

AAUW

CORTLAND BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER



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**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

Our Mission:

To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

AAUW Cortland Members Enjoy August 24 Picnic in the Park

The last time our branch gathered together was Wednesday, March 4 and five months apart was just too long. So, on Monday, August 24 we came, lawn chairs in hand, to catch up with our AAUW friends at Yaman Park. We remained 6 feet apart, ate sub sandwiches, chips and cookies and learned how members had been spending their Covid-19 Pause time. Nine members attended.

It was wonderful to see faces again! We discussed the upcoming yard sale at length and the possibility of having another one or two outside meetings before the weather turns. We shared news of books and movies we have enjoyed over the past few months.

If you could not attend, please know we are thinking of you and hope you and your family are well. Let us know if you have a good book or jigsaw puzzle to share. Hope to see you all soon!



YARD SALE HELP NEEDED!

Our branch will host a yard sale fundraiser on
Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 to 3:00.

The sale will be in Sheila Cohen's corner yard at 209 Groton Ave. unless we find an open parking lot available to us (to ensure maximum social distancing). I will email out further details next week.



We need items to sell such as books, DVDs, decorative items, household furnishings, small working appliances. Please **NO CLOTHING** or large appliances or exercise equipment. PLEASE try to tag your items in advance if you feel it is worth over \$5.00. We are trying to keep it simple— all items are .50, \$1.00, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 etc. to reduce the need to give change. This is a fundraiser and we will encourage people to let us keep the change! I will send out info on dropping off items in next week's email.

All unsold items will be donated to the new Cortland ReUse Center or Thrifty Shopper (they give clothing vouchers to the YWCA Aid to Victims of Violence program clients).

Volunteers are also needed for set up, clean up and mid-day work shifts. Please let Sara know your availability by email or at 423-1011. **Masks and social distancing will be enforced.**

All proceeds from this sale will go to the Cortland Child Development Council for child care scholarships. These scholarships assist working mothers who might otherwise have to leave careers to care for their children. Our branch believes this is an important part of the AAUW mission of equity for women.

DUES are Due!

**Please send your check for \$85 made out to
AAUW Cortland to:**

**Mary Ellen Bloodgood, Treasurer
PO Box 124
Little York, NY 13087**

*Thank you for your loyalty and dedication to
the AAUW mission of equity for
women and girls.*



BRANCH MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14 at 5 pm** at Yaman Park. If it rains, we will use the white gazebo at the other side of the pond. Bring chairs and blankies if needed. Dinner and program details to follow. If the weather holds, we will meet on **Monday, October 5** outdoors as well. November and December will be announced. Our branch does not meet in January or February. We hope to be back to indoor regular meetings in March of 2021.

From the AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch:

We have watched with fascination this story unfold and we urge you to do the same. There is so much to this story and a favorite line is "Women were not GIVEN the vote in 1920 they TOOK IT!"

The Vote

Part I and Part II

PBS Series American Experience

Films

The Vote, a new four-hour, two-part historical documentary series, tells the dramatic story of the epic — and surprisingly unfamiliar — crusade waged by American women for the right to vote. Focusing primarily on the movement's militant and momentous final decade, the film charts American women's determined march to the ballot box, and illuminates the myriad social, political and cultural obstacles that stood in their path. *The Vote* delves deeply into the animating controversies that divided the nation in the early 20th century — gender, race, state's rights, and political power — and offers an absorbing lesson in the delicate, often fractious dynamics of social change. The series is composed of historical footage and commentary by current writers and historians.

The Vote is hard to find in the full length presentation so we have added the links on the homepage of our website — www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

