



Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.
Cornerstone Award
2017

Each year, our branch honors a member who represents the "foundation" of AAUW. She has contributed her energy, enthusiasm, and talents to AAUW but is rarely in the limelight. Through her efforts, she helps to further our mission, increase branch visibility, and make others feel that they, too, are a vital part of who we are.

This year we are pleased to honor *Gloria May Gibbs*

Through her quiet enthusiasm, she has brought in countless new members and helped to further involve those who have already joined. Many of our interest groups were formed and grew due to her influence. She was the impetus for Bridge 2 and Bridge 3 and has been an enthusiastic player and teacher. In the Daytime Literature and Cuisine Groups, she made sure that people had rides to meetings and felt welcome. She has served as both a cheerleader and hostess for the Word Games group and has again involved many new members. Gloria played a vital role in organizing the Diversity initiative and has always helped to ensure that we enhance our diversity in all we do. As part of the World Travelers' Interest Group, she has often provided refreshments.

She has also helped to spearhead special events, such as a musical benefit program at the Howland Art Center and the UN trip which included the South African and Israeli Embassy visits. Countless goodies bags were stuffed by Gloria for the Live Your Dream Girls' Conference. She is a valued member of the Writers' Tea & Auction committee and has played a vital role in collecting items for the auction.

In all, Gloria has been a wonderful role model for all of us. We are delighted to present her with our annual Cornerstone Award!