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- ☐ The **AAUW-NYS convention** will be held **April 17-19** on Grand Island. *Let's make this the biggest and best AAUW-NYS convention ever!* See page 3 for more details.





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Betty Crocker, Media Icon
Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm
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To which Betty do you relate?? Our own **Diane O'Brien** will inform us about Betty's role in media, marketing, and popular culture. Bring your memories, cookbooks, and perhaps even your favorite Betty Crocker finger food to share.

Beverages will be provided. There is no charge. Please contact Betty Krist (675-4059) or kristbj@verizon.net so we can plan accordingly.

In the spirit of the season you are invited to bring non-perishables for the EUCC food pantry, paper products for the pantry, or a cash donation. These will be much appreciated.

More information is available at the AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/2014/06/12/the-real-betty-crocker/>

This is sure to be tasty fun, so bring a friend!

The deadline for each issue of the *Advocate* is the 10th of the previous month. Send articles to Laurie Eikemeyer via e-mail: laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com.

Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line and cc Betty Preble: betty.preble@gmail.com.

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

You must do the things you think you cannot do.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Advocate* (and isn't it beautiful!?) is a message from the nominating committee asking for suggestions for nominees for the officers to be elected this spring for the upcoming biennium. I hope you will seriously consider volunteering for one of these positions. Our organization is only as strong as we individuals make it – we need leaders who will step up to do the things “they think they cannot do.” We have a good board now, but new ideas come from new people, and that’s what keeps us growing.

In addition, the book sale executive team will need new blood. Judy Clare spoke at the “potluck” about the fact that the book sale almost ended three years ago. The chairs and the executive committee at that time had been carrying it for too long and were burned out. There were no obvious successors to these women who had practically been married to the sale for several years. Judy gave me credit at that point for keeping it alive, but the truth is really that Barbara Carier and I, the incoming co-presidents at that time (who had never been heavily involved with the sale) both just said “it’s not dying on OUR watch!” We gathered a small group of people who knew what they were doing and we all ran with it! Thanks to those who joined Barb and me on the new executive committee: Cindy Koch and Sue Licata the first year, now Cindy plus Roberta Travis and Judy Huber – AND thanks to the experienced women who have been involved for years and keep helping – AND new people who have jumped in to “learn the ropes.” If it weren’t for all of them, the sale would be kaput. Won’t you join us this year?

Marilyn Carmichael has also put out the call for people who would like to start a new interest group. Could that be you?

Please think about what you’d like AAUW to be doing, and consider what you can do to help that “you think you cannot do.”

Betty Preble, AAUW Buffalo President

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Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:

Nov 5–Dec 7 – Ain’t Misbehavin’ at MusicalFare

Nov 7-9 – Mamma Mia at Shea’s

Nov 7-30 – Death of a Salesman at Irish Classical Theatre

Nov 8 – Glorious Gershwin BPO at Kleinhan’s

Nov 9/Dec 14 – American Legion Band at Riviera Theater

Nov 10 – Natl. Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China at Center for the Arts

Dec 2-7 – Cinderella 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

Amherst Symphony – 633-4606
www.amherstsymphony.com

Artpark – Lewiston 754-4375,
www.artpark.net

Irish Classical Theatre – Andrews Theatre, 625 Main St., 853-4282, www.irishclassicaltheatre.com

Kavinoky Theater – 320 Porter Ave., 829-7668,
www.kavinokytheatre.com

Kleinhans Music Hall – Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, 885-5000, www.bpo.org

Lancaster Opera House – 21 Central Ave., Lancaster, 683-1776, www.lancopera.org

MusicalFare Theatre (at Daemen College), 4380 Main St., 839-8540, www.musicalfare.com

Nickel City Opera (at Riviera Theatre) – 67 Webster St., North Tonawanda
www.nickelcityoperaco.com, 692-2413
www.RivieraTheatre.org

Shaw Festival – Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. 800-511-SHAW, www.shawfest.com

Shea’s Performing Arts Center – 646 Main St., 847-0850,
www.sheas.org

The Center for the Arts at UB – 645-ARTS,
www.UBCFA.org



Barbara Carier

Convention is coming, convention is coming!

The **AAUW-NYS convention** will be held **April 17-19** on Grand Island at the Byblos Resort and Spa. We hope that we'll have great support from our own branch, but we also want to offer extra enticement for members across the state to come here.



Please contact **Susan McClary** (123456susan@gmail.com) if you have suggestions for interesting short side trips in the area and/or sites that people could visit as they travel here from other areas.

Please Welcome our New Members:

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STAY INVOLVED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL!

Just a reminder that the next biennial national convention will be this coming June in San Diego. Registration is now open and you are all encouraged to consider attending.

Voting is done, per the national bylaws, either online or by written ballot prior to the convention. An FAQ section regarding the voting process is available on the national website: www.aauw.org/resource/faq-national-election/.

There are four areas that will be put to a vote:

December 5 is the deadline for proposed resolutions, bylaws changes, and public policy changes.

November 1 is the deadline for submitting a candidate application for the national board.

See www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/ for participating in the process, either submitting suggestions or commenting on other people's suggestions. This is YOUR chance to direct the future of AAUW!



2015 - 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES

The nominating committee, looking forward to the 2015-2016 Board, is seeking candidates suggested by the membership for the following offices: **President, First Vice President (Program,) Third Vice President (Membership Retention,) Branch Treasurer, Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education Treasurer, and the Nominating Committee (chair plus two members.)**

Please contact any of the current members with names of those you wish to nominate. Members are Sue Licata, Cynthia Mehary, Judy Weidemann, Yvonne Curry, and Lillis McLean, chair. (Lillis will be out of town for the month of October.)

BOOK SALE REPORT

Pat Swift MacClennan,
Booksale Executive Team



Motivated by the triumph of the 60th annual book sale, sorters who turn out regularly at the weekly sorting sessions seem determined to make the 61st an even greater success. Judging by the volume of donations so far and the expeditious handling of the sorting and boxing of the influx, it just might turn out that way.

There is always room for more helpers and more books, and the work has only just begun. It is not too late to get in on what most participants call "the fun." Just drop by 995 Kensington Ave. on a Tuesday or Wednesday between 9:30 am and noon, and find out what is going on.

If you have been around the book sale for very many years, you must have some great stories. Jan Vine, one of the most dedicated among book sale devotees, would like to add your anecdotes to an informal history of the book sale that she and some other members are compiling. Contact her at jdvine@earthlink.net.

Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups

NOVEMBER STUDY GROUP NEWS

SOCIAL BRIDGE GROUP (New!!)

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



CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: **There is NO meeting in November!**
Please make a note of this change.



*Please keep in mind the changed day and date for the December meeting on your busy calendars:

When: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014

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

Book: *Except the Dying* by Maureen Jennings

Facilitator: Jean Hubbard

DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:30 pm for dinner

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

Book: *River of Doubt: Teddy Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard

Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Hope

Facilitator: Judy Malamas

Reservations: Fran Witnauer 688-5708 or Grandma-fran44@yahoo.com



KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 2-4 pm

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

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

Contact: Karen Howard 716-480-3652 (cell) or kkhoward@roadunner.com



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, November 9, 2014 at from 4-6 pm

Where: Sweetness 7 Café on Parkside, across from the zoo, on-street parking

Book: *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

Contact: Karen Huffman-Kelly at 839-4754 or kshk152@yahoo.com



MONTHLY DINNER GROUP (EXCITING NEW OFFERING!)

When: Wednesday, November 12 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: Saigon Bangkok, 512 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda, NY 837-2115

Facilitator: Maria Coppola Contact: Please call Maria at 289-8149 or email her at marcoppola@gmail.com.



FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

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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.

UB STUDENT AAUW CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

On October 8, the UB AAUW student group held a "meet and greet" in the Student Union. About 20 young people (including one male) met to talk about AAUW, its mission, and its activities.

There was a lot of discussion concerning networking with other groups to increase the impact of all.

Their enthusiasm is contagious!



In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Margaret Pantera**, a long-term AAUW member and a former member of the Buffalo Branch. Margaret passed away on October 10th.



TITLE IX AND SEXUAL ASSAULT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sexual discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities. On April 4, 2011, the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Dept. of Education issued a Dear Colleague Letter on student-on-student sexual harassment and sexual violence which explains a school's responsibility to respond promptly and effectively to sexual violence against students in accordance with the requirements of Title IX.

I attended The Sexual Assault Prevention and Compliance Summit 2014 that took place at Hilbert College on September 26. The keynote speaker was Lisa Maatz, VP of Government Relations and top policy advisor on Capitol Hill for AAUW.

After hearing her speak I can understand why she is a sought-after speaker across the nation and in our nation's capital. Her credentials and awards pay tribute to her knowledge and expertise as a lobbyist (the good kind.)

Following her excellent presentation and Q & A session, a panel covered the subject of sexual assault from different perspectives. Panelists included Pete Carey, chief of police at SUNY Buffalo State; Rick Trietley, Jr., vice president of student

affairs at St. Bonaventure University; Kathy Woughter, vice president of student affairs at Alfred University; and Robyn Wiktorski-Reynolds, advocate program coordinator at Crisis Services. After lunch, four breakout session topics enabled smaller groups to explore mandates, investigations, campus climate, behavior assessment, and intervention teams.

"Colleges and universities are required to report violent acts and provide training and prevention initiatives. This is a national problem with 75 schools currently listed under investigation for Title IX assaults."

The sponsoring organization for this summit was the WNY Consortium of Higher Education representing 21 local institutions. Jack Quinn, president of Erie Community College, is president of the consortium that now has 30 different groups working on a variety of issues common to all of their higher education members.

Sexual assault is one of those issues. U.S. Attorney William Hochul spoke briefly providing timely information about \$400

million that is available this year to address violence on college campuses. One in five women is sexually assaulted on a college campus, with most cases unreported. Most women know their attacker. Colleges and universities are required to report violent acts and provide training and prevention initiatives. This is a national problem, with 75 schools currently listed under investigation for Title IX assaults.

The White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault was established on January 22, 2014, with a mandate to strengthen federal enforcement efforts and provide schools with additional tools to help combat sexual assault on their campuses. Schools must continually work on their culture. Awareness and sense of responsibility of bystanders are keys to prevention. I suggest that you go to www.notalone.gov/assets/report.pdf to get a better sense of the scope of the problem. The website makes enforcement data public and resources accessible to students and schools. A recent TIME magazine article stated that proposed reforms don't have teeth without mandatory climate surveys that would supply honest data on campus safety, or an ability to levy fines.

- Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Chair

"Potluck" Recap

The annual "potluck," held on September 22nd, was great! Those of you who couldn't be there missed out on a fun evening!

Thanks to Betty Krist, Barbara Carier, Barbara Weber, Pat Miceli, and Sonia Falkowski, who all played a part in the program!

In addition to the presentation of the Jacquie Walker and Olga Lindberg scholarships, seven young women from the UB student AAUW group spoke briefly about their experiences at NCCWSL (National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders.) Our branch had helped with the finances to make the trip possible.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Saturday, Nov 1, 9 am-1:30 pm - "Women in STEM." District One Conference, hosted by the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch, at SUNY Fredonia



Tuesday, Nov 4 – VOTE!

Wednesday, Nov 5, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca

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Wednesday, Dec 3, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem at Saratoga in Snyder

Thursday, Dec 11, 1 pm – "Explore the AAUW Buffalo Branch Archives," University at Buffalo

Wednesday, Jan 7, 5:45 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca

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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