



**OCTOBER is
National Breast
Cancer Awareness
Month**

*Have you had your
mammogram?*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec. 12 - Holiday Program at Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site

Seats are limited so sign up soon! - **Reservations no later than October 26th.** Don't miss out! see page 6



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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!

You Are Cordially Invited to the
Annual District One Conference
Saturday, October 17th at 9:30 am

At UB Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus 14260

Topic: "Transgender, What Advocates Need To Know"



Spectrum

Transgender Group of Western New York

- ✓ support
- ✓ education
- ✓ outreach
- ✓ advocacy

Speaker: Michelle Wolf, Co-Chair, Spectrum

Schedule:

- 9:30-10:00 Check-in
- 10:00-11:30 Guest speaker, Michelle Wolf, Co-Chair Spectrum
- 11:30-12:15 Lunch
- 12:15-1:00 Meeting of the 3 Branches of District One

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Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Branch _____

Please mail form along with \$20 per person
(check payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch") to:
Melissa White, 38 Embassy Sq. #8, Tonawanda, NY 14150
by no later Than October 10, 2015

The month of September signaled the beginning of another school year. As we look around us, we see yellow school buses bouncing with small children inside, teenagers waiting for the city bus at their neighborhood corner, as well as college students walking on campuses with huge backpacks. Let us hope for a better school year for all involved: the children and their parents, the teachers, the staff, and the administrators. But especially we want it to be a successful year for the new Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Schools. We all know that education is an ongoing job requiring lots of time, patience, and cooperation, along with the tremendous labor of love for the children.

As we look forward to a safe and prosperous year for our children, let us not forget those children in war-torn countries who are now refugees from countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Rwanda, Iran, and others. **Keep in mind that many of those children will not go to school this year or perhaps never attend school during their young lives.** Their education will be trying to stay alive and trying to obtain the basic necessities of life. Many of those children will never have a childhood as we know it, since they may have to protect family members and assume adult roles at a very early age.

Children are our future. **THIS INCLUDES ALL CHILDREN.** Since President Obama has just announced that the US will accept 10,000 Syrian refugees annually, we are sure to be affected by this in our schools and our communities.

The AAUW Buffalo Branch will continue in our mission of working towards advances in equity for all women and all girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Cynthia Mehary
Co-President

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It's autumn! It is my favorite season of the year. Those hot, hazy, lazy days of summer are behind us. The air has a wonderful crispness to it. Nature displays an explosion of color in the fall foliage as well as in the fruits and vegetables in our markets.



Autumn brings an excitement with the season. Students return to the classroom with an enthusiasm for the new academic year. Cultural events start their season with theater and musical performances. Many professional and school sport teams begin their competitive season in the fall as well.

Like many organizations, AAUW begins its programs in autumn. The board of the Buffalo Branch was busy over the summer with many planning meetings for our upcoming year. We commence our year with our annual "pot luck" supper. This is a nice casual event in which we can catch up with our AAUW friends, meet new members, enjoy dinner, and acknowledge scholarship awardees.

In October, we will host the AAUW New York District 1 meeting. Our District 1 director, Melissa White, is a Buffalo Branch member and her committee has put together an exciting program. I encourage all of our members to attend. It will be a great opportunity to get to know the members from the Jamestown and Dunkirk-Fredonia Branches.

The Buffalo Branch is expanding the Study/Interest Groups this year. There is a WNY Culinary Delights group, a Bead Weaving and Jewelry Making group, the ¡Adelante! Book Club and the Happy Wanderers group. From our established interest groups, there is a Knitting group, Dinner by the Book group, the Sunday Book Club, and the Clueless Mystery Book Club. These groups are a great opportunity to meet with a smaller number of members who have similar interests.

I hope that all of our members are enthusiastic about the programs and activities of our Buffalo Branch for this year. Please bring along an interested friend. Non-members are welcome to attend any of the Branch's events.

Carol Golyski
Co-President



Buffalo Branch October Study/Interest Groups

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

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

When: Thursday, October 8 at 11:30 am.

Where: Karpeles Manuscript Library
453 Porter Ave., near Kleinhans

What: 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 October 6th. Suggestions for future trips most welcome!



WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

****New AAUW Study Group for members to share dinner & conversation**

When: Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 pm.

Where: Sun Restaurant,
1989 Niagara Street, Buffalo 14207

**** All sites will be handicapped accessible with convenient parking**

Menus and directions on the Sun Restaurant are on the website.

What: To share dinner and conversation

RSVP: Barbara Libby by phone 836-8303 or email bpilibby1@verizon.net by **October 12th**



KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, October 14 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



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

When: Sunday, October 18 from 4-6 pm.

Where: Sweetness 7 Café on Parkside Ave. across from the zoo

Book: *Citizen: an American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine

Contact: Karen Huffman-Kelly at 830-5316 or by email to kshk152@yahoo.com



BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: Thursday, October 15 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



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, October 21 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 email grandmafran44@yahoo.com



¡ADELANTE BOOK GROUP!

****AAUW'S book group to highlight diversity and women's issues**

When: Tuesday, October 27 at 1 pm.

Where: Baptist Manor's Library, 276 Linwood Ave., Buffalo 14209. Parking available in the back of the lot or on Linwood Avenue

Book: *Brain On Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susannah Cahalan during National Disability Employment Awareness Month with guest reviewer Andrea Todaro, President at Innovative Placements in Buffalo

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



CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

(See changes to schedule on page 4)

When: Wednesday, October 28 at 5:30 pm.

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

Book: *Murder at Mullings* by Dorothy Cannell

Facilitator: Kate Collins

Contact: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453



FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

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



Introducing ¡ADELANTE! Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, October 27th at 1:00 pm for the newest selection: a book review of ¡Adelante! title, *Brain On Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susannah Cahalan during National Disability Employment Awareness Month with guest reviewer Andrea Todaro, President at Innovative Placements in Buffalo. Go to the following for complete coverage of 2015-2016 Club Books: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list/>

Book clubs, as AAUW Buffalo members well know, are a fun, social way to open a dialogue about women, diversity, and change. Many of our AAUW Buffalo members share a love of reading. That love, partnered with a desire to seek out books written from diverse perspectives, launched a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program in 1996: **AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club**. Since then, AAUW members have enjoyed exploring new ideas and perspectives through monthly discussions, both in person and through e-mail. ¡Adelante! book groups meet in book stores, libraries, other public venues, and online, gathering both members and non-members to talk about issues of social justice based on the month's selection.

We have had this Book Club before and once again hope to spark your interest in a revival of our own Buffalo's ¡Adelante! Book Club to meet every month starting at 1:00 pm, at Baptist Manor's Library, 276 Lin-



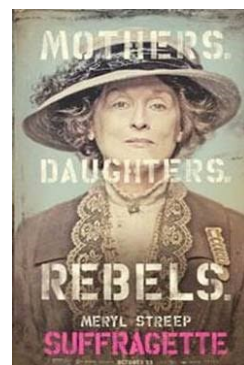
wood Ave., Buffalo, 14209. Parking is available in the back of the lot or on Linwood Avenue. Bring your own brown-bag lunch OR just join in. This Book Club is designated to be a cooperative leadership with a moderator, your fellow member Sylvia Volk, and possibly a guest speaker or member of the Club for a review of each monthly featured book.

For your added interest, book titles published by AAUW members can be found at <https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/1286511-aauw?shelf=aauw-member-titles>. AAUW members come from all walks of life and many are published authors. Review a list of titles by AAUW members on Goodreads and consider them for your own branch book club.

Sylvia Volk, 881-1424
volks@roadrunner.com



AT THE MOVIES



SUFFRAGETTE

Rated: PG13
Release Date: October 23rd
Starring: Meryl Streep

In late 19th and early 20th century, the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal state in the quest for equal rights.

See the trailer at:
http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/focus_features/suffragette/

Please note the following changes to the Clueless Book Club Schedule for October and March:

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

BOOK SALE REPORT

Sorting for the 2016 book sale began on Sept. 15 and will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9:30 until noon at Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Services, 995 Kensington Ave. By now, you all know how successful the 61st annual sale was and how much dedicated volunteers contributed to that (see article in the September Advocate.) We anticipate even greater numbers for the 62nd book sale!

It is a year-round effort and the work at Kensington-Bailey is critical to the smooth operation of the book sale, so we hope many of you can find some time to stop by and lend a hand.

Thanks to the efforts of Diane Silvestro, Judy Huber, and Mary Ellen Shaughnessy, there is a revised set of sorting

guidelines that takes the guess-work out of the process. They are posted for all to see, making it easy for even a first-time volunteer. Stop by and check it out.

While at the sorting site, pick up some "We Want Books" book-marks and distribute them to your friends, neighbors, and anywhere else you can. If you can't pick them up, let me know and I will get them to you.



Pat Swift-MacClennan
Book Sale Committee

NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members:

Susan Sabre Chapman

13171 Park Street Apt. 4, Alden NY 14004

Phone: 937-7986

E-mail: sschapman1@gmail.com

Degree: Buffalo State 1993 BS Criminal Justice

Skills: went to UB Library School & President of a Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (contracting library) Board.

Books/libraries are of special interest. President of the Alden Ewell Free Library Board of Trustees, a B+ECPL

Interests: Book Sale committee, Clueless Mystery Book Club, Dinner by the Book, Sunday Book Club

Nancy Napierala

22 Elaine Court, Buffalo NY 14225

Phone: 838-5018, Cell: 207-6609

E-mail: nan3@roadrunner.com

Degrees:

SUNY at Buffalo 2000 BA Early Childhood Education

SUNY at Buffalo 2005 MA American Studies

SUNY at Buffalo 2014 PhD American Studies

Interests: Book Sale, diversity, Clueless Mystery Book Club, Dinner by the Book

Paula Salamone

341 Baynes Street, Buffalo NY 14213

Phone: 479-1088

E-mail: pSalamone@wzrd.com

Degrees:

SUNY Stony Brook 1967 BA French

SUNY Buffalo 1975 MLS Library Science

Interests: Clueless Mystery Book Club, Dinner by the Book, Sunday Book Club

Suzanne T Taeger

11 Brynstone CT, Amherst NY 14228

Phone: 835-8907, Cell: 585-451-9819

E-mail: suzannemlr3@gmail.com

Degrees:

Otterbein University 1966 BS Elementary Education

Nazareth College 1974 MS Elementary Education

Skills: desktop publishing, event arrangements

Interests: cultural interests, newsletter committee, program committee, scholarship committees, Clueless Mystery Book Club

Julie Wisley

327 Saratoga Road, Snyder NY 14226

Phone: 839-3395

E-mail: GMAJULES@roadrunner.com

Degree: Penn State 1962 BA Arts & Letters

Interests: book sale, Clueless Mystery Book Club, Dinner by the Book



Diane O'Brien

Membership Recruitment VP

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 in the amount of \$30 per person payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch" 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

The Family Justice Center has compiled a "wish list" of urgently needed items to assist victims in their care. If you can help in any small way, you can let someone know that they are not alone in their suffering. You can bring any of the following items to any branch meeting:

- Supermarket gift cards for clients (\$10, \$25, or \$50)
- Discount department store cards (from Target, Walmart, K-Mart, etc.)
- Office supply store gift cards (from Office Max, Office Depot, etc.)
- Amazon.com Gift cards (to purchase books given to clients to help inform and empower them)
- Paper cups for hot beverages, napkins, tissues, and paper towels
- Individually wrapped, single portion size snacks and juice boxes
- New/gently used blankets/quilts/afghans
- Make-up/cosmetics (preferably foundation) to be given to clients after having injuries documented
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and similar hygiene products
- Bottles of aspirin/acetaminophen



Carol Golyski will be collecting items and will take the donations to the FJC.

What Does Public Policy Mean To You?

Public policy is an essential part of our daily life, most often set by legislation, executive order, bureaucratic regulation, an ordinance, or a court decision. One source says it's "the process of deciding who gets what, when, where, and how" or simply "what the government chooses to do or not to do about a specific problem."

I've been writing these articles on public policy for many months now but I have no idea if anyone is reading them. How do I know if I've had any impact on the number of local members who take action on public policy that is

within the mission of AAUW? Have you spoken out about poli-

cies that impact women and girls? Have you connected with others who are advocating on behalf of empowering women and girls? This can occur on the local, state, national, and even global level through lobbying and grassroots efforts. AAUW is proud of its record of empowering women since 1881 and influencing legislation that includes the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

AAUW uses advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research to address women's needs. We need to solicit feedback locally to de-

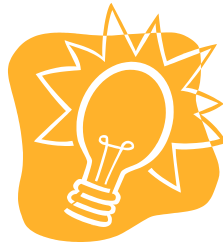
termine whether there are members anxious to increase participation in advocacy and development of our own public policy program. Should we expand programming to increase education on these issues? Which issues offer potential for more active involvement of members?

Is it bullying, sexual assault on college campuses, access to higher education especially for women in poverty, living wage, minimum wage, pay equity, paid family leave, equitable employment opportunities, affordable hous-

ing, health care, clean environment, campaign finance reform, open and fair elections, equitable political participation, human trafficking, rights of immigrants, women in combat zones, special interest in millennials, baby boomers, or the most elderly in our population?

We don't lack issues but we need to be sure there is an interest in pursuing them beyond the printed page.

I would like to hear from some of you. Call me at [716-634-2412](tel:716-634-2412) or email me at deutscmt@buffalostate.edu



ing, health care, clean environment, campaign finance reform, open and fair

Marian Deutschman,
Public Policy Chair

Grassroots Grants Recipients 2014-2015

The goal of the grants program is the promotion of equity, gender awareness, and lifelong learning for women and girls in the Buffalo Niagara Region. The 2014-2015 Grassroots Grants Program awarded these recipients grant funding for the following amounts:

- \$1,500 to the Girl Scouts of WNY for the Girl Scout Leadership Program
- \$1,500 to the YWCA of Lockport for Women & Children in Residential Housing/Culinary Institute
- \$ 1,500 to Nativity Miguel Middle School of Buffalo, St. Monica Campus, for the Girls on the Run Program
- \$1,500 to BEAM for Girls Engineering Day
- \$1,500 to Erie County Chapter – The Links for their project Centurions: We Have a Story to Tell
- \$500 to Legal Services for Elderly, Disabled, or Disadvantaged of WNY for printing awareness materials regarding elder domestic violence
- \$1,500 to YWCA of WNY for Girls THINK program
- \$1,190 to the Francis Center for Girl Talk and Babysitting programs

I would like to acknowledge the following members who reviewed all submitted grants and voted in the selection process: Cynthia Mehary, Suzanne Licata, and Patricia Masso-Welch.

Carol Golyski,
2014-15 Grassroots Grant Chair

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Oct. 7 - Board Meeting at Daemen College 6:15 pm

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

Dec. 12 - Holiday Program at Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site



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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