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

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, Sep 3, 5:45 pm
Board meeting
Ebenezer UCC, West Seneca
**note change of date!!!

Thursday, Sep 19, 6-8pm

LWV program
Burchfield-Penney Art Center
(details this page)

Monday, Sep 23, 5:30 pm

Branch "Potluck"
Christ United Methodist Church
Snyder

Wednesday, Oct 2, 5:45 pm

Board meeting at Ebenezer UCC West Seneca

Saturday, Oct 12

District One Conference Jamestown

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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE BUFFALO BRANCH

ANNUAL AAUW DINNER

The AAUW Buffalo Branch is pleased to invite you to our annual dinner. 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 2013-2014 year.

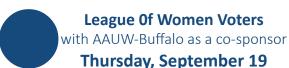
Monday, September 23, 2013

Christ United Methodist Church 350 Saratoga Road (Harlem at Saratoga) Amherst, NY 14226

5:30 - 8:00 PM

\$10.00 per persom

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. See registration form on page 10.



Burchfield-Penney Art Center Auditorium

6:00-8:00 PM. Admission: Free.

"Democracy At Risk"

"Widespread poverty and concentrated wealth cannot long endure side by side in a democracy." Thomas Jefferson

Panel

Ron Deutsch - Ex. Dir. New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness

Lauren Breen - UB Law School, Consumer and Financial Advocacy Clinic

Anthony Neal - Buffalo State College, Political Science Dept.

Ted Schmidt - Buffalo State College, Center for

Economic and Policy Studies

Sam Magavern - Co-Director, Partnership for the Public Good (PPG) and Open Buffalo

Betty's Rambles

Have you ever said something and wished an instant later that you could take it back? I sure have! There have been several times in the last year when I should just have bitten my tongue rather than let out statements that "stung". I apologize to those who were hurt – my feelings were genuine and (I think) reasonable, but my words were spoken inappropriately. And then there are the times I said something without thinking or even realizing how someone might misinterpret the meaning. Oh, my, the times I'd like a two-minute reverse time machine!

Related to that is a letter I received from a concerned member. I'd like to share three of the comments –

"AAUW politics are liberal."

"Many of us in my circle are conservatives and prolife."

And the kicker – a following sentence states "One of the 'problems' is that many members assume other members are liberals and they openly criticize conservative viewpoints – not pleasant for those of us who do not agree."

I don't think anyone in the branch will disagree with her first statement, and I'm sure the second is also true. It's the follow-up that bothers me.

AAUW's overall Public Policy priorities are determined at the national level. We all had a chance to vote on those last month although precious few did (the NYS votes cast represented less than 5% of the eligible voters). States may then create their own Public Policy programs, but MAY NOT take a stand on

"I often regret that I have spoken; never that I have been silent."—Publilius Syrus

any issue in opposition to the national one. The same applies to branches. This is an obligation imposed by our membership – individuals may support whatever they want, but not in the name of AAUW if it's contrary to what has been approved by the general membership.

That being said, this person's last point is a valid one. Whether at a casual gathering, a meeting, booksale sorting, working on a project, whatever, we need to be courteous and respectful of others' positions and feelings.

I remember, going way back to one of my first state conventions in Illinois in the early 70s, the discussion revolving around that state including support of the national "pro-choice" position in its Public Policy program. (Per AAUW rules we couldn't oppose, but we could choose not to support). When the pro-choice side "won", there was cheering that bordered on mocking those who disagreed. That vision has stuck with me – that that was not the way to conclude what had been a reasonably rational (though certainly highly emotional) debate.

As we embrace diversity in all its forms, let us not forget the diversity of opinions within our branch. We're all individuals, with different life experiences and different perspectives. Please, let's try to remember (all of us, myself included) to treat other opinions with the respect they deserve. A good "AAUW New Year" resolution???

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

—Betty Preble



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In Sympathy

Our sympathies go to the family of Norma Millar, a long-term member who passed away in June. This note from her friend Suzanne Grossman:

"Norma, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, put family first, church next, and AAUW Buffalo Branch third. She volunteered as much as possible, as struggles with arthritis allowed. An avid reader, Norma enjoyed mysteries, nonfiction related to history within the USA and the world's people, politics, history, impacting on/by our/her country! Those of us who knew her will miss her!"

Please also reach out to Joan Eschner, whose brother-in-law passed away early in August.

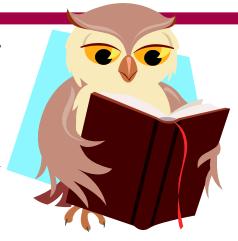
BOOKSALE Report

The 59th annual scholarship booksale was a huge success! We grossed over \$65,000 at the sale itself, a new record! For those of us who worried about the growing use of e-books of every type, this was indeed wonderful news. Part of the success was due, no doubt, to the new site. We had almost twice the amount of space we've had in the past, with good lighting everywhere. This allowed for a much more attractive and inviting sale area. In addition, the publicity was superb! We were featured on the "Weather Outside" show with Mike Randall the day before the sale and were written up in the Tonawanda News on May 31, plus, of course many plugs for the sale by our honorary chair Jacquie Walker. In addition to the sale day income, table donations, pre-sales income and Giggil residual payments increased the total by about \$4500.

Of course, there were expenses. The largest included rent, utilities, table rentals, moving costs, printing (post-cards, receipts, etc) and misc supplies. The net was about \$50,000. Where does the money go? Stay tuned – next month there will be an *Advocate* article on the overall branch finances.

This year there was no single "chair." Instead, the steering committee consisted of five people – new member and childrens' section artist Roberta Travis, returning tireless workers Suzanne Licata (who also handled the whole hardcover fiction section) and Cindy Koch (who also managed the media section), plus the co-presidents Barb Carier and Betty Preble. Although committees don't always work well together, this one did, with each person handling specific jobs and all keeping in touch with each other to make sure everything was covered. In addition, the general committee consisting of many returning stalwarts (Judy Weidemann, Judy Clare, Pat Swift-MacClennan, Pat Baker, Bobbie Ross, Barb Smith, Sue Oliver, Judy Huber, Nancy Light, Phyllis Galie, Barb

Engler, Jill Brown, Karen Howard) plus some "newbies" (most notably Janet Ostrow) was immense help in getting through all the little jobs that go into this big one! Apologies to those I've



missed. Many volunteer hours went into the project from members and book lovers outside the membership. The total hours recorded were an astounding 3,125 leading up to the sale plus about 1,100 more for the sale and cleanup. In total, 107 of our members participated in some way. Fred Howard was a great source of both institutional knowledge and physical work, and we were able to recruit a few new "good guys" to help with tables, moving equipment and inventory, sign installation and removal, etc. One of our goals for the future is to find ways to utilize Scouts or other strong young people to help with more of the "muscle" jobs.

Two charities (Cazenovia Library and the North Tonawanda History Museum) did come in to pick up some books immediately after the sale ended, and we again were able to sell the remaining "left-overs" to Mark Gamble, of Great Lakes Books. This was the second year working with Mark's group and, although it was a lot of work re-packing the inventory, we were grateful to not have to either pay someone to take them or rent a dumpster to dispose of them!

Plans have begun for a 60th sale, to be held May 28-June 1, 2014. Sorting hours will begin on Tuesday, Sep 24 and the hours at Kensington-Bailey will be the same as last year – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30-noon. It's time to start soliciting books and boxes – come join us as we look forward to another great sale!

-Betty Preble, Judy Weidemann

Save The Date

The AAUW District One Conference will be on **Saturday, Oct 12 at the Marvin House in Jamestown.** Journey Gunderson, keeper of all things Luci and Desi, will be the keynote speaker on "Lucille Ball as a Businesswoman." Also planned is a panel of local small businesswomen, lunch, and an optional tour of the Lucy Museum and Theater. Come and enjoy the chance to network with members from other branches. Seriously consider inviting any small businesswomen you know to accompany you. The cost (tba), including lunch, will probably be \$15-20. Registration forms and more information will be available in the October ADVOCATE.



Let's Reform Our Broken Immigration System.

What is the Dream Act of 2013? Dream Act & Immigration Reform Bills bring legalization to

millions of immigrant children and adults across America. The Obama Administration's "Deferred Action" Childhood Arrivals Program was the first step. The political landscape may be right for a long-awaited immigration initiative with broad bi-partisan support to overhaul the entire U.S. Immigration system.

The executive order by President Obama gives relief to undocumented youth who came here as children. Deferred action is a recent announcement from the Obama administration that will provide relief from deportation for young immigrants who entered the country as minors. This historic and unprecedented reform of the immigration system grants a two-year temporary stay from deportation to qualifying young immigrants. This renewable stay allows the individual to apply for work authorization and receive an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). This will allow them to also obtain a social security number which in itself, depending on qualifications, will open the door to obtaining such documentation as a state ID or state driver's license.

It is important to note that a deferred action will not grant the individual immunity to remain in the country nor provide a path to citizenship or obtaining a green card.

AAUW believes we must act to modernize our immigration system and use this opportunity to bolster critical funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education necessary for a globally competitive U.S. workforce.

There is rare bipartisan consensus on one thing: America's immigration system is broken. No one believes the current system is a good thing for our country, economy, or human rights. At the same time, companies say they cannot find the skills they need in our domestic labor pool and thus need access to a global pool of STEM workers.

AAUW supports efforts to supplement our own home-grown STEM workforce through a STEM education initiative implemented as part of immigration reform legislation. The initiative would be funded through fees collected from U.S. employers who recruit foreign STEM workers, and be used to educate the next generation of American STEM workers.

It's no secret that women are underrepresented in STEM fields, and funding at federal and state levels is inadequate to improve our country's system of STEM education. Collecting these fees would result in an influx of millions of dollars that could develop the STEM workforce of the future and eliminate our reliance on foreign temporary workers. We can't afford to lose out any longer because women's ideas and experiences aren't fully contributing to our country's STEM workforce.

Your representative needs to know that this STEM education fund is a vital part of any immigration reform package.

-Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Chair



Happenings...

Reminders about coming events which may interest you:

Sept 4th to Oct 13th

La Cage Aux Folles at
MusicalFare Theater,
4380 Main St., Snyder; 8398540. Construction is underway to enlarge the theater and
facilities; completion is expected
by February 2014.

Sept 18th

Yo-Yo Ma will be the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's season opening gala concert soloist., Kleinhans Music Hall; 885-0331.

Sept 13th

The Jersey Kid: Tribute to Frankie Valli at Lancaster Opera House, 21 Central Ave., Lancaster; 683-1776.

Sept 14th

Tribute to Neil Diamond, Lancaster Opera House, 21 Central Ave., Lancaster; 683-1776.

Sept 25th

Michio Kaku, Theoretical Physicist and Author, UB Distinguished Speakers Series, Information at Buffalo.edu/DSS.

Sept 28th

Celtic Thunder Mythology at Shea's Buffalo Theater, 646 Main St., Buffalo; 847-1410.

This 'n That

- 1. Occasionally there is a need to use a phone number to find a name or address (reverse lookup). There used to be several free websites which would do this, but the good services all seem to charge now. If you subscribe to one and would be willing to look up information once in a while, please let Betty Preble know.
- 2. Someone left a lightweight black cotton jacket in the kitchen/breakroom at the booksale site. The brand is "StudioWorks," size petite (so you know it's not mine⁽¹⁾). Let Betty Preble know if you might know its owner.
- 3. As we approach our 60th booksale, the suggestion was made that we gather anecdotes from over the years regarding the sale. These could be comments that customers made, adventures experienced by workers, stories of "special finds," etc. Send thoughts you might have to Jan Vine (jdvine@earthlink.net), who has agreed to compile them.
- 4. Every year in the roster there is a list of the previous Achievement Award winners. However, the stories on many of them have been lost over the years. If you know of the history on any of these women, please send a couple of sentences to Betty Preble.

OLGA LINDBERG 2013

The following young women have been chosen as recipients of the 2013 Olga Lindberg Scholarships:

Darcy Regan

Darcy, an Honors College student, has just completed her bachelor's at the University at Buffalo with a major in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Math. Her cumulative average through the end of the fall 2012 semester was 3.773. Darcy's intention is to attend graduate school at Cornell and to concentrate on Food Engineering so that she can be part of the solution to global hunger. She has experience in food research, having had two internships in the New Technology group at Rich Products.

Darcy has been active with the ISEP (Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Partnership) program at UB which encourages inner city middle and high school students in the STEM fields and has had many honors in the technical arena. A well rounded individual, she has also been a champion and an assistant dance teacher at the Rince na Tiarna School of Irish Dance, worked as a Wegmans cashier, participated in the Oozefest mud volleyball tournament, was named to the ECIC Division III Second Team Softball, helped at the Friends of the Night People soup kitchen, and worked with the refugee resettlement program at her church.

Her references were glowing, with her Chemistry professor saying "Darcy is mature, broadly trained and has the rare ability to excel at quantitative research work and high level study in humanities and artistic performance."

Further note – Darcy was later also awarded a "Selected Professions" fellowship from the national AAUW scholarships/fellowships program.

Jessica Utzig

Jessica has just finished her first year of graduate school at the University at Buffalo, studying Biomedical Engineering. Her undergraduate GPA was an outstanding 3.92 (Summa Cum Laude), and she has continued that excellent record with a 3.77 after her first semester in graduate school. She plans to work in the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Medical Device Fellowship program, followed by continued work in the field of biomedical standards.

Her mother has been a strong influence in her decisions to persist in a traditionally male field, having encouraged her at an early age with the statement "Girls can do whatever boys can!" This same determination led her to move from varsity soccer in high school to become the first girl on the varsity golf team. Six years at Wegmans honed her customer service skills, while a year as a teaching assistant and two internships have helped her advance her research and technical skills. A founding member of the Biomedical Engineering Society at UB, she has encouraged fellow students to learn of the opportunities available in the field in Western New York.

One of her professors, for whom she was an assistant, stated "Students often comment that she is one of the most helpful TAs they have ever had."

Education Issues and News...

The Buffalo Public Schools are much in the news these days. Most of our members live in the suburbs and may be wondering how much involvement or concern should be given to this urban district with serious problems. Indeed, how are we affected by the low graduation rate? By the establishment and funding of charter schools? By the disciplinary and suspension policies? By the actions of the Board of Education?



While we are fortunate that so many thousands of our girls and boys graduate from schools that are adequate or better, we still need to be concerned with all of the students who will comprise the next generation of citizens. Some will work in fast food but some will become lawyers. Some will join the ranks of the disabled or unemployed, but others will become engineers. They are the store clerks, the medical office workers, the skilled building trades workers, the bus drivers, and all the others who will support the society in which we will live. They are the future professionals we all need: teachers, doctors, scientists, and more. A vital urban center for our metropolitan area is necessary for the Niagara Frontier as a whole. Without a successful center city, the outer rings will collapse. So it is to our advantage that we pay attention to the Buffalo Schools, even if we don't all live in the district. If there is a specific issue you feel should be addressed here, please let me know.

—Barbara Carier



In New Orleans at the National Convention, Barbara Carier shows where the Buffalo Branch stands on the fund-raising chart.



It is my great pleasure to inform all of you that our branch has been recognized by our national organization for our fundraising efforts in two categories.

Both certificates and letters concerning 2012 fundraising awards begin with congratulations to the Buffalo NY Branch members for our outstanding achievements in fundraising.

The AAUW Buffalo NY Branch has achieved Fourth Place among the Top Ten branch contributors to the national Educational Opportunities Fund, giving women a chance for a lifetime of success. This demonstrates the commitment of all of us in the Buffalo Branch to the mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The second certificate is given because we achieved Fourth Place among the top ten contributors of all of AAUW's program areas through TOTAL BRANCH GIVING IN COMBINED SUPPORT.

Top Ten Branch and State Fundraising awards are among AAUW's highest branch and state honors.

Congratulations once more to all of us as we continue to support our mission with action and monetary support.

—Suzanne Oliver, Funds Chair



The 2012-2013 Grassroots Grants Program awarded the these recipients grant funding for the following amounts:

- \$1,500 for the Girls on the Go Program, sponsored by Cardinal O'Hara High School, which is designed to help girls and their mothers fight obesity
- \$400 for the Breast Cancer Network of WNY to fund speakers for cancer survivor support programs
- \$1,500 for the Phoenix Rising Equine Rescue Forward Strides Program which is an equine-assisted psychotherapy program utilizing rescue horses to help at-risk youth, couples, and individuals

I want to thank Joan Trinchera, immediate past Grassroots Grants Chair, for her guidance this past year. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the grants review committee members Pauline Dyson, Susan Lewandowski, Suzanne Licata, Mary Ellen Shaughnessy and Ruby Williams for their assistance in reviewing the grant applications.

—Carol Golyski, Grassroots Grants Chair

WELCOME AAUW NEW MEMBERS

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Buffalo Interest Groups

CLUELESS BOOK CLUB

When: Wed, Sep 25 at 6 pm.

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd Book Selection is *The Real Macaw* by Donna Andrews

Facilitator: Suzanne Grossman

Reservations: Suzanne Grossman, 837-8769

DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed, Sep 18 at 5:30 pm.

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls

Blvd

Book Selection is *Escape from Camp 14* by Blaine

Harden

Facilitator: Fran Witnauer

Discussion Leader: Diane O'Brien Questions: Leona Barback 633-1982 or

Marilyn Carmichael 228-8626

Reservations: Fran Witnauer, 688-5708 or

grandmafran44@yahoo.com

SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013 at 4:00 pm. Where: Sweetness 7 Cafe, 301 Parkside Ave. Buffalo, NY 14214, 716.834.1954 Book Selection is *On Sal Mal Lane* by

Ru Freeman

Leader: Karen Huffman-Kelly 716.834.4754

kshk152@yahoo.com

All are encouraged to join this Sunday group. As a courtesy, please let Karen know if you will be coming whether you have read the book or not.

KNITTING GROUP

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month.

September 11, 2013 is the next meeting 2:00 pm

to 4:00 pm

Where: Barnes and Noble, 4401 Transit Rd. (near

Main St.) Clarence Mall

Meet in the Cafe. Bring your questions, your proj-

ects, and ideas. Everyone is welcome!

—Marilyn Carmichael, Study Group Coordinator

The monthly schedules for Dinner by the Book and Clueless may be found on the Buffalo Branch website.

Chamberlin/Funds for Education Loans and Grants

Loans and grants were awarded to the following applicants in the Spring 2013 cycle:

- Barbara Jill Clark, a graduate student in D'Youville College studying physical therapy
- Antoinette Foster, a senior in D'Youville College majoring in nursing
- Juanita Green, a graduate student in Canisius College studying psychology
- Samantha King, a graduate of Duquesne University who has been accepted in St. Thomas University Law School
- Danielle Miller, a senior in Northwood University, West Palm Beach, Fla., majoring in accounting
- Talia Rodriguez a student in University of Buffalo Law School
- Ta'Ria Wideman, a sophomore in Canisius College
- Heather Williams, a graduate student in Daemen College studying special education



The young women from UB (and their sponsor) who attended the NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) with assistance from The Buffalo Branch.

Catalyst for Change Scholarships

Undergraduate

Awardee: **Crystal Lorenzo** College: Niagara University

Major: Psychology

Crystal Lorenzo impressed the committee with her academic accomplishments, including a 4.0 GPA and entrance into several student honor societies and glowing reference from faculty members and advisors. But what impressed us most was the focus and clarity of her application. This is a young woman who has identified areas of injustice and has taken a leadership role in organizing responses that make positive change in students' lives. Crystal founded and is president of the local chapter of "To Write Love on Her Arms," an organization dedicated to helping people who struggle with depression, self-injury, addiction and suicide. She explains, "during the first semester of my freshman year, there was a trend of teen suicides throughout the country and my heart broke for each and every one." The group has conducted numerous workshops and awareness events on campus, including a "Get it Off Your Chest" event where students anonymously shared a secret through postcards that were displayed in the student center "to show people they are not alone in feeling those things they carry with them in silence." Lorenzo adds that the club's membership is mostly female. This group has become one of the largest student organizations on campus. Dr. Timothy Osberg writes: "I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say that I believe Crystal's TWLOHA chapter will help many students graduate who otherwise would have been at risk for dropping out." In addition to leading To Write Love on Her Arms, Crystal is in her second year serving as president of Niagara's gay-straight alliance, an organization which was organized by students, who overcame the opposition of the college administration. Crystal Lorenzo plans to become a clinical psychologist and will focus her practice on helping the people that TWLOHA serves, and the LGBT community.

Non-traditional

Awardee: **Cierra Hawkins** College: D'Youville College Major: Physical Therapy

Cierra Hawkins, a student in D'Youville College's Physical Therapy program, hopes to open a non-profit clinic that will provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and chiropractic services to those who cannot afford it. Because so many people are uninsured or underinsured, she has identified a need for this kind of service. "I believe that it is important for every American to have access to medical care, even specialty areas if needed." A single mother who has overcome personal and health problems to continue her studies, Cierra Hawkins aspires to graduate at the top of her class and be named to the National Adult Education Honor Society. Yolanda Wood, Director of the Office of Multicultural affairs, writes that "Cierra has grown academically over the past few years, learning from past history and using what she has learned to move forward and make progress." Deanna Hamilton, HCOP Retention Coordinator, writes that Cierra has "faced both financial and medical hindrances that could have derailed her efforts. However, Cierra's perseverance through hard times has kept her on track for completing her doctoral degree at D'Youville College." Hawkins has for several years, served as coach and mentor for Baseline Elite, a basketball program for sixty girls age 9-18. Through this program she helps female student athletes balance school and sports. In the past year, she worked with six seniors who were able to achieve high GPAs, SAT and ACT scores as well as receive full basketball scholarships for college. Hawkins adds that "Our goal is to enhance them physically on the court through basketball, scholastically with their academics, and mentally, developing them through workshops." Topics addressed include balancing school with family issues, strategies for scoping with stress and handling peer pressure.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE BUFFALO BRANCH

Christ United Methodist Church - 350 Saratoga Road (Harlem at Saratoga) - Amherst

Monday, September 23, 2013 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Notice this is later in September than usual.

\$10.00 | person. Guests are welcome.

My che	eck in the amount of \$	payable to the AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed
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