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Convention Logo

JOIN US AT CONVENTION !

From the President: **Kay Kraatz**
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Strong Women Leaders! Our New York State AAUW Convention will enable all to see that leadership and team building will bring us to the new millennium. We learn from the past, we live in the present, and prepare for the future.

Engage in dialogues on the Association dues increase, the future of social security, and interact with leaders on issues critical to women's health. The workshops are varied, from Domestic Violence to the Women's Sport Federation. Learn how branches are shaping the future, Sister-to-Sister Summits, how to be advocates for an issue, the impact of educational reform, etc.

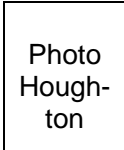
And...we will have the first....NYS AAUW Walk/Run for EF/LAF on Sunday morning. I'm starting to get my sponsors now...and YOU?

Join us in Corning. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Friday Keynote Panel

Women are not only Strong Leaders but they very often have to overcome a multitude of problems and concerns to achieve the goals they set for themselves. The three people who make up our keynote panel are just these kinds of women.

Maisie Houghton has a home both in Corning and New York City. Besides co-founding both *the Women's Center of the Southern Tier* and *Women and Money*, she has been a councilor, board member, and trustee.



Marrietta Cheng lives in Hamilton where she lectures, composes and teaches at Colgate University. She has been a national spokeswoman for issues on women and was chosen as one of a unique group of one hundred women leaders from across the US to add her voice to Lifetime Television's National Summit on Women in the 21st Century.



Augustine Pounds, the president of the Legal Advocacy Fund, is also on our panel. The first African American woman elected LAF president, Dr. Pounds earned her BA and MA from Oakland University and her Ph.D. in higher education administration from Iowa State University. Currently, she works as an executive consultant to non-profit corporations in fund-raising and training.



Convention Schedule At-A-Glance

Friday, April 23

- 1:00 - 6:00 Registration * Credentials * Hospitality
2:00 - 4:30 NY State Board of Directors Meeting
3:30 - 5:00 Local Tours
5:15 - 6:15 Resolutions Caucus
6:00 - 7:30 Exhibits, Branch Sales, LAF Baskets
6:30 - 7:15 "First Timers" Reception
6:30 - 7:30 Social Hour, Meet the Candidates, Sales & Posters
7:30 - 8:30 Banquet - Media Awards
8:45 - 9:00 Convention Opening
9:00 -----
and Keynote panel: Augustine Pounds, Marrietta Cheng
Maisie Houghton

Saturday, April 24

- 6:00 Morning Walk and Talk
7:00 - 8:50 LAF Breakfast with Augustine Pounds, LAF President
8:00 - 5:00 Registration * Credentials * Hospitality
9:00 - 9:15 District Caucus
9:30 - 10:45 Workshops I
A. Women's Sports Foundation; B. Educational Reform;
C. Cultural Diversity; D. Sister-to-Sister Support Network;
E. Leadership Doesn't Have to Hurt
11:00 - 11:45 Chat Room Dialogs
1. Technology & the Gender Gap
2. IFUW
3. Membership/College University Linkages
4. Leadership How-tos
5. Branch Questions and Answers
12:00 - 1:15 Awards Luncheon - 5 Star Branch Awards
1:30 - 3:45 NYS AAUW Business Meeting
3:45 - 4:45 Issue Forum: Americans Discuss Social Security
4:45 - 5:30 Exhibits & Sales, Free time
6:00 - 7:00 Rockwell Museum Reception - wine, cheese & music
7:30 ----- Gala EF Banquet, Installation, Entertainment

Sunday, April 25

- 6:30 - 8:00 1st Annual Walk/Run for EF/LAF
7:00 - 8:30 Registration * Credentials * Breakfast
8:00 - 8:45 Continental Breakfast (LAF Baskets awarded at 8:30)
8:45 - 9:45 Workshops II
F. Ad-vocal-ness; G. Domestic Violence; H. EF Fundraising;
I. Power of One Vote; J. Community Action Grants
10:00 - 11:15 Issue Forum: Critical Issues for Women's Health
with Lois Utley & Barbara Baralettie
11:15 - 12:30 Town Hall Discussion
with Kay Kraatz, NYS AAUW president
& Marilyn Leist, MAR Director
12:45 Luncheon and Awards - Close of Convention

Dr. Augustine Pounds, the President of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, will be our guest speaker at the 7 am LAF Breakfast on Saturday. The first African American woman to be elected president of LAF, Dr. Pounds uses her years of experience as a university administrator to challenge discrimination against women in higher education. Dr. Pounds is an executive consultant to non-profit corporations in fund-raising and training.

The **1999 NYS Progress in Equity Award** will also be presented.

This year the top three branches in LAF giving will be recognized at the breakfast. The breakfast program will list the donors in the following giving categories: LAF Partners (\$250-499), LAF Amicus (\$100-249), and LAF Circle (\$50-99). The program will also list the branches which earned the LAF Star (\$3.00/member or more).

There will be baskets on the tables for individual contributions to LAF. To insure that your branch receives credit for your donation, please use a check made out to **AAUW LAF** with your branch indicated. Together we can build a more equitable future for all women!

LAF Baskets for Auction

Evelyn M. Currie 518/399-3711

Once again, we will have baskets donated by branches from around the state, offered in a silent auction to raise funds for LAF. The baskets will be on display for bidding from 4 pm Friday until 11 pm Saturday when the bidding ends. The winners will be announced during the breakfast on Sunday morning.

Let's have about 40 baskets this year to increase the excitement. Small ones, which can be taken home easier, are best. Let me know if you are bringing one or more baskets. While we are having fun, we will be helping women achieve equity in higher education!

LAF Breakfast

Evelyn M. Currie, Director
Legal Advocacy Fund

Convention Workshops

Saturday: Workshop Session I

A. Everyone Needs a Sport - Tuti Scott, Director of Development for the Women's Sports Federation, will show how AAUW branches and members can advocate through WSF Community Action Programs.

B. Charting New Waters in the Murky Sea of Education Reform - Join the Commissioner of Education, the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, and a representative of NYSUT as they help us understand how Reform has affected today's education.

C. Cultural Diversity Around the Globe - Gain insight into the way women live and grow in diverse cultures. Rajam Hariharan and Carol Stull will introduce you to women from Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Egypt, and the Netherlands.

D. S2S NYS Support Network for S2S - Join us and learn how to raise money, build a coalition and select girls. Packaged for any size group.

E. Leadership Doesn't Have to Hurt - Finding, nurturing and replacing leaders is critical for a healthy branch. Find out how here.

Sunday: Workshop Session II

F. Ad - vocal - ness - Patricia Binzer, Ed.D., will help us to learn the techniques for effective advocacy. Learn how to enhance your coalition building and lobbying skills.

G. Peace by Piece - Sue King and Anne Bussard will help us to understand how they help women deal with the many issues surrounding Domestic Violence. START to understand why Stopping Today's Abuse Rewards Tomorrow.

H. Maximize Branch Resources in EF Fundraising - New and energized ideas for fundraising will be offered to support the Educational Foundation. The research we sponsor continues to bring progress for all women.

I. Power of One Vote - The history of the Voter Education Initiative, review of Voter Education action, and what the future holds.

J. Community Action Grants - Encourage the grass-roots ideas in your community and shepherd them through the CAG application process of the EF.

Award Deadlines:

- **Action for Equity Awards** - applications due March 15, 1999 to Ann Walker, NYS Initiative for Educational Equity Director.
- **Peacock Award** - Applications due March 15, 1999 to Bobbe Fortunato, NYS Program VP.
- **Progress in Technology and Media Awards** - Applications due March 15, 1999 to Alene Wyatt, Communications Director.
- **5 Star Branch Award** - Applications due March 15, 1998 to Inez Alston, Membership VP.
- **Education Foundation Contribution** forms due by April 1, 1998 to Helen Engel, NYS Education Foundation VP.

Convention Check List:

If you are going to the Radisson Hotel Corning for the NYS AAUW Convention, you need to:

1. Make travel arrangements.
2. Mail hotel registration to Radisson Hotel Corning.
3. Mail NYS AAUW Convention Registration to Joan Runsen (check included).
4. Sign up for tours - Use the form in *FOCUS* (pg. 4) or see your branch president for a copy.
5. Get sponsors & sign-up for Walk/Run for EF/LAF.

The *NYS FOCUS* (USPS-390-570) is published for the American Association of University Women. The subscription rate of \$2.15 is included in the NYS dues. Second class postage is paid at Washington, DC, and additional offices. **Send address changes to AAUW Records Office, 1111 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.**

Questions and articles should be addressed to the *NYS FOCUS* Editor, Donna Seymour, 8 Cedar St., Potsdam, NY 13676, 315/265-6985, e-mail: onthego@northnet.org

Summer Deadline: May 1, 1999
Fall Deadline: August 1, 1999

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Reservation deadline: April 1, 1999

A block of rooms has been reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations must be made by April 1, 1999. All rooms must be guaranteed by a major credit card or by a on night's deposit. Reservations made without a credit card or advanced deposit will not be accepted. The hotel package of \$301 for single occupancy, \$210 /person double occupancy, and \$187/ person triple occupancy includes two nights lodging and meals. Parking is available.

Questions? Call the Radisson Hotel Corning at:
607/962-5000 or 1-800-333-3333

Send your hotel reservation form to :

Radisson Hotel Corning
125 Denison Parkway East
Corning, New York 14830-2786

CHAT Rooms & Posters Session

Conversation Helps All Branches Thrive. Visit a CHAT room on Saturday to discuss breakthroughs and barriers to branch success. Share with others from across the state. The CHAT rooms will cover Technology & the Gender Gap, IFUW, Membership/ College University Linkages, Leadership How-tos, and Branch Questions and Answers.

Once again branches are invited to bring posters illustrating their activities. The Poster Session will be held on Friday evening during the Social Hour before dinner. Posters will remain on display.

Convention Sales Room

Buyers Needed: Check out the items for sale to benefit the Educational Foundation. New state items will be available along with items from individual branches - what a great way to help the Educational Foundation. See you there!

Sellers Needed: To reserve a space at the convention for your branch Educational Foundation sale items, fill in the form from the convention packet sent to your branch president.

Association National Convention

June 19-22 in Washington, DC

Plan to attend the national Convention this year. Sandy Bernard, Greater Rochester Branch, has chosen to run for a second term as AAUW President. The New York Board of Directors unanimously endorses Sandy and will host a reception for her at the convention in the state's suite. A **Capitol Hill Lobby Day** is scheduled for June 22. Patricia Breslauer, Director of Administration, (516/549-2380) is coordinating information for NYS. Sharing transportation and rooms can reduce your costs.

Long Islanders: Take the Bus

See your branch president's convention packet for information on taking the bus from Long Island to the Corning Convention.

LOCAL TOURS:

1. Historic Market Street Walking Tour - Guide from Market St. Restoration Agency. Limit 20, Minimum 15 - Cost \$5.00.
2. Big Flats/Elmira - Mark Twain, Underground Railroad, Union Prison Camp. Limit 22, Minimum 17 - Cost \$10.00. Includes guide and motor trolley fee.
3. Corning Museum of Glass - Hot Glass Show, Steuben Gallery, wonderful shops! Limit 20, Minimum 16 - Cost \$12.50. Includes trolley shuttle, guide and museum entrance fee.

Tour Registration Form

- Historic Market Street Walking Tour - \$5.00
- Big Flats/Elmira - Motor Trolley - \$10.00
- Corning Museum of Glass - \$12.50

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I am enclosing a check for _____ to cover the cost of my tour. Make checks payable to **AAUW NYS**. Send this form and the check for your tour to:


Janet Richardson
36 Tall Meadow, Painted Post, NY 14870

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Elizabeth Harrel - Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following members to serve New York State for the 1999-2001 term.

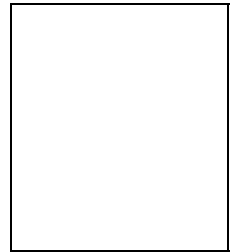
Jeanette Knapp for Membership Vice President




Jeanette has been an AAUW member since 1981. She joined the Ithaca Branch to show her admiration for the branch support of the Cornell 11 litigants, which led to the formation of the Legal Advocacy Fund. She has served as branch president, secretary, membership VP, treasurer, and historian. On the state level, she was the Director of College/University Membership. She is currently acting Director of Communications for Alumni Affairs and Development at Cornell University. She has published both fiction and non-fiction and has authored numerous grants and proposals.

Loreen Ginnitti for Secretary/Bylaws

Loreen has been an AAUW member in the Chautauqua-Westfield Branch for 25 years. She has served as president, co-president, secretary, membership VP, and program VP in her branch. On the state level, she has served on the district teams for Educational Foundation and Diversity and is currently in her second term on the Educational Foundation Committee. Loreen has worked as a Family and Consumer Science teacher at the Westfield Academy and Central School for 30 years. She has also been active in a number of community organizations, including the YWCA, Westfield Memorial Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Union Relief Committee to help low income families, and the Westfield Community Chorus.



Mary Thompson for Treasurer



As an AAUW member for 15 years, Mary has played an active role in the Albany Branch. She is currently branch president and has also served as the program VP, secretary and treasurer. She is currently the New York State AAUW treasurer and has also been the district representative to the Branch Council Committee. Mary retired from her position as an auditor in the New York State Comptroller's Office after 35 years. She is also active in the Legislative Forum, the Institute of Internal Auditors, and various other community organizations.

AAUW Issue Forums:

Saturday afternoon: Social Security

Americans Discuss Social Security is a two-year project funded by the Pew Charitable Trust to educate Americans about Social Security and the important options for reform being discussed. NYS AAUW is one of the discussion partners in New York. Join us as we learn about their Education & Action Network.

Sunday morning: Critical Issues in Health Care for Women Today: Hospital Mergers, Selecting an HMO, and Current Legislation

Ann Bish, Director for Public Policy, will facilitate a discussion on Critical Issues in Health Care by Lois Uttley and Barbara Bartoletti. Ms. Uttley comes to us from Merger Watch, Family Planning Advocates and the NYS Department of Health; she is the Senior Editor at the Albany Times Union. Ms Bartoletti serves as the Legislative Director for the NYS League of Women Voters. They have worked together before on women's concerns and should be able to answer some of our questions and concerns about present day issues.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

*** Deadline: April 3, 1999 ***

Mail to: Joan Runsen
364 E. Sullianville Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845

Name _____
Preferred first name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Phone () _____
e-mail _____
Branch _____
Position _____ District _____

Please check: (check all that apply)
 Delegate Alternate Guest
 First Convention NYS Board
 Past NYS President Association Officer
 Non-voting Branch member
 Member-at-Large Dual Branch member
 College/University Member _____
_____ (name of institution)

Rockwell Museum Tour/
Wine & Cheese \$ 6 _____
Advance registration: \$40 _____
Companion Registration \$20 _____
(non-AAUW member)
After April 4th add \$15 _____
or (single day registrations)
Friday registration: \$12 _____
Saturday registration: \$34 _____
Sunday registration: \$17 _____

Total Registration: \$ _____

(Reserve for meals separately ONLY IF YOU ARE **NOT**
REGISTERED FOR THE HOTEL PACKAGE.)

Friday dinner: \$27.25 _____
Saturday breakfast: 10.50 _____
Saturday luncheon: 15.00 _____
Saturday banquet: 28.50 _____
Sunday breakfast: 7.00 _____
Sunday luncheon: 18.50 _____

Total Registration: \$ _____

Make checks payable to NYS AAUW Convention.

Handicapped necessities required.

Registration Refund Policy:

April 6 to 17 - 50% refund

After April 18 - no refund

(CIRCLE 1 PER

CATEGORY)

Saturday Workshop I: A. B. C. D. E.

Sunday Workshop II: F. G. H. I. J.

Chat Room Session: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

*** Deadline: April 1, 1999 ***

American Association of University Women
New York State Convention
April 23-25, 1999

Mail Reservations to:

Radisson Hotel Corning
125 Denison Parkway East
Corning, NY 14830-2786
607/962-5000 or Fax 607/962-4199
1-800-333-3333

PLEASE PRINT:

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Organization _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone () _____

Evening Phone () _____

Names of person(s) sharing room:

Arrival Date _____ Time _____

Departure Date _____ Time _____

Rates quoted include two nights' lodging, meals,
and applicable meal taxes and gratuities plus tax.

Credit Card: _____ Number: _____

Expiration Date _____

Check-in: after 3 pm; Check-out: 1 pm

Check Accommodations requested:

\$301 single occupancy

\$210 double occupancy (per person)

\$187 triple occupancy (per person)

Single room - one bed (King or Queen)

Double room - one bed (King or Queen)

Double room - two beds

Smoking room Non-smoking room
_____Special Dietary
Needs

A block of rooms has been reserved on a first come, first served basis. **Deadline is April 1, 1999.** All rooms must be reserved with a major credit card or one night deposit. **Cancellation of reservations must be done 48 hours prior to the day of arrival.**

Resolutions

Ann Bish, Director of Public Policy - 716/741-3964

The deadline for resolutions to be considered at the NYS AAUW Corning Convention is March 8, 1999. Resolutions should be sent to Ann Bish, 5177 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence, NY 14031. This will provide the committee adequate time to review them before convention. Resolutions should meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to our program and be a priority.
2. Engage the group in a worthwhile effort to produce meaningful results and be something that the state can accomplish.
3. Have realistic goals, suggest a timetable, and offer possible ideas for action.

There will be a Resolutions Caucus on Friday afternoon. Resolutions submitted after the deadline may be presented. The person or branch with a resolution should be prepared to discuss it and have 200 copies for distribution. The late resolution will be presented to the convention and must receive a 2/3 vote to be considered and a 3/4 vote for passage.

The delegate body will be asked to vote on a proposed change to item one of the NYS Biennial Action Priorities. The first bullet under #1 is proposed to read as follows:

- *Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education and opposes the use of federal funds for non-public elementary and secondary education.*

Transportation to Convention

AIR SERVICE

For those guests who wish to fly to the conference, the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport is just 12 miles from the Radisson Hotel Corning along Route 17. It is serviced by US Airways and Northwest AirlinK with 19 arrivals and departures daily. The major car rental companies (Avis, Hertz and National) all have offices at the airport.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Mack's Taxi (607/739-3187) to the Radisson Hotel Corning - One way fare is \$14 for the first passenger and \$2 for each additional passenger up to a maximum of 4 people per cab.

VanGo Transportation (607/739-2125) to the Radisson Hotel Corning - One way fare is \$15 for the first passenger, \$3 for each additional passenger up to 6 people. Flat van fee of \$25 for 7-12 people.

Convention Registration Information

Registration Deadline:
April 3, 1999

The \$40 registration fee includes a comprehensive program and all printed convention materials. If you register after April 3, please check with the hotel about room availability before submitting your convention registration form.

Late registration fee is \$15. Make checks payable to:

NYS AAUW Convention

Mail to:
Joan Runsen
364 E. Sullivanville Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

Each person attending must complete a separate convention registration form and submit payment for the total amount due. Tours must be paid for separately through Janet Richardson (pg. 4).



New York State's Walk/Run for EF/LAF

Plan now to join us on Sunday in our first ever Walk/Run for EF/LAF. \$5 sent to Bobbe Fortunato by March 15 will put you on the starting line with a T-shirt to



support women and girls. Check the convention packets or send your name, branch and money to Bobbe Fortunato (551 Potter Blvd., Brightwaters, NY 11718-1615) now!



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Additional Entries

The **American Association of University Women** promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

In principle and practice **AAUW** values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWV-AAUW Lobby Day in Albany
March 16, 1999 - 10 am
Omni Hotel in Albany, NY

Important! All mailing labels are prepared at AAUW headquarters.

Please send changes or corrections directly to: AAUW Record Office, 1111 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036

Join us at the Corning Radisson Hotel on April 23-25

The 1999 NYS AAUW Convention: **Strong Women Working Together: Past and Future**, will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. The hotel has a lovely swimming pool, very nice rooms and good food. It is located in the middle of Corning, right next to a five block shopping area that has some unique glass and clothing shops, as well as a few outlet stores. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Rockwell Museum and the Corning Glass Works. Corning can be reached by car or by air via the Corning/Elmira Regional Airport.



Directions for Driving:

Albany: I-90 West to Rt. 17 West. Take Exit 47, Downtown Corning Exit. Turn right at the top of the ramp, then turn left at the traffic light onto Rt. 352 West. As you enter Corning the Radisson Hotel Corning will be at the third traffic light on the right.

Buffalo: Rt. 400 East to Rt. 20A East to Rt. 390 South to Rt. 17 East. Take Exit 45, Downtown Corning Exit. As you enter Corning, the Radisson Hotel Corning will be at the fourth traffic light on the left. **Rochester:** Rt. 390 South to Rt. 17 East. Take Exit 45, Downtown Corning Exit. As you enter Corning, see Buffalo directions.

Syracuse: I-81 South to Rt. 13 South to Rt. 17 West. Take Exit 45, Downtown Corning Exit. Turn right at the top of the ramp, then turn left at the traffic light onto Rt. 352 West. As you enter Corning the hotel will be at the third traffic light on the right. **Binghamton:** Rt. 17 West. Take Exit 47 Downtown Corning Exit. Turn right at the tip of the ramp, then turn left at the traffic light onto Rt. 352 West. As you enter Corning the hotel will be at the third traffic light on the right.

New York City: Rt. 80 West to Rt. 380 West to I-81 North to Rt. 17 West. Take Exit 47, Downtown Corning Exit. Turn right at the top of the ramp, then turn left at the traffic light onto RT. 352 West. As you enter Corning the hotel will be at the third traffic light on the right.