President’s Message:

Our New Reality

Hi from the President's computer.....I find myself connecting with others more these days by phone, computer, and lately, Zoom. I hope you are well and are finding your NEW reality for social contacts. I do miss seeing everyone in person and hope that we can again have AAUW meetings in restaurants and meeting rooms in 2021. But for right now, I hope you can join with me in enjoying the excellent Fall programing that our Program Vice-Presidents, Jean and Jane, have set up via Zoom. Encourage your close friends to join you at the computer, if possible, to connect with your AAUW friends. No mask required with Zoom. See you soon.

Fondly, Nan

Branch Meeting Oct. 8th  Our first virtual branch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8th by Zoom at 1 p.m. We will be having a virtual tour on the Warren County Historical Society’s Suffragist Exhibit. Watch your email for the Zoom link or email a request to participate to Marjory at adirauw@nycap.rr.com. Please do not hesitate to invite a friend to participate with you at home.

Please Save the Date: October 22nd for a possible virtual tour of the Chapman. We are hoping to do a tour of their WWII poster exhibit. This is the last date of this exhibit. More information soon.

Thursday, November 5th , 3 p.m. on Zoom. Learn about how the pandemic has changed policies and procedures at L.E.A.P.’s Head Start sites and other programs with our own Jen Frigolette and L.E.A.P. Head Start Assistant Director Jenna Middleton.

Thursday, December 10th, 7pm on Zoom with our own Dr. Kathleen McCoy for reading of her own poetry and other seasonal poems plus a sign-off toast to Dorothy Parker.

Jean Bruce and Jane Murphy, Program VP’s

Nominating Committee Results:

Thank you to all our members who participated in the vote to approve our new Slate of Officers and the 2020-2021 Budget. Both items were passed.

Membership News

During these difficult times, while we are expected to continue to do social distancing and wear masks, remember that AAUW is supportive of fair pay, equal opportunity and justice for all. We encourage you to talk with others about our Branch as well as the mission of AAUW and we hope that you can inspire others to join us.

Lita Phelps and Linda Campopiano
Co-Membership Chairs
**Board Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 15th.**

This meeting will be done on ZOOM at 3 p.m. Board members will be notified by Marjory Moeller for the ZOOM invite.

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**MEMBER NEWS**

Mary Enhorning’s sister, Kathleen O’Donnell, passed away on Sept. 22nd. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary and her family. Clare Decker is healing after falling in the spring and breaking her elbow. Mary Sullivan has suffered a stroke and is recuperating at home. Janet Hanson has finished radiation therapy for cancer.

**Congratulations to Carol Whalen on her article in “The Chronicle” chronicling her time with the paper!**

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**Morning Literature**

The Morning Literature Group will hold its next meeting virtually on **October 14th** using Zoom. Marjory Moeller will be sending out the contact information to those on the regular list and others are welcome to contact her (518-793-9271) to be added as well. Elayne Leonelli will be doing the presentation. Our meetings are the second Wed. of the month. The following dates and hostesses for the year are as follows:

- **October 14**-Elayne Leonelli;
- **November 11**-Marjory Moeller;
- **December 9**-Share Books and Authors;
- **March 10**-Doris Stoll;
- **April 14**-Share Poetry;
- **May 12**-Mary Enhorning;
- **June 9**-Carol Whalen.

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**Community Notices**

Crandall Library: Pop In Library Services are available on Tues. and Fri. Curbside Pick Up by appointment on Wed., Thurs., and Fri. Book drops are open and accepting returned items. Returned items are quarantined for 96 hours. No donations are being accepted yet.

LARAC - Latham Gallery is open 10-3 Thurs. through Sat. New Exhibit “This is America” opens on Oct 2nd through Nov. 4th.

The Hyde Collection - Museum and Galleries are open Fri. through Sun. by appointment only.

SUNY ADK Norman Enhorning Lecture and Lunch Series will be including Women Suffragettes in the series in the near future, according to Mary Enhorning.

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The deadline for the next issue of *Adirondack Glimpses* is **Oct 15th**. Send articles via email to both:

Linda Campopiano, jcampo@roadrunner.com &
Jen Frigolette, jfrigolette@gmail.com

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To add your name to this list, mail a check payable to Adirondack Branch AAUW to Marjory Moeller, 31 Windy Hill Rd, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Thanks for your support!

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*October 2020  Adirondack Glimpses*
TIPS For Voting from Connie Bosse

Given that we have a national and state election in 2020, here is some information in one place:
You can vote by absentee ballot. There are several ways you can get an absentee ballot application:
* You can go in person to your county board of elections to get an application for a ballot until Mon. Nov. 2.
* You can choose to get a paper application by going to www.elections.ny.gov, where you can print off the application. Mail it to your county board of elections and make sure it is postmarked by Oct. 27.
* You can also get a paper application by calling your county board of elections.

How do you return your absentee ballot?
* You can mail the ballot with the enclosed envelope. It must be postmarked by Nov. 3.
* You can hand carry the ballot to the county board of elections on Nov. 3 by 9 p.m.
* You can hand carry the ballot to your county early voting site between Oct. 24 and Nov. 1.
* You can hand carry the ballot to your polling place on Election Day. Be sure to sign the envelope on the back signature box. There has been confusion around absentee voting and voting in person. You can only vote once. You may request an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person or you can return the ballot by the ways listed above.
Should you go to your polling place on Nov. 3, you can still vote in person and your absentee ballot will be set aside and not counted. Thank you for voting.

Evening Literature

This group meets monthly. Please call the hostess listed if you plan to attend. For further information, call Elayne Leonelli 518-793-3081

The Evening Literature group will be meeting at Elayne Leonelli’s home, 12 Fort Amherst, Queensbury, on Tues. Oct. 20th. at 5:30 p.m.

Our book for October will be “The Boston Girl” by Anita Diamant which was originally scheduled for our April meeting.

The November book will be “The Widows of Malabar Hill” by Sujata Massey. Our meeting will be on Tues. Nov. 17th. Location TBD at the meeting. We will then be caught up to the books that we had scheduled for our reading during the past year. Beginning in December we will be reading “The Christmas Train” by David Baldacci. All are welcome to attend Evening Literature Group. Please contact the hostess if you are interested in attending.

In preparation for the November 5th Zoom Meeting, we thought we’d share some information about L.E.A.P.

L.E.A.P. (Learning, Employment, Assistance, Partnership), formerly Washington County EOC, is a community action nonprofit that serves individuals in Washington County through 5 Head Start sites for children ages 0-5 and pregnant women. They also offer programs such as a Food Pantry, Employment Counseling and Training, a Community Garden, Transportation for Seniors and those with disabilities, and a Winter Coat Drive. L.E.A.P. employs about 130 staff who are providing these valuable services throughout the pandemic. There are certainly changes and challenges. Learn more on Zoom November 5th!
Free Webinars from National AAUW

AAUW produces a wide variety of webinars, which are available through its website, [aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). To access those programs from the home page, look near the top and click on Get Empowered, from there choose The Equity Network, look through that page for Online Events, and just under that there's a link to Equity Network Events where upcoming sessions are listed:

https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/equity-network/events/

Videos of some past sessions are available there as well. Topics have ranged from expanding your professional networks to "Sustaining Racial Literacy in the Movement for Change."

If you also sign up there for the Equity Express monthly newsletter, you can get emails about other online events as they are announced. Recently Marjory Moeller participated in a webinar and found it to be interesting and informative.

In the last year alone, AAUW research provided vital information about the equity issues Americans care about most, revealing that:

- Women receive only 70% of the retirement income men do.
- Black women finish their undergraduate education with more debt than other women.
- Workplace sexual harassment has a crushing economic impact on women: 38% of women who had been harassed said it contributed to their decision to leave a job early, and 37% said it disrupted their career advancement.

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Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/AAUWAdirondack](https://www.facebook.com/AAUWAdirondack)
Instagram - [https://www.instagram.com/aauwadirondack/](https://www.instagram.com/aauwadirondack/)

The information for the National AAUW Webinars and our Branch Contact information is being included once again for your reference as there is much to be learned from these websites.

Study/Interest Groups

For any of our members who are interested in having a real time get together for a travel experience or a picnic, Rachel Quackenbush will develop a venue for consideration. Please contact her at 518-747-6075 to offer your suggestions.

Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it. --Susan B. Anthony

The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all. --John F. Kennedy

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The Burden of Borrowing

College attendance is at a record high. Yet the price tag of a college education has more than doubled over the past generation while household incomes have barely budged. Women hold almost 2/3 of the country’s $1.54-trillion student debt: $929 billion. Women earning a bachelor’s degree graduate owing an average of $2,700 more than their male peers. Student debt is the second-highest source of household debt after housing.

Women take about two years longer than men to repay student loans. From the moment women graduate from college, most face a gender pay gap — which compounds as they age. This makes it even harder to pay off their larger share of student debt. As a result, women often put off saving for retirement, buying a home or starting a business.

In addition, state cuts to public colleges and universities — where spending is down $7 billion from 2008 levels (adjusting for inflation) — has significantly limited affordability and access for many students. It has resulted in rising tuition, reduced services available and closing of some campuses. One analysis found, in California alone, more than 139,000 students were denied admission from 2004 to 2014 and the state is projected to be short 1.1 million bachelor’s degrees by 2030 due to state cuts to college funding.

Source: https://www.aauw.org/issues/education/student-debt/

Women hold $929B Two-thirds of the nation’s student debt.

SOLUTIONS

AAUW supports legislation that would make college more affordable for all students and help millions of borrowers across the country pay off their student debt. We need diverse solutions to address the challenges students — especially women — face before, during and after college. Congress must pass legislation that would:

- Protect and expand Pell Grants for low-income students to reduce the amount of student loan debt they have to take on to complete a degree.
- Help to eliminate the gender pay gap, like the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Increase funding for public colleges and universities and support efforts to move toward tuition- and debt-free options for students.

AAUW and COVID

During this challenging time, AAUW stands together as a caring and connected community. For nearly 140 years, we have been there for one another and fought for the economic security of American women and families. Throughout the coming weeks, months and years, AAUW will accelerate our efforts to address the persistent and underlying inequities that are crucial for a full recovery. Together, we can ensure that we end up with a better, more economically secure world for women.
AAUW’S STRATEGIC PLAN
New Mission, Vision & Values Statements
https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/

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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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Contact AAUW National at 800.326.2289, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ET, or email connect@aauw.org
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