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## The American Association of University Women - Buffalo Branch

Presents

### A Breakfast Seminar & Tour of the VA's Women's Wellness Center Saturday, January 24, 2009

at the VA Medical Center Room – Freedom Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
3495 Bailey Avenue (across from the UB South Campus)



Our Guest Speaker for  
**“Challenges Facing our Women in the Military - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder”**  
 is Dr. Terri Julian, PhD  
 of the Batavia VA Medical Center

Registration begins at 9:30  
 Free parking available at the facility

The cost is \$5 per person, which includes a Continental Breakfast. All funds must be received before the event. No payments will be accepted at the door due to Federal Regulations. Please make your reservations by January 17, 2009. Checks should be made payable to AAUW – Buffalo Branch.

**Registration form for January 24 Branch Program. Send to:  
 Peggy Meinel, 96 Mafalda Drive, Buffalo, NY 14215 by January 17, 2009**  
 Questions: Call Peggy at 834-0439 or e-mail at [aurorapm1219@aol.com](mailto:aurorapm1219@aol.com)

My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a ride to the meeting - please circle → Yes No

# President's Message

Just before Thanksgiving I found a few hours to volunteer at the book-sale, storage and sorting site on Kensington Avenue. This endless task of sorting books reminded me of my college days, when at the end of the year, when I should have been preparing for exams, I spent countless hours crafting tissue paper flowers for the Moving-up Day parade float. However, our endeavor has a loftier goal, raising money to award scholarships to women to help them to complete their education. Reports of tuition rates shock and frighten me. Including inflation, there are many reasons for this crisis and no matter where we place the blame, the reality is that tuitions have risen 400% in the past twenty years. As conscientious citizens we of course should contact our government representatives and find ways to inform ourselves of how we may express our outrage.

Research compiled by the AAUW Public Policy and government relations show the following developments.

- Nearly 73% of undergraduates were considered "non-traditional" meaning they are older, they may work, or attend school part-time.
- The purchasing power of the Pell Grants (Federal needs-based grants) has declined substantially. Today, the maximum Pell grant covers only 33% of the total cost at a public four-year institution.
- Loan repayment is more burdensome for women, who earn less on average over the course of their



## I need your help!

I am recruiting college/university affiliate AAUW members. Do you know a senior administrator contact from one of the area colleges? If so, please let me know. The personal contact can make all the difference!

*Michele Maddox*  
College/University Relations Director  
716/882-2925, [maddoxm@dyc.edu](mailto:maddoxm@dyc.edu)

lives than their male counterparts.

This is why our scholarship initiatives are so important. We need to be creative in awarding them so the monies will be of true assistance. For example, if the colleges subtract the award from the guaranteed government grants, the scholarship is a zero-sum advantage. Students need financial assistance to cover the huge cost of books, travel and living expenses or even day-care costs. In the end, in whatever form our scholarships are awarded, they are important for encouraging the student and recognizing their achievements.

So, I ask members to find some hours in your week or month, to volunteer At the Book site. Cathy Weiss and Judy Weidemann are pleased with the response when the last call for help was made. From now until May, there's plenty more to do, so do not hesitate -----  
**-VOLUNTEER!**

Sincerely,

*Marguerite Collesano*



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## Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups - Schedules for the Month

Study groups are an excellent way to form friendships, network, educate yourself and have fun. If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please see the "contact" person associated with that group. For further information please contact Yvonne Curry, study group coordinator: 716-553-3925 or [von104@roadrunner.com](mailto:von104@roadrunner.com).

### American Biographies

No Meeting December '08 or January 2009

#### Next Meeting:

When: Thursday, February 12, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Where: Snyder / Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St., Snyder

Book: *American Bloomsbury* by Susan Cheever.

Discussion Leader: Margaret Haas

Contact: **Jean Sylvester**: 838-6780 or

[jeangroversylvester@yahoo.com](mailto:jeangroversylvester@yahoo.com)

OR

**Lillis McLean**, [lillismclean@hotmail.com](mailto:lillismclean@hotmail.com)

### Knitting Group

When: Thursday, January 22, at 3:00pm

Where: Sheridan Dr @ International Dr and Evans Rd  
(\*Please contact Karen for exact location)

Contact: **Karen Howard**, 874-1389 or [kknoward@roadrunner.com](mailto:kknoward@roadrunner.com)

### Writing Workshop

There is still time to sign up for this fascinating workshop! Please contact group coordinator **Yvonne Curry**: 716-553-3925.

### Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Friendly's 4350 Maple Road, Amherst, NY14226

Book: *In the Bleak Midwinter*, by Julia Spenser Fleming

Facilitator: Shirley Havice

Contact: **Suzanne Grossman**: 837-8769

### Dinner by the book

When: Wednesday, January 21, at 5:30 pm

Where: Café in the Square 4476 Main St. Amherst, 839-5330

Book: *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson

Facilitator: Marilyn Carmichael

Discussion Leader: Maryann Hope

Contact: **Marilyn Carmichael**: 228-8626 or

[mcarmichael45@aol.com](mailto:mcarmichael45@aol.com)

### Green Thumbs Garden Group

When: TBA

Contact: **Barb Emer** - [emerbj@roadrunner.com](mailto:emerbj@roadrunner.com)



Please **welcome** our newest member -  
Yaschia Kinsey  
4413 Ridge Road, #5  
Amherst, NY 14228.  
[misskinsey24@gmail.com](mailto:misskinsey24@gmail.com).  
MS, Health Counseling, UB, May 2008.



Our sympathies to Judy Weidemann, whose sister, Martha Clark, died on December 11.

*"What we have once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."  
-Helen Keller*

### Call for a volunteer

We are in the planning stages for our April program. A fabulous topic has been chosen, but we need someone to serve as chair. This only involves being responsible for collecting the reservations/checks and bringing the snacks. Contact Susan McClary if you are able to help. (636-2854 or [eeyore123@verizon.net](mailto:eeyore123@verizon.net)).

## Collaboration between AAUW Buffalo Branch and Women in the Sciences

Last month Cathy Lange, assistant professor in Earth Science and Science Education at Buffalo State College, and Ruth Simmons, chair of the Education and Equity Committee, met to discuss a potential collaboration to increase the number of women going into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. Well ladies, the collaboration is official! Both women have worked very hard to ensure the *Evenings with Women in the Sciences* Program will be a success. Dr. Lange was recently awarded the AAUW Community Grant for this program.

*Women in the Sciences* meets once a month on Tuesdays between 6pm and 9pm at the Science Building, room 104 at Buffalo State College. Professional women in the fields of medicine, pharmacy, chemistry, computer engineering (just to name a few) will speak to young women who are interested in these fields. Please feel free to attend one of the sessions! The environment is very laid back and supportive. These professionals will not only discuss their expertise within their field, but also the challenges they faced breaking barriers to excel as a woman.

The AAUW-Buffalo Branch and Dr. Lange are seeking professionals in the fields of engineering, math, earth and environmental sciences, and biology to speak during one of the sessions. If you would like further information on these sessions as a speaker or attendant please email Ruth Simmons at [ruth.simmons@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth.simmons@yahoo.com).

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## CONVENTIONS APPROACHING - PLAN AHEAD!

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**COME ONE! COME ALL!**  
**AAUW-NYS Convention!**

*April 24 - 26, 2009*



*The Sagamore, Bolton  
Landing*

Everyone welcome! Convention is just not for officers, it offers all members a chance to learn about AAUW and what it means. You will make new friends from across New York State. Get your AAUW friends together and come have a terrific weekend. \$434 per person for the entire weekend. 2 nights, 6 meals, workshops, entertainment and just plain fun! A beautiful resort in a beautiful setting on the beautiful Lake George!!

Reservation form will be available on the state website - [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org) in January.

*Ed. Note - our own Ruth Fierro-King will be running for the NYS treasurer position. Plan to come to support her!*

**AAUW CONVENTION ST. LOUIS, MO**  
**June 26 –June 28, 2009**

While growing up, my visits to St. Louis, where my father was born and raised, were numerous. Even after sightseeing in cities throughout Europe, the British Isles, and the near East, as well as in our country, I feel qualified to state St. Louis is among the most interesting, a city steeped in history and culture. Should anyone from this area be planning to attend the two day convention, I strongly recommend planning a few extra days to just be a tourist.

Space here allows me to mention only a few places of interest:

- A ride to the top of the Arch, Gateway to the West, and shopping in its under ground museum, book store and gift shop is a unique experience. From the Arch you will see the Old Court House where the Missouri Compromise was signed.
- Forest Park and its Jewel Box, floral and greenery, is spectacular and by June there should be outdoor concerts.
- Grant's Farm, and the Jefferson Memorial where a replica of Lindberg's Plane, "the Spirit of St. Louis," is on display
- and the Zoo is exciting

Detailed tourist information will be available at the hotel and on the web: "St. Louis Things To Do." Enjoy!

*Margaret Haas*

*Ed. Note - Convention info on next page.*

# The 2009 AAUW National Convention will be 'BREAKING through BARRIERS'



AAUW-MO and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) in St. Louis are hard at work planning the details of hosting the 2009 AAUW National Convention at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, June 26-28, 2009. This historic convention, themed "BREAKING through BARRIERS," will discuss and vote on issues related to membership requirements, dues payments, public policy issues, and much more. The results will have a momentous impact on who and what AAUW is to be in the coming years. You don't want to miss it! Check out the AAUW website for full details on the issues, the convention, and things to do in St. Louis: [www.aauw.org/convention](http://www.aauw.org/convention).

Convention registration began on December 1<sup>st</sup> and you DON'T want to miss out on Best Value Registration!\* Hundreds of AAUW members are making plans to head for St. Louis next June to shape the future of our organization. The hotel has ample convention space, lovely rooms, great restaurants and is right in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The Cardinals will be playing ball, the Zoo is free, the Art Museum is world class, as is the Missouri Botanical Garden. Theater, opera and a great children's museum also await you.

At the convention we'll have welcoming activities on Thursday, stimulating workshops on Friday morning, First Timers' briefings, lively business sessions each day, dynamic keynote speakers, an exciting CEO Women Leaders luncheon, bylaws briefings, Meet the Candidates reception, elections for new officers, Taste of Success displays, the elegant banquet on Saturday night, and a final business session on Sunday morning. All this surrounded by the popular CyberStop, AAUW merchandise sales, our friendly AAUW Missouri hospitality and much more. We want YOU to have a GREAT time at the convention!

Please join us in St. Louis! Plan now to send branch members and delegates to convention by budgeting for it, appointing delegates early, discussing the issues and bylaws. Treat yourself to a mini-vacation at the historic Renaissance Grand Hotel where spa treatments, great restaurants, and lots of extras await you. Don't forget to invite your AAUW family and friends from across the country to "meet you in St. Louis" as we continue to 'break through barriers' for women and girls.

For additional information, you may contact the Local Arrangements Committee:

Lynne Roney, chair ([lynnroney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnroney@sbcglobal.net)), Diane Ludwig - local sponsorships ([dbludwig22@aol.com](mailto:dbludwig22@aol.com)), Pat Shores - volunteers/hospitality ([apatriciashores@charter.net](mailto:apatriciashores@charter.net)), and Julie Triplett - volunteers/hospitality ([julietrip@charter.net](mailto:julietrip@charter.net))

*\*There is a SPECIAL Best Value registration fee of \$375 for those who register between December 1, 2008 and January 15, 2009. This is the same rate as the 2007 convention two years ago! PLAN AHEAD and take advantage of this great deal!*

**Why go?** A quote from the AAUW website -

This is an exciting and historic time — to be a part of moving AAUW forward so that we can continue to lead in breaking [through] barriers. I get goose bumps thinking about being part of history. The power and strength of committed women is awesome.

*Ronni Nivala — Director-at-Large, AAUW Board of Directors*

## Tech Savvy Volunteers Needed

March (and Tech Savvy 4) seem to be just around the corner. This year's theme is *Charting a Pathway to Success*.

The committee is doing a little charting and planning for needs for the big day, Saturday, March 7. Won't you join us -- and about 400 girls plus their parents and teachers-- to make this day a success?

The listing below outlines some of the help we need now and on the day of the event. There's a lot to do, so you can choose to volunteer as little as 4 hours or to work on a specific, small planning task!

- Planning Help: Members willing to work to develop a fun activity for the girls (Those with backgrounds in life mapping or career planning may be especially helpful!)
- Planning Help: We need someone to work on the pre-TS reception -- Marriott Hotel on Friday, March 6 (food details, invitations, etc.).
- Help with mailings (once or twice in Dec/Jan; once in March)

- Help with tote bag stuffing (once in March)
- Fun pre-work: We need one to two people willing to shop! These members will be responsible for student/parent giveaways and thank you gifts for presenters.
- At the event: We will again need at least 50 volunteers... We are already putting together lists of people to "woman" the student workshop area and other sessions. We will also need people to work registration and would like to have a person to observe each student workshop session (fun!) It's a great time to bring along a friend, and there is little time involved: You choose morning or afternoon (3-5 hours)...
- At the event: We are looking for a couple of people to accompany our guest speakers for the day.

Please call Tamara Brown at 649-9871 or e-mail at [tbforaauwbranch@cs.com](mailto:tbforaauwbranch@cs.com) to volunteer.

## Booksale Corner

It has been a bountiful season for books. The sorting site at Kensington Bailey is filling up at a rapid rate which means the need for sorting help continues to be a major concern for the Book Sale Executive Committee.



Judy Clare reports that members have responded well to previous appeals for help and sends out thanks to volunteers Rose and Vince Tarzia, Cindy Koch, Barb Smith, Marguerite Collesano, Judy Hendee, Kate Collins, Barbara Paulson, Ruth Simmons, Pauline Dyson, Adrienne Kotler, Sue Oliver and Barb Engler.

Executive Committee members are regularly at the site on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and will assist new sorters and any friends they choose to accompany them. "It is lots of fun," Clare said. She also noted that members may "borrow" books that interest them and return them before the sale. That goes for CDs and DVDs also.

The Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services is located at 995 Kensington Ave.

The committee's New Year's wish is that 2009 will see the best book sale ever. You can do it.

*Pat Swift MacClennan*

## Help Wanted!

Several years ago Reema Bhattacharya-Banerjee set up our branch website as a school project – she was a graduate student at UB at the time. She has been a good sport in maintaining it since then through graduation, marriage, a move from the area, a new job, a child and now a second baby. It's time for someone else to pick this up!



If you have had experience with web-work and are interested in doing this, please let us know! Contact Betty Preble – [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com) or 716-662-0608. You can check out the current site at [aauw.buffalo.edu](http://aauw.buffalo.edu).

## SISTER TO SISTER 2009

The 12<sup>th</sup> Sister to Sister will take place on Sat. May 2 at Buffalo State College. We plan to have at least 200 girls attending this great event. The morning will have the usual Chat rooms that address issues of concern to girls. In the afternoon we are planning to have a speaker who works with girls on issues concerning body image. She works for Planned Parenthood in Ithaca and comes highly recommended on both her knowledge of the subject and her ability to reach out and relate to teen girls.

We need people to serve on our Board, people to work on the Summit Committee and people to work the day of the Summit. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the above positions. We sorely miss Janet Fowler who was a very well liked and respected member of our board.

We will let you know more in the following months as our coalition of community organizations again unites to help girls.

Thank you in advance for your support.

*Sue Oliver*

Sister  
-to-  
Sister

a summit for  
and about girls

## Buffalo EF Dollars at Work!

Members of the Poughkeepsie Branch have been working over the past 2 years to increase our visibility, coordinate our community activities, and bring in outside funding to support local projects. We are in the process of incorporating our branch and applying for tax-exempt status so that we're eligible for more funding opportunities. We were also fortunate to receive a \$7,000 Community Action Grant this year from the Educational Foundation.

*(Ed. Note - this is a Buffalo-sponsored grant!)*

Our equity projects come under our "Equity for Life" umbrella, since they support all ages from newborn to adult. For the first half of the year, the AAUW grant is supporting our:

Multicultural conference –covering printing and postage costs

Girls' Conference for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls – providing a bus for inner city girls, paying for food and beverages, and funding a highway billboard

Leading to Reading – purchasing books for our joint project with the United Way of Dutchess County. The "Born Learning" program supports a parent educator who gives books, along with health and developmental materials, to new mothers

The other half of the AAUW grant will pay for reunions for girls who have attended our girls' conferences. Reunion funding will include the fees of a math specialist to give a math emphasis to one of the reunions. It will allow us to expand our early literacy project to more centers throughout the county. In addition, we will again address pay equity with college women using the Start Smart Workshops created by the WAGE Project.

We're very excited about our programs and are looking forward to a positive year!

*Irene Keyes, Equity for Life Project Director*

*Betty Harrel, Co-Director*

## Exciting Association News!

Beginning immediately, AAUW has a new partnership with Barnes & Noble's online sales site, **BN.com**.

Customized for AAUW members, the [www.bn.com/](http://www.bn.com/)

BOOKSTORE POWERED BY:  
**BARNES & NOBLE**

[aauw](http://www.aauw.org/) website is our own AAUW bookstore. AAUW members automatically receive a 5 percent discount on purchases

(10 percent periodically)—and that's on top of other available discounts that apply to the purchase. You will also find information on

- AAUW's ¡Adelante! book club reading list
- publications by AAUW members
- AAUW award-winning books
- International Affairs Committee reading list

For help, e-mail [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or call Cordy Galligan at 202/785-7735.

**Happy reading!**

## On the International Scene with Lillis

The women of the Mothers Clubs of Tanzania sang, danced, and laughed at the gathering celebrating Barbara Grove and Kathy Mang Haag returning to the program in microloans which they created for remote villages near Kilimanjaro. The women in these villages use their loans to raise fowl, grow vegetables, set up small stores or even a restaurant in a setting near a sugarcane factory. These are very modest efforts but the empowerment of the women was evident from the moment they greeted us as a group to the visits to the individual villages.



Kathy and Barbara bring twenty years of experience in providing microloans to women in third world countries. I went to Tanzania as their guest (Kathy has been a neighbor in Kenmore) after a forty year absence from a country where I had been a Peace Corps volunteer. The program involving 300 women benefits from an excellent incountry coordinator, Hellen Mnakapi, who works with the cluster leaders and the deep affection and respect between the women and Barb and Kathy. This was a three week celebration. Cathy and Barbara love these women, share their successes and some losses and these feelings are reciprocated.

As the program is now about three years old in this area, it moves to a new phase. Some women will begin to obtain loans and save at a commercial bank in an arrangement Barbara, an economic development person, and Hellen made locally to bring the services to the women. Barbara is instructing the women in creating business plans so they can expand their efforts. For those at a different level like two Masai villages, the microloans will be used to create chicken coops, feeder stations, and feed after the women take a course at the local agricultural college on how to raise chickens. Lacking experience with the market economy, the women will repay their loans in chickens. This program will also ensure that benefits will go to the women, not their husbands, who famously raise cattle and goats.



Hellen Mnakapi

The Libons, tribal village leaders, participated in the discussions and support the sponsors of the mothers clubs. So do local government leaders, including the regional director of the area who asked Kathy why she had not been invited to the loan day ceremony. She certainly will be next year!

More on the Mothers Clubs at <http://mothersclubstanzania.com/>, or call me at 873-7467. Kathy Mang Haag can be reached at [imatreehuggertwo@hotmail.com](mailto:imatreehuggertwo@hotmail.com) Kathy spoke at the International Women's Day program two years ago along with the Hydes and Deb Naybor, who also have programs in East Africa. She is a great friend of AAUW, and a remarkably enthusiastic and adaptable person. All of the money raised goes directly to the loans for the women in the mothers clubs.

*Lillis McLean*

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## Public Policy Tool for NYS



Did you know that there's a website where you can find "all you ever wanted to know" about your state government? Project Sunlight (<http://www.sunlightny.com/>) offers options for learning about bills in progress, elected officials, where your tax dollars have gone (by county and by sponsor), lobbyists, who's supporting whom, etc. A wealth of information at our fingertips! Keep track of what's happening and what's important to you, then use the Association's two-minute-activist (<http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>) to make sure your representatives know your feelings and ideas!



## LAF Strategy Update

AAUW will expand our LAF case support beyond the academic sphere to the wider workplace in line with our Value Promise to break down educational and economic barriers so that all women will have a fair chance.

As AAUW expands our LAF vision to include protecting the rights of all women, LAF will focus our direct case support strategically, seeking plaintiffs to support whose cases address significant issues that will clearly impact our fight for pay equity and workplaces free of sex discrimination.

AAUW will also continue and expand our long-term support as amicus curiae in gender discrimination and other civil rights cases.

AAUW will work closely with other respected organizations that are active in the gender equity arena to identify key cases with significant issues that align with our mission and would benefit by our expertise and credibility.

AAUW will look to organizational partners, collaborators, and members to help us target cases in which

AAUW's voice will make a difference. We are already getting some strong case recommendations.

AAUW has been in the fight to combat sex discrimination from the first, but with the U.S. Supreme Court narrowing our rights and pushing hard to rescind the gains we've made, we really are going to have to fight to defend that legacy. Strategic litigation will be a critical weapon for us over the next few years.

This will be a shift for LAF, which has focused more on deserving individuals than on landmark cases with precedent-setting potential. This new approach will offer the chance to make a difference for all women.

AAUW has always had a powerful voice in the gender discrimination arena, and we need to use it to reinforce cases that will hold our ground and lead us forward.

Read more on the AAUW website - <http://aauw.org/advocacy/laf/>

## Save the date!



*Anthony*

On Saturday, February 7 we will spend a relaxing morning, 10am-noon, at the Audubon Library with Deb Naybor discussing the lives of some famous and not-so-famous women. Light refreshments will be served.

The reservation form is below. **Please note that there is a February 2 deadline, and we must have a minimum number reserved in order to hold the program.** If the numbers are insufficient, the meeting will be cancelled and those who have reserved will be notified.



*Wells-Barnett*

### Registration form for February 7 Branch Program. Send to:

**Sharon Meer, 123 Kingsview Court, Williamsville, NY 14221 by February 2, 2009**

Questions: Call Sharon at 689-9114 or e-mail at [rsmeer@verizon.net](mailto:rsmeer@verizon.net)

My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a ride to the meeting - please circle → Yes No

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

*In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.*

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research .*



*AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.*

*The AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND provides a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Wed, Jan 7** - Board Meeting, TBA

**Sat, Jan 24, 9:30 am** - VA Hospital program - Note **Advance Registration/Payment REQUIRED!** - see page 1 for details

**Sat, Feb 7, 10:00 - noon** - Audubon Library. February program - see page 9

**Sat, Mar 7** - Tech Savvy 4 at UB

**Sun, Mar 8** - International Women's Day Brunch at Samuel's Grande Manor

**Sat, Apr 4 10:00 - noon** - Audubon library; Carol Harlos, master gardener, will discuss herbs

**April 24-26** - AAUW-NYS Convention at the Sagamore on Lake George

**Sat, May 2** - Annual Awards Lunch at the Westwood Country Club

**Sat, May 2** - Sister to Sister at Buff State

**June 26-28** - AAUW Convention in St Louis, MO

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