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## Fall Dinner Program

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6:00 Registration, 6:30 Dinner



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Please join us for our annual fall dinner. We are pleased to welcome AAUW-NYS President Janice Brown and hope you will join us to meet new members, greet old friends, congratulate our scholarship winners and celebrate our 129th year!

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

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

Mail the form below, along with a check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch in the amount of \$21.00 per person to:

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

### OCTOBER 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 September 10. Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.*



### Reservation Form

Mail this form, along with a check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch for \$21.00 per attendee to Lilyen by September 10th.

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Select 1 of the following entrees for each person attending:

\_\_\_ Stuffed Shells with meatless sauce

\_\_\_ Meat & Cheese Lasagna

\_\_\_ Roasted Chicken (1/2 chicken with Italian spices), oven roasted potatoes

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

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**President's Message  
Welcome!**

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer. It's time once again to start thinking about a new year in AAUW. Earlier in August I sent an email reminding you of upcoming events, including our Annual Fall Dinner at Chef's on September 23rd. I hope to see you there! Please register using the form in this newsletter as soon as possible. Along with Jacquie Walker joining us once again to award the Jacquie Walker scholarship, our AAUW-NYS President, Janice Brown will be joining us.

As we develop an agenda for the upcoming year, I hope it will include you! As we move into 2020, we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteeing women's right to vote. And as it happens, 2020 is an election year. So, regardless of their political affiliation, we should encourage all women to vote and let their voices be heard!

I am still looking for volunteers to join our public relations committee. September also marks the beginning of book collection and sorting. Volunteers are always needed.

We will be joining our AAUW sisters from across the state at the AAUW-NYS Convention in Rochester this year.

As the year progresses, I hope you will find plenty of activities to interest you and carry out the AAUW mission!

Thank you for all you do for AAUW.

**Laurie Eikemeyer  
President**

***Book Sale Continued from p 6***

- \* A woman shopping in collectibles found a first edition of "Gone With The Wind," the same book which her Grandmother gave her to read when she was 12 years old. It was lost in a house fire many years ago and she was moved to tears to find it at our sale.
- \* A writer from Corfu is currently doing research on three works: a biography of the fictional character, Nero Wolf; her own family's history going back to the 1500's in New England; and her doctoral dissertation. She was excited to add to her library at the Sale!
- \* A woman from Tonawanda shared that "when I was young, my father took to me to the library and we found an old copy of the Collier's Magazine from WWII in 1945 and he said, 'My picture is in there,' and showed it to me. I've been trying to find a copy of the picture for years and a few weeks ago, I was at an estate sale and found the Collier's History of WWII. Now, here at the Book Sale, I have found another book with his picture that I can give to my brother in Brazil so he can have his own copy."



## SEPTEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

### **THE HAPPY WANDERERS**

**When:** Fri. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am

**Where:** We will meet at **Buffalo City Hall** at the information stand for the free tour of the building, then walk to lunch at a nearby restaurant—suggestions welcome!

**RSVP:** **Betty Preble** if you are coming by 9/11/19.  
[betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com) or 662-0608

### **WNY CULINARY ARTS**

**When:** Wed. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Where:** **Towne Restaurant**, 116 Allen St. 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  
[bpilibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bpilibby1@verizon.net).

### **BEAD WEAVING AND JEWELRY MAKING**

**When:** Thurs. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

**What:** Bring your current project or come to learn a new hobby

**RSVP:** **Barbara Weber** at 716-668-5456 or cell 716-725-7839

### **DINNER BY THE BOOK**

**When:** Wed. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

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

**Book:** ***Once We Were Brothers***, by Ronald H. Balson

Facilitator: **Lynne Rapin**

Discussion Leader: **Judy Huber**

**RSVP:** **Fran Witnauer 716-688-5708** or  
[grandmafran44@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmafran44@yahoo.com)

### **CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

**When:** Wed. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm

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

**Book:** ***Open Season*** by Archer Mayor.

Discussion Leader: **Fran Witnauer**

**RSVP:** **Suzanne Grossman 689-5873**

**ADVENTURES IN STEM - there is nothing planned for September.** If you are still interested in this group, please contact **Christine Saarinen** at  
[csaarinen@backhomebooks.net](mailto:csaarinen@backhomebooks.net) or 425-3790.



## Interfaith Seminars

10th Annual Seminar in a Series of Interfaith Discussions

### **The Role of Women as Nation Builders**

Thursday, September 19th 2019, 6-8 PM

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo  
[www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)

Register at [interfaithseminar@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithseminar@gmail.com)

Admission is **FREE!** Registration is encouraged.

Refreshments will be served.

Throughout history, women have played a pivotal role in conflict resolution and nation building. However, their contributions are often overlooked or ignored. Policymakers at the global and national levels are slow to embrace the reality that women can do more than procreate and raise a family. The early struggles against discriminatory laws and socio-cultural attitudes were based on the presumption that women were inferior to men. Today, in a quest for equality, women have made great strides in many sphere of social, political and professional life.

This Interfaith Seminar will discuss how Education, Community Outreach, Political Involvement and Family Life can contribute to a Woman's Responsibility towards Nation Building.

Katie Burd, Lynn Brunner, Evelyn Brady, Shanaz Butt, will present their views on these topics.  
Sawrie Becker will moderate the seminar.

#### **Interfaith Partners:**

Women's Auxillary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community & Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Judy Weidemann

### **Albright-Knox Art Gallery**

1285 Elmwood Ave.  
882-8700

*Anthony McCall: Dark Rooms, Solid Light*

### **Burchfield Penney Art Center**

SUNY Campus  
1300 Elmwood Ave.  
878-6011

*Art In Craft Media*

### **Irish Classical Theatre**

625 Main St.  
853-7668

*"Tis a Pity She's a Whore" by John Ford*

### **The Kavinoky Theatre**

D'Youville College Campus  
3220 Porter Ave.  
820-7668

*Hairspray*

### **MusicalFare Theatre**

4380 Main St. Suite 123  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(on the Daemen College Campus)  
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*West Side Story*

### **Shea's Theatre**

646 Main St.  
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*Mean Girls*



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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Kate Collins

Congratulations to Quineth Buisch (Long Island University), Queen Osob Hashi (Cornell University), and Yegetanesch Johnson (Buffalo State College). They are the recipients of the Buffalo Branch's *Chamberlin Loans and Grants* and *Funds for Education* awarded in the spring

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

# Water Exercise!

Thursday, October 24th

6:00 pm

Radisson Hotel  
100 Whitehaven Road  
Grand Island 14072



We will participate in a Water Aerobics Class for an hour,  
followed by a get together with healthy snacks!

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Complete the registration form below.

Mail it to: Lilyen Mascellino, 20 Forest Creek Court, Grand Island 14072, along with a \$10.00 check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch **by October 12th**.

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· I'm coming for exercise and fun!

· NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

· PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

· I have enclosed \$10.00 for the program. I understand that there are only 3 showers & that I may need to shower at home after the program. I will also bring my own towel.

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## September 2019 Book Sale Report by Jayne Murray & Joan Kernan

It is hard to believe that Fall is upon us, which means book collecting starts anew this month! First, let us relish in the success of this year's sale and THANK the many volunteers who contributed their time and energy! We grossed nearly \$80,000, beating out last year's total by \$68! After expenses, we expect our net total to be over \$60,000, which will go a long way to fund 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, Rosalind Kochmanski, 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 160,000+ books requires commitment. Total volunteer hours were 5,248 overall (similar to last year,) with actual book sale hours reaching 1,227 (1,386 hours in 2018.) Ninety-six of our own extraordinary branch members contributed to these totals, whether it was one shift, weekly sorting, and/or shifts during the sale. Additionally, 27 non-members volunteered to help pre-sale and during the sale. Forty members and non-members volunteered three or more shifts at the sale!

Chuck and Nicki Drumsta have been crucial to the success of our sale for the past few years. Chuck, with his wife's help and blessing, has collected the recyclable books at Calvary Church throughout the year and then at the Book Sale site. This task is not easy, as the boxes of recyclable books must be moved from the basement of the Church up to a truck, driven to the recycler, and unloaded. Each load weighs in at around 6,000 lbs. Numerous trips were made throughout the year and they made at least 3 trips in U-Haul trucks from the Sale site in May alone to recycle the unsalable books. Chuck will be starting a new job in September and will be unable to collect our recyclables. We cannot thank Chuck and Nicki enough for their contribution to our book sale, their hard work, friendship, and kindness. We wish them all the best and to Chuck in his newest endeavor! THANK YOU!

If you know of anyone, any group, any company, or youth group that might be interested in collecting our

recycling, please let the Book Sale Committee know!

We had many new volunteers working the Book Sale this year. Dave Plache, whose mom, Marilyn, was a longtime AAUW member, worked his muscles with enthusiasm by moving and sorting books before and during the sale, and helped tremendously by helping to clean up the site. Thank you to Michael Kochmanski, husband of Rosalind, for renting a U-Haul and making three trips of empty boxes back to the Church after the sale! We thank the many new members of AAUW who volunteered and encourage you to continue to volunteer during the year. And of course, many husbands, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors showed up to help out. We need as many volunteers as possible, as the effort to put on our sale is very taxing on the body. **To ALL our volunteers, THANK YOU!!!**

There were many wonderful comments about the Sale and the Site:

- \* Kathleen from PA said, "The best book sale and best organized anywhere. I took the day off to come up here for the sale."
- \* Mark said "One hell of a sale."
- \* Linda said, "You put a lot of effort into this sale. It's obvious."
- \* Phil said, "This is right up there with Thanksgiving."
- \* Carol said, "I've been here every day of the sale. This is a highlight of my year."
- \* Catherine, a teacher from Virginia and daughter of Patricia from Buffalo, makes her annual visit to Buffalo at the time of the sale. She collects enough children's books to fill four 'little free libraries' throughout her rural county to last a year.
- \* A woman on a scooter said our site was handicapped accessible and perfect for her.



Marc Dixon, our security chief (and provider of delicious cakes!)

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## It's Not About Behavior, It's About Performance

Dr. Marian Deutschman

Recently, I met a person who said "It's not his behavior, it's his performance" and that's why he supports the President. He chooses to overlook tweets, lies, exaggerations, narcissism, lack of integrity, support of supremacists, name-calling, separation of parents and children, etc. because the end result coincides with admirable goals. The end justifies the means definition is that a desired result is so good or important that any method, even one that is morally bad, may be used to achieve it.

Does a good outcome excuse any wrongs committed to attain it? Supporters say that morally wrong actions are sometimes necessary to achieve morally right outcomes. Actions can only be considered morally right or wrong by virtue of the morality of the outcome. Is it really a lie if it works? I asked my conservative friend to list the ends that justified the means in his mind. He said reduced taxes, the rolling economy, cutback of regulations, getting Europeans to pay for military defense, and imposition of walls/fences/immigration controls. At one point he listed the President's negotiating skills, especially in relation to North Korea. He added "So what about how he talks? People from New York City have an abrasive style. You may be turned off by them initially but then you find you like them." If you go online you can find a list of 289 achievements attributed to this President in his first twenty months as POTUS.

How you make decisions is extremely important because there are many alternatives with dramatic impact on results, costs, time, feelings, and relationships. This President has been known to trust his intuition more than his advisors. Gut level decision processes rarely have crystal clear endings.

Attitude can be defined as "a predisposition or a tendency to respond positively or negatively towards a certain idea, object, person, or situation." This way of thinking or feeling about a person or a situation is reflected in one's behavior towards life. Your attitude is a major deciding factor for the level of success you will

enjoy. Since the 1980s Donald Trump has had an obsession with winning, with appearing tough, with tariffs, with fixing certain parts of the border, and with executive power, according to a Dartmouth professor. The President provides little evidence to support some of these obsessions.

Researchers find that the best attitude in life is the "can do" mentality. This special way of thinking and feeling about everything provides you with not only

positivity, but also important achievements. Psychologist Carol Dweck's theory regarding one's mindset demonstrates why intelligence does not matter when speaking about individual success. She demonstrates that people either have a fixed mindset or a growth-oriented one. Dweck has been studying mindsets for years and explains that people who make it in life believe success and failure are based on an innate ability (or lack

of it) and having a growth mindset.

People with a growth mindset believe that everything can be improved with their own effort. They overtake those who have a fixed mindset, even when they have a lower IQ, because they embrace each challenge and treat it as an opportunity. However, **to make good decisions we must first understand that our decisions affect many people. We need to ask ourselves, "Who and how will others be affected by the decisions I make?"** Is the President living up to his promises? Do we have a better health care system? Has he invested in the infrastructure? Has he drained the swamp? Is he facing too many investigations? Has he been unfairly criticized for the company he keeps?

**My opinion is that it may be about performance, but it is also about marketing, showmanship, and targeting a base of supporters. The next few months are sure to be filled with significant unpredictability.**



## Dates to Remember

Sep 4, 6:15 pm—Board Meeting at Christ United Methodist Church in Snyder

Sep 23, 6:00 pm—September Branch Fall Dinner at Chef's

Oct 2, 6:15 pm—Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ in West Seneca

Oct 24, 6:00 pm—October Branch Program at the Radisson Hotel on Grand Island

**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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