

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE RSVP for the Oct. 1 meeting to MaryAnn Gambitta at mgambitt@gmail.com or 423-8356 by Sept. 28.

Please read on to learn about the many exciting events happening in our branch and district this year. Cortland is hosting the AAUW District 3 Conference and we need our members to attend! Please consider and see the enclosed information.



AAUW Cortland Branch Meeting
Monday, Oct.1 5:30 pm -The Sherman House 11 N. Main St. Homer

Welcome back to a new year of AAUW Cortland! We are excited to announce our October speaker. Rescheduled from June, due to illness, our guest speaker will be Dr. Orinthia Montague, new President of Tompkins Cortland Community College. She will speak about her vision for the college. Montague was born in Jamaica before immigrating to the United States. She received a Bachelor of Arts in interpersonal communication from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri; a Master of Arts in counseling from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri; and a Doctorate degree in higher education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Orinthia T. Montague, Ph.D., became the fourth president of Tompkins Cortland Community College on July 5, 2017. *The menu for dinner is: Roasted boneless chicken, roasted potatoes, tortellini with garlic and olive oil, vegetable, fruit salad, tossed salad, rolls and butter, and assorted desserts. Cost is \$20.*



Throughout New York State, AAUW has a shortage of women willing to take on a leadership role. Please consider volunteering your leadership skills in our Cortland branch, our AAUW district or AAUW NYS. You are needed!

Women have heard it all.

Speech bubbles include: "You have a lot of experience, but we're looking for someone who has more authority.", "We've never hired a woman for this position before.", "We didn't realize you liked golf.", "Don't take it personally.", "Will your kids get in the way of your work?", "We need someone who is going to be tough.", "We didn't think you'd want to get a sitter.", "But you're so good at taking notes.", "You're so pretty, people have a hard time taking you seriously.", "I need you to plan the office birthday parties.", "Why are you getting emotional about this?", "Can you get the coffee?", "I never thought a woman would be interested.", "I've never met a woman executive.", "I didn't think you'd want that much responsibility.", "Women aren't natural leaders."

Don't be a barrier on a woman's path toward leadership. Learn more at www.aauw.org. #leadHERship

Welcome New AAUW Cortland branch members: Mindy Gardner, Kathy Hemingway-Jones, Bonni Hodges. In our next newsletter, we will share more information about our newest colleagues.

AAUW Cortland 2018-19 at a glance

AAUW Cortland Branch welcomes you to a new year!

2018-2019 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at The Sherman House in Homer. 5:30 Social Time. 6:00 dinner. 6:20 speaker. 7:00 branch meetings. We will try to end meetings by 8 pm. Cost is \$20 which covers dinner.

Monday, October 1st , *Vision for My College*, Dr. Orinthia Montague, President of Tompkins Cortland

Monday, November 5th, *Advocacy for Women, Children and Families*, Julie Campbell, Family, County, Surrogates Courts Judge, Kathy Campagni, Chair of the Global Relations Committee YWCA USA, Mardis Kelsen, Attorney

Monday, December 3rd, *Gift Wrapping for Friends in Need; Surprise Entertainment*

Monday, March 4th, *Going Global: Research in Action*, SUNY Cortland faculty, Jena Curtis, Health; Mecke Nagel, Philosophy; Elizabeth Okuth, Chemistry; Tientien Zheng, Sociology/ Anthropology

Monday, April 1st, *Philanthropy Fun: BUNCO (may be held at another location)*

Monday, May 6th, Annual Meeting; *Making Health a Priority*, Bonni Hodges and Donna Videto, SUNY Cortland Health Department

Monday, June 3rd, *Bean Pickers, Portrait of My Italian-American Immigrant Family* Karen Hempson, Faculty Emerita, SUNY Cortland

The Programming Committee is excited about this year's schedule. Please bring a friend and plan to attend as many meetings as possible. Branch meetings are an opportunity to learn from others, to network with like-minded individuals and to enjoy an evening out. If you have suggestions about future topics of interest and potential speakers, please contact Sheila or Sara.

Dues are due.



District 3 Conference

AAUW District III Conference

Committee Sponsoring Organizations: AAUW Cortland Branch; AAUW SUNY Cortland C/U Branch;

SUNY Cortland: Center for Gender & Intercultural Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Saturday, October 27, 2018

SUNY Cortland Exhibition Lounge, Corey Union, 103 Prospect Terrace, Cortland, NY 13045

<https://www2.cortland.edu/about/maps-and-directions/>

Women and Leadership

8:30-9:15 ***Registration and Breakfast***

9:15-9:25 ***Welcome and Conference Overview***

9:30-10:25 ***“Civics 101”: Civics and Political Leadership***

Panelists: Meaghan Palmer, Morrisville High School Civics Teacher; Ryann Hudson, intern with the SUNY Cortland Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE); Kelly Preston, Cortland County Legislator

10:25-11:30 ***Sustainability and Environmental Leadership***

Panelists: Mary Faith Miller, Founder/Director Lime Hollow Forest Preschool; Kat McCarthy, Executive Director Cultural Council of Cortland County, former Tompkins County Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist; Theresa Baker, Director of Food Services, SUNY Cortland; Sharon Todd, Chair Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department, SUNY Cortland.

11:30-11:50 ***Chair Yoga: Stress Reduction for Leaders***

Noralyn Maselink, Chair Yoga Instructor, Cortland YWCA/English Department, SUNY Cortland

11:50-12:30 ***Lunch***

12:30- 1: 25 ***STEM Leadership***

Panelists: Janet Ochs, Computer Applications Program, SUNY Cortland/Tech Savvy Mentoring Project; Kim Blanchet, Interim Dean/Director Instructional Design, Onondaga Community College; Jolie Roat, Math Department, SUNY Cortland

1:30-2:00 ***Leading a Multifaceted Approach to Confronting Sexual Violence on Campus***

Speaker: Nanette Pasquarello, Title IX Coordinator, SUNY Cortland

2:00 ***Branch Share and Wrap Up***

At 2:30pm, there will be a Start Smart workshop for students. Conference participants are welcome to attend.

Continental Breakfast: Regular and decaf coffee, hot tea, orange juice, iced water, croissants, muffins and cut fresh fruit.

Lunch: Sandwich Wraps: *Grilled Chicken Caesar*- romaine, chicken, tomato, cucumber, onion, croutons, asiago cheese and Caesar dressing in a spinach tortilla

Vegetarian- humus, avocado, lettuce, roasted veggies in a spinach tortilla

California BLT- bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato, onion in a tomato tortilla

Pickle spears, potato chips, cookies, brownies, Pasta Primavera Salad, cold soft drinks, coffee, and water.

RSVP by October 15, 2018; Send this form with your contact information and a \$30 check payable to AAUW Cortland to Mary Ellen Bloodgood, 6073 Rt. 281, Box 124, Little York, NY 13087

What are the important issues to AAUW?

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. With the member-voted **Public Policy Priorities** as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. Below we highlight our positions and advocacy on major issues

Education -AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity.

Civil Rights- AAUW advocates for equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.

Economic Security- AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Title IX- AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

MISSION: to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

VISION: Equity for all.

VALUES: Nonpartisan, fact-based, integrity, inclusion and intersectionality.

FOCUS: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership

Although AAUW is a non-partisan 501 c 3 nonprofit, in this charged political climate it may be difficult to separate political policy from politicians and their parties. However, AAUW takes a stand on issues that affect women and their families. This includes a woman's right to decisions about her own body.

AAUW recommends that you become a **Two-Minute Activist**. The latest article is titled, "*Take Action to Oppose Judge Kavanaugh's Confirmation to the Supreme Court*" and asks members to call your Senator at 1-855-973-0824. The update on 9/17/18 reads "*Given recent credible allegations of sexual assault against Judge Kavanaugh, the Senate must allow time for a full and fair, nonpartisan investigation of Judge Kavanaugh's fitness for the Supreme Court.*"



You can subscribe to the **Two Minute Activist** through the AAUW website <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/>

Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Nonprofit Leadership is a NEW research report by AAUW

"When we talk about the representation gap between women and men in leadership, many people think about elected officials or CEO positions at Fortune 500 companies. But women are underrepresented in leadership positions across all sectors of the economy and American society. In this research, we take a closer look at the broken ladders to advancement that women face even in sectors where they make up the majority of workers: at nonprofit organizations, in postsecondary education, and at philanthropic foundations. Women make up 75% of workers in the sectors that encompass most nonprofits but women hold less than 75% of leadership positions at nonprofits." (From AAUW website www.aauw.org)

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women Working Together
Friday, Oct. 12, 2018
The Sherman House Restaurant
11 North Main Street, Homer

Speaker: Linda Glover, Director of the YWCA's
Aid to Victims of Violence Program

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Buffet style service begins at 11:45 AM
Lunch is \$13, cash or check
Payable at the door to "Linani's"
Please RSVP to 753-9651 or mary@cortlandywca.org
The Sherman House opens at 11:30 AM

Women Working Together is sponsored by the YWCA Cortland



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CORTLAND COUNTY

WOMEN'S COALITION CANCELS SEPTEMBER 22 FORUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES but Sept. 29 State Forum will go ahead

The Women's Coalition of Cortland County regrets to announce cancellation of the scheduled September 22 *Meet the Candidates* forum in Cortland for Congressional District 22 because Claudia Tenney has not informed us whether or not she will participate. Anthony Brindisi accepted the Coalition's invitation in August.

This is a loss for Cortland County voters. Local forums provide voters an opportunity to ask questions about issues that matter to us, as well as to hear candidates' views on a range of topics -- all in a fair, non-partisan setting.

The September 29 forum for NYS Senate District 51 and Assembly District 126 candidates will proceed as planned, including a livestream-watch event at SUNY Cortland. The forum is at 10 a.m. at the Cortland Elks. All four candidates committed to participate.

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

Visit our website: www.cortlandlww.org

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Chefs Take A Stand: Men Against Domestic Violence

Friday, Oct. 26, 2018

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

YWCA Multi-Purpose Room

Tickets \$25 includes food samples from 20 chefs

This is not your average gala: the food is delicious, the attire is casual, and the speeches are few. Come for the food, stay for the cause, and leave knowing you did your part to help end domestic violence in our community.



*Sending positive
healing wishes to
branch members
Dorothy Hopkins and
Diane Tennant*



Geranium Sale

American Association of University Women Cortland Branch

Supports the AAUW Eleanor Blodgett Scholarship Fund

2019 marks the 25th year of the AAUW Cortland Branch Geranium Sale fundraiser This fund provides scholarships to women continuing their education at Tompkins Cortland Community College and SUNY Cortland.

For 2019, we will purchase plants from Schaeffer Gardens again; their plants proved to be attractive and hardy and got rave reviews.

Just in time for Memorial Day weekend....



- ☀ Price: 3 plants for \$12.00 (4 ½ inch pots)
- ☀ Make checks payable to AAUW Cortland Branch
- ☀ Order forms with payment are due by May 1st.

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

Pick-up: TUESDAY, MAY 21st 1:00 - 3:00 at Yaman Park (1 day only)

Geranium Order Form

Name: _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address: _____

COLOR	NUMBER of PLANTS	COST (3 for \$12)
White		
Salmon		
Red		
Pink		
TOTAL		

