



American Association
of University Women



BATH BRANCH

**MARCH
2024**

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April 2024 Business Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 2 at 5:30pm**. We are meeting at the home of Sally Jacoby Murphy at 10312 State Rt. 53 Prattsburgh, NY 14873. We will have a little fun, conduct branch business and vote, and celebrate Sally and Sarah's coming twins. They are expecting a boy and a girl. At the conclusion of our business meeting, let's shower Sally and Sarah with a favorite children's book (or two!!).

-Program co-chairs Linda Haley and Lisa Herrick

May: Our annual flowering baskets sale to benefit EOF is on Saturday, May 11. Please save this date and come to help. Baskets are ordered ahead of time. Pick up is at the Hammondsport Fire Station parking area and pavilion.

June: Our annual scholarship dinner is on Tuesday, June 4th at the Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce, 47 Shethar Street at 5:30pm. Our dinner will again be catered by Jeff Yaniak and his staff at the Timberstone Grill.

Women in the News:

Why the NCAA Women's Tournament is Generating More Excitement Than the Men's by Susan M. Shaw, Women & Gender Studies Professor at Oregon State University: "TV ratings for women's games are also soaring, seeing a 60% increase across the 2023-24 season. In fact, the ratings on FOX have on average been higher for women's games than men's. ESPN's College Game Day aired at more women's basketball games than ever in a season, and ESPN just inked a deal with the NCAA for 8 years, worth \$920 million, for the rights to women's March Madness and other collegiate championships."

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/susanmshaw/2024/03/21/ncaa-mbb-may-garner-more-views-but-wbb-is-generating-more-excitement/?sh=1e19565d6dc1>



President's Message

From the desk of Suzanne Curran.

Can you believe that the month of March has arrived?? Yet here it is! Happy Women's History Month!!

***I am very pleased to congratulate all our Bath Branch members! As of February 29th our Bath Branch is listed on the AAUW National website as a Three Star Branch! Every year branches are rewarded for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and initiatives that foster the mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls.

Five NYS Branches were recognized for FY23. The Fairport Area Branch received 1*. Ithaca, Oswego and Poughkeepsie, Inc. Branches received 2**. Our Bath Branch was the only NYS Branch to receive 3***!!

For a little history on this endeavor you might remember that a couple years back, I believe in April of 2022, at the Hammondsport Public Library, our Branch took a look at the criteria for the Five-Star National Recognition Program. Jerine and Bonnie had us divide up into groups to review the criteria. Based on the feedback generated that evening our executive board got together that summer and hammered out a plan to move forward.

Linda, Sally and myself worked on a strategic plan for our Branch.

Marianne and Wendy began amending our bylaws to reflect best practices. Those bylaws changes were voted on and approved in April of 23.

Maryalice and Julie along with Sally and Linda (DEI co-chairs) and Nancy Cole (public policy chair) planned for informational and entertaining meetings and programs that align, as much as possible, with our AAUW mission statement.

Bonnie, Linda, Sally and I answered the Impact survey this past January in regards to our Branch's activities, posts and programs for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

On February 29th in the Membership Matters email there was an announcement that the AAUW 5 star program web page has been updated to include the names of the branches across the country to reach their goals!

Check us out by visiting the National website and you will see all the Awardees for FY23! We could not have accomplished this without your dedication and support!!!*** Thank you and Congratulations!!!***

*There is no social-change fairy.
There is only change made by the hands of individuals.*
-Winona LaDuke

In the early 1900s, the women's suffrage movement used yellow roses to show support for women's right to vote while anti-suffragists wore red roses to indicate their opposition to the passage of the 19th constitutional amendment. In November this year in New York State the Equal Rights Amendment will be on the ballot. To promote its ratification AAUW NYS is urging members to become informed, share information with friends and family about the amendment, and to wear yellow roses to show support for its passage. We have knitted yellow roses for all members who would like one! I also have the very easy pattern to share.

The President of NOW New York, Carol Maloney, a retired Congresswoman, has spearheaded a petition to get the National ERA passed. Please check out this link: sign4era.org and share with friends and family.



When five of us visited the Women's Rights National Park this past Saturday, March 9th, one of the things I learned was that in 1923, on the 75th anniversary of the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, Alice Paul announced that she would be working for a new constitutional amendment, one she authored and initially called the "Lucretia Mott Amendment." This was three years after the ratification of the 19th amendment. It was introduced in Congress the same year.



I am recommending a book by Heather Cox Richardson. Her latest book is titled *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*. She is an American historian and her book is easily read and an easy to understand book with perspectives on the nature of our political agendas. As we all look towards the upcoming November general election and try to make sense of it all, Dr. Richardson's book is marvelous at providing a historical perspective on our current political environment. She is the author of a daily email letter, *Letters from an American*, as well. Check her out, sign up for her free newsletter, read and recommend her book!

Slate of Officers 24-25!

The slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year will be voted on at our April 2, 2024 Annual Meeting.

There can also be nominations from the floor.

Nomination of Officers: The proposed slate of officers for 2024-25

Co-Presidents: Sally Jacoby-Murphy and Ruth Barry

Educational Opportunity Fund Vice President: Joan Rogerson

President Elect: Deanna Tompkins

Secretary: Elfie Tompkins

Nominating Committee for 2025: Mary White and Carin Tobin

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Our 2024-2025 Approved Budget

Category Description	2024-2025 Budget		Budget Notes:
	Budget 24-25	Actual 24-25	
INCOME			
Branch Dues	\$ 650.00	\$ -	50 @ \$13 ea.
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 650.00	\$ -	
EXPENSES			
Directories	\$ 70.00		Same
Essay Winner Gift(s)	\$ 75.00		Same
Essay Winner Dinner 3 People @ \$50 Each	\$ 150.00		Same
Scholarship Dinner Appetizers	\$ 100.00		Same
Scholarship Dinner Programs	\$ 20.00		Same
Fees for delegates to Convention	\$ 135.00		Same
General Liability Insurance*	\$ 110.00		Same
Memorials	\$ 40.00		Same
Postage	\$ 10.00		Same
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		Same
Programs	\$ 250.00		Same
Summer Leadership Conference	\$ 50.00		Same
Website Maintenance	\$ 120.00		Same
Play	\$ 250.00		Added
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,430.00	\$ -	
Net Income and Expenses:	\$ (780.00)	\$ -	

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

Note: The 2024-2025 budget is showing a deficit; however, given the healthy account balance of over \$2,870, the account can sustain such a deficit for many years.

-Submitted by Treasurer Juanita Rosenbloom

DEI Newsletter

**Celebrate Women's
History Month!**

**Celebrate Women's
Achievements!**

**20 books that
are essential
reading for
Women's
History Month**

**By Lesley Kennedy, CNN
Underscored**

<https://www.cnn.com/cnn-underscored/home/womens-history-month->



WIFI CAME FROM A WOMAN.
GPS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
BLUETOOTH CAME FROM A WOMAN.
WINDSHIELD WIPERS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
KEVLAR CAME FROM A WOMAN.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
AQUARIUMS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
TREATMENTS FOR MALARIA CAME FROM A WOMAN.
AUTOMATIC DISHWASHERS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CAME FROM A WOMAN.
COFFEE FILTERS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
SPACE STATION POWER CAME FROM A WOMAN.
LIQUID PAPER CAME FROM A WOMAN.
PAPER BAGS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
FOOT PEDAL TRASH CANS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
MONOPOLY CAME FROM A WOMAN.
SIGNAL FLARES CAME FROM A WOMAN.
CIRCULAR SAWS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
RETRACTABLE DOG LEASHES CAME FROM A WOMAN.
INVISIBLE GLASS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
COMPUTERS CAME FROM A WOMAN.
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES CAME FROM A WOMAN.
YOU CAME FROM A WOMAN.

*-Submitted by DEI Co-Chairs
Linda Haley and Sally Jacoby-Murphy*

Minutes of AAUW March Meeting
Secretary Deanna Tompkins
March 5, 2024

Carrie House, Director of Domestic Violence/NET Shelter gave a presentation about the Steuben County Domestic Abuse Shelter.

President Curran called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Approval of February 6th Minutes

On a motion made Marianne Furfure, seconded by Bridget Steele and carried, all voting Aye to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024.

President Report: Suzanne Curran

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President Elect: Sally Jacoby Murphy- Upcoming AAUW National Vote

President Elect Jacoby Murphy explained about the upcoming AAUW national vote on eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Only 25% voted last time. Voting will be open April 15-May 15, 2024.

Treasurer: Juanita Rosenbloom

The beginning balance as of January 25th was \$2963.03 and the ending balance as of February 25th was \$2870.03. During this period we received \$13 for local dues from an online payment and paid \$79 for National and State dues for a membership renewal that was previously paid in cash.

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Linda Haley/Lisa Herrick

The April meeting will be held at Sally's. There will be a vote on the candidates. There will be no formal presentation.

Membership: Amanda Herrick Smith

No report

EOF Co-Vice Presidents: Ann Stone/Mary White

\$1,583.22 was put in a new CD at Five Star. There is \$35.54 in the checking account
Applications were distributed to the guidance counselors and the committee is all set up.

Action Fund: Bonnie Taggart

No Report

Co-Communications Chairwomen: Bridget Steele/Ann Stone

No Report

Public Policy Chair: Michele Foster

Domestic Violence should be a priority. We all need to think about the upcoming election and how women's rights are being taken away. Go to now.org to learn about ratifying Equal Rights Amendment. Our chapter may need to do marketing about the voting Ballots and the ERA.

Diversity Co-Chairs: Linda Haley/Sally Jacoby Murphy

They spoke about the possibility of using the April newsletter to focus on violence on Women.

Bylaws: Marianne Furfure

No Report

House Tours

Nancy Cole is reaching out to StoneView, Amber Waves B&B, and Pulteney Library. We have a possible date of June 22.

New Business:

The proposed slate of officers for 2024-25

The nominating committee put together the following slate of proposed officers:

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Play:

The play will be on October 5th at 2pm, it will cost \$20 a person. We can bring in packaged goods to sell. Donna Sue Kerrick will check to see if Park Café could make something we can sell.

Announcements:

The April meeting will be held at Sally's house. We will shower Sally and Sarah with books. Bring your favorite Children's book for their twins to enjoy.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Ruth Barry, seconded by Linda Haley and carried, all voting Aye to close the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Tompkins

News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hammondsport Alumni Association hosts 3rd Annual "Lakeropoly"

Hammondsport, NY - The Hammondsport Alumni Association is honored to host the 3rd annual "Lakeropoly" in Hammondsport Central School gymnasium this year. Spectators are welcome to attend in order to cheer on their favorite class while eight alumni teams from the following graduating classes 1972, 1978, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008 and 2024, play on a life size game board.

Over 25 local businesses have purchased game board properties to support the cause and have made donations to the event.

The Hammondsport Alumni Teams will compete to win a \$200 prize while raising funds for local scholarships to help students further their education.

The date is set for Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 1pm-3pm.

Contact

For more information about Lakeropoly, please contact:

Terry Underhill, President

Hammondsport Alumni Association

Terryunderhill25@gmail.com

Our very own Michele Foster will be conducting a N.E.A.R. training on Tuesday April 30, 2024 for the AAUW Elmira-Corning Branch. Michele previously held this training for our Branch on October 3, 2023, and it was very powerful. If you are interested in attending the upcoming training, please reach out to Michele or CW Turner at cwitkowskiturner@gmail.com for the meeting details.

News

Please spread the word about our **Martha E. Brown Scholarship Award**.

Please share with local women returning to higher education.

Applications can be submitted online at the link below!

Martha E. Brown Scholarship Award

For an adult woman who is returning to college or is beginning their studies after a lapse of time since high school graduation

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a woman from the Bath or Hammondspport community

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research



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In loving memory of Martha, who was a long-time member and advocate of education
AAUW (American Association of University Women)

<https://bath-ny.aauw.net/scholarship/>