

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Jan. 16, 2016 - Muslim in America at Kabab and Curry, Williamsville.
- Feb. 6, 2016 - Exercise and Nutrition = Health - Aquatic Center, Tonawanda.
- Mar. 8, 2016 - International Women's Day, time and place tba.
- Mar. 19, 2016 - Tech Savvy at UB's North Campus. See page 5.
- Apr. 15-17, 2016 - AAUW New York State Convention in Saratoga Springs. See page 3.



Happy Holidays

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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. Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.

Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Let us know! Send a message to Laurie Eikemeyer!

December Program Victorian Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show



Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site 641 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202 Saturday, December 12, 2015, 1:30 seating

Parking at Site, Holiday Inn across the street or 20th Century Club down the street. Site is handicapped accessible and has an elevator.

Any questions, please contact Lillis McLean or Mary Crocker.



January Program

Saturday, Jan. 16th at Noon "Muslim in America"

Speakers :

Tahmina Rehman

(coming to America as a young bride,)

Madeeha Almashhadany

(Tahmina's daughter speaking of Growing up in America,)

Pam Kefi (raising Muslim children in America)

Location: Kabab and Curry, 8445 Main St, Williamsville

Contact Lillis McLean for details at 873-7467 or by email: lillismclean@gmail.com.

As I write this column, I am watching the leaves gently fall to the ground. I know winter is right around the corner. It is time to put away my golf clubs and dust off my cross country skis and snowshoes. I look forward to winter sports as I enjoy outdoor activities.

It is almost December and it is one of the busiest months of the year. For many of us, it is a time of family and religious celebrations. Some will travel to celebrate with family and friends. We are immersed in holiday parties, decorating, baking, cooking, and sending greeting cards. Radio stations are playing seasonal songs reminding us that it is the "most wonderful time of the year."

December is also a gift giving time of year for many of us. Is there someone on your gift list for whom it is hard to buy something? Consider giving a gift of membership to AAUW. Not only is it a gift that lasts all year, it can also enrich someone's life with participation in our association. Our Buffalo Branch has many wonderful programs, activities, and interest groups that have universal appeal. A new member can also bring in additional members when they invite someone to a branch program.

I hope that all of our members experience joy and peace during this season. Best wishes for happiness and good health in the New Year!



Carol Golyski,
Co-President

As Co-President of Buffalo Branch AAUW, I often receive e-mails/fliers to attend various functions. I recently received an invitation to attend a celebration of the bicentennial year of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthday. This event was to be held on November 14 at Wesleyan Chapel and The Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls, New York. The flier mentioned The Women's Rights National Historical Park, the Seneca Falls Historical Society Museum, and the Women's Hall of Fame.

Where is Seneca Falls, NY? What does Elizabeth Cady Stanton have to do with Seneca Falls? Where is the Women's Rights National Historical Park? I spent some time reading about Seneca Falls, Stanton, and all of the women involved in the women's suffrage movement.

Seneca Falls is a small town located between Rochester and Syracuse, New York. Organized March 26, 1829, it became the Village of Seneca Falls on April 22, 1831.

On July 19 and 20, 1848, the first women's rights convention was held at the Wesleyan Chapel on Fall Street in Seneca Falls. More than 300 people attended the Seneca Falls Convention, including former African American slave and activist Frederick Douglass. The objective of the convention was to publicly discuss the injustices against women. A group of delegates, led by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, produced a "Declaration of Sentiments" document, which was modeled after the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are

created equal: that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights: which means among other things...that women should have the right to vote." Other women who helped to organize this convention were Lucretia Mott, Jane Hunt, and Mary Ann McClintock. How inspiring that the birth of the women's suffrage movement began so close to us.



Stanton continued throughout her life to advocate change for women's citizenship, including women's suffrage, dress reform, girls' sports, equal employment, property rights, equal wages, divorce and custody law reform, collective households, coeducation, and religious reform. She also wrote and published several books throughout her lifetime.

The site of the Women's Rights National Historical Park at Seneca Falls, includes the location of the first Women's Rights Convention, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House (the house where she and her family lived,) the National Women's Hall of Fame, the Seneca Falls Historical Society, and the Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry. Now that I am aware of the great history of Seneca Falls, perhaps next summer, I will take some time to visit and view the sites there, particularly the National Women's Hall of Fame. I hope that you will, also.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday and see you next year.

Cynthia Mehary,
Co-President

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Buffalo Branch November Study/Interest Groups

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**** Note change of date and week of the month**

When: Tuesday, December 1st at 5:30 pm.

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant
1925 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Book: *Ghost Hero* by S. J. Rozan

Facilitator: Barbara Libby

Contact: Suzanne Grossman at 837-8769



¡ADELANTE BOOK CLUB!

AAUW'S diverse group of books to highlight women's issues. Join us whether you have read the book or not!

When: Tuesday, December 8th from 1-2 pm.
(Special Dec. Date)

Where: Baptist Manor's Library, 276 Linwood Ave.,
Buffalo 14202

Parking available in the back of the lot or on Linwood Avenue

Book: *WILD: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*
By Cheryl Strayed

Facilitator: Sylvia Volk, along with a guest reviewer, a recent hiker in Alaska

Following the book discussion at 2 pm will be a FREE showing of the 2 hour movie: *Wild* based on the book in the Community Room... movie is open to all

Contact: Sylvia Volk at 881-1424 or by email:
volks@roadrunner.com



WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wednesday, December 9th at 6 pm

Where: Korea House, 402 Evans Rd., Williamsville
****Dinner & Conversation**

RSVP: Barbara Libby by phone 836-8303 or Email
bplibby1@verizon.net by **Dec. 9th**



KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, December 9th from 2-4 pm.
(Second Wednesday of each month)

Where: Barnes and Noble Café on Transit Rd.
near Main St.

What: Bring your knitting and/or crochet project or just come to be inspired with new ideas!

Contact: Karen Howard at 480-3652 or email
kkhoward@roadrunner.com



THE HAPPY WANDERERS

New AAUW Interest Group to explore WNY treasures, well-known and otherwise.

When: Monday, December 14th at 11:00 am.

Where: Museum of Disability History, 3826 Main St., Eggertsville
Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors

What: Tour of the Museum (guided if we have enough people) then lunch at the Lake Effect Diner, 3165 Main St., Buffalo

RSVP By **Dec. 7th**, please contact Betty Preble at 662-0608 or email betty.preble@gmail.com

Parking: Side of the Building



DINNER BY THE BOOK

****Note change in location!**

When: Wednesday, December 16th at 5:30 pm.

Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.,
Amherst Interior closed room reserved for the book club

Book: *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

Leaders: Leona Barback, Facilitator & Sue Licata, Discussion Leader

RSVP: Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or grandmafran44@yahoo.com



BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: Thursday, December 17th from 1-3 pm.

Where: Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, Conference Room, 1030 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga

What: Bring your current project. Come to share ideas and be inspired as well!

RSVP: Barbara Weber at 725-7839 or email
blweber50@verizon.net



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

**** NO MEETING in DECEMBER 2015**

Plan on reading ahead for the January 24, 2016 selection: *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez.



We welcome all current and prospective members to attend any of our study group activities.

FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

Marilyn Carmichael, mcarmichael45@aol.com or
Call 228-8626

SAVE THE DATE



2016 AAUW NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

AAUW Women on the Move:
Achieving Women's Economic Justice

*AAUW NYS Convention will be held at the
Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs,
April 15-17, 2016*



AAUW UB STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Events from this past Fall '15 Semester

As the school year began, the University at Buffalo AAUW Student Association started planning ahead for exciting upcoming events. Some of the most successful events were the **Meet and Greet**, UB's **WE LEAD: Women Empowered to Lead Conference** and **"The Hunting Grounds" documentary night**. We love hearing back from all the students who attended and so far we have had some great feedback.

The **Meet and Greet** in October had a wonderful turnout as we enjoyed snacks and students had the chance to meet UB AAUW members. Afterwards there was a short discussion on what AAUW represents and how to get involved. At the end was a short networking session where current AAUW members intermingled with interested students and got to answer questions.

Our **WE LEAD: Women Empowered to Lead Conference** was an amazing learning experience and included giving presentations to small groups of men and women about leadership roles. Dennis Black, the University Vice President, gave a stellar introduction to the conference, and he was followed by an inspiring keynote speaker. For the rest of the day there were sessions that carried the leadership theme and it ended in a giveaway of UB Lead duffle bags.

On November 11th, we showed the film, **"The Hunting Grounds"** which is an award winning documentary on rape and sexual assault on campus. There was a short discussion led by the UB Wellness Center after the film. Overall it was a great learning experience.

Francesca D'Alessandro

PUBLIC POLICY

Update on some of the issues of interest to AAUW members

Sexual Assault on College Campuses -

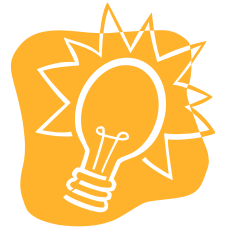
Some of the best programs at this time in terms of campus strategy are the Green Dot Program at the University of Kentucky that creates a culture of support addressing all forms of gender-based bias. The Green Dot strategy is a comprehensive approach to the primary prevention of violence that capitalizes on the power of peer and cultural influence across all levels. The University of New Hampshire Bystander Intervention Program is considered to be the most measured and most effective program. Bystander Intervention may well be the best hope for reducing sexual assaults on campuses. Mostly it is common sense:



If a drunk young man at a party is pawing a drunk young woman, then someone nearby (the *bystander*) needs to step in (*intervene*) and get one of them out of there. These programs are expensive so the WNY Consortium of Colleges & Universities tries to leverage the cost by forming a sub-consortium for small colleges. UB's focus on athletes and Greek organizations is offered to members of the consortium. It's clear that some young women need to become stronger leaders rather than "tending to go along to get along." They get mixed messages in this "hook-up culture." There is a need to connect with existing organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts, and events such as Tech Savvy and Sister-to-Sister to get the appropriate messages to young girls about choices they make.

Paid Family Leave - Hope springs eternal for passage of paid family leave in NYS in the next session. State Senator Marc Pane-pinto held a media event in mid-November at the Mahoney State Office Building to highlight the need for this change in the workplace. A local female pediatrician and a young single mother with her baby in her arms gave persuasive presentations on the importance of early mother-child bonding and the financial difficulty facing a young working mother. Family leave can also be used for a variety of other family circum-

stances that require time off. A pool of money for this purpose is established with small contributions from employers and employees.



WNY Women's Foundation – This organization takes pride in its goal of transforming our community by investing in women and girls with a focus on advocacy on four issues: quality childcare, childcare subsidies, pay equity, and paid family leave. Its lead-

ers also want to harness and convene the collective energy of women's organizations by aligning support on issues.

See www.wnywomensfoundation.org.

AAUW Public Policy Committee – I have sent a message to new members who indicated an interest in public policy or community action hoping that we could schedule a meeting to discuss possible strategies and tactics for involvement on specific AAUW public policy issues. This effort is not restricted to new members. I would like to hear from others with an interest in more local action on many critical issues facing women. Please indicate your interest in joining our effort by calling me at 634-2412 or email to deutschmt@buffalostate.edu.

Marian Deutschman,
Public Policy Chair



Save the Date!

**Tech Savvy Conference
Saturday, March 19, 2016**

If you take a look outside, the weather is a bit cloudy. However, *the sun is just around the corner...* and so is the **eleventh annual Tech Savvy conference**. And bright it will be! On **Saturday, March 19**, we will welcome about 500 girls in 6th – 9th grade for the middle school program and approximately 100 10th-12th 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 with a fun theme: **Tech Savvy Girls: Our Futures Are So Bright that We Have to Wear Shades!**



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We are working on the speakers for the conference, and planning meetings start this month, so won't you join us?

If you would like to join the planning effort or volunteer for the day, please email Tamara at tbforauw@cs.com.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Tamara Brown,
Tech Savvy Coordinator

Family Justice Center

**A Solution for Unsolicited
Gifts Received in Your Mail-
box**



We all receive those unsolicited gifts in the mail along with a request for a contribution to a charity. Most often, we may not use these items but would like to pass them on. The Family Justice Center will accept greeting cards and calendars that you will not be using. Bring them to any Buffalo Branch activity and we will deliver them to the Family Justice Center. Please remove any personally identifiable information from the gifts that you are donating. Thank you for helping victims of domestic violence.



Sorting at the book sale site will continue during the holiday season with the exception of the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

The site will be **closed** for donations and sorting on **Dec. 22nd and 23rd** and **Dec. 29th and 30th**.

Work will resume Jan. 5th and 6th. We look forward to seeing everyone after what we hope will be a happy holiday season for all.

Pat Swift-MacClennan,
Book Sale Committee



NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members:

Joan Kernan
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E-mail: JKernan100@gmail.com
Degree: SUNY Oneonta 1975 BS Education
Occupation: Research Developer, UB Dept. of Family Medicine
Interests: book sale committee
Other groups: how to play bridge



Please update your 2016 Roster when it arrives with the following correct information:

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Degrees:
University of Lund, Sweden 1988 BA Liberal Arts
SUNY Buffalo 1993 BFA Print making
Pratt Institute 1996 MFA Painting
Occupation: certified art teacher
Interests: Sunday Book Club

Diane O'Brien,
Membership Recruitment VP

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Dec. 2 - Board Meeting at Daemen College at 6:15 pm

Dec. 12 - **Holiday Program** at Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site

Jan. 16, 2016 - **Muslim in America** at Kabab and Curry, Williamsville at noon

Feb. 6, 2016 - **Exercise and Nutrition = Health** at Aquatic Center, Tonawanda

Feb. 10, 2016 - **Celebration of Susan B. Anthony's Birthday** in Rochester

Mar. 19, 2016 - **Tech Savvy** at UB's North Campus

Apr. 15-17, 2016 - **AAUW New York State Convention** in Saratoga Springs

Jun. 1-5 - **Annual Book Sale**



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 empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential .*

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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