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## FALL DINNER!

September 25, 2018

6:00 pm Registration

6:30 pm 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 scholarship winners, and celebrate our 128th year!

Dinner includes choice of Entrée, Salad, Bread, Coffee/Tea, Punch, and a Cannoli.

**\*RSVP by September 10th\***

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## Reservation Form

Mail this form with a check made out to "AAUW Buffalo Branch" for \$20 per attendee to Lilyen Mascellino, 20 Forest Creek Court, Grand Island, NY 14072 by September 10th.

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

Select one of the following entrees for each person attending:

- Stuffed Shells with meatless sauce
- Meat and Cheese Lasagna
- Roasted Chicken (1/2 chicken with Italian spices), oven roasted potatoes, and green beans.

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

### OCTOBER ADVOCATE

*The deadline for each issue of the Advocate is the 10th of the previous month. Send articles to Betty Preble (betty.preble@gmail.com) via email by September 10. Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.*



## President's Perspective September 2018

Believe in something larger than yourself... get involved in the big ideas of your time.

-- Barbara Bush

Welcome to our new AAUW Year! It's not just school that traditionally runs from September to June, but also our AAUW Buffalo Branch schedule. Don't think, however, that everyone's just been twiddling their thumbs all summer! Several committees have been hard at work planning programs, scholarships, publicity strategies, public policy initiatives, interest groups, etc. – and that doesn't even count the tremendously successful book sale which occupied many of us into the middle of June.

Of course, there's non-AAUW work as well. I am fortunate (?) to have a large yard, which of course means lots of places for weeds. I actually don't mind weeding – it's therapeutic and gives me lots of time for thinking, and at least some of that is about AAUW and its future.

Our national organization has revamped our mission, vision, and value statements to better align with a new strategic plan. How does that affect our branch? Not that much; it's really an attempt to "brand" ourselves more accurately. Although "philanthropy" was removed from the mission statement, AAUW is still (as Cynthia's and Barbara's articles state) one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women – and the Buffalo Branch alone hands out about \$40,000 locally each year PLUS contributing to that national fund. Note – the application period for those national funds is NOW! Our local programs will be advertised in the spring.

One of my main objectives this year is to get more people involved – at least those who might like to be involved. My question to each of you is what would make you more inclined to come to the programs, join an interest group, help when we partner with other community groups, participate in one of the scholarship committees? We have a wonderful branch, with activities to fit every interest and **much important work to do** - what's the "hook" to get YOU involved? Please let me know – I'm waiting to hear from YOU and I'm hoping to see you at all our branch activities this year!

-- Betty Preble

## Dues Reminder



**\*Reminder\***

### Dues Are Overdue

It's that time! **If the mailing label on this issue has asterisks by your name, we do not have a record of having received your 2018-2019 dues.** If we do not receive your dues, you will miss out on Advocates, meetings, events, and interest groups.

Please send your check, along with any change in address/ phone number/email address to:

**Mary Crocker**  
**375 Parkhurst Blvd.**  
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Please contact Mary at [mlcrock@msn.com](mailto:mlcrock@msn.com) if you have any questions.



## Anecdotes from the Archives

By Barbara Carrier, Historian

When we gather at Chef's for our year-opening dinner, we will be meeting at almost exactly on the date when, 30 years ago, we met to commemorate the First Hundred Years of AAUW's educational fellowships. We held a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Sample, President of the University at Buffalo. Branch president Phyllis Kelly and president-elect Ann Bish welcomed members.

Our newsletter for September 1988 quoted from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* April 1988 issue saying:

"Long before the Guggenheims, well before the Fulbrights and the Mellons, and years before a host of other fellowships that have nurtured academic careers, one philanthropic organization has quietly and with little fanfare supported women in higher education." It referred to our AAUW's Educational Foundation, which at that point had awarded more than 5,000 fellowships to women from over 100

countries since 1888. Now we have become one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. This year alone, AAUW is providing \$3.9 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations.

This proud history gives us a strong base for continuing our efforts to raise money for both local and national programs promoting education and equity for women and girls.

# Buffalo Branch Interest Groups

## **ADVENTURES IN STEM NEW GROUP**

When: **Sat., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM**

Where: Meet at **Tim Horton's, 2595 Union Rd.** We will travel to Reinstein Woods

What: Lynn Rapin will introduce us to geocaching, a fun outdoor activity that uses GPS technology to locate "caches" – small hidden containers (maybe in a park near you) -- that can be found with the help of their GPS coordinates. If you have a smart phone, you can install the "Geocaching" app ahead of time, but this isn't necessary to participate. GPS equipment will also be available.

RSVP: Christina Saarinen [csaarinen@backhomebooks.net](mailto:csaarinen@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., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Where: Gramma Mora's, 765 Hertel Ave. Buffalo

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

RSVP: by Sept. 9<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.

## **BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING**

When: **Thurs., Sept. 20<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: **Wed., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

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

Book: **Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy** by Karen Abbott/facilitator **Diane O'Brien** /discussion leader **Lynne Tauriello**

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

## **CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

When: **Wed., Sept. 26th at 12:30 PM**

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

Book: **Magpie Murders** by Anthony Horowitz/facilitator **Frances Witnauer**

RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453.

*We invite all current and prospective members to attend  
any of our study/interest group activities.*

Questions? Contact Judy Huber

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## AAUW Buffalo Branch Elected Board Members

**2018-2019**

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Marilyn Todd

**CLUELESS BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE  
2018-2019**

September    MAGPIE MURDERS  
9/26/2018    Anthony Horowitz

October        OPEN AND SHUT  
10/24/2018    David Rosenfelt

November     MANHATTAN BEACH  
11/28/2018    Jennifer Egan

December     **NO MEETING**

January        THE UNDERTAKER'S DAUGHTER  
1/23/2019    Sara Blaedel

February      THE PUNISHMENT SHE DESERVES  
2/27/2019    Elizabeth George

March          THE SEAGULL  
3/27/2019    Ann Cleeves

April            **BOOK SELECTION FOR 2019-2020**  
4/24/2019

May             BILLY STRAIGHT  
                  Jonathan Kellerman

June            THE BAKER STREET TRANSLATION  
6/26/2019    Michael Robertson

Suzanne Grossman is the contact person.  
(580-7453)

**DINNER BY THE BOOK SCHEDULE  
2018-2019**

September    LIAR, TEMPTRESS, SOLDIER, SPY  
9/19/2018    Karen Abbott

October        LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE  
10/17/2018    Celeste Ng

November     PACHINKO  
11/14/2018    Min Jin Lee

December     BUFFALO LOCKJAW  
12/19/2018    Greg Ames

January        NOMADLAND  
1/16/2019    Jessica Bruder

February      TAKE ME WITH YOU  
2/20/2019    Catherine Ryan Hyde

March          THE DRESSMAKER OF KHAIR  
                  KHANA  
3/20/2019    Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

April            **BOOK SELECTION FOR 2019-2020**  
4/17/2019

May             THE GREAT ALONE  
5/15/2019    Kristin Hannah

June            THE TWELVE LIVES OF SAMUEL  
                  HAWLEY  
6/19/2019    Hannah Tinti

QUESTIONS?  
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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
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# What Can We Do?

By Marian Deutschman

At this writing, many Americans are outraged by President Trump's behavior with Vladimir Putin at the Helsinki news conference. Does the president lack understanding of the issues? Is he being blackmailed? Does he favor authoritarian governments? At the same time, his base of support is unwavering, believing Putin's assurances, over that of our intelligence agencies and Congress, that there was no interference with our elections.

During a tumultuous week, Donald Trump seemed to show a lack of support for our own government and for NATO allies. He seems to conflate Russian meddling in our election and the issue of collusion. His prime concern appears to be the possibility of delegitimizing his election. The director of National Intelligence does not know for certain what transpired during the private meeting between Trump and Putin. Were there agreements on Syria or the Ukraine? A very savvy Putin was accorded a high level of status and recognition. The Russian assessment of the meeting was "better than super." Secretary of State Pompeo refused to disclose details of the private meeting to Senators.

The responsibilities of the presidency have continued to increase ever since Franklin Delano Roosevelt was in office. In our own interest, we should be engaging with Russia and other leaders in a working partnership. The President decides American foreign policy but we're left with the impression that Trump is oblivious to the need to prepare for rigorous diplomacy. There are some experts, historians, and pundits who are speculating about his fascist tendencies. One thing that has been certain for a while now is that he *tweets* like a fascist. Madeleine Albright's latest book, "Fascism: A Warning," is both provocative and alarming. (Albright was the first woman to serve as U.S. Secretary of State.)

Fascist movements tend to be autocratic and dictator-driven, with one central figure of power surrounded by enforcers and a total lack of viable opposition. These movements seem unlikely to occur in systems of entrenched democratic election, but fascists in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century were adept at manipulating democratic elections to get power, and using their influence, to gradually shift the state away from democratic operations. Note that our president has fostered distrust in our electoral process and its legitimacy.

In the past, fascists have managed to attain power because they position themselves as "anti-politics," promising to cut through the corrupt political system and give power back to the people. Fascism embraced emotion over reason and action over politics. Fascist politicians were seen as straightforward and crude, without the "polish" of untrustworthy politicians, and therefore could be trusted as more authentic. Fascist leaders frequently appeal to the emotional, primitive responses of their followers rather than to their intellect. Trump presents himself as the anti-politician, speaking off the cuff, "saying what's on his mind," even if what's on his

mind may be contradictory.

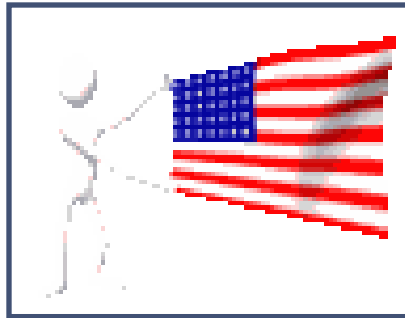
Political Research Associates points out: "As a social movement fascism employs populist appeals and promises a dramatic and quick transformation of the status quo." Fascists running for power operate an "all in this together" equality, but when they actually get power, the real influence goes to their cronies. It's not entirely clear whether Trump fits this definition. He has appealed to populist impulses, particularly with regard to "rigged" elections and the rallying cry that he's "not a politician," but he has also maintained that his own personal suitability for the presidency is based on how "exceptional" he is as an individual, especially in business matters.

The rhetoric at Trump rallies among supporters is often aggressive with the potential that rigging of polling places might incite violence and intimidation. Fascists admire the military mindset requiring complete obedience. Trump believes in significant military spending and advocates that force could be necessary in some situations such as North Korea and Iran.

The Mexican "wall" is used to gain support by claiming it is protecting us from rapists. Radical Islam and the proposed "Muslim ban" add to a Trump-led state that would be highly paranoid about external and internal enemies.

He claims to represent common people and says the minority has no voice. Although it is hard to define fascism, Madeleine Albright believes Trump is not a fascist even though he is willing to threaten violence, and he often appears to be undemocratic. He admires leaders in Hungary, Venezuela, Turkey, Philippines, and Russians in the Balkans that undermine western civilization. He criticizes the free press with attacks of fake news and assaults all kinds of movements using patriotism against some groups.

What action can we take? Albright suggests that it is important that we try to make foreign policy less foreign to our citizens. We need a comprehensive look at immigration. We don't need a wall but we do need rational laws. We should help to address the immigrants' situation in their own country. She says Trump shows little confidence in current institutions. She adds that we do need some changes in laws and institutions that have not adapted to 21st century technology. She says that Trump doesn't seem to understand the importance of NATO. Albright states that America is better off with alliances. She acknowledges that NATO needs modernizing and its members need to pony up for defense. Trump gravitates to and praises strong authoritarian leaders. There is an unclear connection to Putin who plays a weak hand very well and strengthens his own power. Albright thinks Putin is very smart and disciplined, taking notes and using flattery with Trump. North Korea is isolated but their leadership is not uninformed and crazy. She stresses the importance of freedom of the press and respect for views of others.



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## What Can We Do? Continued from page 5

Both politicians and some media sources promote anxiety and fear for their own reasons. Some of us search for coping mechanisms to deal with threats and uncertainty. Others choose to rely on media sources and sound bites that affirm their biases. Albright suggests that when we see something, we should say something but also *do something*. Most important for AAUW, we need to work with state officials to make sure the electoral system works with integrity in 2018.

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## The Girls Coding Project

WNY STEM Hub was proud to welcome two AAUW members to share with personal stories with participating youth in two important summer programs.

Laurie Eikemeyer, Business Applications Development Manager for M/E Engineering, P.C., spoke with girls registered in The Girls Coding Project in July. The Girls Coding Project is a signature program for WNY STEM Hub for the past three years. Here, girls learned the basics of computer coding in 10 six-hour classroom sessions on the SUNY Buffalo State campus. WNY STEM Hub invites women who are working in technology and STEM professions to spend an hour each day speaking with the girls about their education and career pathways in technology fields. These informal conversations, called WNY STEM Cafe conversations, give the girls an opportunity to speak with working professionals and to identify with women in these professions which are usually male-dominated.



In August, Madeeha Rehman led a similar discussion with 26 immigrant girls enrolled in AT&T Coding Your Future, a new program organized by the WNY STEM Hub, with significant funding from AT&T and in partnership with SUNY Buffalo State and Journey's End Refugee Service. AAUW member Barbara Sherman, Ph.D., a computer information services professor at SUNY Buffalo State, led the instruction for



these girls who immigrated here from Nepal, Syria, Bhutan, Eritrea, Iran, Myanmar, and Ethiopia. The girls - whose countries of origin often ignore the educational needs of girls, particularly in the sciences and technology - learned the basics of everyday computer use and were introduced to computer coding as an important career opportunity. Madeeha spoke to the girls about her experience coming to the US as a young child, and how she is proud to maintain her heritage and culture in the US.

"We're grateful to these members of AAUW's Buffalo branch for sharing their experiences with these girls," says WNY STEM Hub member Cherie Messor. "Connecting with other women in the community gives these girls important opportunities to broaden or develop new interests and find inspiration for their own professional lives."

### THE BUFFALO BRANCH ADVOCATE

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# Welcome New Members

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## AAUW FUNDS -What is LAF?

By Cynthia Mehary, AAUW Funds Chair

When first becoming a member of AAUW, one often hears and sees the initials **LAF**, and we may even associate it with the word “Laugh,” **but exactly what is LAF?** Well, we already know that AAUW is one of the world’s largest sources of funding exclusively for women who have graduated from college. Each year, AAUW has provided \$3.5 to \$4 million in fellowships, grants, and awards for women and for community action projects.

One of the programs of the AAUW Funds Foundation is the **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)**. This is the **United States’ largest legal fund**, focused solely on sex discrimination against women in higher education and the workplace. LAF provides funds and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. Since 1981, LAF has helped female students, faculty, and administrators challenge sex discrimination in schools and the work place. Some of the areas include sexual harassment, pay inequity, denial of tenure and promotion, and inequality in women’s athletics programs.

In addition to the above, Legal Advocacy Funds may also be used for the following:

Case Support Travel Grants – in which the grants pay the travel expenses of AAUW-supported plaintiffs and their lawyers who are speaking at state convention or regional meetings.

LAF Legal Case Support - here, awards are granted to support cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to protect all women.

As recently as 2011, AAUW research reported and addressed sexual harassment even in grades seven through twelve.

**Did you know about the LAF Express?** This is a publication which gives the latest information about how the LAF works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. It also informs us about new cases being supported, the latest news, various deadlines, and programming resources related to AAUW’s work in the courtroom.

Now you know that **LAF** means **Legal Advocacy Fund** – a fund designed to support women seeking legal assistance for sexual discrimination in higher education. Remember your gift to this fund helps to support AAUW programs, to continue AAUW’S mission in the advancement of equity for women and girls. And your contribution to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible.

Anyone can sign up to receive it. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/laf-express/>. You don't even need to be a member!



# BOOK SALE REPORT

## Joan Kernan and Jayne Murray

Once again, our book sale was a resounding success with record-breaking gross receipts of over \$80,000! Approximately 156,000 books were donated to our 64th annual Book Sale including 90,000 paperbacks and hard cover fiction.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to our extraordinary volunteers who helped lift, tote, sort, recycle, research, evaluate, publicize, transport, store, pack, promote, and scout. After deducting our expenses including rent, utilities, table rentals, moving costs (books and equipment), printing (postcards, receipts, etc.), security, and supplies, we expect our net total to be over \$55,000.

Where does the money go? We are proud to be a major sponsor of scholarships for young women in Western New York, in addition to supporting our own "Tech Savvy" program and fellowships at the national level.

Many thanks to Jacquie Walker for her ongoing support in publicizing our event! The Jacquie Walker Scholarship will be awarded at our Annual Fall Dinner.

Enthusiastic kudos also to our Steering Committee—Marianne Crapol, Mary Georger, Cindy Koch, Janet Ostrow, Betty Preble, Roberta Travis, Jayne Murray, and Joan Kernan. Our volunteer recruiter and tireless scheduler, Judy Weidemann, has again kept meticulous track of our volunteer hours. Wrangling 150,000+ books requires commitment. Total volunteer hours were 5,237 overall, with actual book sale hours reaching 1,396. Ninety-eight of our own extraordinary branch members plus 36 non-members contributed to these totals, whether it was one shift, weekly sorting, and/or shifts during the sale. Thirty-seven of our members volunteered three or more shifts at the sale!

Thanks especially to BethAnn Frazer (site search), Cindy Koch (shift supervisors), Sue Licata and Pat Baker (table-section co-chairs) and Jayne Murray and Joan Kernan (PR). Extra special thanks go to Mary Georger, who can put square pegs into round holes!

A special call-out and thank you must be made to Janet Ostrow for all the work she has done in collectibles over the years. Janet has worked most Tuesdays and Wednesdays keeping the collectibles book pile manageable at Calvary Church sorting. She is off to San Diego to be closer to family. Her expertise will be missed during book sorting hours and the book sale itself. Good luck, Janet, and stay in touch! You know where we are on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings!

All tables and sections were well-organized by our table chairs with many even including sub-genres. It is always delightful to have shoppers find exactly what they are looking for when we direct them. Mary Georger ingeniously assisted us in organizing all the sought-after sewing/knitting books into one very accessible area and by the end of the bag sale, we had completely sold out of every single one.

Jean Hubbard once again generously allowed us to use her garage for storage and provided cute signs, AAUW pens, and the cake and pizza the last day. Special thanks to Marc Dixon, our security guard, who goes above and beyond (always with a smile) and the very knowledgeable Ron Gilmore who helps make sense of the collectibles.

We are grateful to our vendors and sponsors for helping make our sale a success:

- A&L Moving
- AbleTables
- Advanced Graphics Printing
- Axion Digital
- Calvary Episcopal Church
- Benderson Development Company

Thank you's are also owed to Stan Collesano and Mark Weber for helping with dealers on opening day, Chuck Drumsta from Habitat for Humanity for taking our many recyclables at a moment's notice, Pat Baker's grandsons for helping tote boxes around before the sale, and the many spouses and friends who helped out at the sale.

We continue our search for younger, sturdier bodies to help with next year's sale!

This year we had about 32,000 lbs. of unsold books that we packed into 42 gaylords (heavy cardboard boxes measuring 40" x 48" x 36" and must be seen to be believed) resting on *essential* wooden pallets. This year we did not receive any proceeds from these leftover books from DiscoverBooks.com for recycling and/or sale. This presents an opportunity to find another recycler or bookseller who would reimburse us for these books!

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The sale on TV!



September 25, 2018

FALL  
DINNER



October 27, 2018

DISTRICT 1 CONFERENCE



November, 2018

*Opioid Addiction & Women*

with Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health (Details will be in Advocate)

December 1, 2018

*Denise Reichard: Women of History.*

(Details to follow in Advocate)

## New Passport Program

By Lilyen Mascellino, Program VP

Friends, We are trying something new this year to enhance our monthly programs. The "passport" below contains the directions for participation, which of course is for those who would like to play along! Contact Lilyen Mascellino if you have questions.

### 2018-2019 Buffalo Branch Program Passport

1. Bring this "Passport" to each program you attend.
2. Have it initialed by a Program Committee member at the registration table at each event.
3. Attend 7 out of 9 programs to qualify for a prize.
4. Submit your "Passport" to the Program Committee in May to receive your prize!

May 2019

Annual Luncheon

More info to follow.



January 2019

*Financial Literacy*

(Details to follow in Advocate)



February 2019

*Program with Mary Kate O'Connell*

(Details to follow in Advocate)

March 8, 2019

*International Women's Day*

Dr. Uma Gupta: How to leverage our brain for success and happiness (Details to follow in Advocate).

April 2019

*Look for Details in the Advocate.*

## Book Sale Report, Continued



Some of the delightful comments we received about the book sale (plus a few anecdotes) included:

"This is my Super Bowl!"

A man donated \$5 and said, "Both my daughters got scholarships from AAUW. Both went to UB and we are very thankful to you."

The author of "Supermarket Carts" bought his OWN book at the sale—he had noticed the book is getting more \$ online.

"I love it! My favorite time of year."

"I went home 3 times for more money."

4 adults spent \$709 their first night at the sale, and \$117 on the second night.

A local book author and editor was pleased to attend the sale for the first time.



Next year's sale will be held **May 29 – June 2, 2018.**

Sorting and good conversation will begin at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., Williamsville, NY, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings starting September 18 & 19. Stop by sometime and we'll get you started on a very rewarding experience.



## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 5 at 6:15 PM, Board Meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road at Harlem in Snyder.

Thursday, September 13—NYS Primary—VOTE!!!!

Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM, Fall Dinner at Chef's Restaurant

Wednesday, October 3 at 6:15 PM, Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, in West Seneca

Saturday, October 27, Fall District Conference at Jamestown Community College—details next month.



**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.*

**Value Statement:** *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

Return Service Requested



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