

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM/ EVENT:

Note: Any program since last year's deadline of March 15 is eligible.

Category: (Please circle or highlight the category for which this program is being submitted.)

- Women – Education – Community – International – Cultural – Diversity

Title: Sister to Sister Family Day

Describe your project/ program/ event in **150-300 words**. Be sure to include:

- how the project addressed **AAUW's mission** (15 points)
- **branch goals** in doing this program (10 points)
- **specific action steps** in planning this program (15 points)
- involvement of **other community groups** (if any) (10 points)
- **number of members** (5 points) and **nonmembers** (5 points) **in planning and in putting on the program**
- steps taken for **community visibility** (10 points)
- **number of members** (5 points) and **nonmembers** (5 points) who attended or benefited
- **number of new members** who joined (if any) (5 points)
- measurable **impact on the community** (10 points)
- **lessons learned** for future programs/ projects/ events (5 points)

Attach copies of newsletter and newspaper articles about this project/ program/ event.

(No more than 4 pages maximum)

Mail or email the original of your entire application with supporting materials to:

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Sister-to-Sister AAUW Family Day, Maria Ellis, Dr. Chigurupati Rani, Co-Chairs



The Sister-to-Sister AAUW Family Day was an inter-branch project, sponsored by New York City, Manhattan, Westchester and Rockland County Branches at Madison Square Garden, September 14, 2008. The day included a talk by President and General Manager, New York Liberty women's Basketball Team, Carol Blazejowski who spoke at 2:15 p.m.; free refreshments, and game at 4 p.m. between the NYC Liberty Team and The Detroit Shocks. AAUW members, BMCC students and families attended. This project/event showed parents, particularly the fathers, that it is okay to be involved with sports. The parents came to understand that when girls are involved in sports, they become more effective leaders because they as a team have a common goal, working together to achieve the team goal. They also learned that there are lots of supporting jobs for a basketball team, not just as a basketball player. As for PR, just imagine the American Association of University Women in fourteen foot letters on the Madison Square Garden marquee in New York City for all to see!

Explore Your Opportunities – The Sky's the Limit!, Lorrin Johnson and Wilma Gitchell, Co-Directors

The goal of this program is to give 7th grade girls and opportunity to see and interact with "real STEM" professionals: to excite them about math, science, engineering and technology. Also to give interested parents an opportunity to meet with professional educators, counselors and financial aid people to guide them through the process of education for their daughters through high school and college; to inform them of alternative sources of financing such as non-profits whose goals are to educate and promote girls in those fields. It is a one day conference with continued back-up information on our website www.aauw-eyoconference.com. The conference is held in March at Barnard College and the 2008 conference hosted 166 girls and 54 parents. This is the fifth year (date: March 15, 2008; March 14, 2009 is the sixth) of a very successful conference. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ray Ann Havasy, Ph.D. who was a consultant to Steven Spielberg on his film "Jurassic Park." Each 7th grade girl was preregistered for two of the 15 one-hour hands-on work shops led by women professionals. Concurrently, the parents and educators had a town hall meeting and a workshop, "Show me the money." During the conference everyone participated in Mystery Woman Game. There were 15 professional women who wore straw hats and the goal of the game was identify them by their biographies in "The Mystery Woman" booklet. A prize was given for the participant who got all 15 signatures. This conference is coordinated by volunteers and all the professionals volunteer their time. There is a \$10 charge for participants. The local New York City community has been supportive by discounting materials and food for the conference. (Specifically, Famiglia Pizza, and Ivy League Stationary Store). We had volunteers from organizations such as Women In Science at Columbia. EYO is part of the National Girls Collaborative and listed on their website. EYO is part of the National Girls Collaborative and listed on their website <http://www.ngcproject.org/directory/programs.cfm> and on http://www.westchestergov.com/women_womenshistorymonth.htm



AAUW Borough of Manhattan Community College Student Affiliate Club Chartered.

Dr. Chigurupati Rani has developed an AAUW Student Affiliate Club at BMCC and it was chartered. The students enjoyed a presentation on pay equity for Equal Pay Day: king-size Payday candy bars were distributed. Monthly program meetings are held. Students helped with voter registration. They secured many signatures for UNIFEM's petition to end violence against women and girls. These petitions were presented to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon with five million signatures.

 **Sister to Sister - Family Day, \$10.00**
 Sunday, September 14, 1:00 p.m.
 NY Liberty vs. Detroit Shock Game at 4:00 p.m.
 Madison Square Garden 

public Policy Briefing
 Thursday, September 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Refreshments will be served.
 Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director
 Lisa Maatz, AAUW Public Policy Director
 See President's Letter for details, p.2.

OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION
 Sunday, September 21
 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please join us at our historic branch house and in our Captivating garden -- bring friends, acquaintances, and family members to join AAUW.

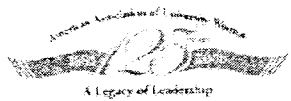
"I Dream of Africa"
 Thursday, September 25, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 Very light refreshments will be served

NYS AAUW District V Fall Conference
 Celebrating Title IX: What's Ahead?
 Saturday, October 11, 8:30 a.m.
 Rockland County Community College

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Loving Memory of Lynn Vergano's Mother, Helaine "Sis" Anagnostis



An incredibly creative and generous person, admired and respected by all who knew her, and an inspiration to us all. Sis was a dance instructor & Proprietor of the Rolynn Dance Studio, an active member of the New York Society of Teachers of Dancing, Dance Edu-

cators of America, Dance Masters of America, The Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and a judge of the Harvest Moon Ball. She organized the Connecticut Star Ball and the Interstate Ball. She also taught for the Yonkers Dept of Parks and Recreation and at many schools throughout Westchester County. She was a lifetime member of Temple Emanu-El of Yonkers. Sis passed away on July 17, 2008.

Ruth Wong
Director-at-Large

Dr. Rani, Maria with her niece and friends

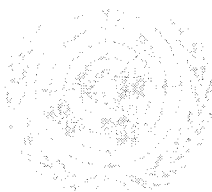


Students at Liberty Basketball Pregame



Kim Hampton, Retired high scoring Liberty Basketball player

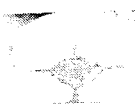
UN Day, Friday, October 24 Give up Meat, combat global warming



Need another reason to feel guilty about feeding your children that Happy Meal. Rajendra Pachauri, head of the U.N.'s Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, urged people around the world to cut back on meat in order to combat climate change. "Give up meat for one day

[per week] at least initially, and decrease it from there," Pachauri told Britain's *Observer* newspaper... So, that addiction to pork and beef isn't just clogging your arteries; it's flame-broiling the earth, too.

To join IFUW, see www.wg-usa.org,
Women Graduates USA.



Sister to Sister - Family Day



GET AHEAD OF THE GAME!

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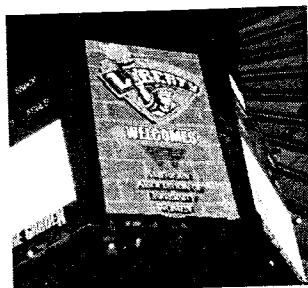


Carol Blazejowski, President and General Manager of the New York Liberty stood tall in front of our over 175 participants on Sunday, September 14 at Madison Square Garden telling us how Title IX helped her to get to where she is today. At court-side the group excitedly listened to Carol along with Kym Hampton, the highest scoring team member of the Liberty. The AAUW Sister to Sister Family Day at MSG was off to a great start. Participants had an opportunity talk to team members. For many students who were there it was their first time in Madison Square Garden and their first time at a professional WNBA basket ball game. Great game! The NY Liberty women lost only by two points to the Detroit Shock Team. Jodee MacDonald, a Westchester branch member said, "I enjoyed the way my daughter felt about the game. She had a look at all the possibilities right on the basket ball court!" Everyone is looking forward to this exciting event next year.

I think that we all agreed that the four branches who participated in creating the Sister to Sister Family day successfully exemplified how important women's sports are to girls (and boys), our goal. It is not just the players who play basket ball but all the supporting jobs that are part of making the basket ball game work.

Thanks to the many people from the New York City, Westchester, Manhattan and Rockland branch who made this event a success - especially the steering committee who relentlessly met month after month with Erin Dabe the Account Executive for the team.

Lorin Johnson, AAUW NYC Educational Equity Chair



Madison Square Garden Marquee: "NY Liberty welcomes the American Association of University Women"

Vote as if your life depends upon it because it does



Jeanne Pearson, professional docent, organized tour of Rococo Exhibit at the Cooper-Hewitt. Watch for future exhibit in November!