep up-to-date with any changes to the schedule of events.

CONNIE BOSSE: VOTE AT HOME

Connie Bosse’s timely guest essay, It’s time to move to vote at home, was published by the Glens Falls Post-Star on April 23.

On April 24, pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive order, the NYS Presidential Primary on June 23 was canceled. All eligible voters are now to receive a Return Postage Paid Absentee Application in the mail. Those with COVID 19 concerns may check “Temporary Illness” on the application.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate:
President for 2021-2022 - Open
Program Co-Vice President - Jane Murphy
Membership Co-Vice President – Linda Campopiano
Treasurer: Marjory Moeller, as a board appointee

Please note that the Presidency is open; the board will be looking into optional ways to fill that position.

We encourage our members to consider serving on our board in any capacity as your input is always appreciated. Please feel free to contact Linda Campopiano, jcampo@roadrunner.com, 518-798-4637

During this difficult time of self isolation, the Membership Co Vice Presidents, Lita Phelps and Linda Campopiano, want you to know that we are thinking of you and hoping that everyone is staying safe.

Thank You!

Congratulations to the Adirondack Branch for donating $887 to the AAUW Funds program for 2019. Please let your members know how much I appreciate their continued support of AAUW Funds.
—Carol A Griffith, Vice President, AAUW NYS

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Randles, 99, passed away March 25. She was a past president of the AAUW Ithaca Branch and was named the 2019 Adirondack Branch’s Woman of the Year. She was a very active member of the Morning Literature Group. Her obituary was in the 3/29/20 Post-Star.


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