

ANNUAL REPORT DEVELOPMENT VP

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After the fundraiser to support our initiatives and scholarships was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic, a request was sent to members for donations to cover the expenses for these branch activities. Over \$2000 tax deductible donations were received. In June members also sent \$1,244 donations with their membership renewals.

The donations helped support the Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW community initiatives Days for Girls, Leading to Reading, Court Watch and Extending Girls Horizons. They also helped fund the Dutchess Community College scholarship for women continuing their education and an Irene Keyes Fund scholarship for the AAUW leadership conference (NCCWSL). We received a \$500 donation from Rich Keyes for the Irene Keyes Fund Scholarship.

The Woman of the Year luncheon was held at the Beekman Arms in April to honor Jody Miller. Because of the large number of members and friends who attended and generous donations in honor of Jody, we had a profit of \$1329.99 that will be used for community initiative expenses.

In the coming year, we can research small fund raisers for the branch to help cover our expenses.

Mary Lou Davis