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Title: College Connection (on going Project)

Part I:

Other community groups involved: Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FM) ✓

Number of members involved in planning or putting on the programs 10 ✓

Number of nonmembers involved in the programs 16 ✓

Number of members who attended or benefitted 20 ✓

Number of non members who attended or benefitted 65 ✓

Number of new members who joined 6 branch and 56 e-students ✓

Part II:

Our long term project goal is to strengthen our ties to our local Fulton Montgomery Community College.

We began last spring by recruiting FM to become an AAUW C/U member. Next we met with Jane Kelley, Director of Student Affairs (C/U Rep) to explain the benefits of AAUW membership and discuss recruitment of faculty and e-student affiliates. We held a membership mixer at the college in October and invited faculty and staff. Newspaper articles and posters at the college advertised the event. Branch member/ author , Sandy Lane provided the program. We held a used book sale to benefit the scholarship we give an FM female graduate. We offered the Shape the Future Membership discount and recruited 2 members.

Then we met with the FM student activities director, to explain and organize recruitment of e-student affiliates. We set up AAUW displays in the Student Union at lunch time and near the library in the evening. Twenty e-students and 2 branch members including our first male branch member were recruited!

Inspired by the 2011 NYS Convention, we decided to have a Tech Savvy theme for our May, 2012 Sister to Sister Summit and to ask professors at FM to facilitate the workshops. Jane Kelley sent out requests to the staff and 14 responded! At a Sister to Sister Tech Savvy informational meeting, we also explained AAUW C/U membership and that students could join free as e-student affiliates. We gained 2 more branch members . One of them, math instructor, Sonnet Gravina, recruited 30 e-students, set up the next e-student meeting and created a facebook page and e-mail address for e-students. New AAUW member, Darcell Winchell, confidential secretary to Jane Kelley, agreed to assist Sonnet with the registering of e-students and future formation of an AAUW Student Organization.

Participation in the AAUW-NYS Student Campus Groups Conference Call on February 23 provided ideas from other branches and C/U directors for formation of Student Organizations and fundraisers for NCCWSL scholarships. We hope to encourage at least one FM student to attend NCCWSL this June.

Going to the college to recruit rather than invite faculty, staff and students to come to us seems to be the key to membership recruitment. We continue to involve those who join in activities which lead to others at the college joining also. For example, Darcell Winchell has agreed to serve on the branch program committee to provide resources for speakers from the college for our monthly meetings. Next we will have to get FM to renew their AAUW C/U membership!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



WHAT: AAUW OCTOBER 2011 MEETING

WHERE: FMCC AUDITORIUM

DATE AND TIME: WED. OCT 12TH AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM: MEET AND GREET WITH THE FMCC STAFF AND ALSO SANDY LANE WILL PRESENT HER BOOK

THE TRAIL OF THE WILDFLOWERS WITH A BOOK PURCHASE AND SIGNING TO FOLLOW.

EXTRAS: A USED BOOK SALE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP FUND OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

FOOD: Drinks and light appetizers will be available.

COST: \$10

RESERVATIONS: by Oct. 7th to Ginni Mazur

773-7180/ginnimazur@hotmail.com

MORE INFO: See article in newsletter.

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Cost \$10. **Make Checks payable to AAUW**

Deadline: Oct. 7th to Ginni Mazur

176 W Bush Rd

Gloversville, NY 12078

773-7180

College Student Organization Recruitment Continues

On November 28, recruitment of e-student affiliates will continue at FMCC. Students can join for free since FMCC is a College/University Member of AAUW. Trish Isabella and Liz Russo will continue the efforts of Patsy Suydam who signed up six e-student affiliates in October. Trish and Liz will be in the Student Union from noon to pm. Liz will also be signing up students from 5-6 p.m. in the college library area. If you know someone who is a student at FM, tell them to come over to the AAUW College Student Organization table and sign up!

New Members

We are happy to welcome Darcelle Winchell as a new member who learned about AAUW at our FMCC October meeting. Darcelle is FMCC Confidential Secretary for Student Affairs and is an AAS FMCC graduate. She was able to speak with several AAUW members at the impressive FMCC-hosted meeting. Darcelle has done volunteer work at health care facilities, orchestrated blood drives, and worked at various other community events. She is interested in dance, scrapbooking, travel, photography, and the Arts. Darcelle feels that AAUW is a worthwhile organization that promotes growth and equality.

Catherine Julius attended the University of Montreal and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. She was

the co-owner of the Broadalbin Pharmacy and is a registered Pharmacist but currently not working. Catherine is helping with the care of her 89 year old mother. She is interested in yoga, reading, and attends the YMCA. Catherine is the mother of a 21 year old daughter, and it was this that interested her in joining AAUW. She is concerned about the inequities that still exist for women. Liz recruited her to be a member.

Trish Isabella attended Skidmore College and graduated in 2000 with a B.S. degree in Marketing. She does free lancing in real estate investing. Trish enjoys volunteering and that is why she had an interest in AAUW. After Hurricane Katrina she qualified as a Red Cross driver and went to New Orleans to render her help. She was recruited by Patsy Suydam who is a neighbor. Patsy says that Trish initiates many neighborhood gatherings and has lots of energy. Trish has already started recruiting for AAUW and wants to bring a friend, a possible new member, to our next meeting.

Two new members joined AGJ/AAUW at the November meeting and immediately joined in the humor and fun of the White Elephant auction.

Helen James has been a former member of AAUW, and we are delighted that she has returned. Helen lives in Johnstown and has degrees from the University of Colorado and Wichita State University. In 1987 she received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Soci-

ology and in 1993 a MA/PhD in Community and Psychology Combined Studies. Helen is interested in organizations that support the rights of women. She arrived with another new member, Catherine Julius, who was attending her first meeting.

Anya Biel, a History Instructor at FMCC, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Languages (English and German) from Oryol State University in Russia. She has Master's Degrees in History and Russian Studies, and a PhD in History; all from SUNY Albany. Before joining FMCC in 2010, Anya taught Russian and History as an adjunct instructor for Union College and Schenectady County Community College. She volunteers at the Mohawk Harvest Coop and with the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Consortium. Liz Russo and Jane Kelly both spoke to Anya about joining AAUW.

--Patsy Suydam

AAUW Makes the Front Page

On November 7, AAUW's new research report, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, made the front pages. Based on findings from a national survey conducted this spring, the report presents the most comprehensive research to date on sexual harassment in grades 7-12 and reveals some sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative effects it has on students' education. [The Associated Press](#), [New York Times](#), [Washington Post On Parenting blog](#), [Education Week](#), and [Capi-](#)

Then comes March! Start checking your closets, attics, and basements for any Girl Scout memorabilia. We will have a display and share memories at our March 31 meeting in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting.

Continue to read the newsletter for more details about the above events.

See you soon and thanks to all for continuing to make AAUW fun! --Liz and Linda

In Memory

On May 10, 2001, "Aunt" Dona Goldman ("with one n") attended her first AAUW meeting as a guest of her cousin, Kaye Schrader. The meeting on cultural diversity was held at Centro Civico in Amsterdam. At that meeting, Dona won the raffle for a free AAUW membership. She continued as a member of our AAUW branch until 2008. Those of us who got to know her learned of her career as a nurse and her love of the arts and literature...and martinis! (At the ECSWC Antique Show last October, she purchased a martini necklace to match her martini earrings!) She was an advocate of civil rights, environmental protection, and the advancement of women.

On December 4, 2011, Dona passed away. Thanks for the memories, Dona. --Liz Russo

**Story Book Sundae Raffle Basket
AAUW College Survival**

Theme Basket - February 9 deadline for donations

Thank you to those at our January meeting who donated items from the original list or made monetary donations towards filling our College Survival Theme Basket for the Johnstown Public Library's Story Book Sundae Fundraiser. *An updated list of items still needed is listed below.

The Story Book Sundae takes place at FMCC on March 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. Our branch annually donates a basket in appreciation for the use, free of charge, of the library for our board meetings, Sister to Sister Summit planning meetings, and branch meetings. The baskets are displayed in the JPL during February and March.

February 9 is the deadline for donations for the basket. Contributions may be brought to the February 9 board meeting at 6 p.m., the JPL, or to Liz Russo at 302 Glebe Street, Johnstown.

The basket will include two books:

The College Dorm Survival Guide and *1001 Things every College Student Needs to Know*
Monetary donations will also be accepted so that we can shop for items on the list below.

Connie Chamberlain and Liz Russo will use the money to shop for items not donated.

Updated List of Items still needed for the basket:

"husband" bolster pillow
stapler and staples
book light
pencil sharpener

hi lighters
magic markers

message board for door
poster hanger supplies
scissors
nail clippers
emory boards
disposable razors
tool kit (small hammer,
screwdriver set, pliers)
extra long twin sheet set
bowl
mug
plastic glass
fork, knife, spoon
alarm clock

For more information or to donate contact Liz Russo at 762-9702 by February 9.

AAUW e-student Affiliates

We now have 56 e-student affiliates registered. New AAUW member, FM math instructor and Sister to Sister Tech Savvy presenter, Sonnet Gravina has taken the initiative to set up our first organizational meeting of the AAUW Student Organization from noon – 1 p.m. on February 1 at FM.

The Vagina Monologues at FMCC - February 11

Sonnet Gravina is busy! She will also be directing a production of *The Vagina Monologues* at the FMCC Theater on Saturday, February 11 as part of the global V-Day activist movement led by local volunteers and college students to end violence against women and girls.

There will be a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening performance

Area news in brief

AAUW schedules student meeting

JOHNSTOWN — The Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its first meeting with Fulton-Montgomery Community College AAUW e-student affiliates from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Room C-110 at the college.

FMCC is a college/university partner member of AAUW. This membership allows all FMCC students to become AAUW e-student affiliates for free.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform students about the advantages of association with the national organization and to begin forming an AAUW student organization on the FMCC campus.

E-student affiliates who previously filled out a membership application are encouraged to attend the meeting along with any other students interested in becoming members, a news release said.

Applications will be available at the meeting.

E-student affiliate membership gives members access to the AAUW website and other services.

For more information e-mail Patsy Suydam at pgsuydam@nycap.rr.com or Sonnet Gravina at Sonnet.Gravina@fmcc.suny.edu.

FM faculty to offer workshops for girls

JOHNSTOWN — The Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown Branch of the American Association of University Women has announced members of the faculty at Fulton-Montgomery Community College have volunteered to provide workshops for the 13th annual Sister to Sister Summit.

Sister to Sister Summits are an AAUW initiative and are presented annually across the nation. This year's summit will have a "Tech Savvy" theme.

The local AAUW branch has

set May 22 as the date for the local summit. The conference for middle school girls from Hamilton, Fulton and Montgomery counties will take place at the college. Faculty from the college will serve as workshop facilitators. Last year's summit drew over 200 girls and advisers.

Summit chairwomen Linda Bumpus and Patsy Suydam will meet with workshop presenters this Friday at noon in room C-111 of the Classroom Building. Each presenter is asked to provide a description and title of their workshop activity for the registration brochure.

For more information, call Linda Bumpus at 725-1927.

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