

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



September 2019

NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING IS:

Monday, September 9,

5:30 p.m. social time

6:00 p.m. dinner

at the Cortland Elks Lodge

9 Groton Ave. Cortland, NY

Cost \$20

Please RSVP to Sara Earl at forrestandsara@gmail.com

or 423-1011 by

WEDNESDAY,

September 4th.

AAUW Meeting Monday, September 9 at the Cortland Elks

Welcome to AAUW 2019-2020. Kim and I are excited to begin a new year together with all our AAUW friends. What an exhilarating summer with the US women winning the World Cup and highlighting the inequity of pay in women's vs. men's sports (the 2019 Women's World Cup prize money is \$30 million—7.5% of the Men's World Cup prize). The nation heard the facts loud and clear!

At the branch program planning meeting in June, the group decided to schedule eight meetings for the year. We all brainstormed program ideas and themes. Sheila, as VP of Programs, has worked to finalize the schedule on page 3.

The mission of AAUW is: ***To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.*** We have chosen to highlight Advocacy as our theme for this year. The 2019-2020 theme is ***“Advocating for a Supportive Community.”*** In listening to our members, we have learned that many people are frustrated reading about local issues and want to help. Community members want to know “What can I do to make our community stronger, welcoming and equitable for all?” Several of our meeting topics will highlight this theme and give us concrete ways we can be of service. Members are encouraged to learn about opportunities in our community and to become involved, or simply spread the word to others.

In addition to regular meetings, our branch has several projects planned which support the AAUW mission:

STEM-Jan Ochs and her college students will work with the YWCA to provide a one day STEM camp for girls. This will give young girls fun hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering and math.

STARTSMART- Meredith Morell has a team of trained facilitators ready to begin StartSmart salary negotiation workshops on SUNY Cortland's campus.

Get Out to Vote- AAUW will work with the League of Women Voters to provide candidate forums and the Get Out To Vote campaign.

Film screenings are another possibility. We will explore the licensing regulations on the two films about Ruth Bader Ginsburg—“On the Basis of Sex” which is a drama based on her life experiences, and “RBG” which is a documentary.

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We will be meeting at the Elks this year. Randy Lewis has left The Sherman House and is catering through the Elks. Kim and I discussed over 16 different venues in the area ranging from restaurants to rooms where we would rent and then cater in food. The Elks won out because:

It is accessible
It has ample parking
It has a bar
It has a sound system
We do not have to set up or clean up
Linens are provided
The cost for room and meal is \$20.

We do need to have at least 15 people in attendance. Reservations are required by the Wednesday before the Monday meeting. If you reserve, you must pay. This has always been our policy as it is only fair to the person doing the shopping and cooking for us. Randy will work with us to provide gluten free options. He is open to suggestions as well. Usually he will include at least 2 entrees, salads, desert, coffee and tea. Randy is working to improve the ambiance of the Elks sterile room by bringing in his antiques and decorations from the Sherman House. After the December meeting we can regroup and decide if we want to continue with the dinner meetings at the Elks for March-June.

AAUW Cortland Branch Officers for 2019-2020

Co-Presidents: Kim Allen and Sara Earl

Vice President for Membership: Sue Sherman-Broyles

Vice President for Programs: Sheila Cohen

Finance Officer: Mary Ellen Bloodgood

Secretary: Lenore Schwager

Important Areas of Concern

Historian: Jan Dempsey

Sunshine: Kathy Jacobsen

Yearbook: Sheila Cohen

Newsletter: Sara Earl

Women's Coalition: OPEN

Public Policy: OPEN

Hostess: OPEN

2019-20 AAUW Cortland Branch Meeting Schedule:

At a Glance Format

Advocating for a Supportive Community

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC)
September 9, 2019	Cortland Elks	Addressing the Opioid Crisis DA Patrick Perfetti and Lisa Hoeschle, Director of Family Counseling Services
October 7, 2019	Cortland Elks	A Primer on Advocacy Lexi Blavos , SUNY Cortland
November 4, 2019	Cortland Elks	STEM Advocacy Janet Ochs and students
December 2, 2019	Cortland Elks	Holiday Party Silent Auction, Gift wrapping
March 2, 2020	To be Determined	Women's History Month
April 6, 2020	TBD	Volunteer Advocate Opportunities Joyce Allen, CACPCO and Mindy Gardner, YWCA
May 4, 2020	TBD	Annual Meeting Start Smart Salary Negotiations, Meredith Morell
June 1, 2020	TBD	Political Advocacy with a Woman's Touch Laura Dunbar, Connie White, Patti Francis, Donna Johnson

All meetings will begin with a social time at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:00. Speakers will begin around 6:20 as we finish dinner and should be no more than 1 hour. By 7:20 we should begin our business meeting and these will be held to 30 minutes. We will give time to share announcements about any upcoming events you feel would interest our members. Meetings will be adjourned no later than 8:00 as this is the end of our time in the room.

We value our members, so please let us know if you have areas of concern or ideas about topics we should address. Feel free to invite a friend to any of our meetings. We welcome all!

AAUW NY District 3 Conference

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 26

“Diversity: It’s More Than You Think”

As one Ithaca member noted “If you were as mystified as I when I discovered the list of AAUW values as “nonpartisan, fact-based, integrity, inclusion, and intersectionality” then this conference is for you!

Sponsored by the Ithaca Branch

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Dryden, NY

YWCA Fundraiser for the Aid to Victims of Violence Program

Chefs Take A Stand: Men Against Domestic Violence

Food tastings from 35 local male cooks

Tickets on sale soon at the YW front desk

Save the Date: Friday, OCTOBER 4

*Did you know that the AVV program received almost 4,000 calls last year?
Support this needed service and take a stand against domestic violence.*



**LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®**
of Cortland County

YWCA Women Working Together

Friday, Sept. 6, 2019

Cortland Elks

Speaker: Nancy Dafoe

Lunch at 11:45

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**YWCA
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MISSION**

Cortland League of Women Voters

**PUBLIC INVITED TO CORTLAND LWV FORUMS
MEET THE CANDIDATES**

To enable voters to hear candidates and question them about important issues in the November election, the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Cortland County is sponsoring two “Meet the Candidates” forums— Sat. Sept. 28 and Sat. Oct. 19. 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. A detailed press release will be issued soon.