Schenectady Branch AAUW Program

"Are you on the Road to Healthy Living" April 21, 2010

How this program addressed AAUW's mission:

Our program "Are You on the Road to Healthy Living" addressed AAUW's mission by educating women on how to lead a healthy lifestyle and reminding them that they need to advocate for good medical attention.

The branch goals met in doing this program included

- Focusing on women and children's issues including health, education and safety.
- Community Outreach By having this program at the main county library and opening it to the public we were reaching out to our members and community residents on the importance of a healthy diet, exercise, getting their medical questions answered.
- Community service Living a healthy lifestyle is so important for a good quality of life. By opening this meeting to our community we were providing a community service. The members on the panel were 2 local doctors and an acupuncturist.
- Visibility Posters in the main and branch libraries, newsletter article, newspaper, TV and radio publicity in their community events segments.

Action Steps in planning this program

• The 2 program vice presidents and co-presidents brainstormed topics, decided on this one and contacted 2 doctors and an acupuncturist to be on the panel..

Action Steps taken for community visibility

- We reserved the meeting room at the main branch of our county library
- Wrote articles for our newsletter and a copy for our local TV and radio stations and our local newspapers to include in the community events segments.
- Put up signs in the main library and the branches advertising the program.

Measureable impact on the community

We were quite pleased with the number of members and non-members who attended this program. We had about 40+ people attending and got a good number of positive comments from the attendees.

Lesson Learned

Having a topic directly relating to improve one's health seemed to encourage more people to attend the meeting.

Are You On the Road to Healthy Living?



Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
The McChesney Room
Schenectady Main Library
99 Clinton St., Schenectady

Kemp Bundy, M.D. (Allergist) identifies seasonal and environmental allergies and suggests ways to deal with them.

Judy Kodela (Licensed Acupuncturist, Certified Medical Qigong Therapist and Tai Ch Instructor) explains how Chinese medicine such as acupuncture, herbs, Tai Chi and Qigong are used for treating the body, mind and spirit.

Christine Murphy, M.D. (Internal Medicine) addresses issues related to osteoporosis, healthy diet, and exercise.

Public is invited

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