

# AAUW

## CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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*Our Mission*

**Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

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### **AAUW Cortland's Next Branch Meeting is:**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**

**5:30 at the Cortland Elks**

**Speaker: Jan Dempsey**

**"Behind the Story"**

**AAUW Cortland member Jan Dempsey worked as a librarian/news researcher at The Post Standard/Herald Journal in Syracuse from 1987 to 2007, before the term "fake news" came into the public vernacular. In her presentation, she will share a behind the scenes look at what goes into a news story before it is written.**

**Bring a friend to this first meeting of our new AAUW year. Individuals who decide to become a member of our branch as a result of one of our programs gets discounted membership from the national AAUW.**

**Please note that we need a minimum of 20 people in order to have a meeting at the Elks, so your attendance is important!**

**Menu:**

**Roast beef, Baked potatoes with sour cream/butter, Rolls ,Glazed carrots, Spinach salad, Vegetable stir fry, Steamed rice, Ice cream sundaes with strawberries and whipped cream, Coffee and tea**

**Please RSVP for the dinner to MaryAnn Gambitta mgambitt@gmail.com or 423-8356 by Wednesday, Sept. 6. Cost of the meal is \$18.00.**

Please note:

If anyone is in need of a ride to AAUW meetings, please call Sara Earl at 423-1011 and she will arrange for transportation.

# 2017-2018 AAUW Cortland Branch

## Meeting Schedule

<b>CELEBRATING WOMEN: PAST, PRESENT, &amp; FUTURE</b>			
<b>MEETING DATES</b>	<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>LEAD PEOPLE</b>
September 11, 2017	Jan Dempsey "Behind the Story"	ELKS	Jan Dempsey/ Sheila Cohen
October 2, 2017	Discussion: Favorite Women in Fiction	ELKS	Kim Allen/Dottie Fowler
November 6, 2017	Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in NYS with local female politicians: Mardis Kelsen, Linda Jones, Mary Ann Discenza, Kathy Arnold	ELKS	Sheila Cohen/ Dottie Fowler
December 4, 2017	Auction, Holiday Celebration	ELKS	Charlotte Farris / Dottie Kelly
March 5, 2018	Trivia Fundraiser	Elks	Sara Earl/ Sheila Cohen
April 2, 2018	Let's Get Tech Savvy.	ELKS	Janet Ochs and SUNY Cortland students
May 7, 2018	Annual Meeting, and the History of AAUW - Recognition of founding and former mem- bers	ELKS	Jan Dempsey, Sheila Cohen, Kathy Jacob- sen.
June 4, 2018	Women Leaders in Education	ELKS	Janet Ochs/ Sheila Cohen

*Please bring an idea for the October Book Share of Favorite Women in Fiction to the September 11 meeting.*

For National Voter Registration Day (Tuesday, September 26), John Suarez is planning a set of voter registration events – on campus and in the city of Cortland. He has invited AAUW to participate. Let Sheila know if you are interested. Details to follow.

## TECH SAVVY UPDATE

The National AAUW recently distributed the balance of Tech Savvy funds to each of the branches that held Tech Savvy Conferences. We received a check for \$6073 which will be split with the Ithaca Branch, \$732 of which will be returned to the Ithaca Social Service League. Each of our two branches will keep \$2670 for local Tech Savvy events.

Janet Ochs and Sheila Cohen will be reaching out to various schools, Bridges for Kids, and other programs to conduct STEM Savvy events for girls throughout the year rather than a single conference.



## National AAUW Update (from the website)

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches issued the following statement responding to the recent announcement from the White House

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rolling back data collection that could help close gender and racial pay gaps.

AAUW is disappointed to hear that the Office of Management and Budget is halting the implementation of the revised Employer Information Report (EEO-1) salary data collection. This collection of high-quality data would enable the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the federal government as a whole to ensure that all Americans enjoy the fair and level playing field that is the basis of universal economic security. Transparency is key to demystifying the gender and racial pay gaps, and the EEO-1 is a necessary tool in that fight.



This is a loss for workers who rely on data to identify and address the gender pay gap in their workplaces and a loss for employers who are making every effort to preemptively correct pay imbalances internally without outside intervention. OMB's actions are especially disappointing given the extensive analysis and input the public, including businesses, provided on the revision of the EEO-1 over the past year. AAUW urges the EEOC to stand strong in its commitment to helping workers combat pay discrimination by shedding much-needed light on employer pay practices.



## New York State AAUW News

The 2018 AAUW-NYS convention (April 20-22 at the Radisson Hotel in Corning) programming is being planned NOW. Stay tuned for updates.

## LOCAL NEWS and EVENTS

### NY State Constitutional Convention

The Cortland LWV will present a forum on the Constitutional Convention on Tuesday, September 19th, 5:30pm at the Cortland Free Library.

Hank Dullea will speak in favor of a convention; Jamie Dangler will speak against a convention.

### AAUW DISTRICT 3 FALL CONFERENCE

There will be NO NY District 3 AAUW conference this October. The Southern NY branch has decided not to host a conference.

In 2018 Mohawk Valley will host and then in 2019 it will be Cortland's turn.



### WWT Women Working Together

Friday, September 8

The Sherman House - Homer NY

11:45 lunch served

Speaker: Amy Carlson

Holistic Nutrition and Wellness

Please RSVP to Mary Coffey at  
[mary@cortlandywca.org](mailto:mary@cortlandywca.org)

WWT is sponsored by the YWCA

## League of Women Voters

### Candidate Forum

In the September 12 Primary Election, local voters will decide which candidate represents them in the November General Election. Voters can hear candidates' views and ask questions at the Meet the Candidates Forum. Candidates will make timed opening and closing statements. The forums will cover a range of issues. Candidates will answer questions developed in advance by the LWV as well as questions from the audience. Forums will be moderated by Alison King, President of the Cortland League of Women Voters.

### Saturday, September 9th, 9-noon

Cortland Elks 9 Groton Ave. entrance off parking lot

9:00-10:00 Cortland County Judge  
David Alexander, Keith Dayton

10:30-12 City of Cortland Mayor  
Angela Wilde, Brian Tobin

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Common Council



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