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District V Conference, Oct 18, 2014

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Saturday October 18, 2014 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the College of Mount Saint Vincent 6301 Riverdale Ave, Riverdale NY



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featuring a woman filmmaker. Join us and meet Enid Zentelis, producer/ director of the film *Bottled [Jp* Starring Academy Award winning actress Melissa Leo.

11:00-12:30 pm 12:30-2:30 pm 2:30-3:00 pm Meet/Greet/Eat (Lunch) Movie Screening + Q/A Discussion & Action Plan

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."

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A LETTER FROM THE EMPIRE STATE VIRTUAL BRANCH PRESIDENT, MARIA ELLIS



Dear Friends,

We enjoyed the Empire State Virtual Branch annual meeting during our Summer Leadership Conference in Cazenovia College on July 25-27, 2014. Thank you to the representatives of the ten AAUW NYS branches that attended our informal breakfast meeting. It was a great opportunity to bond with our friends and to gather ideas for the upcoming fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015.

We had an amazing time at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June 5-7, 2014 with our scholarship recipients & mentees Katherine Moreira and Kimberly Picon both junior students at the College of Mount Saint Vincent (CMSV). I have encouraged Katherine and Kimberly have applied for AAUW's Student Advisory Council. For more information about this program, click on www.aauw.org/resource/sac-application. I am pleased to report that Kimberly Picon is now working as an Intern at the Empire State Virtual Branch and her priority is the creation and maintenance of the Empire State Virtual Branch Facebook page. Our link to our newly created Facebook is: <u>https://www.facebook.com/EmpireStateVirtualNY</u>

We would like to welcome the following members who have been appointed to our ESVB board: Miki Noguchi, International Director. Miki recently received her Master's of Public Administration in Development Practice at Columbia University! Congrats! Miki! She is also AAUW's UN Representative. Miki will be our speaker during our September Teleconf call and she will update us on the upcoming events at the UN; Ksenia Leyvi, Communications Director, with emphasis on Social Media. Ksenia is a member of AAUW's Young Women's Task Force; and Jan Lisa Huttner, College & University Co-Director to enable her to reach out to the colleges in our area to promote our mission based programs and our new SWAN project, Support Women Artists Now!

Our AAUW mission based programs for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 includes: **a**) We will interview AAUW Fellows and to learn about their progress and to create mentoring opportunities; **b**) We will continue with our Mentoring Program at the College of Mount Saint Vincent (CMSV). If you would like to become a College Mentor, please let me know and save the date for next year's orientation and dinner, which is scheduled for September 18th; **c**) Our Fall 2014 \$mart \$tart Workshop will be held in November at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. We teach this workshop in the Fall and the Spring every year; **d**) We will continue to promote our public policy priorities including voter education campaigns; **e**) We will continue with our "Diversity" in our leadership and a potential Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in the Arts. **f**) We will host the District V Conference in NYC. Please save the date and spread the word that October 18th, 2014, our first SWAN events. SWAN stands for 'support women artists now.

In closing, I would like to remind you that if you have not yet joined or renewed your membership, either as a dual or a primary members, please become an active member of our virtual branch by clicking on the following link:

https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp

With a grateful heart,

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Explore Your Opportunities - The Sky's the Limit! 12th Year Conference March 21, 2015 College of Mount Saint Vincent Riverdale (Bronx), New York

The meetings will be held in Founder's Hall at CMSV in Mastronardi Room B

Friday, 9/5/14, 1:30–3:30 pm (Benedict's Hall Saturday, 10/11/14, 9:30–11:30 am Friday, 11/7/14, 1:30–3:30 pm Saturday, 12/13/14, 9:30–11:30 am Friday, 1/2/15, 1:30–3:30 pm Saturday, 2/14/15, 9:30–11:30 am Friday, 3/6/15, 1:30–3:30 pm (Mastronardi A)

Join us for the next planning meeting if you would like to get involved or know someone who you think could be part of our team. There are several interesting opportunities for

Volunteers: Development (fund raising), PR (public relations)

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SAVE THIS DATE: March 21, 2015 for our twelfth Annual Explore Your OpportunitiesTM Conference at the College of Mount Saint Vincent to excite 7th grade girls about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

You can help our conference for 7th grade girls, "Explore Your Opportunities–The Sky's the Limit!" when you order from Amazon .com by going through our website:

www.aauw-eyoconference.org and clicking on the Amazon button at the bottom of the page. Doesn't cost you anything and we get a tiny percentage . Thank you!







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18 Devonshire Dr, C	anterbury Crossing, Yorktown Heigh	s NY 10598 (Con	tact: 914-245-7704 or ftmaven@gmail.com.)	
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Summer 2014 NEWS



To: NY/NJ WILD – Leadership Read From: Joan Monk, NYS Special Projects Director Date: July 17th, 2014 Re: 1st Conference Call – July 15th, 2014

Background Info: This project started

with a conversation between AAUW State Board members from two different states who met at the AAUW 2014 National Convention in New Orleans. Robin Gerber was a keynote speaker at this convention, her book, "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" is a personal favorite of mine. It is my hope that this project will achieve the following three objectives:

• Discuss/reflect the leadership strategies presented in the book to examine/develop your own leadership style

•Design programs/projects that celebrate and promote "The International Day of the Girl" on Eleanor's birthday, October 11th Encourage AAUW members to support our AAUW representative, Melissa Guardaro at the UN through participation at various events – Committee on Teaching about the UN Conference, Committee on the Status of Women, International Day of the Girl and other events.

Format: Conference call on the third Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm focusing on one chapter/per month of Robin Gerber's book.

Participants will be asked to reflect on their reading using this framework, designed by Angeles Arrien, a cross-cultural anthropologist, in her seminal work, "The Four Fold Way." It is a very useful tracking device, developed by native peoples to prevent one from becoming part of the 'procession of the living dead.'

*What surprised you? *What inspired you? *What challenged you? *What touched your heart?

July 15th, 2014 – 1st Conference Call – Chapter One Chapter One – Learn from Your Past

"Character building begins in our infancy, and continues until death." –ER

- First Understand Your Needs
- We Were All Followers Once
- Search for Self-knowledge

Spin Bad memories into Leadership Strengths

1. The discussion began with the reflection that many members knew only cursory events in ER's life and were eager to learn more. 2. Some of us grew up in families that disliked the Roosevelts and ER, in particular. (Later, the McCarthy hearings were mentioned and we wondered if this influenced people's perception of ER in the 1950's.)

3. ER's father was the love of her life and this stayed with her always. He was a troubled soul but to ER he was everything.

4. By the age of ten, ER was an orphan, suffering the loss of her mother at 8 years old, her brother at 9 years old and her father at 10 years old. Were these incredible life tragedies the source her incredible sense of empathy for others?

5. ER appeared on the TV show, "What's My Line?" On that show, you can see that ER had no airs about her. Check it out: <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX0wmS3qV01</u>



6. ER embraced the technology of her time (radio/TV). Today, she would embrace Facebook/Twitter and more. Is there a lesson here for those of us who are fearful of technology?

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7. ER wrote her column, "My Day" from 1935-1962, six days a week. She took four days off when FDR died. You can access this at both PBS and ER Papers @ George Washington University.

8. "We were all followers once" lead to a discussion of events and people in our lives that inspired or launched our transition from follower to leader.

•Some members felt this is an on-going process; others reflected on specific situations that moved us forward.

There are times we chose to follow and at other times lead.

9. ER was not a 'born leader" but we can see from the events in her life how her leadership style developed.

There is a certain kind of brain function that enables individuals to reflect on their past and discern how their leadership style was influenced. 10. Did you have any 'pearls of wisdom' or adages that summarized what was valued in your family?

•You're judged by the company you keep. /Birds of a feather flock together.

•Actions speak louder than words.

When you lay with dogs you get fleas.

11. ER's relationship to her mother was of interest. ER was not nurtured by her mother so she had difficulty nurturing her own children. 12. Robin Berber suggested that ER suffered from "the imposter syndrome' as women do, doubting their competence and ability to contribute. Robin was on the final call of the 'pilot project' and added this insight when ER doubted herself when Harry Truman asked her to be part of the original UN delegation after WWII.

Leadership Summary

•Use your childhood to reflect on lesson you learned regarding leadership.

•Erma Stewart is an AAUW member from Oklahoma and does Eleanor Reenactments. She recommended a list of 365 questions to assist you in writing your autobiography. I have those questions and am happy to share them with you. Just ask.

•Reflect on messages you received from your family regarding leadership. Do you recall any quotes, adages or teaching stories? Focus on the positive lessons you've learned that will help you move forward.

Conference Call Follow-up

In response to Erma's 365 Questions, I found this website. <u>http://www.marcandangel.com/2011/03/14/365-thought-provoking-guestions-to-ask-yourself-this-year/</u>

Pat was inspired to know more about Eleanor's relationship to her mother and found this great interview with Blanch Weisen Cook who is an ER biographer and working on Volume 3. Here is the link : http://www.pbs.org/wdbh/americanexperience/features/interview/

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/interview/ eleanor-cook/

FYI

If you are a member of Amazon Prime. Pulitzer Prize winner Archibald MacLeish scripted this touching portrait of the woman who emerged from a privileged but painful childhood to become a powerful humanitarian. Academy Award winner for Best Documentary. Introduced by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Interested in becoming a WILD Woman? Contact Joan Monk, AAUW NYS District Director – <u>ftmaven@gmail.com</u> or 914 245 7704

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ESVB Sponsors Love Never Fails to Stop Human Trafficking

Ask the President

ESVB sponsors "Love Never Fails", an effort to stop Human Trafficking!



Human beings are still trafficked throughout the world. As globalization erases the borders between countries, the challenges of stopping the flood of human exploitation continue to multiply. Human trafficking has grown to be one of the largest organized criminal activities in the world, second only to drug trafficking. According to the U.S. Department of State's annual Trafficking in Persons re-

port, 40,000 victims were identified worldwide in 2012, but social scientists estimate that 27 million women, men, and children are victims at any given time.

But what, exactly, is human trafficking? How did it get to be such a prominent problem? And, most important, how can we end it?

The major anti-trafficking legislation in the United States, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, defines human trafficking as sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; orthe recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

For more info go to http://www.loveneverfailsus.com)



Jan Lisa Huttner, College & University Co-Director to enable her to reach out to the colleges in our area to promote our mission based programs and our new SWAN project, Support Women Artists Now!

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Jenn Mayfield, Cultural Director & Young Women Task Force Liaison

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education agencies, libraries, and museums. Music classes or choirs, sex education classes, and sports involving bodily contact are exempt from Title IX, as are religious institutions if the law would violate their religious tenets. Admissions policies at private undergraduate institutions are also exempt.

Did you know that Title IX requires recipients of federal education funding to evaluate their current policies and practices, adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints? All schools must publicly appoint at least one employee to coordinate Title IX compliance.

Title IX affects all areas of education, including: recruitment, admissions and housing; career and technical education; pregnant, parenting, and/or married students; science, technology, engineering, and math education; sexual harassment and assault; comparable facilities and access to course offerings; financial assistance; student health services and insurance benefits; harassment based on gender identity; and athletics.

For more information about Title IX, email connect@AAUW.org.



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Embracing Leadership Public Pol



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Save the dates MAKE TIME FOR ELEANOR

Embracing Leadership

Join AAUW NY/NJ in our first-ever **state-wide leadership** read via conference call. Mark **the 3rd Tuesday of each month** for the monthly discussion of the book, **"Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber**. Project begins **July 15th, 2014 @ 7pm**. Lots of ways to participate – **individual/buddy system/ team approach**. Gather a friend or two (or three) and share the conversation. Robin Gerber suggested the **'drop in' model** – sign up for the chapter/s that you are most interested in.

Chapter #	Title	Dates
1	Learn from Your Past	July 15, 2014
2	Find Mentors and Advisers	Aug 19, 2014
3	Mothering: Training for Leadership	Sept 16, 2014
4	Learning the Hard Way	Oct 21, 2014
5	Find Your Leadership Passion	Nov 18, 2014
6	Your Leadership Your Way	Dec 16, 2014
7	Give Voice to Your Leader- ship	Jan 20, 2015
8	Face Criticism with Courage	Feb 17, 2015
9	Keep Your Focus	Mar 17, 2015
10	Contacts, Networks and Connections	April 21, 2015
11	Embrace Risk	May 19, 2015
12	Never Stop Learning	June 16, 2015

Contact Joan Monk to join the conversation: <u>ftmaven@gmail.com</u> or 914-245-7704

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Women's Voices Need to be Heard!

Women's Equality Day Aug 25, 2014

19th Amendment was passed! Register to VOTE! Deadline: October 10, 2014

"I have never felt that anything really mattered but the satisfaction of knowing that you stood for the things in which you believed and had done the very best you could" Eleanor Roosevelt.

We in AAUW ESVB certainly understand this quote as we work "to promote equity for women and girls". Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. This year we are more aware than ever of the importance of the women's vote.

VOTING

It is when we vote that we have the greatest impact on the legislation that will be passed in subsequent years. Those elected know that they have constituent support for their political actions. Be sure you and others know how candidates stand on issues. Lobbying can be effective but voting is even more so. Women in governmental positions make a positive difference; so give them special consideration as you cast your ballot.

WOMEN'S VOTE

On November 6, 1917 women in New York State gained the right to vote. That same year two women were elected to the NYS Assembly. The passage of the 19th Amendment gave U.S. women the right to vote on August 26, 1920, a day we now celebrate as Women's Equality Day. It took 72 years from the Seneca Falls Meeting in 1848 to women achieving voting rights. It took another 60 years, until 1980, before more women than men voted in a presidential election, even though they represent more than half of the voting population. Voter turnout rates show that between four to seven million more women voted than men in recent elections. In 2012 63.7% of women and 59.4% of men voted. Interestingly, in 2012 44.8% of women vs 37.9% of men aged 18-24 voted and 56% of women vs 47% of men aged 25-29 voted. However, even more interesting, is the change from 2010 when 22.1% of women vs 20.4% of men ages 18-24 voted and 27.9% of women vs 27.9% men ages 25-29 voted. (The preceding statistics are from the Center for American Women and Politics.) We see a dramatic increase in young women voters, despite 2010 being an off year election. We need to encourage them to register and vote. WHAT YOU CAN DO IS ENCOURAGE EVERY YOUNG WOMAN YOU KNOW TO:

1 REGISTER TO VOTE- Deadline is October 10. Form is available from local Board of Election offices; by calling 1-800-FOR VOTE; by going on the internet. <u>http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html</u>; Absentee ballot form available at <u>http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html</u> Deadline is October 28. Contact your local colleges to register students-It is a good foot in the door activity.

2. VOTE-This year in NYS we will be voting for the Governor, Lt. Governor (Kathy Hoehul is running), State Comptroller, Attorney General, NYS Senators, NYS Assemblypeople, and

Members of the US House of Representatives. Let's help continue this upward trend of young women voting and assist in developing the voting habit which we all have.

You Can Make Difference-Encourage women to Exercise Their Hard Won Franchise!

Nancy Mion, Empire State Virtual Branch Public Policy Chair Myown220@aol.com

Diversity Director, ESVB



Heidi Parreno Diversity Director, Empire State Virtual NY Branch AAUW

The Empire State Virtual Branch as a new and on-line Branch of NY AAUW is in the position for being a catalyst for change. It attracts women of diverse cultures, backgrounds perspectives and professions. Therefore it is a fertile ground for a conversation on the myths and realities of diversity in AAUW.

My definition of myth and reality is from Webster New World Dictionary:2003, Harper Collins

Myth is any fictional story, person or thing. Reality is an actual factual happening.

Myth # 1. Diversity is racial therefore we do not have diversity in our branch.

Reality : We all belong to the human race and in itself there is a spectrum of differences and similarities present in each organization like AAUW. We are 99.9% similar and only .1% different. Each one of us has diversity within ourselves from bodily and genetic compositions, structures, DNA, and cultural origins but claim one identity. Recent scientific studies have shown that we all descended from Africa, something common in all of us and with migration theory we went to different parts of the world (made the difference). Each one of us brings a history in the U.S (common) and different historical experiences, i.e. slavery, displacement like the Native Americans, professional studies, and immigration, to name a few. There is diversity in each branch of the state from size, location, urban, sub-urban, rural (differences) and we all have AAUW mission for education and equity for women and girls (commonality).

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Myth #2. Diversity is not an issue.

Reality: AAUW has a statement on diversity. 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, disability, or class. Most branches have diversity directors, NYS has diversity director and National AAUW Board of Directors convened a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force in 2013. The D&I Task Force is to make recommendations how AAUW can better support State and Branch in efforts to diversity and strengthen membership.

Myth #3. Diversity and Inclusion are the same. Reality:

An operational definition of diversity is a presence of many unique individuals in an organization and in the community. This includes men and women from different nations, cultures, ethnic groups, generations, backgrounds, skills, sexual orientation, abilities, health and spiritual cultures including the culture of the Deaf, disabled and all other unique qualities that make each of us who we are.

Inclusion means an environment where everyone has an opportunity to fully participate creating success and where each person is valued for unique contributions, knowledge, experience, perspectives and counted in data collection of a population. Most often Asians and Native Americans are not included in diversity studies.

The theme of the NYS Board this year is "Sisterhood." As sisters please join the conversation on the ESVB Facebook on diversity. Face book page:

https://www.facebook.com/EmpireStateVirtualNY

Multicultural education is a way to dispel myths, share and affirm realities.

Heartfelt Thanks to Friends!



Thank you for your generous and thoughtful donations to the Empire State Virtual Branch!

Maria Ellis

Melissa Guardaro

Dr. C.S. Rani Marilyn Tesdechi



"Work is easier to Carry if your heart is involved."... ER

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 2014

Day	Date	Time	Event	Happy Summery
Tues	08/26/14	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Board Meeting (To join the Teleconference Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#).	Members interested in scheduling
Mon	09/01/14		Labor Day	aplease contact the Program VP to
Fri	09/05/14	1:30-3:30 p.m.	EYO Planning Meeting, Benedict's Hall in Founders Hall, College of Mount Saint Vincent	<pre>* reserve dates and confirm before * publicizing the event/meeting.</pre>
Mon	09/15/14	7:00-8:00 p.m.	New Members Reception & Jazz Music of Harlem with the Juilliard Jazz Ensemble. To reserve your seat email Maria at mellis@fsacap.com	Maria Ellis & Dr. C.S. Rani mellis@fsacap.com
Thurs	09/18/14	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Mentoring Program Orientation & Dinner at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Bronx, NY	******
Wed- Fri	09/24-26/14		Rosh Hashanah at Sundown	Save the Dates:
Sun	09/28/14	4:00-5:30 p.m.	New Members Reception & Concert by Jing Yang, pianist. To reserve your seat email Maria at mellis@fsacap.com	AAUW Disctrict V Conference Sat, October 18, 2014 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
Tues	09/30/14	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Board Meeting (To join the Teleconference Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#).	The College of Mount Saint Vincent AAUW-NYS Convention
Fri-Sat	10/3-4/14		Yam Kippur Begins at Sundown	April 17-19, 2015 at the Byblos Niagara Resort on Grand
Sat	10/11/14	9:30-11:30 a.m.	EYO Planning Meeting, Mastronardi Room B, College of Mount Saint Vincent	Island, NY
Mon	10/13/14		Columbus Day Observed	NCCWSL 2015 & Graduate School Fair
Sat	10/18/14	11 a.m3 p.m.	District V Conference at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Bronx, NY	- May 28-30, 2015 at the University of Maryland College Park, MD
Tues	10/28/14	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Board Meeting (To join the Teleconference Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#).	AAUW National Convention June 18–21, 2015
				San Diego, California

Empire State Virtual Branch Membership Join or renew your membership with Empire State Virtual Branch!

AAUW national dues are \$49, AAUW NYS dues are \$13.00, and the Empire State Virtual Branch dues are \$5.00. The branch dues year is July 1 to June 30, and if you join now, your membership is good through June 30, 2015. See the various memberships below and to join, please visit our website at http://empireny.aauw.net/membership/ § Not currently a member of AAUW: \$67 (\$49 for national dues, \$13 for NYS; \$5 for Empire) § Current branch member: \$5 for a dual membership § Current member-at-large: \$18 (\$13 for NYS; \$5 for Empire) § Current student member : \$17* a year (Campus is not a college member) § Current student member on an AAUW NY member campus: Free § New Graduate: first year free § Graduate Student: member \$18.81 a year

§ Primary Member & Donor for \$100* a year including a generous contribution of \$33 to be used towards NCCWSL

Membership <u>dues can be paid by a credit card or check</u>. This feature is available on our website. Go to: https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp or simply fill out and mail the coupon below:

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