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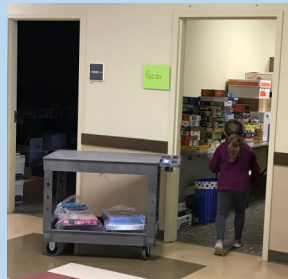
SEPTEMBER ADVOCATE

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 August 10. Please be sure to put “AAUW Buffalo Advocate” in the subject line.



June 2019 Book Sale By Jayne Murray & Joan Kernan

By the time you read this, our 65th Annual Scholarship Book Sale may be over. Stay tuned for all of the numbers on what we have earned and highlights of the Sale. Many thanks are owed to all who donated books and funds. As always, the sale would not be possible without our many volunteers, including those who filled their vans and cars with books from private libraries and sales, sorted, boxed and toted books, kept our sorting tables filled and then down long hallways, spaces, set up tables for sale sites, recycled specialty books, publicity, circulated, welcomed, replenished tables, nourishment. This that takes a village. We thank you all.



cleared, pushed carts of books supervised shifts, cleaned our tables, coordinated, searched, cleaned, researched and priced made and hung signs, created our neon book marks, cashed and directed customers, re-bagged books, and provided sale is a nine-month mission

If you were away or couldn’t make the sale this year, it is *never* too late to make a donation to help defray the costs of putting on the sale so that more funds can go to our Scholarship winners. We pay for our sorting and sale sites, tables, carts, publicity, signage, etc. We accept donations any time of year! Please send your check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch, c/o Mary Crocker, 375 Parkhurst Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223. Please note that your donation is for the Book Sale. Donations are tax deductible.

We take a break from book collecting and sorting during the summer, but will reconvene in the fall at our collection site at Calvary Episcopal Church in Williamsville. Have a great summer!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

Sign up sheet on Page 3

**AAUW Buffalo Branch
Elected Board Members
2018-2019**

PRESIDENT

Betty Preble

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Lilyen Mascellino

VP MEMBERSHIP

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Melissa White*

VP MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Jean Hubbard

Berni Lewis

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Maryann Hope*

Lynn Tauriello

Marilyn Todd

* elected last year, going into
second year of term

President's Perspective - June 2019

Betty Preble

"I think that somehow, we learn who we really are and then live with that decision."

~Eleanor Roosevelt

As many of you know, I took on this two year term as president reluctantly. I had served before and I felt (and still do!) that the branch needed new blood, new enthusiasm, new ideas. I took it on because I love AAUW and believe in its mission, and I did my best to keep things moving along in a positive way. Having a great board helped a LOT! Having said that, I am thrilled that we now have a new president to lead us into the future. As you are asked to help by taking on a board position, I urge you to say "yes" – or look at the various leadership positions and step up to volunteer! Laurie is an extremely capable woman but she can't, and shouldn't be expected to, do it all on her own. There are many little jobs which wouldn't require more than an hour or two each month, but piling them all onto one person means many hours. Please do your part!

With the end of the AAUW year nearing, the annual meeting just past, the end of my term looming, my last board meeting approaching and the book sale on the quickly approaching horizon, May has been (and still is) a busy month! Our book sale committee is again facing the challenges of absences due to illnesses, grandchildren being born, other grandchildren graduating, etc. Fortunately, many of our newer members have risen to the challenge. It's extremely heartening to have people just "drop in" saying "I can help for a couple of hours – how can I be most useful?" Were you one of those members? Whether you were or not, it's not too late to be part of the adventure of the sale itself – please sign up! Let's keep our string of successful sales going so we can keep up those fantastic scholarships!

Sayonara!

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2019-2021

President: Laurie Eikemeyer

Vice President for Program: Lilyen Mascellino

Co-Vice Pres. Membership Retention: Jean Hubbard and Berni Lewis

Branch Treasurer: Stephanie Collins

Chamberlin/Funds for Education Treasurer: Kate Collins

Nominating Committee Chair: Marguerite Collesano (1 yr)

Nominating Committee Members: Marilyn Todd and Lynne Tauriello (2 yr)

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
MEMBER**

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***Olga Lindberg
Scholarship winner***

Degree: BS, Environmental Studies 2017, Plattsburgh State College
Currently at UB for a Masters in Urban Planning and Development. Expected graduation 2020.

All AAUW-NYS members are invited to attend the summer leadership conference. This is your chance to learn more about AAUW and meet with other leaders from around the state. Please plan to join us.

Book Sale Volunteer Registration Form

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

May 29 8:45 am - 1:00 pm 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm
 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

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 9:45 am - 1:30 pm 1:15 pm - 5:30 pm

OTHER TIME(S) (cleanup days June 3-7!) _____

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.

JUNE INTEREST GROUPS

ADVENTURES IN STEM

When: **Wed. June 26 at 6:30 pm**
 Where: **296 Girard Ave.** (Kate Collins' house) **East Aurora**
 What: **Beekeeper Barbara Ochderski** will explain the roles of bees in the environment and the social nature of a hive. Come try seasonal samples of honey.
 RSVP: by June 24 to **Christine Saarinen** at 425-3790 or csaarinen@backhomebooks.net or .

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

When: **Wed. June 26thth at 10:00 am** We will meet at the Book Sale site on Millersport and car pool to Lockport, or you can meet us there.
 Where: **Erie Canal and Lockport locks**
 What: We will start at the information center and then proceed to the locks. At 12:30, we will enjoy a 2 hour narrated boat ride on the canal. We will go through the Lockport locks. The cost is \$18.50 (\$17.00 with AAA or CAA Membership.)
 RSVP: by June 22nd to **Judy Huber** at 688-8170 or judyhuber62@yahoo.com

WNY CULINARY ARTS

When: **THURS. JUNE 20th at 6:30 pm**
 Where: **Blue Lantern**, 6120 Seneca St. Elma
 What: AAUW Interest Group for members to share dinner and conversation.
 RSVP: by June 17th to **Barbara Libby** at 836-8303 or bplibby1@verizon.net
 I would like suggestions for next year.

BEAD WEAVING AND JEWELRY MAKING

When: **Thurs. JUNE 20th 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 668-5456 or cell 725-7839



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: **Wed. June 19th at 5:30**
 Where: **Family Tree Restaurant**, 4346 Bailey Ave. Amherst. Interior room.
 Book: **The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley**.
 Facilitator: **Sue Licata**.
 Discussion Leader: **Mary Crocker**
 RSVP: **Fran Witnauer 688-5708** or grandmafran44@yahoo.com

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: **Wed. JUNE 26th at 12:30**
 Where: **Bob Evans Restaurant**, Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst
 Book: **THE BAKER STREET TRANSLATION** by **Michael Robertson**
 Facilitator: **Margaret Fischer**
 RSVP: **Suzanne Grossman** at 689-5873



CONVENTION 2019 —COOPERSTOWN, NY

Suzanne Taeger

The glow of inspiration inside the Otesaga Hotel over-rode the delayed spring outside the hotel. Despite the snow, rain, fog and generally cold temperatures, the warmth of the members and the zeal of the speakers carried the weekend.

Women Leaders: Facing the Future Together was the theme of the 2019 AAUW-NYS Convention in Cooperstown.

From the welcoming by Cooperstown Mayor Ellen Tilla-paugh to closing speaker Kate Brownell, an honoree in the National Baseball Hall Of Fame, this theme was roundly covered. Of concern in all sessions were the Equal Rights Amendment, equal pay, and increasing membership in the AAUW organization.



LAF Keynote Speaker: Paul Thein shared his story of sacrifice and dedication to the cause of sexual harassment. Thein was a VP in a community college and was told of impropriety in the hiring of a coach and also witnessed sexual harassment of a student on campus. He took his concerns to administration and as a result lost his job, his house, and a fine reputation, making re-employment difficult. 12 painful years later the suit against the college was resolved.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY JUDY WEIDEMANN

CALL EACH VENUE FOR PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION DATES AND STARTING TIMES.

Albright-Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14222
882-8700

"Art Alive", the AK living art contest will take place on June 2, 2019 from 12:00 – 2:00

Amherst Chamber Ensemble

At Trinity United Methodist Church
711 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY
<http://acemusic.org>
Chamber Music Concert
Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Burchfield Penney Art Center

SUNY Campus
1300 Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14220
878-6011

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Burchfield Penny Art Center will initiate a new program starting in the fall. All eighth graders from the Buffalo Public Schools will be visiting the Center. There will be a summer class to train new docents to be ready for this program. If interested contact Mary Kozub, Education Program Manager kozubmm@bufflaostate.edu 878- 3156

Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main St.
"Entertaining Mr. Sloane"
June 7 – 30, 2019
The *New York Times* calls the play "blissfully perverse."
It is a black comedy by Joe Orton.

MusicalFare Theatre

4380 Main St.
Amherst, NY 14226
839-8540
(Daemen College Campus)

There will a series of one night **Premier Cabarets**
Alexis Cole sings the American Songbook
June 8, 2019 8:00 pm
Italian Jazz singer Chiara Izzi with pianist Kevin Hays
June 22, 2019 8:00 pm
For Bab's Sake: songs of Barbra Streisland
June 28, 2019 8:00 pm
MusicalFare Rising Stars
June 29, 8:00 pm

Shea's Theatre

646 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14202
847-1410
Shea's Annual Wine, Food, and Beer Festival will take place on June 6, 2019

Second Generation Theatre at Smith Theatre

658 Main Street. Buffalo, NY 14202
508 SGTO
"Nine"
June 4, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Theatre of Youth

203 Allen St., Buffalo, NY 14201
882-4400 Ext. 304
"Dragons Love Tacos"
Through June 1, 2019
There will be a series of Summer Workshops for Grades 1 – 12. See website.



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Banquet Speaker: Bridie Farrell: Olympic level speed skater was sexually abused at 15 by a teammate twice her age. 16 years later she started a movement to legislate protection for minors in NYS. **NY Kids Matter** provides legal aid to victims of sexual harassment. The Child Victims Act is now part of NY state law as a result of her activism. The level of the sacrifices she had to make to help pass this legislation was heartbreaking.

Buffalo Branch was proud to see Pat Miceli honored as an Emerging Leader, and Lynne Rapin installed as AAUW-NY Secretary/Bylaws. She joins Carol Griffith on

the AAUW-NYS Executive Committee. **We also ranked first in contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund and won awards for programming, newsletter, website, and general visibility.**

Work Smart, a free Internet course explained to us by Laurie Eikemeyer in the May issue, was promoted by Shannon Wolfe of National AAUW. We are asked to take the course and spread the word to 10 more girls or women. Funding for the grant requires 1000 to sign up before August 1. (<https://aauw.us/Buffalo>)

Fall Dinner!

September 23, 2019

6:00 Registration

6:30 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 Jacquie Walker scholarship winner and celebrate our 129th year!

Save the date!!!

Thank YOU for Being the Link in the Inspiration Chain!

Thank you for whatever part you took in making Tech Savvy a very special day for many girls, parents, and teachers in March! 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!

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.

If you missed Anjali's keynote or her comments at the reception, you missed a treat. It is amazing the level of presence in a thirteen (not fourteen, as she corrected me!) year-old. It proves that one can inspire at any age. And, that is certainly also true for our members and friends who come out to volunteer. I am amazed by the support and generosity of those who come to join us from afar. It is heartwarming to see members—seasoned and new—working together to get the Tech Savvy job done!

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

AAUW Buffalo: \$5,000

Praxair: \$28,500

UB Engineering: approximately \$3,000 toward defraying venue expenses

Bonnie Seaton: \$50 to cover the costs of students attending the conference
And, this financial support is surpassed only by YOUR passion.

With gratitude,
Tamara

A somber footnote....

Many of you may not have made the connection regarding the recent school shooting in Denver. I did not—until late at night when I heard that it was a Denver “suburb” and a STEM school. The shooting was at Anjali's school. She is fine and was not there at the time. It is a sad reminder of how precious and tenuous is life. As we think about all of the work we do for equity, we all pray and remember that many students—in cities and suburbs across the country—face uncertainty and difficulty.

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

Planning sessions for Tech Savvy 15 will begin in August, which seems right around the corner. We need people to do a bit of early outreach—and many hands make light work. So, if you want to get involved, please call Tamara at 716-949-2413 or send an email to tbforaauw@cs.com by the end of June.

Do colleges and universities strive to brainwash or indoctrinate our young people?

by Marian Deutschman



As a young college student, Ben Shapiro wrote a book entitled "Brainwashed: How Universities Indoctrinate America's Youth."

He claimed that "there's only one view allowed on most college campuses: a rabid brand of liberalism that must be swallowed hook, line, and sinker." Shapiro said that "leftists dominate the universities--from the administration to the student government, from the professors to the student media, using their power to mold impressionable minds." He further stated that "they indoctrinate students to become socialists, atheists, race-baiters, and narcissists." Not everyone shares Shapiro's extreme conservative views but there are many supporters of variations of his position. How did those of us who went to college survive this onslaught? Or have colleges and universities changed since some of us were in school?

Are schools brainwashing instead of educating our young people? Are conservative ideas censored? Is healthy discourse stifled? Are conservative professors severely outnumbered because search committees of liberal faculty members tend to hire new faculty who share their views?

The three most liberal colleges in the United States, according to the Princeton Review in 2017, are **Sarah Lawrence College**, **Bennington College**, and **Marlboro College**. The listings are based on students' answers to the survey question: "Politically, are you: left-wing, Democrat, middle, Republican, right-wing?" The schools pegged to have the most conservative student bodies are more likely to stay on that list in future years, while the most liberal school one year may not even be listed the next.

Some claim that the best universities such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, and Stanford, are bastions of liberalism while the most conservative universities such as Oral Roberts, Liberty College and other right wing colleges are not academically recognized at the same level with much lower admission requirements and job placement statistics. Why do leading Conservative commentators like Beck, Hannity, and Rush lack college degrees? How do conservatives defend this? Did you know that the Koch brothers have funded a very conservative curriculum at George Mason University? Is it possible that what we learn in college may depend on who pays for it?

Although parents may not admit it, they raised children in a place where they were surrounded by people similar to themselves. A college education should help us to form our opinions from many sources and political persuasions, and use logic to decide what is best or correct. It is an opportunity to learn from, and about, many different people with different wants and needs. It is a time to challenge one way of thinking. It should make you curious about the world and about people unlike yourself. It should foster caring for this country and its citizens. It should make our children more tolerant of others than the generations of their parents and grandparents.

In college, you may be surrounded by people from other parts of the country and by people from *other* countries, people with different political systems and religious practices and beliefs and customs. We learn to accept that our way of life that we've grown up with isn't the *only* way of life in the world. Because of that, we're more open to one another. That may be the reason we appear to be more liberal than conservative, at least for the time we are at a college or university and while we're learning, challenging, and growing.

Kathy Hochul Addresses Scholarship Award Participants

by Pat Miceli

NYS Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul was the guest speaker for the AAUW Buffalo's Branch Scholarship Celebration at Salvatore's Italian Gardens on April 23. Lt. Gov. Hochul is the highest ranking female official in NYS. She said an event like the Scholarship Celebration gives her the opportunity to use her platform to help inspire other women toward pursuing their dream. She encouraged the scholarship recipients to achieve their potential right here in Buffalo. "The nature of the region has changed," noted Lt. Gov. Hochul. "Years ago, it was the region to leave. Now it is the place to stay, plant your roots, and grow." A closing bit of advice from the Lt. Gov. to the recipients was, "Be someone they talk about generations later."

Dates to Remember

- May 29-June 2**—Annual Booksale at
2295 Millersport Highway in Getzville.
- June 12 (SECOND Wed)** – Board Meeting at 6:15
at Ebenezer United Church of Christ in
West Seneca.
- July 19-21** – AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership
Conference at Cazenovia College
- Sep 4** – Board Meeting at 6:15 at Christ United
Methodist Church in Snyder
- Sep 23** – Annual Fall Welcome Dinner at Chef's,
291 Seneca St in Buffalo

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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