

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING IS:

Monday, September 12,

5:30 p.m. social time

6:00 p.m. dinner

at the YWCA.

Cost \$10 members, \$5 Guests

Please RSVP to Mary Ann Gambitta at 423-8356 or

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AAUW Meeting Monday, September 12th

From President Sheila Cohen

Welcome to AAUW 2016-2017. At the branch program planning meeting in June, we decided to schedule seven main meetings for the year. The group brainstormed program ideas to fit with our theme; *Building Coalitions, Building Membership*. We also decided not to meet in the winter months of January, February and March. In August, the Board met and firmed up the schedule that you see on the following page.

The first two monthly meetings will be at the YWCA. The September 12th meeting will include a soup supper with an assortment of breads and desserts. The cost for members is \$10 and for guests, \$5. The October meeting fare will be dessert only and Mary Ann will have a dessert sign up sheet at our September meeting. The board will provide coffee, tea, and other beverages for both meetings. The board decided to hold the October meeting on the 17th because of Jewish holidays, Columbus Day, and speaker availability. Other organizations are invited to co-sponsor this event which is open to the public.

In addition to regular meetings, the board decided to host other events during the year: a film series and either a poetry reading or a book discussion. Also, we might host another Start Smart workshop at SUNY Cortland if members approve and if the trainer is available.

The Board was also in favor of hosting Tech Savvy again. President Cohen applied for grant funding to host a conference at TC3 on April 8, 2017 with AAUW-Ithaca and feels confident that funding will be forthcoming. Unfortunately, the grant is only \$2500, half of what it was for 2016. So lots of money needs to be raised. Please consider working with the fundraising committee to approach individuals and small businesses for a contribution. Lastly, the Board decided to delay printing the yearbook in order to include new members or those members who paid dues late.

National dues for new members who join at AAUW events is \$21 at Tech Savvy and \$29 at other events. Sara Earl, Membership VP, will have plenty of membership applications handy. So do consider bringing at least one guest/potential member to any one of our events, but particularly to our September meeting.



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RESERVATIONS FOR THE SOUP DINNER MEETING AT THE YWCA ON SEPT. 12 ARE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.

RSVP to Mary Ann Gambitta at: 423-8356

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!!! We will be giving an overview of AAUW.

2016-17 AAUW Cortland Branch Meeting Schedule:

At a Glance Format

Date/Time	Location	Program	Meal/Price
September 12, 2016 5:30 PM	YWCA Osborn Room Bring a guest or 2!	<i>The Power of AAUW</i> Sheila Cohen, Sara Earl, Kim Edgar	Soup Supper, \$10 guests, \$5
October 17, 2016 6:30PM	YWCA, Auditorium Bring a guest or 2!	Speakers: Mildred Warner, Andy Micklow, <i>Building Cities with Women in Mind</i>	Dessert, No Charge
November 7, 2016 5:30PM	Elks Club Bring a guest or 2!	Speaker: Ellie Ives, <i>How Lego League Impacted Me</i>	Dinner, \$15
December 5, 2016 5:30PM	Elks Club Bring a guest or 2!	<i>Holiday Auction, Book Sale to benefit Tech Savvy</i>	Dinner, \$15
April 3, 2016 5:30PM	Elks Club Bring a guest or 2!	<i>Philanthropy Phun to benefit programs AAUW supports</i>	Dinner, \$15, Donation \$15
May 1, 2016 5:30PM	Elks Club Bring a guest or 2!	<i>Annual Business Meeting, Vote on budget and officers</i>	Dinner, \$15
June 5, 2016 5:30PM	Elks Club Bring a guest or 2!	Catherine Bertini, <i>Women Working Around the World</i>	Dinner, \$15



“AAUW Action Fund advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization.”

Cortland Branch Members can show their ongoing support of AAUW’s Advocacy and Educational Programs both on the National and Local Levels. For example, the AAUW Action Fund provides the financial resources for AAUW’s Public Policy to provide free *Voter Guides* to the public. *The Voter Guides* provide nonpartisan information about candidates’ positions on the issues by using their voting records in the Senate and Congress, public statements made by the candidates, and campaign position papers. The legislation monitored is based on the bi-annual convention adoption of AAUW Public Policy Program. *The Voter Guides* are not intended to be an endorsement of any politician or political party.

The following is a small table compiled from information posted in *The Voter Guide from the 114th Congress 1st Session in 2015* for our area.

<i>Senate Bills</i>	<i>Senator Gillibrand</i>	<i>Senator Schumer</i>
<i>Paycheck Fairness Act</i>	+	+
<i>K-12 Education</i>	+	+
<i>Campus Advisor</i>	+	-
<i>Planned Parenthood</i>	+	+
<i>Human Trafficking</i>	+	+
<i>Campaign Finance</i>	+	+

For more information about *The Voter Guides*, please visit aauw.org or e-mail VoterEd@aauw.org.

Your ongoing support of the AAUW Action Fund is greatly appreciated.

Kim Edgar
Branch Action Fund Chair





Tops Gift Cards

Ellen Wright will continue to raise funds by selling Tops Gift Cards. There will be a change in the process this year. Members are asked to contact Ellen (749 2949 Wrightnote45@gmail.com) to let her know that you want to be contacted monthly for your order. You would mail your check in payment to Ellen at 6 Joy Street, Cortland 13045.

Thank you to those of us that participate in this program, and remember...you can use Tops Gift Cards to buy gift cards for many other stores.

New York Women's Suffrage Centennial Conference Planned

By [Editorial Staff](#) on [August 30, 2016](#) from the New York History Blog (thank you Kathy Beardsley)

On Friday, October 7, the New York Cultural Heritage Tourism Network will hold a Women's Suffrage Centennial Conference at the Holiday Inn in Seneca Falls/Waterloo. 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of women voting legally in New York.

The Conference will take place from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, who is also serving as Chair of the New York State Women's Suffrage 100th Anniversary Commemoration Commission, has been invited to make the Keynote presentation.

Several special breakout sessions including:

- Promoting opportunities and locating funding sources
 - How your local TPA can help drive business to your site
 - How to advocate for women's suffrage events and programs
- Panel discussions about the suffrage movement from 1848 to present



AAUW NY District 3 Conference

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 15

“Women's Rights Under Attack”

Steamers (Quality Inn and Suites) Oswego, NY.

From the Cortland League of Women Voters:

PUBLIC INVITED TO CORTLAND LWV FORUMS MEET THE CANDIDATES

October 13, 15, 22, and 29

To enable voters to hear candidates and question them about important issues in the November 8 election, the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Cortland County is sponsoring four “Meet the Candidates” forums in October.

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 and other sponsors, as well as questions from the audience. All four forums will be moderated by Alison King, President, Cortland LWV. A final press release will be issued in early October once the Board of Elections has certified candidates. Venues are being confirmed.

Cortland County District Attorney Forum, Thursday October 13

The first forum takes place on Thursday October 13, at 7:00 pm. The following candidates have agreed to participate: Patrick Perfetti (Republican) and Mark Suben (Democrat).

U.S. Congressional District 22 Forum, Saturday October 15

The second forum takes place on Saturday October 15, at 10:00 am.

The following candidate has agreed to participate: Martin Babinec (Reform and Upstate Jobs parties). No response was received from the following candidates: Kim A. Myers (Democratic and Working Families parties) and Claudia Tenney (Republican and Conservative parties).

NYS Senate District 51 Forum, Saturday October 22

The third forum takes place on Saturday October 22, at 10:00 am.

The following candidate has agreed to participate: Jermaine Bagnall-Graham (Democratic and Women’s Equality parties). No response was received from the following candidate: James L. Seward (Republican, Conservative, Independence, and Reform parties).



NYS Assembly Districts 125 & 126 Forum, Saturday October 29

The fourth forum takes place on Saturday October 29, at 10:00 am.

The following candidate for District 125 has agreed to participate: Herbert Masser, Jr. (Republican, Conservative, and Reform parties). No response was received from the following candidate: Barbara S. Lifton (Democratic and Working Families party). The following candidate for District 126 has agreed to participate: Gary D. Finch (Republican, Conservative, Independence and Reform parties). No response was received from the following candidate: Diane M. Dwire (Democratic, Working Families, and Women’s Equality parties).

AAUIW Cortland will be working with the League of Women Voters to register voters at the Pumpkinfest on October 1 and 2. Please see Sheila Cohen if you would like to volunteer for a time slot at the booth.