

*August 28, 2023*

## *The Bath Branch*

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*The Gift of Summer . . .*

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### *Next Meeting:*

**Where:** Hammondsport Public Library

**When:** Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 pm

**What:** The program for our first meeting of the year is a viewing of the film, *Call Jane*.

*Call Jane*, premiered at Sundance Film Festival in 2022. The film tells the story of Joy (Elizabeth Banks), a housewife in the 1960s who faces an unexpected pregnancy. This is wonderful news until Joy is diagnosed with a heart condition, and the pregnancy poses a threat

to her life. The all-male hospital board votes unanimously against the therapeutic termination of Joy's pregnancy, the only way to save her life. Joy has nowhere to turn until she stumbles upon the Janes, an underground group of ordinary women united by Virginia (Sigourney Weaver), who risk everything to provide people like Joy with choices. They save Joy's life and give her a burning sense of purpose: to help other women take control of their destinies.

*Call Jane* has found its release to be unexpectedly timely, as the abortion debate has been reignited in the United States in the past year. The issue has been front and center on many people's minds.

The film runs 122 min.

*--submitted by Program co-chairs Linda Haley and Lisa Herrick*

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### *President's Message:*

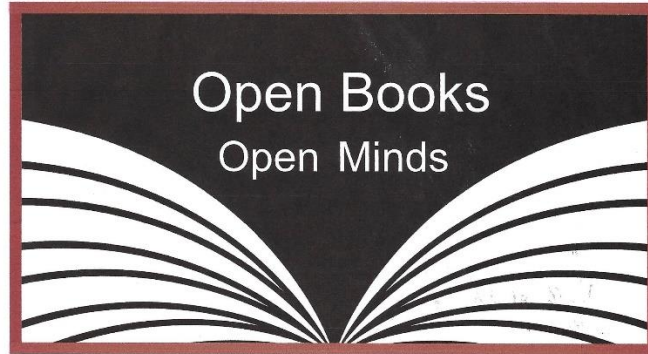
Summer greetings to all! I'm looking forward to our new year together! Please feel free to bring a guest with you to any of our events, meetings or to hear a particular program.

Thank you to Terry Underhill for hosting our Summer Picnic on August 1st. It was a lovely evening at her place on Keuka Lake and 21 of us enjoyed a casual get together with time to dine and chat and enjoy one another's company.

Barbara Gregor, Martha Treichler's daughter sends word that Martha, a member of our Bath Branch since 1980, and a former president of our Bath Branch, sends her regards to all her AAUW friends. If a member wishes to contact her, please call her at 607-569-2382 or write her at 7988 Van Amburg Road, Hammondsport, NY 14840.

Timely news from the Ithaca Branch: How about carpooling?

**A Public Panel on Book Banning**



→ **September 23, 2023** ←  
10 am to 12 pm

Tompkins County Public Library  
101 East Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

**“Banning books is just another form of bullying.  
It’s all about fear and an assumption of power.  
The key is to address the fear and deny the power.”**

James Howe, Oneida, NY author of the renowned *Bunnicula* series,  
winner of more than ten Children’s Choice awards.

For more information contact Kim Edgar, [kimberlysedgar@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlysedgar@gmail.com)

Presented by  Ithaca Branch  
American Association of University Women  
Co-Sponsored by TCPL

--Submitted by Suzanne Curran, President

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## *UN International Day of Charity:*



### September 5<sup>th</sup>, the day of our first meeting this year, is the **United Nations International Day of Charity**

The International Day of Charity was established with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.



The date of 5 September was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace."

Mother Teresa, the renowned nun and missionary, was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910. In 1928, she went to India, where she devoted herself to helping the destitute. In 1948, she became an Indian citizen and founded the order of Missionaries of Charity in Kolkota (Calcutta) in 1950, which became noted for its work among the poor and the dying in that city.

For over 45 years she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first in India and then in other countries, including hospices and homes for the poorest and homeless. Mother Teresa's work has been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world and she has received a number of awards and distinctions, including the Nobel Peace Prize. Mother Teresa died on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1997, at 87 years of age.

In recognition of the role of charity in alleviating humanitarian crises and human suffering within and among nations, as well as of the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa, the General Assembly of the United Nations in its [resolution A/RES/67/105](#) designated the 5th of September, the anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa, as the International Day of Charity. From the United Nations Website <https://www.un.org/en/observances/charity-day>

*--Submitted by DEI co-chairs Linda Haley and Sally Jacoby Murphy*

## September is National Guide Dog Month



All of us deserve to move through our world safely and confidently.

In honor of National Guide Dog Month, Guide Dogs for the Blind suggests some things you can do from home or in your daily life to create more inclusive communities for guide dog users and people who are blind or visually impaired. Because when everyone is empowered to participate, our communities are stronger.

From Guide Dogs for the Blind website <https://www.guidedogs.com/blog/national-guide-dog-month>

*--Submitted by DEI co-chairs Linda Haley and Sally Jacoby Murphy*

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## *Public Policy:*

Tell Congress: Affirm the Equal Rights Amendment!

It has been 100 years since the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first introduced in Congress. While the advancement of women's equality has continued incrementally through patchwork legislation and court decisions, we have seen in the past year how women's equality under law can be changed or even revoked at the whim of legislators and judges.

In July 2023, a new joint resolution **ERA Now (H.J. Res. 82)** was introduced in Congress to affirm the ERA and direct the Archivist of the United States to certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

*Become a two minute activist!* Click the link below to send an email or text to our legislators. It's so easy and it's written for us.

<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/era/>

*--Submitted by Public Policy Chair, Michele Foster*

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## *Treasurer's report:*

If you haven't paid your membership dues (due 6/30/2023), you can pay your dues online: [https://my.aauw.org/NC\\_Login](https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login)

or make the check payable to: AAUW Bath Branch for \$92 and mail it to the following address:

Amanda L. Herrick Smith  
7705 County Route 13  
Bath, NY 14810

# Treasurer's report as of June 30, 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
5/18/2023	Check 2245 - Placemats	\$ 21.55		\$ 2,762.03	Reimb Jerine for Placemats for scholarship dinner
5/19/2023	Check 2244 - Memorial Book	\$ 40.00		\$ 2,722.03	Reimb Carin Tobin memorial book
5/30/2023	Deposit - Local Dues Only		\$ 13.00	\$ 2,735.03	Dues - 1 Member paid Online (2023-2024)
6/9/2023	Check 2247 - Timberstone	\$ 1,155.00		\$ 1,580.03	Scholarship dinner 37 @ \$35 each + cash from EOF of \$140. Total to Timberstone \$1,295. 37 people at \$35 each. 2 dinners for essay winners covered by AAUW bank account.
6/15/2023	Check 2246 - Essay winners	\$ 75.00		\$ 1,505.03	Reimb to Kristina Snavelly for gift cards for essay winners
6/16/2023	Check 2245 - Hammondspport Chamber	\$ 80.00		\$ 1,425.03	Hammondspport Chamber for event space - Scholarship dinner
6/29/2023	Deposit - Local Dues Only		\$ 13.00	\$ 1,438.03	Dues - 1 Member paid online (2023-2024)

As of 6/30/2023

**June Highlights**

The beginning balance in June was \$2,735.03 and ending balance as of June 30 it was \$1,438.03. During the period we had total expenses of \$1,310. \$1,155 to Timberstone for the scholarship dinner, \$75 for essay winner gift cards, and \$80 for event space for the scholarship dinner. We received \$13 for Bath Branch dues that were paid online.

**AAUW Bath Branch  
Approved Budget  
For Period: 7/1/2022- 6/30/2023**

Category Description	Actual		Budget Notes:	2021 - 2022		
	Budget 22-23	Actual 22-23		Budget 21-22	Actual 21-22	Difference
<b>INCOME</b>						
Branch Dues	\$ 650.00	\$ 611.00	50 @ \$13 ea.	\$ 650.00	\$ 637.00	\$ (13.00)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 650.00</b>	<b>\$ 611.00</b>		<b>\$ 650.00</b>	<b>\$ 637.00</b>	<b>\$ (13.00)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Directories	\$ 60.00	\$ -	Same	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ (60.00)
Essay Winner Dinner and Gift(s)	\$ 300.00	\$ 225.00	Increased	\$ 220.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 25.00
Fees for delegates to Convention	\$ 135.00	\$ -	Same	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ (135.00)
General Liability Insurance**	\$ 110.00	\$ 100.00	Same	\$ 110.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (10.00)
Memorials	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	Same	\$ 35.00	\$ 26.66	\$ (8.34)
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 101.16	Same	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ (30.00)
Programs	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	Same	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Summer Leadership Conference	\$ 50.00	\$ -	Same	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Website Maintenance	\$ 120.00	\$ -	Same	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ (120.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 960.00</b>	<b>\$ 566.16</b>		<b>\$ 880.00</b>	<b>\$ 391.66</b>	<b>\$ (488.34)</b>
<b>Net Income and Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ (310.00)</b>	<b>\$ 44.84</b>		<b>\$ (230.00)</b>	<b>\$ 245.34</b>	<b>\$ 475.34</b>

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

Note: The 2022-2023 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.

*--submitted by Amanda Herrick Smith, Treasurer*



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## *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 Snavelly 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:**

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<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Directories	\$ 70.00		Increase \$10	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ (60.00)
Essay Winner Gift(s)	\$ 75.00		Separated Out	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Essay Winner Dinner 3 People @ \$50 Each	\$ 150.00		Separated Out			
Scholarship Dinner Appetizers	\$ 100.00		Separated Out			
Scholarship Dinner Programs	\$ 20.00		Added			
Fees for delegates to Convention	\$ 135.00		Same	\$ 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)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,180.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>\$ 960.00</b>	<b>\$ 279.61</b>	<b>\$ (680.39)</b>
<b>at Income and Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ (530.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>\$ (310.00)</b>	<b>\$ 331.39</b>	<b>\$ 641.39</b>

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>**

\$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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deanna Tompkins, Secretary

*--submitted by Deanna Tompkins, Secretary*

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***New Publisher(s) coming next month:***

We are delighted to announce that Bridget Steele and Ann Stone will be taking over the publishing of the "Bath Branch" Newsletter commencing with the September 2023 issue. Thank you Bridget and Ann for taking on this responsibility!

*--submitted by Wendy Lee Gould & Suzanne Curran*



*... The Promise of Autumn*

*The Bath Branch AAUW Newsletter-----Published by Wendy Lee Gould*