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

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



MEET THE PHARMACIST

April 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Audubon Branch Library
350 John James Audubon Pkwy.
Amherst, NY 14228

Join us on April 12th as we meet with Wegman's pharmacist Ronald Rambally. He will be addressing the questions which AAUW members submitted to him in the fall, as well as taking questions from the floor. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: Space is limited to first 60 people and the program is free.
AND there will be "goodie bags" from Wegmans!



You Are Cordially Invited to our Annual Meeting & Luncheon

BANQUET FACILITY & GROVE
BANCHETTI
by Rizzo's

550 French Road, Amherst, NY 14228

Saturday, May 19

Registration is at 11:30 with lunch at 12:00.

Dinner includes salad, rolls, entree, vanilla ice cream, coffee & tea.

RSVP to Betty Preble by May 5th with check and meal selection.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Select one of the following entrees:

- Chicken & Spinach Strudel (chicken, spinach & muenster in phyllo served with pasta salad)
- Baked Manicotti
- Chicken Piccata served with grilled vegetables & baby red potatoes

Allergy Alert: _____

Mail this completed form, along with a \$22.00 check for lunch made out to "AAUW Buffalo Branch" to Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker, Orchard Park, NY 14127

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY BETTY PREBLE



A HUGE thank-you to Lilyen Mascellino, who brought us an International Women's Day program with a completely different perspective than we have had in other years. I know I'm not the only one who left that evening thinking "How could we (white people – immigrants, if you will) have done that?" AND – "How could so many of us not even know about it?"

But then – "History is written by the victors." (Winston Churchill)

The more than 100 years of the Thomas Indian School, aka the Thomas Asylum of Orphan and Destitute Indian Children, represents one of the less-than-wonderful periods in the evolution of our country and, as such, has been left out of most of our history books. It's not the only thing, of course. Women were considered unimportant, so their achievements have been ignored. We do read about the "famous" people of color, but the true stories of slavery have been glossed over and romanticized. The "experiments" on real people, the suppression and/or institutionalization of those considered "different" – the list goes on and on. The "victors" write what they're proud of.

My husband and I were fortunate enough a couple of years ago to take a European river cruise, much of it through Germany. One even-

ing, there was a lecturer who told of the Holocaust from a family member's perspective. It was interesting that that period of German history is just now taking its place in their history books. For many years that era was just ignored – nobody was proud of it after the war, so it was thought best to just pretend it didn't happen. Unfortunately, there are still "Holocaust deniers" – people who don't think that decent human beings could have participated in such an atrocity. Germany is now, though, finally owning up to this horrible period in its past.



Dr. Lori V. Quigley

But, is the United States?

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." (George Santayana)

Are these periods of our own history something we want to repeat? I, for one, do not. What is the first step in making sure that doesn't happen? As Dr. Quigley said in answer to a question on Thursday, "That's what you can do – make sure that people know about this." It almost always comes back to education, doesn't it? And that's what AAUW is about. I leave it to each member to do what you can.

OR – are we already repeating history? There's an even more urgent need for intelligent conversation and action!

AAUW FUND AT CONVENTION

BY CYNTHIA MEHARY, CHAIRPERSON

CALLING FOR DONATION OF ITEMS for the AAUW Buffalo Baskets/Purses Fundraiser at the NYS Convention in Corning, April 20-22.

This year, our contribution will be three baskets. Please consider donating some of the following items for the fundraising raffle:



Items for a Sauna Basket – Bath towels, candles, bath scrunchies, fingernail/toenail care set, bath soaps, shower shoes, bubble bath, bar soap, relaxing music CD, etc.

Items for a Tea Basket – Tea cup/mugs, various teas, tea pot, biscuits, cinnamon sticks or candy swizzle sticks, tea strainer, etc.

The Wine Basket has been assembled already.

Please bring your items to the next Board Meeting, April 4, 2018 or ask one of the board members to deliver them for you..

Anything you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to having a great time at the NYS Convention.

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BOOK SALE

REPORT

BY JAYNE MURRAY AND
JOAN KERNAN

At press time, we are still seeking a site for our 2018 Book Sale, which is just a couple of months away-

May 30th to June 3. Our Site Committee is tracking down every lead but we need our entire membership to help us with this most important task. If you have any knowledge of a large (at least 16,000 square feet) empty storefront, please send the address and contact number for the agent from the "For Lease" sign to Janet Ostrow at jkostrow@verizon.net or Beth Ann Frazer at bangel255@yahoo.com.

Book donations have thankfully picked up and our sorters are once again whistling while they work. We are grateful to the Orchard Park Library for the three carloads of books they allowed us to gather after their recent book sale. We also were thrilled to receive 60 boxes of books from an AAUW member who graciously sent along two young workers to unload all the boxes for us. Thanks to all of you who are filling the trunks of your cars with books for us each Tuesday and Wednesday — we are at [20 Milton St.](http://20MiltonSt.com) in Williams-ville from 9:30 am-12 noon.

May we ask one more favor? We need **empty boxes** for packing—banker's boxes with lids are like gold to us, but we also use liquor and other medium-sized boxes. Large ones become unwieldy for us. If you stop at Office Max for toner, ask for any copy paper boxes they would like to donate.

Please mark your calendars for the sale (May 30-June 3) and consider joining our sale staff!



BUFFALO BRANCH APRIL STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

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



WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wed. Apr. 11 at 6 pm.
Where: Rizzoto's, 930 Maple Rd., Williamsville, just east of N. Forest
What: AAUW Interest Group for members to share dinner and conversation.
RSVP: by Apr. 9 to Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or bpilibby1@verizon.net.



KNITTING GROUP

Suspended for the time being.



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, Apr. 18 at 5:30 pm.
Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave., Amherst
Interior room reserved for the book club.
Book: Book Selection for 2018-2019: You are asked to bring TWO recommendations for next year.
RSVP Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or grandmafran44@gmail.com



BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: Thurs. Apr. 19 at 1:00 pm.
Where: Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, Conference Room, 1030 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga.
What: Bring your current project or come to learn a new hobby.
RSVP: Barbara Weber at 668-5456 or cell 725-7839.



CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, April 25th at 1 pm.
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst.
Book: Book Selection for 2018-2019. You are asked to bring TWO recommendations for next year.
RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453



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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN

Albright-Knox Art Gallery
1285 Elmwood Avenue,
Buffalo, NY 14222-1096
882-8700

We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965 - 85 This exhibit examines the political, social, cultural, and aesthetic priorities of women of color from the mid- 1960s to the mid-1980s. Through May 27, 2018

Matisse and the Art of Jazz

Quote from the Art Gallery of New South Wales: The work "evokes the idea of musical structures of rhythm and repetition expressed through the handwritten text, which is broken by the explosive improvisations of the color plates." Through May 27, 2018

Amherst Chamber Ensemble
Trinity Performing Arts Center
711 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Amherst, NY

see acemusic.org

Chamber Orchestra Concert
April 22, 2018 3:00 pm

Burchfield Penney Art Center
SUNY 1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14220

Under Cover: A Selection of Objects with Lids from the Permanent Collection
Through May 27, 2018

At This Time - Various Artists
Through May 27, 2018

Irish Classical Theatre
625 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
853-4282

The Awful Truth

ICT breathes new life into this rarely produced comedy.
April 20 - May 13, 2018



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PUBLIC POLICY: NEWS VS. OPINION

BY MARIAN DEUTSCHMAN, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

Can you tell the difference between straight news reporting and opinion journalism?

API research shows 32% of Americans find it difficult to distinguish news from opinion in the media. Declining trust in news organizations may be the result of the blurry lines between news and opinion. Parts of the media, especially TV, have blurred the distinction between opinion and straight news reporting.

Duke Reporters' Lab finds that news organizations employ inconsistent terminology and labeling when it comes to news, opinion, and analysis. The labeling fails to consistently distinguish between different types of journalism. The study found that The Washington Post was doing the best job with clear, consistent labeling. The four labels they employ are opinion, analysis, perspective, and review, providing the reader with a level of clarity, frequency, and consistency across all sections of the newspaper. However, The Post does not label news stories. The absence of a news label is supposed to indicate to readers that they're reading a news piece.

Reporters are expected to seek the truth and report it, finding as many aspects of a story as they can. They must fairly represent both sides where possible. Both sides have a unique angle to add to the story, and the public needs that to make up their own minds about the story. For columnists, the news has already been reported and their job is to provide a unique perspective on it, providing a bit of color to the story. Sean Hannity and Rachel Maddow are not reporters. They share their opinion on the news. News analysis must include more than opinion. It should be accompanied by expertise.

In recent off-the-record remarks at a sports conference at MIT, former President Obama expressed concern that Americans have segregated themselves into two "entirely different realities" where not just opinions, but basic facts, are in dispute. Obama noted that news coverage among competing media outlets is so widely divergent that fact and opinion are blurred. A fact is something known to exist or to have happened; something true or real. An opinion is a belief or judgment that rests on grounds insuffi-

cient to produce complete certainty or a personal view, attitude, or appraisal.

Obama noted that often Fox News and The New York Times' editorial page do not describe the same thing or even talk about the same thing. As an example, some media outlets have spent a significant amount of time dissecting Russia's meddling in the 2016 US election, while other publications cast doubt on the investigators themselves. Obama gave another example, "it's okay to argue about how we should address climate change. It's not okay to deny the underlying science."

Obama said Facebook and Google are contributing to the problem by "shaping our culture in powerful ways" and they need to acknowledge that. Facebook has taken heavy criticism for helping propagate conspiracy theories and fake stories disguised as news. President Obama tried to warn Facebook CEO and cofounder Mark Zuckerberg, about the threat of fake news and its possible effect on the 2016 election less than two weeks after Trump won the presidency. Zuckerberg dismissed the idea that Facebook could sway public opinion on the end result. Eventually he acknowledged the problem but said fake news wasn't widespread on Facebook.

There is substantial agreement that Russia exploited social media, especially Facebook, to spread disinformation and generate political division among the American public before last year's U.S. election. Fake accounts linked to Russian entities used Facebook to spread misinformation with inflammatory ads leading up to the election. Facebook has since said Russia-linked groups did buy ads and post memes, and they tried to organize anti-immigrant, anti-Hillary Clinton rallies.

The pervasive social media has not added clarity to the distinctions between news and opinion.

(Note: this article was written before the story broke that Cambridge Analytica, a political data firm hired by President Trump's 2016 election campaign, gained access to private information on more than 50 million Facebook users.)



HAPPENINGS

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The Kavinoky Theatre
320 Porter Avenue
Buffalo NY
829-7668

Dark until September 2018

MusicalFare
On the Daemen College Campus
4380 Main Street, Suite 123
Amherst, NY 14226

Once

Once is the only show to have music that won the Academy Award, Grammy Award, Olivier Award, and Tony Award.

April 25 - May 27, 2018



Shea's Theatre
646 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
847-1410

School of Rock: The Musical

April 3 - 8, 2018

Phantom of the Opera

April 25 - May 6, 2018

Theatre of Youth (TOY)
203 Allen Street
Buffalo, NY 14201
884-4400 ext. 304

Summer Workshops in theatre are being offered for students entering Grades K - 12. These classes inspire Imagination, exercise Critical Thinking, and build Creative Confidence.

Well-behaved
women
seldom
make history.

-Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

BOOK SALE TIME IS NEAR

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

There has been a dedicated group of volunteers working at our collection site. There will be even more volunteers working when we move into the sale site. Then comes the REAL THING - THE SALE. That's when we need all of you to sign up for work during the sale. It can be said that this is the "fun time." Our volunteers greet customers, check them out, take their money, reorganize the tables, and do all they can to keep our sale running smoothly.

Please consider volunteering for **three shifts** during the sale days. However, the book sale committee is happy with any amount of volunteer time. We do need you.

Fill out the form below and mail or email it to Judy Weidemann. There will also be a large chart displayed when we move into the sale site. You may put your sale time volunteer preference on it instead of using this form.



Carol A. Griffith, a patient advocate at the VA Western New York Healthcare System and an active member of our Buffalo AAUW Branch, received the Legion of Honor Award on Thursday, Feb 22, in Freedom Hall in the Buffalo Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The honor was bestowed as part of the annual "Four Chaplains" ceremony. The four chaplains, from three different faiths, had all sacrificed themselves in hope of saving others while their ship sank early in 1943 during World War II.

Active in a wide variety of volunteer efforts and holder of a master's degree in social work from the University at Buffalo, this is not Carol's first award. She also is a recipient of the Federal Woman's Program Award, the John C. Foley Award for Collateral Duty Assignment, and a YMCA Volunteer of the Year Award.

The current AAUW Buffalo Scholarship Director, she has also been awarded the AAUW Buffalo Branch Recognition Award by copresidents Carol Golyski and Cynthia Mehary, and is a candidate for AAUW-NYS office for the coming year.



Book Sale Volunteer Registration Form

Use this form to sign up for shifts during the book sale from May 30 - June 3

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check all Shift Days/Times you are willing to work:

- May 30 8:45 am - 1:00 pm 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- May 31 8:45 am - 1:00 pm 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 1 8:45 am - 1:00 pm 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 2 8:45 am - 1:00 pm 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 3 11:45 am - 3:00 pm 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm



OTHER TIME _____

Please return this form to: Judy Weidemann, 21 Nye Hill Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052 or JWeide7170@aol.com



Register Online at <http://aauw-nys.org>

American Association of University Women

New York State 2018 Convention

April 20 to 22, 2018
At Radisson Hotel
Corning, NY

(Late Registration Fee Applies)

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring.



In April 2018, AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the [AAUW Bylaws](#). You can read about the proposed amendments at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>. Voting opens April 25th.

Make your voice count and have a say in the future of AAUW.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 4 at 6:15 pm - Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, West Seneca

April 12 at 7:00 pm - "Meet the Pharmacist" at Audubon Branch Library, Amherst

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

May 2 at 6:15 pm - Board Meeting at Daemen College, Amherst

May 19 - Luncheon and Annual Meeting at Banchetti's, Amherst

May 30 - June 3 - BOOK SALE! - Location TBD

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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