

April 19, 2023

The Bath Branch



Visit us at: <http://bath-ny.aauw.net>

Book Club:

Where: Hammondsport Library

When: Thursday April 20th at 12:30 pm

Book: "The Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michelle Richardson.

Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month.

--submitted by Sally Murphy

Next Meeting June 6th, 2023 :

Where: Community Room at the Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Center located at 47 Shethar Street, Hammondsport, NY

When: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 5:30 pm Social Hour; 6 pm Dinner

What: Our annual Scholarship Dinner will be catered this year for a cost of \$35.00 per person. The event will take place in the second floor Community Room which is handicapped accessible. An invitation will be forthcoming to make your reservations.

--submitted by Maryalice Kilburne

President's Message:

Springtime greetings to all our members! Thank you to everyone that gathered together for April's annual meeting, either on zoom or in person.

- I hope you all enjoy this edition of our Branch newsletter! There is lots to read and I thank **Wendy** for organizing our articles and publishing them for our members. Wendy will be stepping down from this position come August after eight (8) years of service. It is with sadness that we mark her departure but I know I speak for all that we so appreciate the beautiful newsletters she has created for our Branch. **Kudos to Wendy! We will miss your help!**
- Thank you to all members who voted in support of our slate of officers. We have the best members!
- There is not a May meeting but we are focusing on selling beautiful flowering baskets to support our **Educational Opportunity Fund!** The money we raise supports the scholarships we award as well as various educational opportunities for women and girls. Look for the poster in this newsletter with further details! The baskets are \$25.00 each and checks can be made out to the Educational Opportunity Fund. I know, not everyone, has a green thumb or a place to hang out a basket but perhaps you have a neighbor, a friend or a family member that would love one? The support of all our members is greatly appreciated!
- Thank you **Mary and Ann** for coordinating the fundraiser. Thank you both for organizing interviews with those seeking to be one of our scholarship winners. Jerine Faber and Marianne Furfure will be helping them with the interview process.
- Thank you to **Kristina** for organizing our Essay contest for local 5th grade girls! Thirteen essays were submitted by the end of March! Thank you to **Donna Ryan, Donna Noteware and Linda Haley** who will be reading the essays and selecting the top three! I'm looking forward to hearing the results.
- Don't miss the information about the **Scholarship Dinner** that will be coming up in June! Save the date because we hope to see you all there. We will celebrate our **70th anniversary as the Bath Branch of AAUW!**
- Sally shared information that **Margaret "Meg" Lowman, Ph.D.**, is the 2023 Walter R. Smith Visiting Scholar Series Speaker at Corning Community College . She is a renowned conservationist and native of Elmira, NY. The event will take place the evening of Tuesday April 25. It is free and open to the public but registration is required. Let's plan on carpooling!

- Check out our website. Our strategic plan and the newly revised bylaws can be found on the Officers page. The strategic plan is also part of this newsletter.
- Thank you to **Sally and Linda** for providing posts for our FaceBook page and information related to DEI for our website. As per our newly revised bylaws, we welcome **Bridget Steele** who will serve as our first Social Media Chairwoman.
- Thank you to **CW Turner** for sharing information about **Full STEAMH Ahead workshops**. There will be two sessions this summer @ SUNY Corning Community College. July 17-21, 2023 4th-5th grade girls; July 31st-August 4th, 2023 4th-5th grade girls. Please share this information! Contact CW to see how you could help out! Check out further information at the CCC website.
- A BIG Thank you goes out to **Amanda Herrick Smith, Carin Tobin and Michele Foster, Maryalice Kilbourne and Julie Kurtz**, who are all finishing their terms of office as board members. **Nancy Cole** is stepping down as Public Policy Chair. It's been fantastic having all these ladies, working on our behalf, and we thank them for their dedication, enthusiasm and service!! **Michele Foster** will be following Nancy in that role.
- Thank you to **Ann Stone and Michele Foster** for sharing and gathering information about **Girls on the Run of the Southern Tier**. Several area elementary schools participate in this spring program, meant to encourage and build confidence, kindness and decision-making skills with an emphasis on physical and emotional health. Our Bath and Hammondsport elementary schools are currently hosting this program, for instance. The 2023 5K Celebration will be held at the Bath Central School on June 4th. They are currently recruiting volunteers. Anyone can visit www.gotrst.org/5K to register to volunteer on June 4th. They have been offering this program since 2012. Check out their website for further information. Want to get involved?
- Thank you to **Paul Turner** for speaking with us at our April meeting. Paul has kindly allowed us access to his notes and you will find an attachment with this newsletter.

--submitted by Suzanne Curran, President

Strategic Plan for Our Branch:

Bath Branch AAUW Strategic Plan guided by AAUW's National Strategic Plan 2.0

March 2023

Mission Statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision: Equity for all.

Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Education & Training:

Champion equal access in education, emphasizing STEAMH and keeping in mind underrepresented groups of women and girls.

- Two annual scholarships, including a high school senior girl seeking a college education and the Martha E. Brown Scholarship awarded to a local woman returning to college.
- Investigate helping fund a summer camp/internship scholarship/ to a local girl(s) interested in a STEAMH program.
- Investigate how to pursue a strong connection with a local college.

- Investigate how to pursue a stronger connection with local agencies and businesses serving and hiring women. (For example, Corning Inc., Corning Museum of Glass)
- Investigate Girls on the Run Southern Tier and how we might sponsor a local girl(s).
- Consider offering a student membership.

Economic Security:

Champion pay equity.

- Stay informed about PowHerNY’s work to influence policymakers in NYS to secure equal pay and benefits for NY women.
- Promote knowledge of AAUW’s Work Smart Online opportunity for members.

Leadership:

Encourage women to pursue leadership pathways.

- Invite our scholarship winners to our annual summer picnic, giving us the opportunity to share and connect and remain in touch.
- Encourage emerging leaders in our Bath Branch to participate in Summer weekend workshops as offered by AAUW-NYS.
- Encourage and mentor members who volunteer for officer or chairwomen roles.

Governance & Sustainability:

Implement continuous improvement and best practices in governance, inclusion, and organizational functioning.

- Board develops and uses a strategic plan.
- Board develops and follows a succession plan.

--submitted by Suzanne Curran, President

Fund Raiser—Flower Sale:

Annual EOF Fundraiser

Our Mother’s Day Hanging Basket sale will take place on **Saturday, May 13th from 11-1** at the Pavilion behind the Hammondsport Firehall. The baskets will be \$25 each again this year with a goal of selling 175 baskets. **Baskets can be ordered by scanning the QR code on the flyer or by contacting Mary White at 607-368-3224.** When taking orders please get the person’s full name, phone number and email address.

Volunteers Needed

Please call Mary White to volunteer, 607-368-3224

1-2 trucks or SUV’s and 4-5 people to transport plants from Penn Yan to the Firehall on Saturday morning.

4-5 people to work collecting money at the Pavilion on Saturday from 11-1.

All members to sell baskets to their friends and family. Post on your social media, hang a flyer at places you frequent, contact your people that ordered last year. Remember, these baskets are not only a good deal, but they are benefitting education for women!

--submitted by Mary White

Hanging BASKET *Fundraiser*

\$25 each



10" Multi-colored hanging baskets available for order, with a pickup at the Hammondsport Fire Department Pavilion. 11am-1pm Saturday May 13th, 2023



AAUW EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

The Bath Branch of the American Association of University Women(AAUW) is putting on a fundraiser to benefit their Educational Opportunities Fund.

**Scan using
your phone's
camera app!**



This fund is used to benefit women furthering their education. We give out two scholarships every year, as well as helping benefit women's education in other ways.

**PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO THE LEFT
OR CONTACT MARY AT 607-368-3224 TO
ORDER!**

(above pictures are of actual baskets!)

Public Policy:

I was able to view most of the Webinar with five of the Women Presidents of New York State Colleges, sponsored by AAUW-NY. They chronicled their challenges with Covid: Students in varying stages of preparedness for college work; the fluidity of Faculty members: retirements, burn-out, flexibility in serving in different capacities, and the same with all the other members of their work community. I was immensely impressed with their buoyancy in the face of the obvious need for more Student support resources. Geneseo, for example, welcomed their incoming class, 27% of whom were 1st Gen college students. There was much conversation of working with the Communities in which they lived, finding new ways to incorporate all members with "their tribe" and with the Global World.

I came away with newfound appreciation for their willingness to collaborate, for their sisterhood of support and for their love and appreciation of MENTORS. Several of these women had worked with the same person at Onondaga Community College and spoke warmly and lovingly at the grace and skill with which she "schooled" them.

I was reminded that we are a privileged lot: we have been gifted with opportunities to learn skills which have served us beyond our beginnings. And, we are ALL Teachers and ALL Mentors with wonderful opportunities to shape the futures of our families, our children and our communities. Be Proud and go forth and serve!

--submitted by Nancy Cole, Chair of Public Policy

Minutes of April 4, 2023 Meeting:

**AAUW-Bath Branch
April 4, 2023 Meeting
Fred and Harriett Taylor Memorial Library
6:00 p.m.**

Paul Turner gave a presentation about Reducing Your Carbon Footprint as a Solar Panel and GeoThermal Customer.

CW Turner also spoke about STEAHM. The dates for the camp are July 17-21 and July 31-August 4. In the past 10 girls went for free because the Corning Branch of AAUW individually sponsored students.

They currently need money for bussing and they need volunteers.

President Curran called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

The minutes stand approved as is.

Presidents Report: Suzanne Curran

The board and I have been busy tidying up a few items that have been on our working agenda since last August. Thank you for the vote of approval of our bylaws last month. The 2016 version on our website has been deleted and the newly revised version has been put in its place. Look for it on the officer's page.

If you do check it out you will also find a copy of our Strategic Plan on the website that the board has approved. Linda, Sally and myself have been working on it and we are pleased that the board has given their approval. It gives us a handy written reference to help focus on our mission statement to guide our future programs, activities and meetings. Our plan has been guided by AAUW's National Strategic Plan 2.0. I will include a copy of it in the April newsletter.

One item, for instance, that we have been considering is offering a student membership to our scholarship winners. We want them to feel supported by the branch members and encourage them to become AAUW members. AAUW has a fee of \$18.81 for students but we can decide as a Branch how to pursue that. Technically, the students are not eligible to vote for AAUW National Officers.

We are also excited about the possibility of working with CW Turner and the Full STEAMH ahead summer program for emerging 4th and 5th grade girls.

Our website has been spruced up a bit, as well. A new page is called DEI. Sally and Linda are contributing timely items to keep us up-to-date and informed. Sally has done some wonderful slide shows for our Facebook page! If you haven't joined FB you can still view our posts by going to our website and clicking on our FB page!

In accordance with our newly revised and recently adopted bylaws, I am happy to say that Bridget Steele is our first official Social Media Chairwoman. The role has been off-board these past few years. Amanda Chafee helped us get things up and running a few years back and Bridget has succeeded her in that role. Sally Jacoby Murphy and Linda Haley will also continue in this coming year serving as DEI chairwomen.

Kristina Snavely has received 13 essays I believe that were submitted by 5th grade area girls. Donna Ryan, Donna Noteware and Linda Haley will be reading them over and selecting the top three for us.

And one last but not least item, AAUW NYS is encouraging us to join in a Zoom celebration of Women College Presidents on April 8th. Mark your calendar and sign up for the zoom link. They are very excited and pleased to be hosting this event!

Vote on the Slate of Officers for the 23-24 FY

On a motion made by Ruth Barry, seconded by Michele Foster and carried, all voting Aye to approve the following slate of Officers for the 23-24 FY:

President Elect:	Sally Jacoby Murphy
Treasurer:	Juanita Rosenbloom
EOF:	Ann Stone
Programs:	Lisa Herrick and Linda Haley
Membership:	Amanda Herrick Smith
Action Fund:	Bonnie Taggart
Nominating Committee:	Marianne Furfure

Treasurer: Amanda Herrick Smith

The March beginning balance was \$2,813.19

The March ending balance was \$2,783.58

There was one transaction of \$29.61 to reimburse for postage to send out the bylaws.

Budget Draft:

Category Description	DRAFT 2023-2024 Budget			Budget Notes:	2022 - 2023		
	Budget 23-24	Actual 23-24			Budget 22-23	Actual 22-23	Difference
As of 3/13/23							
INCOME							
Branch Dues	\$ 650.00	\$ -	50 @ \$13 ea.		\$ 650.00	\$ 611.00	\$ (39.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 650.00	\$ -			\$ 650.00	\$ 611.00	\$ (39.00)
EXPENSES							
Directories	\$ 70.00		Increase \$10	Directories	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ (60.00)
Essay Winner Gift(s)	\$ 75.00		Separated Out	Essay Winner Dinner and Gift(s)	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Essay Winner Dinner 3 People @ \$50 Each	\$ 150.00		Separated Out	N/A			
Scholarship Dinner Appetizers	\$ 100.00		Separated Out	N/A			
Scholarship Dinner Programs	\$ 20.00		Added	N/A			
Fees for delegates to Convention	\$ 135.00		Same	Fees for delegates to Convention	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ (135.00)
General Liability Insurance**	\$ 110.00	\$ -	Same	General Liability Insurance**	\$ 110.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (10.00)
Memorials	\$ 40.00		Increased \$5	Memorials	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ (35.00)
Postage	\$ 10.00		Added	N/A			
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ -	Same	Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 79.61	\$ 29.61
Programs	\$ 250.00	\$ -	Increased \$150	Programs	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Summer Leadership Conference	\$ 50.00		Same	Summer Leadership Conference	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Website Maintenance	\$ 120.00		Same	Website Maintenance	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ (120.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,180.00	\$ -			\$ 960.00	\$ 279.61	\$ (680.39)
at Income and Expenses:	\$ (530.00)	\$ -			\$ (310.00)	\$ 331.39	\$ 641.39

**Split between the 2 AAUW accounts - Half of Liability insurance amount is represented

Note: The 2023-2024 budget is showing a deficit; however, given the healthy account balance of over \$2,700, the account can sustain such a deficit for many years.

As of 3/13/202

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Maryalice Kilbourne/Julie Kurtz

Nothing to report

Membership: Carin Tobin

Nothing to report

EOF Co-Vice Presidents: Ann Stone/Mary White May 13th Fundraiser

There is \$1,614.04 in the account

The fundraiser will be selling flower baskets and the price will be \$25, the same as last year. We will purchase a few extra baskets to sell on May 13. Make sure everyone posts about the fundraiser on their personal social media page.

There are 6 applications for scholarships for Seniors and one for an Adult.

Public Policy Chair: Nancy Cole

It's always chaotic in a democracy. Just remember to love one another. Nancy Cole will be stepping down as Chair and Michele Foster will become the Chair.

Diversity Co-Chairs: Linda Haley/Sally Jacoby Murphy

March is **Women's History Month** and will also highlight Autistic women. There will be a post about this on Facebook.

Bylaws: Marianne Furfure

Nothing to report

Book Club: Sally Jacoby Murphy

Book club will be held on the April 20, 2023. The book is Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson.

Old Business: Book purchase in memory of Willie Bilancio

The book "Using Antiques in your Home Décor" has been purchased in memory of Willie Bilancio

Scholarship Dinner Venue and Caterer June 6th

\$35 per person was agreed upon by the group. The upstairs room in the Chamber Building may be a good room for us to use. The group will purchase a cake for dessert to honor AAUW's Anniversary.

New Business:

Girls on the Run

Volunteers are needed on June 4, the day of the Girls on the run 5k. The past director could be a speaker for us.

Announcements:

Meg Lowman, CCC visiting scholars series is Tuesday, April 25; Fund for Women Fundraiser with Guest Speaker Eileen Collins is Tuesday, June 13.

Jerine Faber spoke with Suzanne Scott, she is doing well and says hello to everyone.

Elfie Tompkins spoke about the AAUW scrapbook, she encouraged everyone to go through it.

With no further business, on a motion made by Marianne Furfure, seconded by Terry Underhill and carried, all voting Aye to close the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

--submitted by Deanna Tompkins, Secretary

Treasurer's report:

No activity on the account since the last report at end of March.

Treasurer's reports as of April 4, 2023



AAUW Bath Branch
Deposits and Withdrawals
For Period: 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

Date	Category	Withdrawal	Deposits	Balance	Notes
6/30/2022	Deposit Dues		\$ 1,492.00	\$ 3,941.51	Dues - 17 @ \$87 and 1 at \$13
6/30/2022	Deposit Dues		\$ 368.00	\$ 4,309.51	Dues - 4 @ \$87 and \$20 donation toward essay winners dinners
7/1/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 1,554.00		\$ 2,755.51	Dues to National \$67 and NYS \$7 = \$74 @ 21
7/5/2022	Deposit Dues		\$ 87.00	\$ 2,842.51	Dues
7/6/2022	Deposit Dues		\$ 87.00	\$ 2,929.51	Dues
7/6/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 74.00		\$ 2,855.51	Dues to National and NYS
7/7/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 74.00		\$ 2,781.51	Dues to National and NYS
7/13/2022	Dues - Local Dues Paid Online		\$ 26.00	\$ 2,807.51	Dues - Local - 2 Members (ALHS and Taggart)
7/27/2022	Dues - Local Dues Paid Online		\$ 13.00	\$ 2,820.51	Dues - Local - 1 Member (Curran)
8/3/2022	Deposit - Dues		\$ 522.00	\$ 3,342.51	Dues - 6 @ \$87
8/4/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 87.00		\$ 3,255.51	Dues - New Member Paid to Bath Branch Submitted Online. Local dues to be returned.
8/4/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 370.00		\$ 2,885.51	Dues to National and NYS = 5
8/10/2022	Check 2238 - Fred & Harriett Lib	\$ 20.00		\$ 2,865.51	Check to Library for Printing of booklets for essay winner dinners
8/15/2022	Deposit - Dues		\$ 174.00	\$ 3,039.51	Dues - 2 members
8/15/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 148.00		\$ 2,891.51	Dues to National and NYS = 2
8/22/2022	Deposit - Dues		\$ 87.00	\$ 2,978.51	Dues - 1 Member
8/23/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 74.00		\$ 2,904.51	Dues to National and NYS = 1
8/31/2022	Deposit - Local Dues Paid Online		\$ 13.00	\$ 2,917.51	Dues - Local - 1 Member
9/13/2022	Deposit - Dues		\$ 435.00	\$ 3,352.51	Dues - 5 Member
9/14/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 383.00		\$ 2,969.51	Dues to National and NYS = 4
9/28/2022	Deposit - Local Dues Only		\$ 13.00	\$ 2,982.51	Dues - Local only - Ruth Barry
9/30/2022	Deposit - Local Dues Paid Online		\$ 26.00	\$ 3,008.51	Dues - Local 2 Members
10/3/2022	Deposit - Check Deposit		\$ 87.00	\$ 3,095.51	Dues - 1 Member
10/4/2022	Dues - National and NYS	\$ 74.00		\$ 3,021.51	Dues - National and NYS = 1
10/28/2022	Dues - Local Dues Paid Online		\$ 26.00	\$ 3,047.51	Dues - Local 2 Members
11/9/2022	Boating Museum	\$ 150.00		\$ 2,897.51	November Dinner Event Space Check 2240
12/8/2022	Timberstone Grill	\$ 787.32		\$ 2,110.19	Holiday Dinner Bill Check 2241
12/14/2022	AHT Insurance	\$ 200.00		\$ 1,910.19	Liability Insurance Check 2242
12/15/2022	AAUW Fellowship Fund		\$ 100.00	\$ 2,010.19	Check 1174 for half of liability insurance
12/15/2022	Deposit - Checks for Holiday Dinner		\$ 207.00	\$ 2,217.19	Member checks for holiday dinner
12/15/2022	Deposit - Cash for Holiday Dinner		\$ 583.00	\$ 2,800.19	Member cash for holiday dinner
2/28/2023	Deposit - Local Dues Only		\$ 13.00	\$ 2,813.19	Dues - 1 Member paid Online
3/13/2023	Check 2243 - Postage	\$ 29.61		\$ 2,783.58	Reimb to Wendy - Postage for By-Law Notification mailing

As of 4/4/2023

March Highlights

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Approved Budget
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--submitted by Amanda Herrick Smith, Treasurer

Note from the Publisher:

It has been my honor and pleasure to have served in the capacity of Chair of Communications and in that capacity to have been the Publisher of the AAUW Bath Branch's Newsletter for the last eight (8) years. After that long, it is time to pass the honor and responsibility to someone new. I will continue to serve through this summer and the August newsletter will be my last. Thank you all for your kind words of appreciation and your cooperation in getting the information and articles to me for inclusion in each issue. And for giving me an outlet to share my photos!

--Wendy Lee Gould, Chair of Communications



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