

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT 2024

Submitted by Celia Serotsky, Chair

Members: : Barbara Hespenheide, Jackie Goff-McNish, Barbara Van Itallie, Margaret Nijhuis, Kay Saderholm, Michelle Miller

The Planning Committee for the 2024 Annual Meeting met five times beginning Januray 22, 2024, via Zoom. The event took place on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Coppola's in Hyde Park. Barbara VanItallie arranged the accommodations with Coppola's with a cash bar beginning at 6:00 PM and dinner served beginning at 6:30. Arrangements for equipment needed for the evening were also made. The committee decided to charge \$50/ person for the event that included the dinner cost of \$40 and the service fee. This gave the committee a cushion to pay for guest dinners, flowers, and other expenses. The dinner charge was based on an attendance of minimum 40 people.

The business part of the meeting was conducted by President Celia Serotsky. The following officer positions were voted on: President, Vice President of Communications, Secretary/Bylaws, and Treasurer.

Guest entertainment was provided by County Players Readers Theatre, a local group that presented a program of dramatic readings about "quirky women who spoke out and changed the world around them revealing the threads that bind us all." Other invited guests were Carol Griffith, President AAUW NYS, and Suzanne Young-Mercer, Vice-President.

Bonnie Auchincloss, Membership VP, presented a powerpoint of members who have achieved significant milestones in their membership. Honors and Awards Chair, Barbara Hespenheide, presented the named honorees: Sandy Goldberg, Peggy Kelland, Linnea Masson, Margaret Nijhuis, and Ann Pinna. The Emerging Leader Award was presented to Beth DeFiglio. The Cornerstone Award recipient was Bonnie Auchincloss.

Other tasks of the committee:

Program: Margaret Nijhuis

Publicity flyer: Kay Saderhom and Jackie Goffe-McNish

Reservations: Michelle Miller

Decorations/Flowers: Celia Serotsky

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Serotsky