

AAUW-St. Lawrence County Branch News & Notes for Sept. 30, 2016

<http://stlawrence.aauw-nys.org/>



We're still working out the fall membership meeting date, location and program details. If you haven't sent in your 2016-17 dues yet, please follow the instruction on our website: <http://stlawrence.aauw-nys.org/member.htm>. And of course this is perfect time to rejoin or become a new branch member!

As always, Student Members can join for free because all four county colleges & universities are C/U partners with AAUW! Use this handy online form: https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/join_esaf_member.asp

A busy week in Election 2016 is coming up:

TWC News To Host NY-21 Debate

Time Warner Cable News will host a debate for the 21st Congressional district race. The debate will be held on **October 3rd** between incumbent Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik, Green candidate Matt Funiciello and Democrat Mike Derrick.

It will air at 7 p.m. with an encore presentation at 10 p.m.

Capital Tonight host Liz Benjamin will serve as moderator.

<http://www.nystateofpolitics.com/2016/09/twc-news-to-host-ny21-debate/>

Two other debates have been proposed by Elise Stefanik:

- Oct. 17 or 18, Adirondack Chamber and Glens Falls EDC candidates' forum in Queensbury
- Oct. 24, televised Mountain Lake PBS debate (media markets: Plattsburgh-Watertown)

The AAUW Action Fund has put out a **NY-21 Voter Guide** for the major party Candidates for our Congressional District. It is attached to this News and Notes for your information

2016 Presidential Debate Schedule

- **October 4: Vice Presidential Debate**
Moderator: Elaine Quijano, Anchor, CBSN and Correspondent, CBS News
Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia
- **October 9: 2nd Presidential Debate**
Moderators: Martha Raddatz, Correspondent and Co-anchor of This Week, ABC and
Anderson Cooper, Anchor, CNN
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri



- **October 19: 3rd Presidential Debate**

Moderator: Chris Wallace, Anchor, Fox News Sunday
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada

You can play AAUW Debate Bingo – download bingo cards or play on-line:

<http://www.aauw.org/2016/09/07/play-debate-bingo-with-aauw/>

2016 Reminders to Voters:

- You can register to vote in person by Friday, October 14th
- Register by mail: Postmarked by Friday, October 14th and received by October 19th
- Apply for absentee ballot in person by Monday, November 7th
- Apply for absentee ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, November 1st
- Deliver ballot in person by Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day
- Deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, November 7th and received by Saturday, November 12th

Hours extended in St. Lawrence County for voter registration

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Board of Elections has extended its business hours for two upcoming local registration days.

The office will remain open until 7 p.m. Oct. 13 and from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

The deadline for mailing a registration is Oct. 14, but residents can register in person through Oct. 15 at the county board of elections office, second floor of the Human Services building, 80 State Route 310. Regular office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

<http://www.mpcourier.com/dco/hours-extended-in-st-lawrence-county-for-voter-registration-20160929>

PowHer the Vote Campaign for 2016

The PowHer the Vote Campaign is a New York, non-partisan initiative that is igniting and empowering a legion of activists to champion women's issues during the 2016 election season. By engaging in a 10-week online and interactive program, PowHer the Vote's collective action will influence public dialogue and shape New York State's ongoing fight for women's economic equality. AAUW-NYS is one of more than 100 state-wide partners.

What Will I Get When I Sign Up?

- 10 Weeks of information looking at the topics such as caregiving, reproductive justice, and workplace practices from the economic equality lens.
- An email briefing every Tuesday (plus a few extras!) right to your inbox filled with information on that week's topic.
- All the social media tools you need to take action every Thursday on the week's topic.
- The information you need to turn up the volume and make sure women's issues are being addressed this election season.
- Key questions to ask the candidates that focus on critical policy issues for women.

Weekly Schedule of PowHer the Vote Topics & Action Areas:

- 9/05/2016 1. Introduction Week
- 9/12/2016 2. Equal Pay
- 9/19/2016 3. Workplace Practices (Paid Family Leave & Sick Days/ Flexible Schedules)
- 9/26/2016 4. Caregiving (Child care, Eldercare, Caregivers)
- 10/03/2016 5. Better Jobs/ Fair Wages (Non-Trad Jobs / Minimum and Tipped Wage Work)
- 10/10/2016 6. Healthy Lives + Reproductive Rights
- 10/17/2016 7. Physical Security (DV, Harassment, Campus Sexual Assault/Trafficking)
- 10/24/2016 8. EmPowHerment (Women's Leadership / Money and Politics)
- 10/31/2016 9. Campaign Messages & Polling
- 11/07/2016 10. GOTV and Next Steps

Learn more about how to sign up: <http://www.powherny.org/powher-the-vote/>

Why It Matters -- Issues for 2016

The AP is looking at 3 dozen issues for this election cycle.

<https://apnews.com/card/afs:Card:239110010/Why-It-Matters---Issues-for-2016>

October 2016:

National Disability Employment Awareness Month, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, LGBT History Month, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2-11: Join the AQE's Campaign for Fiscal Equity Walk from NYC to Albany - The Alliance for Quality Education (AQE) will walk from New York City to Albany over the course of 9 days. The goal of the walk is to demand that the Governor and state legislature fulfill their responsibility to pay \$3.8 billion in Foundation Aid owed to schools in New York State. [Get more information about the walk](#). In 2006, local Leagues participated by hosting welcome parties for the walkers, providing meals and water, and walking with the group through their region. The walk will begin in NYC on October 2nd. See the [full calendar](#) of the proposed times for each region. You can participate in the campaign through social media using #EdWalk4CFE.

October 4: The only vice-presidential debate with Mike Pence and Tim Kaine.

October 9: The second presidential debate.

October 11: [International Day of the Girl Child](#)

October 11: [Ada Lovelace Day](#)

October 18: AAUW Turning Out the Vote on Election Day: It's My Vote Training Part III at 7 pm - Once you've helped to register and educate eligible voters, how can you ensure they show up to the polls? Find out in this one hour webinar, the final training of our three part series! AAUW staff will present the crucial actions necessary to turning out voters on Election Day and provide you with actionable strategies for following up with and getting out the vote via the It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign. [Register Today!](#)

October 19: The third three presidential debate.

October 23-24: Anniversary of the first National Women's Rights Convention

There's a new season for North Country Matters!

Watch [North Country Matters](#) - the local public affairs video magazine produced by WCKN at [Clarkson University](#). The NCM civic partners working to educate North Country residents about critical public policy issues facing our region include [AAUW-St. Lawrence County](#), the [League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County](#), and Clarkson/SUNY Potsdam Media and Mass Communication students, who provide the technical expertise for the productions. The shows are filmed at the WCKN studio on the Clarkson campus and are available on the NCM [YouTube Channel](#).

- North Country Matters: **SUNY Canton Wellness Programs** - SUNY Canton is implementing the Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training to make additional strides toward a safer campus. Farren Lobdell, the Health Educator/Wellness Coordinator, and Amanda Rowley, the Title IX Coordinator, at SUNY Canton, discuss the Health and Wellness programs at the college and how these programs are improving the campus climate for all students with NCM host Donna Seymour. (Published on Sep 21, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4LLJ8IZeNk>
- North Country Matters: **Tim Currier, Reframing the War on Drugs** - Massena Mayor Tim Currier discusses Reframing the War on Drugs with NCM host Elizabeth Kirnie. They examine the opioid addiction problem through the lens of economics, treatment, and a community-based approach rather than through law enforcement and the courts. (Filmed March 28, 2016 - Published September 2, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbNqK9aOIao>
- North Country Matters: **Emily Baker, Social Documentation** - Emily Baker is a Social Documentation major in the Clarkson Class of 2016. She discusses her research on women STEM students and Clarkson for her senior these and two documentaries she has filmed. The first on Barn Quilts for TAUNY, and the second for AAUW on Opening the Gendered Toolbox, which explored the history and experience of women STEM students here at Clarkson. (Filmed April 25, 2016 - Published September 2, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUyov77fTwA>
- North Country Matters: **Andrea Montgomery, SLC Office of the Aging** - Andrea Montgomery, the Director of the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging, discusses the changing nature of retirement with NCM host Donna Seymour. They explore the outreach programs available to the county seniors as well as the many volunteer opportunities for newly retired residents. (Filmed April 25, 2016 - Published September 2, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jAUt5eTyjM>

You can download the **Fall 2016 issue of FOCUS**, the quarterly newsletter sent to members by AAUW NYS. <http://www.aauw-nys.org/attached%20files/focus/2016-Fall-FOCUS.pdf>
