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## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH 64th ANNUAL BOOK SALE

May 30 – June 3, 2018

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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 programs and projects, especially Tech Savvy.

### BOOK SALE TIME IS NEAR! WE NEED YOU NOW!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BEFORE THE BOOK SALE!

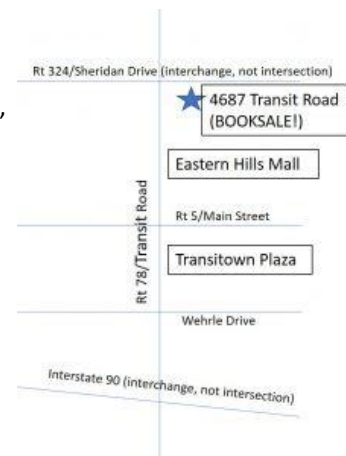
We need lots of help at the book sale site prior to the book sale. Please stop by to help any time Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday until 8 or Saturday 9-noon.

#### 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



The deadline for each issue of the *Advocate* is the 10th of the previous month. Send articles to Betty Preble via email:

[Betty.Preble@gmail.com](mailto:Betty.Preble@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 Betty Preble!



### 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](mailto:JWeide7170@aol.com)

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY BETTY PREBLE



June in an AAUW-Buffalo year always brings a flurry of activity, the book sale being a big part of that. I hope you are all planning to help out at least a couple of times during the sale itself! It is a huge undertaking and its success really depends on *all of us* doing our parts. It's hard to imagine that the sale has been going on for sixty-four years! For the past few years there's been this constant fear that the electronic readers of various sorts would wipe us out, but I think we can safely say at this point that many people still prefer a physical book in their hands!

The other big spring activity is the annual meeting and luncheon. That will be in the past by the time you read this, and our new officers will be starting to think about the coming year. I'm delighted to announce the new officers:

Membership Recruitment VP Melissa White,  
Secretary Diane O'Brien,  
CFO Dr. Barbara Libby,  
EAP Treasurer Lynne Rapin,  
Fundraising Treasurer Mary Crocker,  
Scholarship Director Dr. Betty Krist,  
Nominating Committee Chair  
Marguerite Collesano,

Nominating Committee  
Members Marilyn Carmichael  
and Maryann Hope.

I also must sadly announce that this is Laurie Eikemeyer's last newsletter. She's been doing this for several years and it's time for new blood! Her shoes are going to be very difficult to fill, but surely one of our members is up for the challenge? If so, please contact me to discuss it.

There are also several other leadership positions available for next year. This is a great chance to learn more about AAUW and make a difference in our community. Please call me!

Finally, I hope you have all taken the time to vote on the proposed national bylaws amendments. AAUW CEO Kim Churches passionately argued in favor of all of them at the state convention, but there is also firm resistance to all, especially the one changing membership requirements. Educate yourselves!

I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer (after the sale, of course,) and I look forward to seeing you on September 25 at Chef's!

## AAUW National Bylaws Amendment Vote 2018



Reminder: You can vote until **June 9th at 9 pm EDT** on 3 important proposed national bylaws amendments! Make your voice count and have a say in the future of AAUW.

You can vote online at:  
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> using the pin you received via email.

Or if you receive *Outlook* in print, your voting form and pin were included in the latest *Outlook*.

## AAUW-NYS SUMMER CONFERENCE JULY 20-22, 2018 AT CAZENOVIA COLLEGE CAMPUS

*"Real Tools for Action in  
Your Hometown"*

Registration information and details will be included in the AAUW-NYS FOCUS summer edition.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN

## Albright-Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
882-8700

### "Picturing Niagara"

The exhibit is built around Stephen Hano's recent gift, "The Great Falls." Continues until August 5, 2018.



## Amherst Chamber Music Concert

711 Niagara Falls Boulevard  
Amherst, NY

[acemusic.org](http://acemusic.org)

### "ACE String Orchestra Concert"

Sunday, June 3, 2018

3:00 pm Concerts are free.

A "good-will" offering is appreciated.

## Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
853-4282

### "Lady Windermere's Fan"

This is a sparkling comedy-drama by Oscar Wilde.

June 1, 2018 through June 24, 2018.

## Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
847-1410

### "Love Never Dies"

This is a romantic musical acted out live.

June 5, 2018 through June 10, 2018.

## MusicalFare

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

839-8540

### "Murder for Two"

This is an irreverent riff on classic whodunits.

July 11, 2018 through August 12, 2018.

## Theatre of Youth

203 Allen Street  
Buffalo, NY 14201  
884-4400 Ext. 304

### "Stellaluna" finishing June 2, 2018.

Appropriate from age 4 upwards.

Call individual venues for performance times and tickets.

# BUFFALO BRANCH JUNE STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

## NEW INTEREST GROUP

BY CHRISTINA SAARINEN

### DO YOU WORK IN A STEM CAREER? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STEM?

Please join us for an organizational meeting of a **new interest group** for exploring the STEM fields in a fun, casual way. Members working in science, technology, engineering, or math, or those with a casual interest in STEM are all invited. Potential events could include field trips to the planetarium, tours of natural history or engineering sites, lab visits, invited speakers, flash talks, learn-to-code evenings, an AAUW STEM mixer, or perhaps a reading group discussion of scientists' biographies. Bring your ideas for fun and interesting activities for next autumn!

When: Tues, Jun 12 at 6:30 pm

Where: Panera, 1747 Sheridan Dr, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Contact: Christina Saarinen 425-3790 or email

[csaarinen@backhomebooks.net](mailto:csaarinen@backhomebooks.net)

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

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER It's That Time!

Membership renewal letters should have arrived in your mailbox by now. Please be sure to return your renewal forms and dues payment quickly.



## THE HAPPY WANDERERS

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



## WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wed., June 13 at 6:30 pm

Where: Falafal Bar, 3345 Sheridan Dr. Amherst, NY

What: AAUW Interest Group for members to share dinner and conversation

RSVP: by June 11<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or [bpilibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bpilibby1@verizon.net)



## KNITTING GROUP

Suspended for the time being.



## BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: To be determined at the May meeting

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



## DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed., June 20 at 5:30 pm

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

Book: *Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

Facilitator: Mary Crocker

Discussion leader: Fran Witnauer

RSVP: Fran Witnauer 688-5708 or [grandmafran44@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmafran44@yahoo.com)



## CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wed., June 27 at 1 pm.

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

Book: *Death in Brittany* by Jean-Luc Bannalec

Facilitator: Stacy Johnson

RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453



Questions? Contact Judy Huber  
688-8170 or email  
[judyhuber62@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhuber62@yahoo.com)



# FALL DINNER!

## September 25, 2018

6:00 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Dinner



### ***Chef's Restaurant***

291 Seneca Street  
Buffalo, NY 14204

Please join us for our annual fall dinner!

We will welcome new members, greet old friends, congratulate our scholarship winners, and celebrate our 128th year!

Dinner includes choice of Entrée, Salad, Bread, Coffee/Tea, Punch, and a Cannoli.

**\*RSVP by September 10th\***

Mail the form below, along with a check made out to "AAUW Buffalo Branch" in the amount of \$20 per person to:

Lilyen Mascellino  
20 Forest Creek Court  
Grand Island, NY 14072

### Reservation Form

Mail this form with a check made out to "AAUW Buffalo Branch" for \$20 per attendee to Lilyen by September 10th.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Select one of the following entrees for each person attending:

- Stuffed Shells with meatless sauce
- Meat and Cheese Lasagna
- Roasted Chicken (1/2 chicken with Italian spices), oven roasted potatoes, and green beans.

Allergy Alert: \_\_\_\_\_



## BOOK SALE TIME!

BY JAYNE MURRAY AND JOAN KERNAN



Activity at the Book Sale Site — 4687 Transit Road — is at a fever pitch as we prepare to open the doors for our 64th Annual Sale. You can feel the enthusiasm in the air! Tables are neatly stacked with rows upon rows of books, all sorted into categories, with extra boxes of books just waiting to replenish them. Collectibles have been painstakingly specially priced. Press releases have gone out far and wide, postcards mailed, and informational book marks distributed. Signs have been made and posted to guide our customers to all the various genres where perhaps that perfect book is waiting to be discovered. Bags have been collected and folded to be filled with purchases, cash boxes and supplies are distributed, and aprons are ready to be donned. Our volunteers have been coordinated and organized—so many hands are needed to straighten, pack, tally, and cash out. Many more hands are needed to relieve tired volunteers when they take a much-needed break.

Many of our volunteers have been working since September and are looking ahead to summer. Others step in for the big push to prepare the sale site in April and May. Still more join in for the sale itself. Then there is cleanup of unsold books. If you would like to be part of this worthwhile project and work with us during the sale, May 30 - June 3, or cleanup on June 4th, please contact Judy Weidemann at [JWeide7170@aol.com](mailto:JWeide7170@aol.com) ASAP.

We will also welcome you to join us in September as we begin another year of gathering the precious books which will transform into scholarships for local students.

# PUBLIC POLICY: IS THIS THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN?

BY MARIAN DEUTSCHMAN, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

At this writing, the 2018 election cycle has nearly 60 percent more women declaring plans to run for the House and Senate this year, compared to the 2016 election. Over 500 women have said they're running for Congress this year, according to the Center for American Women and Politics (76 percent are Democratic candidates.) That's up from 312 women who filed to run for the House or Senate in 2016.



Many women say they don't see themselves as candidates and often have to be convinced to run. But female lawmakers, researchers, and consultants say they see that trend starting to change, as women become more confident and assertive in workplaces across the nation.

What would change if there were more women in Congress? Is party identification stronger than gender? Would they tend to be more liberal or conservative? Not surprising, women are more likely than men to advocate for issues associated with women's interests such as child care, women's health, abortion, and pay equity. Our own Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has a focus on sexual harassment in the military. Books by Michele Swers state that differences show up in floor speeches and legislative debates, where women are more likely to discuss issues in terms of women's interests. She says that women are also more likely than men to give floor speeches.

Michele Swers is the author of the first book to examine the impact of gender differences in the Senate. *Women in the Club* is an exploration of how women are influencing policy and politics in this male bastion of power. According to Swers, gender is a fundamental factor for women in the Senate,

interacting with both party affiliation and individual ideology to shape priorities on policy. The election of increasing numbers of women has coincided with the polarized partisanship in the Senate. The stark differences between the parties on issues pertaining to gender have meant that Democratic and Republican senators often assume very different roles as they reconcile their policy views on gender issues with the desire to act as members of partisan teams championing or defending their party's record in an effort to reach targeted groups of voters.

Research suggests that women may be more effective legislators than men. Women are able to get their sponsored bills further through the legislative process and women sponsor and co-sponsor more bills than men do, according to a study in the *American Journal of Political Science*. They are reported to deliver about 9 percent more funding to their districts. At this time, women must



function in a predominantly male environment. If women dominated Congress, women (and men) might behave differently. Female legislators may have goals and interests that they would work even harder to advance, maybe even joined by male legislators, if women's representation increased.

Women may also govern differently from men in some important ways. They tend to be more collaborative and bipartisan as they push policies meant to support women, children, social welfare, and national security. In Congress, for instance, women fought for women's health coverage in the Affordable Care Act, the inclusion of women in medical trials, and child care vouchers in the welfare overhaul. Unfortunately research shows their bills are also more likely to die, largely because of gender bias. Those are the bills

that are more likely to benefit women and children or address issues like education, health, and poverty.

Since 2001, EMILY's List has held over 200 trainings for over 9,000 women helping them with the process of running for office. Hundreds of women run every election cycle with EMILY's List supporting many of their campaigns. They endorse only pro-choice Democratic women who show the potential to get elected with their help. They put expert staff to work helping craft effective fundraising, political communications, and digital strategies. For state and local candidates, they provide the tools to start a campaign and the strategic advice to see it across the finish line.

The question now is how many women will get the money to run a successful campaign and how many will win the support of voters.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

BY DIANE O'BRIEN,  
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT VP

Please join us in welcoming our new member:



### Mary Bashore

105 Hubbardston Place

Amherst, NY 14228

Phone: 691-6714

Email: [mrybash@gmail.com](mailto:mrybash@gmail.com)

Degrees: Clarkson University 1982 BS

Accounting and Law;

Rochester Institute of Technology 1990

MBA Business and Management

Occupation: Semi-retired consultant on

banking regulation and finance

Skills: financial management

Committees: Cultural Interests, Scholarship

Committee, Dinner by the Book, WNY

Culinary Delights, Happy Wanderers, Sailing

and Boating

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### 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

July 20 —22 - AAUW-NYS Summer Conference  
Cazenovia College Campus

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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