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Sept. 28 - Annual "Pot Luck" Dinner

Oct. 17 - District One Conference - details coming next month.

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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!

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH
is pleased to invite you to our

ANNUAL "POT LUCK" DINNER

A Celebration of our 125th Anniversary and
the start of our New Year

In addition to presentations of the Jacquie Walker, Dorothy Payne and Olga Lindberg Scholarships, our program will include informative presentations about our Annual Scholarship Book Sale and announcements about programs and interest groups for 2015-2016.

Monday, September 28, 2015

**Christ United Methodist Church,
350 Saratoga Road (Harlem and Saratoga)
Amherst, NY 14226**

5:30 Registration, 6:00 Dinner
Lynne Rapin, Chair

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 dinner of your choice of lemon chicken, beef roll-up (with gravy) or vegetarian stuffed shells (small) Dinner also includes: roasted red potatoes, sautéed zucchini and summer squash, French bread, chef salad, dessert, and decaf coffee.

Please respond with dinner selection on the Reservation Form on page 4





Dear members,

GREETINGS to all Buffalo AAUW Members

As Co-President, I look forward to serving the members of the Buffalo Branch and furthering the mission of AAUW.

My name is Cynthia Mehary, Co-President of AAUW Buffalo Branch for the 2015-2017. I have been an active member of AAUW for about seven years, serving first as VP of Membership Recruitment for two terms and then on the Nominating Committee for one. During those years, membership increased to 227 members and we were awarded AAUW-NYS \$25 membership incentives on two occasions. In addition, I volunteered with Tech Savvy and the Sister-to-Sister programs. Other activities included participation in the Annual Book Sale, coordinating the New Member Reception at the Book Sale site, and volunteering with various scholarship selection committees.

I have been a member for over 25 years (I joined when I was in kindergarten!!) I have been an active member, attending various programs, interests groups, and working at the annual book sale. Positions that I have held over the years include book sale publicity co-chair, historian, membership committee member, and most recently the Grassroots Grant Chair. In addition to branch programs, I have attended district, state, and national meetings. Over the years, I have met many interesting individuals and forged many memories.

This past April I attended the AAUW NYS Convention here in Buffalo and also the Annual Summer Conference in Cazenovia, NY. Membership in AAUW Buffalo has been very gratifying for me. As your Co-President, I will continue to work towards maintaining and improving our Buffalo Branch.

It is my hope that all of our members will participate in our branch activities and take advantage of the many educational and cultural programs that are offered.

Cynthia Mehary
Co-President

Carol Golyski
Co-President



“What could we accomplish if we knew we could not fail?”

— Eleanor Roosevelt



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 2015-2016 dues.* If we do not receive your dues, you will miss out on Advocates, meetings, events, and interest groups.

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 (blweber50@verizon.net) or Pat Miceli (pwmiceli@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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Send address changes to:

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Happenings...

Coming events which may interest you:



Sept. 17 - Oct. 4 – For Heaven’s Sake! By Laura Pederson at 710 Main Theatre

Sept. 18 - Oct. 18 - A Little Night Music at Irish Classical Theatre.

Sept. 19 - Jim Brickman, The Platinum Tour in concert at the Riviera Theatre

Sept. 19 - Jazz vocalist Gretchen Parlato at Drama Theatre, UB Center for the Arts

Sept. 20 - Give for Greatness Benefit Concert: The Best of Broadway at Kleinhans Music Hall

Sept. 29 - Oct. 4 – Newsies at Shea’s

Theater Contact Information:

Amherst Symphony – 633-4606 www.amherstsymphony.com

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

Fallsview Casino – Niagara Falls, Ontario www.fallsviewcasinoresort.com

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

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



Annual “Pot Luck” Dinner Registration Form

Select one entrée per person (cost is \$12 per meal) - Please include quantity if more than one person selects a meal

- Lemon chicken or
- Beef roll-up (with gravy) or
- Vegetarian: stuffed shells (small)

Dinner also includes: roasted red potatoes, sautéed zucchini and summer squash, French bread, chef salad, dessert, and decaf coffee.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest Names _____

Send reservation form with \$12 per person by check to Lynne Rapin, 1383 Seneca Creek Road, West Seneca, NY 14224. **Reservations accepted until September 20.**



Buffalo Branch September Study/Interest Groups

KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, September 9th from 2-4 pm.
Where: Barnes and Noble Café on Transit Rd. near Main St.
What: Bring your knitting and/or crochet project
Contact: Karen Howard at 480-3652 or email kkhoward@roadrunner.com



BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: Thursday, September 17th from 1-3 pm.
Where: Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, Conference Room, 1030 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga
What: Bring your current project to work on
RSVP: Barbara Weber at 668-5466 or cell 725-7839 or email blweber50@verizon.net



WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Thursday, September 10th at 6 pm.
Where: Shango's, 3260 Main St., Buffalo
What: New AAUW Study Group for members to share dinner & conversation
RSVP: Barbara Libby by phone 836-8303 or Email bplibby1@verizon.net by Monday, September 7th



CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, September 30th at 5:30 pm
NOTE: Mtg. is changed to the 5th Wed. in Sept. due to Yom Kippur on 9/23
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst
Book: **The Cuckoo Calling** by Robert Galbraith
Facilitator: Mary Georger
Contact: Suzanne Grossman at 837-8769



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, September 13th from 4-6 pm.
Where: Sweetness 7 Café on Parkside Ave. across from the Zoo
What: **My Name is Asher Lev** by Chaim Potok
Contact: Karen Huffman-Kelly at 839-4754 or email kshk1@yahoo.com



THE HAPPY WANDERERS

When: Thursday, October 8th at 11:30 am.
Where: Karpeles Manuscript Library at 453 Porter Ave., Buffalo. Near Kleinhans.
What: New AAUW Interest Group to explore WNY treasures, well-known and otherwise. Tour of the Library and the current exhibit "Maps of the US." Followed by lunch at Betty's Restaurant, 370 Virginia St.
RSVP: Betty Preble at 662-0608 or email betty.preble@gmail.com by Oct. 6.
Suggestions for future trips most welcome!



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 pm.
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst
Book: **Orphan Train** by Christine Baker Kline
RSVP Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or grandmafran44@yahoo.com



FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

Marilyn Carmichael, mcarmichael45@aol.com or
228-8626 (cell)


— 7th Annual Seminar —
The Impact of Globalization on World Religions
Saturday, September 26th, 2015 • 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst, 6320 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221
Register at InterfaithSeminars.org
Admission is FREE of charge. Refreshments and Hors D'Oeuvres will be served.

9.26.15
SAVE THE DATE

Interfaith Seminars

- What role can or should religions play in responding to globalization's pressures?
- Is religion a force of good or of evil in world politics?
- Will globalization bring greater tolerance, or will it breed even deeper separation and religious parochialism?

Shanaz Butt, Diane Christian, Hope Hoetzer-Cook, Hodan Isse and Betty Krist will address specific ways that women, political and economic institutions, the media, and individuals can help guide the response of religion to global challenges.

The Interfaith Seminar will be moderated by Enid Bloch.

The seminar's Interfaith Partners are:

Congregation Havurah of Williamsville, Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst, and the Women's Auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Buffalo.
Thank you to our hosts, Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst and Kabab and Curry.

BOOK GROUP LISTS 2015-2016

Clueless Mystery Book Club will generally meet at 5:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday at Bob Evans Restaurant - 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd. Reservations - Suzanne Grossman at 837-8769



Date	Title	Author
Wed., Sep. 30, 2015	The Cuckoo Calling	Robert Galbraith
Wed., Oct. 28, 2015	Keeper Of Lost Causes	Jussi Adler-Olsen
November	NO MEETING	
Tues., Dec. 1, 2015	Ghost Hero	S. J. Rozan
Wed., Jan. 27, 2016	Suspect	Michael Robotham
Wed., Feb. 24, 2016	The Good Cop	Brad Parks
Wed., Mar. 23, 2016	Murder At Mullings	Dorothy Cannell
Wed., Apr. 27, 2016	BOOK SELECTION FOR 2016-2017 SEASON	
Tues., May 24, 2016	Mr. Churchill's Secretary	Susan Elia-MacNeal
Wed., Jun. 22, 2016	The Roundhouse	Louise Erdrich

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 at 688-5708 or grandmafran44@yahoo.com.



Date	Title	Author
Wed., Sept. 16, 2015	Orphan Train	Christina Baker Kline
Wed., Oct. 21, 2015	The Nightengale	Kristin Hannah
Wed., Nov. 18, 2015	The Girls Of Atomic City	Denise Kiernan
Wed., Dec. 16, 2015	The Boston Girl	Anita Diamant
Wed., Jan. 20, 2016	Himself	William Donohue
Wed., Feb. 17, 2016	All The Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr
Wed., Mar. 16, 2016	The Memory Of Running	Ron McLarty
Wed., Apr. 20, 2016	BOOK SELECTION FOR 2016-2017 SEASON	
Wed., May 18, 2016	Are You Somebody?	Nuala O'Faolain
Wed., Jun. 15, 2016	Ordinary Grace	William Kent Krueger

Sunday Book Club meets on a Sunday near the middle of each month at 4 pm at Sweetness 7 Café, 301 Parkside Drive (across from the zoo). Contact - Karen Huffman-Kelly at kshk1@yahoo.com



Date	Title	Author
Sun., Sept. 13, 2015	My Name is Asher Lev	Chaim Potok – Jewish Repertory Theatre Oct play
Sun., Oct. 18, 2015	Citizen: an American Lyric	Claudia Rankine - Babel author late October
Sun., Nov. 15, 2015	Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Holocaust	Immaculée Ilibaqiza
Sun., Jan. 24, 2016	How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents	Julia Alvarez
Sun., Feb. 21, 2016	The Antelope Wife	Louis Erdrich – Babel author early March
Sun., Mar. 20, 2016	The Story Hour	Thrity Umrigar
Sun., Apr. 17, 2016	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Betty Smith
Sun., May 15, 2016	Claire of the Sea	Edwidge Danticat
Sun., Jun. 12, 2016	TBA	

NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members:

Patricia Baxter

147 Daven Drive, Getzville, NY 14068

Phone: 310-7673

E-mail: baxtercumlaude2@aol.com

Degrees:

UB 1973 Social Work

D'Youville College 1983 Nursing

Interests: event arrangement, scholarship management, book sale, community action, cultural interests, diversity, educational equity, human/civil rights, program committee, Sister-to-Sister, Tech Savvy, Dinner by the Book, other groups

Kathleen Cady

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Degrees:

Buffalo State College 1985 BSW Social Work

University of Buffalo 1986 BSW Social Work

University of Buffalo 1986 MSW Social Work

Interests: Book sale, newsletter, publicity, scholarship committees. Clueless, and Dinner by the Book

Christina Casto

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Degrees:

Wheaton College BA 1978

SUNY at Buffalo Finance 1988

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Jean Chenu

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Work: (585) 343-0055

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E-mail: jmchenu@genesee.edu

Degrees:

SUCB Master's Degree 1984 Business Education

SUCB B.S. Business Education 1982

Elizabeth Seton College Associate of Applied Science Legal Secretarial 1977

Occupation: Associate professor, Genesee Community College

Interests: desktop publishing, copy editing, event arrangements, scholarship management, teaching, book sale, educational equity, newsletter, program, public policy, scholarship, Sister-to-Sister, Clueless, and Dinner by the Book, knitting, Sunday Book Clubs

Jane Cinski

468 Grover Cleveland Hwy, Amherst, NY 14226

Phone: 835-6805

E-mail: JAYCEEJSC@gmail.com

Degrees:

Nursing 1976

Erie Community College 1990 Assoc.

in Applied Science, Computer Information Systems

Interests: creative activities, Book Sale, community action, cultural interests, human/civil rights international relations, public policy, scholarship, Sister-to-Sister, downtown lunch group, cooking, local culture club



Katie Earl

110 Chatsworth Ave. #3, Tonawanda, NY 14217

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Degrees:

SUNY Cortland 2013 Sociology

U.B. 2015 Master of Social Work

Occupation: social worker

Interests: community action, educational equity, human/civil rights, public policy, Sister-to-Sister, Dinner by the Book

Beth Ann Frazer

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Home phone: 839-1830

Cell: 912-1114

E-mail: Bangel255C@yahoo.com

Degrees:

Ashland College Ohio B.A. sociology 1968

Buffalo State Master's Special Education 1989

Interests: Book Sale, Sunday Book Club

Judith Gebera

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Degrees:

U.B. B.A. Computer Science and Math 1999

U.B. B.A. English 2012

Interests: desktop, copy editing

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NEW MEMBERS *(Continued from page 6)*

Barbara Nowak

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Degree:

SUNY @ Buffalo B.A. Psychology 1966

Interests: database, copy, event arrangements, Book Sale, cultural interests, newsletter, Sunday Book Club, music, arts

Barbara J. Smith

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Degrees:

SUNY College at Buffalo 1972 B.S. Early Childhood/Elem. Ed.

SUNY College at Buffalo 1990 M.S. Reading Specialist

Retired teacher, from North Tonawanda

Interests: copy editing, event arrangements, Book Sale, Dinner by the Book, Sunday Book club, writing group/writing workshops

Mary Jane Clark-Wolentarski

2337 Long Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072
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Degrees:

U.B. 1970 B.S. Business

Canisius 1973 M.Ed. (mental health) + license Psychology

Interests: book sale, cultural interests, scholarship, Dinner by the Book



Diane O'Brien
Membership Recruitment VP

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

In June, I had the remarkable experience of attending the National AAUW Meeting in San Diego. In addition to learning how our national organization operates, I had the opportunity to network with many members from across the country. The San Diego Sheraton Marina Hotel was the perfect setting for a national meeting and the hotel was decorated in a nautical motif. All guest rooms had a beautiful water view and the hotel had a swimming pool, fitness center, spa, tennis courts, and a walking trail that connected with the marina walkways.

The meeting format included opening and closing ceremonies, workshops, plenary sessions, roundtables, and daily dialogues. Topics were varied and the sessions covered various aspects of public policy, marketing for branches, governance, financial practices, STEM (science, technology, en-

gineering and math), fundraising and engaging volunteers. Social events were planned for the conference attendees and included an opening night reception followed by dinner, luncheons, breaks, and early morning fitness programs. The "Meet the Candidate" sessions were held prior



to hearing the results of the national elections. There was an opportunity to shop at the AAUW Store and purchase logo items. In addition, handcrafted items made by members and local vendors were available in the AAUW Boutique.

What impressed me most about the convention was the friendliness of the attendees. I met so many de-

lightful women who shared their branch's programs and activities with everyone in the group. While riding in the elevator, many a conversation was started and continued into the meeting rooms. A moment of pride for me came when one of the speakers commended Tamara Brown for starting the first Tech Savvy in Buffalo, NY! I left the conference feeling energized and enthusiastic about being an AAUW member.

Attendance at a national meeting is something that each member should strive to experience at least once. It provides a different perspective of AAUW that would not be viewed by participation at a state or branch program. I encourage all members to consider attending a national meeting if they are able. The next national AAUW meeting will be held in Washington, DC, in June of 2017.

Carol Golyski
Co-President

Holiday Program

Saturday, December 12, 2015



Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site
641 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202

Join us for a 1:30 seating luncheon, fashion show, and tour of the decorated site (garden clubs participate.)

Cost is **\$30 per person**. We have **40 reservations only** so **sign up early!** Send check and registration form to Mary Crocker, 375 Parkhurst Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223 **by Monday, October 26 (no exceptions.)**



1:30 seating only.

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.

TR Inaugural Site Holiday Program Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ No. of Guests _____

Send check (\$30 per person) and registration form to Mary Crocker, 375 Parkhurst Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223 by Monday, October 26 (no exceptions.)

LEND A HELPING HAND FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Carol Golyski is collecting **soaps, shampoos, cosmetics, etc.** to assist victims who are in the care of The Family Justice Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol at: golyski@buffalo.edu

The **Family Justice Center** provides free services for domestic violence victims and their children through an extensive collaboration with 13 partner agencies, all located at one secured, comfortable location where victims can get all the services they need to safely escape abuse.



Family Justice Center
YOU'RE SAFE HERE

BOOK SALE REPORT

The 61st annual scholarship book sale was a huge success! We grossed over \$63,000 at the sale itself, an outstanding result due to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers! We also thank Jacquie Walker for her continued PR support, as well as whoever performed a “rain dance” for that Sunday – over 1300 people decided that a book sale was just the thing to do on a rainy day!

The presale income and table donations brought our income for this sale up to over \$65,000. Of course, there were expenses, which included rent, utilities, table rentals, moving costs, printing (postcards, receipts, etc.), security, and miscellaneous supplies. There were some new expenses, as well, but the net was still over \$50,000.

Where does the money go? A variety of wonderful places: the national AAUW fund which will eventually be our third Buffalo-honored national fellowship, some of our local scholarships (including the Jacquie Walker scholarship) and interest-free loan programs, 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 Carrier, and Betty Preble. Of course, many others contributed, both with hours of work and their institutional knowledge. Our tireless Judy Weidemann not only recruited and scheduled the volunteers for the sale, but also tallied the volunteer hours. We thank our branch members and friends who tallied almost 5,000 hours of volunteer time, broken down as follows:

Hours at Kensington Bailey (September-April)	760
Hours at Site Before the Sale	2,814
Hours During Sale	1,265
Total Volunteer Hours Recorded	4,839

Over 100 of our own branch members contributed to these totals.

Thanks especially to Janet Ostrow, Judy Clare, Jill Brown, and Pat Baker (specially priced section,) Sue Oliver (shift supervi-

sors,) Judy Huber (table/section chairs,) and Pat Swift-MacClennan (PR.) ALL the table/section chairs also deserve kudos

– there were many comments about how well the books were organized! Of course, we are always grateful to Jean Hubbard for the use of her garage for storage and to Fred Howard who always manages to get all of our equipment organized in there.

New this year was the recruitment of the “AmherstYES” group, high school students who are interested in community projects. The group of about ten students came mid-April to help move the

boxes of books which had been sorted and delivered from “K-B” to the appropriate tables at the site. They worked alongside Pat Baker’s grandsons and were WONDERFUL! We need to be on the lookout for this kind of assistance since our older bodies are no longer doing all that lifting so easily!

This year we were once again forced to find a new outlet for our “left-overs.” We settled on the “Thrift Books Library Program,” which sells books online. Using them necessitated the purchase of gaylords (big boxes,) the finding of pallets, and the labor of loading all the left-overs into those gaylords (34 of them,) and getting those onto the trucks that the company sent. All of this added to extra costs. Their sales (after they deduct our half of the trucking costs) are adding to our profit – we just

received a check for about \$430. At the time of this writing, it’s not clear that this was the best option, and we will be exploring other opportunities for next year.

Plans have begun for a 62nd sale, to be held June 1-5, 2016. Watch the “Book Sale Corner” in each month’s *Advocate* for updates and plan to be part of it! We’ll be sorting at Kensington-Bailey (995 Kensington Ave) Tuesday & Wednesday mornings starting Sep 15th.

Betty Preble
Book Sale Steering Committee



2015-2016 Buffalo Branch Leadership Team

ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents	Carol Golyski, Cynthia Mehary
Program VP	Lillis McLean
Membership Recruitment VP	Diane O'Brien
Membership Retention VPs	Barbara Weber, Patricia Miceli
Secretary/Parliamentarian	Lynne Rapin
CFO	Dr Michele Flint
Operations Treasurer	Suzanne Licata

Education Accounts and Program Treasurer	Mary Crocker
Fundraising Treasurer	Laurie Eikemeyer
Chamberlin/FFE Treasurer	Betty Preble
Scholarship Director	Carol Griffith
Nominating Committee Chair	Barbara Carier
Nominating Committee Members	Barbara Engler, Judy Malamas, Judy Weidemann, Yvonne Curry

APPOINTED OFFICERS

AAUW Funds	TBD
College /University Coordinator	TBD
Community	TBD
Education/Cultural	TBD
Historian	Marguerite Collesano
International Relations/ Diversity	TBD
Interest Group Coordinator	Marilyn Carmichael
Newsletter Publisher/Editor	Laurie Eikemeyer
Public Relations	TBD
Public Policy	Marian Deutschman
Web Manager	Betty Preble
Membership Database Coordinator	Freddie Cheek
Special Projects Treasurer (Tech Savvy)	Diane Silvestro
Sister-to-Sister Board	Sue Oliver
Tech Savvy Chair	Tamara Brown

Please contact one of the co-presidents if you are filling one of the "TBD" positions.

SCHOLARSHIPS	
Chamberlin/FFE Loans/Grants Fund Chair	Kate Collins
Grassroots Grants Chair	Ruby Williams
Velma Cobb Chair	Betty Krist
Olga Lindberg	Pauline Dyson
Catalyst for Change	TBD
Jacque Walker	Judy Clare
BOOKSALE LEADERS	
Executive Team	Judy Huber
Executive Team	Cindy Koch
Executive Team	Betty Preble
Executive Team	Roberta Travis
Executive Team	Janet Ostrow
Executive Team	Mary Georger
NEWSLETTER TEAM	
Assistant Editor	Betty Preble
Assistant Editor	Barbara Carier
Assistant Editor	Judy Weidemann

AAUW-NYS SUMMER CONFERENCE IN CAZENOVIA

Group photo: Members and leaders from across AAUW-NYS in Cazenovia for #AAUWNYSummer2015 Conference, attended by our own Cynthia Mehary and Melissa White.



AAUW Supports Efforts to End Sexual Assault

One of the 34 committees (and perhaps, the most challenging) of the WNY Consortium of Higher Education is the Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention, and Compliance Task Force. The Consortium is committed to strengthening collaboration among its network of 21 colleges and institutions. The Sexual Assault Task Force meets quarterly to share information, to focus on training the trainer, and to develop concrete strategies such as a memo of understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement.

In order to understand this issue it's important to be familiar with some of the pressures faced by institutions of higher education. For example, The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (**Clery Act**) requires colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. Every school must provide this information publicly. **Title IX** of the Education Amendments of 1972 is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. Title IX protects students from unlawful sexual harassment in all of a school's programs or activities, whether they take place in the facilities of the school, at a class, or training program sponsored by the school at another location or elsewhere. Title IX protects female and male students from sexual harassment, regardless of who the harasser may be.

AAUW has long identified the need to end sexual harassment and violence on college campuses. Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, recently sent a letter to Lamar Alexander, the chairman of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

committee, outlining AAUW concerns. The Senate committee held a hearing on campus sexual assault in advance of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, specifically the proposed Campus Accountability and Safety Act. The hearing focused on the importance of confidential advisors for victims, clearer and more effective relationships with local police while still protecting victims, and what the federal government can do to help campuses protect victims and achieve justice in sexual assault cases.

AAUW research revealed that nearly two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment. In addition, a 2007 campus sexual assault study by the U.S. Department of Justice found that 28 percent of women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are college students. As of July 22, 2015, 124 colleges or universities and 40 school districts are under investigation for their handling of sexual assault incidents. When campus environments are hostile because of sexual harassment, assault, or violence, students miss out on true educational opportunities.

Title IX requires schools to evaluate their current practices, adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolutions of student and employee discrimination complaints. The law and guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education requires schools to do several things. Schools must have and distribute a policy that defines sex discrimination (including sexual harassment and violence.) Schools must have and make known procedures for students to file complaints when sex discrimination takes place. Schools must appoint a Title IX coordinator to oversee

these activities, review complaints, and deal with patterns or systemic problems (even when there are no formal complaints.)



Federal policies must be updated, not only to guide colleges and universities in supporting students, but also to provide strong incentives for these institutions to improve their campus climates. Implementing a climate and victimization survey would provide a better understanding of both reported and unreported incidents. The AAUW-supported, bipartisan Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency (HALT) on Campus Sexual Violence Act would require that schools take this important step and implement a biennial survey. The AAUW-supported Survivor Outreach and Support Campus Act (SOS Campus Act) would require colleges and universities to establish an independent on-campus advocate to support survivors of sexual assault. Advocates would connect survivors with resources, including emergency and follow-up medical and counseling care, how to report to law enforcement, and information about legal rights.

Governor Cuomo signed his "Enough is Enough" legislation to combat sexual assault on campuses statewide. The new law requires all colleges to adopt a set of comprehensive procedures and guidelines, including a uniform definition of affirmative consent, a statewide amnesty policy, and expanded access to law enforcement to ensure the safety of all students attending colleges in New York State. AAUW urges additional support for schools to educate students, faculty, and staff, particularly Title IX coordinators, as well as train the appropriate administrators on the relevant laws.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sept. 2 - Board Meeting at Daemen College 6:15 PM

Sept. 10 - NYS Primary Election Day

Sept. 28 – Fall “potluck” at Christ United Methodist Church 5:30 pm

Oct. 7 - Board Meeting at TBD

Oct. 17 - District One Conference at UB’s Center for Tomorrow

Dec. 12 - Holiday Program at Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site



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