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March Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025
5:30pm

Our March 4th meeting will be at 5:30pm at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library, 21 William St., Hammondsport.

Our presenter is Deborah Kuechner, the Director of The Potter's Hands, a Human Trafficking Safe House.

Celebrating Women's Achievements: International Women's Day 2025

This year, International Women's Day falls on March 8th, 2025, and it's more important than ever to reflect on the progress we've made, the challenges still ahead, and the incredible contributions of women worldwide. The global theme for 2025 is "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment."

Proposed Slate of Officers 2025-2026

Treasurer: Juanita Rosenbloom

Membership: Terry Underhill

Program: Linda Haley and Jackie Halifax

Action Fund: Bonnie Taggart

Educational Opportunity Fund: Donna Noteware to join Joan Rogerson

Nominating Committee: Marianne Furfure to join Carin Tobin and Mary White

Terms begin July 1st, 2025

-Submitted by: Marianne Furfure, Carin Tobin and Mary White

Meeting Minutes

AAUW Remote Meeting Tuesday February 4, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Guest Speaker: Ellie Burke—mother, write and co-owner of Highland Tree Farm, Branchport—a young woman with an unconventional career.

6:15—Meeting called to order by Co-President Sally Jacoby-Murphy

1. The nominating committee (Marianne, Bonnie, Mary White) are looking for a co-chair for the EOF Committee to succeed Ann Stone, whose term has expired.

2. Yearly Donation to AAUW NYS—Mary White reports that we have until February 28 to send our \$500 donation. After some discussion, we decided to send it unspecified to the greatest need in memory of Linda Carl and in honor of Onalee Newman. All in favor. A notification will be sent to the Carl Family and to Onalee Newman.

3. Joan Rogerson reported that the EOF balance is \$2,083.01.

4. Diversity Co-Chair Bonnie Taggart stated that we, as AAUW members, need to stay informed about the political issues of the day. There are change happening daily under the new Administration; ie—DEI hiring criticism. Contact your Congressional members with your concerns. A lively discussion followed. We need to weigh the issues and look to what is true. Sally mentioned using the app FiveCalls, which includes a list of Senators and House Members.

5. Our March 3 meeting will be at the library with the program presented by the Potter's Hand Foundation (a human trafficking safe house).

6. The Baby Book Shower for Bridget Steele was to be held at Sally's house on Tuesday, February 18.

7. Adjournment was at 6:48 PM.

—Respectfully submitted Elfie Tompkins

Announcements

Lakeropoly 2025

The Hammondspport Alumni Association is holding its annual fundraiser, Lakeropoly, on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 1PM - 3PM in the HCS gymnasium to raise funds for Senior Awards. We have 6 teams of Alumni playing a life size monopoly game with the following classes competing: 1972, 1983, 1985, 2001, 2010 and 2025.

Real money pledges are added to play money winnings at the end of the game. By pledging, you increase the chance of one of the classes above winning and having bragging rights for the next year while supporting HCS graduating seniors. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to donate to the team of their choice on the day of the event. You can also donate via PayPal or check.



Some of you might have heard about this, but our wonderful member Judy Aho experienced a devastating fire at her home this past week. She, her family, and her dogs are all safe. But the home and all her belongings were a total loss.

Right now in these early days she is still figuring out next steps. I imagine as she makes plans there will be other ways we can help, but right now Ruth and I were thinking it might be a good opportunity to take up a special collection for her.

No one is obligated to donate if you cannot or do not wish to. But at the March meeting we will plan to "pass the hat" and folks can chip in if you can. We will also have a card for her.

And of course she can use all the good vibes and thoughts we can give her! All best & see you March 4th!

-Sally Jacoby Murphy

Baby Shower Pics



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-Pictures Submitted by Terry Underhill

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the wonderful book shower at Sally's house in February! I appreciate all of you for showering me and baby boy with books and diapers. Calvin and I have plenty of reading material to line our nursery shelves.

I feel very blessed to be part of this organization. 😊

Have a great month ahead!



-Submitted by Bridget Steele



Though I did not win as one of the applicants in the AAUW Art Contest, I so appreciated members who took the time to vote for me! The link below shows the winners, and justifiably so!

[https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art-contest/?emci=b5873ef8-7ff3-ef11-90cb-](https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art-contest/?emci=b5873ef8-7ff3-ef11-90cb-000000000000&emdi=ff3766a4-16f5-ef11-90cb-000000000000&ceid=934503)

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-Submitted by Jerine Faber





ACT NOW

Protect women's right to vote, ask your representative to oppose the SAVE Act

Please contact your Representatives, for some of us it is Nick Langworthy and others
Claudia Tenney.

Ask that they vote against SAVE Act, H.R. 22 which has been put of a fast track for
approval.

The SAVE Act hurts woman especially, by requiring proof of citizenship in order to
register or reregister to vote or make a change of address.

It would require a birth certificate, passport or another type of proof of citizenship
document. As a large percentage of married women change their names to that of their
spouse, these women may not be able to vote.

Online or registration by mail would not be allowed.

It would also punish election officials that might allow someone to register without
sufficient proof of citizenship.

This seems to be, as the saying goes, a solution in search of a problem as there has been
no proof that non-citizens are voting in significant numbers or that those low numbers
have changed election outcomes.

This is voter suppression pure and simple! Women have fought too long and hard for the
right to vote!

Call your representative today and if leaving voice mail please leave full street address
to ensure your call is tallied

Nick Langworthy NY District 23
Washington DC 202-225-3161

Claudia Tenney NY District 24
202-225-3665

-Submitted by Bonnie Taggart