

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



Dates to Note

Wed-Sun, May 28-June 1

BOOK SALE – Burlington Plaza
1551 Niagara Falls Blvd

Wed, June 4, 5:45

Board meeting
Ebenezer United Church of Christ
West Seneca

Fri-Sun, July 25-27

AAUW-NYS Summer Conference
Cazenovia College

Fri, Aug 8

AAUW Day at Chautauqua

Wed, Sep 3, 5:45

Board meeting
location TBD

Mon, Sept 22

Fall Meeting
Chrit United Methodist Church

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The 60th AAUW Buffalo Branch Book Sale

May 28-June 1

Burlington Plaza

1551 Niagara Falls Blvd

In the corner next to JoAnn Fabrics.

There's more space than it appears when you walk in the door!

Wednesday Admission

\$20 9:00 am - 11:00 am

\$10 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$5 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thu-Fri-Sat Admission

\$1 all day 9 am - 8 pm

Sunday Admission

FREE Noon - 5 pm



We need help!
Contact Judy Weidemann,
jweide7170@aol.com or
655-3649 to sign up.

**Plenty of standing/walking
AND sitting jobs!**



Happy Summer

Save the Date

The next issue of *The Advocate* will be in September. Be sure to save Monday, September 22 for our Annual Fall Get-Together. We'll be at Christ United Methodist Church.

President's Perspective

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."

— Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*

Ah, spring – it seems like it is possibly finally here! And yes, a time for plans and projects!

As you read this, the book sale should be almost upon us. What a grand finale for each Buffalo AAUW year, to have this great project that brings more members together than anything else and provides the funding for all the wonderful projects and scholarships and programs we provide throughout the year!

At the annual meeting, we thanked our outgoing officers for all they've done over the past three or four years. Cynthia Mehary has increased our membership each year, Taylor Page has kept impeccable records of our meetings, Michelle Norris has kept our overall finances under control, Barbara Libby has kept our records clear for the booksale, and Ruby Williams has helped nominate the officers for the coming year. We are grateful for their service.

At the same time, we welcome members to new responsibilities. Diane O'Brien will take over membership recruitment, Biliana Popjanevski will be overseeing the treasurers, Lynne Rapin will assume the secretary's pen and pad (or computer!), Laurie Eikemeyer will handle the book sale finances, and Cynthia Mehary will take the open spot on the nominating committee.

After the book sale, it would seem that a summer off would be great. However, that's when we make our plans for the coming year. If you are interested in working on the program committee, helping with membership work, or working on one of our projects (or developing a new one,) please let us know. I'm always available via email – betty.preble@gmail.com. Please let us hear from you!

–Betty Preble



President, Betty Preble (R) with Branch Service Award recipient Barbara Carrier at May luncheon.



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Editor's Note



The deadline for each issue of The Advocate is the 10th of the preceding month. Send articles to Vicki Marshall (goya@roadrunner.com.) Please make sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line and cc: Betty Preble (betty.preble@gmail.com.) Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Let us know and send a message to Vicki and Betty. Thank you.



Public Policy

—Marian Deutschman

The Facts about Women in Community Colleges

The AAUW report *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success* (2013) is an overview that explores an underappreciated part of our higher education system. It is based on a review of the literature on community colleges, interviews with community college leaders, a review of program materials, and data from federal sources. The report looks at the role of community colleges in women's education, including challenges women face in completing a certificate or degree, or in transferring to a four-year institution. The particular concerns and needs of student mothers and barriers women face in pursuing STEM and nontraditional fields are examined in detail. The report includes recommendations that will strengthen community colleges for all students.

Community colleges are an attractive option for mothers of young children because they offer flexible schedules and low tuition. Unfortunately, limited access to

child care presents a barrier to the educational path. Fewer than half of all community colleges offer on-campus child care and available slots do not typically meet student demand.

Community colleges offer a wide range of programs, including employment-focused occupational programs, academic programs in liberal arts, and both occupational and academic programs in STEM fields. However, women tend to pursue traditionally female occupations such as nursing, education, and cosmetology. Women make up the vast majority of registered nurses but just a fraction of engineering technicians, automotive service technicians and mechanics, carpenters, and electricians. Except for nursing and some health-related fields, jobs in traditionally female occupations typically offer lower wages and fewer opportunities for career advancement than do math and science fields.

A snapshot of community colleges in New York:

In 2011, the 36 community colleges in New York enrolled 335,554 students; that is 31 percent of the state's undergraduate population.

Women make up 55 percent of the community college population in New York and 57 percent nationally. White students make up 51 percent of attendees, Hispanic/Latino are next with 18 percent, and black/African American students make up 16 percent of the population.

Sixty-one percent of community college students are between the ages of 18 and 24. They are more likely to attend school part time than four-year students.

In 2011, community college women in New York earned 20 percent of the associate degrees in computer and information sciences and 10 percent of associate degrees in engineering, engineering technologies, and related fields.

Women need better information and support to enroll and earn degrees in nontraditional and STEM fields at community colleges.

Renewal Time

Membership renewal notices are out. Letters were sent to everyone including a separate form showing their current information and a request for any updates. Please send your dues and information in as soon as possible.



In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation 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.



EOF honoree Roberta Travis, presented by Sue Oliver at May luncheon

Returning from the AAUW NYS convention in Ellenville last week, I am happy to report that, as always, our branch shines. Our activities on behalf of women and girls are exemplary and our support of the national programs LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) and EOF (Educational Opportunities Funds) is outstanding and helps the NYS AAUW look great. New York members and branches donated slightly over \$100,000 to EOF and almost \$25,000 to LAF. Between the basket and purse raffle, and a collection made after hearing one of the litigants speak about her case and how grateful she was to AAUW for our help and support, we raised a total of \$5,000 for LAF over the weekend at the convention!

As a result of our support, AAUW is working on several very important issues. National Vice President for Government Relations Lisa Maatz reports that AAUW successfully led efforts to make campus safety a part of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. We continue to track the implementation of the campus safety law, and we look forward to schools coming into compliance this year. Enforcement efforts at the Department of Education have ramped up, and the White House officially created a Campus Sexual Assault Task Force.

AAUW is working on many other areas including sexual assault in the military.

You can be very proud to belong to this organization.

— Sue Oliver, Funds Chair



Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:

- June 6-June 22** – Les Misérables at Lancaster Opera House
- June 8** – Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour – Miss Buffalo, 8:30 am, 627-4560
- June 19-15** – Evita at Shea’s
- June 27 & 29** – Puccini’s Tosca at Nickel City Opera
- July 7** – Glenn Miller Orchestra at Artpark
- July 26 & 27** – Glen Park Art Festival – Glen Falls in Williamsville
- July 31-Aug 8** – Mary Poppins at Artpark
- Aug 8** – AAUW Day at Chautauqua – Ken Burns, historian & documentarian, see page 6 for registration & information
- Aug 21** – The Kingston Trio at Artpark
- Until Sept 21** – Mummies – Buffalo Museum of Science

Theater Contact Information:

- 710 Main Theater** (formerly Studio Arena, now affiliated with Shea’s), Main St. at Tupper, 829-1154, www.sheas.org
- Amherst Symphony** – 633-4606 www.amherstsymphony.com
- Artpark** – Lewiston 754-4375, www.artpark.net
- Kavinoky Theater** – 320 Porter Ave., 829-7668, www.kavinokytheatre.com
- Kleinhaus Music Hall** – Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, 885-5000, www.bpo.org
- Lancaster Opera House** – 21 Central Ave., Lancaster, 683-1776, www.lancopera.org
- MusicalFare Theatre** (at Daemen College), 4380 Main St., 839-8540, www.musicalfare.com
- Shaw Festival** – Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. 800-511-SHAW, www.shawfest.com
- Shea’s Performing Arts Center** – 646 Main St., 847-0850, www.sheas.org
- UB Department of Music** – 645-2921, www.slee.buffalo.edu
- UB Distinguished Speaker Series** – www.buffalo.edu/dss

—Barbara Carier

AAUW Day at Chautauqua



“The Roosevelts” An Intimate History

Ken Burns, Geoffrey C. Ward

The Roosevelts, to be released in the fall, will present Theodore, Franklin, and Eleanor Roosevelt as they have never been portrayed on-screen before, as the most prominent members of the most important family in our history. For 19 of the first 45 years of the 20th century, a member of the Roosevelt clan occupied the White House.

Theodore Roosevelt was arguably the most important Republican president after Abraham Lincoln. Franklin Roosevelt was undeniably the greatest of all Democratic presidents, and his wife, Eleanor, was the most influential woman in American political history — as well as being her uncle Theodore’s favorite niece.

The partisan politics of their day were allowed to blur the fact that there were far more similarities than differences among them: all three shared the same conviction that great privilege carries with it great responsibility, the same belief in the power of government to do good, the same unbounding optimism about the American future. Through their stories we will chronicle the history they helped to shape — from the Square Deal to the New Deal, San Juan Hill to the Western Front to D-Day to the founding of the United Nations.

A week with Ken Burns, Historian, Documentarian, and American Conscience

Perhaps the best-known story teller of history, filmmaker Ken Burns returns to Chautauqua to host a week of lectures and dialogues on the subjects his documentaries have brought back to life.



- Date: Friday, August 8th, 2014
- Host: AAUW Branch of Jamestown, NY
- Theme: A Week with Ken Burns: Historian, Documentarian & American Conscience: The Roosevelts
- Speaker: Ken Burns and Geoffrey C. Ward
- Place: Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY (www.ciweb.org)
- Time: Lecture 10:45 a.m. at Amphitheatre; Ticket good from 9 am – 8 pm
- Cost: \$32.40/person plus \$26.50 for lunch in the historic Athenaeum Hotel’s Parlor
- Total: \$58.90 (Make check payable to AAUW Jamestown Branch.)

To make a reservation, please fill out this coupon and mail a check made out for the total amount to AAUW Jamestown Branch. Include your email address, so confirmation of your reservation can be sent to you. All orders must be prepaid. AAUW Day at Chautauqua costs \$58.90 per person and includes lunch. Mail your coupon and check to Barb Russell, 2702 Salam Drive, Ashville, NY 14710. Please email questions to barbararussell@mail.sunycc.edu.

You can also order ticket OR meal, only.

Check Meal selection: Grilled Shrimp or Chicken Caesar Salad: Shrimp _____; Chicken _____;
Oven Roasted Zucchini (vegetarian): _____; Lemon Baked Cod: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

No. of tickets: _____ Amount of enclosed check: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email address: _____

(Deadline for reservations is Friday, August 1st, 2014)



Interest Groups

SOCIAL BRIDGE GROUP (New!!)

Joyce Bol is looking to form a bridge group (perhaps two tables) for the Sept. 2014 through June 2015 term. She is looking for your input as to the day of the week, time, and place to meet in order to play bridge. Please call her if you are a social bridge player (no fanatics, please) with your ideas. Bridge is a natural fit for our AAUW membership. We thank Joyce for her initiative and enthusiasm!

Please contact Joyce at 698-6801 or if you prefer, by email travelon6066@roadunner.com

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 5:30 pm

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant Mtg.Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst

Book: *The Last Child* by John Hart

Discussion Facilitator: Barbara Weber Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, 5:30 pm.

Book: *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

Facilitator: Margaret Fischer

Discussion Leader: Sue Licata

Reservations: Fran Witnauer 688-5708 or Grandmafran44@yahoo.com



KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 from 2-4 pm.

Where: Barnes & Noble Cafe on

Transit near Main St.

What: Bring your knitting and/or crochet project

Contact: Margaret Fischer at 632-8269 or margaretjf@roadrunner.com

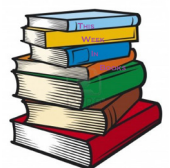
SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, June 22, 2014

Where: Sweetness 7 on Parkside, across from the zoo from 4-6 pm

What: *The Valley of Amazement* by

Amy Tan and discussion of new book ideas for 2014-2015 Contact: Karen Huffman-Kelly at 839-4754 or kshk152@yahoo.com



FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Marilyn Carmichael, mcarmichael45@aol.com or 228.8626 (cell).

Calling on all AAUW Branch members to attend any study group of their choice. Have you checked one out yet? The groups are well worth your time. You will enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow AAUW members.



Christine Tjahjadi-Lopez (L), Catalyst for Change scholarship winner, presented by Susan Clements



Achievement Award winner Barbara Park Leggett

The May Luncheon 2014



Dorothy Payne Urban scholarship, Janae Campfield (R), presented by Ruby Williams



Installing officer Lois Dabney



Velma Cobb scholarship, Kelsey Jaynes (R), presented by Dr Betty Krist



Velma Cobb scholarship, Samantha Maloy (R), presented by Dr Betty Krist

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