

# AAUW

# CORTLAND BRANCH



May 2019

NEWSLETTER



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*PLEASE RSVP for the  
May 6 meeting to*

*Sheila Cohen at 756-8191  
or scohen3@twcny.rr.com*



## AAUW Cortland Meeting May 6 at Temple Brith Sholom

The May 6th meeting is our AAUW Cortland branch Annual Meeting. We will meet this month at Temple Brith Sholom which is at 117 Madison St. in Cortland.



There is plenty of parking and it is accessible. Social time is 5:30 with dinner at 6 catered by Menorah Park in Syracuse (thank you Mary Ellen Bloodgood). The cost will be \$20. Menu includes apple and cheddar salad, penne vodka, eggplant parmigiana, garlic knots, roasted broccoli,

and chocolate frosted brownies. Please RSVP to Sheila Cohen at 756-8191 or scohen3@twcny.rr.com.

Nominations will be presented for President, VP for Programs, Treasurer, and Secretary. The 2019-20 budget will be presented. We will set a date for program planning. Dues will be collected for 2019-2020.



In addition to the annual business meeting, members Bonni Hodges and Donna Videto, both health professors at SUNY Cortland, will share information about health education.



Last month the Cortland branch co-sponsored a night of Bunco at the YWCA. \$475 was raised to support single working mothers who are struggling to cover the cost of child care. Thank you to all who baked, provided food and beverages, set up tables, purchased prizes, and attended. Thanks, too, to Jan Ochs for facilitating the games. It was a fun evening and the YWCA was most appreciative of our member's assistance and support.

# BRANCH NEWS

**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 Eleanor Blodgett scholarship for nontraditional women to return to college. Last year the plants were beautiful. We are encouraging members to sell as many as possible. If participation is low and the sale is not a success this year, we will not continue to offer this scholarship.

time to  
**SELL**

**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." Nancy Dafoe writes "Hempson's beautiful narrative of her Italian American family who came as immigrants is the recipe for understanding our new wave of immigrants and the critical importance of looking beyond prejudices to the mighty contributions of those who have come and will continue to come from other shores." Karen will share some sample stories. Karen was a big hit when speaking at the Cortland Free Library and the Cortland Historical Society, but she has many different stories to share. Please join us and support our friend and past member.



**Dues will be due in June.** Our dues are currently \$13 for local, \$13 for NY State and \$59 for national. **Checks to AAUW Cortland for \$85** can be given or sent to Mary Ellen Bloodgood.

*Dues are Due*

## AAUW Cortland Branch Members Provide Educational Programming for Adolescent Girls

On April 4 the YWCA GEMS girls (ages 12-15) enjoyed dinner at SUNY Cortland Student Life Center and then walked up the hill to the library where AAUW member and SUNY Cortland professor Jan Ochs had her class waiting for them in the computer lab. The CAP 351 Advanced Website Development students enjoyed meeting all the participants and appreciated the opportunity to demonstrate their websites. The students also liked teaching about Google Tour Creator and creating virtual reality web-based tours with the group.

Thank you too to Sheila Cohen for organizing a film viewing and luncheon for the GEMS girls at the SUNY Cortland Blackbird Film Festival on Saturday, April 26. The girls had the opportunity to sit and share thoughts directly with the film producers, writers and actors. Inspiring for all.

The GEMS are featured on the National AAUW website (see picture) as a result of an AAUW 2 year grant the YW received in 2017-18! Pretty cool!



### 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 Jena's class of 150 students for Start Smart with 4 facilitators on May 1 during class time. Start Smart teaches salary negotiation skills. Research shows that beginning salary level continues to affect wages throughout a woman's career.

## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WWT

Women Working Together

Friday, May 3

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

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

Speaker:

Karen Hempson

WWT is sponsored by the YWCA Cortland

RSVP to Mary Coffey at [mary@cortlandywca.org](mailto:mary@cortlandywca.org)

**YWCA Annual Meeting**

**Monday, May 13 at 6pm**

**Multi-Purpose Room**

**14 Clayton Ave.**

**Cortland**

**eliminating racism  
empowering women**

**ywca**

**ZONTA**

**Women of Achievement  
Luncheon**

**Sunday, May 5 from 12-2  
Tinelli's Hathaway House**

**Honoring  
Johanna Ames  
and Amy Buggs**

**Tickets are \$30. Call Deb Wines at 423-2124**



**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF CORTLAND COUNTY

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 7 at the Cortland Free Library from 4:15 to 5:45. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend and learn more about the League.

# AAUW News



The AAUW New York State convention was held April 26-28 in Cooperstown, NY at the lovely old Otesaga Hotel on the lake. The theme this year was “Women Leaders: Facing the Future Together.”

Sara Earl represented the Cortland branch.

The workshops included information on STEM programming, women in sports, LGBTQ language, the ERA, health care issues, and intersectionality. The speakers are always excellent at the convention, especially the Saturday lunch Legal Advocacy Fund speaker who tells about how AAUW funds assisted in legal cases of discrimination.

A large grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation has allowed AAUW to provide a FREE online Salary Negotiation Workshop. By August 23, AAUW needs 100,000 people to take this workshop. **They are asking ALL branch members to participate and take this at [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org). Even if you do not need salary negotiation skills, the skills learned will help when buying a car or a home or any negotiating one must do in life.**

Fundraising this year (instead of purses or raffle baskets) was a wine room. The LAF fundraiser was a belly dancing event Saturday night. The Cortland branch received awards for the newsletter, website, and distinguished visibility. Accolades were given for our own Emerging Leader, Sue Sherman-Broyles. We are indeed fortunate to have her as a branch member and our Membership VP.



The annual convention is a wonderful time to meet other AAUW members from across the state, to learn about their branches and activities that are successful for them. Each branch is different. Some have dinner meetings, others split into interest groups like Culture, Advocacy, Travel, Book Club etc. Some (like Buffalo’s enormous Book Sale), do huge fundraisers for AAUW funds. Others run leadership and STEM camps for girls. Most are struggling with recruiting younger women and maintaining active members who are willing to take on leadership positions. Unfortunately, four branches disbanded in 2018 but 27 remain- with branch numbers

from 30 to 320 members. The 2020 conference will be outside Rochester at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa. Save the dates of April 24-27, 2020!

# 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. Distribution is May 21 at Yaman Park.

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

## Geranium Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR	NUMBER of PLANTS	COST
White		
Salmon		
Red		
Pink		
TOTAL		