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CORTLAND BRANCH



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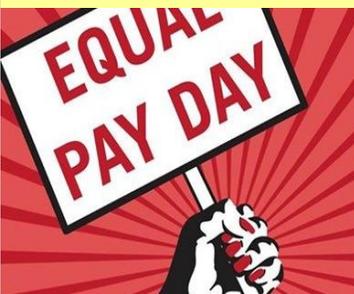
NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE RSVP for the April 1 Bunco fundraiser meeting to Sara Earl at sara@cortlandywca.org or 753-9651 at the YWCA.



AAUW Cortland Meeting and Fundraiser on Monday, April 1 at the YWCA

The Monday, April 1st meeting will be held in the YWCA Auditorium/Child Care Room on the second floor. There is an elevator off the lobby which will take you to the hallway next to the room. Parking is available in the YW lot next to the building, on the street in front of the YW (it is NOT 12 minute parking as the city sign states), and at the Market Place public lot behind the YW and American Legion.

BUNCO is a dice game which is fun and easy. No experience is necessary and Jan Ochs will lead us through the games from 6:30 to 8 pm. Bring some friends for a fun evening. Desserts and beverages will be served. Prizes will be awarded!

The cost of the games and refreshments is \$25 per person with ALL proceeds going to help single moms afford safe, quality childcare.



Our AAUW branch believes that the AAUW vision of equity for women includes women's ability to keep their employment knowing that their children are in safe care. Childcare in NY is at a crisis level where centers cannot raise the cost of care because parents cannot afford to pay it, however centers are running at severe deficits in order to continue providing care for working parents. The mandated increase in minimum wage

severely affects the child care centers as most workers are (unfortunately only) paid minimum wage. By supporting child care scholarships, we are making employment possible for working single mothers in our community.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to make a donation for child care, please make your check out to AAUW Cortland and send to treasurer Mary Ellen Bloodgood. We hope you can attend (and bring a friend) for this entertaining evening of games.



BRANCH NEWS

2019 Cortland Branch meetings

Last month our branch meeting was at the Community Restaurant, where members ordered dinner off the menu. The topic of the evening was “Women Doing International Research” with speakers Tienteien Zheng (Sociology/ Anthropology), Jena Curtis (Health), Mecke Nagel (Philosophy), and Elizabeth Okkuth (Chemistry).

April 1 meeting is the BUNCO fundraiser at the YWCA 6:30 desserts and games.

May 6 is our Annual Meeting. We are exploring the possibility of holding it at Temple Brith Sholom in Cortland with catering by Menorah Park. Nominations will be presented for President, VP for Programs, Treasurer, and Secretary. The 2019-20 budget will be presented. In addition, new members Bonni Hodges and Donna Videto, both health educators at SUNY Cortland, will speak about news in Women’s Health. Dues will be collected for 2019-20.

May 21 is the pick up day for the Geranium Sale at Yaman Park. We will be asking for volunteer workers at the May meeting. This sale is a fundraiser for the Elanor Blodgett scholarship for nontraditional women to return to college.

June 3 we will wrap up the year with a talk from past AAUW Cortland branch member, Karen Hempson, who will discuss her new book “Bean Pickers: American Immigrant Portraits” which documents her family’s stories of immigration from Italy to Utica in the 1890’s and their lives in the Utica area.

Dues will be due in June. We will have a planning meeting in June as well to set the schedule for the programs for the 2019-20 year.



MEMBERSHIP

Sue Sherman-Broyles, our AAUW Cortland Membership VP, reports that she will be tabling at a Women’s History month presentation on March 27th at SUNY Cortland. The presentation is about Women in Student Government. Sue will have membership materials (and chocolate) available.

Our branch received a grant for the fall district conference that will be used to give the conference presenters AAUW membership dues for the 2019-2020 year beginning June 30. Our dues are currently \$13 for local, \$13 for NY State and \$59 to AAUW national to total \$85. Dues will be collected at the May meeting. Currently we have 33 paid members.



Startsmart Update:

Meredith Morell, Career Counselor from SUNY Cortland, reports that she and Jena Curtis have been working together to get facilitators trained. They will divide up Jena’s class of 150 students for Start Smart with about 5 facilitators. Several people were trained last week. The Start Smart workshop will be held either April 24 or May 1 during class. Start Smart teaches salary negotiation skills. Research shows that beginning salary level continues to effect wages throughout a woman’s career.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WWT

Women Working Together

Friday, April 5

11:45-1:00 \$13 for buffet lunch

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

Speaker:

Rosemary Barletta from Long Point Winery

WWT is sponsored by the YWCA Cortland



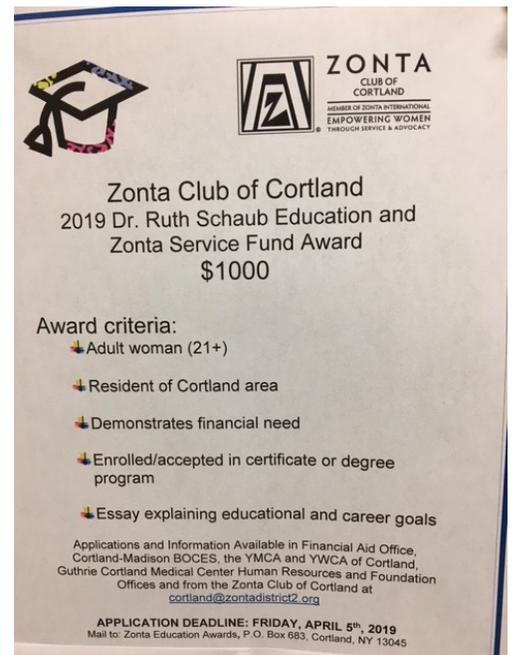
NOMINATE A LEADER FOR THE ALICE A. WALKER AWARD

The League of Women Voters seeks nominations for its annual 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 April 15. The recipient will receive the award at the League's annual dinner and meeting in June.

PROMOTING LEADERSHIP IN WOMEN AND GIRLS

Wednesday evening, April 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Delta Kappa Gamma (a group of key women educators) will host the groups of the **Women's Coalition** at the YWCA. Members of our AAUW branch, Zonta, the League of Women Voters, the YWCA, and the SUNY Cortland Women's Studies programs will have the opportunity to describe their programs/groups/missions and display membership materials. This event will be open to the public and include dessert and beverages. A panel discussion, open to the audience, will end the program with ways we all envision promoting leadership in women and girls. Please spread the word and plan to attend!

**“The story of women’s struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights.”
Gloria Steinem**



AAUW and National News



2019 AAUW-NYS Convention
Women Leaders: Facing the Future Together

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION!!!

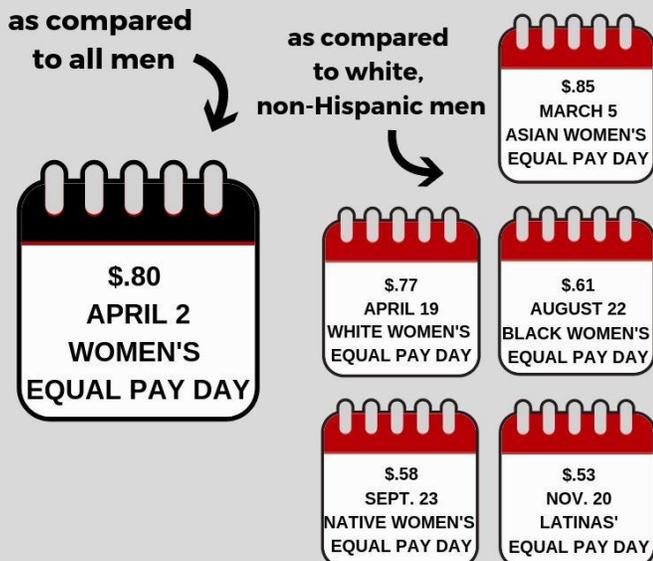
THE DEADLINE TO GET YOUR HOTEL ROOM RESERVED WITHOUT TAXES ADDED IS **MARCH 25TH**.

REGISTER TODAY ONLINE @ WWW.AAUW-NYS.ORG

A message from AAUW NY President Janice Brown: The countdown has begun to register for Convention. You don't want to miss this convention April 26-28 in Cooperstown, NY with a theme: "**Women Leaders: Facing the Future Together.**" There are so many reasons to register today: the location, the hotel, the tours, the food, the fun and the networking. The deadline to reserve a room without having taxes charged is **March 25th**. All the registration information is available at www.aauw-nys.org



2019 Equal Pay Days



DID YOU KNOW....

In 1919, the US House of Representatives and the Senate both passed the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution and then sent it to the states for ratification? That same year, New Yorkers founded the state chapter of the League of Women Voters.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 was reintroduced on March 7 in the House of Representatives. This critical legislation is headed for a floor vote as early as March 25. Since its original passage in 1994, VAWA has made a tremendous impact in changing culture and norms, reducing domestic and sexual violence, and improving critical victim services. Contact your Representatives now.

The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 was introduced on March 12 with over 200 cosponsors. This new piece of legislation would offer protections and a pathway for citizenship for undocumented immigrants who arrived in the US as children.

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		