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betty.preble@gmail.com.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE BUFFALO BRANCH

The AAUW Buffalo Branch is pleased to invite you to our annual "Potluck" dinner on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 5:30. In addition to presentations of the Jacquie Walker and Olga Lindberg Scholarships, our program will include remarks by past recipients of AAUW award monies, informative presentations about our Annual Scholarship Book Sale, and announcements about programs for 2014-2015.

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 a catered buffet of mixed green salad with citrus herb vinaigrette, penne primavera, chicken marsala with mushrooms, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and water, with board members providing appetizers and desserts. We ask only a \$10 per person contribution

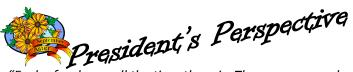
Monday, September 22, 2014 Christ United Methodist Church 350 Saratoga Road (Harlem at Saratoga) Amherst, NY 14226 5:30 – 8:00 PM



Registration at 5:30 PM, Program starts at 6:00 PM

Mail to: Sonia Falkowski, 135 (Capen Blvd., Amherst, NY 14226 by September 15
My check in the amount of \$	(\$10 per person) payable to
AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed	d.
Name:	
	Email:

If you have special dietary needs or desire transportation assistance, call Betty Krist at 675-4059 **by September 7**. Please contact her also if you can help set up or clean up, again **by September 7**. Thank you!



"Each of us has... all the time there is. Those years, weeks, hours, are the sands in the glass running swiftly away. To let them drift through our fingers is tragic waste. To use them to the hilt, making them count for something, is the beginning of wisdom."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

At one point I was thinking a big "rah, rah" message would be in order for the beginning of the AAUW year. However, this has been a tough summer for our Buffalo group AND for our world and our local community. To my knowledge we have lost one of our long-time branch members and at least two beloved husbands. In addition, we have a dysfunctional Congress (I think we can agree on that, no matter which side,) we have renewed racial anxiety exacerbated by the situation in Missouri, we have a turbulent (to put it mildly) Middle Eastern Europe. In short, our little world seems to be going, as the old saying goes, "to hell in a handbasket".

What are we doing with our years, weeks, hours? It may sound heretical, but I myself have been making a concerted effort to have more fun and to spend time doing things I enjoy doing with my family and friends which includes AAUW friends. I want to cherish the time we all have and I think that enjoying life is <u>not</u> necessarily "letting it drift through our fingers." Unfortunately, I am not always successful in this effort!

However, I am also trying to be sure that I am making a difference somewhere. How is my being here on earth having an impact? AAUW is my primary philanthropic effort. How am I facilitating our mission to make a difference for women and girls? How are YOU helping?

Let's work together to be sure that our minutes are counting for something wonderful!

Betty Preble, AAUW Buffalo President

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Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:

Sept 10 – UB Distinguished Speaker – Author Cheryl Strayed – Ticket info @ Buffalo.edu/DSS

Sept 10-Oct 12 – The Drowsy Chaperone at MusicalFare

Sept 12-28 – Fiddler on the Roof at Lancaster Opera House

Sept 13 – An Evening with Renee Fleming at Kleinhan's

Sept 14—The Erwin H. Johnson Memorial Fund Fall Concert at Amherst Community Church— James Wright and Nancy Townsend presenting arias and art Songs

Until Sept 21 – Mummies – Buffalo Museum of Science

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

Nov 7-9 - Mamma Mia 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

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 <u>www.nickelcityoperaco.com</u>, 692-2413

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

Barbara Carier



Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Groups

SOCIAL BRIDGE GROUP (NEW!!)

Joyce Bol has formed a bridge group (perhaps two tables?) for Sept. 2014 through June 2015. Please call her if you are a social bridge player (no fanatics, please) with your ideas. Bridge is a natural fit for our AAUW membership. Please contact Joyce at 698-6801 or by email at travelon6066@roadunner.com.



KNITTING GROUP

When: **Wednesday, Sep 10, 2014, 2-4 pm**Where: **Barnes & Noble Cafe** on Transit near



What: Bring your knitting and/or crochet project

Contact: Marilyn Carmichael: 228-8626 or

mcarmichael@aol.com

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, Sep 24, 2014 at 5:30 pm Where: Bob Evans Restaurant Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst

Book: The Light Keeper's Legacy, by Kathleen

Ernst

Reviewer: to be announced

Contact: Suzanne Grossman: 837-8769



When: Wednesday, Sep 17, 2014 at 5:30 pm

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant,

1925 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst Book: *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin Discussion Leader: **Marilyn Carmichael**

Facilitator: Leona Barback

Reservations: Fran Witnauer: 688-5708 or

Grandmafran44@yahoo.com



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, Sep 14, 2014, at 4 pm

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

Book: All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

Contact: Karen Huffman-Kelly at 839-4754 or

kshk152@yahoo.com



FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Marilyn Carmichael, <u>mcarmichael45@aol.com</u> or 228-8626 (cell)

Calling on all AAUW Branch members to attend any study group of their choice. You will enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow AAUW members. Why not start your AAUW year by coming to a Study/Interest Group!

Please see the book groups' lists for the year on the next page.



Our 2014-15 Branch Program

Time to get out your calendars and/or smartphones and save some dates. Here's our tentative (99% certain) program:

October 11 International Day of the Girl

November 1 District 1 Program – "WOMEN in STEM" – SUNY Fredonia, time TBA

(details in our next *Advocate*)

November 6 "Betty Crocker, AAUW member, Feminist", Ebenezer UCC

December 11 Buffalo Branch Archives, at UB Archives, 1 – 3 pm

January 18 "I am Malala", Kabab & Curry, 2 – 4 pm

February 7 "Taste of Buffalo Branch" (LAF fundraiser along with Ebenezer UCC)March 8 International Women's Day, Adam's Mark Hotel, noon – 2:30 pm

April 17 – 19 AAUW NYS Convention, Byblos Resort and Spa, Grand Island

May 16 Buffalo Branch Awards Luncheon & Annual Meeting, Buffalo Yacht Club

May 27-31 Buffalo Branch Book Sale, location TBA

July 24-26 AAUW-NYS Conference, Cazenovia College



BOOK GROUP LISTS 2014-2015

Clueless Mystery Book Club will generally meet at 5:30 pm (please note change of time from previous years) on the fourth Wednesday at Bob Evans Restaurant - 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd. Reservations - Suzanne Grossman.

DATE	воок	AUTHOR
Tues, Sep 23	The Light Keeper's Legacy	Kathleen Ernst
Wed, Oct 22	The Grave Gourmet	Alexander Campion
Nov	NO MEETING	
Tues, Dec 2	Except the Dying	Maureen Jennings
Wed, Jan 28	Death and Restoration	lain Pears
Wed, Feb 25	Consigned to Death or Lethal Treasure	Jane K. Cleland
Wed, Mar 25	City of Whispers	Marcia Muller
Wed, Apr 22	BOOK SELECTION FOR 2015-2016 SEASON	
Tues, May 26	Die in Plain Sight	Elizabeth Lowell
Wed, June 24	Death in the Floating City	Tasha Alexander

Dinner by the Book will meet at 5:30 pm at Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd. in Amherst (691-0778), generally on the third Wednesday of the month. Reservations - Fran Witnauer

DATE	воок	AUTHOR
Wed, Sep 17	The Orchardist	Amanda Coplin
Wed, Oct 15	Love and War: Twenty Years, Three Presidents, Two Daughters and One Louisiana Home	James Carville and Mary Matalin
Wed, Nov 19	River of Doubt: TR's Darkest Journey	Candice Millard
Wed, Dec 17	The Invention of Wings	Sue Monk Kidd
Wed, Jan 21	The Names of My Mothers	Dianne Riordan
Wed, Feb 18	Walden on Wheels	Ken Ilgunas
Wed, Mar 18	Me Before You	Jojo Moyes
Wed, Apr 15	BOOK SELECTION FOR 2015-2016 SEASON	
Wed, May 20	People of the Book	Geraldine Brooks
Wed, June 17	Sweetness in the Belly	Camilla Gibb

Sunday Book Club meets on a Sunday near the middle of each month at 4 pm at Sweetness 7 Cafe, 301 Parkside Drive (across from the zoo). Contact - Karen Huffman-Kelly.

DATE	воок	AUTHOR
Sun, Sep 14	All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr
Sun, Oct 19	The Other Wes Moore	Wes Moore
Sun, Nov 9	Wide Sargasso Sea	Jean Rhys
Sun, Jan 11	Blood Will Out	Walter Kirn
Feb, TBD	l am Malala	Malala Yousafzai
Sun, Mar 8	Please Take a Care of Mother	Kyung-sook Shin
Sun, Apr 12	The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet	Reif Larson
Sun, May 17	Into Thick Air	Jim Malusa
Sun, June 14	SURPRISE NEW BOOK!!!	



REMINDER - DUES ARE OVERDUE!

It's that time!!! If the mailing label on this issue has asterisks by your name, we do not have a record of having received your 2014-2015 dues. Please send your

check, along with any change in address/phone number/ email address to Freddie Cheek, 406 Maynard Drive, Amherst, NY 14226-2929. Please contact Freddie or Barbara Weber or Pat Miceli if you have any questions.

AAUW DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

About 20 Buffalo Branch members and friends joined about 150 other AAUW members from across New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan at AAUW Day at Chautauqua on Friday, Aug 8. Thanks to the Jamestown Branch who once again organized this event, and thanks to the United Church of Christ House there who provided a lovely porch from which several of us could hear the talk in comfort. Join us next year! It's a great chance to get acquainted on the drive down and then to meet with other AAUW members!

BOOK SALE REPORT

The 60th annual Scholarship Book Bale repeated its success of the previous year! We grossed over \$70,000 at the sale itself, an outstanding result due to the hard work of our wonderful workers! Pat Swift-MacClennan once again coordinated a wonderful publicity effort! We were featured on the "Weather Outside" show with Mike Randall a couple of days before the sale, there were newspaper articles, and there were **many** plugs for the sale by our honorary chair Jacquie Walker. A new twist

this year was the "60-60-60" campaign promoted by Kathleen Murphy . In honor of our 60th sale, we featured one book each day on our website and our Facebook page for the sixty days leading up to the sale.

The presale income and table donations brought our income for this sale up to almost \$75,000! Of course, there were expenses, which included rent, utilities, table rentals, moving costs, printing (postcards, receipts, etc), security, and miscellaneous supplies. The net was still well over \$50,000.



Where does the money go? A variety of wonderful places: the national fund which will eventually be our third Buffalo-sponsored national fellowship (this one honors Hillary Clinton), our local scholarships (including the Jacquie Walker scholarship) and interest-free loans, Tech Savvy, Sister-to-Sister, plus some support for our branch programs, all of which are open to the public.

This year once again there was no single "chair". Instead, the steering committee consisted of five people: Cindy Koch, Roberta Travis, Judy Huber, Barbara Carier, and Betty Preble. Of course, many others contributed, both with hours of work and their institutional knowledge. I know I will miss some, but I must mention (in no particular order) Fred

Howard, Judy Weidemann, Judy Clare, Pat Swift-MacClennan, Pat Baker, Janet Ostrow, Sue Licata, Karen Howard, Bobbie Ross, Barb Smith, Sue Oliver, Phyllis Galie, Barb Engler, Jill Brown, Rose Tarzia, Karen Howard, Ron Gilmore, Don Birdd, Debi Szeluga, Barbara and Mark Weber, Ruth Auer, Diane Silvestro, Pauline Dyson, and Barbara Libby! Many others helped out with tables, moving, etc. Apologies to those not named. Many volunteer hours (an astounding 4,446) went

into the project from members and book lovers outside the membership. 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. We had hoped to do that this year, but schedules interfered.

Representatives from two charities 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 third 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 61st sale, to be held May 27-31, 2015. Sorting hours will begin on Tuesday, Sep 16 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, Booksale Executive Committee



Please welcome our new (and returning) members:

Ms. Candace Frerk

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lege 1978

Degree: MA Humanities (Art History/History), University at

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Degree: MD University of Minnesota 2005

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Ronald P. Gilmore

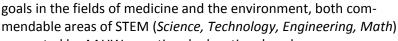
6995 Peppertree Ct. Lockport, NY 14094 Cell: 638-1024

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Degree: BA English, Houghton College 1967

SCHOLARSHIP INFO!

This year the Olga Lindberg Scholarship is awarded to two extraordinary women who blend academic accomplishment with community service. Each has overcome personal set-backs to attain career



supported by AAUW as national educational goals.

SARA GOFF, a medical student at the University at Buffalo is the \$10,000 AAUW winner. Sara's sterling record in the challenging pre-med courses at UB accompanies her passion for helping others as evidenced by her tutoring and her EMT work. In addition, she has mastered the Spanish language to better communicate with patients in the Buffalo area where she intends to practice medicine.

\$5000 is awarded to **ROBIN L. FOSTER**, who studied environmental biology at UB, Buffalo State, and Canisius and is now working toward a PhD and college teaching in environmental sciences. She found it fulfilling teaching non-science majors at Buffalo State how science works in their everyday lives. Volunteering with wild-life rehabilitation (SPCA) and her role as Sunday School Superintendent offered additional opportunities to share her own devotion to the beauty and diversity of the natural world with others. Olga Lindberg, whose endowment these scholarships fund and who was herself an accomplished woman scientist, would be justifiably proud of Sara Goff and Robin Foster as the 2014 AAUW awardees.

Pauline Dyson, Olga Lindberg Scholarship Chair



Education Issues and News...

Last year I wrote two columns about the Common Core standards for K-12 education. I assume that you have heard the near-constant arguing about them. The loudest voices seem to be coming from those who are against the changes, which have been adopted by the New York State Education Department and most of the other states and territories.

Indeed, last week a young woman came to my door asking me to sign a petition calling for the repeal of the Common Core. She claimed to be from UB and she was shocked

when I told her that I absolutely would not agree with anyone who wanted to lower our educational standards. Then I asked her if she really wanted lower standards. She had no answer. I doubt she was from UB and I doubt she was from any legitimate entity seeking to improve our society. Probably we could agree that many schools can do a better job preparing teachers to tailor instruction to the individual needs of their students. However, our national AAUW has gathered studies indicating success when teachers and schools are actively engaged and time is put aside for teacher collaboration to implement the new standards. You can read more about this on the AAUW website at www.aauw.org.

I fear that some of those loud voices against the new standards have another motivation, not the support of high-quality public education for all.

Barbara Carier



CNU 22

CNU 22 (The 22nd Annual Congress for the New Urbanism) took place in Buffalo on June 4-7, 2014 attracting over 1200 people from all over the world. The program included tours of areas in and around the city, as well as sessions with keynote speakers and workshops with panelists. The primary attendees were urban planners, architects, developers, academics, consultants, environmental activity.

ists, and those of us in the general public who share an interest in what happens in the design of our environment. There was a range of registration fees for the conference, depending on whether the partici-

pant was a speaker, student, volunteer, elected official, or in some other notable category. Some events were free to the public, although it was a good idea to either use the app or go online to follow the schedule changes.

Media coverage was excellent, generating two long front page articles in the Buffalo News, daily coverage, and several opinion pieces, so this summary will include personal impressions from the perspective of a participant/volunteer. I did not attend the tours since they added to the cost and a local resident could always do the tours at another time. The Silo City tour, for example, was planned for approximately 300-500 people and when 1000 came, they ran out of beer, among other things. The feedback on tours in general was very positive. People seem to be astounded by our beautiful buildings and neighborhoods. The opening ceremony attracted the lieutenant governor, the mayors of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and the county executive among the dignitaries. Speakers such as Ken Greenberg, internationally renowned architect, writer, and

urbanist, who told us that our cities grew between 1947 and 1979 and then they grew apart between 1980 and 2007, leading to tremendous stress on cities with aging infrastructure and no resources to deal with it. The theme of the conference was "The Resilient Community." There is a need to try new alliances, new tools, and new techniques to embrace our diversity and to make obsolescent areas more productive. This introduction led to wonderful opportunities for networking, sharing ideas, and gathering

new information at each session.

For instance, did you know that Toronto has a population of 2.8 million and it's the fastest growing city in North Amer-

ica? Did you know that college debt is greater than all credit card debt and that it is influencing young people's choices about their environment? Did you realize that most of our cars are parked 95 percent of the time and forty percent of our trips are three miles or less? The suburban experience may be over, and our decisions should focus on "people scale" rather than "auto scale." We saw handsome solutions to urban planning in other parts of the world where they don't use the car as much and the environment supports walking, biking, and public transportation. In the United States, we need a new American dream to effectively capture the imagination, one that counters the need for suburban migration and sprawl. To help achieve that goal, CNU became a forum for fellowship of the next generation of new urbanists dedicated to new ideas.

> Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Chair & CNU 22 volunteer

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Sep 3, 5:45 pm
Board Meeting at
Ebenezer United Church of Christ,
630 Main St, West Seneca



Monday, Sep 22 – Branch

"potluck" at Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem at Saratoga in Snyder. Details on pg 1.

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

Saturday, Nov 1 - "Women in STEM" District One Conference, hosted by the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch, at SUNY Fredonia

Thursday, Nov 6 - "Betty Crocker, AAUW member, Feminist", Ebenezer United Church of Christ

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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