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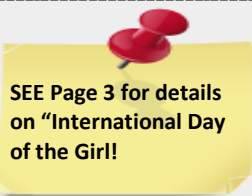
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The deadline for each issue of the *Advocate* is the 10th of the previous month. Send articles to Laurie Eikemeyer via e-mail: [laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com). Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject 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!



SEE Page 3 for details on "International Day of the Girl!"

## Join the AAUW Dunkirk-Fredonia and Jamestown Branches At the 2014 District One Meeting: Women in STEM

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**  
**Science Center at Fredonia State University of New York**  
**(201 Houghton Hall)**

- 9:00 – 9:30 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 – 10:15 am: Opening
- 10:15 –11:00 am: Tour of the new Science Center led by Dr. Holly Lawson, building project shepherd
- 11:00 am – noon: Panel presentation with women teaching, researching and working in STEM fields
- Noon – 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm: Closing

Registrations should be received by Friday, October 24, and should be sent to:

Peggy Tiffany  
12 Bernett Drive  
Fredonia, NY 14063



PLEASE PRINT

Name/Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to AAUW Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch.

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



# President's Perspective

*"It seems to me that America's objective today should be to try to make herself the best possible mirror of democracy that she can. The people of the world can see what happens here. They watch us to see what we are going to do and how well we can do it. We are giving them the only possible picture of democracy that we can: the picture as it works in actual practice. This is the only way other peoples can see for themselves how it works; and can determine for themselves whether this thing is good in itself, whether it is better than they have, better than what other political and economic systems offer them."* - Eleanor Roosevelt

How appropriate these words are today! October is Eleanor's birthday month – she would have been 130 years old on the 11<sup>th</sup>. What would she say about how America is "mirroring democracy"? I think her words are no less true now than they were in 1961 and I also think that she would be dismayed at how our country is handling itself.

The primaries are over, the general election season has begun. By the middle of October our phones will be ringing constantly with various celebrities telling us that so-and-so is the best candidate and deserves our votes. Our mailboxes (electronic and otherwise) will be filled with messages saying almost nothing but asking for our votes. Let's make a promise to ourselves that we will dig into the real information – learn how the candidates feel about the issues that are important to US! AAUW and the League of Women Voters both provide information on the important issues and how the candidates feel about them – see <http://www.aauwaction.org/> and <http://www.vote411.org/>. We as organizations cannot endorse or work for particular candidates, but YOU can! Get involved! The other action, perhaps even more important, is to work on getting out the vote! Democracy depends on citizen involvement and voting. If you decide to stay home that day, or you let pass comments from others that "it doesn't matter," you are not doing your part. Let October be your month to make a difference in this wonderful country of ours.

Betty Preble, AAUW Buffalo President

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## Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:

**Oct 10, 11, 18, 19** – BPO Rachmaninoff Festival at Kleinhan's

**Until Oct 12** – The Drowsy Chaperone at Musicalfare

**Oct 7-12** – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Shea's

**Oct 15** – The Australian Pink Floyd Show at UB Center for the Arts

**Oct 15** – Wes Moore, UB Distinguished Speaker at Alumni Arena, Buffalo.edu/DSS

**Oct 24** – Rocky Horror Picture Party at Riviera Theatre

**Nov 7-9** – Mamma Mia at Shea's

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

### 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)

**Amherst Symphony** – 633-4606 [www.amherstsymphony.com](http://www.amherstsymphony.com)

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

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

**Kleinmans 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

## Save the Date!

Which one do you relate to? Learn about Betty Crocker, media icon, at our November 6 program!



**Betty Crocker over the years**

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL OPERA WEEK IN WNY UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

*The Erwin H. Johnson Memorial Fund Inc., with its mission of promoting and supporting opera, is honored to again be the coordinating organizer of Celebrate National Opera Week 2014 in the WNY and Niagara Region. We hope that our schedule of special concerts, lectures and entertaining celebrations to commemorate National Opera Week in our area will not only inspire the young and old alike, but will also strengthen the sense of community through the universal language of Music. Go to [www.celebrateoperawny.org](http://www.celebrateoperawny.org) for more information.*



## SAVE THE DATE!

The AAUW-NYS Convention only comes to our end of the state once in a great while, but it will be **here, at the Byblos on Grand Island, this coming spring** in honor of our branch's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The theme will be "AAUW Leading The Way: Women Leadership in the 21st Century." Please mark April 17-19 on your calendars and plan to join other AAUW members from around the state.

*Please Join*

## The American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch

### in Celebrating its First International Day of the Girl Child Observance

**October 11, 2014**

**Noon to 2 pm**

**Forest Lawn Cemetery**

**1411 Delaware Avenue**

**Buffalo, NY**

Learn about the history of famous Buffalo women who many years ago raised awareness of girls' rights to equal education and fundamental freedoms.

Refreshments

Eleanor Roosevelt Birthday Celebration Cake

RSVP to: [CAG2002@roadrunner.com](mailto:CAG2002@roadrunner.com)

For information: 810-0269

In December 2011, the United Nations declared that it would annually observe the International Day of the Girl Child beginning October 11, 2012 due to the discrimination and violence against girls and violations of their human rights that still happen.

**Dress: Weather Appropriate**





# Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups

## SOCIAL BRIDGE GROUP (NEW!!)

Please contact Joyce Bol at 698-6801 or by email at [travelon6066@roadunner.com](mailto:travelon6066@roadunner.com)



L. to r.> Karen Howard, Knitting Group Leader and Stacey Johnson

## CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: **Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 5:30 pm**

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

Book: *The Grave Gourmet* by **Alexander Cam-pion**

Facilitator: **Suzanne Grossman**

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



L. to r.> Sue Licata and Pauline Dyson

## DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: **Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:30 pm for dinner**

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

Book: *Love and War* by **James Carville and Mary Matalin**

Discussion Leader: **Nan Scinta**

Facilitator: **Jan Marino**

Reservations: **Fran Witnauer 688-5708 or [Grandmafran44@yahoo.com](mailto:Grandmafran44@yahoo.com)**



L. to r.> Barbara Weber and Diane Silvestro

## KNITTING GROUP

When: **Wednesday, October 8, 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](mailto:kkhoward@roadunner.com)**

Pictures (right) are from the September 10th meeting. The group sends their best wishes to Margaret Fischer. In addition, the knitting group is asking for donations of handmade items of any kind to be donated to the Cornerstone Manor for homeless women and children through December. Any member of the Knitting group would gladly accept your donation or call Marilyn Carmichael at 228-8626. Thanks for your consideration.



## SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: **Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 4 pm.**

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

Book: *The Other Wes Moore* by **Wes Moore**

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



## FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

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

**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.**



# AAUW FUNDS REPORT

Here we are starting another year working on AAUW issues that are close to our hearts. Once again, due to the hard work of our members, we will be supporting local scholarships, national fellowships such as our own Hillary Rodham Clinton American Fellowship, and the efforts of the Legal Advocacy Fund.

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2014–15 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Our not-yet-stipend producing Clinton fellowship will join the ranks in helping young women finance their higher education when complete. And - the [Legal Advocacy Fund](#) (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. LAF support for women ranges from [backing of significant cases](#) to [community outreach programs](#) and [legal referrals](#).

This past summer the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination upheld a 2011 decision in favor of LAF Fund-supported plaintiff Associate Professor Lulu Sun, concluding that the UMass, Dartmouth, engaged in unlawful discrimination in denying Sun promotion.

The Department of Education announced proposed regulations to address the sexual violence on college campuses. The new provisions would require colleges to compile statistics about incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. AAUW's VP for Government Relations Lisa Maatz is concerned that if we don't keep pushing colleges to address these issues they will simply be "swept under the rug."



President Obama signed an executive order extending the prohibition of federal contractors from discriminating against employees on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Our part in all of this is to financially support LAF by individual donations and two interesting fund raising events.

On Saturday, Feb 7 we will be participating in a "Taste of Ebenezer" event. We will be asking for volunteers to do some baking and/or cooking and sharing of the profits! More later....

I realize that the NYS AAUW convention is even further in the future – April 17-19 at Byblos Resort on Grand Island. However, I really want to take at least 3 baskets for the LAF fundraiser. We need to start thinking now about themes for the baskets and what you can donate to put in the baskets. Please share your ideas with me.

Thank you!

-Sue Oliver, AAUW Funds Director

## *In Memoriam*



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Maryalice Seagrave**, who passed away peacefully on August 5, 2014 at the age of 92. Miss Seagrave was an Honorary Life Member of AAUW, having been a member for almost 60 years. Maryalice touched thousands of lives as an educator and a professional.

We also offer sympathy to the family of **Vicki Marshall**, who died on August 31, 2014. Vicki was a long-standing member of AAUW. She had been active in the Niagara Area Branch, then taking on the position of AAUW-NYS president in the mid-1990's, and most recently editing our Buffalo Branch newsletter.

We mourn the loss of both these AAUW friends.

# BOOK SALE REPORT

Betty Preble, Booksale Executive Committee



Unfortunately, we ran out of room in the September Advocate, but no report of the 2014 sale would be complete without a picture of the cake provided by Jean Hubbard! Three of our book sale stalwarts - Julia (Judy) Weidemann, Judy Clare, and Pat Baker all celebrate their birthdays around book sale time, so there's often a small celebration at the site. Please note the little "60" on the "book's" spine, signifying our 60th annual sale! Thanks, Jean!



Looking ahead, we're already working on our 2015 sale! We'll be open for receiving books and sorting almost every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9:30-noon at Kensington-Bailey Housing Services, 995 Kensington Ave. We'll be limited on Election Day since the building is a polling place, and we will shut down around the holidays and any day that the Buffalo schools are closed due to weather. Other than those few days, please bring books and/or join us in the fun!

## MEET OUR 2014 JACQUIE WALKER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!



The board unanimously approved the recommendation of this year's recipient of the Jacquie Walker Scholarship Award, **Samah Anwar Asfour**.

A graduate of Kenmore East High School and an incoming senior at the University of Buffalo majoring in political science and global gender studies, she has a 3.6 GPA. Her long-range goal is to earn JD and PhD degrees and to study international law and research Middle East politics.

An American-born daughter of Palestinian immigrants, she is the first in her family to attend college and has a strong commitment to helping refugees and immigrants in this country and abroad. She speaks English, French, and Arabic and anticipates a career in international law and women's rights issues. She also has a strong connection with AAUW, having founded the UB Student branch after representing UB at AAUW's National Conference of College Women Student Leaders and establishing the Women Empowered to Lead campaign on campus. Her efforts led to more students attending the AAUW conference. She also volunteered for Tech Savvy and Sister to Sister.

Samah co-founded Girl Effect to promote adolescent education of girls in Third World Countries and works to alleviate poverty through fundraising projects. She has worked with Journey's End Refugee Center where she uses her language skills to connect to Buffalo's newest residents, and through field trips to introduce them to their new home. The volunteers also cleaned apartments to house Vietnamese refugees. Through a UB department, she has mentored international students on campus.

Samah writes about how inspired she is by her parents' acclimation to their new country and the sacrifices they made for their children's education. She calls her mother, who died last year, her heroine.

# AAUW OFFERS CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT TOOL KIT

It's frightening to hear that the chance of a woman's being sexually assaulted during college is about the same as her chance of catching the flu during an average year.

In general, sexual assault is involuntary sexual contact that occurs through the use of force, coercion, or the victim's incapacitation. Sexual assault disproportionately affects college women and inhibits their full participation in campus life. Educational equity for women and girls requires fair, responsive, fully developed campus sexual assault policies, knowledgeable administrators, and, ultimately, an end to sexual violence on campuses.

This assault tool kit serves the needs of faculty, staff, students, and advocates. These resources are targeted to raise awareness about campus sexual assault so that everyone can help make campuses safe for all students. There are ideas for programming, answers to frequently asked questions, and ways to take action on campus, since everyone can play a role in ending sexual violence.

The tool kit identifies 10 ways to take action and five ways faculty and staff can fight sexual violence on campus as confidants and witnesses to behavior changes. Responses to some common questions are provided along with funding sources for public awareness initiatives.

Sexual assault is a learned behavior. By fostering a campus culture of gender equity and respect through programming, training, and awareness campaigns, faculty and staff can help prevent sexual assault. In response to a Title IX violation, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, developed SAFE@UNC, a central hub that provides students with information, resources, instant help, and the opportunity to receive trainings on interpersonal violence. SAFE@UNC also has a group of students and peer educators that provide personal, one-on-one services.

Faculty or staff members can be trained as facilitators and trainers to help their colleagues become more responsive to and aware of sexual violence issues. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center offers a sexual assault response team tool kit and assistance in the development, enhancement, and sustainability of a campus team.

Campus faculty or staff members can be influential in ensuring that comprehensive resources are made available

for survivors detailing what steps to take immediately after a sexual assault, providing trained staff and a safe, confidential environment in which to report a crime, assuring trained medical personnel who can provide HIV screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception, one-on-one and group counseling and support services, and Information on how to access a local rape crisis center or a national organization such as the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network's (RAINN's) online hotline.



Colleges and universities can benefit from lectures and sexual assault prevention programs presented by outside experts. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center maintains a database of experts. Local, community, or state antiviolence organizations can also provide names of local experts.

Lisa Maatz, vice president of government relations for AAUW, and a panel of local experts are participating in "The Sexual Assault Prevention and Compliance Summit" at Hilbert College on Friday, September 28 from 8 am to 3:30 pm.

After all, AAUW has been empowering women since 1881. With the multitude of college campuses in our area, that empowerment role is crucial.

- Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Director

## **My Sister's Keeper**

***I am my sister's keeper.  
We are in this together.***

***Not to win  
Not to compete  
Not to conquer***

***But to educate  
To nurture  
To help.***

***We are each other's keeper.***

***Let us celebrate  
The power within us all  
To make the difference  
To change the world!***

---Dr. Natasha Josefowitz

From AAUW NYS [www.aauw-nys.org/msk.htm](http://www.aauw-nys.org/msk.htm)



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, Oct 1, 5:45 pm** - Board Meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem at Saratoga in Snyder



**Saturday, Oct 11** - International Day of the Girl (and Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday!)

**Saturday, Nov 1, 9 am-1:30 pm** - "Women in STEM" District One Conference, hosted by the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch, at SUNY Fredonia (details on page 1)

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

**Thursday, Nov 6, 7 pm** - "Betty Crocker, Media Icon", Ebenezer United Church of Christ

**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

**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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