



AAUW BUFFALO ADVOCATE

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

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Dates of Note

Holiday Luncheon
Sat, Dec 1, 11:30 am
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Board Meeting
Wed, Dec 5, 5:45 pm
Christ United Methodist
Church

January Program
Jan 17, 7:00 pm
Nadia Sharam
Audobon Library

February Program
Feb 16
Allison Stokes
Ebenezer Church

AAUW NYS Convention
Fri-Sun, April 19-21
High Peaks Resort

AAUW National Convention
Sun-Wed
June 9-12, 2013
New Orleans, LA



*Celebrating the Holidays
with Friends*

Bring in the upcoming Holiday season at the famous Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Enjoy the piano entertainment of Robin Miller and meet or reconnect with your friends. A sit down luncheon is provided with three menu choices at \$22 per person.

Saturday, December 1, 2012
Salvatore's Italian Gardens
 6461 Transit Rd. (at Genesee St.), Depew, NY 14043
Registration: 11:30 AM
Deadline for reservations: November 26, 2012

Indicate your menu choice, complete the form on back page, and mail with your check to:

Joan Trinchera, 84 Pleasant Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075

Coming in January

January 17 at 7:00 PM
 Audubon Library
 350 John J. Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228

Nadia Sharam

Author of the Novel

"Marriage on the Street Corners of Tebran"

Please email either Sue Licata (slicata@roadrunner.com) or Judy Weidemann (jweide7170@aol.com) to reserve a spot. No Charge.

Barb's Beliefs

Some of you may have heard me talking excitedly about my upcoming trip to the Holy Land! A group of friends from my church will travel to Israel for 10 days. We'll go to some of the sites we've all read about: Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jericho. We'll see the River Jordan, which flows through the Sea of Galilee south to the Dead Sea. These are some of the most famous bodies of water in the world. At least three major religions trace their history to events in this area.

In studying the geography of the River Jordan, I've learned that the Sea of Galilee is in a fertile area, the largest freshwater lake in Israel (and the world's only fresh body of water below sea level.) The river gives back to the people around it as it flows into and out of the Sea. However, the Dead Sea accepts the fresh water from the River Jordan but has no outlet. The land around it is barren. The water is so salty that one cannot sink and nobody lives there.

The healthy river nourishes the people around the Sea of Galilee in the same way we can share with those who live around us. As we pass through the recent and coming holidays, I hope that nobody is closing in on herself and living without an outlet for her energies. Are we letting blessings flow through us as the Galilee receives from the north and gives to the south? Or are we like the Dead Sea that only receives and never gives?

Barbara Carier

Betty's Rambles

There's nothing quite like out of town guests to take us out of our usual routine and give us an excuse to visit/re-visit some of the treasures of Western New York. We had two visits from family and friends within the last month and took advantage of the opportunity to get back to the Darwin Martin House, Graycliff, the Kazoo Factory, the Erie Canal boat rides, and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural site. If you haven't visited those lately I urge you to take an afternoon to see what's been done at each of them. Great fun and great education!

At the Roosevelt Inaugural site one thing really struck me. Among the top issues facing this new, young president, the most urgent were immigration policy, poverty, race relations, and international relations. Sound familiar??? And this was over 100 years ago! We've come a long way baby? I don't think so!

Now that the election is (finally!) over, let's do our part to get the country back on track. Can we forget the antagonisms, the falsehoods, the negativity of the past couple of months? I think we must if we're to really tackle these issues in a way that moves us forward. Use our national AAUW "Two minute activist" to contact YOUR legislators about issues important to YOU! Just go to AAUW.ORG, click on "ACT," and use the activist option. It's easy AND effective! Get started now – the next few weeks are going to be critical for the economy of our country. Just please be POSITIVE – it's time for us to all work together.

Betty Preble

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Welcome New Member

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Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Masters of Ministry –
Christ the King Seminary, BS– Developmental Psychology
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187 Southside Parkway

- Cynthia Mehary, VP Membership Recruitment

Buffalo Interest Groups — December

Don't drive after dark anymore, or are too busy to go to a group that meets during the week but would like to join a book group???? Then Karen Huffman-Kelly would love to hear from you. She is interested in starting a book discussion group that would meet either in late afternoon or early evening on a Sunday. Please contact her and let her know at either 839-4754 or kshk152@yahoo.com.

We are still looking for that brave individual who will step up and call me, Judy Malamas, about starting the restaurant group again. Contact me at 632-0461 or tsagewood@aol.com.

Clueless Group - There is no meeting in December.

Knitting Group

When: Wednesday December 12th from 2-4 pm
Where: Barnes & Noble on Transit near Main St.
Contact person: Margaret Fischer 632-8269 or margaretjf@roadrunner.com
All knitting abilities are welcome

Dinner By The Book Club

When: Wednesday December 19th at 5:30 pm
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd. near the I-290
Book: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
Discussion leader: Mary Crocker
All are welcome. Please contact Fran Witnauer to make a reservation at 688-5708 or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com.

News and Notes

Booksale

Booksale work has been progressing smoothly with the help of many volunteers. Activity probably will slow down a little with the holidays but remember to keep some Tuesday and Wednesday mornings open when everything gets revved up come Jan. 2. Also, there is no break in the need for books so be alert to possible donors. Jacquie Walker, our long-time honorary chair, has agreed to work with us again in 2013. The committee wishes all of you a happy holiday and looks forward to seeing you at Kensington Bailey next year.

-Pat Swift MacClennan



Officer Elections

The following officers will be elected in May 2013:

- President
- First VP – Program
- Third VP – Membership Retention
- Operations Treasurer
- Chamberlin/FFE Treasurer
- Nominating Chair (one year)
- Two members, nominating committee

All except the nominating committee chair position are two year commitments, from July 2013 through June 2015. Anyone interested in serving or with suggestions for candidates should contact the current nominating committee chair, Lillis McLean, 873-7467, lmclean366@yahoo.com.

Achievement Award Nominations

The Buffalo Branch of AAUW has a long-standing tradition (at least back to 1940) of honoring an outstanding local woman at our May luncheon. A committee will be established to choose this year's honoree, but your suggestions are welcome! There is a nomination form available on the branch website – look on the homepage for “Branch Tools.” See the roster for the list of those who have been honored in the past.

Update|Additions to Buffalo Branch Roster

Marian Deutschman - New HOME Email
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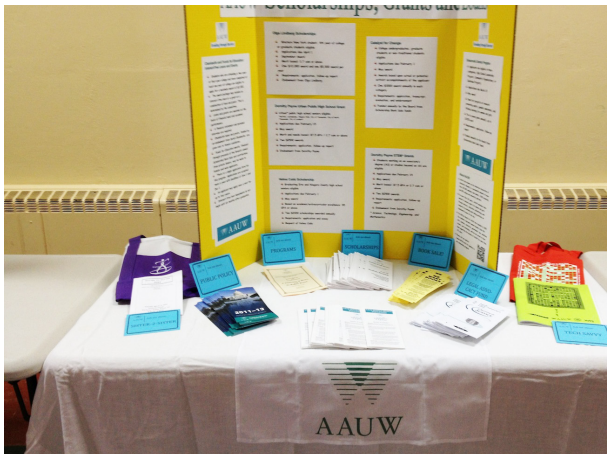
By the end of the year, Buffalo Branch will be sending contributions to our national organization to support the AAUW Funds. Under this heading are the Action Fund, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the Educational Opportunity Fund (this includes the Fellowships), the Public Policy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Leadership Programs. Members and branches from across the country contribute to these funds, which help all of us educate and advocate for women and girls.

The Buffalo Branch will donate \$20,000 this year to the Hillary Rodham Clinton American Fellowship. This fellowship was established by the branch and we have 15 years to get it to stipend-producing level. All of us by our donations and work on branch fundraising projects like the Booksale, help to make this possible. As they say on Public Television, "Thank you members!"

We will also be donating to the Legal Advocacy Fund with monies from members and fundraising. There will be a Chinese Auction for three purses at the December festivities at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Three more purses will be going to the NYS convention at Lake Placid in April; proceeds from them will be included in our donation for next year.

You can always go to the AAUW website for information about AAUW Funds. Happy Holidays!

-Sue Oliver, Funds Chair



AAUW funds display

From the National Women's History Project (www.nwhp.org/news)

December Highlights in US Women's History

Dec 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US

Dec 5, 1935 - Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women

Dec 7, 1941 - Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor

Dec 10, 1938 - Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for "The Good Earth"

Dec 10, 1869 - Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote

Dec 13, 1993 - Susan A. Maxman becomes first woman president of the American Institute of Architects in its 135 year history

Dec 14, 1961 - President's Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it

Dec 14, 1985 - Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma - the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe

Dec 17, 1993 - Judith Rodin is named president of Univ. of Pennsylvania, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution

Dec 28, 1967 - Muriel Siebert becomes the first woman to own a seat on the NY Stock Exchange

“AAUW 101” Summary



Eileen Hartmann, the immediate past AAUW-NYS president

A BIG thank-you to Eileen Hartmann, the immediate past AAUW-NYS president who joined us on November 12 to lead a discussion of AAUW and what it means to us at all levels. The November Advocate posed a series of questions which were answered by Eileen, our CFO Michelle Norris, and our Scholarship Director Susan McClary.

Eileen referred everyone to the AAUW national website (aauw.org) and the state website (aauw-nys.org) for background on many of the issues. There was a discussion of the “big teal machine” (our faithful volunteer lobby corps, composed of members in the Washington DC area who travel to “The Hill” every week armed with information on current potential legislation of interest to AAUW.) That group is joined by the entire national convention body when the

conventions are located there. She also explained the “Empire State Branch”, which is a virtual branch tackling issues of interest to the state. About fifty members have joined it as their “secondary” branch while maintaining their primary membership at home.

In addition, an overview of the complicated local financial setup was explained. We have five treasurers who have separate, specific responsibilities.

- The Operations Treasurer handles dues, insurance, the PO Boxes, etc – the nitty gritty of keeping the organization going.
- The Education Accounts and Program Treasurer is the coordinator for the investment account and handles the income and expenses for the programs and scholarships (other than Chamberlin and Funds for Education).
- The Chamberlin/Funds for Education Treasurer probably has the most complicated job because she handles loan repayments (or lack thereof). The Chamberlin Fund itself is a legacy of Sarah Chamberlin, while Funds for Education was set up by the branch. Both are basically loan funds, but can provide grants.
- The fundraising treasurer handles the booksale account and any other big fundraising event.
- The special projects treasurer (who currently happens to also be the booksale treasurer) is currently involved with the Tech Savvy program.

Susan McClary handed out a copy of the scholarship chart summary which is available on the Buffalo AAUW website (aauw.buffalo.edu). There was discussion and questioning of some of the offerings and some requirements will be clarified.

Several comments were generated through the discussion. Suggestions for working towards the future included stepping up our use of social media, increased visibility for the Hillary Clinton Fund (don’t know what that is? – ASK!), the mentoring of local college students and more outreach to women in the community.

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Saturday, December 1, 2012

Salvatore's Italian Gardens

6461 Transit Rd. (at Genesee St.), Depew, NY 14043



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Names of guests: _____

Menu Choice: _____ Chicken Milanese _____ Pork Medallions _____ Portobello Mushrooms

**Please send a check for \$22 for yourself and each guest,
written to AAUW Buffalo Branch, by November 26 to:**

Joan Trinchera, 84 Pleasant Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075

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