



THE NORTH COUNTRY CONNECTION

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June 4: AAUW's Annual Meeting at TAUNY, 53 Main St., Canton, NY at 6 pm

Branch members are cordially invited to the AAUW-St. Lawrence County Branch Annual meeting on Thursday, June 4 at the TAUNY Center, 53 Main Street, Canton, NY. Set up at 5:30 pm with a light supper at 6 pm of assorted wraps and pasta salad and homemade desserts. The price is **\$8** per person and you must RSVP by June 1 so we can set up and order food. Secretary Relani Prudhomme has sent out an e-vite with all the details; you can RSVP through that or by contacting at prudhomr@upstate.edu or 315-744-0651 (work). (You can pay your 2015-16 dues with a check or on-line!)

We'll hold a short business meeting at 7 pm to elect and install our new officers and present our scholarship winner. The proposed 2015-17 slate:

Membership VP: Relani Prudhomme
Development VP: Sue Rice
Secretary: open
Treasurer: Ann Carvill

You will meet our 2015 AAUW Scholarship winner, **Shaelyn Chartrand**. This year's scholarship is named in memory of Hazel Giltinan. (See page 3 for more about Hazel.)

Program: Elected Women Panel

AAUW member and Canton Village mayor **Mary Ann Ashley** will moderate a panel of elected women including:

Potsdam Town Supervisor **Marie Regan** (AAUW member & former branch president)
Canton Village Trustees **Beth Larrabee** and **Carol Pynchon**

They will discuss women and family issues as they relate to local village, town and county government. Women comprise 51 percent of New York's population and workforce—slightly more than the national average. They earn 60 percent of undergraduate and master's degrees. Nearly 400 women currently serve in public office in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Oswego counties, about one-fourth of current office holders. Come and meet some of them!

AAUW Book Group: Pat Musante

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The AAUW-sponsored Book Group meets second Wednesday of every month at Noon for Lunch and a Book (bring a bag lunch) at the Potsdam Public Library. Guests are always welcome.

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June 10: **The Valley of Amazement** by Amy Tan
Moving between the dazzling world of courtesans in turn of the century Shanghai, a remote Chinese mountain village, and the rough-hewn streets of nineteenth-century San Francisco, Amy Tan's sweeping new novel maps the lives of three generations of women connected by blood and history-and the mystery of an evocative painting known as "The Valley of Amazement."

July 8: **The Lost City of Z: a tale of deadly obsession in the Amazon** by David Gann
After stumbling upon a hidden trove of diaries, acclaimed "New Yorker" writer Grann sets out to solve "the greatest exploration mystery of the 20th century: what happened to the British explorer Percy Fawcett and his quest for the Lost City of Z?"

August 12: **The Good Lord Bird** by James McBride
Henry Shackleford is a young slave living in the Kansas Territory in 1857, when the region is a battleground between anti- and pro-slavery forces. When John Brown, the legendary abolitionist, arrives in the area, an argument between Brown and Henry's master quickly turns violent. Henry is forced to leave town—with Brown, who believes he's a girl.

September 9: **Warmth of Other Suns:** by Isabel Wilkerson
In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history.

¡Adelante! Books of the Month 2014-15
Personal growth and branch change go hand in hand. That's the idea behind the ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club, a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program. Book clubs are a fun, social way to open a dialogue on women, diversity, and change.

June 2015 (LGBT Pride Month)

Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love, and So Much More By Janet Mock

In 2011, Marie Claire magazine published a profile of Janet Mock in which she stepped forward for the first time as a trans woman. Those 2,300 words were life-altering for the People.com editor, turning her into an influential and outspoken public figure and a desperately needed voice for an often voiceless community. In these pages, she offers a bold and inspiring perspective on being young, multicultural, economically challenged, and transgender in America. This powerful memoir follows Mock's quest for identity.

July 2015

Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead By Brené Brown

Researcher and thought leader Brené Brown offers a powerful new vision that encourages us to dare greatly: to embrace vulnerability and imperfection, to live wholeheartedly, and to courageously engage in our lives.

August 2015

Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's First Female Rocket Scientist By George Morgan

In 1938, a young German rocket enthusiast named Wernher von Braun had dreams of building a rocket that could fly him to the moon. In Ray, North Dakota, a young farm girl named Mary Sherman was attending high school. In an age when girls rarely dreamed of a career in science, Mary wanted to be a chemist. A decade later the dreams of these two disparate individuals would coalesce in ways neither could have imagined. When engineers could not find a solution to the repeated failures that plagued the nascent U.S. rocket program, North American Aviation, where Mary Sherman Morgan then worked, was given the challenge.

From the President:

It is hard to believe a year has passed since I was elected President of the St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW. I promised a focus on making a difference - did we succeed?



Yes, in a number of areas!

Like partnering with the Associated Colleges of St. Lawrence County to develop a Leadership Institute for College women in the area. Supporting the Workers' Memorial Theater Project, sponsoring young girls throughout the County through Open Windows, providing College and Community members the opportunity to 'dress for success' through the annual Clothing Fair, with exciting STEM partnerships with SUNY Canton and the Potsdam Public Library, informing the community of relevant issues through North Country Matters with the SLC League of Women Voters, and much, much more.

Plan to attend our annual meeting on June 4, 2015 to hear details on these and other upcoming projects.

Join our efforts and make a difference!

Betty Connolly, President,
St. Lawrence County Branch AAUW

Join us! **July 24-26: AAUW-NYS Summer Conference** at Cazenovia College,
Cazenovia, NY

In Memory of St. Lawrence County Branch Members (2014-15)

Hazel L. Giltinan (1924-2014)

Hazel L. Giltinan, 90, born in Canada, was a resident of Ogdensburg, NY. She graduated from Morristown High School in 1937; in 1974 she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Potsdam. Hazel was a library clerk at the Ogdensburg Public Library for 27 years until her retirement in 1981. She was long-time member of the St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW. She enjoyed reading and gardening.



The 2015 AAUW Named Scholarship is given in her memory.

Beverly Darnell Washburn (1931-2015)

Beverly Darnell Washburn, 84, was a resident Potsdam, NY. She enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed in San Antonio, TX from 1949-1953. She was a founding member of the Women's Air Force band, as tuba player. Beverly received her BA in 1963 and MA in 1968 from SUNY Potsdam. Beverly was a fifth and sixth grade Social Studies teacher at Potsdam Central School from 1966-86. She and her husband visited over 76 countries on six continents in the course of their careers both for pleasure and for research. Beverly was a member of the St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW, where she served as treasurer for several years.



North Country Matters Spring 2015 Films

<http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/NCMshows.htm>

Gloria McAdam, the Executive Director for GardenShare.org, a locally-led nonprofit organization working on food security. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2ETYuC8K00>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month with Caitlin Hill & Valerie Dana from the St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNWYrep6XNs>

Tom Graser on Media Changes - Tom Graser is the editor of the St. Lawrence County newspapers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uppotyHtoo>

Food Insecurity in St. Lawrence County with Heather Sullivan-Catlin and Daisy Cox
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHOlvXgPiu4>

The Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Superintendent **Steve Todd on Education Challenges in 2015**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55uxkbmmaoo>

North Country 350 Alliance with Heather Sullivan-Catlin and Ginger Storey-Welch
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4IIbryuOm0>

Helping Hands of Potsdam - Tom Chappell, the Director of Helping Hands of Potsdam, discusses the history and work of the non-profit agency.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwJraxSJ01w>

Study Abroad - Sabel Bong, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Counselor at SUNY Canton and two SUNY Potsdam students, Isaac Griffith, a senior in Sociology and Speech Communications, and Joshua Garry, a junior in Sociology and Psychology, discuss a recent Study Abroad trip to Cambodia. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzEfrsgARt4>

Sexual Assault Awareness - St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House guests Valarie Dana, Child Advocate/Educator, and Caitlin Hill, Legal Advocate, talk about sexual assault awareness.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7bmT5UJHio>

Public Health Today in the Face of Current Events - Dr. Timothy Sellati, from Saranac Lake's the Trudeau Institute, talks about public health, both from a historical perspective and how it applies today in the face of the current events.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk_abhkTVgg

Body Image & the Media - Jenna Boss, a member of the Clarkson University Class of 2015, discusses how media images in movies affect children, media marketing directed at children, and how to become a savvy media consumer.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfxsOmoX344>

Opening the Gendered Toolbox - Emily Baker, a Social Documentation major of the Clarkson Class of 2016 discusses her research into women engineering students at Clarkson.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPJTb4T0Jk>

Tina Flanagan Recognized as an AAUW Emerging Leader

At the April AAUW-NYS Convention in Buffalo, St. Lawrence County Branch member Tina Flanagan, Madrid, was recognized at the 2015 Emerging Leader for the branch. Branch president Betty Connolly presented her award at a recent Board meeting.



Tina joined the St. Lawrence County Branch at the beginning of 2014, agreeing to serve as Program VP for a two-year term in May 2014. She immediately dove into the work of the Branch, bringing her energy and her passion for education and equity to the work. As an employee of SUNY Canton, she has helped build and strengthen ties to that College-University AAUW partner institution.

As one of many SUNY Canton members, Tina helped with the annual Clothing Fair this year.

AAUW- St. Lawrence County Branch Recognized for Giving & Programming at AAUW-NYS Convention

Programming: 2015 21st Century Platinum Award for North Country Matters

Membership: Special Membership Recognition (and a \$25 check)

AAUW Funds:

Top 10 Total Unrestricted AAUW Funds Contributions

Top 10 Total Public Policy Fund Contributions

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Star Branch

Evvie Currie Giving Circle (LAF) Award (3rd)

Public Policy:

Common Core Education Award

Title IX Action Award

Voter Legislation & Education award

STEM-Hour of Code Award

STEM Impact Grant ACTION Award

Social Justice Award

Communications:

Website Award of Merit

Visibility Award of Merit



We took three LAF baskets to Convention. They brought in a total of \$135 toward our branch contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund. All the money was credited to the Evvie Currie Giving Circle, which funds programs on college campuses here in New York State.

WPBS Public Eye with Jeff Cole: Title 9, Sexual Harassment in College -

Sexual abuse on college campuses is not just a national problem but it affects colleges here in the North Country. In this special 1-hour episode of Public Eye, Jeff Cole and his panel examined this very controversial and sensitive topic, exploring the realities surrounding sexual assault on our local college campuses. This special edition of Public Eye was underwritten by **AAUW-NYS and the Branches of District 7.**

Title 9, Sexual Harassment in College - watch on-line:

<http://watch.wpbstv.org/video/2365486848/>

AAUW Supports SUNY Canton's Engineering Day for Girls

On May 13, the St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW partnered with SUNY Canton to support their Women in Engineering Day on the campus for St. Lawrence County girls in 7th-11th grades to participate in activities and conversations related to careers in engineering.



Building Circuits

More than ever, girls are studying and excelling in science and mathematics. Yet the dramatic increase in girls' educational achievements in scientific and mathematical subjects has not been matched by similar increases in the representation of women working as engineers and computing professionals. Just 12 percent of engineers are women, and the number of women in computing has fallen from 35 percent in 1990 to just 26 percent today.

Reducing barriers that deter women and underrepresented minorities from pursuing academic and career goals in STEM fields isn't just simply the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do. In these fields, where the number of jobs often outnumber qualified applicants, expanding the talent pool to include more women and minorities would boost job numbers, economic security and our competitiveness in the global economy.

A report by the National Science Board Non-STEM fields shows that non-STEM fields are increasingly requiring STEM skills. What once were defined as skills particular to STEM fields are now becoming skills needed for a variety of jobs and careers, particularly as computer technology, robotics and

other advances have blurred the distinctions between STEM and non-STEM jobs. About 16.5 million people, nearly 12 percent of the 2010 workforce, said they worked in positions that required at least a bachelor's degree in a science or engineering concentration.

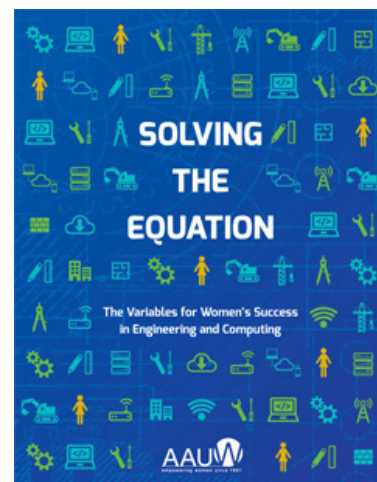
The nine SUNY Canton hands-on workshops, including Lego Mindstorm Robots and robotic programming, graphic design and interactive art, computer-based automotive lessons, drinking water treatment, an introduction to surveying and electronics projects, gave girls the confidence to see themselves as the STEM workers of the future.



Water Quality Testing

In less than 10 years, the United States will need 1.7 million more engineers and computing professionals.

We simply can't afford to ignore the perspectives or the talent of half the population. Today's under-representation of women in engineering and computing matters. Diversity in the workforce contributes to creativity, productivity, and innovation, says the new AAUW report, **Solving the Equation.**



AAUW's Open Windows for Girls

Last year, with your generous support, we sent girls to these camps:

- ♦ 4-H Camp Overlook
- ♦ Camp Aldersgate
- ♦ Camp Invention
- ♦ Camp Mandaville
- ♦ Clarkson Horizons I
- ♦ CLEAR - Creative Art Camp
- ♦ HOBY- O'Brian Leadership Seminar
- ♦ Massena & Salmon River Robotics Teams
- ♦ People to People Ambassador Program



The 2015 camp season is right around the corner and we've started take applications for girls. Your help is always appreciated! We're also looking for some members willing to get involved in the program and help keep it running. If interested, please contact Betty Connolly (connolly@canton.edu) or Faye White (393-2215 ~ whitefw@twcny.rr.com)!

Since 1989 the St. Lawrence County Branch of the American Association of University Women Branch has sponsored OPEN WINDOWS For GIRLS, a series of educational enrichment grants for low-income girls from St. Lawrence County to attend a summer camping experience to broaden their horizons and provide an open window to the future.

Hundreds of girls ages 10-15 have attended 4-H Camp, Girl Scout Day Camp, sports camps at local colleges, math and science camps, school trips to Washington, DC, the state and county fairs to compete in 4-H competitions, technology and computer camps, the DEC Environmental camp, and to music camps, among others.



It is time for all members in good standing (i.e., you've paid your dues!) to vote in the national AAUW elections. AAUW national voting began on April 15 and will close on **June 19, 2015 online**. If AAUW has your e-mail, you were sent a ballot reminder in early May. Your ballot includes the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, amendments to the AAUW

Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. Details about the candidates and ballot issues are available on the website and in your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine. Go to www.aauw.org and click on the VOTE button. Enter your member ID and then click SEARCH. Enter your voter PIN and then review the ballot and cast your votes. Voting in the AAUW national election is quick and easy. If you have any questions, please e-mail connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289.

The AAUW Calendar of Events

May 28–30: National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

June 4: AAUW-St. Lawrence County's annual meeting at TAUNY, 53 Main Street, Canton (parking the rear). RSVP by June 1 to Secretary Relani Prudhomme.

June 12: Mom's Equal Pay Day

June 18-21: AAUW National Convention in San Diego

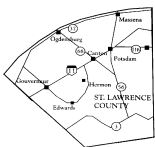
June 23: Title IX's 43rd Birthday

July 16: Black Women's Equal Pay Day

July 24-26: AAUW-NYS Summer Meeting in Cazenovia, NY

Thursday, September 10: NYS Primary Day

The **American Association of University Women** advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW is a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls. The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.



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