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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 email:

laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com
Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.

Submissions, even if previously published elsewhere, are subject to editing by the Advocate staff.

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



You Are Cordially Invited to our Annual Meeting & Luncheon

May 19, 2018 at 11:30 am



550 French Road, Amherst, NY 14228

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 using the form on Page 2



AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH 64th ANNUAL BOOK SALE

May 30 – June 3, 2018

4687 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

The Annual Book Sale is **our biggest fundraiser!** Proceeds from the book sale fund scholarships and grants to assist women attending college, in addition to our community projects, especially Tech Savvy and Sister-to-Sister.

BOOK SALE TIME IS NEAR - WE NEED YOU NOW!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BEFORE THE BOOK SALE!

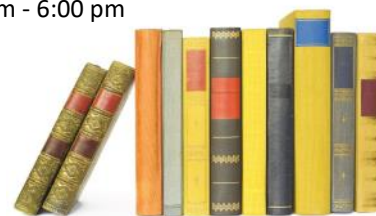
We need lots of help at the book sale site prior to the book sale. Please stop by to help any time Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday until 8 or Saturday 9-noon.

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING THE BOOK SALE!

Shift Days and Times:

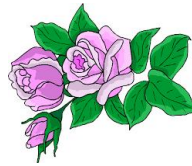
May 30 - June 2: 8:45 am - 1:00 pm, 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm, 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
June 3: 10:45 am - 3:00 pm and 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm

Please consider signing up for one or more shifts using the registration form on page 3.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY BETTY PREBLE



"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

- Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963

As we have remembered the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this past month, his "I have a Dream" speech of 1963 was often mentioned. It's hard to

realize that this speech was given over 50 years ago, especially as we look at the state of our country today. It sometimes seems that we have made almost no progress at all. Laws have certainly been passed, and in theory there is no discrimination based on the color of one's skin.

But we know better. In practice, it continues to this day, just disguised in various subtle ways.

And so does discrimination against women. As has often been pointed out, we weren't even included in that creed. It took fifty more years after race was officially eliminated as a barrier to voting before women were finally included

as having that right – an anniversary we'll be celebrating next year.

Another related and significant day this month was "All Women's Equal Pay Day." Is it fair that a woman had to work until April 10 to finally get the annual pay that a man had at the end of the previous year? Or a black woman until August 7? Or a Hispanic woman until November 1? Although laws have been passed out-

lawing this unfairness, the situation persists – the numbers have barely budged. One major cause of this ongoing problem is that salary offers are often based on what an applicant

made in the past. So a woman, with a history of lower pay, will compound that each time she gets a new job based on that lower pay. NYS has recently introduced a bill which would ban a prospective employer from asking about that history. The pay offer would depend on the applicant's qualifications and the pay grade of the job. Period. No more "well, this is a nice raise for you" when the offer would be twice as much for a man.

Look into this and, if you agree, make sure to contact your state representatives and senators. Let's be part of this change!



Annual Meeting and Luncheon 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 by **May 5th**, along with a \$22 check for lunch made out to "AAUW Buffalo Branch," to Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker Rd., Orchard Park, NY 14127.

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BOOK SALE TIME!

BY JAYNE MURRAY AND JOAN KERNAN



We are very excited about our 64th Annual Scholarship Book Sale, which is fast approaching! The books have been moved to our new site next to Eastern Hills Mall. Kudos to our dependable sorters who came during rain, snow, sleet, and in between babysitting grandkids, packing for vacations, before doctor's appointments and book clubs, etc. Thanks to members and friends who kept up a steady pace of donations -- some by the bagful and many by the carful.

site. We will accept book donations until May 18 (please NO text books, Reader's Digest Condensed Books unless they are large print, encyclopedias, or magazines.)

More than 150,000 books, DVDs, CDs, games, and puzzles will be on sale during the five-day event that ends June 3. Most items sell for 50¢ to a dollar. Collectibles and new books are priced higher.

The Annual Scholarship Book Sale is our biggest fundraiser!

We hope to see you for at least one volunteer shift at the sale and also for shopping. Tell your friends and neighbors! We have bookmarks with all the book sale information available at the sale

Special bargains include children's books, some of which sell for as low as 25¢. Hardcover and paperback books are arranged in more than three dozen categories of fiction and non-fiction. Opening day admission price on Wednesday is \$20 from 9 am until 11 am, and \$10 from 11 am to 1 pm. The fee drops to \$5 from 1 pm to 8 pm. Admission is \$1 from 9 am to 8 pm on May 31 through June 2. Admission is free June 3 when the sale is open from 11 am to 5 pm.

We Need Your Help!



More information is available at <http://aauw.buffalo.edu>.



Book Sale Volunteer Registration Form

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 10:45 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



WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN

Call individual venues for performance times and tickets.

Albright-Knox Art Gallery

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

"We Wanted a Revolution: Radical Black Women 1965-85"
This is the first major exhibition to highlight the voices and experiences of women of color.

Highly recommended.
Through May 27, 2018



Amherst Chamber Music Concert

711 Niagara Falls Boulevard,
Amherst, NY
Sunday, May 6, 3:00 pm
Branch member Phyllis Galie is a violinist with the group.

Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14220
878-6011
"Cargo - Way Points and Tales of the Erie Canal"
Through July 29, 2018

Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
853-4282
"The Awful Truth"
The inspiration for this play is the 1937 screwball film starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant.
Through May 13, 2018

The Kavinoky Theatre

3220 Porter Avenue
Buffalo, NY
829-7668
"The Foreigner"
Here is a wildly funny play in which things go uproariously awry for the "bad guys" and the "good guys" emerge triumphantly.
Through May 20, 2018

Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
847-1410
"Phantom of the Opera"
Through May 6, 2018

MusicalFare

On the Daemen College Campus
4380 Main Street - Suite 123
Amherst, NY 14226
839-8540
"Once"
Winner of eight Tonys including best musical.
Through May 27, 2018

Theatre of Youth

203 Allen Street
Buffalo, NY 14201
884-4400 Ext. 304
"Stellaluna"
The play is a heartwarming adventure about accepting differences, loving families, and great friendship. Appropriate from age four upwards.
May 6 - June 2, 2018

Special Note:

The theme weeks and some of the programs have been announced on the **Chautauqua Institute's** web site. We are fortunate this world-renowned institute is within a short day's drive for branch members. Member Bonnie Flickinger will present two week-long study courses at Chautauqua. The courses are "Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas: Partners in Art" from July 16 - 20, 2018 and "Artists of Montmartre" from July 23 - 27, 2018. Call the Institute Ticket Office at 716-357-6250 for more information. Branch member Mary Kellner is a long-time volunteer at the Institute. Look for Mary there.



BUFFALO BRANCH MAY STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

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



WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wed., May 16 at 6 pm
Where: Polish Villa, 2954 Union Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY
What: AAUW interest group for members to share dinner and conversation.
RSVP: by May 14th to Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or bpplibby1@verizon.net



KNITTING GROUP

Suspended for the time being.



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed., May 16 at 5:30 pm
Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave., Amherst
Interior room reserved for the book club.
Book: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens
Facilitator: Diane O'Brien
Discussion Leader: Mary Crocker
RSVP: Fran Witnauer 688-5708 or grandmafran44@gmail.com



BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: Thurs., May 17 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: Wed., May 23 at 1 pm
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant
Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst
Book: *The Impersonator* by Mary Miley
Facilitator: Karen Howard
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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BY DIANE O'BRIEN, MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT VP

Please join us in welcoming our new members:



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 SUNY Geneseo BA Geography 1993
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 Committees and Interests: Community Action, Cultural Interest, Tech Savvy, and how to get more girls involved with math, science, and computer programing.

Emily Perryman

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 SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology BS Advertising and Marketing 2004
 SUNY Empire State MA Social and Public Policy Anticipated 2019
 Occupation: Trocaire College Director, Marketing and PR, Buffalo, NY
 Committees: Community Action, Diversity, Public Policy, Sister-to-Sister.

NOMINEES FOR AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY MARGUERITE COLLESANO, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Membership Recruitment VPMelissa White
- Secretary/ParliamentarianDiane O'Brien
- Chief Financial OfficerBarbara Libby
- Fundraising TreasurerMary Crocker
- Education Accounts and Program TreasurerLynne Rapin
- Scholarship DirectorTo Be Decided
- Nominating Committee ChairMarguerite Collesano
- Nominating CommitteeMaryann Hope
 Marilyn Carmichael



PUBLIC RELATIONS

BY LAURIE EIKEMEYER, PR COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

The Public Relations Committee continues its hard work promoting our branch and its activities.

Current projects include our 64th Annual Scholarship Book Sale, tabling at various community events including the Women in STEM Summit at UB on April 18th, and promoting our branch scholarships.



Erie County leaders gathered in support of All Women's Equal Pay Day.

On April 10th, Public Relations Committee Co-chair Pat Miceli, attended an event observing **All Women's Equal Pay Day** with support for a state ban on wage-history discrimination with Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Majority Leader April Baskin, Legislator Barbara Miller-Williams, and Karen King, Executive Director of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women.

On April 26th, PR Committee Co-chair Pat Miceli, attended the WNY Women's Foundation Launch Event for "ALL IN" at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. "ALL IN" is a collaborative effort that aims to address the disparity of women in leadership roles throughout our region. For more information, visit <https://wnywomensfoundation.org/work/all-in>.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

It's that Time!

Coming to your mailbox soon: membership renewal letters will be sent out shortly. Please be sure to return your renewal forms and dues payment quickly.



PUBLIC POLICY: ARE WE PREPARED TO AVOID INTERFERENCE IN THE 2018 ELECTIONS?

BY MARIAN DEUTSCHMAN, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

Along with well-established issues like gerrymandering, money in elections, and voter access, the 2016 presidential election was likely undermined by Russia. Special counsel Robert Mueller filed criminal charges against 13 Russian nationals and three businesses that were charged with conspiracy, identity theft, failing to register as foreign agents, and violating laws that limit the use of foreign money in US elections. Prosecutors described their work as "information warfare against the United States" and their goal as "spreading distrust toward the candidates and the political system." Are we prepared to avoid interference in our 2018 elections? American intelligence chiefs warned the Senate Intelligence Committee that Russia appears to be preparing to repeat the same hacking, leaking, social media manipulation, and possibly more in the 2018 midterm elections. Some citizens still believe the whole thing is a witch hunt and a hoax. It's difficult to prove or disprove anything about Russian interference. The interference campaign in the aggregate could have been enough to swing the election by 0.8 percentage points toward Trump. If we knew which states where the efforts were concentrated, we might be able to make a few additional inferences. Maybe some of that information will emerge as the result of Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. As I submit this article for the newsletter, Mueller described President Trump as a subject of his investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, meaning that person has engaged in conduct that is under investigation but there is insufficient evidence to bring charges at this time.

It's interesting to note a New York Times article stating that Russia's 2016 operation

was simply the cyber-age version of standard United States practice for decades, whenever American officials were worried about a foreign vote. American interventions have generally been aimed at helping non-authoritarian candidates challenge dictators or otherwise promoting democracy. Russia has more often intervened to disrupt democracy or promote authoritarian rule.



The 2016 presidential election did not have the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. After the US Supreme Court issued its 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, states passed voting restrictions in response to discredited claims of voter fraud. In 2016, there were 14 states with new voting restrictions in place that disenfranchised would-be voters. As we approach the 2018 elections, AAUW will continue to emphasize the importance of fair and reasonable voting rights. As we get closer to the 2020 census, AAUW's ongoing interest in implementing fair redistricting reform will become even more important. AAUW's get-out-the-vote campaign has a **list of basic election guidelines (Dos and Don'ts)** that comply with regulations established by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Election Commission:

Do

- * register eligible voters in your community.
- * work in coalition.
- * inform people of their right to vote, or tell them when and where to vote on Election Day.
- * distribute material educating voters about the issues at stake in the election.
- * determine and publicize the positions of candidates.
- * host a candidate forum.
- * produce and distribute unbiased candidate questionnaires covering a range of AAUW issues.
- * publish voter guides that include the position of major-party candidates on specific issues.
- * publish voting records for the state's congressional delegation, state legislature, or other body.

Don't

- * target any voter registration efforts at either Democrats or Republicans.
- * endorse candidates in any partisan election.
- * distribute advocacy materials as part of voter registration or in conjunction with any event designed to highlight an incumbent's or candidate's position.
- * tell individuals, communities, or voters which candidates they should vote for.
- * invite or permit only selected candidates to address your members at events or meetings.
- * coordinate with a political candidate, party, or PAC.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THE “I AM” IN TECH SAVVY GIRLS

BY TAMARA BROWN



Thank you for whatever part you took in making the day for many girls, parents, and teachers in March!

“Thank you” to all of the committee chairs, members, and volunteers who made the day wonderful, safe, and enlightening. We had nearly 200 members and friends volunteering for the day—including about 70 workshop presenters and session leaders. Special thanks to Natasha and to all the committee chairs who helped to make the day run smoothly.

We continue to be amazed by the support and generosity of those who come to join us from afar. Many of you were inspired by Margot’s keynote address; Stacie’s challenge

to say, “not me”; Suna’s advice for wise planning; and Bonnie’s gentle encouragement and guidance.

Special thanks also to our donors who help make this program possible:

- AAUW Buffalo: \$5,000
- Praxair: \$37,500
- Baxter: \$2,500
- UB Engineering: approximately \$3,000 toward defraying venue expenses
- Bonnie Seaton: \$50 to cover the costs of students attending the conference

And, this support is matched only by YOUR passion. Each year, you give your all for the girls. Whether you set up or tore down, served lunch, set up a buffet line or table, organized or talked or greeted—you and the time you gave has made a difference!

Do you want to help with next year’s Tech Savvy ?

We’ll decide soon about any summer activities. Planning sessions for Tech Savvy 14 will begin in August. So, if you want to get involved, please call Tamara at (716) 949-2413 or send an email to tbforaauw@cs.com this month.

BUFFALO BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

BY BETTY KRIST, CHAIR

On March 24, Judy Huber, Barbara Carrier, Marguerite Collesano, Betty Preble, Joan Eschner, Marian Deutschman, Carol Griffith, and Betty Krist evaluated 48 applications from 25 schools. By consensus, we selected Anna Cryan from Kenmore West and Maria Ziaja from City Honors to be recommended to the Board for \$2500 AAUW Buffalo Branch Scholarships. Thanks and sincere appreciation for everyone’s great team effort in this important task.



Anna Cryan is a senior at Kenmore West High School where she has a 100.68 GPA and ranks 6th in her class. She will attend Canisius College to pursue a degree in Psychology with a minor in Studio Art

that will lead her to her goal of becoming a Board Certified Art Therapist. She is in Ken West’s AP Honors and International Baccalaureate Programs; plays flute, piccolo, keyboard/keyboard bass in various ensembles; is secretary of her school’s National Honor

Society; plays on the girls’ tennis team; and is a member of her

school’s Science Olympiad. As co-founder of the Homework Program at the Kenmore Public Library, Anna has learned the excitement and reward of helping children. As editor of the Kenmore Library Newsletter and Teen-zinc, and Buffalo-Niagara YMCA Teen Leaders Club she has seen the value of participating in community activities. In 2015, she won the Best Multimedia Design Award at a UB art exhibition.



Maria Ziaja is a senior at City Honors High School in Buffalo with a GPA of 4.4. She accepted early decision admission to Vassar College where she will major in Environmental Studies with a

minor in Women’s Studies. Her career goal is to complete an Environmental Law degree and contribute to the development of creative solutions for equitable access to sustain-



able housing and renewable energy. Among her academic distinctions are being an AP Scholar as well as earning a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors, and an International Baccalaureate Full Diploma. In Girls’ Rocket Club, sponsored by Buffalo Engineering Awareness for Minorities (BEAM,) she developed from novice to mentor and learned the importance of leadership in achieving group goals in many contexts. She’s been a teaching assistant at Squeaky Wheel’s Tech Arts for Girls program, President of the Helping Hands Club, and Captain of City Honors’ Varsity Track Team.

Please join us in congratulating these exceptional young ladies.



2018 CATALYST FOR CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

BY FERN BEAVERS, CHAIR

Colleen Elizabeth O'Connor is a resident of Orchard Park, NY, she is currently a Junior at Dartmouth College, majoring in Economics and Chinese with a minor in Human-Centered Design.



Colleen spent the past year and a half working on a project to promote female empowerment through entrepreneurship in South

America and East Asia, specifically in Cusco, Peru and Beijing, China. Colleen was inspired to pursue this project after speaking with dozens of young, entrepreneurial female stall owners in Cusco, Peru and Beijing, China's artisan craft markets who, in addition to describing the obstacle of pervasive gender discrimination, articulated feeling "stuck" working as vendors, unable to take their innovative ideas one step further to help them achieve financial stability.



Thus, Colleen became determined to increase global awareness of the plight of female entrepreneurs abroad with hopes of creating a cross-cultural network of entrepreneurial females so that these women may lean on one another for mentorship and support. Over the past 15 months, Colleen has conducted interviews with over 50 female entrepreneurs in South America and East Asia and has educated others on this issue by serving as a United States delegate to the 2018 United Nations Youth Assembly, representing Dartmouth at the 2017 Ivy League Summit on Social Entrepreneurship, and serving as the Keynote Speaker for the 2017 Women of Dartmouth kick-off event. She is honored and thrilled to have been selected as a recipient of the Catalyst for Change Scholarship this year.

One of her goals is to increase awareness and create a cross-cultural network of entrepreneurial females.

Ashli Skura Dreher is a resident of Grand Island, NY, is currently a dissertation-level doctoral student at the University of Rochester. The area of study is education with a focus on Teaching and Curriculum Development.

Ashli, has been teaching for 21 years and works at Lewiston-Porter Central School District in Youngtown, NY - teaching special education. She has a strong interest in the development of girls and young women's community-building and leadership capabilities. She devotes her teaching time to ensure all of her students are successful despite the barriers they may endure.

Ashli, has demonstrated her passion for education outside of the classroom – in 2017 she was elected to the Grand Island Board of Education. Additionally, She hosts a television program to highlight outstanding public school teachers called "Inside the Classroom" which is on WBBZ and is a contributing author to a recently published book titled, *Confronting Oppressive Assessment: How Policy-Makers are Rethinking Current Educational Reforms*.

Ashli is a 2017 inductee into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

As a single mother she has demonstrated determination – self-confidence and has created a template for reshaping one's life.

"I feel blessed when walking into a classroom that I can have an impact on people's lives"

She would like to pursue a seat in the legislature and finish a second doctorate with a focus on policy in the future.

Ashli has two daughters: Heavyn and Skye.



Kaitlyn Elizabeth Vacca is a resident of Amherst, NY, is currently a first year graduate student enrolled in the Master of Social Work Online Program at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Kaitlyn is a registered nurse who has decided to expand her professional career by pursuing a different major, social work. However, her desired end goal has not changed, which is to serve as an advocate for vulnerable and underserved populations. She seeks to promote a sense of empowerment among women of all ages by serving as a role model, and supporting causes that are a direct influence of change. This is demonstrated by her volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara, and the Southern Tier. This organization allows her to be the voice and support for the population of young women and men who for one reason or another are unable to find support at home and/or at school.

In 2017, she joined the Big Engagement Committee for her local chapter, and was able to raise \$2,265 for The Big Give Fundraiser this past winter.

As a registered nurse, being employed in various clinical settings such as an emergency department, an Inpatient psychiatric hospital, and a long-term ventilator care facility have strongly shaped who Kaitlyn is as a healthcare professional. Each and every day she comes across individuals lacking a voice regarding their treatment and lifestyle, and have no advocate willing or able to be that voice. Whether they are elderly, victimized, struggling with a physical or mental illness, a minor, battling addiction, or financially unstable, Kaitlyn strives to be the voice for those that she can, but would like to be the voice for many more.

"My experiences as an RN combined with my community involvement have exposed my passion for working with diverse populations of people with unique and special needs."



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW AAUW-NYS OFFICERS

BY LAURIE EIKEMEYER

Congratulations to our newly installed AAUW-NYS Officers for 2018-2020, including Buffalo Branch's Carol Griffith:

Janice Brown, President
(Jefferson Co.)

Jane Pendergast, Program
Vice President (Westchester
Co.)

Carol Griffith, Development
Vice President (Buffalo)



In Memoriam

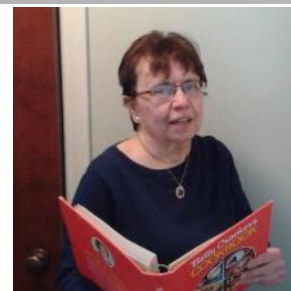
Sharon Meer, long time member and avid book sale supporter, passed away on April 17, 2018. She (and her husband) took on the task of the travel/geography section for several years. Her cheerful face was a regular at our branch programs for the more than ten years she was a member. She was a beloved pre-school teacher prior to her retirement and is remembered fondly by her former students and their parents.

Dr Ruth Auer passed away on Dec 27, 2017, at the age of 89. Many of our members knew her as their teacher, supervisor, colleague, and friend. A physically tiny woman, she was a giant in spirit. Her career path took her from teaching art to principalship and school administration. She was the first woman president of the School Administrators' Association of New York State in 1976. Following her retirement, she and her late husband were also active in thoroughbred horse racing. She had been a member of our branch for over thirty years, creating many of the beautiful signs for our book sale amongst other contributions, and we all miss her greatly.

Ingrid Wetherbee, a former dedicated branch member, passed away last fall. Ingrid had managed the scholarship/loan fund treasurer position for a time and worked hard to support the Booksale (the literature section!) for several years. Unfortunately, dementia took her from us a couple of years ago. We all miss the Ingrid we knew before that.

ANATOMY OF A BOOK SALE

BY DIANE O'BRIEN



For sale: 150,000 books and media items. Arranged by category. Priced from \$.50 and up. Proceeds turned back to the surrounding communities through educational loans, scholarships, and grants.

How do AAUW members and friends of our Buffalo branch manage to run an incredibly successful book sale year after year? It is run with great organization and your help.

Our sale begins in September as book donors roll into the parking lot of our donation center. From the trunks of their cars, bags and boxes of books are toted to the church basement to be sorted. Member volunteers meet two mornings a week to organize these donations. The books are sorted by genre, boxed, and labelled. This sorting continues from September until April.



In April, more AAUW volunteers and friends step forward. They clean and ready the actual book sale site. A mover delivers and sets up the tables. Labels are applied to groups of tables, designating the 45+ genres. All of this takes our AAUW organization six weeks, in order to be 'sale' ready.

What might you find? Paperbacks reign, often sagging the tables in the middle with their weight. Priced at a half dollar, these books are scooped up by avid readers. The children's section is a must for parents and grandparents, sometimes with the youngsters in tow. Games, puzzles, and books fly off the shelves as well as the books. Hardcover books sell for one dollar. The James Patterson and Dan Brown hard covers seem to be stacked to the ceiling. Buyers appreciate the reading diversity, from cookbooks to religion to self help. The special collections section contains books copyrighted a hundred years ago to the present. Buy a recent New York Times favorite for two dollars. Rare books are placed in a glass-covered case. Regional publications are available.

The action begins the first Wednesday after Memorial Day. The line of prospective buyers snakes around the building, excited as if on a treasure hunt to find the books they want. The dealers come to get the titles they can resell for a profit. There are more than 600+ people streaming through the door on the first day of the sale.

Altogether, this well-established event runs for five days. Through a system of sale notifications, people come from Canada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and all over New York State to indulge their reading habits. This sale has become a ritual of spring for the shoppers as well as the sorters. Friendships are made through this activity.

Are you a part of the book sale, AAUW Buffalo Branch's only fundraising event? If not, join us! Meet other members and bring your friends to help support this worthy cause. And yes, we are still collecting books until May 18th. See you among the stacks!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

May 19 at 11:30 am - Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Banchetti's, Amherst

May 30 - June 3 - BOOK SALE! - 4687 Transit Rd., Williamsville (next to Eastern Hills Mall)

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

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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