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NOVEMBER 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 October 10. Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.



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 per person

Complete the registration form below.

Mail it to: Lilyen Mascellino, 20 Forest Creek Court, Grand Island 14072, along with a \$10 check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

I have enclosed \$10 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laurie Eikemeyer

Redefining Beauty

"Let's teach our daughters it's not about being beautiful. Teach them to be bold. Be silly. Be strong. Be confident. Be independent and intelligent. Be brave and be fierce. Be real in a world full of fake. Let's redefine beauty."

~unknown

This is one of those wonderful, unattributable quotes I like to share on Facebook. This one struck me as particularly sensitive to girls who grow up in a culture that teaches them that it is more important to be beautiful than anything else. Our daughters don't just learn it from ads on television or in magazines. They learn it from us too. When we look in the mirror and say, "I look fat today" or "I'm having a bad hair day," we are saying to our observing daughters that physical beauty is most important. When we comment on a little girl's pretty dress or pretty hair, when we let her play "dress-up" with mommy's makeup, or myriad other implicit actions, we are teaching our daughters that beauty is most important.

Let's change the cycle. Let's teach our daughters and granddaughters to be strong and intelligent. Let's teach them to speak up when the world is wrong as did the US Women's Soccer Team in their efforts to win equal pay. Let's teach them to be brave and fierce. Let beauty be another characteristic of many that make them interesting. Remember that our daughters and granddaughters are a reflection, not only of society, but of us too, and teach them by example.

**A note to our local AAUW friends
who are not affiliated with our Buffalo
Branch:**

The **Advocate** is sent (via email and/or snail mail) monthly to all members of the Buffalo Branch. We also send issues to prospective members for 2-3 months.

In addition, we periodically include on the mailing list local "Individual Members" (members of AAUW but not members of our branch). We hope you will consider joining the group and participating in our projects and scholarship work.



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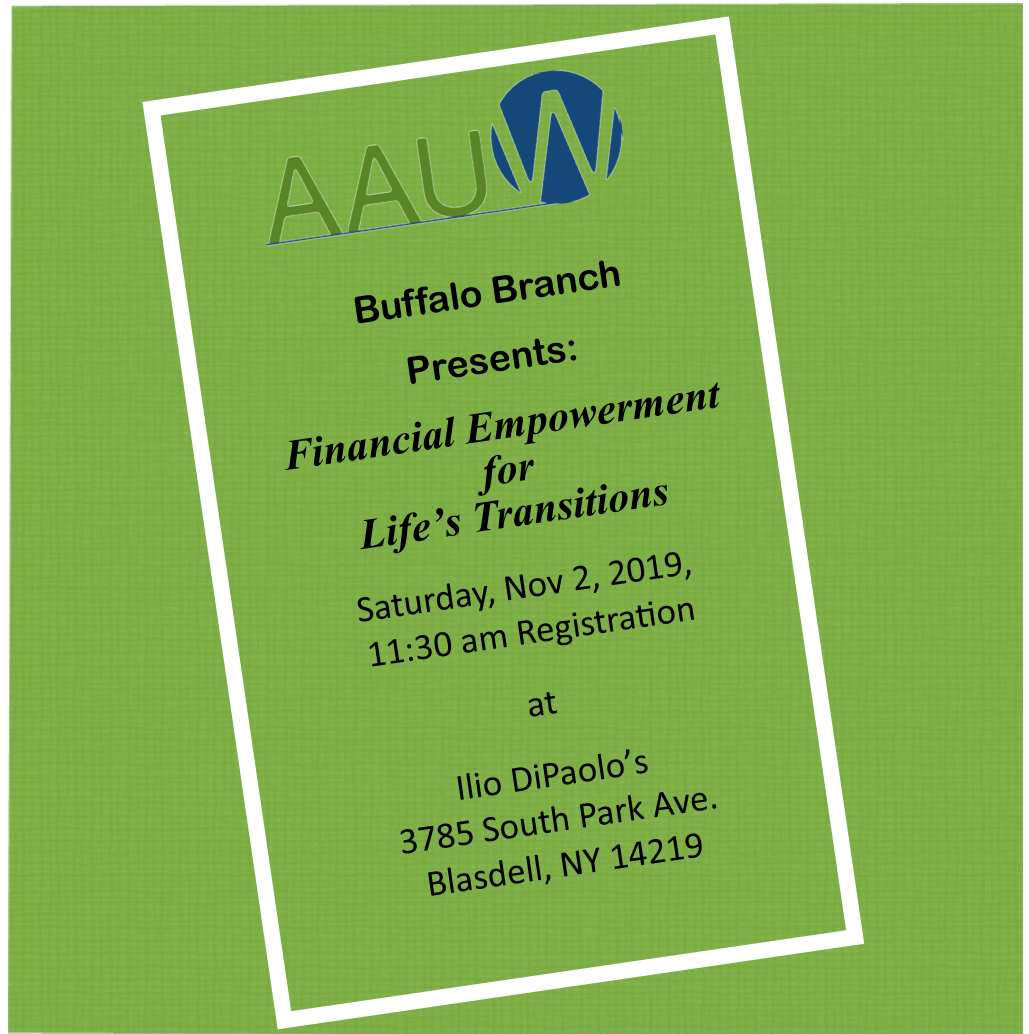
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**Speaker: Adrienne Rothstein Grace
Certified Financial Planner**

Author of: From We to Me: A Financial Guide to Divorce

"5 Mistakes People Make around Money and How to Avoid Them"

**Buffet: Buffalo Theme Lunch including: Roast Beef, Chicken Wings, Cheese Pizza,
Roasted Potatoes and Salad**



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Mail this form, along with a check for \$21.00 per person made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch **by October 25th** to:
Lilyen Mascellino, 20 Forest Creek Court, Grand Island, NY 14072

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Food Allergies: _____

OCTOBER INTEREST GROUPS



ADVENTURES IN STEM

If you are still interested in this group, please contact **Christine Saarinen** at csaarinen@backhomebooks.net or 425-3790.

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

When: Fri. Oct 25th at 11:30

Where: Underground Heritage Center, 825 Depot Ave. West, Niagara Falls, NY. We will visit the exhibit of the underground railroad at the new Amtrak Station. Then we will head to the Third Street Retreat Eatery and Pub, 250 Rainbow Blvd.

RSVP: **Betty Preble** by 10/21/19 at 662-0608 or betty.preble@gmail.com (Carpools will be set up depending on response.)

WNY CULINARY ARTS

When: Thurs. Oct. 10th at 6:30 pm

Where: Saigon Bangkok Restaurant

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

RSVP: by Oct. 8th to **Barbara Libby** at 836-8303 or bplibby1@verizon.net

DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed. Oct 16th at 5:30

Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: **A Gentleman in Moscow**

Facilitator: Lynn Tauriello

Discussion Leader: Diane O'Brien

RSVP: **Fran Witnauer, 688-5708** or grandmafran44@yahoo.com

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

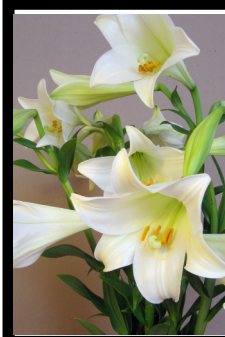
When: Oct. 23rd at 12:30

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

Book: **Nine Lives.**

Discussion Leader: **Karen Howard**

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



In Memory of Fern Beavers

Our sympathies to the friends and family of Fern Beavers, our beloved branch member who passed away on September 17. She will be sorely missed.



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 2019-2020 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. Buffalo, NY 14223

Please contact Mary at mlcrock@msn.com if you have any questions.



Book Sale Sorting Resumes!

Joan Kernan and Jayne Murray

Tuesday, September 17th, marked the start of book sorting and collecting and continues each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 am at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., Williamsville, NY 14221.

The success of our book sale would not be possible without the year-round commitment of our dedicated book sorters and those who work our sale. We thank them again and hope they continue to participate in this worthwhile endeavor!

We need help recycling! As mentioned in the September newsletter, we no longer have help with our recycling. Many of the books that are donated to us are in such poor condition they cannot be sold and must be recycled. The recycling companies we have contacted do not accept books and the Town of Amherst does not allow books in the recycling bin. If we cannot find a recycling option, our volunteers will have to bring books home to be put in with their own garbage. This is unacceptable and we must find a solution. If you know of anyone or any group (i.e., service organization) that might be interested in



partnering with us to handle our recycling, please let the Book Sale Committee know.

We always need help sorting! What makes this volunteer work attractive is the flexibility. Whether you can come every week for a few months, or travel and return to help at the sale, your help is always needed and appreciated. Just think of the scholarships we give to talented students who impress us with their own academic and volunteer work! We also provide a community service by selling books at a price most can afford and reutilizing used books. And from customer comments made to us during the sale, we know many folks anticipate our sale all year. Even our sorters can't wait for the sale! Bright orange "**We Want Books**" book marks are available at the sorting site. Stop in and pick up a handful to distribute to your neighbors and friends, church groups, or gym. You could post one on a community bulletin board or leave them in your doctor's waiting room. This is how we obtain so many of our used books and it also provides a Save-the-Date reminder about our 2020 Book Sale. Hope to see you Tuesdays or Wednesdays at Calvary!

2019 JACQUIE WALKER SHOLARSHIP WINNER

TEMARA CROSS

Temara Cross is a 2017 graduate of Hutch-Tech High School in Buffalo. She is presently a junior at the State University of New York at Buffalo, majoring in Pre-med, Public Health, and Anthropology with a GPA of 3.4. She is a passionate young woman of color from the inner city of Buffalo who was selected to be a **Say Yes Buffalo Scholar**. She fills every moment of her days helping others as a Say Yes Peer Mentor/Student Ambassador and as a student succeeding in a challenging course of study, all while working to earn her way. She has participated in several Alternative Break Trips within Buffalo and Cleveland where service to local agencies and refugees is planned, and has led follow-up critiques with her peers. She has been selected as keynote speaker at Say Yes events. She has been a Research Apprentice and a Research Intern in the Department of Cancer Prevention and Control at Roswell.

Temara has seen first hand the pressing medical and mental health needs of her community. She believes she can be part of the solution through education and giving back through the field of Public Health. Her dream is to open a health facility in a low-income neighborhood which will provide access to health care, child care, and healthy living through fresh foods.

Her academic recommender states, "Her achievements in her major are nothing but remarkable. Her dedication, involvement, and drive lead me to believe that this young woman has a strong head on her shoulders and will achieve whatever she sets out to do.

Judith Clare



WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Judy Weidemann

Call individual venues for performance times and tickets.

Albright Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo 14222-1096
882-8700

Come to enjoy the Albright-Knox before it closes for reconstruction in November. Featured Exhibit **Anthony McCall: Dark Rooms, Solid Light**

Amherst Chamber Music Concert

711 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Amherst

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

It's Greig to Me

Sunday, October 6, 2019
at 3:00 pm
Free will offering

Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY Campus
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo 14220
878-6011

Docent-led tours of the Burchfield Penney Art Center are offered every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2:00 pm.

Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street
Buffalo 14203
853-7668

'**Tis a Pity She's a Whore** is a tale of forbidden love, deception, and gruesome revenge.
Through October 13, 2019

Kavinoky Theatre

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

Hairspray is the story of Tracy Turnblad. It teaches us to look past the color of one's skin to the value of a person.
Through October 6, 2019

MusicalFare

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

West Side Story is one of the most beloved musicals of all time.
Through October 6, 2019

Second Generation Theatre

658 Main Street
Buffalo 14202
508-7480

Toxic Avenger

October 25, 2019 – November 10, 2019

Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street
Buffalo 14202
847-1410

Come From Away

October 15, 2019 – October 20, 2019

Theatre of Youth

203 Allen Street
Buffalo 14201
882-4400 Ext. 304

Pete the Cat - A guitar playing cat is sentenced to live with the Biddle family to learn some manners. For ages 4 and up.



October is the month for
National Breast Cancer Awareness and
Domestic Violence Awareness



GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

By Dr. Marian Deutschman

Gun violence is a leading cause of premature deaths in the U.S. After each deadly shooting, many voices cry out for gun control, and others argue that there is no research proving those measures work. It's true that there is little research into gun violence especially compared to other causes of death in the United States. One reason for the lack of research is the Dickey Amendment.

The Dickey Amendment is a provision first inserted as a rider into the 1996 United States federal government omnibus spending bill which mandated that "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control." The National Rifle Association pushed for the amendment after public health researchers produced studies suggesting that having a gun in the house increased the risk of homicide and suicide. The actual amendment did not explicitly forbid research into gun-related deaths, just advocacy, but Congress also lowered the CDC's budget by the exact amount it spent on such research. The NRA says that the issue of government funding to the CDC to study gun violence is something for Congress to decide and nothing has kept it from doing so.

The late Arkansas Congressman Jay Dickey, who is responsible for the amendment suppressing the CDC's gun violence research, came to regret his role. He and the CDC official that he opposed eventually favored more gun violence research. President Obama signed an executive order directing the National Institutes of Health to fund research into gun violence after the Sandy Hook shooting, but the research has not continued. Gun violence is the least researched cause of death and second-to-last (after falls) in the amount of allocated funding. In fact, gun violence received only 1.6% of the funding it should have, compared to other causes of death with similar mortality rates.

Researchers agree that there is a lack of data. Gun violence fatalities are almost equivalent to motor vehicle fatalities, yet the federal government dedicates \$240 million per year to traffic safety research and little to gun violence research. The limited gun violence research that does exist is largely funded by private sources and amounts to well under \$5 million per year.

The issue of gun violence is complex and deeply rooted in our culture, which is why many recommend that we need a public health approach to ensuring the safety

of our families and communities. Some suggest that the real cause of why we have more gun violence in America (compared to other developed nations) is because of the moral degradation of our society. Do we need moral education, not gun regulations? Is bad parenting, lack of religion, and corrupting media the cause? Are video games a damaging influence? The highest markets for video games – the Netherlands, Japan and South Korea — have the lowest gun related crime. The Swiss have

more guns per person than the United States but less mass violence.

Mental illness is no higher in the U.S. than in other countries, so it can't be the cause of our gun violence problem. There is no correlation between nations with a bullying problem and nations with gun violence problems. Austria, for example, has a bullying problem similar to ours (at around 20%) but has a much lower gun homicide and school shooting rate. The only things that set us apart among developed nations are our lax gun laws. Some conclude that gun violence is higher in the U.S., not because we are more amoral than other nations (we're not,) but because it's easier to access guns—both legally (because of lax gun regulations) and illegally (because they are so common.)

What about gun violence that does not result in death? We need to explore those statistics. We must place renewed emphasis on improving research on gun injury and violence.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 6:15 pm, **Board Meeting** at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St, in West Seneca.

Thursday, Oct. 17, Branch Program—“Water Exercise”, Radisson Hotel, Grand Island (see pg 1).

Saturday, Oct. 26, PR Committee at 10 am at Pat Miceli’s

Oct 26-Nov 3, Early Voting in NYS!

Saturday, Nov. 2, at 11:30 am, **Branch Program** at Ilio DiPaolo’s Restaurant in Blasdell

Tuesday, Nov 5, Election Day—VOTE if you haven’t already!

Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6:15 pm, **Board Meeting** at Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road at Harlem in Snyder.

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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