

# AAUW

## CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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### NEXT MEETING IS:

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

**5:30 p.m. social time**

**6:00 p.m. dinner, speaker,  
and meeting**

**at The Sherman House at  
Brigg's Hall in Homer  
(Linanni's)**

**Cost is \$15 each.**

**Please RSVP to Rita Alcorn  
at [ralcorn@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ralcorn@twcny.rr.com)  
or 753-8187 immediately.**

## May is the Annual Business Meeting

The May 2 meeting at the Sherman House in Homer is our important business meeting.

At the last meeting, President Ellen Wright handed out paper copies of the By-Laws. As a reminder, according to our By-Laws, the two officer positions required for a vote are: President and Financial Officer. Since the 2 year position of President was voted on last year, Ellen Wright will continue on as President for our 2015-16 season. Mary Ellen Bloodgood is willing to continue as treasurer and we will vote on that position at the May meeting. The other positions that compose the Board of Directors are FundsVP (LAF/EF), Membership VP, and Program VP. These positions will be appointed by the president with the consent of the Board.

The budget was delivered via email or US mail over 30 days ago for your review. We will vote on the 2015-16 budget at our annual business meeting in May.

**Membership Dues should be paid by the June meeting, so please consider bringing your checkbooks this month. National AAUW dues are \$49, NY dues are \$13 and Cortland branch dues are \$13 for a **total of \$75**. Dues are payable to AAUW Cortland.**



At the April Meeting speaker Sara Watrous, Assistant Project Manager, described the community coalition called Cortland Area Communities That Care. Thank you Sara!

CACTC harnesses the Power of Community to keep our kids healthy and successful through positive youth development, education and prevention. CACTC members run programs, host events and provided services that impact the lives of youth in our community every day. CACTC supports them by coordinating these efforts and filling in the gaps.

The mission is to reduce adolescent alcohol and other drug abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, school dropout rates and teen violence in our community. The vision is one of a safe stable community that supports positive values, promotes healthy families and values education, diversity and investment in youth.

# AAUW Cortland News

## Film Series

### A PATH APPEARS

Wednesday, April 28

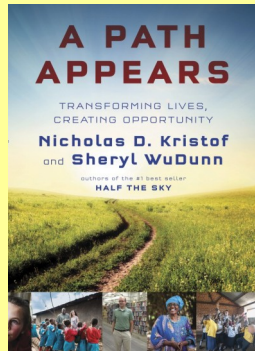
6-8 pm

Cortland Community  
Center

(the old train station on Central Ave.)

FREE and OPEN to ADULTS

From the team behind *Half the Sky*, *A Path Appears* discusses the issue of Human Trafficking.



### THE HUNTING GROUND

The Ithaca Branch of AAUW screened the documentary *Hunting Ground* at the Cinemapolis Theater on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Nan Pasquarello represented SUNY Cortland by being a discussion panel member, and Ellen Wright, Cortland Branch AAUW attended. The film discussed the Title IX issue of sexual assault. As with all good documentaries, conversation was sparked, and new ways of seeing and thinking about a topic were presented. SUNY Cortland is planning to buy a copy of *Hunting Ground* soon.

### *The Invisible War*

AAUW Cortland is collaborating with the YWCA Aid to Victims of Violence program on this documentary film presentation.

**WHERE: The YWCA AT 14 CLAYTON AVE. CORTLAND**

**WHEN: MAY 21<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 TO 8:00PM**

**THIS FILM WILL BE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**THERE WILL BE TIME FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM**

The *Invisible War* is a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of America's shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the US Military. The film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem. 20% of all active-duty female servicewomen are sexually assaulted. A female soldier in a combat zone is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire.

# AAUW Cortland News and Announcements

## Geranium Sale

Sell, sell sell! See separate email for the 2015 order form. Please try to have forms and money returned by the May 4 meeting.



Distribution Day is **Tuesday May 19th at Yaman Park.**

We need help organizing the plant orders in the morning and selling them in the afternoon. Please contact Co-chairs Mary Roberts and Sara Earl if you have a couple hours to volunteer. Proceeds are used for our branch college scholarships to TC3 and SUNY Cortland.

## Welcome new member Cynthia Sarver

Please add her contact information to your booklet.

Cynthia.sarver@gmail.com

P.O. Box 423 Cortland, NY 13045

607-261-0248

## Cortland Women's Coalition

Look for Cortland Standard newspaper articles from AAUW, League of Women Voters, Zonta, the YWCA and SUNY Women's Studies about current issues that effect women. If you are interested in writing an article on behalf of AAUW, please contact Ellen Wright.



**Friday, May 1, 2015**

The Sherman House Restaurant,  
11 North Main Street, Homer

Speaker:

**Judge Julie Campbell**  
Cortland County Judge

Lunch is \$12.00,  
payable at the door\*  
Buffet style, service begins at  
11:45 A.M.

\*Cash or check payable at the  
door to "Linani's"

Please RSVP to Kelsey at  
Kelsey@cortlandywca.org

Sponsored by YWCA of Cortland

## June Meeting

Will be Monday, June 1. This is the last meeting of our 2014-15 program year.

Stephanie Passeri-Dinsmore will discuss "The Common Core: In or Out of the Box?"

Please RSVP to Kathy Beardsley.

The Program Planning Meeting for 2015-16 will be in June (date will be given at the May meeting). All members are invited and encouraged to participate in program planning.

## Meyer's Flyers

This year's award winners are from Barry, Smith, Parker, Randall, Homer Intermediate, Hartnett and McGraw schools.

The ceremony will be Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 at the YWCA. This year, specific AAUW buddies will not be assigned, rather all the students will receive several notes of encouragement from our branch during the school year.

All members are invited to attend!

# AAUW State and National News

The AAUW National Convention is in San Diego this June. Please check online for important information on candidates as well as a change to the AAUW By-laws which would take the degree requirement off the membership requirement. No matter who or how you decide to vote on candidates and issues, it is important that you do VOTE!! It is your voice and you should be heard.

## Voting Instructions:

All AAUW members who have paid their full national dues by 9 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015, are eligible to vote. Online voting is fast, easy, and secure. **To vote online, enter your member ID and voter PIN** (these numbers are included in the voting email link sent to you from national. They are also listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer *AAUW Outlook* magazine), and click on Start to Vote, below. You can click on the links beside each candidate and item on the ballot for more information. Online voting begins April 15 and ends June 19, 2015, at 9 p.m. PDT.

Members who wish to use a paper ballot- Ellen requested those and you should have received a paper ballot in the mail. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 26, 2015.

## Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them.

**With a gift of AAUW membership, you will...**

- Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.
- Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.



## 2015 NYS AAUW CONVENTION

Sara Earl attended the NY state convention on April 17-19 to represent our Cortland branch at this important informative yearly meeting.

Sara will report on the convention at the meeting, but please note the dates for the next conventions:

Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College - July 24-26

NY State Convention in Saratoga Springs - April 15-17, 2016

Good News! Cortland branch did receive 7 awards this year (we received zero last year): Membership, STEM, Common Core, Hour of Code, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund contributions, Voter Education, and Website (thank you Jan Dempsey!).

Election results: Donna Seymour (Public Policy), Peggy Tiffany (Membership), Loreen Ginnitti (Secretary/By-Laws), Ruth Fierro-King (Treasurer). Edwina Martin continues her term as President.

