



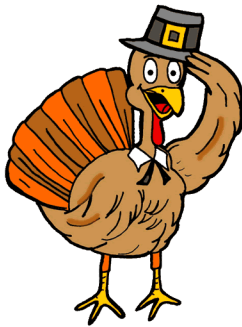
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DECEMBER ADVOCATE

The deadline for each issue of the Advocate is the 10th of the previous month. Submit articles to Suzanne Taeger (suzannemllr3@gmail.com) via email by November 10. Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.



AAUW Buffalo Branch Presents: **Financial Empowerment for Life's Transitions**
 Saturday, Nov 2, 2019, 11:30 am
 Ilio DiPaolo's
 3785 South Park Ave.
 Blasdell, NY 14219

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"

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Mail this form with a check for \$21 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: _____

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2019-20

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Laurie Eikemeyer

What We Do

In the eight years I've been a member of the AAUW Buffalo Branch, I've met a lot of educated, intelligent, and strong women. I am awed by the dedication of those members to make a difference. Some of you have been making a difference for more than 50 years!

We need members. While we continue to be one of the largest branches in New York State, it is no secret that our membership numbers are going down, along with those of most other non-profit organizations. We need to continue to grow to keep our organization strong and achieve our mission. New members bring new ideas and we know that a diverse membership makes us stronger.

We need to send out an urgent message. What does AAUW do? What does it have to offer young women? If someone asked you today, what would you tell them we do? Many would say our book sale provides scholarship money for deserving students. In this way, we are contributing to the economic security of women through education. Our monthly programs often focus on women's issues. On November 2nd, our program will be "Financial Empowerment for Life's Transitions."

We can work toward economic security for women by working to close the Gender Pay Gap. In addition to a strong message through our programs, we can tell Congress that we want equal pay for women. We can teach women salary negotiation skills through AAUW's StartSmart and WorkSmart programs. And we can partner with other organizations in our area to spread our message.

Let's work together to keep our branch – and our message! – strong.

**Ready for
a Raise?**

Let 2019 be your year to get paid what you deserve.

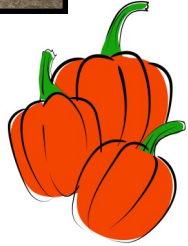
Take our free e-course to learn how to negotiate for more money and better benefits.

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<https://aauw.us/buffalo>

Annual September Dinner



On Monday, September 23rd, we gathered for our annual fall dinner at Chef's Restaurant in Buffalo. For most of us, this night ushers in great anticipation for a busy year filled with AAUW programs, events, meetings, interest groups, and of course, the booksale. This is our 129th year and we began by celebrating in style!

As everyone feasted on Italian cuisine, we caught up with old friends, welcomed 1 new member, and congratulated the winner of our Jacquie Walker scholarship - Temara Cross. Jacquie Walker's presentation was stellar, as usual, and Temara's acceptance speech supported her selection by the committee and Board of Directors. Those in attendance responded with a hearty applause!

This year, we were pleased to have 58 people in attendance at Chef's, including Janice Brown, AAUW-NYS President. Janice spoke about relevant issues impacting women, such as the gender pay gap. She asked us to reflect on the ways in which our branch is working to further the cause of women in our great nation. As Janice stated, "The Time is Now!"

I'd like to thank all of you who were able to attend, and to send a special thank you to those who assisted in making our annual fall dinner a success. This event is certainly a team effort!

I look forward to seeing everyone at future programs!

Lilyen Mascellino

Scholarship Success to Aid Area Students

The Calvary Episcopal Church Scholarship Committee, in conjunction with the Buffalo Branch Scholarship Committee of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and WNY School Counselors Association, will present **Scholarship Success**. It will be a free event open to the public, on Monday, November 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton Street at South Cayuga Road, one block south of Main Street in Williamsville.

The event will feature a panel presentation and a question-and-answer session offering information for designing strong scholarship applications with professional advice from members of the three participating organizations. Panel participants are Dr. Betty Krist, director of the Buffalo Branch AAUW scholarship programs; Dr. Mark Veronica, guidance counselor for Canisius High School and representative of the WNY School Counselors Association; Dr. Craig Werner, emeritus associate professor of English at Buffalo State College; and a previous scholarship award winner. Scholarship Committee co-chair Mary Bashore will be the moderator of the event.

Topics will include identifying scholarship opportunities, selecting suitable references, following application instructions, and creating compelling essays. Light refreshments will be served.

There is limited handicapped parking in the church parking lot, as well as access to the elevator through the parking lot door. Additional parking is available in the municipal lot on South Cayuga Road near Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home. Questions and RSVP to BfloAAUWScholar2020@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

THE HAPPY WANDERERS

No excursions in November

WNY CULINARY ARTS

When: Wed. Nov. 13th at 6:30 PM

Where: Diego's Restaurant, 4548 Main St.
Amherst

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

RSVP: by Nov. 11th to **Barbara Libby** at 836-8303 or bplibby1@verizon.net

BEAD WEAVING AND JEWELRY MAKING

Discontinued

DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed., Nov. 20th at 5:30

Where: Family Tree Restaurant,
4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

Facilitator: Fran Witnauer

Leader: Sue Licata

RSVP: Fran Witnauer, 716-688-5708 or grandmafran44@yahoo.com

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

No Meeting in November due to Thanksgiving.

Next meeting: Wed., December 4 at 12:00
(new time).

Where: Bob Evans Niagara Falls Blvd.

Book: The Tuscan Child by Rhys Bowen

Watch for location change in January.



A Peek at the Past: How Ethnic Diversity Influenced Christmas Traditions in Buffalo

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Where: Audubon Library

350 John James Audubon Parkway,
Amherst 14228

Time: Registration - 6:45

Program - 7:00 - 8:00

Presenter: Tina Marie Kumiega from "Explore Buffalo"

We will explore how Buffalonians brought their unique ethnic and religious traditions to help define a Buffalo Christmas! Light Refreshments will be provided.

You are welcome to bring your favorite ethnic holiday cookies to share!

This is a free event but registration is required due to limited space.

Call Diane O'Brien at 689-9442 to Register!
Leave your name and the names of additional guests, along with your phone # by 12/11/19.

OCTOBER 2019 BOARD MEETING

By Diane O'Brien

The Sister to Sister program has been discontinued and the remaining funds were turned over to the branch. The Board members voted to put the remaining funds into an account for college women to attend the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders. This five-day annual conference in Maryland helps college women develop their leadership skills.

A Board committee will be setting up a new independent website for our Branch.

The Board noted the passing of Fern Beavers. Fern headed our Catalyst for Change scholarship program for many years. Her presence will be missed.

Calling all ORGANIZED and EFFICIENT members!

The branch bylaws, policy book, and position descriptions should be reviewed periodically by a committee of the branch. The current versions of all of these are available on our website on the "Governance" page. I need volunteers to join a small committee to review these and suggest changes if necessary. I promise to be as efficient as possible.

Please let me know if you're interested – **Betty Preble, Bylaws Chair**





November 2019 Book Sale Report

By Joan Kernan and Jayne Murray

We have been collecting books for three weeks now and apparently word has gotten out that we are open for business. We have a full wall of books to be sorted! If you have any free time on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning, please come help us out with sorting, boxing, and/or disposal of books.

Our sorting hours are 9:30 – 12 noon Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., Williamsville, NY 14221.

We continue to look for ways to recycle the books we cannot use. We try not to accept text books, journals, and books in poor condition, yet it is not possible to check all the books coming in, especially when more than one car load arrives at one time! Our volunteers are currently disposing of some of these books in their home garbage, in addition to our excess cardboard. We have had one member offer to pick up a load of books to be discarded. Can you help? Keep spreading the word about the Book Sale and distributing our bright orange **"WE NEED BOOKS"** bookmarks, always available at the sorting site. Your donations and volunteer hours can change lives....

On October 8th, our volunteers were delighted to meet Pat Malone and Carolyn Siegel, past scholarship recipients, who were donating a carload of books. Pat, now aged 86, received her AAUW scholarship at 40 and, with misty eyes, told us that it had changed her life. She was able to achieve a two-year degree in Liberal Arts at Hilbert College and then complete her bachelor's and master's degrees in Communication Disorders at Buffalo

State. She worked in the Springville School system for 20 years. Pat has always donated books to the Sale, but this was the first time she dropped them off to our site. "I feel I've come full circle. I am donating to an organization that helped me so very much."

Carolyn received her scholarship in 1995 at age 51 which enabled her to attend law school. She reports she also had a loan, emphasizing that she *did* pay that back and graduated at age 55 in 1999. Carolyn states with enthusiasm, "I did use my degree for a while and now here I am giving away all my books."



Do you like to wrap gifts?

Branch Fundraiser at Barnes and Noble - We Need Your Help!

BARNES & NOBLE

December 7, 2019 at 1565 Niagara Falls Blvd, Suite 300, Amherst, NY 14228

10:00 am to 10:00 pm

On December 7th, our Branch will be wrapping gifts at Barnes and Noble. All donations made by appreciative store customers will be gratefully accepted as donations to our branch. If you don't like to wrap gifts, please consider donating bows or ribbon (Barnes and Noble provides the wrapping paper.) How fun will it be to wrap gifts and socialize?

If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Lilyen Mascellino at 912-452 or lilyenm@gmail.com.

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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**

Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY Campus
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo 14220
878-6011

In the Fullness of Time: Painting in Buffalo 1932 – 1972

Beginning November 6, 2019

Irish Classical Theatre

625 Main Street
Buffalo 14203
853-7668

A Child's Christmas in Wales

November 22, 2019 – December 15, 2019



Kavinoky Theatre

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

To Kill a Mockingbird

November 10, 2019 – December 8, 2019

MusicalFare

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

Elf the Musical

November 13, 2019 – December 22, 2019

Second Generation Theatre

658 Main Street
Buffalo 14202
508-7480

Toxic Avenger

Through November 10, 2019

Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street
Buffalo 14202
847-1410

Jersey Boys

November 15 – 17, 2019

Darwin Martin Book Returns Home

At the Fall Welcome Back Dinner September 23, 2019 Laurie Eikemeyer, President AAUW Buffalo Branch and Judy Clare, Jacquie Walker Scholarship Chair, show a special book, to be returned to the Darwin Martin House.

The branch's 65th annual Scholarship Book Sale was held this past spring. While sorting through the donations, our volunteers noticed the bookplate in one which indicated that it had been owned by Darwin Reidpath Martin, son of Darwin D. and Isabelle Reidpath Martin. On September 30, 2019, booksale committee member Betty Preble returned the book to the home where he grew up – the Darwin Martin House, 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214. The renovation of their Frank Lloyd Wright designed home has recently been completed, and its governing body was happy to accept the return of the book to the house.

For the curious, the book was *The House of Lynch*, by Leonard Merrick, with a copyright date of 1919. The introduction was written (and signed) by G.K. Chesterton.



Are You Your Brother's Keeper?

by Dr. Marian Deutschman

To be your brother's keeper is generally understood to mean being responsible for the welfare of other human beings.

The Framers of our Constitution organized our government so its powers were limited. They separated and balanced the powers of government among three different branches. They provided ways each branch could limit the powers of the other branches. The Bill of Rights was added to protect our rights from unfair treatment by our national, state, and local governments.

Some Framers believed that the government would work well if there were good people running it. They also believed it would only succeed with citizens who were good people. We need to elect leaders who will make and enforce laws that protect our rights and promote our welfare. Even a good constitution and good leaders may not be enough. If we want to protect our rights and welfare, individual citizens have responsibilities to fulfill.

What are our rights and responsibilities as American citizens? Do we have a right or responsibility to prevent Americans from using an AK-47? Using vaping or tobacco products? Drinking excessively? Using marijuana? Tobacco kills more than 480,000 people annually – more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined. How should we address the vaping issue when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that 38 percent of high school students and 13 percent of middle school children have tried vaping, and the numbers are rapidly increasing? At this time there are **380** confirmed and probable cases of lung disease associated with e-cigarette product use, or vaping, reported by 36 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These products contain e-liquids that change to aerosols when heated, and preliminary research has found chromium, zinc, nickel, and lead in these aerosols. **No amount of lead should be considered safe.** Do we have any responsibility for the public mass shootings that account for a small fraction of the country's gun deaths? They terrify us because they occur without warning in unexpected places. Does it frighten us that in some places, an AK-47 can be pur-

chased for as little as \$10? What is our role in dealing with climate change when environmental controls are being repealed?

Warnings on all these issues should provide insight into the power of perceived risk and expectations. The findings suggest that we need a broader approach to education, prevention, and clinical research. If the government does everything it can to protect our rights, is this enough? Do we have any responsibility to protect not only our own rights, but each other's as well? Change can come from

the top, but most often change starts at the grassroots level. How can we as individuals make a difference? The official Website of the Department of Homeland Security lists the following citizenship rights and responsibilities:

Rights include: Freedom to express yourself. Freedom to worship as you wish. Right to a prompt, fair trial by jury. Right to vote in elections for public officials. Right to apply for federal employment requiring U.S. citizenship. Right to run for elected office. Freedom to pursue "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

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Responsibilities include: Support and defend the Constitution. Stay informed of the issues affecting your community. Participate in the democratic process. Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws. Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others. Participate in your local community. Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities. Serve on a jury when called upon. Defend the country if the need should arise.

When rights or responsibilities are violated on a massive scale should we risk taking a stand for something? The Kansas Leadership Center, for example, teaches people how to create social change with the mantra of: "Anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere." AAUW members should check AAUW Empower events that provide women with leadership skills and networking opportunities to increase their skills. Take a stand. At a time when we seem to have an epidemic of loneliness, especially among young people, we could restore social connections by taking action on behalf of others.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 2 at 11:30 am - **Branch Program**,
"Financial Empowerment for Life's Transitions" at
Illio DiPaolo's

Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:15 pm - **Board Meeting**
at Christ United Methodist Church, Saratoga Rd.

Monday, Nov. 11 at 1 pm **Scholarship Success**, at Cal-
vary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton Street

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping
Fundraiser - *volunteers needed*

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 pm - "Merry Christmas from
Buffalo, NY!" at Audubon Library

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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