



**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH
MARCH 2013**

Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

**“WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS’ PATH TO SUCCESS”
WITH LIZ STEVENSON, KATHLEEN KEARNEY,
AND CARROLL ANN BOTTINO
BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
MARCH 6, 2013, 7:00 PM**

How did a research biologist, a mathematics major, and a New York City school teacher become successful entrepreneurs? For answers to this question and many more about becoming and being successful business women today, come to our program on *Women Entrepreneurs’ Paths to Success*. Our panelists represent different kinds of local businesses: Liz Stevenson is co-owner of Artisans Way, a fine art and contemporary craft gallery, in Concord; Kathleen Kearney owns Katlin Travel Group and will have recently returned from leading a group to Downton Abbey; Carroll Ann Bottino’s Pacem music studio draws harpsichord, piano, and recorder students from Lexington and surrounding towns. Each panelist will discuss the joys and challenges she has experienced as an entrepreneur with ample time for members of the audience to join the conversation.



Artisan’s Way
Gallery



Pacem Music
Studio

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The February meeting with Ruth Nemzoff was so engaging and pertinent to all – how to deal with our families. If you weren't able to attend and get a signed copy, you can buy her books on Amazon.

As members of AAUW, we are reminded of the importance of our objective – Breaking Through Barriers for women and other under-represented groups in STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The month of March is Women's History Month and AAUW is a national partner with the National Women's History Project (NWHF) whose theme is Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination. Looking through the collaborative work of AAUW and the NWHF, I found the information on the life of Dr. Patricia E. Bath, an ophthalmologic surgeon and inventor fascinating, not just because she is a NWHF 2013 honoree, but also her courage against the odds to become the first African-American woman physician to earn a patent for a medical invention. She invented the Laserphaco Probe for eye surgery and the procedure for the removal of cataracts. In retirement Dr. Bath continues to be a strong advocate for the "prevention, treatment and cure of blindness, sometimes using telemedicine."

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm!

Joan Zinderman and Alice Wadden

CONDOLENCES

Jeanne Stockdale's father passed away on February 12 in California. Our sympathies are with Jeanne and her family.

Long-time member **Gertraud Hurley** passed away on January 28, 2013 at 86. She was born in Germany and got her Ph.D. at the University of Freiburg. She worked in Rome, writing about the history of the Congregation of Sisters of Divine Providence, then went on to teach at the University of Louvain in Congo, Africa. The political situation there forced her to leave so she then taught at the Freiburg School of Social Work.

Gertraud came to the US in 1970 and studied at BU. She married Gerald Hurley in 1973 and had a private practice as a clinical social worker. She and her husband lived in Concord for 40 years and was a member of our branch for most of them. She especially loved the Book Group. Many of us remember from that group and her quiet graciousness at our branch meetings. Even when she was very ill, she kept in touch through the newsletters.

Contributions to her memory may be made to the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston.

DUES DEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Do you know someone who would like to join AAUW? If so, now is a great time to join! New members who join between now and March 15th only pay half the dues (\$39.50). Membership extends until June 30, 2013.

An even better deal is to join after March 15th at full price (\$79.00) and membership extends until June 30, 2014! For more information, you can contact our Membership Chairs, Terry VanDeCarr or Karen Bra-gaw.

**Bedford Lexington Area Branch AAUW
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERS, JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014**

Name _____ Address _____

Home telephone _____

Cell/Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Volunteer work _____

Education
Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Only complete if your information
has changed

Annual Dues

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

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

Make checks payable to: **Bedford Lexington Area AAUW - due June 1, 2013!**

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

Renewals only may pay dues for 2013-14 after 3/15/13 on-line with a credit card at 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

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| <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?

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| <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.

NATIONAL AAUW NEWS: Tackling the Role That Bullying and Harassment Play in School Violence

Blog by Linda Hallman AAUW Executive Director, in the February 15 issue of the *Huffington Post*, an online newspaper.

As our nation's leaders struggle to implement gun-violence prevention laws in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, we must not squander the opportunity to address the root causes of gun violence in our schools. Although most of the headlines have focused on banning certain types of gun equipment, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) wants to draw attention to and thank the president for proposed measures to create safe school environments that are free from bullying and harassment.

As reported in *The Huffington Post*, the accused shooter at California's Taft Union High School may have targeted children he perceived as bullies. This tragedy provides a clear example that any serious discussion of school violence prevention must consider the climate in schools, including eradicating bullying and harassment and properly training school professionals and bystander students. We need to figure out how to get our kids to talk to us so that they can get the help they need.

AAUW's report *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* shows that our country is dealing with a pervasive problem: Nearly half of all 7-12th grade students said that they have encountered some form of sexual harassment and that this harassment caused them to feel sick to their stomach, have trouble sleeping, and skip school. As we know, harassment can lead to disastrous outcomes, especially for students who are targeted for failing to conform to gender stereotypes, which is often the case for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students who report sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment in middle and high schools is rarely reported; only about 9 percent of harassed students reported the incident, according to AAUW research. Serious questions remain about how well our society is providing a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Harassment and bullying are cyclical. Harassers and bullies have often been harassed or bullied themselves. According to the 2004 Safe School Initiative report, almost three-quarters of those who committed school violence felt persecuted, bullied, threatened, attacked, or injured by others before doing so. *Crossing the Line* found similar results among students who sexually harass other students. In extreme cases, like the Taft shooting, the experience of being bullied appeared to have been a factor in the decision to attack the school. A safe and supportive school culture and climate is critical to avoiding violence at school. The president's proposal would provide much-needed resources to schools so they are better equipped to prevent severe violence.

Congress needs to act now to create safer school climates by providing resources to help local school districts hire resource officers and mental health professionals and invest in safety. Furthermore, Congress should enact legislation similar to the Safe Schools Improvement Act and the Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students Act -- introduced in the last Congress and likely to be reintroduced soon -- which support proven strategies to reduce bullying, drug abuse, violence, and other problem behaviors.

Our nation's schools should be the safest places possible for children. We're glad the White House is tackling the role that bullying and harassment play in school violence, and we look forward to supporting initiatives that protect all students.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers. The Branch will vote at the April meeting and additional nominations can be made from the floor at that time.

CO-PRESIDENTS: Karen Bragaw and Lila Packer

MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Terry VandeCarr, Sue Giurleo, and Dot Hart Rand

TREASURER: Robin DeMott

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Janet Khattab, Joanne Merriman McLaughlin, and Joan Zinderman

The following officers have another year in their terms:

PROGRAM TEAM: Liz Markson, Ruth Ladd, and Marion Kilson

Respectfully submitted,

The 2012-13 Nominating Committee: Sue Giurleo, Ruth Ladd, Joanne Merriman McLaughlin, and Irene Shea

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND UPDATE

Pay Discrimination Case Update

Virginia LeBlanc is the former director of the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program at Indiana University, a scholarship program that primarily serves African American students. She filed a complaint in federal district court against the university claiming gender and pay discrimination after allegedly facing resistance when she tried to resolve the pay disparity internally. AAUW adopted her case in December 2012.

Recently, LeBlanc and her legal team completed their first round of information discovery, and settlement talks are scheduled for March. If necessary, the case will go to trial in April 2014.

AAUW Stands with Survivors of Military Sexual Abuse

On January 23, the House Armed Services Committee held a hearing on the widespread sexual misconduct at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where all members of the Air Force attend basic training. AAUW Board of Directors member Kathy Braeman and Program Manager Holly Kearl tried to attend the hearing, but most of the seats were reserved for members of the military, so they had to watch it on television from an overflow room.

Kearl wrote a blog post about the hearing that focused on how the Air Force said they did not talk with the survivors who had come forward before they made recommendations for improvement. How can they hope to fix a crime without talking to survivors of that crime? Her post led to an interview and an invitation to write for the Huffington Post about the military sexual assault survivors who are participating in the LAF-supported lawsuits.



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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.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: March 15, 2013

BOOK GROUP

The group will meet on March 20 at the Concord Public Library and will be reading *Lark Rise to Candleford* by Flora Thompson. Joan Zinderman will lead the discussion.



EVOLUTION OF THE AAUW LOGO



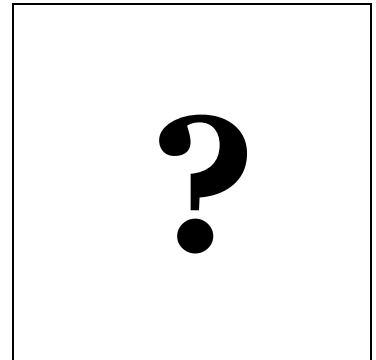
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