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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!



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Women in Politics: Challenges Women Face When Running for Public Office

Co-Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Classics V Banquet and Conference Center
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY 14228

Registration: 5:30 pm - Dinner: 6:00 pm

Panelists:

- April Baskin** – current Erie County Legislator, Founder of The College Stimulation Experience
- Diana Cihak (Moderator)** - Founder & Board President of *WEPac/Electing Women into Office*
- Lynne Dixon** – current Erie County Legislator for 6 years, 22 years as journalist
- Vanessa Glusheski** – 2017 candidate for Erie County Comptroller
- Lynn Marinelli** – 17 years in Erie County Legislature, currently Director of Intergovernmental Relations, WNY Regional Office of Empire State Development
- Barbara Miller Williams** - current Erie County Legislator

RSVP by February 7, 2018

Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Choose One Entrée:

- _____ *Chicken Francoise: Battered breast with egg & lemon served with lemon sauce*
- _____ *Garlic Crusted Tilapia: Topped with garlic & romano seasoned bread crumbs*
- _____ *Maple Glazed Pork Loin: coated with a pecan maple glaze*

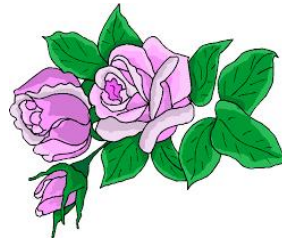
Dinner includes choice of entrée, potato, vegetable, salad, bread, coffee, tea, punch, and ice cream.

Allergy Alert: _____

Mail the completed form along with a check made out to “AAUW Buffalo Branch” in the amount of \$25 to **Lilyen Mascellino, 20 Forest Creek Court, Grand Island, NY 14072.**

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY BETTY PREBLE



"Until there are no more hate crimes, no more vicious bullying and ugly slurs, whenever a person comes out - whether that person is a celebrity or a 'nobody' - it should be celebrated like the triumph of courage it is."

- Donna Brazile

Spoiler alert – I saw Marian Deutschman's article before I started writing this. And I would like to commend her for speaking out with her friends in support of the victims of sexual assault who have not been believed.

I had an experience a month or so ago and I am still torn over the way I didn't respond. I was waiting for the arrival of the woman who cuts my hair. There were only two other people in the place – another stylist and her customer. This was just before the Alabama special election and they were talking about the Judge Moore situation. Both of these women were younger than I, probably 35-40ish. They were firmly on the side of the judge, saying things like "why would these women wait so long – they must be lying." I was so tempted to respond with something like "Does the name 'Anita Hill' mean anything to you? Remember what she went through when she came forward with her experience?" But I said nothing, which I rationalized for several reasons – both women were too young to remember that

AND one was a customer of the shop and I would not want to antagonize the customer of a local business AND I didn't think they would have cared what I had to say since they had already made up their minds.

Should I have said something? I'm still not sure.

There is one other thing that haunts me. I think of the women who accused President Clinton of inappropriate behavior and how many of us CHOSE not to believe them – or consider it important – because we liked his political actions. Wrong is wrong, and many of us did not handle that well.

On a brighter note – a message went to the branch website just about the same time from a local writer who wanted to interview an AAUW member about sexual harassment. Our organization is known for its knowledge of womens' issues! I did speak with her and this month happened to see the publication – the January issue of "In Good Health" - and I was quoted a couple of times.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING OFFICERS FOR 2018-19

By Marguerite Collesano, Chair

Kate Collins, Sharon Meer, Lynne Tauriello, Marilyn Todd, Committee Members

The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting nominees for elected office to be presented to the membership at the May Luncheon and Annual Meeting. These names will be sent to every member and additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2018, at Banchetti's, in Amherst.

We will be electing a Vice President for Membership Recruitment, Secretary/Parliamentarian, CFO, EAP Treasurer, Fund-raising Treasurer, Scholarship Director, Nominating Committee Chair, and 2 Nominating

Committee members.

Participating as a member of the board is great leadership training!

Any member who is interested in holding one of these offices should submit her name to a Committee member. If you believe that another member would be good in one of these offices, let us know. If we come to you asking you to put your name into nomination, please consider it carefully. The Board of Directors functions best with a variety of ideas from newer and continuing members.

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OLGA LINDBERG SCHOLARSHIP

BY PAULINE DYSON,
COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Olga Lindberg Scholarship committee is accepting applications for two scholarships -- one \$10,000 and one \$5,000, -- until April 1, 2018. Applicants must be college seniors (4th year or above.) The scholarships are merit-based, 3.7 cum or above.



For more information, visit our website at <http://aauw.buffalo.edu/scholarships-loans-and-grants>.

ACHIEVEMENT TO BE HONORED

BY BARBARA CARIER,
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Nominations are being accepted now through **Feb. 10** for the 2018 Buffalo AAUW Achievement Award. Nominees must have made significant contributions to education and equity for women and girls, been strategically involved in community service for the city and/or area, or had extraordinary achievement in her profession or field of work.



For more info and nomination forms, visit aauw.buffalo.edu.

Addition to Branch Roster

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110 Chatsworth Avenue #3
Tonawanda, NY 14217
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Email: katherine.wick@gmail.com

BUFFALO BRANCH FEBRUARY STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

We will resume wandering soon. Mary Ellen Shaughnessy welcomes your suggestions.



WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wed., Feb. 14, at 6 pm.
Where: Eastern Pearl, 938 Maple Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221
What: AAUW Interest Group for members to share dinner and conversation.
RSVP: Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or bpilibby1@verizon.net by Feb. 12.



KNITTING GROUP

Suspended for the time being.



BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

No meetings in January, February and March.



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 5:30 pm.

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

Book: *A Memory of Violets* by Hazel Gaynor
Facilitator Leona Barbeck
Discussion Leader Judy Huber
RSVP Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or grandmafran44@gmail.com.



CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 1 PM. (note the new time)

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

Book: *Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death* by James Runcie.

Facilitator: Fran Witnauer
RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453.



We invite all current and prospective members to attend any of our study/interest group activities.

Questions? Contact Judy Huber
688-8170 or email
judyhuber62@yahoo.com

EMERGING LEADER

BY BETTY PREBLE, PRESIDENT

Each New York State branch is asked to submit the name of an emerging leader to be recognized at the State Convention. This award is presented to branch leaders who are first term board members or officers or AAUW members who demonstrate leadership potential through their enthusiasm, creative ideas, and commitment to AAUW's mission.

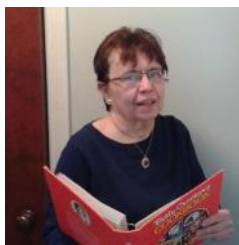
Previous Buffalo honorees have been Lynne Rapin, Laurie Eikemeyer, Sue Licata, Marian Deutschman, Taylor Page, Michelle Norris, Maria Coppola, Yvonne Curry, Ruth Fierro-King, Susan McClary, Susan Clements, Kristin Bojanowski Bruton, Diane Bishop, and Adrienne Kotler.

The board is proud to honor **Diane O'Brien** as this year's Buffalo Emerging Leader.

Diane has been a Buffalo Branch member only since the spring of 2012. Her leadership skills and willingness to work were immediately noticed, and she's been a non-stop AAUW enthusiast ever since. When we had an open month

without a branch program in the fall of 2014, she volunteered to present her own "Betty Crocker as a Media Icon" – an interesting look back at cultural American history. She had already accepted the position of membership recruitment vice president for the 2014-16 term

and then agreed to continue through the 2016-18 term. In addition, she has pulled together another program for this year and is active on a number of other committees. She is always willing to help out, and we are delighted to name her our Emerging Leader for this year.



PUBLIC POLICY: #MeToo #TimesUp #HerToo

BY MARIAN DEUTSCHMAN, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

At a recent holiday social event, I was outnumbered by women who believed that the majority of women, who claimed to be sexually assaulted or sexually harassed by famous men, were lying. I asked them why a woman would make these claims when it takes so much courage to step forward. They responded that these women were paid and wanted their few minutes in the spotlight of publicity.

Some say that the current frenzy to expose sexual harassers is largely a reaction to Trump's election. Trump, like Roy Moore in Alabama, has called

his accusers liars. The #MeToo hashtag, adopted by women to share their stories of sexual abuse, harassment, and abuse, began on Oct. 5, when *The New York Times* reported the first allegations of sexual harassment against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. By early November, #MeToo became global with over 2.3 million tweets in 85 countries and shared in over 77 million posts or comments on Facebook. In three months, #MeToo has gone from being a viral hashtag to *Time* magazine's Person of the Year, recognizing claims of sexual harassment and assault as one of the biggest stories of 2017. The #MeToo movement has empowered women to hold tormentors accountable for their abuses.

As the year ended, more than 300 women in Hollywood, including executives, actors, agents, writers, directors, and producers, announced the formation of Time's Up, an effort to counter systemic sexual harassment, not just in the entertainment industry, but also in industries across the country. It is an effort that aims to combat workplace sexism through legal recourse. The initiative includes efforts to create legislation that will penalize companies that tolerate harassment, and that will discourage the use of the nondisclosure agreements that have helped to silence victims of abuse.

Hashtag #MeToo has emphasized the personal and the anecdotal, and #TimesUp embraces the political by attempting to expand the fight against sexual harassment and the workplace inequality that has allowed it to flourish for so long. To share one's own story is both an act of bravery and an act of privilege. While many have



spoken up, many more have not because the risks of doing so are too severe.

Time's Up's mission statement is too long to print here but it includes several answers to the question of "What You Can Do": If a person who has been

harassed tells you about it, believe them. Don't underestimate how hard it is to talk about these things. Connect them to resources that can help. Mentor someone from an under-represented group in your industry. You can support those affected by sexual harassment by donating to the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund.

Unicef's #HerToo initiative is about our deepest desire to ensure the dignity of every woman and girl. Globally, 90% of adolescent girls who have been sexually abused know their attacker. Fifteen million adolescent girls worldwide between age 15 and 19 have experienced rape or other sexual abuse. Nine million girls have experienced sexual abuse in just the past year. Only 1% of them reached out for help.

There is a big job to be done that starts with believing.



2018 AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

BY BETTY KRIST,
CHAIR



Announcement and application for the 2018 AAUW

Buffalo Branch Scholarships are available on our website <http://aauw.buffalo.edu/scholarships-loans-and-grants/>.

Please encourage any appropriate student to apply by the March 1 deadline.

Everyone is invited to participate in the selection of scholarship winners. We'll meet at Ebenezer UCC (where the Board frequently meets) 630 Main Street, West Seneca on Saturday, March 24 at 1pm. Generally, the process can be completed in a few hours. If you'd like to participate in this enormously uplifting activity viewing the remarkable accomplishments of young WNY women, please contact Betty Krist at: kristbj@verizon.net or 675-4059 so she can plan appropriately.

MAY LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for **May 19, 2018**, as our luncheon will be at Banchetti's, 550 N. French Rd, Amherst, NY 14228.

(11:30 arrival with 12:00 lunch.)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN



Albright-Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Avenue,
Buffalo, NY 14222-1096
882-8700

"Window to Wall: Art From Architecture" through March 18, 2018. The exhibit features works from the Albright-Knox collection.

Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14220
"At This Time" February 9 - May 27, 2018.

Various artists provide works that turn our consideration inward.

Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203
853-4282
"The Constant Wife" through February 11, 2018.

The Kavinoky Theatre

320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY
829-7668
Dark through February.

Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14202
847-1410
Broadway Series "Waitress"
A struggling waitress is stuck in a bad relationship. She also has to deal with an unwanted pregnancy.

MusicalFare

On the Daemen College Campus
"Smoky Joe's Cafe"
February 7 - March 11, 2018
Features 40 of the greatest rock 'n roll songs ever recorded.

Note from Buffalo Theatre Critic, Anthony Chase: "Buffalo has become such a great Theatre Town that it is wise to get your tickets early in the run so you will not miss out!"

Call individual theatres for performance times and tickets.

MARCH PROGRAM



Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara & WNY Women's Foundation



International Women's Day



Dr. Lori V. Quigley

THE HAUDENOSAUNEE WOMEN: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Thursday, March 8, 2018

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Medaille College
Main Building Lecture Hall
18 Agassiz Circle
Buffalo, NY 14214

Join us for a presentation on the Haudenosaunee Women. Dr. Lori V. Quigley is a member of the wolf clan and grew up in the Allegany Seneca Nation of Indians. She will share her mother's, as well as her own, personal story to help the attendees gain a deeper appreciation of the role that Haudenosaunee women continue to play in contemporary society and their role in the future.

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP no later than February 26th

Email Lilyen Mascellino: lilyenm@gmail.com

BOOK SALE REPORT

BY JAYNE MURRAY AND JOAN KERNAN

The polar vortex has descended on Buffalo, slowing the pace of book donations. Don't put off boxing up those books you have been meaning to donate or decide to wait until the Spring thaw. We are also in need of banker, copier, and liquor boxes in good condition. As we gear up for our Book Sale to be held May 30 - June 3 and move into the sale site, we will be looking for additional sorters to fill in Monday-Friday 9-5, Tuesday evenings, and Saturday mornings, and also for helpers during the actual sale. It's fun to sort books of all kinds and meet new

friends. Stop by 20 Milton St. in Williamsville and we will get you started!

We continue our search for a site for the book sale. If you know of any available space (at least 16,000 sq. feet) or anyone who can help us find a site, please contact Janet Ostrow at jkostrow@verizon.net or Beth Ann Frazer at bangel255@yahoo.com.



Tech Savvy 13: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Adult Session Details Announced!



Thirteen years... And this time, thirteen is lucky! This year's theme is: **I AM a Tech Savvy Girl ... Ingenious, Innovative, Insightful.** 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 this is in the name of encouraging STEM for girls with a fun theme that is all about them!

The conference is designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, and math)—and to provide adults in their lives with relevant information. *Tech Savvy* features 20+ workshops for the girls plus four savvy skills workshops, introducing critical life success skills such as advocacy, negotiating, interview preparation, and ethical decision making.

Adult Session Focus This Year: Courageous Conversations!

Since *Tech Savvy* is not just for students, adults will enjoy fun and enlightening sessions that include the best of ways to help girls in their lives. This year, we will focus on how parents can talk to girls about everything they hear—from sexual harassment in the workplace to disparaging views of women. How do we equip girls with the tools they need and the confidence to enter what may be considered a hostile environment? How do men and women equip themselves for the realities of today's workplace (and "lifecycle.") Join us—and encourage an adult to attend Tech Savvy's adult session this year!



You can still join the crew! We need YOUR help in the following areas. Call Tamara to help in one of these tasks:

- * College student relations
- * Bus support
- * Reception planning
- * Food Planning
- * Adult session planning
- * Summer planning

Upcoming Planning Dates for Tech Savvy 13

- Planning Teleconference: Saturday, February 3 at 9:30 am
Dial 716-566-5719 Meeting ID: "SAVVY" or 72889
- Tote Bag Stuffing, Name Tag Assembly, and Bag Stuffing (**We need about 20 people to help!**)
Tentative date: Friday February 23, starting at 3:30 pm United Way on Delaware Ave. Let us know if you would like to be placed on the list of volunteers. (Dress comfortably; pizza served.)
- Friday, March 16, at 6:00 pm – Reception at UB's Center for Tomorrow
- Saturday, March 17: Tech Savvy at UB's North Campus (Meet at Student Union... Ample Parking in Furnas Lot.)

Sign up to volunteer or participate: Email aauwtswny@cs.com by February 15 (or mail the form below.)

Tech Savvy 13 Participation – Registration Form

Questions about Tech Savvy? Call Tamara Brown at 716-949-2413 • **Conference Information website:** www.originaltechsavvy.org

Name _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

- _____ Helping with Bag Stuffing at United Way on Delaware (Tentative Date: Friday, February 23)
- _____ Planning to attend Tech Savvy Reception at 6:00 pm on Friday, March 16, (Location: UB Center for Tomorrow)— No cost to attend
- _____ Planning to Volunteer at Tech Savvy (Saturday, March 17) – Shift times will be confirmed.
 - Morning shift (7am – 1pm)
 - Afternoon shift (noon – 5pm)
 - All day (7am – 5 pm)
 - Available other times: _____

For those NOT volunteering on Saturday, March 17:

_____ Attending *Tech Savvy* adult session, including morning refreshments, lunch, tote bag, and materials - Please include \$5 payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch." Starting early January, you may also **register online by Feb. 15** at the website above.

Save a stamp.... You may email this information to aauwtswny@cs.com, or send this form to:
AAUW Buffalo Branch (Attn: Tech Savvy Volunteer) P.O. Box 894, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

**AAUW FUNDS
BASKETS/PURSES
FUNDRAISER AT
CONVENTION**
BY CYNTHIA MEHARY,
AAUW FUND CHAIR



This year the AAUW-NYS Convention will be April 20 – 22, in Corning, NY. The basket/purses fundraiser has become a fun tradition providing a social venue, friendly competition, and an opportunity to raise funds. Let us start thinking about what kind of basket, purse, or other items we would like to auction or raffle at the convention. Branches may submit up to three things and we must decide whether to auction or raffle. This year, we may also choose to donate the money raised at this event to the AAUW Fund. Let us begin thinking about what we want to do.

The February and March Board meetings are good times to discuss this and to begin bringing in items. Cynthia Mehary, your AAUW Funds Chair, will have baskets/bags available for items contributed.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

BY BETTY PREBLE



The January 3, 2018 board meeting was held in the Daemen College Business Building.

Amy Moritz, Buffalo News Sports Journalist.

CFO Report - Barbara Libby reported that the branch accounts have now all been audited. It was also reported that the Hillary Clinton Fellowship was completed with our 2016 contribution and a post graduate student at Clarkson University is the first recipient.

Nominating Committee - Marguerite Collesano reported that a committee meeting will take place before the next Board Meeting and asked for any suggestions for candidates to be passed along to her. Positions needing candidates include: 2nd VP for Membership, Secretary, CFO, Fundraising Treasurer, Education and Program Treasurer, Nominating Chair and 2 members, and Scholarship Chair.

Chamberlin/Funds for Education - Interviews for the current round of applicants are underway and will be presented in February.

AAUW-NYS Convention Information

Program VP - Lilyen Mascellino mentioned the positive feedback regarding the December 2017 program at Forest Lawn and outlined upcoming events. February 15, 2018 sponsored by AAUW and League of Women Voters – “The Challenges Women Face When Running for Public Office”; March 8, 2018 - International Women’s Day with Dr. Laurie Quigley, Native American Issues; April 10, 2018—Meet the Pharmacist with info to follow. The 2018-2019 AAUW Programs are beginning to be fleshed out: October 2018: Family Court and Drug Addiction; January 2019: Women in Sports with

- **Our 2018 Emerging Leader** is Diane O’Brien. Congratulations, Diane!
- **“Named Gift” Honorees** The board has chosen to honor the members of the 2016 -17 scholarship committees as well as the members who have passed on in the past year.
- **Convention Program Ads** – We will place a ½ page general branch ad and a ¼ page ad in the program book supporting Carol Griffith who is running for election as AAUW-NYS Development VP.

COME TO THE AAUW-NYS CONVENTION!

BY ROLI WENDORF,
AAUW-NYS PRESIDENT



The AAUW-NYS Convention team has an outstanding event planned for **April 20-22 in Corning**. The convention is for ALL AAUW members and is a great chance to connect, re-energize, and come away with lots of action ideas. **Registration is open** – check out our website at www.aauw-nys.org

about AAUW’s future, asking us to imagine training 10 million people with Start Smart and Work Smart, or becoming the leading international organization on pay equity. Under her leadership, AAUW is embarking on an ambitious strategic planning process aimed at solidifying AAUW’s position as a global leader on equity.

Kimberly Churches

We are very excited to welcome Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO to our convention. Plan to attend the convention and meet our outstanding new leader!



Prior to coming to AAUW, Kim Churches was the Managing Director at Brookings Institution, where she provided strategic guidance, vision, problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and fundraising.

Kimberly Churches started as AAUW CEO on June 1, 2017. Since her arrival, she has been on a listening tour of AAUW across the country, which included a stop in New York to talk to us at AAUW-NYS. She thinks on a large scale

We are delighted that Kim Churches will be speaking to us at the NYS Convention about her vision for AAUW, the strategic plan, and how we can sharpen our focus and impact. Don’t miss this opportunity!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Feb. 7 at 6:15 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, West Seneca

Feb. 15 - February program, "Women in Politics: Challenges Women Face When Running for Public Office"

Mar. 7 at 6:15 pm - Board Meeting at Daemen College, Amherst

Mar. 17 - Tech Savvy at UB

April 20 - 22 - AAUW-NYS Convention in Corning, NY

May 19 - Luncheon and Annual Meeting at Banchetti's

Note - all members are welcome at all board meetings!



**Women Making
a Difference**

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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