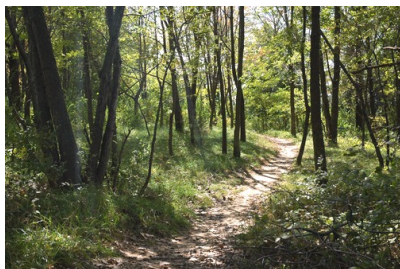




October Program: EcoTrail Tour + Presentation

Dr. Brenda Young, Professor of Environmental Studies at Daemen College, will take us on a tour of the EcoTrail built by her and her students on campus. Lunch is at noon and Dr. Young's presentation follows. Weather permitting, we will then tour the Trail. We are also invited to tour the LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified Information and Technology Building.

Lunch will include wraps, fruit salad, cookies and beverages. We will meet in the Business Building. From the Getzville Road entrance, The Business Building is the first building to the right. From Main Street, follow Main Drive, pass MusicalFare and the building is to the right of MusicalFare. The details are as follows:



EcoTrail Tour + Presentation
Saturday, October 30, 2010
Business Building, Rooms 107 - 109
12:00 Noon Lunch, Program Follows

Registration form for the October Eco Trail Tour

Return to Judy Weidemann, 21 Nye Hill Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052, by October 23, 2010

My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$20.00 per person) payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names of Guests: _____

I would like a ride to the program - please circle: Yes No

AAUW DISTRICT 1 CONFERENCE

Lunch and the conference will both be held at the Athenaeum Hotel, which is handicapped accessible and has a lovely view of Lake Chautauqua. Lunch will be hosted in the large dining room and have an Italian flavor. Each Branch will spotlight a notable notable woman (women) in their district and what makes their choice a giant among women.

Date: Saturday, October 16th

Host: Jamestown Branch

Theme: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Speakers: Local leaders from the Buffalo, Dunkirk-Fredonia and Jamestown Branches

Place: Athenaeum Hotel, CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION

Time: 9:30 am registration; 12:00 lunch; Tour of the library, art exhibit or Kellogg Hall

Cost: \$20.00 (Make check out to the Jamestown Branch of AAUW.)

Chair: Mary Lenda. Email her at mlenda@hotmail.com to register. To pay in advance send check to Dr. Mary Lenda, AAUW District Conference, 43 E. Chautauqua Street, Mayville, NY 14757. Or payment can be made at the door.

Dates to Remember:

- **Wed, Oct 6, 6:00 pm,** Board Meeting, Ebenezer United Church of Christ, West Seneca
- **Sat, Oct 16,** District 1 Meeting at Chautauqua Institution
- **Sat, Oct 30,** EcoTrail program at Daemen College
- **Sat, Dec 11,** Holiday Event, Protocol Restaurant
- **Sat, Jan 15, 2011,** LAF Fundraising Luncheon
- **Fri, Feb 4, 2011,** Domestic Violence-Campus Assault, UB Center for the Arts
- **Sat, Mar 12, 2011,** Tech Savvy 6
- **Sat, Mar 26, 2011,** Sister to Sister
- **Sat, May 14, 2011,** Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- **Wed - Sun, June 1-5, 2011,** 57th Annual Book Sale

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President's Message

The first program of the year, Potluck dinner at the United Methodist Church, started off our year with recognition of our scholarship winners – Alison Marcus, Jacque Walker scholarship, and Jennifer Herman and Brigid Obzud, Olga Lindberg scholarships. Along with our members, there were over 15 guests present to enjoy the dinner provided by Carmine's and desserts by our members. Cynthia Mehary, VP for member recruitment was there to encourage our guests to join. Marguerite Collesano chaired the event and coordinated the lovely dinner table arrangements with teal tablecloths and yellow mums. Thank you to Carolyn Day for arranging for the equipment with the church. So many helped, and thank you to all.

Our Guest Speaker, Director of the Family Justice Center, spoke of the incidence of domestic violence in our area. The Family Justice Center was established to bring together many services in one place to help those who suffer from domestic violence. By locating services in one place, abused women and men are able to get the help they need in an expeditious manner. They are seeking volunteers called 'ambassadors' to be trained to speak about the Center and its work to various groups so that word gets out to those in need.

Book Sale sorting is starting. Books may be delivered to the Kensington Bailey on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Judy Clare is site manager; we should be in good shape for June's sale.

Our Scholarship Committee, chaired by Diane Silvestro and Betty Krist, is up and running. Maria Coppola is providing PR and marketing expertise. One major goal is to create outreach so that women will know about the scholarships and apply for them. The website will include this information.

Leadership – I had the opportunity to attend the Girl Scout Dinner honoring amazing women. One of them is Tamara Brown, noted for her STEM activity and her accomplishments in AAUW and at Praxair. Tamara exemplifies the AAUW leader.

We still need a volunteer to chair Public Policy. If you are interested, please contact me at 885-2486. With the election in November this individual will keep us informed about policy and the vote that women strove so hard to achieve.

Our branch is taking philanthropy very seriously, and now considers requests for sponsorships with this in mind. We voted to be a sponsor of the Project Homeless Connect event taking place in November.

The next program is the District One meeting, hosted by Jamestown Branch at Chautauqua Institute. I encourage members to attend. Chautauqua is beautiful in the fall, therefore a trip there will give those who go double the pleasure.

Sincerely,
Stacey Johnson

Let's keep our enthusiasm for our mission: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, **philanthropy**, and research."

– Stacey Johnson

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Buffalo Branch Study & Interest Groups

Schedules for the Month:

Have you considered joining a study or interest group? They are a great way to meet people, network, learn and have some fun. You can join one by contacting the person listed below for each group who can provide you any information you need to get started. Remember that guests are welcome at a limited number of meetings for each interest group. Also, you are required to be a branch member in order to actively participate in AAUW sponsored groups. If you would like to suggest a new Study Group or bring back an old one, please contact Study Group coordinator Anita Kunkle @ 649-8863 or email amkun05@msn.com.

American Biographies:

When: Thurs. Oct. 14, 1:30 PM.



Where: Eggertsville/Snyder Library, 4622 Main Street

Leader: Lillis McLean, 873-7467. New members contact Lillis for additional information.

Dinner by the Book:

When: Weds. Oct. 20, 5:30 PM.

Where: Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Leader: Lynne Tauriello

Book: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford

Facilitator: Karen Kolb **Leader:** Jan Marino
Questions: Leona Barback, 633-1982 or barleo@roadrunner.com, or Marilyn Carmichael, 228-8626 or mcarmichael45@aol.com.

To reserve: Contact Fran Witnauer, 688-5708, or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com.

Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: Weds. Oct. 27, 6 PM

Where: Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Contact Suzanne Grossman, 837-8769

Book: "Black Widow Agency" by Felicia Donovan.

Facilitator: Suzanne Grossman



Knitting Group

When: Weds. Oct. 13, 2 P.M.

Where: Barnes & Noble, 4401 Transit Road

Leader: Karen Howard, 874-1389 or kkhoward@roadrunner.com.

Writing Workshop Group

When: Thurs. A.M., no date yet chosen.

Where: Member home, to be announced

Leader: Linda Drajem, 553-0864

New members welcome. Contact Linda for additional information.



Special Meeting of the Groups in November!

Dinner by the Book is joining with **Clueless Mystery Book Club** for our November meeting! So, we needed a larger location.

FOR THIS MEETING ONLY, the meeting will be moved to the Original Pancake House at 2075 Niagara Falls Boulevard in Amherst.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The book is "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," by Steig Larsson. The Facilitator will be Fran Witnauer and our Discussion Leader will be Mary Crocker.

Jacque Walker Scholarship Awarded to Alison Marcus

by Maria Coppola



Alison Marcus

University of Pennsylvania student Alison Marcus has been named the AAUW Buffalo Branch Jacque Walker Scholarship recipient for 2010.

The Buffalo native is a senior majoring in Urban Studies with a focus on Urban Education. Alison's interest in Urban Studies began when she arrived at Penn and started working in West Philadelphia's schools, further narrowing her focus on how race, poverty and urban education intersect.

After graduation, Alison plans to teach for Teach America and has a long-term goal to be an administrator in an urban elementary school.

This was the second year that AAUW awarded the Jacque Walker Scholarship. The award is

funded by proceeds from the Book Store and is given to one local student who exhibits not only strong academic credentials but also a passion for community service that is aligned with the values of AAUW. Alison has maintained a 3.7 GPA throughout her undergraduate career and has come to love and appreciate her work in Philadelphia's schools.

The Committee and Jacque Walker unanimously recommended that Alison be given the award. At the September Board Meeting, Pat Swift-McClellan presented the committee's recommendation and the motion was accepted.

Alison was chosen from a pool of five scholarship applicants.

\$15,000 Awarded on Behalf of Olga Lindberg

by Maria Coppola

Two Buffalo area women have been selected as the 2010 Olga Lindberg Scholarship winners.

Jennifer Herman is the recipient of the 1st place award of \$10,000. Jennifer is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University at Buffalo. She is also a graduate of Hiram College and American University, with high academic achievement. Jennifer's goal is to "improve the quality of teaching."

Having traveled in several underdeveloped countries to study cultural influences, Jennifer has used those experiences and her studies to better inform the teaching experience, presenting at a number of conferences nationwide. She works full-time and studies on a full-time basis. Her references noted her dedication and described her as "ambitious, compassionate and highly effective," noting that she has already influenced the field of higher education and that she is expected to contribute even more upon receiving her degree.

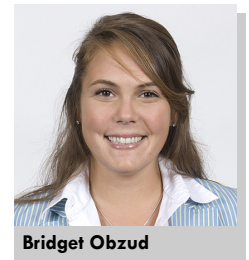


Jennifer Herman

The 2nd Place Award of \$5,000 has been given to Bridget Obzud.

Bridget expects to graduate from the University of Buffalo as an M.D. in 2013. She displayed high academic achievement at Syracuse University, where she majored in Psychology. Her goal is to become a pediatrician. In addition to her academic studies, Bridget has won awards for her research, including a project "*The Relationship between Anxiety and Emotional Security in Children with Asthma.*"

As part of her community activities, Bridget organized a "gluten-free pizza party" to help adolescents who have diabetes and celiac disease. Her references spoke of her "strength of spirit" and indicated that she possesses the duality of her academic success combined with empathy for patients.



Bridget Obzud

Both women are from Tonawanda.

Title IX Protects Against Harassment

By Linda Drajem

In the Indian River School District in Upstate New York, a male student is suing the school district for failing to protect him from verbal and physical harassment. He was called names, threatened, and beaten because of his sexual orientation; actions that finally drove him to drop out at the age of 15.

The school district wants to throw out the suit, saying that sexual harassment due to non-conformity cannot be a claim. Luckily the U.S. Department of Justice is asking the court to be allowed to serve as “amicus curiae”, or friend of the court, stating that the suit is justified. They have argued that other courts see sexual harassment based on gender stereotyping as in the legitimate purview of Title IX.

Since Title IX was a major legislative win, it is encouraging to see it used to protect the most vulnerable affirmed by the U.S. Justice Department. Because of the suit and the involvement of the Justice Department, the student’s sister, who is also a plaintiff, has been allowed to start a Gay Straight Alliance at the school. Her brother was previously blocked in his attempt.

Book Sale Corner

Sorting for the June 1-5 2011 book sale is taking place every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the sorting site at 995 Kensington Avenue. This is the Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Services Building. Members and their guests are invited to stop by and sort books for however much time they can spare.



Approved August Board Meeting Minutes

By Taylor Page

AAUW Buffalo Branch news:

- The Girl Scouts are honoring Tamara Brown on Sept. 14 for outstanding work on Tech Savvy
- Joan Eschner presented the 2010-2011 budget
- Susan McClary indicated that AAUW has 191 active members. 31 people opted not to renew.
- The pot luck will be catered and the dessert will be pot luck style.
- A sheet compiling the number of volunteer hours worked for each Board position was circulated

Education Accounts and Charitable Projects news:

- Betty Krist presented two letters recognizing the AAUW Buffalo Branch as i) Nationally recognized as the fifth largest monetary contributor to the Educational Opportunities Fund and ii) Second largest monetary contributor to the Legal Advocacy Fund.
- The Board needs a scholarship committee to develop a strategic plan to obtain more scholarship applicants.
- Pat Swift-MacClennan moved to approve the recommendations for Chamberlin Loan disbursement. The recommendations were accepted by the board with one abstention. Pat Swift-MacClennan also made a motion to have the Board amend its policy on scholarship and Chamberlin Fund/FFE eligibility to state that only residents of Western New York’s eight counties or students attending colleges in that area be eligible to apply. The motion was accepted. The amended policy will be added to the website.

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Rosters have Been mailed!

The 2010-2011 rosters have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, please email me at eeeyore123@verizon.net so we can look into it. The data used was the same as last year unless you specifically notified us of changes. If your information contains errors, please let me know and it can be corrected for the next issue. Many kudos to Freddie Cheek for all her work on this!

Susan McClary, VP Membership Retention

The LAF Fundraiser will be a luncheon held at the Protocol Restaurant on Saturday, January 15, 2011. It will start at 11:30 am. Author Lauren Belfer will be on-hand, and will have books for sale and a book signing after the event courtesy of Talking Leaves.

**Save The Date:
January 15, 2011,
LAF Fundraiser**

Seneca Falls Dialogues October 8-10

The 2010 Seneca Falls Dialogues is currently planned for October 8, 9, and 10 at the Hotel Clarence in Seneca Falls, NY, with invited guest speakers that will challenge participants to "make a difference."

Seneca Falls Mayor Diana Smith, who in 2008 introduced Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and United Nations Division for Advancement of Women Director Carolyn Hannan, claims that the second biennial event will delight and surprise attendees, and encourages early registration to ensure participation in all aspects of the 2010 event.

"In 2008, I had the honor of reading a lengthy statement from then Presidential

Candidate Barack Obama," Smith said. "His pledge to support women's initiatives and recognize women's rights as human rights was a focus of the Dialogues in 2008. This year, we'll analyze what needs to be done to accomplish these objectives, and send a strong message to our President that we stand ready and willing to do what's necessary," Smith continued. "Where else but in the birthplace of Women's Rights, Seneca Falls, NY, should this critical conversation begin?"

Visit senecafalldialogues.com for more information.

One Member, One Vote Initiative

Adopted at the 2009 AAUW National Convention, the concept of "One Member, One Vote" moved AAUW national elections from a delegate-only process to an every-member opportunity. Each member can now have a personal voice in helping to direct the future of AAUW and the right to vote for candidates, proposed bylaws amendments and resolutions, and the proposed Public Policy Program.

With the new One Member, One Vote section on our website, members may now propose bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program revisions and additions — and discuss these proposals online. Also, once the candidates are announced, you will also be able to "meet" them online through biographies, video, and candidate links. In addition to frequent website and other online updates, key information will be available to all members in the Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer issues of AAUW Outlook as well.

All members are encouraged to explore the opportunities, participate in the dis-

cussions, and share ideas with fellow members through the One Member, One Vote pages of the AAUW website and other information channels (branch meetings, state conventions, Facebook, online chats, etc.). A One Member, One Vote Current Topics Briefing and related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are available to assist you.

To access the One Member, One Vote section from the AAUW home page, click on Member Center (in the top right corner), log in with your member ID, and then select One Member, One Vote from the list on the left.

Members can always find their member ID on the AAUW Outlook mailing label or by using the Member ID Lookup tool available on the log-in page of the Member Center

Sincerely,

Linda D. Hallman, CAE

AAUW Executive Director

USA Science & Engineering Festival, October 10–24

This October, AAUW will join other professional and educational organizations on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at the USA Science and Engineering Festival — the country's first national science festival. A grand finale two-day expo involves more than 500 leading science and engineering organizations, 750 hands-on activities, 40 stage shows, and much more. More than 100,000 people are expected to participate in this national celebration of science and engineering.

AAUW will be exhibiting at the expo on October 23 and 24 with special hands-on

activities geared especially to girls and their families. Visit our booth to have fun learning about famous women in science and exciting careers through activities from our branch programs for girls across the country. Parents and educators can stop by to learn about easy things they can do to encourage girls in science and math.

Get involved today! Visit the festival's [official website](#), and sign up for the USA Science Festival bi-weekly e-newsletter. Then check out the festival on Facebook and Twitter, and even organize a satellite event in your community!

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, philanthropy, 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.



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