

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year!

After a two-year hiatus, we are beginning to plan an in-person annual meeting for this June. A small committee has formed and is currently working to secure a venue and select a speaker for the event. Since pandemic conditions are difficult to predict, we are considering precautions that may be necessary for attendee safety during the gathering. Realizing that a number of our activities are already meeting in-person, this year-end event will offer the opportunity for us to come together again as a branch to celebrate. We will share updates over the coming months as plans are finalized. Continue to watch the *Branch* as well as your email for more information.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Gwendolyn Higgins, Chair
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Join our monthly huddle!

Be part of the discussion group exploring the book "Huddle, How Women Unlock Their Collective Power" sponsored by the DEI Committee. In this book, Brooke Baldwin discusses our inter-connectedness in images and situations that are familiar to us all as women.



Discussions will begin on January 5th and will continue on the first Wednesday through the month of April, 2022. In each month's meeting, the group will be assigned a manageable amount of reading and will discuss and reflect on them. As with our first discussion group, members are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow.

If you wish to join this group, please contact Gwen Higgins by email. You will then be given details of the reading assignments and the zoom address to connect with the discussions.

Join us to learn about this exceptional woman:



JULIA LATHROP:
*Groundbreaking
social servant,
government activist,
and social scientist*

Presented by
Miriam Cohen
January 13, 2022
7:00 PM on Zoom

Register using this link:
<https://bit.ly/3e3uf5N>

Miriam Cohen, *Evalyn Clark Professor of History, Emerita* at Vassar College and author of *Julia Lathrop: Social Service and Progressive Government*, will speak to us about the groundbreaking work of Vassar graduate Julia Lathrop (1858-1932). Lathrop's life and career expanded notions of women's proper roles in public life during the early 1900s, challenged the social norms of the time, and was instrumental in shaping Progressive reform.



An 1880 graduate of Vassar College, Lathrop began her career at Hull House in Chicago, the nation's most famous social settlement, where she worked to improve public and private welfare for poor people, helped establish America's first juvenile court, and pushed for immigrant rights. She was appointed chief of the U.S. Children's Bureau, created in 1912 to promote child welfare—the first woman to head a United States federal agency.



Read Miriam Cohen's bio on page 4.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Online Calendar at <https://poughkeepsie-ny.aauw.net>
Contact: Kathy Friedman at
communications.aauw.poughkeepsie@gmail.com

To contact interest groups: interest.aauw.poughkeepsie@gmail.com

- 3 Word Games:** 1:30 pm on Zoom
Coordinator: Sue Doyle
- 4 World Travelers:** 7:00 pm on Zoom
Peru
Presenter: Bonnie Auchincloss
Coordinator: Bonnie Auchincloss
- 6 Bridge Lesson:** 1:00 pm on Zoom
Cathy Kinn
- 6 Board Meeting:** 7 pm
Zoom Meeting
- 10 All those books...:** 2:30 pm on Zoom
Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka
Hostess: Cathy Lane
Coordinator: Carol Loizides
- 11 Reely Together:** 2:00 pm on Zoom
Zoom meeting: discussion of streamed films.
Film selection TBD
Coordinator: Jackie Vierno
- 13 Canasta:** 1-4 pm online
Coordinator: Barbara Cohen
- 13 Monthly program, 7pm on Zoom**
see page 1 for details
- 14 Daytime Literature:** 10 am on Zoom
Fifty Words for Rain, by Asha Lemmie
Coordinators: Kathy Friedman and Susan Fink
- 17 Manderley Literary Society:** 7:00 pm on Zoom
American Dirt, by Jeanine Cummins
Coordinator: Shelly Friedman
- 18 Cuisine:** 6:30 pm on Zoom
Restaurant Week – Order in, pick up or make your favorite restaurant meal to share and eat at our Zoom meeting.
Contact Coordinator: Jo Anne Abraskin and Blanche Bergman
- 19 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Mary Lou Davis
Coordinator: Patty Cerniglia
- 20 Zoom Party: 5:00 pm BYOL**
- 21 Poetry & Play Readings:** 1:30 pm
Discussion of the movie *Power of the Dog*

Hostess: Diana Salsberg
Coordinator: Maria DeWald

- 26 Contemporary Literature:** 7:30 pm
TBD
Coordinators: Ann Wade and Linda Freisitzer
- 27 Bridge II:** 12:00-4:00 pm
Red Lobster, Route 9, Poughkeepsie
Coordinator: Sandy Goldberg
- 27 Pins & Needles:** 7:00 pm
Details TBD
Coordinators: Pat Luczai and Mary Ann Williams
- 28 Art on the Go:**
Details TBD
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux

Trekkers TBD

Coordinator: Tori Smith

Soleil will resume in the spring

Pedal Pushers: will resume in April

Movie night and Mah Jongg remain on hiatus due to Covid

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MISSION: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

VISION: Equity for all.

VALUES: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

AAUW Poughkeepsie values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

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Happy New Year: January 2022!
Wishing you all Health, Happiness,
and Friendship in the new year!!!

Please welcome our *Returning Member*: **Sarah Fredrickson**

NOTE: Membership Directories have been mailed out, and should have arrived by now. Please let us know if you did not yet receive one, or if there are any changes to your contact information. Thank you.

Save the Dates!

Monthly Membership Meeting:
Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 on
Zoom (see page 1 for details)

BYOL Cocktail Party on Zoom:
Thursday, January 20 at 5:00pm.
Come say hello to your friends and
meet some new ones; bring your
drink of choice!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY in January to:

Geraldine Allen, Lula Allen, Patricia Cerniglia, Patricia Davis,
Susan Davis, Patricia DeLeo, Joanne Dyson, Sharon Fleury,
Mara Goldstone, Patricia Gullick, Beverly Hannah, Mary Anne
Hogarty, Christina Hotaling, Julia Kessler, Susan Kinney,
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Miller, Barbara Mindel, Christine Romano, Marilyn Walsh

PUBLIC POLICY

Celia Serotsky board.aauw.poughkeepsie@gmail.com

The Supreme Court is now debating women's reproductive rights and abortion through the case *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*, so I want to share AAUW's policy position on this often controversial issue.

AAUW states its position in the following paragraph:

**Please warmly
welcome our 2021
new members:**

Gail Barrack
Linda Cantor
Randi Chalfin
Patricia DeLeo
Nan Dempster
Barbara Goodman
Molly Grazioso
Ginnia (Higgins)
Hargins
Ellen Kelly
Julia Kessler
Geraldine Laybourne
Linda LoGiurato
Jean Menuz
Brielle Quarles
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Jane Barber Smith
Kathy Smith
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Deanne Tuttle
Carol Zaccara

AAUW trusts that everyone can make their own informed choices about their reproductive lives within the dictates of their own moral and religious beliefs. Further, we believe that these deeply personal decisions should be made without government interference. Family planning fosters self-sufficiency, promotes preventive health care, and teaches people how to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Further, AAUW gives the following justification for the position it has taken on women's reproductive rights:

All of our public policy actions take direction from the AAUW's official Public Policy Priorities, which are voted on by members every two years. AAUW is a nonpartisan organization—but nonpartisan does not mean “non-political.” Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Together, through our coordinated and strategic advocacy, we've enacted invaluable legislation at the federal, state and local levels. AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights an unwavering policy principle since 1977, including in the 2021-2023 Public Policy Priorities.

AAUW supports women's health and reproductive rights in the following ways:

Pass the Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 3755/S. 1975). *This bill will address the ceaseless attacks on reproductive rights by finally codifying the rights of pregnant people to access, and health care professionals to provide, abortion care. Read more about this legislation and tell your members of Congress to support it. Go to congress.gov and put the above legislation bills in the search box.*

Improve public funding for reproductive health. *Congress must support legislation that expands funding for reproductive services for low-income individuals. The Hyde and Helms Amendments continue to block federal funding from family planning services in domestic and international realms, limiting peoples' fundamental power to control their own reproductive lives. AAUW opposes any attempt to limit access to Title X programs and supports increased public funding.*

Put prevention first. *The Affordable Care Act (ACA), which has made a positive impact on reproductive health, is currently the law of the land. When unintended pregnancies dropped for the first time in decades in 2011, that reduction was due in part to improved contraceptive coverage under the ACA. We must uphold effective health care laws that empower individuals to make their own positive health care decisions. In addition, AAUW supports a comprehensive legislative package of preventive health and education measures designed to help reduce unintended pregnancy and to support reproductive health. These proposals would ensure that all people have access to comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.*

In future articles I will continue to keep you informed of AAUW's positions on this and other issues.

EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Peggy Kelland

After the long shutdown, AAUW Poughkeepsie and the New Oaks Service Unit are again offering the "A-Maze" Journey to all Cadette Girl Scouts in the Heart of the Hudson Council. This program, geared for girls in 6th-8th grades, explores first impressions, friendship, peer pressure, cliques, and bullying through large group games and small group discussions. There will be two opportunities to complete this Journey in one Saturday: January 8 or 22, with a snow date on February 5. It will be held at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls. We can accommodate 20-30 girls each date. There is no charge.



We are hoping to resume our Friday evening programs after the first of the year. All interested members please contact me.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Sabashnee Govender & Judy Longacre
poughkeepsieny@daysforgirls.com

Our recent donation of Feminine Hygiene kits to the Jordan Humanitarian Response Project (pictured at right) was made possible by the work of our DfGs Initiative members and resulted in our sending 35 kits to assist the large refugee population in Jordan. The 35 kits, when broken down, are comprised of 70 shields, 280 liners, 35 transport bags, and 35 outer drawstring bags - all made by our team. Additionally included were 70 pairs of under pants and 35 wash cloths. It represents many hours of work by our team members, from washing and ironing the fabrics; cutting and sewing/serging the liners, shields, and two bags; stringing bags; a drive to request underwear donations; sizing and wrap/folding underwear; and tightly folding washcloths. We would not have been able to make this contribution without the efforts of 18 team members who did make time to make this possible.



Thank you to AAUW for their support and interest in Days for Girls. We look forward to continuing our work in the coming year and would welcome additional AAUW members to our workshops at our new location at the Zion Episcopal Church in Wappinger Falls on the 2nd Saturday of the month. (January meeting an exception, meeting on the 15th) For more information or to let us know you would like to come to one of our workshop meetings, contact Sabashnee or Judy.

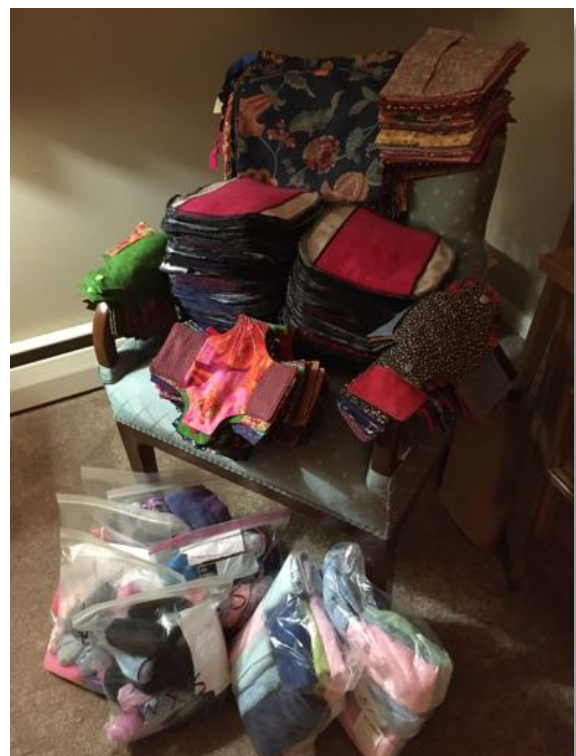
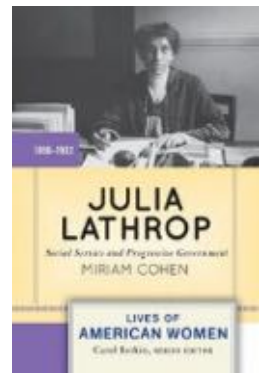
PROGRAM NOTES: Miriam Cohen

Miriam Cohen is Evalyn Clark Professor of History Emerita at Vassar College, where she taught from 1977 to 2021. She holds a BA from the University of Rochester and an MA and PhD from the University of Michigan. Her specialities include the history of American women and twentieth-century social history.

She has published widely on immigrant women and the history of social welfare in Europe and the United States. Her most recent book, *Julia Lathrop: Social Service and Progressive Government*, was published in 2017 by Westview (now Routledge) Press. She has also published "Votes for Women: Vassar College and the Politics of Women's Suffrage," an essay that accompanies the Vassar College Library's digital exhibition commemorating the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment.

A paperback copy of the book may be purchased through Routledge Press.
<https://bit.ly/3e6RL1G>

A Kindle version of the book may be purchased through Amazon.
<https://amzn.to/3sn2X2r>



IN MEMORIAM

Dave King: Friend of Poughkeepsie AAUW

Margaret Nijhuis (with information from the Poughkeepsie Journal)

David Lawrence King, the husband of long-time branch member, Mary King, died on November 27, 2021. He and Mary have lived in Queensbury and Brant Lake, NY since 2002.



Dave joined IBM in Poughkeepsie where for 36 years he worked as an engineer, programmer, and manager.

After his retirement from IBM in 1996, Dave helped found and direct a volunteer organization that taught seniors to use computers. During the long winters he kept his programming skills fresh by developing websites and internet applications for close to a dozen clubs and volunteer organizations.

Poughkeepsie AAUW was the beneficiary of this involvement. Long before they moved to the Adirondacks, he and Mary designed our branch's very first website. They made all the updates (except we did upload the newsletter). In 2011, Dave designed an updated website for the branch with the ability to enable any of us to work on it from our homes! It was beautiful and lasted until 2020 when we changed over to the current website hosted by AAUW national. Dave also built a database for our local use that will be hard to duplicate.

He was a joy to work with and would program anything we asked for. In 2012, Dave and Mary were honored by Poughkeepsie AAUW with a Named Gift to the AAUW Funds. Dave was especially pleased to be the first man to receive that award. He was quite proud of our website and appreciated that it was used and kept up-to-date. He said our website was his best work. He will be missed so very much by all of us who worked with him. He was brilliant in his work and an enjoyable person to know!

Mary King is listed in the Poughkeepsie branch Membership Directory. To leave online condolences please visit www.kilmerfuneralhome.com.

Dave's full obituary (written by Dave many months ago) exhibits the full life he led and can be read here: <https://bit.ly/3FmI2A4>

IN MEMORIAM

Marion Nancy Glickman Effron

Former Poughkeepsie branch member, **Marion Nancy Glickman Effron**, 98, died Tuesday Nov. 16, 2021 in Chapel Hill, N.C. She had been a resident of the Carol Woods Retirement Community since 2010. Prior to moving to North Carolina she lived in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. for 67 years.



Marion had a strong commitment to community service and took an active part in several religious, volunteer, and community organizations.

A private graveside service for the family was held on Sunday Nov. 21 at the Temple Beth-El Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. A memorial celebration of Marion's life will be scheduled for later this spring.

Read her complete obituary here: <https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/obituaries/pjo068435>

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