
A busy few weeks coming up for AAUW-St. Lawrence County Members and Friends to be engaged in our community:

April 28: Community Conversation on Poverty planned in Canton - The second Community Conversation on Poverty will take place in the basement level meeting room of the Free Library, 8 Park St., from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

See Facebook: [Community Conversation on Poverty in St. Lawrence County](#)

April 28 & 29 @ 7 pm and 30 at 2 pm: [Working in the North Country](#), An Original Musical about the New York that Nobody Knows! An original musical will highlight north country workers – AAUW member Relani Prudhomme, the producer, said the script was based on interviews with 20 different north country workers in various types of jobs. They included construction workers, immigrant dairy farm workers, food service employees, cleaners, health care workers, people who work with developmentally disabled and others. The play shows in Pickens Hall, 83 State St., Heuvelton.

April 29: People's Climate March in Ives Park, Potsdam from 1-3:30 pm (We did a North Country Matters on this one!)

April 29th: Drop in to this FREE Open-to-the-Public workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 at Best Western, Canton sponsored by the local chapter AARP 2831. Randy Hoak, Associate State Director AARP-NY, will share updates on advocacy at the State, Federal and Local levels. Come prepared to hear about the very important legislation under consideration in our nation's capital that may impact health care. At the State level AARP is advocating for New Yorkers to have more opportunity to save for retirement, and locally AARP is leading the charge on issues of livability as many communities look to become more "age-friendly" in their approach to services and design of the built environment. If these topics are of interest to you, and you would like to add your talents to the team at AARP-NY, then please join us! Randy Hoak has worked in Aging for over 20 years. His work began as a volunteer at a social adult day program in Hamburg, NY. Randy went on to Canisius College in Buffalo, New York to study Psychology and Gerontology. After seven years with the Town of Hamburg Senior Services Department, Randy led the Recreation Department at Erie County Medical Center Corporation's Erie County Home, a 586 bed skilled nursing facility in Alden, New York. In 2012, Randy was tapped by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz's to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Senior Services, the Area Agency on Aging in Erie County. One of Randy's first orders of business at Erie County was to bring Erie County to AARP's Network of Age Friendly Communities. As Associate State Director – Community Outreach at AARP New York, Randy, with the assistance and guidance of

many dedicated volunteers, works in Western and Central Upstate New York on regional initiatives, advocacy, and community engagement.

May 2017: Mothers' Equal Pay Day (TBD)

May 8: 15th Annual North Country Symposium: "Strategic Growth for the North Country: Systemic Development of the Region's Key Economic Sectors" in the Eben Holden Conference Center, St. Lawrence University – 9 am to 4 pm. (registration begins at 8:30 am). This year's Symposium will look more closely at the value chains of key sectors in the North Country such as agriculture, energy, arts and tourism.

May 9: AARP is offering a FREE Open-to-the-Public workshop from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Best Western, Canton. Titled "**How Can I Protect My House and Assets**" the workshop is presented by John M. Murphy, Jr. Esq. from Safe Harbor Wills and Trusts. Asset Protection is something people do every day, without thinking about it. Car insurance, fire insurance, health insurance – these are all limited forms of Asset Protection. These products are designed to protect your family against financial ruin should economic disaster strike. However, the amount that they will protect is limited to the value of the policies.

May 16: AARP will host a luncheon from 12 to 1:30 pm at J. C.'s River Run Bar and Grill, west of Waddington, NY. The presenter is **Andrea Montgomery**, Director, Office for the Aging. The title of her presentation is "**The Changing Face of Aging – what older adults need to know about programs, services and advocacy.**" Director Montgomery will provide an oversight of the comprehensive services offered by the Office for the Aging; as well as discuss the changing face of aging in today's world and how it will impact us all. Menu choices: hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, honey carrots; OR fish platter, seafood chowder, cole slaw; OR grilled chicken breast salad (tomatoes, onions, grn pappers, croutons, cheese). RSVP your menu choice to Linda Wilkinson at lynwilky@yahoo.com or 315-265-4464 on or before Thursday, May 11th.

May 17: Women In Engineering Day at SUNY Canton, co-sponsored by AAUW-St. Lawrence County. See what we did [last year!](#) Download the [2017 WIE Flyer](#).

North Country Matters Spring 2017 Show List

Ginger Storey-Welch, Marching for Social Justice

NCM host Donna Seymour talks about social justice movements including the People's Climate March and the March For Science with Ginger Storey-Welch, the leader of the local North Country 350 Alliance. They discuss how social mobilization around many different social justice issues has accelerated since January. (March 31, 2017)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRLI4ox2-Ac>

St. Lawrence County 4-H Youth Programs

Nicki Hamilton-Honey, a 4-H Educator, and Casey Caswell, the 4-H Youth and Family Team Leader, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County, discuss the youth programs available to school-aged youth with NCM Host Donna Seymour. They look at the school and after school programs, the various 4-H clubs, and the summer learning and recreation camps that Cooperative Extension operates. (April 7, 2017) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liCzNJGMHkw>

Paid Family Leave Act

Blue Carreker, the Upstate Organizer for the Citizen Action of New York & Public Policy and Education Fund of New York, talks with NCM host Donna Seymour about the NYS Paid Family Leave Insurance Campaign. They discuss the law, the time table for implementation, the supporting regulations and how to learn more about its provisions. (April 21, 2017) (No URL yet)

The Child Care Crises

Blue Carreker, the Upstate Organizer for the Citizen Action of New York & Public Policy and Education Fund of New York, talks with NCM host Donna Seymour about the crises in child care in New York State. Lack of quality, affordable childcare is a drag on our economy. They discuss the gap between the needs and the available services and what can be done to bridge those gaps. (April 21, 2017)) (No URL yet)

Town Hall NY 21st Congressional District (Rep. Elise Stefanik Absent)

This non-partisan town hall event was created by citizens of NY District 21 who wish to have an open and honest face-to-face meeting with Rep. Elise Stefanik. While our Congresswoman has held many small meetings behind closed doors and tele-town halls, we would like to open up the opportunity for her to meet in a public forum where an active back and forth dialogue is more possible, and where she must go on record with her views. (April 15, 2017)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwTikLnyDDc>

NY21 Community Forum in Lyons Falls, NY (April 18, 2017)

<https://www.facebook.com/WDTnews/videos/10155125411295102/>

NYS 21 Community Forum in Johnstown, NY (April 24, 2017)

<https://www.facebook.com/seeman.joe/videos/1422127357826032/>

**AAUW National Election: One Member, One Vote –
Don't miss your chance to vote!**

Video on Voting: <https://youtu.be/69rmNqKm75g>

Your Spring 2017 issue of **AAUW Outlook** has all the information you need to cast an informed vote. Remember that **Open Membership** is on the ballot again this year in the proposed Bylaws amendments (Proposal 2)! There are several other critical votes in this year's Bylaw proposals. Please read them carefully.

AAUW Voting Calendar:

- April 17, 2017** Voting begins online
- May 4, 2017** Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot
- May 16, 2017** Deadline to join or renew membership for eligibility to vote; must be received by 9:00 p.m. EDT
- May 29, 2017** Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted
- June 14–17, 2017** AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C.
- June 15, 2017** Online voting ends at 9 p.m. EDT
- June 16, 2017** Election results announced online and at convention
- June 16, 2017** Annual meeting

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>