

Jamestown Branch Open House

Our first Branch Open House goals were:

1. To **educate** the community and our members about the AAUW mission and activities by having exhibits and showing the “Breaking Through Barriers” DVD
2. To **recruit** new members, using the Shape the Future program
3. To **provoke** thinking about women’s economic status with two speakers who were NYS Assembly candidates

The Membership Committee invited 50 people and promoted the event to the public through radio interviews; an article in our local paper; an article in our newsletter; posters; and TV coverage. We organized a display of all Branch activities, including EF and LAF exhibits. We honored members who had belonged to AAUW for 30+ years and members who had joined within the last twelve months by asking each to stand and accept a flower. We learned how important it is to honor fellow members at our programs.

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Jamestown AAUW To Host Open House Thursday

State Assembly Candidates To Offer Remarks

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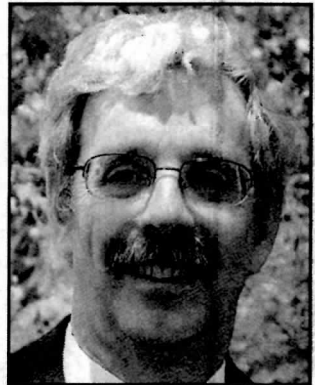
The Jamestown Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold an open house at 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 E. Fourth St., Jamestown, featuring a number of informational exhibits about AAUW activities as well as state Assembly candidates, Nancy Bargar and Andrew Goodell, who will each speak about women's issues related to the economy and legislation.

The event is open to the public at no charge.

The open house begins at 7 p.m. with a social hour in which the public can learn about the various AAUW activities that represent the organization's mission: advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Refreshments will be available and a door prize will be awarded at the end of the evening. A reduced membership rate of \$41.50 will be offered to new members who join at this event either by check or cash. In the second half of the evening, members with more than 30 years of service will be honored. Then, both candidates for the 150th Assembly



NANCY BARGAR



ANDREW GOODELL

Sewer District, among others. She is a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown.

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Andrew Goodell, Republican candidate for the 150th District of the state Assembly, is the managing partner at Goodell & Rankin. He served Chautauqua County for eight years as County Executive, where he worked on tax and debt reduction. Goodell is an active member in many community and charitable organizations, including the Church Council at First Covenant Church, founding member and current board member of Chautauqua Leadership Network, past president and three time Paul Harris Fellow for Jamestown Noon Rotary, board member for Bemus Bay Pops, co-chair of the United Way professional division, former chairman

women going on to obtain four-year degrees.

Get in the Game, now in its 11th year, is an annual event held each March at Jamestown Community College. Girls in fourth through sixth grades participate in a day long combination of seven or eight sports. By participating in these sports such as baseball, basketball, gymnastics, kayaking among others, girls learn the value of sports and teamwork as well as increasing personal self esteem.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for discrimination. AAUW was among the organizations that funded Lilly Ledbetter in her employment discrimination suit against Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, a case that was later overturned by

Disbarred seat, currently held by the retiring Bill Parment, will speak.

ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES TO SPEAK

Nancy Bargar, Democratic candidate for the 150th District of the state Assembly, lives in Lakewood, an area she once represented for 10 years in the Chautauqua County Legislature. While in the legislature, Ms. Bargar served as Chair of its Planning and Economic Development Committee, helped secure money for the Manufacturing Technology Institute and participated in the development of the Stoneman Industrial Park in her home district. She also worked on needed environmental and health reforms, including the fight to close unsafe tire dumps and the implementation of non-smoking policies at the county level.

Ms. Bargar graduated from Jamestown High School and Hamilton College. She is a founding member of the Jamestown AM Rotary Club, has worked as a news reporter and in radio at the local level. She has served on the boards of Jamestown Community College, the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, the Southern Tier Rail Authority, the Chautauqua Institution, the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency and the Chautauqua Lake

of the board for CODE and former president of the State University at Fredonia Business Administration and Accounting Advisory Board.

Goodell has received several awards including a recognition award for his support of the Chautauqua Child Care Council, "Business First's 40 under 40" award, and the Crawford Award for his welfare reform work. He has also served on various state task forces to improve health care services. Goodell graduated from Maple Grove High School. He has a degree in political economics and mathematics from Williams College and is a graduate of Cornell Law School.

LEARNING ABOUT AAUW

During the evening, guests can learn about the various activities that the Jamestown AAUW Branch conducts to support its mission and can join the organization at a reduced rate. The What's New Fair and Get in the Game are two such annual activities sponsored by the branch. The 55th annual What's New Fair will be held this year at Jamestown Community College's Hamilton Collegiate Center on November 13-14. Through the annual event, the AAUW has raised more than \$300,000 for scholarships for JCC

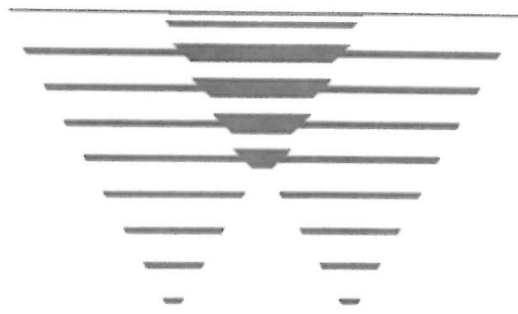
the Supreme Court and led to the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act by President Obama in 2009.

The AAUW Educational Fund provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. For both L.A.F. and E.F., the local AAUW branch conducts various fundraising events throughout the year.

AAUW Public Policy at the local level includes sponsorship of the annual candidate forum held each year at the Jackson Center. This year's forum will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25. In the past, the AAUW Branch's Public Policy committee has written informational articles, helped to demonstrate the new voting machines and registered new voters.

At the open house, individuals with a two year associates degree or higher who wish to support the AAUW mission can join at the reduced membership rate of \$41.50. The regular rate is \$66. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There are no barriers to full participation in AAUW on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

For further information, call 483-5448 or visit the branch website at jamestown.aauw-nys.org.



AAUW

Open House

Learn about AAUW's Mission:
Advancing equity for women and girls

Thursday, September 23, 7 pm

Robert H. Jackson Center

305 E Fourth Street, Jamestown, NY (Prendergast Ave. Entrance)

NANCY BARGAR & ANDREW GOODELL

Speak about women's issues at 8 pm

Reduced membership dues at this event only:
\$41.50 (previously \$66.00) with cash/check

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