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NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING IS:

Monday, June 6, 2016

5:30 p.m. social time

6:00 p.m. dinner

**at the Sherman House,
Homer, NY**

COST is \$18

**Please RSVP to Sara Earl at
423-1011.**

BRANCH NEWS AND CHANGES

The June 6th meeting will be our last meeting of the 2015-16 AAUW year. It will be held at The Sherman House in Homer. The speaker will be Ms. Tamela Ray, Athletic Director of Auburn Schools, whose topic will be "The Importance of Athletics for Girls and Women."

Dues of \$75 are due at the June meeting.

The branch thanks Ellen Wright for her service as branch President.

Sheila Cohen was nominated and accepted as our branch President for the next year. The Board has met to go over the membership survey results and discuss ways to improve the meetings and organization of our branch.

In June, there will be a Planning Meeting, conducted by Program VP Jan Dempsey. The date for this will be decided at the June 6th meeting. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend as we move forward into the 2016-17 AAUW year.

AAUW SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Building Success with Smart Ideas: Focus on Programming and Leadership



Summer Leadership Conference

July 22-24, 2016

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY

- ALL AAUW members are invited!
- Subsidized by AAUW-NYS
- \$105 for the entire weekend (2 nights, 6 meals), \$110 for paper registration. DISCOUNTED FOR DAY TRIPS.
- Register at www.aauw-nys.org

Committee News

GERANIUM SALE FUNDRAISER

The distribution of Geraniums from our annual Geranium Sale was held on May 24th . We earned \$1332.80 this year! Our scholarship committee is meeting to determine where the scholarship will be given and the amount.

Thank you to all for selling geraniums, buying geraniums, and donating to the scholarship fund. Our committee chairs, Mary Roberts and Sara Earl would like to give special thanks to our

volunteers: Marcia Bulger, Jan Dempsey, Jane Richards, Marilyn DeLorenzo, Patty Pollak, Rita Alcorn, Ellen Wright, Kathy Jacobsen, and Sheila Cohen.



Tech Savvy Update

2016 Tech Savvy: A Big Success

Student and adult reactions to the conference were highly positive, a good reason to consider a conference in 2017.

Student Feedback

Some of the student comments on the Post Event Survey included the following:

"Overall, I really enjoyed myself, it was very professional and well organized"
"I loved my experiences with Tech Savvy :) (little heart drawing)"
"allow 10th graders"
"This day was awemazing. It was really fun."
"This was a great experience and I think that they should have more that are better publicized."
"(Student did a nice drawing of a thumbs up)"
"The hands on activities were very fun and the college savvy was very interesting and exciting."
"The experence was great. I am coming back next year. Thank you."
It was very fun and I would LOVE to do it again."
Cool! 10/10 :)"
"Tech Savvy is awesome!!:)"
"I think everyone did a really good job teaching us"
"Keep up the good work!" "It was really awesome, I am speechless! It's better than what I expected!"
"I loved it! Every teacher was enthusiastic and understanding."



Adult Feedback

Among adults, 19 rated the conference as "excellent"; 11 rated it "good." Would they return? Twenty three indicated they would, four indicated "not sure," and four noted their student was "not eligible." It was clear they appreciated the workshops on financial planning, STEM careers as well as ways to encourage girls in math and science.

Here are a few comments from the adults:

"Adult workshop session great line-up of topics. My daughter had a hard time choosing workshops - so many good topics."
"Girls being around other girls interested in academic things."
"The connections I made with other parents."
"Everyone was great. Thank you! :)"
"We had a wonderful experience. Loved it!"
"This was an incredible conference! Lots of ideas to support girls interested in STEM. The speakers were excellent & information helpful to me as a parent."
"Very inspiring. I think I got more out of this than my daughter (or maybe even)."
"Well organized. Thanks very much!"
"A wonderful day!! Great food. Great facility. Great people!"
"I felt it was more organized this year. Food and breakouts better."
"Thank you, my daughter loved it!"
"Expand for 10th and 11th graders."
"I don't think it needs to be so long."
"I think "2 day" event was mentioned :). So much info but I want more -- more opportunity for parent networking."
"I would like to learn more tactics and strategies to convey to my daughter about dealing with sexism in male-dominated workplaces & university cultures."
"Allow parents to participate or have same classes - for ideas and gain Knowledge on what our girls learned."

MEYER'S FLYERS

The recognition ceremony for the 2016 Meyer's Flyers was held on Saturday, May 7th at the YWCA. Committee chair Marilyn DeLorenzo and her committee members MaryAnn Gambitta, Rita Alcorn and Tracie Johnstone organized a beautiful ceremony to recognize these 5th grade students. The children were chosen by their teachers as hard workers who persevere in their education and make a positive contribution to their school society. These 11 students come from Homer Intermediate School, Parker, Barry, Virgil, Randall, Smith and McGraw Elementary Schools.

This year's recipients are: Karly Coit, Celia Craig, Jenna Henderson, Kylee Hewlett, Shantai Mitchell, Sophie Root, Cassidy Ryan, Calob Shauger, Marissa Stone, Brianna Strack, and Brynn Theriot

The AAUW pen pals are: Dawn Field, Sara Earl, Ellen Wright, Kathy Jacobsen, Marilyn DeLorenzo, Tracie Johnstone, Mary Roberts, Kathy Beardsley, Dottie Fowler, MaryAnn Gambitta and Jane Richards.

For the first time in its 4 years, the ceremony was covered, complete with photographs, in the Cortland Standard!!! Congratulations to our Myer's Flyers and thank you to our committee and volunteer pen pals.



Karly Coit, who was unable to attend the ceremony, was given her award in front of her school during Morning Program. She is here with her pen pal Dawn Field and MF Chair Marilyn DeLorenzo.



Congratulations to AAUW member **Mary Beilby** for being honored as ZONTA's Woman of Achievement 2016. Mary and her husband Al are also being honored by the YWCA for their contributions to the Cortland community. Mary has been an integral part of the League of Women Voters as well. The Beilbys have moved to Albany. They will certainly be missed. *Thank you, Mary, for your time as AAUW Cortland Public Policy VP.*

WATCH **FABLAB**, THE STEM LOVER'S FAVORITE NEW SHOW.

FabLabTV and AAUW- Know a future STEM star who just needs a little encouragement, but don't know where to start? AAUW and **FabLab** have you covered. This show supports girls' passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Tune in with the girls in your life to **FabLab**, a TV program that teaches and inspires girls in science, technology, engineering, and math. The show, which features AAUW as a collaborator, airs weekend mornings on your local Fox affiliate. **FabLab** is scouring the globe for mind-blowing new discoveries, inventions, and innovations that are making the world a better place. Check local listings. Each week, **FabLab** showcases fun science experiments and explores new stories of innovators in science and technology who are improving the world around them. That's why AAUW is proud to collaborate with **FabLab** on their awesome new series.

GIVE A GRAD A GIFT! (it's free)

As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like.

- **Identify the recent college or university graduates in your networks.** These recent graduates can be family, friends, neighbors, former students, friends of friends, you name it! You could even gift AAUW memberships to the entire graduating class of your local college or university. Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member.
- **Collect their information.** You'll need to know the mailing address, phone number, e-mail, and alma mater for each of these future AAUW members.

[Fill out our handy form!](#) Voilà! Welcome, new AAUW members. Hello, the future of AAUW.

It's a win-win situation — giving a grad the gift of AAUW membership is free for you and free for them. With a gift of a free, one-year AAUW membership, recent graduates will

- Join an empowering community of more than 170,000 AAUW members and supporters who are committed to fostering women's leadership and equity
- Expand their careers through leadership trainings, salary negotiation workshops, and fellowships and grants programs
- Enjoy access to resources, research, and programming to advocate for women and girls locally, nationally, and online
- Stay current on issues affecting women and girls as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook* magazine, Action Network alerts, and more
- Increase their buying power with access to member-only discounts.



Urge Your Representative to Cosponsor Legislation Supporting Parenting Students!

Parenting students need access to affordable child care. AAUW has long known how critical higher education is to the economic security of women, and workforce changes over the century have resulted in higher education becoming less of a luxury and more of a necessity. While many students struggle to make ends meet, parenting students have the additional concern of how to find and afford child care.

For many student parents the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program, which supports campus-based child care services, is a life saver. The CCAMPIS Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4681) would reauthorize and update the CCAMPIS program so that it can continue to support parenting students.

Take action by urging your representative to cosponsor the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4681)!

As AAUW's research explains, women make up the majority of students in all sectors of higher education. For example, more than 4 million women attend community colleges, which is more than the number of undergraduate women attending either public or private not-for-profit, four-year institutions. These 4 million women include more than 1 million mothers.

Finding and affording child care can make it challenging for parents to attend school. Research has found that in most states, average child care center fees for an infant are higher than a year's tuition and fees at a public college. Costs for child care put it out of reach for most student parents. Access to on-campus child care through the CCAMPIS program can make a difference for these parents. Unfortunately, less than half of the more than 1,000 community colleges in the United States offer on-campus child care for students.

The CCAMPIS Reauthorization Act would update the CCAMPIS program and require the Department of Education to work with stakeholders to strengthen oversight and data collection. In addition, it would direct the Department of Education to establish a plan for how to better serve and support the unique needs of the 4.8 million student parents in the U.S.