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Dear Members,

Membership renewal season is upon us and we are pleased to announce that information to rejoin for the 2024-2025 program year will soon go out. Please be on the lookout for this "Membership Renewal" email from our membership committee. We hope you will remain a part of our organization.

Poughkeepsie AAUW is a vibrant organization with over 200 members, the largest in New York State, that has been advancing our Mission Statement since 1925: **To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.** With almost twenty Interest Groups and five active Community Service Initiatives, informative monthly programs, and several committees, there are numerous ways to serve, learn, and play.

As you peruse the renewal packet, you will notice that the membership information sheet and member profile are online, fillable PDFs. We hope that this will give you some flexibility in how you complete and return the documents to our membership treasurer. You may certainly print both, handwrite your information, and mail the forms with your dues. Alternatively, you may opt to electronically complete and submit everything. Feel free to use whatever option works best for you.

Finally, as you complete your member profile, keep in mind that the work of our branch is done solely by member-volunteers. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role, assisting with an initiative or committee, or helping to organize one of our events, please let us know when completing the form. We welcome your skills and talents – there is a seat at the table waiting for you!

2025 will be a very exciting year for our branch as it will be our 100th Anniversary. A committee has been formed to explore ways to celebrate this milestone. Research into our archives has begun, and those files will reveal the progress we, as a group, have made toward fulfilling our mission. There will be many fun events along the way. So, thank you for being a Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW member. I sincerely hope that you will join us again for another exciting year.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Celia".

Celia Serotsky
President, Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW