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### Local Events:

- HCS Homecoming Parade, Sept. 29th, @5:30pm
- Library Fundraiser, September 30th

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### Next Meeting:

October 3, 2023 at 5:30pm

Bath Haverling Library

### 90 Minute N.E.A.R. Training

by Michele Foster,  
Public Policy Chair

*N.E.A.R. science is a cluster of science that stands for Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Resilience. This cluster gives us a more whole picture of the experiences over the life course and over generations.*

**\*\*The best place to park will be the back parking lot behind the High School wing by using Robie Street near the sports field. From that Parking Lot it is a very short walk to the closest entrance to the library.\*\***

### Women in the News:

- Navy Admiral Lisa Franchetti is serving as acting chief of naval operations while they work to confirm her, if she is appointed she will be the first woman to serve on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- The UN agenda this past month discussed Generation Equality. Generation Equality is the world's leading initiative to boost investment and implementation of gender equality

# President's Message

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**From the desk of Suzanne Curran.**

## **Greetings Bath Branch Members!**

Happy fall and happy 2023-2024 New Year to all! Thank you for continuing your membership in our Bath Branch. Sally and I will publish our annual directory of programs and membership once renewals have all been processed. Keep in mind that our meetings and programs are open to the public so feel free to invite a friend, family member or neighbor to one of our upcoming get-togethers.

The board has been busy discussing plans for this new year. Program, DEI and Public Policy vice-presidents and chairwomen have been lining up dates, engaging speakers and lining up events for us. We hope to see you all soon!

## **Save the Date!** **October 5th, 2024**

Oct. 5th, 2024, 2:00pm: Barb Murphy, a playwright from Rochester, will be bringing her 3 women show, "At 70," to our area as an AAUW fundraiser.

The venue and the logistics are still being worked out so keep checking your monthly newsletter for updates.

Any questions please feel free to contact me at 607-329-3685.

*-Jerine Faber*

# Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Brought to you by: DEI Co-Chairs Linda Haley and Sally Jacoby Murphy

## LGBT History Month 2023



## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



## National Indigenous Peoples Day

Monday, October 9, 2023 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is a day to honor the cultures and histories of the Native American people. Indigenous Peoples Day celebrates, recognizes, and honors the beautiful traditions and cultures of Indigenous People. Their way of life and culture carries wisdom and valuable insights into how we can live life more sustainably.

Our homes, businesses and schools in Steuben County exist on land that was once the territory of Seneca people. The Seneca Nation was the western most nation of the Iroquois League, prior to the American Revolutionary War.

## LGBT HISTORY MONTH 2023 ICONS

**MARIN ALSOP**  
Trailblazing Conductor

**CHASTEN BUTTIGIEG**  
LGBT Activist

**MADELINE DAVIS**  
LGBT Activist & Historian

**ELANA DYKEWOMON**  
Author & Activist

**TESSA GANSERER**  
Transgender German Politician

**ROXANE GAY**  
Best-Selling Author

**LESLEY GORE**  
Singer & Composer

**MISS MAJOR GRIFFIN-GRACY**  
Transgender Activist

**BRITTNEY GRINER**  
WNBA Superstar

**MAURA HEALEY**  
Governor of Massachusetts

**JAZMINE HUGHES**  
Writer & Editor

**EDDIE IZZARD**  
British Comedian & Actor

**MICHAEL R. JACKSON**  
Pulitzer-Winning Playwright

**LESLIE JORDAN**  
Actor & Comedian

**TINA KOTEK**  
Governor of Oregon

**MARIJANE MEAKER**  
Pulp Fiction Pioneer

**SCOTT MINERD**  
Wall Street Innovator

**RYAN MURPHY**  
Writer, Director & Producer

**CARL NASSIB**  
First Out Active NFL Player

**STU RASMUSSEN**  
First Out Transgender Mayor

**ALLEN SCHINDLER JR.**  
Slain Naval Officer

**CHARLES SILVERSTEIN**  
Psychologist & LGBT Activist

**ANDREW SOLOMON**  
Award-Winning Writer

**MICHAEL STIPE**  
Rock Star

**KARA SWISHER**  
Tech Journalist & Podcaster

**ANDRÉ LEON TALLEY**  
Fashion Journalist

**DORIS TAYLOR**  
Cutting-Edge Medical Scientist

**EVELYN THOMAS**  
U.S. Military Activist

**MPHO TUTU VAN FURTH**  
South African Anglican Priest

**SAMIRA WILEY**  
Emmy-Winning Actor

**PENNY WONG**  
Australian Foreign Minister

## For more information on LGBT History Month

[Click Here](#)

or go to

<https://www.lgbthistorymonth.com>

# Minutes of September 5, 2023 Meeting

## Secretary-Deanna Tompkins

*AAUW-Bath Branch*

*September 5, 2023*

*Fred and Harriett Taylor Memorial Library- Hammondsport, NY*

President Suzanne Curran opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

President Curran introduced Linda Haley's guest, Deborah Sharp and AAUW's newest member, Donnasue Kerrick

### Approval of April Minutes

On a motion by Juanita Rosenbloom, seconded by Mary White and carried, all voting Aye to approve the April minutes.

### Summary of Accounts for 2022

On a motion made by Terry Underhill, seconded by Linda Haley and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Summary of Accounts for 2022 that Amanda Herrick Smith prepared.

Terry Underhill will audit the books. Amanda Herrick Smith reported we have 44 paid members.

### Newsletter

Anne Stone and Bridget Steele are now in charge of the newsletter. Everything needs to be in to Anne and Bridget by the 15th of every month. They would like the board to submit a picture and a fun fact about themselves.

### Play Announcement

Jerine Faber reported that Barbara Murphy the playwright wrote a play called "At 70". AAUW could host the play and use it as a fundraising opportunity. It is one hour and 20 minutes in length. The play would start at 2 pm, we are possibly looking at the date of October 5, 2024. Jerine and Bonnie Taggart are looking at venues. As soon as there is more info the group will be informed.

### Programs

Linda Haley and Lisa Herrick announced that the next meeting will be October 3rd at the Bath High School Library. Michele Foster will be doing a 90 minute training called N.E.A.R.

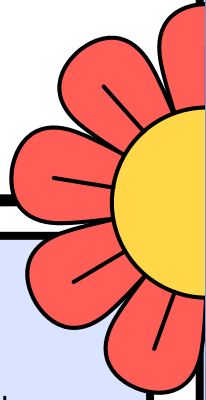
November's meeting will be at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum on a Sunday.

Decembers meeting will be our Holiday Party at St. James Church in Hammondsport.

The group watched the Movie "Call Jane".

The movie is set in the late 1960s, a pregnant housewife finds out she has a potentially life threatening illness, and the only treatment is to have an abortion. Declined by the hospital board of directors, she sets out to find an alternative to hospital treatment. Upon finding a group who offer services to facilitate illegal abortions, she then gets more involved in the service, "Call Jane."

# MEET SOME OF YOUR AAUW BOARD



**Suzanne Curran**  
**President**

My first job after getting my Masters in Library Science from Geneseo was in the Peace Corps. I served as a librarian in the University System at Juiz de Fora, Brazil, 1977-1979.



**Bonnie Taggart**  
**Action Fund Chair**

I LOVE the New York State Fair!!  
I grew up on a dairy farm and was a 4-H member as a kid, so maybe that explains it. There are so many things to see—horses, pigs, sheep, cows and llamas, depending on the day you visit. Also exhibits of quilts, photography, and State Police demonstrations and of course the famous 25 cent glass of ice cold chocolate milk and one dollar yummy baked potato with butter AND sour cream. Not to mention the butter sculpture!  
I've only been there on a day trip, but my dream is to someday go for the full 10 days and enjoy all the exhibits and musical performances and eat my way through all kinds of deep fried foods!!



**Linda Haley**  
**Program Co-Chair**  
**DEI Co-Chair**

As a kid I went to a Beatles concert at Shea Stadium with my girlfriends.



**Mary White**  
**Co-Vice President**  
**Educational Opportunity Fund**

I am learning rudimentary Italian for an upcoming trip

## Thank you!

We want to sincerely thank Wendy Gould for her many years spent publishing the "Bath Branch" newsletter and all of the beautiful photographs she shared with us over the years. Best wishes, Wendy!  
-Bridget Steele & Annie Stone

Check back next newsletter for some more fun facts! **pg. 5**