



**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH  
MAY 2012**

**Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls**

**ANNUAL DINNER**

**MAY 2, 2012**

**6:30 PM**

**BEDFORD COMMUNITY CENTER**

**DINNER:** Concord Colonial Inn

**COST:** \$32 (checks payable to Bedford-Lexington AAUW and sent to Robin DeMott)

**FOOD:**

Mixed Field Greens with House Dressing

Chicken Picatta with Capers OR Grilled Salmon  
with Citrus Beurre Blanc

Chef's Choice of Potato

Seasonal Vegetable

Freshly Baked Cornbread and Sourdough Rolls

Apple Cobbler with vanilla ice cream

Coffee/Tea

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Alexandra Borrie will be performing selections from Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*.



Alexandra Borrie

Ms. Borrie celebrates 40 years as a professional actor-singer-dancer in New York. She has had a long and varied performance career on Broadway, in regional theatres, and in television. She taught acting at the Tisch School, New York University and at Muhlenberg College. She began her career as a ballet dancer and recently sang annual classical repertoire with the Oratorio Society of New York at Carnegie Hall. She co-hosts the live radio show OperaWorksRadio in Portsmouth, N.H., and is an acting coach to classical singers in the Boston area. Ms. Borrie taught musical scene study at The Westchester Conservatory of Music and the NY School for Film and Television. It will be a real treat to have Ms. Borrie join us and share her talents.

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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, we met at the Bedford Library. The meeting held was well represented by members and interested visiting guests. We completed the election of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for 2012-2013 slate. We thank the outgoing committee for all their conscientious work!

The following were elected:

Program Team: Liz Markson, Lila Packer, Marion Kilson, and Ruth Ladd  
Secretary: Catherine Boyd  
Nominating Committee: Irene Shea, Marilyn Flaherty, Sue Giurleo

The following are continuing for another year:

Co-Presidents: Alice Wadden, Joan Zinderman  
Treasurer: Robin DeMott

Janet Khattab has informed us that she will no longer be the Chair for the Education Foundation so we are looking for her replacement. We thank Janet for her past good work and contribution, especially at the Branch Holiday Education Fund Party! Anyone interested in filling this position please contact Alice or Joan.

Dot Hart stated that she hopes to soon present us with a new college candidate to receive a grant from our branch to attend AAUW'S 27th annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders [NCCWSL] which starts on May 31st.

Finally, the Program Committee presented Mary Keenan, author of "In Haste, Julia." Mary is a retired Lexington High School Teacher, who brought Feminist Studies to Lexington High School! Her love of history and historical women led her to research the abolitionist, Julia Robbins-Barrett. Mary Keenan's talent and presentation was a stimulating and informative meeting for all our members and guests!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the May 2nd Dinner at The Concord Colonial Inn!

*Joan Zinderman and Alice Wadden*

[Ed. Note: One of my daughters, when she saw the book, reminded me she had Mary Keenan for two courses at LHS, one of which was Women's History. She still remembers those classes as among the best she had in high school.]



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY

1. Who was head of National Council of Negro Women for 40 years and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal for her work for social equality?
2. Who was an advocate for civil rights, a fund raiser for NAACP, and the first black person to sign a long-term Hollywood contract in 1942?
3. Who was member of Harlem Renaissance, an anthropologist, and author of many books, including "Their Eyes Were Watching God"?
4. Who was the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field - in the 1960 Olympics for the 100 and 200 meters and the 400 meter relay?
5. Who was denied permission to sing in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) auditorium because of her race in 1939, but later became the first black person to perform at the Metropolitan Opera in 1955?
6. Who is the dancer, singer, actor, fund raiser, author, and poet who read a specially-composed poem at President Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993?
7. Who was a nightclub and cabaret idol of Paris in the 1920's and a freedom fighter during World War II?
8. What black woman chemist developed an extract from the Awa Root which relieved leprosy symptoms when injected and which was widely used until sulfa drugs were invented in the 1940's?
9. Who was a civil rights activist and President of the Arkansas NAACP who advised the nine high school students who integrated the Little Rock public schools in 1957?
10. Who founded the college that became the Bethune-Cookman University in Florida and founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935?
11. Who was the first black female newspaper publisher and editor in North America (in Ontario, Canada), and the first black woman to enroll in law school (Howard University)?
12. Who was the first black woman in the world to earn a pilot's license, and was a barnstorming aviator who performed daredevil tricks?
13. Who was the first black Congresswoman, beginning in 1968; and who in 1972 ran for President and won 151 delegates at the Democratic Convention?
14. Who was America's first great black choreographer, dancer, and teacher who formed the first black dance troupe in the 1940's?
15. Who founded the Children's Defense Fund in 1973, a group focusing on helping millions of children living in poverty?
16. Who was first black woman to win a tennis championship at Wimbledon and at the U.S. Open?
17. Who was the first black woman to write a Broadway play (1959) which was made into a movie (1961), "A Raisin in the Sun"?
18. Who was the first black concert pianist to play with a European orchestra in 1904?
19. Who was first woman of color to go into space on the shuttle Endeavor in 1992?
20. Who was the first African-American woman to serve in the U.S. Cabinet - as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Carter in 1977, and then served as Secretary of Health and Human Services in 1979?

### ANSWERS:

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. Dorothy Height (1912 - 2010)            | 11. Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823 - 1893)     |
| 2. Lena Horne (1917 - 2010)                | 12. Bessie Coleman (1892 - 1926)          |
| 3. Zora Neale Hurston (1891 - 1960)        | 13. Shirley Chisholm (1924 - 2005)        |
| 4. Wilma Glodean Rudolph (1940 - 1994)     | 14. Katherine Dunham (1909 - 2006)        |
| 5. Marian Anderson (1897 - 1993)           | 15. Marian Wright Edelman (1939)          |
| 6. Maya Angelou (1928)                     | 16. Althea Gibson (1927 - 2003)           |
| 7. Josephine Baker (1906-1975)             | 17. Lorraine Hansberry (1930 - 1965)      |
| 8. Alice Ball (1892- 1916)                 | 18. Hazel Harrison (1883 - 1969)          |
| 9. Daisy Lee May Bates (1914 - 1999)       | 19. Dr. Mae Jemison (1956)                |
| 10. Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (1875 - 1955) | 20. Patricia Roberts Harris (1924 - 1985) |

**Bedford Lexington Area Branch AAUW**  
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERS, JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer work \_\_\_\_\_

Education

Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Only if changed

**Annual Dues**

<b>Branch Member</b>	<b>\$79.00</b>	<b>Honorary Life Member</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Includes National Association	\$49.00	<b>Member at Large to Branch Member</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
State	\$15.00	<b>Student Affiliate (Active undergraduate)</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>
Branch	\$15.00	<b>Community Member (No degree but supports goals of AAUW)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Life Member</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>		

*\$46 of the \$49 National Association Dues is Tax Deductible!!*

Make checks payable to: **Bedford Lexington Area AAUW - due June 1, 2012!**

Mail to: Robin DeMott, 71 Robbins Street, Acton, MA 01720

**Renewals only** may pay dues for 2012-13 after 3/15/12 on-line with a credit card at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Log into the Member Services Database and an option will display on the left to pay your dues.

Please check areas of interest and activity even if you can't be actively involved this year.

**AAUW Activities**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy Fund    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs and Special Events        | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights Issues  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Flyers and Deliver Brochures  | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Action       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development and Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Rides to Meetings       | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Issues       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings                | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Activities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liaison to Other Community Groups  | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Inc.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library and Town Day Displays      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning                        |                                                 |

**Skills you could share with AAUW**

- |                                                         |                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Design and Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing and Writing Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Presentation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  |

**Would you like to attend the following groups?**

- |                                               |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema               | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge               | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Group  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Daytime) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Evening) |                                        |

Other interest groups, in which you would like to participate or help organize, such as: current events, eating out, theater, etc.

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**AAUW's Value Promise**

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: May 31, 2012**



**BOOK GROUP**

The book group will be reading *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah for our meeting on Wednesday, May 16th at 1:00 pm at the home of Harriet Hathaway.

**WELCOME!**

We are happy to welcome our two newest members:

- Diane Leahy of Concord
- Joan Reddy of Lexington