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Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line and cc

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**Saturday, January 11, 2014**  
**11:45 am**  
**Private Luncheon with**  
**Our Favorite Diva**  
**Siena Restaurant**  
**4516 Main St. in Snyder**



Ms. Danielle DiStefano, one of our scholarship recipients, is planning a program of jazz and love songs and will try to accommodate some requests as well. In addition, she'll tell us about her schooling, career, and future plans. Danielle contacted us and in appreciation for our generosity, will perform at no charge. Antipasti and registration will start at 11:45 followed by lunch and dessert at 12:15. Danielle's performance will follow. Cost is \$28 (cash bar available). See the registration form for details. As this will be a plated meal, on time reservations are critical. Friends, as always, are welcome!

Ms. DiStefano is a classically trained vocalist. Her ability in singing operatic, sacred music, musical theater, jazz, ballads, and Bollywood has brought rave reviews and many encore performances from her audiences as one of Western New York's finest vocal performers. With a range of songs from "At Last" to La Traviata's "Brindisi," we are sure to be wowed. She has been performing throughout Western New York for the past six years.

## Reservation Form for January 11, 2014 Program—bring a guest!

Luncheon includes antipasti, homemade breads, coffee, tea, cookies, and cannoli.

**Entrée choices:** Chicken breast stuffed with spinach, prosciutto, and fontina cheese (chicken)  
Farfalle pasta with asparagus, Portobello mushrooms, and lemon zest (pasta)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ entrée choice \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ entrée choice \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_ included @\$28 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Buffalo Branch AAUW

**Mail to: Betty Krist, 116 Iris Ave., West Seneca, NY 14224 by January 2**



# President's Perspective

As we approach the

New Year, it's customary to look back to see what we have/have not accomplished and also to look forward to see what we can do to improve. I took a break from other things today to glance at the newspaper and found words that I could not possibly match—those of the FIRST EVER female to head a major automotive corporation. Mary Barra rose through the ranks of General Motors, starting as a college intern, to being newly announced as the CEO of the company. Who could have guessed, even thirty years ago, that the world would have come to its senses so dramatically!?!

Here are five pieces of advice given by Mary Barra in her commencement speech at her alma mater, Kettering University (formerly the General Motors Institute):

- Pursue a career with “passion and hard work.” Barra said talent alone is not enough to be a success. “Hard work beats talent if talent doesn't work hard,” she said.
- “Address challenges head-on,” said Barra, whether it be at work or in one's personal life. It's much better, she said, to get all those involved together right away to address the situation.
- “Change the world,” said Barra. She said today's graduates are the most optimistic and inclusive

ever, with the power to “rethink outdated assumptions and make a real difference.” But she cautioned that not everything needs change and that “some things need protecting,” which can be equally rewarding.

- “Give something back,” said Barra. “Find a cause. Join a charity. Help a neighbor.”
- “Remember your friends, family and faith,” said Barra. They help celebrate good times and cope with bad times. “Faith doesn't always make things easy, but it can make all things possible.”

This brings us to another, more local but related topic. Every year since 1940 the Buffalo Branch has recognized at the May luncheon a Western New York woman or women as Achievement Award winners. These women (all listed in your AAUW Buffalo roster) have been living examples of what can be accomplished if we're not afraid to break barriers and challenge the status quo. A committee will be formed in January to determine our award winner to be honored at the 2014 luncheon. If you are interested in being on that committee, please contact me at 716-662-0608 or [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com). If you have someone you would like to nominate, please either contact me directly or use the form on our branch website in the “Branch Tools” section.

Have a wonderful New Year and I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon in January!

*Betty Preble*

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## Booksale Corner



Book sale activities will resume Jan 7 with sorting on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to noon. The flow of donations improved over the holiday period and we are hoping it continues. If so, we will need your help. Stop by 995 Kensington Ave. whenever you can. You will get a hearty AAUW welcome.

*Pat Swift-MacClennan*

## Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups

### CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: **Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 6 pm**

Where: **Bob Evans Restaurant Mtg.**

**Room**, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.,  
Amherst

Book: ***The Poacher's Son*** by Paul Doiron

Reviewer: To be Announced

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



### DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: **Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 5:30 pm**

Where: **Bob Evans Restaurant**,  
1925 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst

Book: ***In the Time of Butterflies*** by Julia  
**Alvarez**

Discussion Leader: **Fran Witnauer**

Facilitator: **Mary Ann Hope**

Reservations: **Fran Witnauer** 688-5708 or [Grandma-fran44@yahoo.com](mailto:Grandma-fran44@yahoo.com)



### KNITTING GROUP

When: **Wednesday, January 8, 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](mailto:margaretjf@roadrunner.com)



### SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: **January 19, 2014 from 4 – 6 pm**

Where: **Sweetness 7** on Parkside, across  
from the zoo

Book: ***Lyrics Alley*** by Leila Aboulela

Contact: **Karen Huffman-Kelly** at 839-4754 or  
[kshk152@yahoo.com](mailto:kshk152@yahoo.com)




### FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS:

**Marilyn Carmichael**, [mcarmichael45@aol.com](mailto:mcarmichael45@aol.com) or  
228-8626 (cell)

We are 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.

See pictures from the November DINNER BY THE BOOK  
meeting on the following page.

	The <b>2014 AAUW Day at Chautauqua</b> is scheduled for <b>Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup></b> . Film documentarian Ken Burns will be the featured speaker the entire week. At this point, we believe he will be speaking that day on a documentary about the Roosevelts. We have reserved the Athenaeum Parlor for lunch. Details will follow in early Spring.
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## Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:

**Jan 8 – 26** **Wicked** at Shea's

**Jan. 17/18** **Amadeus** at BPO

**Feb. 7-16** **Arsenic and Old Lace** at Lancaster  
Opera House

**Feb/Mar.** **The Who's Tommy** at MusicalFare

**Mar. 11 – 16** **The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess** at Shea's



### Theater contact information

**710 Main Theater** (formerly Studio Arena,  
now affiliated with Shea's), Main St. at Tupper, 829-  
1154, [www.sheas.org](http://www.sheas.org)

**Kavinoky Theater** – 320 Porter Ave., 829-7668,  
[www.kavinokytheatre.com](http://www.kavinokytheatre.com)

**Kleinhans Music Hall** – Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra,  
885-5000, [www.bpo.org](http://www.bpo.org)

**Lancaster Opera House** – 21 Central Ave., Lancaster,  
683-1776, [www.lancopera.org](http://www.lancopera.org)

**MusicalFare Theatre** (at Daemen College),  
4380 Main St., 839-8540, [www.musicalfare.com](http://www.musicalfare.com)

**Shaw Festival** – Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.  
800-511-SHAW, [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com)

**Shea's Performing Arts Center** – 646 Main St., 847-  
0850, [www.sheas.org](http://www.sheas.org)

Please let me know what additional venues interest you  
and if this information is relevant.

*Barbara Carier*



# DINNER BY THE BOOK

## November Meeting

The November meeting featured a discussion of *THE PAINTED GIRLS*, written by Cathy Buchanan. Dianne Burns led the spirited discussion of ballet dancers in Paris in the 1880s and those in their lives. Edward Degas sculpted one of the dancers and painted many others. His artwork of ballet dancers is world renown. But a personal story of the dancers needed to be told. An excellent book.

### Pictures—

Left column, top to bottom:

- Facilitator: Dianne Burns
- From left: Sandy Ihlefeld, Alice Russ
- From left: Marilyn Todd, Lynne Tauriello
- From left: Lillis McLean, Sue Licata
- From left: Maryann Hope, Dianne Burns

Right column, top to bottom:

- From left: Karen Kolb, Jan Marino, Beverly Painter
- Carlyn Yearley
- From left: Judy Malamas, Diane O'Brien
- From left: Barbara Paulson, Margaret Fischer, Leona Barback
- From left: Karen Howard, Fran Witnauer, Mary Crocker, Carlyn Yearley

Join us in January!



## Public Policy and Generational Differences

Some researchers predict that as the Millennials and Generation X age, they will not match their Baby Boomer parents in their demands on the political system. Boomers have been voting, petitioning, and campaigning since the 1960s. The hippie counter culture movement of the 1960s promoted peace, love, and personal freedom while rejecting established institutions. This had a lasting impact on the Boomers. However, younger people are participating just as much as their elders in civic activities, according to a national survey completed last year. They are just as likely as Boomers and Matures to volunteer, organize, and raise funds for causes they care about. They are more likely to get involved with civic engagement rather than political engagement which some find troubling since a democracy depends on informed, politically active citizens.

We now have four generations in the workplace with differences in values, attitudes, expectations, and work styles. This can dampen effective teamwork and collaboration and cause miscommunication and misunderstandings. But it can also open doors to new insights, ideas and innovations. This is the first time in American history that workplaces are struggling with four very different generations of employees working side-by-side. These generations are often summarized in the following manner:

- Traditionalists or Matures, born 1927-1945—expected to work for the same company their entire career.
- Baby Boomers, born 1946-1964—"live to work" and believe in putting in face time at the office.
- Gen Xers, born 1965-1977—"work to live" and believe that work should not define their lives.
- Gen Y's or Millennials, born 1978-1999—live by their motto: "work my way." They are devoted to their own careers, not to their companies.

These four groups may have very different approaches to money, careers, loyalty, and communica-

tion styles. Matures think work is life and can't understand why others seem to be in a hurry. They are generally very loyal to their employer and do not like change. Baby Boomers may be frustrated with younger employees who resemble their own children and their children's friends. Generation X seems to be more intense and insensitive to others. They are fearful about the future and know they won't be as successful as their parents. The Millennials want everything now and may not be prepared for the work world. They tend to avoid conflict, criticism, and disappointment because their parents have run interference for them for their entire lives. Some say these differences can make the workplace seem like a dysfunctional family reunion that happens day after day. Because of longevity, there are also an increasing number of generations in a family. Over the last few decades, social changes have impacted multi-generational families. Divorce, single parenting, and co-habitation have increased dramatically. Children now live in second and third marriage homes with half-siblings and step relatives. Are generational work/communication styles affecting the political process?

A major finding from a new survey commissioned by the Center for American Progress concludes that young Americans share a more favorable view of the federal government than do their elders. The Millennials may hold the key to reversing historic declines in public confidence in government. They are particularly supportive of a reform agenda that would strip wasteful spending and focus on improvements in the delivery of government services. Millennials are more ethnically diverse, less susceptible to class divisions, and 44 percent voice confidence in the federal government's ability to solve problems, 14 percent higher than do older generations.

*Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Director*



**2014 NYS AAUW Convention April 25 – 27, 2014**

*A World of Wellness*

**Honor's Haven Resort Ellenville, NY**

Watch for details at [www.AAUW-NYS.org](http://www.AAUW-NYS.org)





**Looking Ahead: Thursday, February 6, 4pm** – Meet the new CEO & President of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Dottie Gallagher-Cohen, at the Partnership offices, 665 Main Street, #200. We will also have a tour of the offices. The program will be free, but the parking across the street requires a small payment. A map of the parking options is available at [http://www.thepartnership.org/documents/Parking\\_Map\\_Full\\_Page\\_nov\\_2007.pdf](http://www.thepartnership.org/documents/Parking_Map_Full_Page_nov_2007.pdf). Details in next month's *Advocate*—mark the date on your calendars now!

**Please call (675-4059) or email (kristbj@verizon.net) Betty Krist by February 3 so we know how many people to expect for name tags and food.** Please also let her know if you need any accommodations.

As always, guests are welcome.



**Dottie Gallagher-Cohen** is president & CEO of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, the region's employer-funded economic development organization and the regional chamber of commerce.

Prior to joining the Partnership, she was president & CEO of **Visit Buffalo Niagara**, where she built community awareness about the economic impact of tourism, and modernized the organization's technology, marketing, and brand platforms. As Senior Vice President of Marketing for **The Buffalo News**, she was honored with the New York State Governor's Award for excellence in media and served on the executive committee of the Yahoo! Newspaper Consortium. Currently, she is on the regional advisory board of **Univera Health Care** and **Visit**

**Buffalo Niagara.**

Dottie received her undergraduate degree from Towson University (Baltimore, Maryland) and her MBA from the University of Buffalo.

**Officer Elections—Nominations sought!**

The following officers will be elected at the annual meeting in May 2014

- Second VP – Membership Recruitment
- Secretary/Parliamentarian
- Chief Financial Officer
- Education Accounts and Program Treasurer
- Fundraising Treasurer (booksale)
- Scholarship Director
- Nominating Chair (one year term)
- Two nominating committee members

All except the nominating committee chair position are two year commitments, from July 2014 through June 2016. Anyone interested in serving or with suggestions for candidates should contact the current nominating committee chair, Lillis McLean, 873-7467.

Spring is busy for our AAUW branch, especially in March! Our ninth annual Tech Savvy will be at the University at Buffalo, tentatively on March 15 (see next page). **If you are interested in serving on the committee, please notify chair Tamara Brown**—send an email to “tbforaauw@cs.com” with the subject “TS9 Committee”. Our 17th(!) Sister-to-Sister Conference will be held on March 29 at Buffalo State. **If you are interested in helping with this, please email Sue Oliver (gsoliver@verizon.net) or call her at 652-1230.** There are other opportunities as well - send an email to Betty Preble (betty.preble@gmail.com) if there’s a project that piques your interest!



**Linda Drajem**, docent at the Burchfield-Penney Art center, explaining the background of the exhibit to branch members at the **November program**.



**We ate, socialized, and learned!**



## **Tech Savvy Conference: Saturday, March 15, 2014**

This year... We'll help Girls to Have Confidence!

The ninth annual Tech Savvy conference is around the corner! On Saturday, March 15, we will welcome about 500 girls in 6th – 9th grade for the middle school program and approximately 50 10th-12th graders in the Tech Savvy Girls on a Roll program. We are also expecting up to 200 parents and teachers, all in the name of encouraging STEM for girls. (Please note: We were originally planning for March 22, but due to a late-developing conflict, the date is probably moving to March 15.)

The conference is designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, and math)—and to provide adults in their lives with relevant information. Tech Savvy features 20+ workshops for the girls plus four savvy skills workshops, introducing critical life success skills such as advocacy, negotiating, interview preparation, and ethical decision making. Since Tech Savvy is not just for students, adults will enjoy fun and enlightening sessions that include the best of ways to instill confidence within the girls in their lives. We are also planning a very special “play experience” for educators with a team from Learn Fresh, a group that inspires new ways of encouraging education by appealing to children’s interests!

You can participate in Tech Savvy in several ways:

- ***Help with tote-bag stuffing and postcard mailing in February (date tba)***
- ***Join us for the reception on Friday, March 14 – Meet the keynote speaker and other volunteers.***
- ***Join us for the adult activities on Saturday, March 15.***
- ***Volunteer for all or part of the day on March 15. (We need more than 50 volunteers for the day between 7 am and 5 pm.)***

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, Jan 8, 5:45 pm**

Board Meeting at  
Christ United Methodist  
Church,  
Harlem at Saratoga in Snyder

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE!**

**Saturday, Jan 11, 11:45 am**

"Our Favorite Diva" - private lunch at Siena—see  
page 1

**Thursday, Feb 6, 4 pm**

Meet the new Buffalo-Niagara Partnership CEO  
and President Dottie Gallagher-Cohen at the  
Partnership office—see page 6.



## AND—Save these additional program dates:

**Saturday, March 8** – International Women’s Day

**Saturday, March 15 (tentative)** - Tech Savvy

**Saturday, March 29** - Sister-to-Sister Summit

**Friday-Sunday, April 25-27** - AAUW-NYS Convention in  
Ellenville, NY

**Saturday, May 3** - Annual Meeting and Awards  
Luncheon

*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 gen-  
der, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national ori-  
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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through  
advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research .*

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