

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING IS:

Monday, Sept. 8, 2014

5:30 p.m. social time

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

**at the Cortland Elks on
Groton Ave.**

Cost is \$15 each.

**Please RSVP to Kathy
Jacobsen at 753-3641 ASAP.**

AAUW Cortland

Our New Year Begins Sept. 8th

The planning committee, headed by Elaine Lambert has been hard at work this summer brainstorming ideas, contacting speakers and organizing the schedule.

The theme for this year is *Healthy Communities*. This will dovetail nicely with last year's programs on our personal *health and well-being*.

Our meeting locations will be split, as last year, between the Elks in Cortland from September through December, and Brigg's Manor in Homer from March through June. Exciting speakers are lined up.



Our September meeting will start us off with our own AAUW member (and webmaster) Jan Dempsey and Jane Witty. Jan is the Project Coordinator for the Mobility Management System through Seven Valleys Health Coalition. Jane is Officer Manager and Event Coordinator for the Cortland Downtown Partnership. They will address the issue of healthy downtowns. Cortland is struggling. What can we do to help? Find out at our first meeting on Monday,

Sept. 8th at the Cortland Elks.

The menu includes: Roasted Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Italian Style Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Tortellini in Red Sauce, Ice Cream Sundaes, Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

September 9 is Primary Election Day for State and Local Officials.

September 23 is National Voter Registration Day.

2014-15 Programs

Creating a Healthy Community



DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	LOCATION
9-8-14	Healthy Downtown	Jan Dempsey and Jane Witty	Cortland Elks
10-6-14	Voting Issues	Alison King and Ellen Wright	Cortland Elks
11-3-14	Civic Engagement/ Volunteerism	Sara Earl <i>Bridges for Kids</i> and Natasha Aumick, <i>Girl Scouts</i>	Cortland Elks
12-1-14	Philanthropy Phun	Karen and Ellen	Cortland Elks
3-2-15	Energy-Solar Tompkins	Melissa Kemp	Briggs Manor, Homer
4-6-15	Safe Communities	Barrie Gewanter	Briggs Manor, Homer
5-4-15	Business Meeting	Karen Hempson and Ellen Wright	Briggs Manor, Homer
6-1-15	The Common Core— In or Out of the Box?	Stephanie Passeri-Dinsmore	Briggs Manor, Homer

Co-Presidents—Karen Hempson and Ellen Wright

VP for Finance - Mary Ellen Bloodgood

VP for Membership - Sara Earl

VP for Programs - Elaine Lambert

Secretary - Kim Allen

Announcements

Our Cortland Branch is seeking a Pubic Policy Chair.

Please contact Ellen Wright for more information.

Our Cortland Branch is seeking a Scholarship Committee Chair for this year. Please contact Karen Hempson fo more information.

The District 3 Conference will be hosted by Cortland this fall.
That is all of US and we need everyone's help.

We need a volunteer to put together welcome folders and gather pamphlets about the area attractions.

We need volunteers to decorate the tables for the event.

We need a volunteer to place directional signs along 281.

We need as many Cortland members as possible to attend!

WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER

WWT Luncheon- Sponsored by the YWCA of Cortland

Friday, Sept. 5 at 11:45.

Country Inn and Suites, 3707 NY 281, Cortland.

Catered by Linani's

Speaker: Dorothy Hopkins

"Travel Through Time To A Shaker Village"

Dorothy will talk about an almost completely faded community, the Shakers. The Shakers are of interest today due to their innovations and inventions, equality of men and women, and their communal organization that sustained them for over 200 years.

Buffet lunch \$12 at the door. Please RSVP to Kelly Skinner at 753-9651

League of Women Voters

Candidate Forum

Come join us in educating local voters! The Women's Coalition of Cortland and the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce are pleased to invite you to participate in a forum of candidates running for state and federal offices. The forum will be held on Saturday October 18th in Cortland.

Date: Saturday October 18th

Time: 10 am – Noon

Location: Elks Club
9 Groton Ave, Cortland NY
(Enter from parking lot)

The Women's Coalition has been organizing biennial candidate forums since 1986 and includes the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, SUNY Cortland Women's Studies Committee, YWCA, and Zonta Club of Cortland.

Watch for information on an October discussion on **Immigration Reform** at the YWCA of Cortland.

Field Trip to the **Matilda Joslyn Gage Museum**

Saturday, Sept. 27

We will be meeting at 10:00 there for a 2 hour tour including Q and A time. Lunch will be at the Linklaen House in Cazanovia at 12:30.

Lunch: Seafood Quiche with fresh fruit; Caesar Salad topped with sirloin; Turkey Club wrap in a flour tortilla with fresh fruit. All are served with popovers, iced tea, lemonade or coffee. Dessert is chocolate mousse.

The cost of the luncheon including tax and gratuity is \$25.00. Please indicate lunch choice on your check. Checks can be mailed to Barbara Brown, 104 Stonecrest Drive, Manlius, NY 13104 by September 22. Reservations for the museum and lunch can be made by calling Joan Rajchel at [315-732-4834](tel:315-732-4834) or Barbara Brown at [315-682-5978](tel:315-682-5978). Sponsored by AAUW Mohawk Valley.



International Day of the Girl is October 11 (Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday)

At the Cazenovia conference AAUW member, Joan Monk, suggested celebrating the day by purchasing a book for a girl you know. Here are a few about Eleanor Roosevelt: "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber, "Hot Dog! Eleanor Roosevelt Holds a Picnic" by Leslie Kimmelman, TIME biographies for Kids- "Eleanor Roosevelt- First Lady of the World."

Sheila Cohen will have examples of children's literature at our D3 conference.

AAUW DAY AT CHATAUQUA

On August 8, the Jamestown Branch hosted a morning with Ken Burns and Geoffrey Ward. They discussed his upcoming release of their documentary on the Roosevelts. Clips of the documentary were shown with comments from the writer and director. The audience asked many questions via notecard. Afterwards, a lovely lunch was served at the old Athenium Hotel on the Chautauqua grounds. As a first timer at Chautauqua, I did not know what to expect, but it was certainly an educational and entertaining day. I encourage everyone to consider supporting Jamestown in their fundraiser next year. Sara Earl

Cortland - host
Ithaca, Oswego,
Mohawk Valley,
Southern NY



DISTRICT III CONFERENCE

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Cortland Country Club

The Community Meets the Common Core

What comprises the central “core” of learning? Learn about the principles that guide the Common Core, the issues that make it controversial, and its advantages and shortcomings. Discover how educators from a local school district will implement the principles of Common Core in an exciting new program. Discover how a community group collaborated to utilize primary sources and artifacts in a student-centered, inquiry-based learning model consistent with Common Core.

Speakers include Jeff Craig, Assistant Superintendent of OCM BOCES and Nancy Ruscio, Superintendent of Homer Central School; Common Core community collaborators from a local museum, historical society, college, and middle school; and a visit from the 19th century businesswoman, Matilda Tuttle Barber. We will hear a brief update from each branch. Join us for breakfast, lunch, raffles, door prizes, and, of course, AAUW camaraderie!

Please RSVP by October 15, 2014.

*Send check for \$38 payable to **AAUW Cortland Branch** to:*

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