

**AAUW Mission:** To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy



A partial list of Mission-based Poughkeepsie Branch activities follows:

### Scholarships

On the national level, we contribute to the AAUW Funds which supports one of the world's largest sources of funding for university graduate women. More than \$3.7 million is awarded annually. A part of these funds is the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) which works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

On the local level, we provide two \$600 scholarships to Dutchess Community College for students planning to continue their studies at a four-year institution. Two scholarships to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland are provided annually to women from our local colleges.

### Our Community Service Initiatives:

**Court Watch:** Promotes greater accountability by observing judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, and other justice system personnel, helping to ensure that women are treated fairly throughout the legal process.

**Days for Girls:** Working with other local groups, DfG creates sustainable hygiene kits for girls in developing countries and refugee camps so they might attend school every day of the month.

**Expanding Girls' Horizons:** Focuses on the development of leadership skills, community service, conflict resolution, public speaking and arts and crafts, in collaboration with the Girl Scouts.

**Leading to Reading:** Supports numerous literacy programs by providing books, reading kits, volunteer classroom readers and other support services throughout the community. Since it began, LTR has distributed 30,000+ books! LTR was recently honored by CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the UN).

**Live Your Dream Girls' Conference:** Presents a one-day workshop for girls in grade 6 – 8 to promote sisterhood, foster healthy decision-making, nurture a vision for the future, and build each girl's confidence. Funded by AAUW and co-sponsored by the Association of Women at Dutchess Community College.

**Mothers Project:** Provides parenting education, social and emotional support, and connection to community services for underserved mothers in the Poughkeepsie area.

**STEM:** Supports educational programs to encourage girls and young women to pursue studies in STEM fields. Current projects include Math Buddies, and a partnership with Marist College and Liberty Partnership to provide STEM-focused after-school programs for at-risk students.

## Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women, Inc.



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Writers' Tea & Benefit Auction

*A Benefit for the AAUW Scholarship Funds,  
Community Service Initiatives and Events*

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

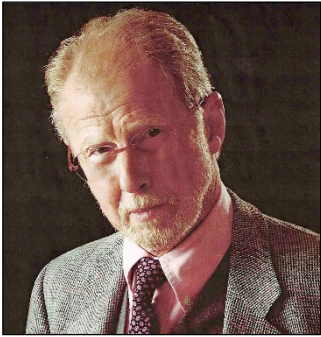
**2:30 - 6:30 pm**

**The Links at Union Vale  
Lagrangeville, NY**



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## Featured Writers



**MICHAEL KORDA** was born in London, in 1933, and has lived in the United States since 1958. He was educated in Switzerland, did his military service in the Royal Air Force, and then attended Magdalen College, Oxford. In 2006, Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary for delivering medical supplies to the insurgents 1956.

Mr. Korda joined Simon and Schuster as an assistant editor in 1958, and subsequently became Editor in Chief. Over nearly five decades his authors have included presidents, stars, media figures, historians, novelists and theater figures.

His books include the #1 bestseller *Power*, the bestselling novels *Queenie* and *The Fortune*, a widely acclaimed book about his family, *Charmed Lives*, and more recently *Hero: The Life and Legend of Lawrence of Arabia*, *With Wings Like Eagles: A History of the Battle of Britain*, *Ike: An American Hero*, *Country Matters*, *Another Life*, *Horse People*, *Ulysses S. Grant*, *Journey to a Revolution*, and *Clouds of Glory: A Biography of Robert E. Lee*.

Michael has just completed **ALONE: Britain, Churchill, and Dunkirk, Defeat into Victory**.

He makes his home on a farm in DC.



**IRENE O'GARDEN** has won or been nominated for prizes in nearly every writing category from stage to e-screen, hardcovers, as well as literary magazines and anthologies. Her critically-acclaimed play *Women On Fire*, (Samuel French) played to sold-out houses at Off-Broadway's Cherry Lane Theatre and was nominated for a Lucille Lortel Award. O'Garden won a Pushcart Prize for her lyric essay "*Glad To Be Human*," (Untreed Reads.) Harper published her first memoir *Fat Girl*; her second, ***Risking the Rapids: How My Wildernss Journey Healed My Childhood*** is published by Mango (February, 2019). O'Garden's poems and essays have been featured in dozens of literary journals and award-winning anthologies. *Fulcrum*, (Nirala, 2017) is her first poetry collection. Irene is also a Poetry Educator with the Hudson Highlands chapter of the national River Of Words program, connecting children to nature via poetry and art. She and writer John Pielmeier (who was a guest playwright at our 2011 Tea) just celebrated 41 years together.

*I love words. I love their looks, their sounds, their meanings and their impact.*

– Irene O'Garden

Additional information can be found at [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

## Individuals Continued...

Kay Saderholm  
Wendy & Alister Sanderson  
Amy Schwed  
Lori Scolaro  
Barbara Van Itallie  
Pat & Rick Walker  
Lori Walters  
Ellen Wilkinson  
Mary Ann Williams  
Betty & Frank Wise  
Nancy Woogan  
Krystyna & Tony Zabroni  
Sheila Zweifler

## Gift Certificates

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The Tomato Cafe  
WESTCHESTER BROADWAY THEATRE  
[www.broadwaytheatre.com](http://www.broadwaytheatre.com)

## Businesses

BabyVision of Poughkeepsie  
Daffodils Gift Shoppe, Pl. Valley  
Dutchess Tourism  
Fishkill Plaza Cleaners  
Harney & Sons Fine Teas  
Nature's Pantry, Fishkill  
READY Coffee, Route 9, W.F.  
Ye Olde Candle House, Pl. Valley

## AAUW Interest Groups

Contemporary Literature  
Daytime Literature

## Community Groups

Vassar Haiti Project

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## Silent Auction / Raffle Contributors

We are grateful for the generous donations by our AAUW members, friends and local businesses who make this auction possible. The auction donors are listed below.

The contents of the raffle basket were also donated by AAUW members, friends and local businesses. A list of these do posted at the raffle table.



## 2019 Auction Donor List

### Individuals

Pat Aglietti  
Lula & Bruce Allen  
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## Writers' Tea & Benefit Auction Program

**Silent Auction:** *Enjoy a glass of champagne or light drinks and an assortment of passed hors d'oeuvres as you peruse our silent auction. Bid on handcrafted items and services donated by our members, local businesses and craftsmen. Checks, cash or credit cards. Auction will end before the tea service starts.*



### Book Sales and Signing

### Tea Service will begin

**Welcome:** Lula Allen and Linda Roberts, Event Co-Chairs

**Remarks:** Diane Jablonski  
President, Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.

**Presentation:** **Irene O'Garden**  
Introduced by Gwen Higgins

**Entertainment:** **Vassar Night Owls**  
Introduced by Maria DeWald

**Intermission:** Purchase raffle tickets only

### Tea service will continue

**Presentation:** **Michael Korda**  
Introduced by Mary Lou Davis

### Dessert will be served

**Announcement of Raffle & Auction Winners:** Linda Roberts

**Pick up of all items won at the auction**

### Questions for the Authors

*All those interested in asking questions of our authors, Michael Korda and Irene O'Garden, will have ample time both before the tea and during their presentations. Signed books will be available for purchase.*

## Vassar Night Owls

The all-women *Night Owls*, are the oldest of the twelve Vassar a cappella groups and one of the oldest in the country. According to legend, the *Night Owls* were founded during a polio epidemic of 1942, when the entire student community was quarantined. No one was allowed to leave her dorm except to attend classes. Amid all this turmoil, sixteen intrepid women, dressed all in black, snuck out of their dorms, met secretly in the basement of the library where they sang late into the night, and traveled all around the campus to serenade their ailing classmates. Now, 75 years later, the *Night Owls* still dress in black for each performance to commemorate those founding women.



The group performs a variety of music, but are known for their arrangements of jazz standards and jazzy renditions of more contemporary songs with influences ranging from Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin to Ray Charles and Bobby Darin to Beyoncé and Adele. Some highlights of their history range from having Meryl Streep as part of their group, to a CBS broadcast, to their performance at Bill Clinton's inauguration! We are pleased to have them join us as part of their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tea...both in support of AAUW's long-standing celebration of women and education.

## The Writers' Tea & Auction Committee

Lula Allen, Co-Chair  
Linda Roberts, Co-Chair

*A tremendous thank you to the event subcommittees, and all of the AAUW members who have helped make today's event possible.*

### Authors:

Mary Lou Davis, Chair  
Lula Allen  
Jocelynn Banfield  
Diane Closs  
Maria DeWald  
Barbara Mindel  
Linda Roberts

### Silent Auction/Raffle:

Linda Roberts, Chair  
Lula Allen  
Jocelynn Banfield  
Pat DeLeo  
Marcine Humphrey  
Ginny Marcus  
Barbara Mindel  
Vivian Rose

### Hostesses:

Linda Beyer  
Maria DeWald  
Monique Jones  
Kay Saderholm  
Barbara Van Itallie

### Photographers:

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Mary Coiteux

### Program/Invitation/Publicity:

Margaret Nijhuis: Articles, Emails  
Program Booklet, Website &  
Invitations  
Pat DeLeo: Registration  
Mary Coiteux: Contacts &  
Facebook  
Cathy Kinn: Publicity to local  
news outlets  
Linda Roberts: Articles

### Greeters: Leading to Reading

Meg Banks  
Marge Barton  
Diane Closs  
Gloria Ghedini  
Betty Harrel  
Flo Mondanaro  
Sandy Sherman  
Sally Taylor  
Ann Wade

### Auction Check Out

Gerri Di Pompei  
Sharon Fleury  
Diane Jablonski  
Pat Luczai  
Barbara Van Itallie

Special thanks to the **businesses, members and individuals** who have loyally donated each year, *many for all ten years.*

#### SPECIAL THANKS to:

**Bykenhulle Bed & Breakfast** for their generosity in providing a complimentary stay at their fine establishment.

**Exclusive Baby Vision of Poughkeepsie** for their continuing generous support of our Auction.

**Fishkill Plaza Cleaners**, for their years of support.

**Harney & Sons Fine Teas** for their continued support.

**Walter Efron and the Three Arts Bookstore.**

