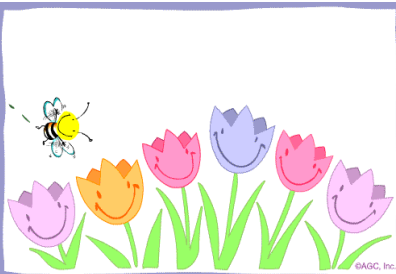


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**May ADVOCATE**

*The deadline for each issue of the Advocate is the 10th of the previous month. Submit articles to Suzanne Taeger (suzannemlr3@gmail.com) via email by April 10. Please be sure to put “AAUW Buffalo Advocate” in the subject line.*



**Scholarship Celebration**

**April 23, 2019**

*Please come and celebrate our Scholarship Winners!*

**Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant - Victorian A Suite**

**6461 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043**

- 5:30 Registration
- 6:00 Assorted fresh fruit and cheese, crackers
- 6:00-8:00 Open soda bar
- 6:15-7:15 Food Stations and Hors D'oeuvres
  - Steak in the Grass
  - Pasta
  - Roast Turkey
  - Caesar Salad
  - Artichokes Francaise
  - Stuffed Mushrooms
  - Vegetable Flatbread
  - Chicken Kabobs
- 7:15 - 8:15 Presentations by scholarship winners



Cost: \$10.00\*

*Send registration to: Betty Krist, 116 Iris Ave., West Seneca, NY 14224 by 4/15/19*

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

*"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."*

~Arundhati Roy

This week I had the pleasure of working with the committee evaluating the applications for the AAUW Buffalo Branch Scholarship. If you haven't participated in the past, I strongly recommend the activity next time you have a chance – it will renew your hope and faith that we can somehow come out of the current political turmoil intact as normal human beings and as a freedom-loving country.

As our group of seven went through almost 100 applications, we joked that we could almost just pull two random names and be sure we had winners – they were all that good. We wished that we could help them all to realize their dreams of bringing us a new world.

These scholarships, and two others we manage (Catalyst for Change and the Jacquie Walker Scholarships) are fully funded by our Book Sale. That sale also helps young women who wish to attend NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders – see Cynthia's article in the Nov. 2018 issue), helps support our Tech Savvy conference and partially funds our "Funds for Education" program of interest-free loans and grants. In the past it has also fully funded three national AAUW fellowships! We could not do any of these things – or think about taking on a new project without full branch support of the sale. Elsewhere in this issue, Judy Weidemann has put out the call for volunteers. Please consider signing up for AT LEAST three shifts. The facility is beautiful, neat and clean, and with a great "staff room." If you're not able to get around easily, there are plenty of opportunities for "sitting" jobs – from checking people out, to cashiering, to just guarding the doors.

I hope to see MANY of you at the Scholarship Celebration on April 23 to meet our winners, and at our Annual Meeting on May 18 where we will honor our Achievement Award winner.

Take care!

Betty

## IN MEMORIAM

At the AAUW-NYS convention each year, there is a moment of silence in honor of the members we've lost over the previous year throughout the state. It is with heavy hearts that we add five of our members to that list this year:

**Sharon Meer**, April 15, 1937 – April 17, 2018

**Lois Dabney**, Nov 1, 1923 – Dec 10, 2018

**Betty Loucks**, Mar 25, 1928 – Dec 15, 2018

**Barbara Engler**, January 26, 1934 – December 18, 2018

**A. Marie Barker**, April 8, 1920 – December 29, 2018



## APRIL INTEREST GROUPS

### **ADVENTURES IN STEM**

When: **Sat. Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm**

Where: **Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park  
2 Jordan Place, Buffalo 14210**

What: **Ecology of the Buffalo River Tour**  
(Buffalo River SpeakerSeries)

RSVP: **Christina Saarinen, at 425-3790 (cell) or**  
[csaarinen@backhomebooks.net](mailto:csaarinen@backhomebooks.net)

### **THE HAPPY WANDERERS**

When: **Thurs. Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am**

Where: **Colored Musicians Club Museum,  
145 Broadway, Buffalo**

What: **Learn the history of the black community where  
many famous jazz musicians played. Lunch after  
at a downtown restaurant.**

RSVP: **Judy Huber at 688-8170 or**  
[judyhuber62@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhuber62@yahoo.com)

### **WNY CULINARY ARTS**

*See you in May!*

### **BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING**

When: **Thurs. Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Where: **Julia Boyer Reinstein Library,  
Conference Room, 1030 Losson Rd.**

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. April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**

Where: **Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.**

What: **Book Selection for 2019 -20.** Please bring  
one or two suggestions

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

### **CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

When: **Wed. April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30**

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

What: **Book Selection for 2019 – 20.** Please bring one  
or two suggestions.

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

## April 2019 Book Sale Report

Joan Kernan and Jayne Murray

### Book Sale Site Found!

A huge thank you from our Book Sale Committee to Beth Ann Frazer for securing a site for our Book Sale! Beth was helped in the search by Betty Preble, Mary Georger, and Roberta Travis. Securing a site is very time consuming and stressful as the Book Sale date and publicity deadlines move closer, so we are very grateful to them! The site location is **2295 Millersport Highway, Getzville, NY 14068**—just north of North Forest Rd. Look for the site next to the Legend Group and in the former ITT Technical Institute building. We are currently working on printing the Book Sale Bookmarks for everyone to distribute. We will move into the site sometime in April.

Sorters were happily surprised recently when Jaron Alexander, a senior at St. Francis High School, helped us out during his February break with lifting boxes and sorting books. Jaron is one of a number of youth that have volunteered to spend time with us on Tuesday and/or Wednesday mornings! Thank you to all of our volunteers, young and young at heart.

Perhaps you missed last month's newsletter describing how you can help defray the cost of overhead for our sale. By donating between \$25 - \$100+ to the AAUW Buffalo Branch, you will be contributing to scholarships for young women while receiving a tax deduction. Priceless! For more information, please see the March Advocate or go to: <http://aauw.buffalo.edu/whats-happening/booksale/>

We continue to accept books, sort, and prepare for our Book Sale each Tuesday and Wednesday. We are at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 20 Milton St. in Williamsville from 9:30 am-12 noon. As we come closer to our sale dates (May 29 – June 2) please consider volunteering some time to help out. We will need help *before* the sale while we unload boxes and set up the site, *during* the 5 days of the sale itself, and *after* the sale when we must box up the unsold books, break down the recyclables, vacuum, and clean up the site. Just as more books make more scholarships, many folks make light work!

## Introducing the AAUW Buffalo Branch Meetup group!

Laurie Eikemeyer

In case you are not familiar with it, Meetup is a social networking site. As described on the site, "Meetup is about connecting people with something in common. From activities you love and hobbies you want to try, to ways you identify yourself and who you want to be, a Meetup group is a community, a community of people who come together because they care about the same thing. Mountain climbers, first-time parents, aspiring circus performers, coders... you name it, there's a good chance there's a Meetup group for it."

This site will appeal to members and potential members who use technology to find activities that interest them. If you are interested in trying Meetup, first create a free account. Next, select categories that interest you. You can search for "AAUW Buffalo Branch" and request to join the group or go to <https://www.meetup.com/AAUWBuffaloBranch/> to request membership in the Meetup group. Once you are added to the group, you will see branch programs and activities where you can RSVP to attend.

The Meetup event will contain information about the program or activity. You will need to respond with information such as meal choice or payment by following the instructions.

### You can now pay with PayPal!

These days, there are many ways to pay for things. One of the payment methods growing in popularity is PayPal, a method of paying online. PayPal works by signing up on the site, <https://www.paypal.com>. To send payment for an event, simply send a one-time personal payment to an email address provided in the program information ([AAUWBuffaloProgram@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWBuffaloProgram@gmail.com)). Reminder: If you pay for an event using PayPal, you will still have to provide information for your attendance as listed in the Meetup.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Eikemeyer, 440.7596 or email [laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com).

## AAUW FUNDS

By Cynthia Mehary, Funds Chair

AAUW has defined a new strategic plan that includes three areas of focus: Education and training, economic security, and leadership. In doing so, AAUW Funds have been redefined for these focus areas. When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.

**AAUW Greatest Needs Fund** - Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.

**Education and Training Fund** - Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination. This fund supports STEM, Title IX, and Pathways to Jobs. (e.g. Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives, Fellowships and Grants, and Public Policy Research)

**Economic Security Fund** - Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing train-

ing in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life. This fund supports pay equity, Title VII, and retirement security. (e.g. Start Smart, Work Smart, Work Smart Online, and Legal Advocacy Fund)

**Leadership Fund** - Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations. This fund supports career, workplace, and training. (e.g. Campus Action Projects, Empower, and NCCWSL)

By giving to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund or strategic focus areas, you can make that vision a reality. A donation to the **Greatest Needs Fund** will help AAUW expand highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs, such as **Start Smart** and **Work Smart** and the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**, conduct groundbreaking research, and launch innovative initiatives to help women and girls thrive.

## THANK YOU TO SCHOLARSHIP REVIEWERS

**Jacki Lamb-Anderson**

*Many thanks to Kathy Corcoran, Mary Basher, JoAnne Greenzweig, Joan Eschner, Betty Preble, and Betty Krist for reviewing the many applicant packages for the Buffalo Scholarship. I can't thank you enough for showing up, taking your time, reading (a lot!) and, lending your insight into this very tough decision process for ninety-plus incredible young women. They and I are most grateful.*

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Kate Collins**

Congratulations to Maria Clark (Buffalo State,) Jessica Gross (U.B.,) Ashley Harrison (Hilbert,) and Abigail Reed (D'Youville.)

They are recipients of the Buffalo Branch's Chamberlin Loans and Grants and Funds for Education.

For information and applications check the Branch's website. The next round is due by May 1, 2019.

## POSSIBLE NEW FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITY

(in addition to the book sale, of course!)

**Berni Lewis**

AAUW has the double opportunity to raise our profile in the community and to generate additional funds.

If you've visited Barnes & Noble Booksellers during the holiday season, you've seen various organizations offering gift wrapping services. There is no set fee for this service; customers may offer a gratuity to the organization in any amount. Barnes & Noble provides the table, chairs, paper, tape, scissors, signage, and donation box, and they do not receive any of the gratuity.

If we choose to do this, AAUW would select one day at the Niagara Falls Boulevard store and be required to staff the wrapping table from 9 am to 10 pm. This could be done in shifts of either two hours or four hours, depending upon the number of volunteers. Two volunteers would be needed for each shift, so we would need a minimum of twelve volunteers.

If you think this would be a positive experience for AAUW and/or would consider volunteering, please contact Berni Lewis at 656-0767 or [bjlewis64@gmail.com](mailto:bjlewis64@gmail.com). If we decide to do this, we need to sign up by early in the summer in order to get the best possible date.

## AAUW Buffalo Branch Elected Board Members 2018 - 2019

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#### TREASURER

Kate Collins

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Lynn Tauriello

Marilyn Todd

# BOOK SALE TIME IS NEAR!

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Below you will see the form for volunteering for the 2019 AAUW Book Sale. There are some members who say that this is the most "fun time" of the AAUW year. It is surely the most profitable! What a wonderful thing it is that all of those scholarships and community events are made possible through our efforts at the Book Sale. We need all of you to help. Our volunteers greet customers, check them out, take their money, re-organize tables, and do all they can to keep the sale running smoothly. Full job descriptions may be found on the Branch Home Page.



There are other opportunities too. Cash Sponsorships are encouraged at various levels. Help with phone calls is needed, and we need healthy refreshments to sustain the volunteers each day.

Please consider volunteering for at least three shifts. However, the committee is happy with any amount of volunteer time.

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

## Book Sale Volunteer Registration Form

Use this form to sign up for shifts during the book sale from May 29 - June 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

- |        |  |   |  |
|--------|--|---|--|
| May 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| May 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| May 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:45 am - 1:30 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 1:15 pm - 5:30 pm  |  |

**OTHER TIME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

I will do other volunteer duties. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to:** Judy Weidemann, 21 Nye Hill Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052 or [JWeide7170@aol.com](mailto:JWeide7170@aol.com).





**Join Us For Our Annual Meeting & Luncheon  
on  
May 18, 2019  
at**



**Classics Five Banquet and Conference Center**

2425 Niagara Falls Blvd  
Amherst, NY 14228

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

Lunch is \$20.00 per person: salad, rolls, entree, vanilla ice cream, coffee & tea.



**RSVP by May 4th**

Mail this completed form,  
along with a \$20 check for lunch made out to  
AAUW Buffalo Branch to:

Lilyen Mascellino, 20 Forest Creek Court, Grand Island, 14072

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one of the following entrees:

- Garlic Crusted Tilapia (fish topped with garlic & Romano panko bread crumbs)
- Vegetable Capellini (pasta with artichokes, red peppers, and assorted veggies topped with garlic sauce)
- Sliced Sirloin with brown gravy
- Chicken Valentino (breast stuffed with roasted red peppers and mozzarella with a white wine cream sauce)

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Judy Weideman

### Albright Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14222-1096  
882-8700

#### Two major exhibits continue

##### *Humble and Human*

Impressionist works from the Albright Knox Art Gallery and the Detroit Institute of Art to honor Ralph C. Wilson.

Through May 26, 2019

##### *We the People: New Art from the Collection*

Through July 21, 2019

### Amherst Chamber Music Concert

711 Niagara Falls Boulevard  
Amherst, New York

See website: <http://acemusic.org>

##### *Hopelessly Romantic*

ACE Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, April 28, 2019 3:00 pm

### Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY Campus  
1300 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14220  
878-6011

Go to the Burchfield Penney web site.

Click on **EXHIBITS** and then click on **Women's Work**.

Here you will find a comic delivered in bi-monthly installments throughout 2019 and 2020. Artist Caitlin Cass will look at women's issues from 1848 – 1965. The first installment is on now. It will get you hooked!

### Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 114203  
853-7668

William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* returns to the ICT stage after 20 years.

### Kavinoky Theatre

D'Youville College Campus  
320 Porter Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14201  
820-7668

##### *1984* replaces *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Through April 7, 2019

### MusicalFare

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

##### *Late in the Evening*

World Premier musical featuring the music and lyrics of Paul Simon

April 24, 2019 – May 26, 2019

### Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202  
847-1410 *The Book of Mormon*  
April 30, 2019 – May 5, 2019

### Theatre of Youth

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

##### *Long Story Short*

Drama based activities

For students in Grades 3 – 6

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

April 13, 20, and 27, 2019

Westminster Parish Hall

724 Delaware Ave



## Register NOW! - AAUW-NYS Convention

April 26-28, 2019 in Cooperstown

Please add the 2019 Cooperstown Convention being held at the Otesaga Resort Hotel from April 26th through the 28th to your calendar and register **NOW!**

In addition to AAUW Mission-Focused Programming, the weekend will include:

- Group visits to the Fenimore Art Museum, Farmer's Museum, and Baseball Hall of Fame, including time to ride on the Empire State Carousel.
- Opportunities to play golf, go for guided walks, swim in the heated outdoor pool, participate in two different styles of yoga classes, and time to visit the Hawkeye Spa.
- Time to explore local wineries, breweries, unique shops, etc. before the tourist season starts.

Cooperstown has lots to offer you and your friends, along with attending a great convention!





# Changes in New York's Antiquated Election Laws

Marian Deutschman

On January 14, the New York State Legislature passed electoral reform bills that update New York's voting laws and increase access to the polls on Election Day. Governor Cuomo signed these bills into law but did not provide funding in his 2019 state budget.

At this writing many good government groups are pressuring legislators to make sure there is funding to assure an effective launch for these unfunded mandates.

**Early Voting** will be available for the November 2019 election allowing NYS voters to vote in person during a designated nine-day period. Thirty-seven states have early voting and until now, New York did not. This suppressed turnout by making it more difficult for some working New Yorkers to vote. New York has had one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. We were 41<sup>st</sup> in the 2016 election. This change should reduce long lines at the polls and save time and money.

The estimated cost of early voting is substantial. Early voting requires electronic poll books. Boards of Election have no choice. It is not contingent on funding. They must conduct early voting at sites that they will determine, based on one site for every 50,000 registered voters. Since they must select their sites by May 1, 2019, it is more stressful for big counties. In 2020, federal and state primary elections will take place on the same day. The estimated savings of **consolidating primaries** is substantial.

**Same Day Voter Registration** removes the 10-day advance voter registration requirement. **No-excuse Absentee Voting** allows voters to request to vote by mail without declaring a reason. These provisions must be passed as constitutional amendments, which require approval from two consecutive sessions of the Legislature and from the voters, who won't have a chance to weigh in before 2021.

**Voting Registration Transfers** require the Board of Elections to transfer registration and enrollment of voters who move within NYS. **Voter Pre-Registration** enables 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register to vote and requires local

boards of education to adopt policies to promote student voter registration and pre-registration. Thirteen states allow for pre-registration of eligible 16 and 17 year-olds who automatically become "active" voters when they turn 18. Pre-registration has been proven to increase the likelihood of voter participation among young adults. It brings them into the voting process early and helps create a habit of voting.

Another change involved **closing the LLC Loophole**. It holds Limited Liability Companies to the same aggregate contribution limit of \$5000 that applies to corporations.

Other reforms that were not passed in this package include automatic voter registration, later deadline for party change enrollment, and restoration of voting rights for people on parole. New Yorkers on parole are currently denied the right to vote despite raising families and paying taxes. The governor is seeking other reforms including the designation of Election Day as a state holiday, a ban on all corporate donations, and expansion of upstate voting hours.

Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law commented: "These new laws are a terrific first step to modernize New York's elections. They will make it easier for thousands of New Yorkers to vote and harder for the wealthiest to evade campaign limits."



~Dates to Remember~

**Wed, April 3**, 6:15 Board Meeting, Ebenezer United Church of Christ, West Seneca

**Tues, April 23**, Scholarship Celebration at Salvatore's

**Fri – Sun, April 26 – 28**, AAUW-NYS Convention in Cooperstown

**Sat, May 18**, Annual Meeting Luncheon/ Election and installation of new officers/ Achievement Award at Classics V in Amherst

**Wednesday-Sunday, May 29 – June 2**, Book Sale at 2295 Millersport Hwy, Getzville

**Fri-Sun, July 19-21**, AAUW-NYS Summer Conference at Cazenovia College

**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.*

Moving? Please contact Mary Crocker 716-838-2796

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