

Happy  
New Year!

- ❑ **Saturday, Feb 7, 11 am** – “Taste of AAUW Buffalo Branch (and Ebenezer UCC),” - Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca. For more information, see page 3.
- ❑ Save the date for **Saturday, March 14, 2015** as we celebrate Tech Savvy’s 10th Year: *Tech Savvy Girls: Brilliant and Resilient*. See page 5.
- ❑ The 18th **Sister to Sister Summit** will be held at Buffalo State College on **March 28, 2015**.
- ❑ The **AAUW-NYS Convention** will be held **April 17-19** on Grand Island. See page 3.



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Please be sure to put “AAUW Buffalo Advocate” in the subject line and cc Betty Preble: [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com).

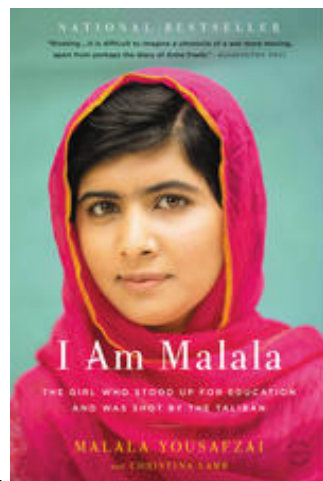
Something you’d like to see in the newsletter? Let us know—send a message to those same two people!

JANUARY PROGRAM

On Sunday, **January 18** our own *Sunday Book Club* will host discussion on the book, *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai & Christina Lamb.

This memoir by the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize details the actions of the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. It is widely available in every format.

Read it for yourself and prepare to participate in a surely lively discussion. Come to learn more even if you don’t read the book as there’s more!!! We will delight in traditional Pakistani afternoon refreshments at Kabab & Curry (www.kababandcurry.com), our own Tahmina Rehman’s restaurant, at 8445 Main St., Williamsville. Ask anyone who has enjoyed Tahmina’s snacks at the Book sale site and you’ll find out this will be a special treat!!!!



Please send reservations by **January 10**.

Reservation form on Page 3

Guests, as always, are welcome.





# President's Perspective

"I speak not for myself but for those without voice... those who have fought for their rights... their right to live in peace, their right to be treated with dignity, their right to equality of opportunity, their right to be educated."

During her Nobel speech, she commented on her attempted assassination at the hands of a Taliban gunman in 2012. She was just 14 years old when the gunman boarded her bus, pointed a pistol at her head, and pulled the trigger in an attempt to silence her.

"I had two options — one was to remain silent and wait to be killed," Yousafzai said. "And the second was to speak up and then be killed. I chose the second one. I decided to speak up." "The terrorists tried to stop us," she said. "Neither their ideas nor their bullets could win. We survived. And since that day, our voices have grown louder and louder."

~ Malala Yousafzai

"I wish for those I love this New Year an opportunity to earn

sufficient, to have that which they need for their own, and to give that which they desire to others, to bring into the lives of those about them some measure of joy, to know the satisfaction of work well done, of recreation earned and therefore savored, to end the year a little wiser, a little kinder, and therefore a little happier."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

If you have not yet read "I Am Malala", please take the time to do so before our branch program on January 18. I would love to have seen Eleanor Roosevelt and Malala Yousafzai working together! If these two women could have collaborated, imagine what they could have accomplished! As we move into a new year, please continue to be inspired by leaders of the past and leaders of the future. We may not all have the talents, the courage, the voices of these women, but we can honor them with our continued action to advance equity for women and girls — and all people. Let us all resolve to do what we can so we can have the satisfaction of "work well done."

Betty Preble

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## Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:

Jan 15-17 – The Beach Boys at Fallsview Casino, Ontario

Jan 16 – Satisfaction: Rolling Stones Show at Riviera Theatre

Jan 16-Feb 8 – The Lion in Winter at Irish Classical Theatre

Jan 20-25 – Motown: the Musical at Shea's

Jan 23-28 – Mystic India World Tour at Fallsview Casino, Ontario

Mar 6-7 – Garth Brooks with Patricia Yearwood at First Niagara Center

Mar 18-29 – The Phantom of the Opera 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)

Artpark – Lewiston 754-4375, [www.artpark.net](http://www.artpark.net)

Irish Classical Theatre – Andrews Theatre, 625 Main St., 853-4282, [www.irishclassicaltheatre.com](http://www.irishclassicaltheatre.com)

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)

Nickel City Opera (at Riviera Theatre) – 67 Webster St., North Tonawanda [www.nickelcityoperaco.com](http://www.nickelcityoperaco.com), 692-2413

[www.RivieraTheatre.org](http://www.RivieraTheatre.org)

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)

The Center for the Arts at UB – 645-ARTS, [www.UBCFA.org](http://www.UBCFA.org)

Barbara Carier



## Calling all Cooks and Tasters!!!!

Choose one of your favorite recipes and participate when we partner with Ebenezer UCC, 630 Main St., West Seneca ([www.EUCC.org](http://www.EUCC.org)) in the "Taste of Ebenezer/AAUW" on Saturday, February 7. This is our LAF fundraiser. Here are the rules for cooks:

- Warming is available on site but generally cooking is done at home.
- Register with Betty Krist (675-4059, [kristbj@verizon.net](mailto:kristbj@verizon.net)) by **January 18**.
- We need to know what you will bring to make appropriate space available.
- Portion dishes and utensils will be provided.
- Each portion is determined by the cook, each portion is one ticket.
- Your recipe is requested but not required.
- Cooks are responsible for "manning their station."
- Arrive by 10:30 am.

Here are the rules for tasters:

- Come hungry.
- Bring a friend.
- Arrive at 11:30 am.

Tickets will be sold at the door until the food runs out.

Adults suggested donation 5 tickets/\$5, Children (5-12) 3 tickets/\$2, Children under 4 free.

Coffee, tea, water, milk are free.

Proceeds will be split proportionally between EUCC and AAUW Buffalo Branch.

## 2015 AAUW New York State Convention

*AAUW Leading the Way: Women Leadership in the 21st Century*

**WHEN:** April 17th-19th, 2015

**WHERE:** Byblos Niagara Resort, Grand Island, NY



Special Recognition:

***A celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Buffalo Branch AAUW***

Workshops will address topics such as:

- 21st Century Education Issues
- The Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs of Women Elected Officials: Women Leading NY into the 21st Century
- Countdown to the Century of Women's Right to Vote in the US
- Domestic Violence and Women's Self-Empowerment
- And more!

AAUW develops women leaders by strengthening their sense of empowerment. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

## Reservation Form for January 2015 Program, "I Am Malala"

**2PM, Kabab & Curry, 8445 Main St., Williamsville**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

No. reservations @\$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return reservations by **January 10, 2015** to: **Betty Krist, 116 Iris Ave. West Seneca, NY 14224**

Make checks payable to **AAUW Buffalo Branch**.

If you need any special arrangements or transportation, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Betty Krist**,

# Buffalo Branch January Study/Interest Groups

## KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

When: Wednesday, **January 7, 2015** from **2-4 pm.**  
(note this change in the schedule )

Where: Barnes & Noble Cafe on Transit near Main St. in Amherst

What: *Bring your knitting and/or crochet project or questions*

Contact: Karen Howard 480-3652 (cell) or [kckhoward@roadunner.com](mailto:kckhoward@roadunner.com)



The Knitting & Crochet group is asking for donations of hand-made items of any kind to be donated to the Cornerstone Manor for homeless women and children throughout the calendar year. Thanks for your homemade donations to the knitting & crochet group for such a good cause. Any member of the Knitting group would gladly accept your donation or call Marilyn Carmichael at 228-8626.

## DINNER GROUP (New & not to be missed)

When: Wednesday, **January 14, 2015** at **6:00 pm.**

What: A monthly gathering of members and guests who want to try new restaurants and enjoy each other's company. Current events and getting to know each other are always topics of discussion.

Where: **BRIOSO by Butterwood, 5195 Main St., Williamsville, NY 716-828-8370**

RSVP: Maria Coppola at 716-289-8149 or [marcoppola@gmail.com](mailto:marcoppola@gmail.com)



## SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, **January 18, 2015** at **2:00 pm.**

(Special Branch Program)

Where: Kabab and Curry Restaurant, 8445 Main St., Williamsville, NY 716-565-3822

Book: *I AM MALALA* by Malala Yousafzai

Contact: Karen Huffman-Kelly at 716-839-4754 or [kshk152@yahoo.com](mailto:kshk152@yahoo.com) for questions or more information.

Registration info on page 1.



## IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Myra Menti** who passed away on December 5. Myra was a member from 1963 through 2009.



We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Clarine Radt** who passed away on December 8. Clarine was a member from 1980 through 2012.

## DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday , **January 21, 2015** at **5:30 pm** for dinner before the book review

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

Book: *THE NAMES OF MY MOTHERS* by Dianne Riordan

Discussion Leader: Dianne Riordan, book's author

Facilitator: Lillis McLean

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



## CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, **January 28, 2015** at **5:30 pm.**

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

Book: *DEATH AND RESTORATION* by Iain Pears

Facilitator: Stacy Johnson

For further information and questions, please contact Suzanne Grossman at 837-8769



## FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

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

We cordially invite AAUW members to attend any of our marvelous AAUW study groups. And we thank all of you who are loyal and faithful Members year after year. You are the backbone of our study groups.

## HELP WANTED

### eBay Aficionado

Occasionally there is a need to sell a special collection or very rare, valuable book on eBay.



### Social Media

#### Volunteer

Do you tweet? Do you love posting on Facebook? We're looking for you! We need a volunteer to assist us with our social media resources.

If you are interested, please contact Betty Preble: [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com)



# TECH SAVVY CONFERENCE: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

## THIS YEAR, WE'LL HELP GIRLS BE RESILIENT

The tenth annual Tech Savvy conference is around the corner! On Saturday, March 14, we will welcome about 500 girls in 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the middle school program and approximately 100 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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. And, yes, it is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

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.

And join us, please, as we take a walk down Tech Savvy memory lane, as we welcome back some of the prior keynote speakers from the past ten years!

You can participate in *Tech Savvy* in several ways:

- **Join us for the reception on Friday, March 13 – Meet our guest speakers and other volunteers.**
- **Join us for the adult activities on Saturday, March 14. Registration begins at 8:30 am, and the sessions begin at 10 am.**
- **Volunteer for all or part of the day on March 14.**

**(We need more than 70 volunteers for the day between 7 am and 5 pm.)**



### **Resilience is Important!**

TS10 finishes a three-year focus on some of the critical aspects we can encourage for long term STEM – and overall -- success: persistence, confidence, and resilience. We know that Tech Savvy is about changing girls for the world and changing the world for girls.... However, changing the world is a slow process! We all know that resilience is an important trait to develop as girls grow into impactful women!

### Upcoming Planning Dates for

#### Tech Savvy 10

Next Planning Teleconference: Saturday, January 10, at 9:30 am

Date To Be Announced (Tentatively week of February 22): February Tote Bag Stuffing, Name Tag Assembly, and Bag Stuffing (**Lots of Help Needed!**) Let us know if you would like to be placed on the list of volunteers. (Dress comfortably; pizza served.)

Saturday, March 14: Tech Savvy at UB's North Campus (Meet at Student Union... Ample Parking in Furnas Lot.)

**Questions about Tech Savvy or participating? Call Tamara Brown at 716-949-2413**

**Sign up to participate: Email [aauwtswny@cs.com](mailto:aauwtswny@cs.com) before February 26 (Mail-in information will be included in the next newsletter)**

**Conference Information website: <http://www.aauw-nys.org/buffalo/techsavvy.htm>**

## **December Dinner by the Book**



Left: Marilyn Carmichael (Fran Witnauer in the background)



Right: Judy Malamas, Diane O'Brien and Barbara McGovern



Left: Maryann Hope, Paula Hartman and Karen Kolb



Right: Fran Witnauer, Mary Crocker and Lynne Beller



## BOOK SALE REPORT

Book sale workers will be back on the job January 6 after what we hope was a wonderful holiday break. You can join them any Tuesday or Wednesday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and noon at 995 Kensington Ave.

Finding a site for the 2015 sale will top the agenda in the next few months. We ask all of our members to be on the lookout



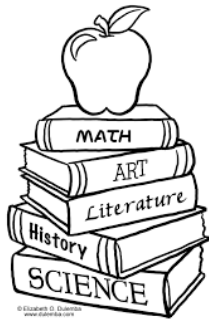
for potential sites, and if any of you have contacts with developers or real estate agents who might provide some leads, Betty Preble would like to hear from you. Also, in your travels, if you notice any vacant buildings for lease, please make a note of the contact number and pass it on to Betty. If you want to join the hunt, she can give you our specifications.



Pat Swift MacClennan

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter Schools are much in the news for the last several years. It is the position of AAUW that we support innovative educational methods promoting a strong system of public education which provides gender fairness, equity, and diversity. Charter schools can provide this innovation, but with public funding of these schools, there is a clear responsibility that they be accountable for academic achievement, health and safety standards, and the civil rights of all students. ***Charter schools are exempt from many of the regulations governing traditional public schools.***



In New York, charter schools are publicly funded and open to all students through a non-discriminatory admissions lottery. Each charter school is governed by a not-for-profit board of trustees which may include educators, community members, and leaders from the private sector. ***Charters have freedom to establish their own policies, design their own educational program, and manage their human and financial resources.***

Charter schools are accountable, through the terms of a five-year performance contract, for high student achievement. There are 16 charter schools in Erie County, 13 of them in the city of Buffalo. There is one in Kenmore-Tonawanda and one in Lackawanna. Another is scheduled to open in fall of 2015 in Buffalo. There is one charter school in Niagara County, in the Niagara-Wheatfield district.

The italics above are included to emphasize the main differences between traditional public schools and charters. If any members of Buffalo Branch have experience with a charter school, whether pro or con, it would be informative to include that next time in this space. Please respond to: [bcarier@roadrunner.com](mailto:bcarier@roadrunner.com).

Barbara Carier

## AAUW Brings Elect Her—Campus Women Win to University at Buffalo!

UB is one of 50 colleges from across the nation and Jamaica that will host **Elect Her—Campus Women Win**, a unique campus-based program that teaches women how to run for elective office, in 2015. **Elect Her—Campus Women Win**, a collaboration of **AAUW** and **Running Start**, addresses the disparity between the high percentage of women in colleges and universities and their low representation in student government by encouraging women to run for campus leadership positions.

This day-long program covers skills such as how to mobilize your constituency, how to craft your message, and how to speak and present yourself confidently as a candidate. By encouraging more women to run for student government during their college years, we are confident that we are preparing more women for local, state, and federal office candidacy.

In 2014, Elect Her-Campus Women Win trained more than 1,000 participants on 50 campuses. Of the students who reported running for student office after the training, 78% WON! Approximately 12% more students said they are considering running for political office after the training than before. Plus, 100% of the participants reported that they would recommend Elect Her-Campus Women Win to a friend.

UB will host **Elect Her** on February 28, 2015. "We are extremely excited to host Elect Her at UB. It is very important to encourage young women leaders to start thinking about a career in politics while they are still in college. We cannot wait to see the change this program brings to our campus." -Minahil Khan, UB Elect Her Student Liaison.

To learn more about Elect Her—Campus Women Win, please visit: [www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/elect-her-campus-women-win/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/elect-her-campus-women-win/) [www.facebook.com/ElectHer](https://www.facebook.com/ElectHer) [#ElectHer](https://twitter.com/ElectHer) on Twitter and Instagram





# WOMEN, WORK, & CHILDREN

Thanks to **Donna Seymour, AAUW Public Policy chair for NY State**, we are constantly provided with information about issues that are important not only for women but for all those whose lives are touched by them.

Did you know that the popularity of egg freezing is booming? Large corporations are adding egg freezing as an incentive to recruit female talent. Facebook and Apple are the first companies to offer \$20,000 for the reproductive treatments. Will this leave women with no option other than to delay childbearing or be left behind at work?

Bloomberg Businessweek reviewed nearly 10,000 of this year's male and female MBA graduates and found that women received starting salaries that were almost \$15,000 less than those for men. These were young childless graduates with full-time employment. In finance, women's salaries were \$22,000 lower; \$12,300 lower in tech jobs. Even women with higher high school GPAs will earn less than men with lower grades. That unexplained difference may be where bias is found.

A new Harvard Business School study of their graduates shows that high-achieving women are not reaching their

career goals because they're allowing their partner's careers to take precedence over their own. Among Generation X and baby boomer workers who were surveyed, only 11 percent left the workforce to become full-time mothers. The majority of women said they assumed they would have marriages in which careers of both spouses were taken equally seriously. Men generally expect that their careers will take precedence. Women expect their careers to be considered equally important and that they will share child care equally, but in general, that doesn't happen.



## ***Here are some facts about Moms gathered on the internet:***

Average age of new moms is 25 vs. 21 in 1970

Modern moms average 2 children (1950s: 3.5 children; 1700s: 7-10 children)

72% of moms with children over 1 year old work, vs. 39% in 1976.

55% of moms with a child under 1 year old work, vs. 31% in 1976.

Moms with a full-time job spend 13 hours working at the office or at home on family chores.

Preschooler requires mom's attention once every 4 minutes or 210 times/day.

Preschooler moms spend 2.7 hrs./day on primary childcare vs. 1.2 hours for dads.

Women average 2.2 hrs./day on chores, vs. 1.3 hrs./day for men

Middle-income families spend \$242,070 to raise a child to 18 (not including college)

Research suggests that moms who give birth later in life, live longer.

Having children may make you smarter!

Marian Deutschman  
Public Policy Chair

## ***December 11 Program at UB Archives***



Left: Amy Vilz, University Archivist, shows some of the AAUW Buffalo Branch artifacts held at UB

Right: We got a close up look and even got our hands on some of the material



Additional presentations were made by Sarah Pinard from Archives and Marie Elia from Poetry/Rare Books.

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**Sunday, Mar 8, noon** – “International Women’s Day” – Adam’s Mark Hotel

**Saturday, Mar 14** – Tech Savvy – University at Buffalo

**Saturday, Mar 28** – Sister-to-Sister – Buffalo State

**Friday-Sunday, April 17-19** – AAUW-NYS Convention at the Byblos Resort and Spa, Grand Island

**Saturday, May 16** – AAUW-Buffalo Annual Meeting, Buffalo Yacht Club



**AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.**

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

**Vision:** *AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.*

**Value Statement:** *By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

*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.*

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