

POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW, INC. HISTORY July, 2021 - JUNE, 2022

History of our branch as taken from the pages of our newsletter, "The Branch," Cyd Averill, Editor
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Please find the President's Report at <https://poughkeepsie-ny.aauw.net/Leadership/Annual Reports>.

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POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW LEADERSHIP TEAM

June 30, 2021- June 30, 2022

Elected Positions

President	Monique Jones
Program Co-VP	Marcine Humphrey & Maria DeWald
Membership VP	Mary Scalise-Annis & Bonnie Auchincloss
Educational Opportunities Fund VP	Mary Lou Davis
Communications VP	Barbara Durniak
Secretary/Bylaws	Margaret Nijhuis
Treasurer	Pat Luczai
Membership Treasurer	Sue Doyle

Appointed Positions

Community Initiative Liaison	Sheila Zwielfer
Historian	Barbara Hesperheide
Honor and Awards	Margaret Nijhuis
Interest Group Liaison	Linnea Masson
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	Gwen Higgins
Newsletter Editor	Cyd Averill
Nominating Committee	Betty Harrel
Public Policy	Celia Serotsky

Off Board Positions

Assistant Newsletter Ed.	Kathy Friedman
Assistant Secretary	Kay Saderholm
Communications Assist.	Joanne Scolaro
Database Manager	Claudette Hennessy & Darlene Yerdon
Facebook Manager	Mary Coiteux
Keys Fund/ NCCWSL	Marcine Humphrey
Photography Comm. Chair	Bonnie Auchincloss
Public Relations	Jacqueline Goffe-McNish
State & National Liaison	Barbara Van Itallie
Technical Support	Bonnie Auchincloss
Web Site Editors	Margaret Nijhuis & Joanne Scolaro Cyd Averill & Barbara Durniak

Interest Groups 2021-2022

All those books...	Carol Loizides
Art on the Go	Mary Coiteux
Aventures en Soleil	Terry Jackrel
Bridge I	Patty Cerniglia
Bridge II	Sandy Goldberg
Canasta	Barbara Cohen
Contemporary Literature	Linda Freisitzer & Ann Wade
Cuisine Group	JoAnne Abraskin & Blanche Bergman

Daytime Literature	Susan Fink & Kathy Friedman
Gourmet: Out & About	JoAnne Abraskin & Mary Ann Boylan
Mah Jongg	Blanche Bergman
Manderley Literary Society	Rochelle Friedman
Movie Night	Linnea Masson & Ellen Zelig
Pedal Pushers	Sheila Zwielfer
Pins & Needles	Pat Luczai & Mary Ann Williams
Poetry & Play Reading	Maria DeWald & Jackie Sweeney
Reely Together	Jackie Vierno
Trekkers	Tori Smith
Word Games	Sharon Fleury
World Travelers	Bonnie Auchincloss

Community Service Initiatives 2021-2022

Court Watch	Ann Pinna
Days for Girls	Sabashnee Govender & Judy Longacre
Extending Girls' Horizons	Peggy Kelland
Leading to Reading	Betty Harrel
Live Your Dream Girls' Conference	On Hold
Math Buddies	Barbara Van Itallie

EVENTS 2021-2022

Most events this year were still by Zoom except for a very successful Woman of the Year in April and the Annual Meeting in June.

OPEN HOUSE- WOMEN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Chairs: Mary Scalise-Annis & Bonnie Auchincloss



On Zoom, September 9, 2021

Greet friends, welcome new and prospective members, enjoy a brief slide show of our many activities

Our **BYOL cocktail hour resumed on Thursday, September 16th at 5:00**. The format has changed from one large group to breakout rooms where 4-5 members can talk among themselves. Members really enjoy the opportunity to socialize on a smaller basis. This was enjoyed every month through May.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS, EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: WHAT DID SOJOURNER TRUTH SAY?

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey



**Performance by Grace Angela Henry
October 14, 2021 on Zoom**

Grace Angela Henry's captivating portrayal of Sojourner Truth gave a glimpse into the thoughts and perspectives of the 19th century civil rights icon.



THE MOTHERS PROJECT

Chairs: Vivian Rose, Kay Bishop, Lula Allen



The Mothers Project had an extremely successful "Baby Blanket Diaper Drive-Through" on June 7, 2021. Thanks to our generous members and Baby Vision of

Poughkeepsie, 16 boxes of diapers, 15 baby blankets, 5 large boxes of baby clothes and other baby essentials were donated.

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

Chairs: Bonnie Auchincloss & Mary Scalise-Annis

We were wished Happy Birthday each month and reminded of the wonderful new members that had join AAUW as the months went by. Other AAUW benefits were highlighted. 2021 saw 25 new members for Poughkeepsie AAUW.

LEADING TO READING

Chair: Betty Harrel

Little Libraries are here!



Once again, Leading to Reading is moving in a new direction! Thanks to help from Marlene Straus, Leading to Reading volunteer, and **Peggy Kelland**, Wappingers Central School District board member, the new libraries were installed on the grounds of five Wappingers elementary schools and the Astor Early Learning

Center in Poughkeepsie. Future plans include installations at some of the Poughkeepsie City Schools as well.



2021 DCC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Chair: Mary Lou Davis

Dutchess Community College was unable to host their annual scholarship luncheon and recognition ceremony this year, so the school compiled a booklet featuring recipient photos and quotes describing the impact of these scholarships. The following are from the Poughkeepsie AAUW scholarship recipients:



Jessica Gleason

I am truly honored to be awarded the American Association of University Women scholarship. As a 2021 RN graduate of DCC, this scholarship will give me the opportunity to further my education in nursing. I am sincerely grateful. Thank you.



Renee Niles

As a nontraditional college student, I am extremely thankful to have been chosen as a recipient of the American Association of University Women Scholarship. This scholarship will assist me in funding the next goal in my educational journey, which is to receive my bachelor's degree in criminal justice.



Melissa Finnigan

Trudy Briggs AAUW Scholarship

... I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship award. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to take an extra class this fall furthering my education a little faster. I am proud to be the recipient of an award that is given in honor of Trudy Hankinson Briggs who dedicated much of her life volunteering ...

LEAVING HOME/FINDING HOME

Collaboration with the Poughkeepsie Library's BIG READ

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey



November 11, 2021 on Zoom

This year's Big Read selection was the graphic novel, "The Best We Could Do" by Thi Bui, an illustrated memoir of a family's journey from their war-torn home in Vietnam to America. Based on this theme, our program featured the stories of three local women, **Wendy Maragh Taylor (AAUW member)**, **Diana Cruz** and **Christine Wang Jen Chih**, who shared their own impressions and struggles as children coming to a new home.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At the November membership program a brief business meeting was held with the following special reports:

Treasurer's Report

Pat Luczai, Treasurer

On August 22, Roz Werner completed an audit of our books, examining our records, receipts, income and expenses and found all to be in order. We thank Roz for volunteering her time and accounting expertise to conduct this review.

Nominating Committee

Chair: Betty Harrel

The Nominating Committee was elected at our November business meeting. Candidates were Pat Luczai, Celia Serotsky and Sheila Zweifler representing the board, and Donna Fitzgibbons and Ruth Sheets representing the general membership.

Bylaws –

Margaret Nijhuis, Secretary/Bylaws

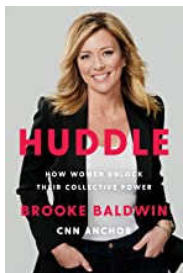
Small changes were made in Articles VIII, IX XIII at the November meeting.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Gwen Higgins, Chair



Gwen wrote “One of the most fulfilling experiences I have had as an AAUW member has been the DEI discussion group based on the book, “The Sum of Us,” beautifully written by Heather McGhee. I am not alone in this sentiment. The discussions occurred in monthly zoom sessions, facilitated by different pairs of DEI committee members. Participants were free to attend as many as they wished.”



“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 took place once monthly from January to April, 2022.

Mentors Wanted!

The DEI committee sort mentors from Poughkeepsie AAUW to support the ambitions of college students at Dutchess Community College. Seven students at Dutchess were looking to shadow, have discussions and pick the brains of women who have experience in certain professional fields. This project is still in the formative stage.

GIFTS FOR THE MOTHERS AT GSH



Since 2014, Poughkeepsie AAUW members have brought gifts for the women at Grace Smith House to our December program meeting.

Since we could not meet in person, this collection did not take place. Members added their individual support by sending a monetary gift to enable those managing the shelters to purchase items for the residents.

LEADING TO READING RECEIVES GRANTS

Chair: Betty Harrel

Book News!

Leading to Reading has exciting news! Once again, Barnes and Noble has selected our community outreach project for their Holiday Book Drive. From November 1 to December 5, any books donated by customers will be given to our project.



Once again, Leading to Reading received a **Holiday Helping Hand Grant** from the United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region and the Poughkeepsie Journal! The AAUW grant was used to provide new books to children residing at Hudson River Lodging.

LTR received a donation from the **Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers**. The group has generously supported Leading to Reading for several years.

LTR received donations from individual AAUW members to support their many programs.

ART AT THE NEXUS OF FOOD, FARMING AND ECOLOGY

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey



Presenter: Tara Dalbow Thursday, December 2021

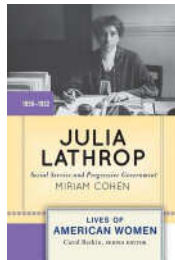
Tara Dalbow is the Gallery Director and Curator at The Barns Art Center, a contemporary art initiative located in Hopewell Junction. Aligning with the region’s rich agricultural tradition and history of environmental stewardship, The Barns champions art that reflects on food, farming, ecology, and sustainability.

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

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey

January 13, 2022 on Zoom

Miriam Cohen, Professor of History Emerita at Vassar College, AAUW member and author of *Julia Lathrop: Social Service and Progressive Government*, spoke 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.



DAYS FOR GIRLS

Chairs: Judy Longacre & Sabashnee Govender



In December DFG packed up 35 kits to be sent to their area distribution center for the Jordan Humanitarian Response Project. Jordan has a huge population of refugees as well as their own people who can use the feminine hygiene kits.

DFG continues their work in 2022. They welcome additional AAUW members to their workshops at their new location at the Zion Episcopal Church in Wappinger Falls on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Contribution from The Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) of Dominican College of \$426.36 to our DfG will help keep 42 girls in school for 3-5 years.

MATH BUDDIES

Chair: Barbara Van Itallie

In December, Math Buddies returned to Krieger School. Currently, only one Buddy is helping the children. But, they are expecting more to start soon. After the pandemic, with months of just online schooling, the students really need some help.

EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Chair: Peggy Kelland

In January, after the long shutdown, AAUW Poughkeepsie and the New Oaks Service Unit again offered 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, explored first impressions, friendship, peer pressure, cliques, and bullying through large group games and small group discussions.



Vassar Temple, donated \$100 to Extending Girls' Horizons in honor of **Gwen Higgins**. Their donation was "in appreciation for Gwen's meeting with a group of their members who have been reading books and learning about racism.

THE ABC'S OF LGBTQ+ WHY LANGUAGE IS SO IMPORTANT

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey

February 10, 2022 on ZOOM



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Our February program brought us to the LGBTQ+ community. Karen Marder, Executive Director of The Dutchess Pride Center, discussed the center's mission, how the Pride Center came to be, and a bit about current programming. The focus was a discussion about the importance of language and how the language around the LGBTQ+ community is constantly changing.

THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN PHOTOJOURNALISTS

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey

March 10, 2022



Gary Miller
*Veteran photojournalist,
filmmaker and television
director*



We saw how photojournalists such as Margaret Burke White, Dorothea Lange and others told their stories from a historic perspective, ordinary life events, or both. Wars, famines, social movements, scientific breakthroughs, and political upheaval were interwoven with hope, love, exhaustion, strength, and determination.







WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2022

Chair: Mary Lou Davis

April 9, 2022



The Woman of the Year Committee held an in-person luncheon at the Beekman Arms to celebrate our honoree, **Jody Miller**, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Dutchess County. Over 70 people attended this celebration. We are very excited to have the opportunity to once again see friends in AAUW.

AAUW CELEBRATED ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY and its legacy of moving women forward.		 170,000 members and supporters dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls	
 68,271 letters from members and supporters sent to elected officials to advocate for AAUW's public policy priorities including paycheck fairness, paid leave, reproductive rights, student loan forgiveness and more.	260 fellows and grantees received \$5 million in funding to pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.	4 research reports produced by AAUW in 2021	 5 gender discrimination lawsuits supported by AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund
 3.3 million impressions from AAUW's social media communities, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.	 950 girls and their caregivers participated in AAUW STEMEd for Girls, a pilot program designed to encourage high school girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.	 900 aspiring leaders logged on for AAUW's first-ever virtual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders	188,675 total people trained to negotiate their salaries through AAUW Work Smart, Start Smart, and Work Smart Online.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Topics covered each month

Monique Jones, President

Sept – Welcome and a look at the year ahead.

Oct – NYS has first female governor, uptick in Covid and how it affects women, struggles of women in Afghanistan

Nov – AAUW-NYS elections, AAUW-NYS events calendar of AAUW Branch programs throughout the state.

Dec - Report from the virtual special meeting of AAUW-NYS and an encouragement to attend the National AAUW webinars.

Jan – Greetings for the New Year and plans for an in-person annual meeting after two years of a virtual presentation

Feb – A thank you for donation received during a recent request for fund to complete the donation to scholarships and other AAUW activities. Also an explanation of the 5 Star AAUW program

Mar – Women's History Month, Collection of memories for Poughkeepsie Branch member, Gloria Gibbs

Apr – Woman of the Year and Annual Meeting both in-person, Poughkeepsie Branch contribution to AAUW Funds was \$3281.00

May – cheers for Woman of Year Committee and for the membership, database and website teams for update of the dues process, recognition of Ketanji Brown Jackson on her appointment to the Supreme Court and reminder of the recording of Roger Glass who presented at the Rockland AAUW DEI virtual branch luncheon (Poughkeepsie co-sponsored).

Jun – Farewell, annual meeting and celebration of 50th anniversary of Title IX

PUBLIC POLICY

Many topics of interest throughout the year.

Chair: Celia Serotsky



Sept: First several of our members who are talented seamstresses, knitters, crocheters, artists, and crafters have come forward to volunteer to create items for the DAY ONE

Early Learning Communities initiative that we have supported, second federal funding directly to child care providers and thirdly, all encouraged to sign up for AAUW's Two- Minute Activist,

Oct – More on Day One and our member's projects:



Marticia Madory designed and sewed beautiful fabric dolls that reflect the wonderful rainbow of skin, hair, age, and gender that is our humanity

Several of our members volunteered to provide many needed items. **Pat Gullick** has several knitted caps she has created for the children.

Stephanie Pyrek donated a bag full of safe kitchen items. Pins and Needles created two playscape curtains.

Nov - Five pieces of legislation that are before the current Senate and Assembly of New York State and are consistent with AAUW Public Policy priorities.

Dec – Explanation of the NYS family leave package signed by Governor Hochul

Jan – National AAUW position on women's reproductive rights

Feb – Letters from National AAUW to show support of Paid Leave, Child Care in the Built Back Better bill, cancellation of student debt and John Lewis Voting Right. Also included were the many bills passing through the NYS legislature.

Mar – The work of our National AAUW – webinars, Start Smart, Work Smart, a new program Money Smart, NCCWSL for student leaders, STEMEd for Girls, Two-minute activist, Legal Advocacy fund for sex discrimination and the fellowship and grant program

Apr – One of the priorities of AAUW - support of a strong public school education

May – School board elections and second priority: To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society

Jun – Thanks for support, who is running for national office, need of someone to take this position for next year.



COURT WATCH

Ann Pinna, Chair and Liz Graham

We're back, well, kind of! Yes, some of us have been monitoring since November, only it really isn't the same as before! For us, we can still go to court, but, it's all been virtual ---and---there are new guidelines to follow. We must arrange for a date, watch from a Zoom connection and hope everything works. For now at least, we're back, doing the thing we've missed for the past two years: monitoring to protect the rights of those involved in domestic violence cases

PROMOTING JUSTICE AND DIGNITY THROUGH PLACE-BASED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

April 14, 2022 on Zoom

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey



Evelina Knodel and Vrinda Sharma, Senior Designers, MASS Design Group (Model of Architecture Serving Society)



They highlighted a few projects foundational to the mission and methodology of MASS, and then honed in on some of their current work in the City of Poughkeepsie.



Artist rendition of The Academy

Poughkeepsie AAUW Presents STEM Award

Margaret Nijhuis, Chair



Claudette Hennessy, Kay Saderholm and Bonnie Auchincloss were judges at the regional science fair at DCC on April 2nd. The Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW STEM Award and a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble went to Aadya Gorti,

Slate of Officers Nominated for 2022



Celia Serotski
President



Barbara Durniak
Communication Vice President



Diane Jablonski
Treasurer



Beth DeFiglio
Secretary/Bylaws

Honorees 2022

Named Gifts for AAUW Funds

Emerging Leader



Celia Serotski



Catherine Albanese
In Memoriam



Blanche Bergman
Mah Jongg



Catherine Kinn
Bridge...



Judith Longacre
Days for Girls



Vivian Rose
Writers' Tea



Mary Ann Williams
Pins and Needles

More information on all the above can be found in the Poughkeepsie AAUW *The Branch* April, 2022. The election and awards were presented at the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting – Coming Together

Chair: Monique Jones and Committee

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

There was a cash bar with dinner to follow. Our speaker was the Dutchess County Poet Laureate, **Dr. Lucia Cherciu.**



poetry.

Dr. Cherciu, who was appointed Poet Laureate in 2021 and reappointed in 2022, is a Professor of English at SUNY/Dutchess Community College and the author of five books of



Officers were elected and installed and members were honored for longevity and service to the branch. Our special Cornerstone Award went to **Diane Jablonski** for her many years of service to AAUW.

Rebel Hearts: Fight for Social Justice

Chairs: Maria DeWald & Marcine Humphrey
May 12, 2022 by Zoom

Our program took a look at the **Los Angeles's Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, nuns who challenged the patriarchal conventions of the Catholic Church 50 years ago and are still taking a stand today. Due to technical difficulties we could not show the film but Poughkeepsie branch member, **Cathy Kinn** (a former member



of the order) gave an outstanding overview and answered any and all questions.



ANNUAL MEETING –Book Collection

Betty Harrel, Chair

Once again, Poughkeepsie Branch members had the opportunity to share a book with a child in our community. Leading to Reading collected -----books at our Annual Meeting.

GRAND OPENING OF AFRICAN ROOTS BRANCH LIBRARY

Family Partnership Center
Marti Madory

AAUW members will play a role in helping the branch fulfill its mission: the promotion of early literacy. At the joyous grand opening on April 9, the system's head of branch services, accepted African dolls from Marti Madory's international doll collection for display there. She also welcomed the offer of AAUW Poughkeepsie's DEI Committee to donate a sewing machine for craft programs at the branch library.



MORE GRANTS FOR LEADING TO READING

Betty Harrel, Chair



\$1000 to purchase multi-ethnic books and family reading kits



\$500 to purchase additional bags for Rural and Migrant Ministry and City of Poughkeepsie Summer Programs

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Chairs: **Sabashnee Govender and Judy Longacre**

Thank you to our members of AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch and Days for Girls Poughkeepsie NY volunteers for the overwhelming response to our call for donations for disposable pads for Ukraine refugee relief. In four days, from 3/14/2022 to 3/18/2022, we collected 8468 disposable pads!

Darlene Yerdon drove the donations to the collection point after she and **Judy Longacre** loaded the car (above).



TIMELESS TIDBITS

Barbara Hesperheide, Historian

Barbara shared with the membership points of AAUW history. 2007 – Irene Keyes was president, we held our first Girls' Conference, we had our infamous brunch at Shadows where the food was so bad they gave us another lunch – free, Leading to Reading already was in full swing , etc.

A FRIEND OF POUGHKEEPSIE AAUW

Margaret Nijhuis

Daniel Clark, owner of Prime Printing, has once again proven to be a great friend of AAUW. He printed the programs for our Woman of the Year event in beautiful color at no cost to AAUW.



INTEREST GROUPS

Linnea Masson, Liaison to the Board

We had 19 interest groups this year: All those books..., Art on the Go, Aventures en Soleil, Bridge I, Bridge II, Canasta, Contemporary Literature, Cuisine Group, Daytime Literature, Gourmet: Out & About, Mah Jongg, Manderley Literary Society, Pedal Pushers, Pins and Needles, Poetry and Play – Emily D to Tennessee, Reely Together, Trekkers, Word Games, World Travelers. This year the Movie Group disbanded – but may start up when the movie screen improves. Interest groups meet monthly Sept – June and many meet in the summer months as well. It is a very important part of our organization and a great sort of camaraderie and support

PROGRAM PLANNING for 2022-23

Chairs: Maria DeWald and Marcine Humphrey

Thank you for all your support at our monthly programs this year! Now it is time to plan for the 2022-23 Program year! All are welcome to attend a **Planning Session** for this purpose on **May 26th at 7:00 PM via ZOOM**.

SUFFRAGE IN THE CEMETERY – RALLY OF 1908

Margaret Nijhuis



On Saturday, May 7, 2022, **Miriam Cohen** was one of the organizers of an event to dedicate a marker honoring the local rally by Vassar students and local residents in 1908 that ultimately led to the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920.

REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Barbara Van Itallie

The AAUW initiative, Math Buddies, is seeking more volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.

Math Buddies work in grades one through five in the City of Poughkeepsie and Arlington Schools helping struggling students with their math work.

OAXACA WEEK IN POUGHKEEPSIE

Marti Madory

Branch members may participate in another interesting cultural exchange in Poughkeepsie this summer:

Displays of historic textiles and works of contemporary art from Oaxaca, Mexico -- enriched by workshops and informative talks -- will be presented throughout the City. AAUW members—particularly those who speak Spanish—who would like to help host Ms. Ortiz during her stay are welcome to volunteer by getting in touch with **Marti Madory**. Marti is serving on the planning committee, which is chaired by **Ellie Charwat**.

EXTENDING GIRLS' HORIZONS

Peggy Kelland



On April 22, we held the Girl Scout badge workshop "New Cuisines" at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls. 25 girls in grades 6-8 from Poughkeepsie, Wappingers, and Fishkill prepared regional, historical, international, and original recipes from scratch under the guidance of AAUW members **Gwen Higgins, Celia Serotsky, Lynda Bryne, Ann Pinna, and Peggy Kelland**, plus 5 Girl Scout leaders. We then all enjoyed the buffet of 20 different dishes.

THOSE WE WILL MISS...

David King: Friend of Poughkeepsie AAUW



Dave passed away in Nov 2021. He and his wife, Mary (a 58 year member of Poughkeepsie AAUW) were the designers of our first two websites and spent endless hours bringing us into the digital age.

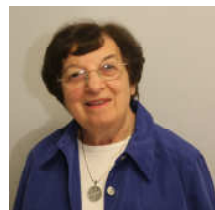
Marion Effron, former Poughkeepsie branch member.



Marion passed away in Nov 2021. She joined Poughkeepsie AAUW in 2001 and found a kindred spirit in the women she met. She greatly enjoyed playing bridge with her AAUW friends and organized an overnight trip for Aventures en Soleil Interest Group that is still a topic of discussion and remains one of a kind. She

had a zest for life, a love for Poughkeepsie and a personality that left an empty place in our lives when she moved from Poughkeepsie to NC.

Margaret R Lombardi, a 25 year member of Poughkeepsie AAUW



Peggy Lombardi was an active and dedicated member of AAUW. She first joined National in 1957, and became a local member of our Poughkeepsie Chapter in 1997, 25 years ago! Peggy raised a family and shared her knowledge as a chemistry teacher. She

loved figure skating and musical theatre. She loved to travel, taking trips across the US, down to South America, and over to Europe. As a member of AAUW, she enjoyed many trips to NYC and other locales with the AAUW Soleil interest group. She offered her expertise and warmth to the AAUW Leading to Reading Community Initiative. Peggy also enjoyed sharing her love of books with the AAUW Manderley Book group. As a scientist, she was an early supporter of environmental preservation. We unfortunately lost Peggy this spring, on April 27th, 2022. She will be greatly missed!

A FINAL WORD...

*Our branch has been enriched throughout the year by the articles written in our newsletter. Our thanks to **Monique Jones, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE; Maria DeWald and Marcine Humphrey, program announcements; Mary Scalise-Annis and Bonnie Auchincloss, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS; and Celia Serotsky, PUBLIC POLICY***

A special thank you to "The Branch" editor **Cyd Averill!**