



## DISTRICT 1 CONFERENCE

### AAUW Buffalo Branch Presents:

### Immigration: The Effects on Women and Their Lives

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
**10:00 am (check-in begins at 9:30)**  
**Michaels, 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY 14075**  
**\$24 person includes lunch**  
**RSVP by October 25, 2017**

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**or 984.3592**



## SPEAKERS

**Diane O'Brien**, Buffalo Branch member, has been an English as a Second Language teacher for over 20 years for immigrant and refugee students. She will be discussing how political and economic turmoil in the world has altered the migration patterns into the United States and Western New York. She will be looking at the resulting student population changes in grades K – 12.

**Madee Greely** is originally from Burma. She left Burma and lived for a time in a refugee camp in Thailand until she was able to complete the steps to emigrate to the United States. She will share her experience with us.

**Alexandra (Andy) Smith** is the President of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Group. A tireless volunteer, she will be discussing the myths vs. reality of the lives of immigrants. She will also be focusing on the DACA issue.

**Tony Agnello** is the President of the Friends of Afghanistan. He served in the Peace Corps in Afghanistan. He has been back twice since 9/11 helping to forward gender equity educational initiatives.

**Rosanna Berardi** of Berardi Immigration Law. Rosanna has been an immigration lawyer for over 20 years. She will give us an overview of the immigration system.

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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!



# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY BETTY PREBLE

*My voice was a bare rasp of fear. "In the weaving room, the women say it's never been this bad before..."*

*"They always say that when things get difficult," she answered softly. Then she sat up suddenly as though coming fully awake. Reaching down, she took my chin in her hand and tipped my face to look up at hers. "Remember, Gwen, no matter who says what, the important thing is to understand what needs to be done, and then do it. No matter how hard it is, or how much pain you feel. It's as simple as that, really. Once you know what you have to do, you just do it."*

— Persia Woolley, *Child of the Northern Spring*

One hundred years ago this month, the women of New York State acquired the vote. It is a right, a privilege, and a responsibility – and it didn't just fall into our laps. It was decades of (mostly) women **knowing what they had to do and then doing it.** Most of those gentle (and sometimes not-so-gentle) warriors didn't even live to see the success of their campaign!



Where are we today? Are we strong enough to be worthy of following in their footsteps? As much of the progress of the past few years is rolled back, what are we doing about it? Surely we are all at least voting and making sure that our like-minded friends are doing the same. Are we also making sure that our current lawmakers know that we are unhappy with their collective actions? Are we willing to stand up for our beliefs or are we just saying "Well, there's nothing I can do about it – I'm only one person?" or "Well, I hate to argue." I'm not saying it's easy to argue – I myself hate it. But I'm trying.

Let's stay on top of the real news, which is often overshadowed by the most recent splash of something. (Is a matchup of IQ tests really more important than Puerto Rico or North Korea?) Those are the issues we should really be watching and fighting. And try to stay on top of the current fake news so that you can refute it intelligently.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming programs. Please come and bring a friend!

PS—I will try to stop sounding like a broken record next month!



Happy Thanksgiving



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## FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

BY LYNNE RAPIN, SECRETARY/PARLIAMENTARIAN

The October meeting was held at Ebenezer UCC on Main Street in West Seneca. This year, meetings will alternate between Daemen College to the north and Ebenezer UCC to the south.

Book Sale sorting is going well. A large donation of books has been acquired from a local estate. Volunteers are always welcome to help in the sorting process at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St, Williamsville, NY 14221, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9:30 am at noon and the third Tuesday evening of each month, 6 - 8 pm.

Vice-President for Programs, Lilyen Mascellino, has made arrangements for AAUW to attend Forest Lawn's production of *It Was a Wonderful Life* on Saturday, December 9. This production will feature several promi-



nent, **permanent** residents of Forest Lawn.

Carol Griffith, Scholarship Director, gave an overview of the Velma Cobb Scholarship. The Board voted that it become "AAUW Buffalo Branch Scholarship."

Several members of our Publicity Committee participated in a media conference on September 21st. The event took place at BAK, USA. The focus of this event was to announce the latest **gender pay gap** statistics. Other participants included representatives of WNY Women's Foundation, Erie County (NY) Commission on the Status of Women, and the office of Crystal Peoples-Stoke, NYS Assemblywoman.

A new committee has been formed to develop specific recommendations for utilization of the Clarine Radt Fund.

## BOOK SALE REPORT

BY JAYNE MURRAY AND  
JOAN KERNAN

We are  
*desperate* for  
books!



Happily, we were off to a great start this year and fairly inundated with book donations in the last few weeks, but our super-sorters have already made a huge dent. If you have been meaning to stop by with that box of books you read over the summer on the beach (we'll shake the sand out) or are fed up with dusting the collection of books on the coffee table, now is the time to get them to us! No need to RSVP, just come on by the Calvary Episcopal Church, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9:30 - 12 noon. Our volunteers will even empty your car.

Our hot pink "We Need Books" bookmarks are available at the church to distribute to your friends who may be downsizing or re-organizing, or to place on any and every community bulletin board or open counter. The next generous donor is only one bookmark away.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ingrid Wetherbee**, a former dedicated branch member, has passed away. Ingrid had managed the Chamberlin/Funds For Education treasurer position for a time and worked hard to support the book sale for several years. Unfortunately, dementia took her from us a couple of years ago. There will be no public services.



## BUFFALO BRANCH NOVEMBER STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

### THE HAPPY WANDERERS

We will resume wandering soon. Mary Ellen Shaughnessy and Barb Carrier welcome your suggestions.



### KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 2-4 pm  
Where: Barnes and Noble Café on Transit Rd. near Main St.  
What: Bring your knitting and/or crochet project.  
RSVP: Karen Howard at 480-3652 or email [kkhoward@roadrunner.com](mailto:kkhoward@roadrunner.com)



### DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 pm  
Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave., Amherst  
Private room reserved for the book club.  
Book: *Molokai* by Alan Brennert  
Facilitator: Karen Kolbe  
DL: Marilyn Carmichael  
RSVP: Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or [grandmafran44@gmail.com](mailto:grandmafran44@gmail.com)



### BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

When: Thursday, Nov. 16 from 1-3 pm  
Where: Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, Conference Room  
1030 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga  
What: Bring a current project you are working on or come to learn a new hobby.  
RSVP: Barbara Weber at 668-5456 or cell 725-7839



### WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon  
Where: Pasi3n Restaurant  
153 Elmwood Ave.  
What: Interest Group for members to share brunch and conversation  
RSVP: Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or [plibby1@verizon.net](mailto:plibby1@verizon.net) by Fri., Nov. 17



### CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 1 pm (note the new time)  
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant  
Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst  
Book: *Fruit of All Evil* by Paige Shelton  
Facilitator: Kate Collins  
RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453



Questions? Contact Judy Huber  
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**We welcome all current and prospective members to attend any of our study/interest group activities.**

## DAEMEN AAUW NEWS

BY LESLIE WEBSTER

The Daemen College AAUW Student Organization has been a great way to empower students. This year, we plan to bring more awareness about Equal Pay Day for women of different races. In October, we recognized Equal Pay Day for Native Americans and Latinas/Hispanic Americans with an Unequal Pay Day Sale. We had a bake sale, but only women got a discount on products. We will be hosting a World Hijab Day event in February, and for Equal Pay Day in April, we are planning an advocacy panel for women's rights.

AAUW gives women a voice to speak out against injustice. As the president of Daemen's

AAUW Student Organization, I am privileged to be a part of what we stand for. Other young women have hope because of AAUW.



Members of Daemen's AAUW Student Organization.



# PUBLIC POLICY

BY MARIAN DEUTSCHMAN, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

## Important Question on the November Ballot

When you go to your polling place on November 7th, you will be faced with an important ballot issue. Are you for or against approval of the 2017 ballot proposition calling for a constitutional convention? Are the problems with the state constitution significant enough to justify an affirmative vote? Is a constitutional convention the best or only vehicle for achieving needed reforms? What are the other alternatives?

The legislature could initiate amendments to reform the constitution so change could occur through the legislative process and then be presented to the voters for approval. Has the legislature's performance given us any assurance that they would provide meaningful reform? There is evidence that they tend to focus on protecting incumbents as one of their highest priorities.

If voters approve the ballot issue, delegates to the convention would be elected by voters in November 2018. The convention would convene in Albany on April 2, 2019. The cost estimates range from \$50 million to over \$100 million. A total of 204 delegates would include 15 at-large delegates and three delegates from each of the 63 State Senate districts. Delegates would be paid the same salary as Assembly members, currently set at \$79,500. Judges and legislators who serve as delegates could receive two full salaries. Delegates decide on how they will be organized and how they will proceed. The expectation is that they would meet from April to September.

The League of Women Voters of New York State has prepared a brochure with all the details and a listing of pro and con arguments, and the major potential changes. On the positive side, the convention can eliminate outdated amendments and streamline the verbose document. This is also an opportunity to address reforms in elections, campaign finance, ethics, and voting. We could see improvement in courts, environ-

ment, healthcare, housing, reproductive rights, and protections for vulnerable populations.

Those opposed to the convention fear a complete overhaul of the constitution may jeopardize protection of state pensions and school funding. There is also concern about funding and influence from outside special interest groups. They could play a major role in delegate selection. Articles and sections of the constitution could be added, deleted, or revised. Governance changes could involve term limits for



legislators, increased transparency, change in the number of legislators, and redistricting revisions, among other possible changes. Limits on outside income for legislators could be set, an area where change has been avoided in preference to maintaining the status-quo.

Most people agree that the state constitution has problems that need attention. Anything that is proposed by the convention would have to be approved in a statewide referendum by the voters. Historically, the state has held nine conventions. None of these have produced radical changes. They have expanded individual and communal rights rather than limiting them. The constitution proposed by the 1967 convention was rejected by the voters but some of the provisions were later adopted by constitutional amendment or statutory law.

If we fail to act, we will not have another opportunity until 2037. Are you prepared to decide?



## CHAMBERLIN LOAN FUND AND FUNDS FOR EDUCATION

BY KATE COLLINS  
CHAMBERLIN FUND/FUNDS FOR  
EDUCATION TREASURER

*The deadline for submitting applications for the Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education is **December 1, 2017.***

*The Chamberlin Loan Fund provides financial support, mainly in the form of interest-free loans, for higher education for women of promising scholarship who might not otherwise be able to fund a college education. It is open to students whose legal residence is in Western New York.*

*Funds for Education was established to provide financial support for women or men college students from Western New York. The funds are specialized loans, grants, or scholarships. Applicants must demonstrate superior academic achievement, have potential for achieving their academic and career goals, and show financial need.*

*For more information, visit our website at:*  
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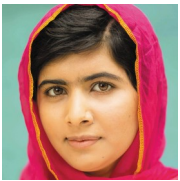


# MALALA

BY MELISSA WHITE

**113 million. 113 million. One hundred and thirteen million.** This is the number of women in the world with no access to education.

I expected that seeing Malala would be an amazing experience and it was. I was not prepared for that number.



Malala Yousafzai visited the SUNY Buffalo Campus on Tuesday, September 19th. In a sweltering, packed

house, she quickly connected with the audience. Education was, and remains, her chief focus. She told stories of women in refugee camps who have to walk miles every day for schooling. Malala pointed out that no one becomes a refugee by choice. Yet even then, there are women finding ways to obtain an education.

Then there are the **113 million** with no access to any kind of education. Malala grew up in a household with a father who fought for girls' rights to have an education. Malala followed suit. She was shot by the Taliban in 2012. She recovered against all odds. Her book, "I am Malala," made her the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala pointed out during the question and answer session that education will lead to improvement in all aspects of humanity. When an audience member asked about protecting the earth's climate and oceans, Malala pointed out that access to education would lead to improvement in these areas. The education is always first.

At AAUW we have been changing the climate for women and girls since 1881.

Yet there are **113 million** women globally with no access to an education of any kind.

# DECEMBER PROGRAM

## FOREST LAWN'S PRODUCTION OF *IT WAS A WONDERFUL LIFE*



**December 9, 2017**  
**2:00-4:00 pm**  
**Forest Lawn Chapel**  
**1411 Delaware Avenue**  
**Buffalo, 14209**

**Join us** for this critically acclaimed original production as the historic and festively decorated Forest Lawn Chapel is transformed into a live theater! Narrator John Lay, the 1st person to take up permanent residence at Forest Lawn in 1850, will introduce others who have joined him over the last 164 years at Forest Lawn. They will create musical, comical, and poignant glimpses of Christmases past when they enjoyed life on this side of the lawn. Shirley Chisholm, the 1st African American woman elected to the House of Representatives, joins the production this year.

**Tickets are \$20.00 per person & space is limited.**  
**RSVP by November 6th to receive this group rate.**

Please Note:

We will meet at Forest Lawn Chapel at 1:30 to enjoy hot cider. Show starts at 2:00. Once inside the cemetery, follow the white line on the road, as it leads to the Chapel.

### Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the **completed form** along with a check made out to  
"AAUW Buffalo Branch," in the amount of **\$20 for each attendee** to:

Lilyen Mascellino  
20 Forest Creek Court  
Grand Island, NY 14072

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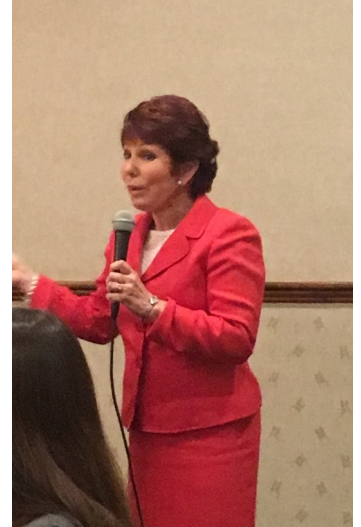
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# Photo Album

Annual Fall Dinner at Chef's Restaurant  
September 19, 2017





# WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN

Call each venue for performance date and starting time.

## Albright-Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
882-8700

"Picturing Niagara"

In this exhibition, artist Stephen Hannock's "The Great Falls at Dawn for X. U. Bing", will be joined by additional historical and contemporary interpretations of the natural wonder drawn from the museum's permanent collection."

Through November 26, 2017



## Amherst Chamber Ensemble

Trinity Performing Arts Center  
711 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY  
"ACE Wind Ensemble"  
November 19, 2017 3:00 pm  
Concert is free of charge

## Burchfield Penney Art Center

SUNY 1300 Elmwood Ave.  
Buffalo NY 14220

"Wright, Roycroft, Stickley, and Rohlf's"  
and "A Dream World of Imagination:  
Charles Burchfield's Golden Year"  
Both through November 26, 2017

## Kavinoky Theater

320 Porter Ave.,  
Buffalo, NY  
829-7668

"The Crucible" by Arthur Miller  
Set during the Salem witch trials of the 1690's, "The Crucible" is a timeless parable of morality, a scorching indictment of intolerance, and a central work in the canon American drama.

November 3 – 26, 2017

## Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main St.,  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
853-1380

"Minding Frankie"

Maeve Binchey's charming and poignant

novel serves as the inspiration for ICTC Playwright-in-residence, Shay Linehan's sensitive adaption.

November 3 – November 27, 2017

## Musicalfare Theatre

4380 Main St.  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(On Daemen College  
Campus)

"Violet"

With a score from Tony Award winning composer, Jeannine Tesori, "Violet" features a moving story with show stopping music  
November 1 – December 3, 2017.



## Shea's Theater

646 Main St.,  
Buffalo NY 14202  
847-1410

A Variety of Single Programs during November  
and "The Nutcracker" November 25 and November 26, 2017

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

### Lorrie Barker

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Ohio State University BS Biomedical Communication 1988, Northwestern University MS

Integrated Marketing Communication 1995

Occupation: Small business owner, consumer credit marketing data analyst. Potential franchise

Skills: Database management, Copy editing, Event arrangement, Marketing/publicity

Interests: Book sale committee, 'Clueless' Mystery Book Club, 'Dinner by the Book'



## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH IN THE NEWS

BY LAURIE EIKEMEYER, CO-CHAIR  
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Our Publicity Committee has been hard at work increasing our branch's visibility, advertising our programs and scholarships, reaching out to the community, and having fun in the process!

We were recently asked by AAUW national to host a press conference that announced the latest pay gap data and were highlighted for our efforts in the State Spotlight:

### State Spotlight

"The AAUW of Buffalo (NY) Branch teamed up with the Western New York Women's Foundation and the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women to host a press conference to highlight AAUW's updated state pay gap data. Speaking on behalf of the branch, AAUW member Patricia Miceli called on state legislators to take steps to close the gender pay gap for New



York women and their families. The event was held at the offices of local woman-owned business BAK USA, and generated lots of local press. Kudos to the Buffalo Branch for all their hard work!"

Our thanks to everyone who participated, especially Betty Preble and Pat Miceli and Laurie Eikemeyer, who put a lot of work into our very first press conference, Ulla Bak for hosting the event, and our sister organizations for their invaluable technical assistance.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Nov. 1 at 6:15 pm - Board Meeting** at Daemen College, Amherst.

**Nov. 4 - District 1 Meeting** at Michaels, Hamburg.

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

**Dec. 9, 2-4 pm - December program** at Forest Lawn, Buffalo.

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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