

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING IS:

Monday, March 7, 2016

5:30 p.m. social time

6:00 p.m. dinner

at *the Sherman House,*
Homer, NY

COST IS \$18

Please RSVP to Sheila Cohen at
scohen3@twcny.rr.com or
756-8191

Welcome back!

Please join us for our March 7 meeting

**“Title IX: Preventing and Responding to
Sexual Violence on Campus”**

Speaker Nan Pasquarello,

Title IX Coordinator , SUNY Cortland

The Sherman House, 11 N. Main St., Homer, NY

Socialize: 5:30, Meal: 6:00

**Menu: Pork Roast, potatoes, stuffing, Pasta Primavera (shrimp on the side),
vegetables, salad, assorted desserts, coffee and tea.**

Cost is \$18

**If you have not sent an RSVP to Sheila Cohen, please do so immediately
at 756-8191.**

**Profit from our TRIVIA NIGHT was \$757 . Thank you to all who
attended. The children who will
have the opportunity to attend the
YWCA summer camp say,
“THANK YOU!”**



**The YW Bridges for Kids pro-
gram also appreciates the dona-
tions of children’s books given at
this event.**

Committee News



Tech Savvy Conference will be on the campus of TC3 on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30-4:00.

The Tech Savvy volunteer and Curriculum Committees are in the process of screening applications and will have the program set soon. As soon as the program is approved by the national office, registration will open. We are now recruiting volunteers to assist the week of and the day of the conference. Volunteers are needed to prepare materials and to set up several days before the conference at TC3. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the conference to assist with registration, staff the hospitality room, chaperone the students, and assist with the AAUW membership table. Volunteer training will take place several days prior to the conference. To volunteer, email Karen Hempson at karenhempson@gmail.com.

To assist with fundraising, contact Sheila Cohen at scohen3@twcny.rr.com. This involves phone calls to follow up with companies that have already been contacted by mail and by suggesting additional businesses to contact. To support the conference donate online by checking our AAUW Cortland website.

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 Flyers 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 actively involved in the school community. This award is given to students in the fifth grade.

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.

The GERANIUM SALE to support the Cortland AAUW college scholarships is set for TUESDAY, MAY 24 . Please see the order form on the last page. Hard copies will be available at the meeting or by contacting Sara Earl or Mary Roberts. Forms are due to Mary Roberts by Monday, May 9.

News and Upcoming Events

AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 15-17, 2016

HOLIDAY INN, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

Please consider attending this fun and educational conference!

It is open to all AAUW members. Our Cortland budget includes some monies to help defray the cost of the conference.

Please contact Ellen Wright or Mary Ellen Bloodgood if you are interested.



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

The ZONTA Club of Cortland's "Woman of Achievement" nominations are due the week of Feb. 29. Zonta scholarships for continuing education are also available with applications due 3/26. Contact Deb Wines at dwines54@gmail.com for more information.



AAUW STARTSMART

salary negotiation for students

\$tart \$mart is a workshop developed by AAUW to teach young women the skills needed to negotiate their first professional salary and benefit package. Cortland branch will offer this training in April as an expression of our Equal Pay mission. Lisa Randolph, Assistant Director Career Services, SUNY Cortland, has collaborated with Cortland branch in planning this event, and has been trained to lead the workshop. The date and location of the workshop will be identified soon. Lisa will take registrations for as many as 40 students. Please contact Ellen Wright if you want to be included in this project.

Friday, March 4 at 11:45
The Sherman House, Homer

Buffet lunch \$12

Speaker:
Dr. Ibipo Johnston-Anumonywo
Professor of Geography
SUNY Cortland

RSVP to
Kelsey@cortlandywca.org

Sponsored by YWCA Cortland

FROM AAUW NEWYORK STATE: What do your annual dues support?

By Edwina Frances Martin, Esq., AAUW-NYS President

When you pay your annual dues, a portion goes to AAUW national, a portion goes to the state, and a portion goes to your local branch. AAUW national is the national voice for AAUW, promoting the mission, vision and goals of AAUW on a national level, and providing support to members and branches through leadership, grant and scholarship programs and funding. AAUW-NYS provides support to its local branches to promote AAUW, raise visibility, provide community leadership, and attract new members dedicated to the mission of AAUW. At the local level, members live the mission of AAUW and are the lifeblood of the organization – giving local scholarships, collaborating with like-minded organizations to address critical community needs, and providing leadership in their local communities on issues of importance to AAUW. Your annual dues support:

1. The promotion of AAUW's overall mission, vision and goals by the national office on a national level:

- *Mission:* AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
- *Value Promise:* By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.
- *Vision Statement:* AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Diversity Statement: AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

2. The lobbying, public policy and research work of the national office, including in 2015-16:

- Fighting for women's rights – recent work includes addressing sexual assault on campus;
- Promoting STEM careers for young girls and women;
- Advocating for Pay Equity;

Producing the report [*Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*](#), which takes a closer look at the STEM fields where the jobs are but women aren't;

Lobbying for [*Reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\)*](#);

Producing a [*New Toolkit for Title IX Coordinators*](#);

Lobbying for the [*STEM Opportunities Act of 2015 \(H.R.467\)*](#); and

Continued advocacy on issues such as the [*Gender Wage Gap, Work-Life Balance, and Economic Justice*](#) (i.e., the Paycheck Fairness Act, increasing the Minimum Wage, Paid Family Leave and Paid Sick Days, Health Care and Reproductive Health, and Decreasing Student Loan Debt).

3. The grant programs and legal advocacy and workshop projects of the national office, including: [*The Legal Advocacy Fund*](#); [*Elect Her—Campus Women Win*](#); [*Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop*](#);

- Campus leadership Programs; and [*Tech Trek*](#), [*Elect Her*](#), [*Tech Savvy*](#).

4. The grants and programming provided for you by the state, including: [*The AAUW-NYS Branch Grant Program*](#); [*The AAUW-NYS District Conference Grant Program*](#);

- The annual summer leadership conference;
- The *Focus* newsletter; and The Business Meeting at the annual convention.

5. Last but not least, your dues support the scholarships and programming of your local branch!

The combination of national, state and local work is what makes being a member of AAUW so powerful and special – we are truly the change makers of our communities and our nation!

MEMBERSHIP

As the tax deadline approaches, remember that \$46 of your \$49 national dues is tax deductible!

Question to Members:

Think back... What prompted you to join AAUW? Was it the mission, the dinner out, the educational speakers, the events, public policy, the comradery?

At the March meeting, Sara will hand out a brief survey to members asking this question. At our May business meeting we can spend a few minutes discussing members' thoughts about AAUW and our branch, directions on which to focus and how we can be sure we are meeting the membership's needs.



FROM AAUW NEWYORK STATE: Do you Know about Grant Programs?

By Edwina Frances Martin, Esq., AAUW-NYS President

Did you know? AAUW-NYS now offers not one, but two exciting grant programs! Created in the 2014-15 fiscal year, the purpose of the NYS grants are to help branches plan mission-based local and district conference programs by providing funds for space, speakers (food, travel, honorariums), and promotion of the events. The aim is that these programs will not only inspire our current members, but attract like-minded new branch members who will be excited by the mission of AAUW. You can find the grant applications on the NYS Treasury page on its website [HERE](http://www.aauw-nys.org/treasury.htm)—or—<http://www.aauw-nys.org/treasury.htm>. All applications are reviewed on a rolling basis by AAUW-NYS's Finance Committee.

Branch Grant Program

AAUW-NYS has allocated up to \$500 per branch to support ongoing and new mission-based programming. Applications should include a detailed budget, outline of the program, an explanation of how the program relates to AAUW's mission and vision, and a description of how the program will increase AAUW's visibility (by collaborating with community organizations, providing membership opportunities, etc.).

District Conference Grant Program

AAUW-NYS has also allocated up to \$500 per district for the use of the host branch for district conferences. Grants will support a mission-based focus for a district conference. Similar to the branch grant program, host branches must submit an application with a detailed budget, outline of the program, an explanation of how the program relates to AAUW's mission and vision, a description of how the program will increase AAUW's visibility (by collaborating with community organizations, providing membership opportunities, etc.), and a description of how the conference will be promoted.

The goal of these grant programs is to help AAUW-NYS branches expand their programming opportunities, enhance their visibility in their communities, and attract new members, so please consider if your upcoming programs are eligible for state support and submit your applications now!



Geranium Sale

To benefit the
AAUW Eleanor Blodgett Scholarship Fund

2016 marks the 22st year of the AAUW Cortland Geranium Sale fundraiser. These funds are given as a scholarship to women who are continuing their education at TC3 and SUNY Cortland.

Just in time for Memorial Day weekend...

Price: \$3.50 each or 3 plants for \$10.00 (4 ½ inch pots)

Make checks payable to: AAUW Cortland Branch

Order forms with payment are due by: May 9.

Forms and payment can be mailed to: Mary Roberts 782 Clark St. Extension, Groton, NY 13073

Pick-up Is: TUESDAY, MAY 24th from 1:00 to 4:00 at Yaman Park (1 day only)

Geranium Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Address: _____ email: _____

COLOR	NUMBER of PLANTS	COST (1 for \$3.50 or 3 for \$10.00)
White		
Salmon		
Hot pink/fuschia		
True Baby Pink		
Dark Red		
Cherry Red with variegated leaves		
<i>TOTALS</i>		

