



AAUW BUFFALO ADVOCATE

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

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Welcome to AAUW 2012-2013 ANNUAL AAUW POTLUCK

The AAUW Buffalo Branch is pleased to invite you to our annual "Potluck" dinner. The date is Monday, September 10, 2012 and the Jacquie Walker and Olga Lindberg Scholarships will be presented. Our program will include remarks by past recipients of AAUW award monies as well as informative presentations about our Annual Scholarship Book sale and upcoming Programs for the 2012-2013 year. This annual casual supper is our members' opportunity to invite a guest or two who might be interested in joining our terrific Buffalo Branch. It will be catered, with board members providing desserts.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE BUFFALO BRANCH

Monday, September 10, 2012
Christ United Methodist Church
350 Saratoga Road (Harlem at Saratoga)
Amherst, NY 14226
5:30 – 8:00 PM

Dates of Note

Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sep 5 at 5:45.
Ebenezer United Church of
Christ, West Seneca

Branch Potluck
Monday, Sep 10 at 5:30
Christ United Methodist
Church, corner of Harlem and
Saratoga. Details ⇒

Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 3 at 5:45.
Ebenezer United Church of
Christ, West Seneca

Voter Registration Deadline
for general election Oct 12.

District One Conference
Saturday, Oct 13
Michael's Banquet
Facility. Details in the
October Advocate.

Registration at 5:30 PM, Program starts at 6:00 PM

Mail to: Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker, Orchard Park, NY 14127 by September 5.

My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$10.00 per person) payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names of Guests: _____

Please check if you are willing to help **Set Up** AND/OR require a **Vegetarian** plate . Thank you!

Barb's Beliefs

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare. - Japanese Proverb

A new program year! It's like the first day of school, when as a teacher or as a student, I was always excited to start anew! Back in the days when my mother made my clothing, I typically had a new plaid dress to wear on that first day. We may not wear plaid to our September meeting, but we will be starting again. I hope that you will find something at our September Dinner that inspires you to want to get more involved. You won't have to do anything alone because there will be others who are also interested in that issue. Together you can plan your action. AAUW has resources at the local, state, and national levels to help.

Maybe you want to get involved in the coming election. Good! Perhaps you know of a situation in our community which needs attention. Great! Is there an international concern about which we should become more involved? How about a problem in a school near you? Whatever you find yourself troubled about, look around you for other AAUW members who share that. Together we can plan some action so we don't have just daydreams, or worse, nightmares. AAUW is the conduit for your vision to become action!

Barbara Carier

Betty's Rambles

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try. -Beverly Sills

Are you as disappointed in this election season as I am, at least up to this point? Much is said in the media about how negative the campaign is, how many untruths and half-truths and innuendoes are being tossed around for political gain, how little the real issues surface in discussion. But what is actually being done to "fix" the situation?

As a branch, we cannot endorse candidates in an election. What we can do, though, is learn the facts regarding the issues we think are important. I have recently come across a list of six websites which dependably debunk (or not) various claims. The print media usually fact-checks things, but anyone can post anything on the internet – and just because it appears multiple times doesn't mean it's true! Please check these sites for the veracity of claims:

- FactCheck.org is a nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.
- PolitiFact.com is a project of the St. Petersburg Times to help you find the truth in American politics.
- OpenSecrets.org is your nonpartisan guide to money's influence on U.S. elections and public policy.
- Snopes.com is one of the best online resources that debunks Urban Legends and Rumors on a huge number of topics.
- TruthOrFiction.com is your Email Reality Check. Get the truth about those ubiquitous forwarded emails.
- Hoax-Slayer.com is dedicated to debunking email hoaxes, thwarting Internet scammers, combating spam, and educating web users about email and Internet security issues.

Then, once you're satisfied that you understand an issue, take action! Educate your family and friends, move the conversation from rumor to facts. We can make a difference!

See you at the potluck, ready for the year!

Betty Preble

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For prospective or new member questions, contact
Cynthia Mehary, VP Membership Recruitment, at
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Buffalo Interest Groups 2012-2013

Clueless Book Club

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 at Bob Evans Restaurant at 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd near the 290. Except THURSDAY, Sept 27 (different day than usual due to the Jewish Holidays.) The contact person is Suzanne Grossman, 837-8769.

Thursday The Language of Bees
September 27 Laurie R. King

Wednesday The Camel Club
October 24 David Baldacci

Wednesday The Monkey's Raincoat
November 28 Robert Crais

December NO MEETING

Wednesday Hard Time
January 23 Sara Paretsky

Wednesday Black & Blue
February 27 Ian Rankin

Wednesday Gorky Park
March 27 Martin Cruz Smith

Wednesday Book Selection for 2013-2014
April 24

Wednesday Berried Alive
May 22 Kate Kingsbury

Wednesday Still Life
June 26 Louise Penny

Knitting Group

Meeting Wednesday, September 12th from 2-4:00 at Barnes and Noble on Transit near Main. (Same location as last year.) Contact person is Margaret Fischer 632-8269 or margaretjf@roadrunner.com.

Dinner By The Book Club

Meets Wednesdays at 5:30 at Bob Evans Restaurant at 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd near the 290.

September Prisoner of Birth
9/19/2012 Jeffrey Archer

October Breathing Lessons
10/17/2012 Anne Tyler

November Little Princes
11/14/2012 Conor Grennan

December Pride and Prejudice
12/19/2012 Jane Austen

January Unbroken
1/16/2013 Laura Hillenbrand

February Iron River
2/20/2013 T. Jefferson Parker

March Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight
3/20/2013 Alexandra Fuller

April Book Selection for 2013-2014
4/17/2013

May A Fatal Grace
5/15/2013 Louise Penny

June City of Dreams:
6/19/2013 A Novel of Nieuw Amsterdam
Beverly Swerling

QUESTIONS about Dinner By The Book? Please contact Leona Barback, 633-1982 or Marilyn Carmichael, 228-8626. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Contact Fran Witnauer, 688-5708 or email at Grandmafran44@yahoo.com.

About Your Dues

The start of the 2012-13 year is upon us and we are looking forward to a year's worth of exciting, informative, and enjoyable programs. AAUW Buffalo Branch also offers terrific study and interest groups and the camaraderie of like-minded women. We want to remind our members that the 2011-12 member year expired on July 1.

If you have double asterisks next to your name on the address label, it indicates that we had not received your dues as of the mailing of this newsletter. If you do not renew, next month's issue will be your last, so please mail in your dues. We want you all to keep receiving our newsletters so that you don't miss out on a single event. Please send dues to Freddie Cheek, 406 Maynard Drive, Amherst, NY 14226.



Sincere
condolences:

To Sawrie Becker
and her family on the
loss of her husband on
August 6.

To Peggy Meidl and her
family on the death of
her mother on August 9.

Welcome New Members

Cynthia Mehary, VP Membership Recruitment

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Save The Date

AAUW-Buffalo (in conjunction with the Jamestown, Dunkirk-Fredonia, and Genesee Community College Branches PLUS the League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara and the LWV of Chautauqua County) will hold an AAUW District One Conference on Saturday, Oct 13 at Michael's Banquet Facility in Hamburg. The morning session will focus on our most pressing political issues, followed by lunch and a talk by Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner. Sally is the executive director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Home in Fayetteville. Her presentation is courtesy of the New York Humanities Council. Come and enjoy the chance to network with other branches. The cost (tba), including lunch, will probably be \$15-18. Registration forms and more information will be available in the October ADVOCATE.

The 2012 Olga Lindberg Scholars

Nicole Hamm

The committee received materials from 12 students who met the eligibility requirements. Each was reviewed per the previously used assessment criteria. The committee then unanimously recommended the following winners who were approved by the board:

1st Place Award (at \$10,000): Grace Mukupa, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Global Gender Studies at the University at Buffalo. Ms. Mukupa is also has an MBA from of the State University of New York at Oswego and BA from the Southern Connecticut State University, with high academic achievement. After achieving her Ph.D., Grace plans to attend law school. Grace's goal is to work for the government or NGO to formulate programs to alleviate poverty. Her dissertation centers on women and development, youth educational programs, poverty alleviation, and evaluation. Grace's current roles include: President, of the Graduate Student Association, an AAUW university liaison, a United Nations Representative, Adjunct Instructor for Gender in African and Traditional Law in African Societies at the University at Buffalo. Her references noted her as one of the most dedicated, diligent and intelligent graduate student they have ever taught. In addition, all her references noted her important MA work on the impact of a non-governmental organization on youth empowerment and HIV/AIDS prevention paying particular attention to the disparity that exists between boys and girls.

2nd Place Award (at \$5,000): Kaitlynn Trzaska, graduated this May with a BS in Exercise and Sports Studies from D'Youville College and this summer will enter Physical Therapy School to obtain her Doctorate in Physical Therapy in May 2015. Her short term goal is to obtain strength and conditioning certification from the prestigious National Strength and Conditioning Association, however, her long term goal is to open her own physical therapy clinic for the disabled. Kaitlynn's community involvement is impressive and includes the following: certified Special Olympics Coach, and Hippotherapy Side Walker volunteer, which is physical therapy on a horse for children with physical and mental disabilities. Her references noted her enthusiasm and dedication to her education experience. They also noted the tremendous value she places on service and charity to unconditionally assist the less fortunate.

The Buffalo Branch Gives Back
\$37,500 in Chamberlin Funds & Loans
\$15,000 in Olga Lindberg Scholarships

Chamberlin Fund/Funds for Education

Pat Swift MacClennan

Chamberlin Fund/FFE Committee recommended approval for the dispersal of \$37,500 to 13 applicants in the June 1, 2012 cycle. The allocation involves \$16,500 in loans and \$21,000 in grants and will be drawn from the Chamberlin Fund, with the exception of one award from Funds for Education. The following recommendations were approved by the board:

- **Ashley Bernier**, a junior in University of Buffalo, majoring in speech-language pathology. \$2,000 grant and \$1,000 loan.
- **Bridget Flynn**, a sophomore in Canisius College, majoring in health and wellness, \$1,500 loan and \$1,500 grant.
- **Antoinette Foster**, a sophomore nursing student in D'Youville College, \$2,500 grant, \$500 loan.
- **Taylor Kunkle**, junior in Seton Hall University majoring in biology in program leading to a doctorate in physical therapy, \$1,500 grant, \$1,500 loan.
- **Angela Hedgecock**, a graduate student in Canisius College's teaching English to speakers of another language program, \$1,500 grant.
- **Valerie Herman**, junior in Niagara University majoring in hospitality, \$1,500 loan, \$1,500 grant.
- **Allison Jacobs**, graduate student in special education in St. Bonaventure University, \$3,000 grant.
- **Samantha King**, senior in Duquesne University studying international law, \$3,000 loan.
- **Evan Mikoll**, junior in Medaille College in communications, a \$1,500 loan and \$1,500 grant from Funds for Education.
- **Danielle Miller**, a junior accounting major in Northwood University, West Palm Beach, Fla., a \$3,000 loan.

- **Deborah Naybor**, working on a doctoral degree in geography in University of Buffalo, a \$3,000 grant.
- **Talia Rodriguez**, enrolled in UB Law School beginning this fall, \$3,000 grant.
- **Heather Williams**, graduate student in special education in Daemen College, a \$3,000 loan.

Interviews were conducted on June 30 and July 21. Participating were Susan McClary, Carol Griffith, Marguerite Collesano, Karen Howard, Diane Silvestro, Sharon Meer, and Kate Collins.

Fifteen applications were received on June 1. One applicant was unable to attend any interview session and was advised she could reapply in December; another failed to respond to e-mail and phone messages and it was assumed she was no longer interested.

58th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BOOK SALE

Filled with gratitude for our efforts of the past year and their results, one sees that volunteers are the key to our success. We acknowledge with gratitude all who contributed in some way:

- Our members who give of their precious time.
- Our friends who love our sale and offer their assistance.
- Fred Howard who picks up and delivers and hangs signs with precision.
- Our community service worker Dave Binko who would do any task with a smile.
- Those book lovers who drop off books and stay to help.
- Our “good guys” who lend a hand when needed for those heavy-duty tasks.
- Our friends in media (especially our honorary chair Jacquie Walker of WIVB-TV) who get the word out to the community.
- The people of Western New York who support our book sale and tell us so by donating thousands of books and coming back to buy them.
- Our table donors who help reduce costs.
- The businesses who help us by discounting materials and services (Advanced Graphics, UPS Store, Able Tables)
- Kensington/Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services who gives us valuable space all year
- Jean Hubbard and Marian Fay who dedicate a significant portion of garage space to us all year.
- Tahmina Rehman and her Kabob and Curry restaurant for the wonderful food for workers during the sale.
- Anyone who helped but does not fit in the above categories!

Without all of the above angels, we would not have grossed over \$66,000 this year to fund our marvelous scholarships, fellowships and grants. In a year when the economy was down and gas prices were up; when e-books are soaring in popularity and book dealers declining in numbers; when our aging members (all

right-admit it) are unable to do as much as they would like to and we had to put up with more aches and pains and allergies (not to mention a broken bone!) we carried on to support this worthy cause! THANK YOU--ALL OF YOU--for your dedication to the AAUW Buffalo Book Sale! According to Judy Weidemann, our wonderful, able, willing co-chair, the total hours worked this year exceeded 4,000:

**564 during the year at Kensington/Bailey,
2,331 cleaning, sorting books and organizing,
1,202 during the sale.**

112 members (down from 128 in 2011) worked in some way this year, as well as thirty-four friends and family members.

We rejoice that our sale was again profitable, but are also mindful of some trends. It appeared that we had fewer donations of books this year and a considerable amount of books that needed to be recycled. Table donations were less than previous years. Expenses have been rising, while profits have been declining. We had more books left over. We lost Giggil and their \$2,000 for the past two years, they had picked up all of our books and sent us a percentage of profits from their resale. Fortunately, through the efforts of our good friend, Laura Wright, we were able to secure a local company, led by Mark Gamble to take all of our leftover items.

Special recognition to our hard-working, book sale-loving steering committee consisting of Cathy Weiss, Judy Weidemann, Pat Swift MacClennan, Sue Licata, Cindy Koch, Peggy Meinl, and Barbara Libby. Co-Branch Presidents Betty Preble and Barbara Carier have been strong and consistent supporters of the committee and the sale. We added three new members to the committee this year, and they have pitched right in--Sue, Cindy, and Peggy. The entire committee deserves our heartfelt thanks for all their dedication and hard, hard work.

My heart is bursting with gratitude for those who made my job as site manager go smoothly, allowing a steady progression towards opening our doors on the first day with enthusiasm. We ended with cleanup on Monday and Tuesday. WELL DONE!!!

Thank you, everyone. I love our book sale. May there be a 59th!

Judy Clare, Co-chair and site manager

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

September Highlights in US Women's History

- Sept 12, 1910 - Alice Stebbins Wells, a former social worker, becomes the first woman police officer with arrest powers in US (Los Angeles, CA)
- Sept 14, 1964 - Helen Keller receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom along with 4 other women: Dr. Lena Edwards, Lynn Fontaine, Dr. Helen Taussig, and Leontyne Price
- Sept 14, 1975 - Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized. She is the first American-born saint, and founded the first U.S. Order of Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph
- Sept 20, 1973 - Billie Jean King defeats Bobby "No broad can beat me" Riggs in the battle of the sexes tennis match
- Sept 25, 1981 - Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman U.S. Supreme Court justice
- Sept 26, 1971 - Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-New York) announces she will enter the Democratic presidential primaries
- Sept 26, 1973 - Capt. Lorraine Potter, an American Baptist minister, is the first woman U.S. Air Force chaplain
- Sept 29, 1988 - Stacy Allison becomes first U.S. woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest

The League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara has scheduled a number of voter registration efforts for August and September. We have been asked to help to staff the tables at the various venues. Attached is a list of the places, dates, times, and the number of volunteers needed.

Please send an Email as to the DATES and TIMES you can volunteer to Kate Wagner at kawbuffalo@gmail.com as soon as possible. Include your contact information, phone, and email. Note that shift lengths are either 2 or 3 hours. If you willing to do a longer shift, please say so.

Indicate if you have done voter registration in the past so experienced volunteers can be assigned to work with novices. Also indicate if you can transport the table, chairs and canopy. When volunteer responses have been received, and assignments made, you will receive an email with your assignments and detailed instructions. If you do not have access to email, please call 716/836-2439 and leave your contact information and Kate will call you to determine when you will be volunteering.

Vote
2012

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	SHIFTS	
Walmart Amherst	3290 Sheridan Dr. at Bailey	Saturday Sept. 29	10-1	1-4
Walmart Amherst	3290 Sheridan Dr. at Bailey	Sunday Sept. 30	10-1	1-4

In the coming year I will be updating you on news from our national Fellowships and Grants programs and, of course, information about the status of various recipients of money and support from the Legal Advocacy Fund.

We are planning to have a purse raffle to raise funds for LAF from the branch (probably at our holiday event) and I will be asking for at least four purses to take to the state convention to be held next April in Lake Placid. At this point, I have two purses in my possession with promises for at least two more to come. Please contact me if you can donate a purse or something to put in a purse. Last year we used such things as an oven mitt for a kitchen bag, a scarf, handkerchief and various gift items that came with a purchase of cosmetics to include in more "fun" purses.

I hope you were able to support the 5K Run/Walk in Delaware Park on August 25 to raise money for the United Hands of Hope House. As you may recall, the branch donated monies from the Jamieson bequest to this organization which, under the leadership of Deputy Elizabeth Fildes, is raising money for a shelter for girls who are victims of human trafficking in WNY.

Thanks. Sue Oliver





Barb Carier presenting the Achievement Award to Maryann Saccomando Freedman.



A glimpse of the booksale.



Laura Wright, creator of our AAUW display, dressing the part for her day as a volunteer at the Erie County Fair.



Since our last meeting.

Moving? Please contact Freddie Cheek, 716/835-6945

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