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FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL

Dear Southern NY/ Binghamton Area Branch Members,

We have been very busy already this fall. Our first meeting for the year featured Tim McGuinness, from McGuinness Media. Tim did a great job of both explaining different features of Social Media and answering our many questions. The annual book sale at the Endicott Applefest went well as usual due to the great efforts of Betty Sabo and Mitzi Manning.

We are in need of a few members to lead some of our branch committees. If you would interested in serving on the High School Scholarship Committee, as a Legal Advocacy Fund VP, Membership VP, Public Policy or Status of Women Council representative or in coordinating the Out to Lunch Bunch please contact any of us.

Last year we had Ginny Donahue talk about the *On Point for College* program in Syracuse at our first meeting. *On Point for College* works with young people who have slipped between the cracks and need help with the process of getting into college. They also send a backpack full of school supplies, toiletries and linens with each student as they head off to college. We sponsored this last year by collecting donations at our branch meetings throughout the year and then brought them to Syracuse in the spring. At the September, 2011 meeting we voted to do this again this year. We will have boxes available at branch meetings during the year in case you would like to contribute towels, deodorant, school supplies, shampoo, etc. Mentors in different areas of the state are also needed. Please check out <http://www.onpointforcollege.org/howcanihelp.htm> or call (315)362-5003 to find out more about the program.

Finally, we are so saddened by all that has happened because of the serious flooding that hit our community last month. If you need help because you have affected please let us know. If you have any ideas about how our AAUW branch can help the community— please contact us.

Presidential Council
Ruth Allstadt, Mitzi Manning, Jan Cattarin

Woman of Achievement

Wednesday

November 2, 2011

35th Annual Woman of Achievement Dinner

Owego Treadway

Cocktails 6 PM—Cash Bar

Dinner 6:45

\$30

Mail your payment payable to

AAUW Southern NY to:

Sandy Migliore

Holiday Luncheon

Saturday

December 10, 2011

PS Restaurant

Rano Blvd, Vestal

11:30 Cash Bar

12 PM Lunch

Please mail your check for \$30, payable to AAUW SoNY/Binghamton, to:

Reserve by Saturday, December 4, 2010

Directions: PS Restaurant is in the Weiss (Giant) Plaza on Rano Blvd off the Vestal Parkway. The plaza is behind Dunkin Donuts which is on the corner of Rano Blvd.

Details for menu will be sent by flyer to all our members. Save the Date.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Night at the Movies – Monday, October 3. Please call Rosalyn after the movie section of the newspaper comes out on the previous Thursday for this month's movie choice and time. **Join us for dinner and a movie.**

Out to Lunch – Wednesday, October 12. Meet at 11:30 at the Olive Garden. Contact Ruth if you are planning to come.

Daytime Books/Modern Literature – Tuesday, October 25. Meet at 10:00 AM in the Vestal Public Library Lecture Room. We will discuss *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan. Contact person: Freddie (Note: This is the book scheduled for the September meeting, which was cancelled.)

Current Books – Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm. Ruth Allstadt will lead our discussion of *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. Hostess: Janice Please contact Janice at **by the previous Sunday**, if you plan to attend.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November Program – Wednesday, November 2. Women of Achievement Dinner. See article in Briefs for details.

Night at the Movies – Monday, November 7. Please call Rosalyn after the movie section of the newspaper comes out on the previous Thursday for this month's movie choice and time. **Join us for dinner and a movie.**

Out to Lunch – Thursday, November 10. Meet at 11:30 am at Corbins, 115 Nanticoke Dr., Endicott. If you plan to join us please contact Ruth Please note that we are meeting on **Thursdays** in November & December.

Daytime Books/Modern Literature –Tuesday, November 15. (Note: This is the 2nd Tuesday.) Meet at 10:00 AM in the Vestal Public Library Lecture Room. We will discuss *Bold Spirit* by Linda Lawrence Hunt. Contact person: Freddie

Current Books – No meeting in November. See December calendar.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Current Books – Thursday, December 1st, 7:00 pm. Nancy Kuehnemund will lead our discussion of *False Friend* by Myla Goldberg. Hostess: Suzanne Please contact Suzanne , **by the previous Sunday**, if you plan to attend.

Night at the Movies – Monday, December 5. Please call Rosalyn after the movie section of the newspaper comes out on the previous Thursday for this month's movie choice and time. **Join us for dinner and a movie.**

Out to Lunch – Thursday, December 8. Meet at 11:30 am at Remliks, 31 Lewis St., Binghamton. If you plan to join us, please contact Ruth Please note that we are meeting on **Thursdays** in November & December.

Branch Meeting – Saturday, December 10. Holiday Luncheon. Details to be mailed by flyer..

Daytime Books/Modern Literature – No meeting in December.



JANUARY CALENDAR

Night at the Movies – Monday, January 9. Please call Rosalyn after the movie section of the newspaper comes out on the previous Thursday for this month's movie choice and time. **Join us for dinner and a movie.**

Out to Lunch – No date set yet for January. For information, contact Ruth.

Daytime Books/Modern Literature – Monday, January 23, 2-4 PM, at Vestal Public Library. Note different date and time for winter months. We will be discussing two works: *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller and *The Iceman Cometh* by Eugene O'Neill. Contact Person: Freddie

Current Books – Thursday, January 26, 7:00 pm. Suzanne Erle and Pamela Riddleberger will lead our discussion of *The Paris Wife*, by Paula McLain. Hostesses: Kathy and Mary **by the previous Sunday**, if you plan to attend .

DISTRICT III CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 31, 2012

We are planning to have the District III Conference on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Please pencil in the date and look for follow-up information in the Briefs.

Mitzi Manning, Betty Sabo

November Branch Meeting

Ruth Giese will be our AAUW's Women of Achievement for 2011 and we will celebrate her nomination at the Status of Women Dinner on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at the Owego Treadway Inn in Owego.

Ruth is a 50 year member of AAUW and has enhanced our branch in so many ways with her ever present willingness to help especially with Cultural Events and enthusiastic involvement in all our activities. Ruth will also be celebrating her birthday that day!! Join with our branch members and friends and celebrate our 2011 Woman Of Achievement, Ruth Giese.

The deadline for tickets is October 21, 2011. The choice of meal is Treadway Chicken, Orange Roughy (fish) or a vegetarian plate. Please send your check for \$30 made out to AAUW with choice of dinner to Sandy Migliore,

COMMUNITY

WANTED: GIFT WRAPPERS!

This year, thanks to Lou Anechiarico, our gift wrapping fundraiser at Barnes & Noble will be held on two days - Thursday, December 15th and Friday, December 16th. Hours for both days are from 9 am - 10 pm Barnes and Nobel will provide the gift wrapping materials and we will offer to wrap the customer's purchases. A donation of \$1 per package is suggested and the proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit our local scholarship fund.

Please (PLEASE!) volunteer to help with this project as we will need many AAUW members to fill all of the "shifts". Times are usually 2 hours and we need 2 people for each shift. It would be very helpful if you would contact me as soon as possible with your choice of a time slot

SOS HOLIDAY HELPERS

Please help to make the holidays a bit brighter for the women and children at the SOS Shelter by making a donation. Contributions of cash, checks (made payable to the SOS Shelter) or gift cards will be collected at our Holiday Luncheon or they may be mailed to JoAnne Edson, 16 Woodside Rd E, Apalachin, NY 13732.

CHOW Holiday Train

The Canadian Pacific Railroad's Holiday Train will again visit our area this year. In the last decade the Holiday Train has helped to raise over \$4 million and 2 million pounds of food for local food banks. Bring a cash or food donation for CHOW as you wait for the train, decorated with thousands of lights, to pull into the East Binghamton Rail Yard on Conklin Ave on Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 pm. There will be live performances of holiday music and a fun time for all.

THANK YOU all for your very generous support of these programs!

JoAnne Edson, Community Chair

AAUW Applefest Booksale

September 17, 2011

We had a nice sunny day although it was a little chilly. We know we can call the book sale a success although we did not make the money we made in previous years. The crowds, although good, were not as big as in the past. We are sure many people were busy that day dealing with the flood on that just the second weekend after the terrible flood.

Our selection of books was not quite as good as in the past and we think future success will depend on finding a good place to store books either year round or at least the last two month before the book sale. This would give us time to properly sort the books and take more offers for books from friends.

We made \$483 which is certainly respectable for a 5 hour sale. We were also missing many of our regular customers and AAUW members so perhaps they too were involved in the massive flood clean up. Thanks you to those who gave books. A special thanks to the workers: Peggy Galkowski, Ruth Giese, Barb Schmidt, Donna Spearman, Sandy Migliore, Nancy Kuehnemund, Rosalyn Anechiarico, Janice Miller and of course our man with the Book Buggy Don Manning.

We are really proud of our AAUW Booksale so let's keep it going with new ideas and plenty of planning.

Betty and Mitzi

Educational Opportunities Fund

Dear Fellow Branch Members,

Where has the summer gone? Soon the autumn holidays will be upon us with Thanksgiving ushering in the Christmas season. That reminds me of the sweetest EOF fundraiser of the year. The annual Cookie Raffle at the AAUW Holiday Luncheon will be here before we know it.

This year let's make it a big success with record participation in the baking and the purchase of raffle tickets. Please bring to the Holiday Party two dozen home made goodies for the trays. The raffle tickets will be \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5.

The proceeds help fund our scholarships and grants, and Southern New York Branch EOF is very grateful to our members and friends for their generosity.

Sue McLain,

Educational Opportunities Fund

*Send a Fellowgram to enhance an occasion.
Birthday - Get Well - Congratulations - Sympathy*

When you send a Fellowgram you contribute to the AAUW Education Fund that financially enable outstanding women to continue their advanced studies and projects.