

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



December, 2015

NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING IS:

Monday, Dec. 7, 2015

**5:30 p.m. social time with
hors d'oeuvres and
desserts**

**6:00 p.m. Trivia Game
at Cortland Elks on Groton
Ave. in Cortland**

COST IS \$30

**Please RSVP to Nancy
Kroot at krootn@clarityconnect.com or
753-7939 by Wednesday,
Dec.2.**

TRIVIA Night

December 7th meeting is “Philanthropy Phun”

*This is one of the two fundraising events our branch organizes each year.
We need your participation!*

**Cost: \$30. This covers both our regular \$15 for food (heavy holiday
hors d'oeuvres and desserts) AND a \$15 donation.
Cash bar available.**

**You can join a table and play the Trivia game or watch the fun—
your choice, but the cost is the same— it is Philanthropy Phun.
Bring friends!**

**Prizes will be awarded for each of the winning team members for
each round. If you have a prize to donate, please contact Sara.**

**Karen Hempson is creating the questions and she hinted that one
of the three rounds is all about women's issues.**

**There will also be a book sale to benefit our upcoming Tech Savvy
conference. Bring some cash!**

**Nancy Kroot does need to give a firm head count to the Elks, so
please RSVP to her with your reservation and guest numbers ASAP.**

**We are looking forward to a fun evening with our AAUW
members, Women's Coalition members, other friends and family.**

Questions? Ask Sara Earl at forrestandsara@gmail.com.

Committee News

MEYER'S FLYERS

Marilyn DeLorenzo and Mary Ann Gambitta have volunteered to continue the Meyer's Flyers award program. Riata Alcorn and Tracie Johnstone will assist in the project. Please mark your calendar for the award ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at the YWCA.

For those of you who are not familiar with this award, it is in honor of an AAUW member and educator, Helen Meyer, who was a devoted teacher of young children in the Cortland community for many years. The purpose of the Meyer's Flyer's award is to provide incentive and encouragement to a young student, by giving him/her acknowledgement of how far he/she has progressed as well as encouragement to continue in this path of lifelong education and service.

The students chosen will be individuals who show a positive work ethic, always trying their best even if there are obstacles. They seek and accept help when needed, and doing well in school is important to them. Demonstrating concern for others, they are activity involved in the school community. This award is given to students in the fifth grade.

This initiative was started in 2012 and in these past four years the award has been given to over forty students. Initially, each student had an AAUW mentor who communicated with the honoree through e-mail and regular mail. Some mentors and students still are in contact with each other.

Kathy Jacobsen, Sara Earl and Dorothy Hopkins headed up this committee for the past four years. They did all the initial groundwork, setting the parameters for the award, deciding on how recognition would be given and establishing a relationship with principals and teachers so that students could be selected. The present committee is grateful for the work done and interest these three members had. We hope to continue to positively encourage some of our young people by awarding deserving fifth grade students this coming May.

More information about Meyer's Flyers, 2016, will be available at the March 7 meeting. Please consider helping the committee with this very positive endeavor.



Saturday, April 9, 2016
at TC3

Please check the Tech Savvy link on the Cortland AAUW website for updates. There are opportunities to donate as well as help organize the conference and help out on the day of the conference. Contact Sheila Cohen for more information.

PUBLIC POLICY

Over 80 people attended an October educational forum on Economic and Health Impacts of Importing Incinerator Ash that was co-sponsored by the AAUW and five other organizations. The video was aired on TWC after the forum and three additional times prior to the Nov. 12th vote on Ash as Cover.

Our President, Ellen Wright, and member, Marilyn DeLorenzo, also testified against importing ash at a hearing on November 12th, citing concerns about health risks. At that meeting, the Cortland County Legislature rejected a proposal to import about 5,000 tons/yr of ash for use as daily cover at our landfill. The Legislature has not yet voted on the proposal to ship Cortland's trash to Onondaga County's incinerator and to import all of Onondaga County's ash (about 90,000 tons/year) into our landfill.

News and Upcoming Events

FUNDRAISING

We have been notified by AAUW National of the new policy for fundraising. We will be meeting with Janice Brown, NYS VP Fundraising in January or February to make sure our Branch is following policy. Please contact Ellen Wright via e mail if you would like to be included in this meeting.



TOPS GIFT CARDS

For members who want to order Tops Gift Cards for December:

Please contact Ellen Wright via phone 749-2949 or email

Wrightnote45@gmail.com to order your cards. The order will be phoned in to Tops on December 6, 2015 after 7:00 PM. Please send your payments to Ellen by December 6 to 6 Joy Street, Cortland.

YWCA Bridges for Kids program will be asking for donations of children's books this holiday season. Donated books, new socks, underwear and PJs will be distributed to all 100 families. Donations appreciated. Contact Sara Earl at the YW 753-9651 for more information.



Reminder:

We do not have branch meetings in January or February.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 7 and it is in Homer at The Sherman House on Main St. (formerly Briggs Manor and Linanni's catering). The meal cost is \$17. Social time begins at 5:30. At 6:00 dinner is served with speaker and business meeting to follow.

Speaker Nan Pasquarello will discuss "Title IX: Sexual Safety on Campus."

Hostesses are Sheila Cohen, Diane Tennant and Jacquie Niver. They will email a reminder and the menu as the date approaches.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

We will hold an executive board meeting in January or February. Please forward issues you would like discussed to Ellen Wright via e mail.



Friday, December 4
11:45

The Sherman House, Homer

Buffet lunch \$12

Speaker: Dorothea Fowler

"When you come to a fork in the road— take it!"

Sponsored by YWCA Cortland

AAUW New York State Conference

April 15-17, 2016

Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY



SAVE THE DATE:

STUDENT TRACK ANNOUNCEMENT

**THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION
HOLIDAY INN, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY**

APRIL 16, 2016 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

The American Association of University Women New York State Board is pleased to announce and welcomes ALL College and University students to join us for a day of learning and inspiration!

Come and hear great speakers including our keynote speaker, Dean Nada Marie Anid, Professor and Dean of the School of Engineering and Computing Sciences. Her expertise includes Industry-academic partnerships; Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Emerging Technologies; Sustainability; Global Engineering Education and STEM K-12 Outreach.

Dean Nada Marie Anid, Ph.D., is the first female dean of NYIT's School of Engineering and Computing Sciences (SoECS). In this role, she oversees 77 engineering and computing sciences faculty members and approximately 1,700 graduate and undergraduate students at campuses located in Manhattan and Old Westbury, N.Y., the Middle East, and China.

To pre-register for this educational and fun event, email Maria Ellis, AAUW NYS College & University Director at mellis@fsacap.com or for more information call 973-216-4181.



Do you have concerns about handling your finances and college loans after college?

This student conference includes a workshop with financial counselors.