

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE RSVP for the March 5 BUNCO games and AAUW meeting to Sara Earl at sara@cortlandywca.org or 753-9651 by March 3.

Spread the word and bring a friend!!!!

AAUW Cortland Returns for 2018 on Monday, March 5

Welcome back to the second half of our 2017-18 season of programs and meetings! We hope that you have remained warm and healthy during this cold winter.

Our March 5th meeting will be in Homer at The Center for the Arts on Main Street. Although our branch has held a Trivia Night in March for the last few years, we do not want to compete with Cortland Repertory Theater's regular Trivia Nights. This year, our branch is working with Center for the Arts and the YWCA to raise funds for Child Care through a night of BUNCO games. As we know, child care is a crucial issue for working mothers who struggle to keep their jobs while paying \$200 a week for 1 child in care. Child care is a critical issue effecting women and families and as such is an issue that supports the AAUW mission. The YWCA, as the largest provider of child care in the county, and as a member (along with AAUW) of the Cortland Women's Coalition is raising funds for child care scholarships. The Center for the Arts is donating the space and selling drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks and water). Our branch is happy to help with this collaboration by organizing the Bunco games. Another sponsor is the Local Food Market and Café. We hope you will attend!



MONDAY, MARCH 5

Center for the Arts, Homer

5:00 social time

5:30 heavy appetizers

6-8 pm BUNCO games

Prizes * Cash Bar * 50/50 raffle

\$30 per person with \$20 going towards Child Care

No experience necessary

Come Join the FUN!

BRANCH NEWS



Jan Ochs and her SUNY Cortland students will host the YW GEMS girls in April for part 2 of their Tech Savvy education. This is sponsored in part by the remaining AAUW branch Tech Savvy funds.

Planning is in the works for a Start Smart Workshop in April. Meredith Morrell is being trained and will be facilitating the workshop at SUNY Cortland. SUNY Cortland's Career Services office is helping to promote this program.

Stay tuned for more information.



STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY

AAUW supports the LWV program, STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY. Our branch, along with other local women's organizations, contributes towards funding that makes it possible for two local high school students to attend this conference. Students get to see NYS government in action, meet with their elected state officials and meet other students with similar interests in the workings of government.

SUNY Cortland presents TOP GIRLS Feb. 21-25

The SUNY Cortland actors performing in the upcoming production of Caryl Churchill's "Top Girls" have spent plenty of time learning about the rise of feminism in Margaret Thatcher-era England. They've also discovered that the themes the all-female cast of this play explores — primarily social and workplace achievement for women — are more relevant than ever in the post-#TimesUp and #MeToo landscape. "Top Girls," tells the story of sisters Marlene and Joyce. Marlene is a driven employee at the Top Girls employment agency and rises through the ranks, earning a promotion over a male co-worker. Joyce, on the other hand, stays at home to raise her daughter, Angie. Marlene and Joyce clash throughout the play as each struggle to come to terms with their lifestyle choices. .

The faculty and staff of the Performing Arts Department selected plays and musicals for the 2017-18 season around a theme of female empowerment. Recent attention on sexual assault and harassment issues have made "Top Girls," after 36 years, more relevant than ever." Tickets are \$9 for students, \$16 for faculty, staff and senior citizens and \$19 for adults. Tickets are available at Cortland.edu/boxoffice.

"9 to 5," a musical based on the 1980 Dolly Parton film of the same name, will be performed on six dates between Friday, April 13 and Sunday, April 22. The musical approaches themes of inequality in the workplace, albeit in a much lighter and comedic style.

Did you know...

That when young girls can't afford feminine hygiene products, they stay home from school?

School nurses accept donations of tampons and sanitary napkins, as does Catholic Charities, CAPCO and the YWCA Aid to Victims of Violence program. As you grocery shop, throw a box in your cart and donate it to help girls in our area.



LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women Working Together March 2, 2018

The Sherman House Restaurant, 11 North Main St. Homer, NY

Speaker:

Amanda Bashi

Amanda Bashi cuts concrete with a keyboard. Ms. Bashi is a federal attorney and licensed social worker. Her focus is decarceration, which means addressing the ways we are all incarcerated -- physically, mentally, emotionally -- and seeking to unlock those barriers to freedom. She co-founded The Decarceration Collective, a women-owned podium-to-policy non-profit. Her unique approach to decarceration is equal parts excellent lawyering and sedulous compassion. Amanda's work has taken her all over the United States, including the White House, as well as to Costa Rica, China, and Mexico. Ms. Bashi earned her law degree summa cum laude from DePaul University. While defending federal cases, she earned a Master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago. She co-authored the Illinois State Bar Association's Post-Conviction Manual.

Women Working Together is sponsored by the YWCA Cortland

Buffet style service begins at 11:45
Cash or check payable to "Linani's"
Please RSVP to 753-9651 or mary@cortlandywca.org

Homer Garden Club presents:

Women Will Vote! Winning Suffrage in NYS

By author Karen Pastorello

Thursday March 8 at 7 pm

Homer Fire Dept. Community Building
45 So. Main St., Homer

Free and open to the public



NOMINATE A LEADER FOR LWV ALICE A. WALKER AWARD

Nomination Form for 2018 — Due Friday March 30, 2018

The League of Women Voters announces its Alice A. Walker award to honor a member of the Cortland County community whose volunteer leadership demonstrates:

a commitment to community service

an independent spirit and outlook

a clear sense of justice, and

an ability to focus on an area of need in the community

The deadline for receiving nominations is Friday, March 30, 2018. The recipient will be our dinner guest and receive the award at the League's annual meeting Tuesday June 12, 2018.

Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Address:

Candidate's Phone:

Email:

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Address:

Nominator's Phone:

Email:

Please describe the candidate's background, current activities, and other pertinent information, as well as the reason for your nomination. Include a statement on how the candidate exemplifies some or all of the characteristics mentioned. Feel free to use additional space. Additional supporting letters would enhance the application.

Email nomination form and candidate description to lwvcortland@gmail.com OR mail the form and letter of support to LWV Cortland County, P.O. Box 22, Cortland, NY 13045.

Zonta applications for scholarships due by Sat. March 17

- ◆ Dr. Ruth Schwab Education Service Fund Award for an adult woman 21+
- ◆ Jean Coon Humanitarian High School Award for female high school student
- ◆ Ruth Schaub Senior High School Award

Contact Bonnie Haines at 423-2919 for more information



AAUW News

Legal Advocacy Fund– 40th Anniversary

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is celebrating its 40th birthday this year. LAF provides funding to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. The fund provides support from community outreach programs to backing of major sex discrimination legal cases. LAF grew out of a fund that the AAUW-Ithaca Branch formed in 1978 to support the Cornell 11- women who were denied tenure at Cornell. One of the women involved in this case is our Cortland member Charlotte Farris. Sheila Cohen will send out some separate original documents that date back to 1978, the year the Ithaca community, lead by the Ithaca Branch, came together to challenge sex discrimination at Cornell, in case you are interested to follow the history.

Sex discrimination today takes many forms: unfair pay; pregnancy discrimination; sexual harassment; sexual assault; and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, that can affect both women and men. The LAF (now a national priority supported by branches across the country) addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

BY-LAW PROPOSALS



The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW web-site](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATES



The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59. Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's [salary negotiation workshops](#), groundbreaking [research](#), [advocacy efforts](#), [campus leadership programs](#), and so much more. We believe we can do great things together and thank you for your continued support.



The AAUW-NYS Convention

What's in it for **YOU**?

Moving Onward: Empowering Women! The AAUW-NYS Convention, at the Radisson Hotel in Corning, NY is coming soon! Join in the action-packed event on April 20-22, 2018. It is for ALL AAUW members and is a great chance to connect, re-energize, and find lots of action ideas. You'll be able to.....

- Talk with Kim Churches, AAUW National CEO, and share your thoughts about AAUW's future
- Take part in a variety of workshops. Topics range from health care, advocacy, media, and movement. You'll find ways to focus on personal, professional, and AAUW activities and will leave with ideas for your community.
- Hear about the game-changing activities of Aasha Shaik. A Rutgers sophomore, she has served as the Girl Advocate at the UN, organized events, written policy recommendations, and held lobbying meetings with high level officials.
- Stay in the historic section of Corning and take a tour of the Corning Glass and Rockwell Museums

Please plan to attend!

The AAUW Cortland branch has partial scholarships for Cortland members to attend the New York State convention.

See Mary Ellen Bloodgood for more information.



Geranium Sale

Supports the AAUW Eleanor Blodgett Scholarship Fund

This year we have a new supplier: Schaeffer Gardens, known for their hardy plants and active fundraising program.

2018 marks the 24th year of the AAUW Cortland Geranium Sale fundraiser. These funds provide scholarships to women continuing their education at Tompkins Cortland and SUNY Cortland.

Just in time for Memorial Day weekend...



Price: \$3.50 each or 3 plants for \$10.00 (4 1/2 inch pots)

Make checks payable to AAUW Cortland Branch.

Order forms with payment are due by May 10th.

Mail form & payment to Mary Roberts, 782 Clark St. Extension, Groton, NY 13073

Pick-up: TUESDAY, MAY 22nd from 1:00 - 3:00 at Yaman Park (1 day only)

Geranium Order Form

Name: _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address: _____

COLOR	NUMBER of PLANTS	COST (1 for \$3.50 or 3 for \$10.00)
White		
Salmon		
Red		
Pink		