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Join the AAUW Jamestown Branch At our District One Meeting: Lucy the Business Woman

Saturday, October 19th, 2013
Tropicana Room, Lucille Ball Museum
(2 West Third Street, Jamestown)



- 9:30 – 10 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 am: Executive Director, Journey Gunderson, "Lucille Ball's Business Savvy"
- 11:00 am: Panel of female business owners discuss the ins & outs, ups & downs of starting your own business
- 12:30 pm: Buffet lunch and Entertainment
- 2:00 pm: Fee tour of the Lucille Ball Museum (on your own)

Deadline for reservations: Monday, October 14th;
Call Linda Fellows 716-969-2720 or 716-665-6863 and mail in the information below.

Mail to: Linda Fellows, P.O. Box 207, Greenhurst, NY 14742.

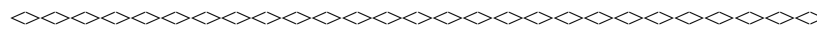
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Name/Branch: _____

of reservations: _____ Amount of enclosed check (\$25/person): _____

Telephone No: _____ Email address: _____

PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY BETTY PREBLE (betty.preble@gmail.com) if you are interested in carpooling!



SAVE THE DATE



Thursday, November 14, 2013

4:00 p.m. Social hour with hors d'oeuvres, **slider sandwiches**, coffee, tea, soda

5:00 p.m. Tour of the special exhibit

Disclosure: Women of the Burchfield Penney Collection

Cost: \$20 (cash bar available)

Betty's Rambles

trans·par·en·cy

noun \tran(t)s-'per-ən(t)-sē\

plural trans·par·en·cies

Definition of **TRANSPARENCY**

1: something **transparent**; *especially* : a picture (as on film) viewed by light shining through it or by projection


2: the quality or state of being transparent

I'm not sure exactly when transparency became a buzzword in the world of governance, politics, organizational processes, etc., but it is certainly the "in" thing these days. As well it should be, at least as I understand it. The new meaning seems to imply that those who are affected by something (policy, law, presidential edict, security "snooping", etc.) know what's being done, and why, and who approved it. There is way too much in this world that is controlled by the ubiquitous "them" or "they", as though we didn't care to have a say in our current activity or the world we are bequeathing to our children. There are many situations where operations are definitely not "transparent" and, to be fair, there are times when things need to be kept confidential. But let's make sure that we clarify where we can. And let's not as an organization be in a position where our own members say honestly "I didn't know we did that!" or "when did we decide to do that?"



In this issue (pg 5) is the beginning of an effort to make sure that every member of our branch knows what's going on - an article on the high-level overall financial process of our branch. If you would like copies of the financial records from any of our accounts (investment, operations account, Education and Program account, Book sale account, Tech Savvy account, Chamberlin and/or Funds for Education Account), please just let me know. There's too much to put into the newsletter, but it's all important. I've tried to condense much of it into one article, but it may certainly not be clear to all. I've been looking at all the accounts for so long they're blurring together! What other things about our operations would you like to know? Much of the decision making is done at the board level. Committees (including the scholarship committees) make recommendations which are approved, or not, by the Board. The bylaws of the branch (which can only be changed by the membership) and the policy/procedures manual (which may be modified by the Board) are available on the branch website. If you have changes you'd like made let us know! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in the near future. Here's to another great year in AAUW!

Betty Preble

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We extend our sympathy to the Family of **Winifred Morrison**, Ph.D. who died on September 18, 2013. Dr. Morrison was an Honorary Life Member of AAUW, having been a member for 65 years. She completed her doctorate in research and evaluation at the University of Buffalo and pursued additional studies at UCLA and the Harvard University School of Education. Dr. Morrison was past president of the Erie County Chapter of the New York State Association for Retarded Children and was president of the Chapter's Heritage Center until she retired in 1995. She also was an adjunct professor at UB from 1964 until 2000. Dr. Morrison served on many boards and committees of organizations devoted to early childhood development and received many honors for her work in this field.
Judy Weidemann

Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups

Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: **Wednesday, Oct 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

Where: **Bob Evans Restaurant - 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd**

Book: *A Death in the Small Hours* by Charles Finch

Discussion Leader: **Kate Collins**

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

Dinner by the Book

When: **Wednesday, Oct 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.**

Where: **Bob Evans Restaurant - 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd**

Book: *Extraordinary Ordinary People* by Condoleeza Rice

Discussion Leader: **Mary Crocker**

Reservations: **Fran Witnauer 688-5708** or

Grandmafran44@yahoo.com

Sunday Book Club

When: **Sunday, Oct 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

Book: *Half Broke Horses* - a true life novel by Jeannette Wells

Contact: **Karen Huffman-Kelly** at 839-4754 or

kshk152@yahoo.com

Knitting Group

When: **Wednesday,**

Oct 9, 2013 at

2:00 p.m.

Where: **Barnes &**

Noble on Transit

near Main St.

Contact: **Margaret Fischer** at 632-8269 or

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AAUW Buffalo Branch is seeking out new ideas for our study group roster. Study groups are a great voluntary and casual way to share with your fellow members and enjoy yourself as well. Please email Marilyn with any suggested ideas for interest groups. Thanks for your attention and consideration.

NEW! Interested in a gourmet cooking group?

New member Carol Cromwell would like to start a cooking club and is willing to spearhead it! Please let either Carol (lorac0917@aol.com) or Marilyn Carmichael know if you're interested!

Welcome Our New Members:

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Happenings...

Reminders about coming events which may interest you:



Oct 4th and 5th - *Falletta and Brahms* - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhans Music Hall - 885-5000

Oct 11th to 20th - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* - at Lancaster Opera House - 683-1776

Until Oct 13th - *I Love Lucy Live On Stage* - at the 710 Main Theater (formerly Studio Arena), Main St. at Tupper, 829-1154.

Until Oct 20th - *Parallel Lives, The Dark Side* - O'Connell and Co. - at Park School, 4625 Harlem Rd, Snyder - 848-0800

Oct 19th - *Mozart's Magic Clarinet* - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhans Music Hall - 885-5000

Oct 23rd - The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton - Former Secretary of State and former US Senator from NY, UB Distinguished Speakers Series, Information at Buffalo.edu/DSS.

Barbara Carier, Cultural Interests

News from the AAUW Funds Chair

Since this is the beginning of another year for the Buffalo Branch of AAUW, it seems only fitting that we do a little reviewing. I was a teacher in my distant past! Here is an overview of the nationally funded AAUW programs:

- The **Legal Advocacy Fund** supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing sex discrimination in higher education or in the workplace. It includes Legal Case Support and LAF Case Support Travel Grants which support the travel of litigants to speak about their cases to branches and state meetings.
- The **Educational Opportunities Fund** is the oldest and best known program. There are hundreds of endowed fellowships, career development grants, community action grants, and selected professions awards. It is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women.
- The **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls. Past reports include *Behind the Pay Gap* (2007), *Where the Girls Are* (2008), and the newest report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* (2010).
- The **Public Policy Fund** supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. AAUW works to promote our mission on Capitol Hill through the Lobby Corps, encourages individual and branch action through Impact Grants, Action Network, and the Two Minute Activist.
- The **Leadership Programs Fund** provides help for young women to develop leadership skills and network building when they attend The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Several young women from UB attended this conference. AAUW also provides assistance to campus leaders to deliver programs based on AAUW research.

If you have heard all this before it is always good to remind yourself of all the good work done by this great organization. Our branch supports several funds, but we can also give to any of these programs as individuals. Your donation will be credited to the Buffalo Branch and NY AAUW.

Let us all be proud of and support these wonderful programs for women and girls.

Sue Oliver, Funds Chair

Education Issues and News...



The Buffalo Public School District is fortunate to be one of the sites of the *Say Yes to Education* program. This is a national non-profit committed to dramatically increasing high school and college graduation rates for inner-city youth.

The recent publicity has alerted us to the promise of *Say Yes* to provide up to full tuition scholarships to students who reside in the city and graduate from a city public or charter school in June 2013 or later. (The amount of the scholarship depends on the number of years the student has attended Buffalo schools.) Less well-known are the comprehensive supports for students, starting in kindergarten. These include extended day/year programming, mentoring, tutoring, school-day academic supports, family services, health care, and legal services. These supports will be provided to at-risk children and their families, enabling them to graduate, accomplish post-secondary educational success, and achieve meaningful goals, including giving back to their communities.

Say Yes Buffalo is a landmark collaboration that brings the Buffalo Public School District, Say Yes Higher Education Compact partner colleges, Say Yes to Education, Inc., the Buffalo Teachers' Federation, the Buffalo Association of Administrators and Supervisors, the City of Buffalo, Erie County, the American Institutes for Research, and a diverse group of Buffalo area corporate, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations together to organize people, time, money and resources to provide holistic, year-round support to Buffalo Public School District students throughout their K-12 years and beyond. Say Yes to Education and its partners believe every student can graduate high school and college when given the proper supports, resources, and opportunities.

More than 80 WNY individuals, businesses, and organizations have pledged \$18.4 million to provide these services and scholarships for the Buffalo students. If you want volunteer or donor information, go to www.sayyestoeducation.org or call the Buffalo office at 247-5310. E-mail is Buffalo@sayyestoeducation.org.

Barbara Carrier, Education Representative

AAUW Buffalo Financial Overview

The AAUW Buffalo Branch has four main sources of income; dues, fundraisers (mostly the booksale), bequests, and earnings from the investment account (managed by HSBC). They all contribute to the branch's several budgets in different ways.

The dues for a "regular" branch membership total \$77.

\$49 goes to the operation of the national organization. There is a paid staff, a building to support, and publications (national *Outlook* magazine among others) plus many member services to pay for. \$46 of that is tax-deductible for each member.

\$13 goes to AAUW-NYS. The most visible work at the state level is comprised of the quarterly publication (*FOCUS*), the annual spring state convention and the annual summer leadership conference. There is no paid staff.

\$15 remains with the branch (and is also tax-deductible).

This goes to the "operating" budget including board expenses, insurance, tax preparation (we don't pay any income tax but do have to file), the newsletter, the roster, two PO boxes, postage and publicity. Unfortunately, the dues do not completely cover these, so some investment income is also utilized as necessary. Again, there is no paid staff.

The other part of the branch budget is scholarships, projects and programs. Funding for those comes from registration fees and withdrawals from the funds within the investment account as appropriate for each expense. (ex. Catalyst for Change scholarships come from "undesigned" funds while the Olga Lindberg scholarships come from that fund)

The booksale has been bringing in over \$60,000 for the past few years. However, there are expenses. Rent, utilities, moving, table rentals and supplies are the big hits. In addition, \$5000 is allocated for the Jacquie Walker scholarship (planned on a year-to-year basis) and \$3500 is contributed to the Funds for Education account (one of our loans and grants funds). The remaining money (about \$49,000 this year) is deposited into the investment account as "undesigned" funds. These funds (currently about \$125,000) cover some of

our local scholarships (other than those covered by specific bequests), our special projects (Tech Savvy and Sister-to-Sister), our contribution to the national Educational Opportunities Funds (currently building an American Fellowship fund in honor of Hillary Rodham Clinton), and also partially subsidize our local branch programs.

Several members have made bequests to the branch over the years. As they have been received, the Board has decided on their use – subject, of course, to the terms of each will. At this point there is approximately \$535,000 in specific scholarship funds at different educational levels. The applications for all the local scholarships are generally available in the spring.

The Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education completes the picture. This fund was begun with the will of Sarah Chamberlin, in the mid-1940s. The money itself is housed outside our control, but the branch receives periodic income from it. The Chamberlin account and the Funds for Education account both support interest-free loans and/or grants and are awarded twice a year.

If there are any questions regarding the finances of the branch, please do not hesitate to ask.

Betty Preble

We're supporting our future!

Emily is one of the 2012 Velma Cobb Scholarship winners

Hi! I just wanted to thank you once again for the scholarship money given to me last year.

I am now a second year biochemistry major at RIT. I did research in atmospheric chemistry this summer through a Summer Fellowship. I helped characterize a setup called IBBCEAS (Incoherent Broad band Cavity-enhanced Absorption Spectroscopy) and at the end of the summer I presented a poster at RIT's Undergraduate Research Symposium on my research. I am continuing research on IBBCEAS this fall.

I ended up with a 3.980GPA and I will be taking organic chemistry, cellular and molecular biology, calculus-based physics, and Honors Intro. to Psychology in the fall.

Thank you once again.

Emily Thurnherr

Protecting Voting Rights

In states across the country, voting rights are under attack. North Carolina just enacted one of the strictest voting laws. The state's own board of elections says 64 percent of the women registered to vote in North Carolina lack the required ID—which means they may have problems voting in the next election.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965, enacted in part because of the actions of the March on Washington, was supposed to stop states from passing these kinds of voting restrictions. But a recent Supreme Court decision has taken most of the substance out of the law and left it in name only. Several states may see stricter voter identification laws implemented by the 2014 midterm elections. The June Supreme Court decision removed special scrutiny of voting laws in nine states and a number of jurisdictions with a history of discrimination. In addition to North Carolina's law, five other states directly affected by the Supreme Court ruling have passed laws requiring additional voter identification, according to a tally by the National Conference on State Legislatures.

Photo ID requirements create barriers for otherwise eligible voters. They add cost to our elections and there is little evidence to support a need for protection against voter impersonation.

While many people can easily produce a current ID that confirms who they are and where they live, that is not true for everyone. Some citizens may not have the types of ID called for under ID proposals.

Those least likely to have an ID are more likely to experience barriers that would prevent them from getting an ID. They are more likely to have low incomes and not have the money for transportation to acquire supporting documents to qualify. Ordering a birth certificate from another state can be both time-consuming and expensive. People with disabilities and elderly citizens who no longer drive, especially in rural communities, may have difficulty getting to a county office and waiting in the necessary lines to update their identification.

Voter fraud is extremely rare. Allegations of voter fraud may get big headlines but nearly all such allegations turn out to be clerical errors, data matching mistakes, or misunderstandings. Checks and balances that take place before and after the election look at everyone who signed the roster to make sure that voter was legitimate. If there are questions, they are forwarded for further investigation and possible prosecution. *Among the nearly seven million primary and general election votes cast in North Carolina in 2012, 121 cases of alleged voter fraud were reported by the State Board of Elections to district attorneys.* When we look at the few ballots that are wrongly cast in an election, there are virtually none that would have been prevented had those voters been required to show photo ID.

In order for a photo ID requirement to be constitutional, a free photo ID must be made available for anyone. These costs are estimated to be in the millions. They would be borne by state and local governments, and ultimately be paid by the taxpayer. And even though the actual ID is free to the voter, there are many hidden costs in tracking down the necessary documents in order to get an ID. This expense - to the government body providing IDs, to the taxpayer, and to the individual voter - would provide no benefit to the community.

True election integrity comes from improving our processes for registering voters and maintaining our lists, from recruiting more election inspectors and ensuring that they are well-trained in current law, and from making sure that felons who have had their right to vote taken away know when and how they get it back.

Our members of Congress can and should do something about state voting restrictions. Tell your members of Congress that we need to come up with a bipartisan solution to protect voting rights nationwide.

Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Chair

Jacquie Walker Scholarship



Christine Tjahjadi-Lopez, a senior in University at Buffalo majoring in international trade with a minor in business administration, was awarded the \$5,000 Jacquie Walker Scholarship at the Branch’s annual fall dinner Sept. 23 in Christ United Methodist Church, Amherst.

The daughter of Myriam Lopez Tjahjadi and John Tjahjadi of Getzville was selected from among 33 applicants for the award named for the Channel 4 news anchor who has been AAUW Book Sale honorary chair for the past several years.

The merit-based scholarship has a strong public service component and Ms Tjahjadi-Lopez’ community involvement and academic record made her an outstanding candidate in the eyes of the selection committee.

With a focus on ending human trafficking, Christine created Bloggers Against Social Injustice, a network that involves bloggers from 33 countries and led to UB’s first Freedom Walk and seminar attracting international speakers on the issue. Her research both as student and activist has shed light on corporate social responsibility and the connection between the commercial sex industry and trafficking.

Christine also created Girls Day, an annual one-day mini conference for pre-teen girls in Buffalo’s inner city. The summer program seeks to empower the girls by increasing their academic skills and self-confidence. She plans to use a portion of her scholarship funds to finance an expanded seminar next sum-

mer. She also expects the scholarship money will mean fewer hours of paid employment and more time for mentoring undergraduate students “who, like me, have a heart for social change and the community.”

Christine’s long-range goal is to complete a master’s degree in labor employment and relations at Rutgers University and a doctorate at George Mason University’s School of Public Policy. This itinerary, she believes, will allow her to work with anti-trafficking movements in New York City and Washington, DC.

Christine is also a member of the UB AAUW student chapter and attended the NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) conference this past spring with support from our AAUW Buffalo Branch!



Evening Book Group Schedules

CLUELESS	
Date	Book
Wed, Sep 25	<i>The Real Macaw</i>
Wed, Oct 23	<i>A Death in the Small Hours</i>
Tues, Dec 3	<i>The Cold Dish</i>
Wed, Jan 22	<i>The Poacher's Son</i>
Wed, Feb 26	<i>The PMS Outlaws</i>
Wed, Mar 26	<i>Fresh Disasters</i>
Wed, Apr 23	BOOK SELECTION FOR NEXT YEAR
Tues, May 27	<i>The Fugitive King</i>
Wed, June 25	<i>The Last Child</i>
DINNER BY THE BOOK	
Date	Book
Wed, Sep 18	<i>Escape From Camp 14</i>
Wed, Oct 16	<i>Extraordinary Ordinary People</i>
Wed, Nov 20	<i>The Painted Girls</i>
Wed, Dec 18	<i>Daughters of Rome</i>
Wed, Jan 15	<i>In The Time of The Butterflies</i>
Wed, Feb 19	<i>Below Stairs</i>
Wed, Mar 19	<i>Everybody Matters</i>
Wed, Apr 16	BOOK SELECTION FOR NEXT YEAR
Wed, May 21	<i>The Shoemaker's Wife</i>
Wed, June 18	<i>State of Wonder</i>

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 .

BOOK SALE TIME!

Falling leaves signal the beginning of the book sale sorting season. The doors at 995 Kensington Ave. opened in late September and visitors are welcome every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 until noon. Come bearing books and boxes and join the fun of browsing, sorting, and packing for the 60th anniversary sale May 28 to June 1, 2014. Book marks providing information for prospective donors will be available at the sorting site. Take a few and distribute them to your friends and colleagues. Donations will be accepted at the sorting site Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Pat Swift-MacClennan

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Oct 2, 5:45 pm
Board meeting
Ebenezer UCC, West Seneca

Saturday, Oct 12
National Women’s Hall of Fame Induction
Seneca Falls, NY
<http://www.greatwomen.org/>

Saturday, Oct 19 (see pg 1)
“Lucy the Business Woman”
Jamestown

Wednesday, Nov 6, 5:45 pm
Board Meeting
Christ United Methodist Church,
Harlem at Saratoga in Snyder

Sat-Sun, Nov 9-10
Jamestown Branch – What’s New Fair
JCC Hamilton Collegiate Center

Thursday, Nov 14, 4pm-6pm (see pg 1)
“Women of the Burchfield Penney Collection”
Burchfield Penney Art Center

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