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### December ADVOCATE

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**AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH PRESENTS**

# THE OPIOID CRISIS & WOMEN

**FEATURING DR. GALE R. BURSTEIN ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH**



Dr. Gale R. Burstein

**ALSO SPEAKING DR. SARAH ABDELSAYED**

### WHEN

**November 13, 2018**

Registration at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Program at 7:00 pm

### WHERE

**Lucarelli’s Banquet Center  
1830 Abbott Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218**

### RSVP BY NOVEMBER 6TH

**Complete form and mail it, along with a \$22 check payable to “AAUW Buffalo Branch,” to**

Dr. Marian Deutschman  
4485 Arondale Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221

### Registration Form

Dinner will be served Family Style and includes: salad, roast sirloin, roasted turkey, rosemary potatoes, bean medley, ice cream, coffee & tea.

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

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

Amount enclosed (\$22 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Need: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2019

Dr. Burstein was our Achievement Award winner this past year. In your roster is a list of all the accomplished women who have been honored over the years. It is time to form a committee to choose our next winner—please contact Betty Preble (betty.preble@gmail.com or 662-0608) if you’d like to be on the committee.

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

### THIS could happen to YOU!

There are surely enough things to worry about in the world these days (see Marian Deutschman's column if you need convincing!) but the opioid issue certainly needs to be near the top of the list. When our law enforcement officers and medical professionals are both part of the problem and victims of the crisis, where do we get solutions?

About a year and a half ago, this widespread issue hit home for me. Our older grandson was admitted to their local (Florida) hospital, having been diagnosed with Stevens-Johnson syndrome, which I had never heard of. It turns out to be a horrible, painful, thankfully rare condition which requires hospitalization for an indeterminate amount of time (over three weeks in this case.) Much of the treatment is aimed at pain control, and of course, opioids are an important part of that. My first thought, when told that Cole (our grandson) had been on oxycodone for almost a week, was to freak out. My son assured me that possible addiction was on everyone's minds, especially the doctor's, but also including our sick teenager. The teens are very attuned to the problem!

Why do I mention this? Because, although we hear a lot about the opioid problem, I suspect many of us (including me) know only what we read in the paper. In November we have a chance to hear from two people who are right in the thick of it. Dr. Gale Burstein (whom you may have heard speak briefly when we honored her at our May luncheon) is the health commissioner for Erie County, and Dr. Sarah A. Abdelsayed is an Addiction Medicine Specialist affiliated with Erie County Medical Center. Here is our chance to learn and truly be educated on this epidemic. I hope to see MANY of you there!

*Betty Preble*

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## THE BOARD AT WORK –YOUR BRANCH BUSINESS

The October 3 board meeting was relatively uneventful. There were lengthy discussions on two main topics:

The first was a concern about the number of members who did not renew, reporting that the dues increase was too much. We will try to keep in touch with these friends, hoping that they will rejoin in the future.

The second had to do with the number of loan funds recipients who have not responded to notices of overdue payments. Several of these go back quite a few years, and many of these people can't be found. Kate Collins will be trying once again to reach them and then will be bringing a list of loans proposed for write-offs.

A reminder—the board meetings are open to all members. Non-board members may speak, but they are not eligible to vote at those meetings.

## AAUW Buffalo Branch Elected Board Members

**2018-2019**

**PRESIDENT**

Betty Preble

**VP PROGRAM**

Lilyen Mascellino

**VP, MEMBERSHIP  
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Betty Krist

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Maryann Hope  
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Marilyn Todd

## AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

### THE BUFFALO BRANCH

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### COME DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE WHAT'S NEW FAIR!

The AAUW Jamestown Branch will hold its 63<sup>rd</sup> annual What's New Fair on November 17 (10AM-5PM) and 18 (11AM-3PM) at Jamestown Community College's Hamilton Center. The branch has raised over \$400,000 for scholarships for women graduates of JCC and Jamestown Business College going on for more education.

The What's New Fair features 65 merchants and crafts people, a sweet shoppe with homemade baked goods and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Door prizes are awarded every hour and there is a raffle with prizes from many Chautauqua County businesses. Admission tickets are \$5 at the door, \$3 in advance. Tickets will be available at the District One conference on October 27.

#### **ADVENTURES IN STEM NEW GROUP**

When: **Saturday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Where: **SUNY Buffalo State Technology Building**, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Room 244

What: Technology – we will be creating flyers and other publications using Microsoft Publisher. Feel free to bring your technology questions. Plan to arrive early because you must pick up a parking pass from the technology building and return it to your vehicle.

RSVP: to Laurie Eikemeyer ([laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com) or 440-7596) with your email address by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> so they can confirm your parking pass.

#### **THE HAPPY WANDERERS**

We will regroup this month. Please join us for **lunch and a planning discussion on Friday, Nov 2 at 1:00 at the Family Tree Restaurant**, 4346 N. Bailey (between Main St and Sheridan Drive). Contact Betty Preble (662-0608 or [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com)) if you can join us or if you have a suggestion for a wandering adventure you'd like to coordinate.

#### **WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS**

When: **Wednesday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Where **FUZE**, 1424 Millersport Hwy, Amherst, NY.

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

RSVP: by Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or [bplibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bplibby1@verizon.net)

#### **KNITTING GROUP**

Is anyone still interested in this group? It has no leader. Please contact Judy Huber at 688-8170 or [judyhuber62@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhuber62@yahoo.com).

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

When: **Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

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: **Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM.**

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

Book: **Pachinko** by Min Jin Lan.

Facilitator: Stacy Johnson

Discussion Leader: Leona Barback

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

#### **CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

When: **Wednesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.**

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

Book: **Manhattan Beach** by Jennifer Egan

Facilitator: Suzanne Taeger

RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Judy Weidemann

*Call or consult the Internet for information on times and tickets.*

**Albright- Knox Art Gallery**  
1285 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222-1096  
882-8700

### **Giant Steps: Artists and the 1960's**

The 1960's, one of the most culturally and politically significant periods of the twentieth century, gave rise to numerous aesthetic innovations. Examples are on display through Sunday January 6, 2019.

**Amherst Chamber Music Concert**  
711 Niagara Falls Boulevard  
Amherst, NY  
See: [acemusic.org](http://acemusic.org)  
**ACE Wind Ensemble**  
November 18, 2018, 3:00 PM  
Free will offering

**Burchfield Penney Art Museum**  
SUNY Campus  
1300 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14220  
878-6011

### **Salvaged: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan**

This exhibit explores many of life's dualities. Jennifer Regan was once married to Erie County Executive, Edward Regan. Go to [burchfieldpenney.org](http://burchfieldpenney.org) to read more about Jennifer Regan and this exhibit.  
Through January 6, 2018

**Irish Classical Theatre**  
625 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
853-7668

### **SIVE**

SIVE is an intimate and unflinching view of Irish country folk living in abject poverty and hopelessness in rural County Kerry.  
November 2, 2018 - November 25, 2018

**Kavinoky Theatre**  
D'Youville College Campus  
320 Porter Avenue  
Buffalo, New York  
820-7668

### **A Doll's House, Part 2**

This play begins 15 years after Nora Helmer walks out the door of her home, leaving her family behind.

November 2, 2018 - November 25, 2018

### **MusicalFare**

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

### **Christmas Over the Tavern**

The play is a world premiere from acclaimed playwright and Buffalo native, Tom Dudzick.

November 14, 2018 - December 16, 2018

**Shea's Theatre**  
646 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202  
847-1410

### **Fiddler on the Roof**

**October 30, 2018 - November 4, 2018**

There are limited more expensive tickets, available for Hamilton at [sheas.com](http://sheas.com).

Hamilton is playing November 20, 2018 - December 9, 2018

## INTEREST-FREE LOANS!

by Kathleen Collins



These days, much is heard about student loan debt, especially the accruing interest which is a huge drain on the resources of recent graduates. Please advertise that there is an alternative—INTEREST FREE LOANS!

The next deadline for Chamberlin Loans and Funds for Education is Dec. 1, 2018, and applications are available on the Buffalo Branch website.

The Sarah Chamberlin program provides interest free loans for educational pursuits of women of good character and promising scholarship who might not otherwise be able to attend college.

Funds for Education supports college students, females and males, from WNY who demonstrate superior academic achievements and show financial need.





After lunch, we will “go back in time” & experience the life of **Eleanor Roosevelt**, one of the most beloved women in American history - as portrayed by Denise Reichard!

**RSVP by November 23rd**

Complete the form and mail it along with a \$20 (per person) check for lunch payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch to:

Lilyen Mascellino  
20 Forest Creek Court  
Grand Island, NY 14072

Registration Form

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

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

Amount Enclosed (\$20 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Choice: (Select One per person registering)

\_\_\_ Chicken Pot Pie with Puff Pastry

\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan with Pasta & Garlic Toast

\_\_\_ Grilled Filet of Sirloin with Roasted Potatoes

All entrees include coffee, tea, garden salad & ice cream.

Dietary Needs:

\_\_\_\_\_

Join us!  
December 1, 2018  
at 11:30 am  
for  
Lunch at  
The Eagle House  
5578 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221



**NOVEMBER 2018 BOOK SALE REPORT**

By Jayne Murray and Joan Kernan



We are delighted to report that we have a number of enthusiastic new book sorters joining us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton Street in Williamsville. Thank you all for answering our Book Sale call! We all appreciate the extra hands and

friendship—the infusion of their energy motivates our seasoned sorters.

Our sorting hours are 9:30 – 12 noon Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Too long? Know that we would be grateful for just an hour or two on either day. In that one hour, you could sort or pack two to four boxes of books. We are flexible! Our volunteers do not sign up to come... they just show up when it’s convenient for them.

Books are coming in regularly now but we always need *more*. In October, the widow of a county administrator donated his personal library to us. She found it fitting that his life of scholarship will contribute to scholarships for young women.

Keep spreading the word about the Book Sale and distributing our lemon yellow “**WE NEED BOOKS**” bookmarks, always available at the sorting sight.

*Please note:* We are not open when schools are closed due to weather.

# THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FUND

By Cynthia Mehary, AAUW Funds Chair

Another AAUW Fund supported by the AAUW Unrestricted gifts is **THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FUND**. This fund supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, their communities, and their country. One Leadership Program supported by this fund is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, also known as NCCWSL (*pronounced NICK WHISTLE.*) NCCWSL is held annually in the Washington, D.C. area and college women students who attend are given a chance to develop their leadership skills and to network with other female leaders.

The first NCCWSL conference was in 1983, when representatives from various national gender equity organizations saw the need for leadership workshops dedicated to empowering collegiate women. Since then, AAUW has taken the helm of the conference and NCCWSL was transformed into an essential experience for any woman serious about creating a meaningful impact on her campus, mobilizing her community, and preparing for personal and professional success after graduation.

Since the conference's beginnings, one highlight has been the Women of Distinction Awards ceremony and reception. This award is presented to women who:

- Exhibit leadership and pave the way for women in their fields of expertise;
- Serve as role models and/or mentors to women and girls;
- Advocate positive social change that helps to close the gender leadership gap;
- Are committed to advancing all women regardless of background;
- Give back to their field through their time, talent, and resources.

Noted women such as Emmy-winning journalist Connie Chung; NASA astronaut Mae Jemison, Ph.D.; the 43rd Treasurer of the United States, Rosie Rios; Olympic medalist and member of the 1996 Magnificent Seven Olympic gymnastics team Dominique Dawes; and the late civil rights activist Dorothy Height are only a few of the outstanding women who have been given this award of distinction.

The 2019 NCCWSL will be held at the University of Maryland College Park, May 29–through June 1. This conference promises to be quite outstanding and interesting. Past NCCWSL conferences featured prominent speakers such as Tarana Burke, Social Justice Activist and founder of the “Me Too” Movement; Chelsea Clinton, Vice Chair of Clinton Foundation; Sarah McBride, LGBT Rights Activist and Political Figure; Franchesca Ramsey, vlogger, comedian, host of MTV's

Decoded, Writer/Contributor; and Melissa Harris-Perry, political commentator, author, professor, and AAUW member. Truly all future female attendees should look forward to an enlightening and challenging program in 2019.

Let us remember that our donations to the unrestricted fund will help provide financial assistance to young women who would otherwise be unable to attend this conference.

**NEW NEWS!**—additional NCCWSL information now available on the national website and the registration season is OPEN—please see <https://www.nccwsl.org/> for registration and financial assistance information!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**2019 AAUW-NYS CONVENTION**

**COOPERSTOWN, NY – APRIL 26-28, 2019**

The Farmer's Museum located a short distance from *The Otesaga Hotel* will host our Friday Afternoon Tour and High Tea, along with the Fenimore Museum. You will have time to take a ride or two on The Empire State Carousel located at the Farmer's Museum.



The beautifully maintained carousel has 25 hand-carved animals represent farm animals and wildlife found in our state. The carousel also has chariot rides in the shape of the scallop shell (the State Shellfish), an Erie Canal Board, and an original lover's tub.

Plan to join us for an exciting weekend of fun and fellowship at the 2019 AAUW-NYS Convention in Cooperstown.

Mary Lou Davis and Kim Edgar, Convention Co-Directors



## Dates to Remember

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 6, VOTE**

**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.

**Saturday, Dec. 1,** at 11:30 am, **Branch Program** at the Eagle House in Williamsville

**Wednesday, Dec 5,** at 6:15 pm, **Board Meeting** at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, in West Seneca.



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 838-2796

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