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**NOVEMBER ADVOCATE**

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**October Program**

## District 1 Conference

### Youth Mental Wellness: A Whole Community Approach

**October 27, 2018**

Jamestown Community College  
525 Falconer St.  
Jamestown, NY 14701

Weeks Reception Room

9:30-10:00 am - Registration & Networking



Keynote speaker: **Melissa Pietrkiewicz**, Licensed Master Social Worker and founder of Partners in Kind of Chautauqua County . **A panel discussion** will follow to include panelists representing the medical field, mental health field, and education field.

**RSVP by October 19, 2018**

Cost is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Please make checks payable to AAUW Jamestown Branch and send to:

Shirley Sanfilippo  
11 Chapel Street  
Jamestown, NY 14701

**Save The Date  
November Program**

**Watch next month’s Advocate for details on our November program -**

A panel discussion on **“Opioid Addiction and Women”** led by keynote speaker, **Dr. Gale Burstein**, Erie County Commissioner of Health.

**November 13th at 6:00 pm**

Location: Lucarelli’s Banquet Center  
1830 Abbott Rd.  
Lackawanna 14218

## ***President's Perspective***

**October 2018**

*"I realized no one else was doing this!"*

-- Brent Seales

I was going through a recent Smithsonian Magazine in my favorite reading room a week or so ago and was struck by this comment made by a scientist. He was researching methods by which ancient scrolls might be virtually unrolled and read without destroying them and had tried a new approach which was promising breakthrough results. He has persevered through the political science world to get access to both more scrolls and the scanning machines necessary to improve the reading techniques.

Seeing a problem and developing a new way to approach it – doesn't that sound like what AAUW should be doing? And, of course, expecting obstacles and resistance along the way?

So, what are the problems of the day? And what unique resources do we bring to the table? AAUW has a new strategic plan with three pillars: Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. How do our local issues and actions fit?

- Education and Training – we're doing a lot. Between our local scholarship program, Tech Savvy, Sister-to-Sister, support for national programs, and our BIG Book Sale, we are contributing generously. But are any of these things something no one else is doing? When we started them, yes, but now???
- Economic Security. At the state and branch level we've campaigned for paid family leave and a host of other "women-centered" issues. Last fall we held a press conference on pay equity issues. In the past the branch has presented Transitions Conferences and at least one Title IX Conference. But now?
- Leadership. Our local scholarships all promote community activism, and we support the campus AAUW branches as we can. We also help send young women to the NCCWSL conference (if you don't know what it is, look it up on the national website!) And we're supporting a new mentoring group here in Buffalo. But within the branch, encouraging our younger members? Maybe not so much.

So what could we be doing that no one else can do as well? Within those three categories, what are the LOCAL problems we could uniquely address? And how?

I admit to not being a visionary. I can "DO" almost anything, but I'm dependent on others to come up with the ideas. That's where YOU come in – what do YOU see that we could/should be doing in our own local community? Please let me know your thoughts! It's time we took on a new project, but it needs to be something that the BRANCH MEMBERS want to do, not me.

Please forward your ideas – I look forward to hearing from you!

-- Betty Preble

## **The Board at Work - YOUR Branch Business**

Although the AAUW-Buffalo Board never really stops working, our organized meetings started on our usual first Wednesday of the month. A reminder: branch members are always welcome to attend and participate in the discussions.

Significant actions taken during the Sep 5 meeting were:

- Adoption of both the Operations budget and the Education And Programs budget for the coming fiscal year.
- Approval of the recommendations of the Jacquie Walker Scholarship committee – see the article in this issue – TWO scholarships (one-time only) this year.
- Adoption of some changes to the overall scholarship program for the year and clarified some of the descriptions on the website scholarship chart.
- Approval of the scholarship committee's recommendation to give a one-time scholarship to a Daemen AAUW group member in a STEM field. This is funded by \$1000 which was "won" by the branch at NYS Conventions and which originally came from funds donated by the Queens Branch when it disbanded.
- Approval of the request from the League of Women Voters to support their October 1 program. This is a panel discussion on "**Our Damaged Democracy: Can We Fix It?**" at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site from 5:30 to 7:30. The panelists are all local Political Science professors.

# Buffalo Branch Interest Groups

## **ADVENTURES IN STEM** NEW GROUP

We will resume in November.

RSVP: Christina Saarinén [casaari-nen@backhomebooks.net](mailto:casaari-nen@backhomebooks.net) or 425-3790

## **THE HAPPY WANDERERS**

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

RSVP: [Maryellen.shaughnessy@esc.edu](mailto:Maryellen.shaughnessy@esc.edu) or 885-3292

## **WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS**

When: **Wed. Oct. 10th at 6:30 pm.**

Where: Schnitzel and Co., 2763 Eggert Rd. Tonawanda, NY.

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

RSVP: By Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or [bpilibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bpilibby1@verizon.net).

## **BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING**

When: **Thursday, Oct. 18th 1:00 – 3:00**

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 716-668-5456 or cell 716-725-7839

## **DINNER BY THE BOOK**

When: **Wed., Oct. 17th 5:30 pm.**

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

Book: **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng.

Facilitator: **Mary Ann Hope**

Discussion Leader: **Judy Malamas**

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

## **CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

When: **Wed., Oct, 24th at 12:30 pm**

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

Book: **Open and Shut** by David Rosenfelt

Facilitator: **Kate Collins**

RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453

## **KNITTING GROUP**

Is anyone still interested in this group? It has no leader.

Questions? Contact Judy Huber  
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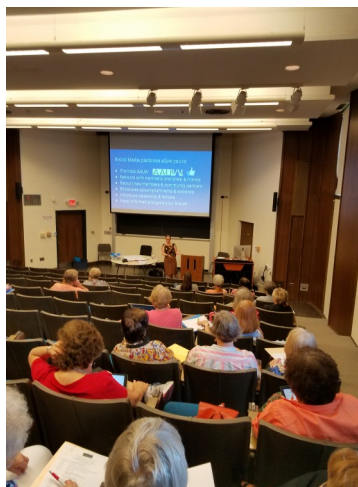
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## Thinking ahead -

AAUW-NYS members having fun together at the summer conference.

Join us this spring at the AAUW-NYS Convention AND at next summer's leadership conference!



# The Power of Documentaries in 2018

By Marian Deutschman

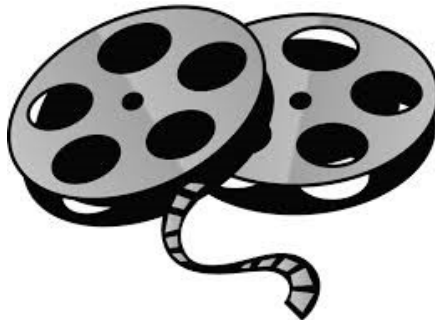
Each of us has a story to tell but not every story is ours to tell. Stories that we tell each other may shape history and shape our lives. I spent my vacation at the Chautauqua Institution for their final week of the summer season. The theme for the week was “Documentary Film as Facilitator: Storytelling, Influence and Civil Discourse.” Documentaries are often described as story-telling using the power of words. Whether it’s a story of the Civil War, the Vietnam War, the Roosevelts, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, or Mr. Rogers, a documentary carries strong messages that relate to many public policy issues of interest to AAUW members.

Some of the Chautauqua presenters were familiar names such as Ken Burns and his colleagues Dayton Duncan and Geoffrey Ward. Others may be less familiar but their documentaries have shaped history such as Dan Karslake, award-winning producer/director of “*For the Bible Tells Me So*” which has been translated into 20 languages and is rated as one of five documentaries that changed the world. Dan is a native Chautauquan who now lives in Berlin.

A Ken Burns production can be highly collaborative “to make a good thing better,” says Burns. He has an array of future documentaries at various stages of development, such as the History of Crime and Punishment, LBJ, Mayo Clinic, Hemingway, Ben Franklin, Ali, New York State Prisons, to name a few that should keep him busy until 2030. He made it clear that it takes a wealth of reading on these subjects, writing, interviewing, and editing to tell the story that puts the viewer there.

An Oscar-nominated documentary filmmaker showed excerpts of “*Atomic Homefront*” confronting the effects of

radioactive waste dumped in a landfill in St. Louis County, Missouri, that was ignored by the EPA and other governmental agencies while it drained into the nearby natural water supply. In this case the film was unscripted. The filmmaker went into this to see what was going on. She finally had a radiochemist test the soil, finding uranium 238 at ten times the legal limit and thorium at 1800 times the legal limit. Since radioactivity is invisible, graphics of radioactive particles became a necessity in this documentary.



This is said to be the golden age of documentaries because of the ease of entry and the lower cost of producing such a sophisticated reality show. Fundraising is still a problem, less so if you have the reputation of Ken Burns, but others need to persuade potential donors that their project is worth funding. To do that you need to spend money up front to produce a convincing example of what you propose to do.

During one of the Q&A sessions, a teacher pointed out that his students don’t read much history but rely on films that sell fake history. War history in movies tends to rely on adapted versions of history with lots of “boom-boom” to market it. It’s important to teach students to view these films critically and to help them become better consumers. There is a difference in control of pace in a book (reader controls) as compared to a film (producer controls).

Documentaries are more fact-based drama. Documentary filmmakers say it’s all about telling the truth.

Not all documentaries are as powerful or as likely to shape our lives or history as those I’ve mentioned. “*Harold & Lillian*” is a heart-warming documentary about two people and their lifetime in the movie industry. Another filmmaker did a documentary on the people throughout the country with her name – “*The Grace Lee Project*” - which turned into a second project on one specific unique activist senior named Grace Lee. Another documentary highlighted the benefits of mainstreaming children with disabilities using the experience of the speaker’s own son and the enhanced learning experience for those who surrounded him in school. A film critic from the Washington Post provided one possible guide we can use to judge the effectiveness of a documentary. Ask yourself these questions: 1 – What were they trying to achieve? 2 – Did they achieve it? 3 – Was it worth the effort? By the way, the week at Chautauqua, whatever its theme, is always a learning experience of meeting new people from all across the country and hearing the stories that shaped their lives.

**OPEN YOUR EYES**  
*to the beauty around you*  
**OPEN YOUR MIND**  
*to the wonders of life*  
**OPEN YOUR HEART**  
*to those who love you*  
**AND ALWAYS**  
*be true to yourself.*

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# JACQUIE WALKER SCHOLARSHIPS

**By Barbara Carier**

The Jacquie Walker Scholarship was established in honor of Jacquie's ongoing support of the branch and its annual Booksale. The \$5000 scholarship is awarded to a college junior or senior woman who exemplifies the spirit of community service. Jacquie's personal preference is for students who have a strong record of service to others, in addition to academic excellence. The committee had many outstanding applications with this emphasis, but there were two over-the-top applicants, virtually tied and both within 1½ points of the top possible score.

The first student is **Jessica Evans**, a student at UB pursuing a double degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering. She was a student at Niagara Falls High School and has been a weekly volunteer at The Teacher's Desk since Nov. 2014 when she was still in high school. This group, about which you may have read in the Buffalo News just this month, operates a "store" which allows teachers in schools located in high poverty areas to receive free school supplies for their students. Each teacher receives about \$1000 worth of materials which would perhaps have been a personal expense or not available for classroom use. Jessica's academic record and references, as well as her personal statement and essay about public service, were all outstanding.

The second student is **Melanie Izard**, who was a student at Sweet Home High School and is a student at American University in Washington, DC, majoring in International Studies with a minor in Spanish and Latin American Studies. Her personal statement, references, and academic record were outstanding. She plays French horn in the symphonic band and orchestra. Her personal essay is entitled "The Whole World is My Home." She tutors in several programs and hopes to serve in the Peace Corp after graduation.

Jacquie Walker was torn between the two and mentioned this to a friend who happened to have a charitable foundation involved in education. This wonderful friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, offered to donate \$5000 so that we could, just this one time, offer TWO scholarships.

# OLGA LINDBERG SCHOLARSHIPS

**By Pauline Dyson**

**Marissa Bell** of Buffalo, NY (Lyndonville, Orleans County)

Course of Study: **Geography**

- Ph.D. student University at Buffalo 2019 with career goal in academia as tenured professor; focus on nuclear waste concerns in Western NY -Lewiston
- worked with orphans of war rehab program, only undergraduate to participate with scientists - Advanced Nuclear futures, overseas program in Singapore, taught underclassmen in geography including mapping skills, lab instructor, prize for publication in Middle States competition
- *Background:* Croatia and United Kingdom (*Univ. of London, BA*)  
excellent record of community service

**Jessica Gilbert** of Buffalo, NY

Course of Study: **Geography**

- Ph.D. 3rd yr. University at Buffalo with career goal in academia; focus on collaboration with local advocacy organizations to fight for social and ecological justice
- worked on projects regarding food sustainability on the UB campus itself, as well in the greater Buffalo area, Partnership for the Public Good. Blends academia with advocacy, encourages leadership among the underserved population with which she works closely.
- *Background:* Geneseo College undergraduate

# Welcome New Members

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Long Island University ME Special Education

Skills: Event Arrangements, where needed

Interests: Book Sale Committee,  
Cultural Interests, Human/Civil  
Rights, Sister-to-Sister Summit,  
Clueless Mystery Book Club,  
Knitting Group, Bead Weaving,  
Happy Wanderers, beginning  
Mah Jongg, Photography.



## Margaret Allen

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SUC Plattsburg BA English 1967.

## Marisa Thomas

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Erie Community College Liberal Arts/ Social Studies May 2019.

## Joan Battaglia

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Medaille College, BS Business Administration 1995

Interests: Book Sale Committee.

# AAUW FUND

By Cynthia Mehary, AAUW Fund Chair

**AAUW Educational Funding and Awards** support educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success.

Donations to this fund support the following tax-deductible programs:

Fellowships and Grants. There are hundreds of endowed funds, each for a specific fellowship, career development grant, community action grant, or selected professions award. The following are just a few of the Fellowships and Grants supported by AAUW:

- American Fellowships
- International Fellowships
- International Project Grants
- Selected Professions Fellowships
- Community Action Grants
- Career Development Grants
- Research Publication Grants

The Fellows Alumnae Initiative, which inspires women by providing access to the network of past and current AAUW fellows and grantees.

Tech Trek. This Fund educates and inspires rising eighth-grade girls across the country in science, technology, engineering, and math through attending weeklong camps.

The Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse, which educates women by allowing students to find and apply for much-needed scholarships from AAUW branches across the country.

The Buffalo Branch of AAUW has sponsored three National fellowships over the years and also offers the following scholarships, loans and grants, separate from EOF:

- Chamberlin/FFE Loans/Grants fund
- Funds for Education Loans and Grants
- Buffalo AAUW Scholarship (formerly known as Velma Cobb Scholarship)
- Jacquie Walker Scholarship
- Olga Lindberg Scholarship
- Catalyst for Change Scholarship
- Clarine Radt Education Mini-Grants (New)

For more information about these programs, visit the national website:

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>.

AND the branch website: <http://aauw.buffalo.edu/scholarships-loans-and-grants/>

# 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

"Giant Steps: Artists and the 1960's"

This exhibit revisits the vivacious imaginings of one of the most critically, politically, and artistically significant periods of the twentieth century.  
June 30, 2018 - January 6, 2019

## Amherst Chamber Music Concert

See [acemusic.org](http://acemusic.org)  
St. Stanislaus Church  
123 Townsend Street, Buffalo, NY  
"Polish Concert"

Emma Ziskind will play the first movement of Chopin's Fantasy in F Minor with orchestra. There will be Polish folk songs and other songs dear to the Polish community. Tickets \$10.  
October 14, 2018 at 3:00 pm

## Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY Campus  
1300 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14220  
878-6011  
"Buffalo Arboretum"

This exhibit is a celebration of Burchfield's love of trees. Many of his own works are included in the exhibit.

August 10, 2018 - December 2, 2018

## Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
853-4282

"Golden Boy" by Clifford Odets

In this brilliant and timeless classic, Joe Bonaparte is torn in his desire for life as an artist and as a prize fighter.  
September 14, 2018 - October 7, 2018

## MusicalFare

Daemen College Campus  
4380 Main Street, Suite 123  
Amherst, NY 14226  
839-8540

"Pump Boys and Dinettes"

There are country, rhythm and blues, and

rockabilly songs in this production.

It received a 1982 nomination for Best Broadway Musical.

September 5, 2018 - October 7, 2018

## Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
847-1410

*No Broadway shows in October.*

## The Kavinoky Theatre

D'Youville College Campus  
3220 Porter Avenue  
Buffalo, NY  
829-7668

*Dark in October.*

## Theatre of Youth

203 Allen Street  
Buffalo, NY 14201  
882-4400 Ext. 304

"Pinkalicious"

Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes. This indulgence creates a problem. Buffalo will again be painted a brilliant shade of pink during this run!  
Suitable for age 4 and up.  
September 14, 2018 - October 7, 2018.



## October 2018 Book Sale Report Book Sale Sorting Resumes!

By Joan Kernan and Jayne Murray

Book Sale sorting enthusiastically began on Tuesday, September 18th, and continues each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30-12 noon at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., Williamsville, NY 14221.

The **\$80,000** grossed by this year's book sale broke our record from last year by over a \$1,000. That's **two** \$500 scholarships! Our success would be impossible without the year-round commitment of our dedicated book sorters and those who go the extra mile (literally) working the sale each and every very long day.

*We always need help sorting!* Whether you have one morning a week or could join us once a month, we welcome your help! The camaraderie alone makes it all worthwhile. As with reading or visiting with good friends, the time just flies. If you need another reason besides the really good feeling making these scholarships available gives, why not think of this as part of your regular workout routine? There is bending and stretching, lightweight lifting, and adding steps to your FitBit. One of our dedicated Wednesday morning volunteers logs in 3000-3500 steps each time. She also notes that you never know what wonderful treasure you might find in the bottom of a box or bag.

This year we have developed new guidelines to help us all sort and categorize the books more efficiently and trim cleanup time. This will help speed up the process of setting up tables for the sale next May. When you come in to help sort, be sure to check out the new guidelines which will be posted!

Our bright lemon yellow "We Want Books" bookmarks will be available at the sorting site. Stop in and pick up a handful to distribute to your neighbors and friends, church-groups, book clubs, etc., post one on a community bulletin board, or perhaps leave one in a waiting room. This is how we obtain so many of our used books and also provides a save-the-date reminder about our 2019 Book Sale. If you can't stop in, let us know and we will get bookmarks to you!

Hope to see you Tuesdays or Wednesdays at Calvary!

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, Sept. 25**, at 6:00 pm, **Fall Dinner** at Chef's Restaurant.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3**, at 6:15 pm, **Board Meeting** at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, in West Seneca.

**Saturday, Oct. 27**, **Fall District Conference** at Jamestown Community College.

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**, at 6:15 pm, **Board Meeting** at Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road at Harlem in Snyder.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**, at 6:00 pm, **Branch Program** at Lucarelli's Banquet Center in Lackawanna.



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:** *To advance equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

**Vision:** *Equality for all.*

### Values:

- *Nonpartisan*
- *Fact-based*
- *Integrity*
- *Inclusion and intersectionality.*

*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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