

## **EMERGING LEADERS 2010**

### **Adirondack - Regina Hillier**

Regina Hillier is the emerging leader for the Adirondack Branch of AAUW. Regina joined AAUW in November, 2008. Since joining, she has been enthusiastic in promoting AAUW to the Community.

- Last fall, she organized information about our organization and set up and manned, along with help from other members, a booth for two days at the annual Adirondack Balloon Festival. This involved getting permission to have a booth at the Festival and having a person available at all times to oversee the booth.
- She brought a friend, who joined the branch, to our Shape The Future – Member – Get A Member Program at Wiawaka in September and is constantly bringing potential new members to our events.
- Currently, she is this year's chairperson of our Public Policy/Legislative Committee. She periodically submits information regarding Public Policy for our newsletter publications.
- Regina volunteered to write a biography about Charlotte Pruyn Hyde for the NY State "Women Making A Difference" Project.
- Regina is quick to volunteer wherever needed and follows through on her commitments. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic member in our Branch.

### **Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown - Linda Hammond**

Since joining our branch last fall Linda Hammond has been actively involved in our branch activities. She is presently the chairperson for the 3rd Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium, a biennial event that was originally organized by our own AAUW branch and the women faculty members at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in 2006. Our members have been key participants involved in both the planning of and attendance at the Symposium ever since. Linda's enthusiasm for AAUW is apparent since she recently accepted the request to become the new District IV Coordinator. I have no doubt that Linda's involvement in AAUW will only increase over time.

Linda is actively involved in the community and always ready to help whenever called on. We are happy to have Linda on board, appreciate her enthusiasm and are delighted to name her our Emerging Leader! Congratulations Linda!

### **Bath - Martha Brown**

Martha Brown first joined AAUW in the Fall of 2007, after being a guest at two prior summer picnic meetings of the Bath Branch. She originally joined in order to find some local women with whom she might have common interests after relocating to Keuka Lake. Her previous life in the New York City metropolitan area was devoted to being a "pastor's wife" and mothering her three now grown children, as well as teaching.

We are nominating Martha especially for her creative and enthusiastic efforts to bring the readers' theater play "MOMOIRS" to our community as the Bath Branch EF Fund-raiser for 2010. After seeing the first performance of his new play, she says "I had a revelation! "MOMOIRS" would be a wonderful production for the members of (Bath Branch) AAUW to present for our local area and to raise money for our scholarships at the same time. The idea has taken off and I have loved working with many wonderful women in our Branch to make this happen on May 1 2010.

## **Buffalo - Yvonne Curry**

Yvonne has only been a member for four years. However, she has eagerly taken on big challenges in the branch. She worked on several projects almost immediately, then agreed to chair the interest groups in the branch. This biennium she has accepted the huge responsibility of Program VP and has done a wonderful job of putting together a diverse set of monthly programs. We appreciate her hard work and are looking forward to her continuing leadership.



## **Jamestown - Dr. Mary Lenda**



Mary Lenda is the Emerging Leader choice of the Jamestown Branch. We admire her beautiful spirit and willingness to take on significant leadership roles, and we especially value her abilities to perform effectively within those roles. She has been our District I Representative on the State Nominating Team and is presently serving as our District I Coordinator. She is a member of our Scholarship Committee, interviewing and choosing our scholarship recipients from Jamestown Community College who will transfer to four-year colleges. She was the admissions Co-Chair for the "What's New" Fair, the annual two-day fundraiser for the scholarships we offer.

## **Jefferson County - Andrea Pedrick**

Andrea Pedrick joined Jefferson County Branch AAUW in 2008 and very shortly volunteered to be Publicity Chairman. Her background and experience in journalism have been a welcome set of information that she has shared with us, in addition to turning out polished press releases and advising us in this important area.

Andrea recently accepted chairmanship of the newly formed Communication Committee, following the Branch's strategic planning session, which identified communication, inside and outside the Branch, as a challenge and an opportunity.

Among several projects that the committee is working on, she is working to complete the Branch website, and continues to manage Branch publicity.

Andrea is a welcome addition to the board, with her willingness to work, her sharing of ideas and discussion, and her organization. She is committed to the mission and goals of AAUW and Jefferson County Branch. Our Branch is proud of Andrea and her contributions, and looks forward to her continuing leadership.

## **Nassau County - Lynn Glianna**

Lynn Glianna is a retired teacher, primarily kindergarten. She's married with one son and lives in Garden City. She and her husband, Chris, enjoy traveling and entertaining at home.

Lynn joined AAUW Nassau County Branch in 2008. As of last year, she is on the Board as Recording Secretary. Over the past year, Lynn has helped organize our annual fundraiser, contributing her talents, time and finances to a successful event. She is presently on the committee for this year's fundraiser, offering her beautiful home to organize and assemble basket prizes.

In our latest efforts to work with the community, Lynn is part of a team to assist Bethany House, a shelter for girls and women. She is also on the ballot to run as co-president of the Nassau County Branch for the 2010-2012 term.

### **New York City - Warren Woodberry Jr.**



Warren Woodberry Jr. is chair of the publicity committee for the American Association of University Women, New York City Branch. Warren joined the NYC Branch in summer 2008 to help the organization increase its visibility to draw new members and donors interested in moving its mission forward. As Publicity Chair, Warren disseminates media releases on Branch activities to the press. Releases have been posted online with various media websites, and the AAUW national web site. As an active board member, Warren has been involved in strategic planning of the Branch for improved organizational & financial management. He regularly participates in Branch activities and fund raisers such as seasonal open Branch house events, the annual Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration and the Explore Your Opportunities Conference. He is now working to promote the 125th anniversary of the Branch, the second oldest in the nation, and its 60th anniversary of ownership of its Branch house. A former 15-year, award winning journalist, Warren has written for New York Daily News, New York Newsday, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Hartford Courant and Asbury Press. Warren earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Media Arts/Journalism from Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

### **North Shore - Ronnie Heller**

Ronnie Heller is just the kind of member AAUW is looking for. She is intelligent, enthusiastic and a dynamic worker. Since she joined The North Shore Branch she has demonstrated leadership qualities. Ronnie has been an integral member of the Let's Read Math team. This year she organized an outreach program to assist women and girls at the Westbury Neighborhood House. She collects food and clothing and works there as a volunteer. As Co-Vice President of Membership she has done an excellent job. Ronnie Heller is certainly deserving of the Emerging Leader Award and The North Shore Branch is proud to nominate her.



### **Poughkeepsie - Liz Moesel**

Elizabeth Moesel joined AAUW in 2007 and is currently the Assistant Treasurer for our branch. She serves on the Membership and Nominating Committees and has been an active participant with two of our branch projects, "Leading to Reading" and "Girls' Conference". She updates membership information on the Association website and worked last year on the Association bylaws. She has helped each year with the packets for the state convention and has taken an active role in general membership meetings. Liz displays enthusiasm for our branch and is an energetic participant in many activities.

### **Rockland County - Bijal Jani**



Bijal Jani exemplifies leadership. As Diversity Director for the Rockland County Branch of AAAUW, Bijal has led a diverse team of women to plan and execute successful annual celebrations; published relevant newsletter articles; and actively recruited community support. Bijal demonstrates community leadership throughout active participation on the boards of the Rockland County Family Shelter, Asian Women's Alliance for Kinship & Equality, and Asian Women's Safety Net project of the NJ coalition for Battered Women. She has earned accolades for pro-bono work by the Empire State counsel of the NY State Bar. The Rockland Economic Development Corporation awarded Bijal "Forty Under 40" in 2009.

### **St Lawrence County - Jennifer Ball**

Jennifer Ball is the newly elected co-treasurer of the St. Lawrence County Branch. She has brought to that position her not-for profit experience, her technical skills, and her understanding of group dynamics to transform the way we are doing business as a branch. Additionally, she has worked closely with the branch in her position as an Assistant Professor of History at Clarkson University to strengthen our collaborative bonds at CU. She worked closely with the branch to develop her successful two-year AAUW Community Action Grant, Value. U., which will be presented as a workshop at the 2010 AAUW-NYS Convention.



### **Westchester - Barbara Hirschman**

The Westchester Branch takes great pleasure in nominating Barbara Hirschman for the AAUW-NYS Emerging Leader Award.

Barbara:



- Is a member of our coordinating council
- Is a member of our board of directors
- Holds the elected office of corresponding secretary
- Is a member of our Expanding Your Opportunities -The Sky is The Limit committee and volunteers on the day of the conference
- Attends our scholarship luncheon and Pay Equity event and volunteers to hand out "pay day" bars to students at Westchester Community College as they come into the cafeteria
- Is an insightful member of our Southern Westchester literature group
- Is an active member of our Art Interest group
- Is a generous hostess who volunteers to have meetings in her home
- Is friendly, good-humored, responsible, conscientious and committed to AAUW

### **Yates County - Dr. Cynthia Shepardson**



Dr. Cynthia Shepardson is our choice for the NYS Emerging Leader Award for 2010. Cindy is currently an assistant professor of Education at Keuka College, specializing in creativity in the classroom. Her special interests are creativity, creative and critical thinking, creative problem solving, creative classroom climate, rubric development, authentic instruction and assessment, Multiple Intelligences, and enrichment programming.

Cindy has shown enthusiasm and support of AAUW ideals and our local branch ever since she became a member of AAUW. She has accepted the office of Secretary, has offered to do a program for us on creative problem solving, and helped in the formation of our book discussion group by providing us with a list of titles as suggested reading. Cindy has nearly perfect attendance at our meetings, and she is an eager and willing participant in anything she is asked to do. We are proud and please to present her with this award.