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MARCH 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 FEBRUARY 10. Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.



Come to February's Program!

Title: VOTES FOR WOMEN!
Date: February 6, 2020
Time: 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Place: Anna Reinstein Memorial Library
 2580 Harlem Rd.
 Cheektowaga 14225

Speaker: Susan Eck, Historian

Overview:

This presentation is based on The Buffalo History Museum exhibit "Emblem of Equality: Woman Suffrage in WNY" for which Ms. Eck was the guest curator. Where the exhibit celebrates the contributions of many area women, this presentation focuses on the words of a gifted Buffalo columnist who with humor and passion leads us through those exciting decades of the Western New York suffrage movement. Ada Davenport Kendall organized for suffrage in the last years of the 19th Century and wrote for nearly 18 years about how transformative women's suffrage would be for society. Hear her words as she records history for us and explains why she was willing to go to prison for her cause.

About our speaker:

Susan Eck is a native Western New Yorker. After a career in teaching, she was an administrator at UB. Now in her third career as a student of local history, she has been a guest curator and created virtual exhibits for the Buffalo History Museum. She has two websites, one on Western New York history (wnyhistory.org); the other on the 1901 Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo (panam1901.org.) She is also a Buffalo Branch member!

RSVP by Feb. 3 as space is limited!

Email betty.preble@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

Please indicate your name, as well as the names of those joining you.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Please also consider joining the Happy Wanderers on Feb 14 for lunch and a trip to the History Museum to see the exhibit. Details in the Interest Group section.



President's Message Laurie Eikemeyer

"For me, a better democracy is a democracy where women do not only have the right to vote and to elect but to be elected." —Michelle Bachelet, head of UN Women, former president and defense minister of Chile, in [The New York Times](#).

As we look ahead to the upcoming election year, let us look to the future while remembering the suffragists of the past.

I wonder if suffragists in 1925 could have envisioned a woman running for President of the United States? Or women in Congress? In fact, thousands of women ran for office before they had the right to vote, including Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for president in 1872. It is no surprise that prior to 1980, the number of male voters exceeded the number of female voters for every Presidential election. But since then, the number of female voters has *exceeded* the number of male voters in every Presidential election. Yet, a woman has never been elected president and only 23% of Congress is composed of females.

2020 promises to be a year fraught with political tensions. While AAUW is a non-partisan organization, we support public policy that improves the lives of women, protects the rights of women, and urges women to have a voice in the political process. We work to build leaders with the hope that our voices will be heard. We question the status quo and raise our voices to injustices. We are the suffragists of today.

Let's all do our part in the upcoming election. Encourage women to vote. Educate people on the issues that affect women. Engage people in discussion about public policy that can improve the lives of women. Better yet, run for political office!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Call individual venues for performance times and tickets.

Albright – Knox Northland

612 Northland Avenue
Buffalo

Starting on February 9, 2020 every 2nd Sunday is "Pay What You Wish" Day

This Gallery will operate while the main Gallery is closed.

Amherst Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

711 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst

[Acemusic.org](#)

Classical Connections

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 3:00 pm
Free will offering

Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY Campus
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo 14220
878-6011

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

Through March 29, 2020

Charles E. Burchfield – A Magical Rebirth 1943 – 1967

Through March 1, 2020

Kavinoky Theatre

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

Bridges of Madison County

Based on the novel of Robert James Waller
Ends February 2, 2020

MusicalFare

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

Cookin' at the Cookery

A celebration of the life of blues singer, Alberta Hunter.

February 5, 2020 - March 9, 2020

Shea's Theatre

646 Main Street
Buffalo 14202
847-1410

Jesus Christ Superstar

February 11, 2020 – February 16, 2020

Theatre of Youth

203 Allen Street
Buffalo 14201

882-4400 Ext. 3014

Miss Nelson Is Missing

The antics of students send gentle Miss Nelson over the edge.
Through February 9, 2020



FEBRUARY 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: Friday Feb. 14 at 11:30

Where: Daniela Restaurant (387 Forest Ave.) for lunch.

We will then go to the **Buffalo History Museum, 1 Museum Court.** We will concentrate on the "Emblem of Equality: Woman Suffrage in Western New York" but may wander as we choose. Branch member **Susan Eck**, who will be the speaker at our branch on Feb. 6th, was the **curator of the exhibit** celebrating women's acquiring voting rights.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 for Seniors over 60, Museum Members free.

RSVP: Betty Preble betty.preble@gmail.com or 662-0608 by Feb. 10 so we can reserve a table.



Happy Wanderers Carol Golyski, Mary Ellen Shaughnessy, Judy Huber, and Betty Preble at NT History Museum after a great lunch.



WNY CULINARY ARTS

When: Thurs. Feb. 13 at 6:30

Where: Prescott's Provisions at 40 E. Niagara St., Town of Tonawanda

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

RSVP: Barbara Libby at 836-8303 bplibby1@verizon.net



DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed. Feb. 19 at 5:30

Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: *Bear Town* by Fredrik Backman

Facilitator: Judy Huber

Discussion Leader: Stacey Johnson

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

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Feb. 26 at 12:00 Start with discussion first

Where: Family Tree Restaurant. 4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: *Rust Belt Redemption* by David Coleman.

Discussion Leader: Stacey Johnson

RSVP: Suzanne Grossman 689-5873



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BOOK SALE REPORT

by Jayne Murray and Joan Kernan



We can officially forget the notion that print books are being replaced by e-books. According to the Association of American Publishers' annual report of 2019, publishers of books in all formats made about \$26 billion in revenues last year in the United States. *PRINT* books accounted for \$22.6 billion and e-books just \$2.04 billion. These figures include trade and educational books, as well as fiction. So print books will no doubt always be around to touch and smell, to treasure, and to last a long time. Our AAUW Book Sale plays a large part in both keeping these print books accessible and creating needed scholarships.

Our search for a Book Sale site intensifies at this time of year and we count on all of you to keep your eyes open and ears peeled for any potential sites. Please forward possibilities—the site *must* be at least 16,000 sq. feet—and either the contact info or, better yet, a picture of the “for lease” sign including the phone number to Beth Ann Frazer (bangel255@yahoo.com.)

Memorial Day will be here before we know it with the Book Sale nipping at its heels—please get the word out about our Book Sale by passing out our neon orange book marks (available at meetings and at the Church) and collecting books from your friends and family.

Are you feeling a bit of the winter doldrums or just tired of being cooped up? Volunteering at our Book Sale site is a great way to get out of the house, make new friends, find a good book to read, pack a box of books or sort through our stacks of donated books. We are always looking for new volunteers at this time because many of our regulars take a break by going south.

Stop by with books on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 – 12 noon, Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., Williamsville. Why not stay for an hour or two? We have a room full of books to be sorted!

AAUW NEW YORK STATE
2020 CONVENTION



AAUW-NYS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

EQUALITY
MATTERS





Join us

on

March 24th at 5:30

What We Carry: Stories of Buffalo's Immigrant Women

In collaboration with the International Institute of Buffalo (IIB), AAUW members, along with other community members, will enjoy an evening of storytelling by four area immigrant women. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share their own family stories within small groups.

Time: 5:30-7:30

Place: Montante Cultural Center at Canisius College,
2001 Main St., 14208

Cost: \$30 per person

Details: There will be an open bar, along with passed hors d'oeuvres.

RSVP

No later than March 10th by mailing the form below, along with your check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch to:

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

Please note:

This is a collaborative event. Late registrations can't be guaranteed.

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Complete the information below & mail it along with your check to Lilyen by **March 10th**

Number of people attending: _____

Name(s) _____

Name and # of main contact person: _____

_____ I've enclosed a check made out to:

AAUW Buffalo Branch for **\$30.00** per person for a total of \$_____

Tech Savvy 15: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Ready to Help Girls See What’s Invisible?

It’s almost Tech Savvy time! We need help with the committee, before and during the conference, including:

- Bag stuffing on Friday, February 28 or March 6 (tentative dates TBD)
- People to host and drive speakers (short distances)
- Help with proofing/ typing
- Help making calls week or two before conference
- Set up on Thursday and Friday, March 19-20
- Food and reception planning
- Flower and balloon planning
- Outreach to schools
- Various duties (reception, hall monitors, food service) on Saturday, March 21

If we want girls to see the invisible and uncharted territory, there’s no one perhaps better able to help than our invited keynote speaker astronaut Stephanie Wilson, an American engineer and a NASA astronaut. She flew to space onboard three Space Shuttle missions and is the second African American woman to go into space, after Mae Jemison.

For this to be successful, we need your help. Please see the list above and let Tamara know how you can lend your talent to this event.

For Your Calendar: Upcoming Dates to help with Tech Savvy 15

- ❖ Planning Teleconference: Saturday, February 1, at 9:30 AM, Dial 716-566-5719 Meeting ID: "SAVVY" or 72889
- ❖ Planning Teleconference: Saturday, February 22, at 9:30 AM, Dial 716-566-5719 Meeting ID: "SAVVY" or 72889
- ❖ Tote Bag Stuffing, Name Tag Assembly, and Bag Stuffing on Friday, February 28, or March 6 (TBD) at United Way on Delaware Avenue, starting at 3:30 PM ((We need about 20 people to help! Dress comfortably; pizza served.)
- ❖ Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20—Set up help needed at UB North Campus Noon – 6PM (flexible times)
- ❖ Friday, March 20 – Reception at Buffalo Niagara Marriott at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Saturday, March 21: Tech Savvy at UB’s North Campus (Meet at Student Union... Ample Parking in Furnas Lot.)

Questions about Tech Savvy? Call Tamara Brown at 716-949-2413

Tech Savvy 15 Participation – Registration Form

Questions about Tech Savvy? Call Tamara Brown at 716-949-2413

Conference Information website: <https://originaltechsavvy.org>

Name _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

____ Helping with Bag Stuffing at United Way on Delaware (Date: TBD)

____ Helping with Setup at UB- Thursday, March 19)

____ Helping with Setup at UB- Friday, March 20)

____ Planning to attend Tech Savvy Reception at 6:30 pm, Friday, March 20 (Location: Buffalo Niagara Marriott)– No cost to attend

____ Planning to Volunteer at Tech Savvy (Saturday, March 21) – Shift times will be confirmed.

Morning shift (7am – 1pm)

Afternoon shift (noon – 5pm)

All day (7am – 5 pm)

Available other times: _____

For those NOT volunteering on Saturday, March 21:

____ Attending *Tech Savvy* adult session, including morning refreshments, lunch, tote bag and materials - Please include \$5 payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch. You may also register online by March 1 at the website above.

Save a stamp.... You may email this information or send this form by mail. Email: aauwtswny@cs.com

AAUW Buffalo Branch (Attn: Tech Savvy Volunteer) P.O. Box 894, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

The 2020 Census

Dr. Marian Deutschman

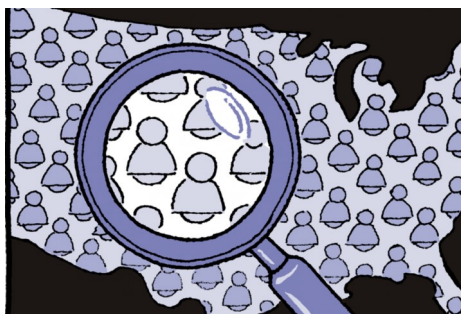
The ten-year census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution. Previously censuses had been used mainly to tax or confiscate property or to conscript youth into military service. Our Founders took a tool of government and made it a tool of political empowerment for the governed. The census counts our population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning Congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties, and communities' vital programs — impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy.

April 1, 2020 is the official Census Day, a reference day for completion of the Census. In May 2020, the Census Bureau will initiate their non-response follow-up operation. There are fears that an undercount will impact major funding and representation losses for our state and its

historically underserved communities. Get Out The Count (GOTC) is a direct collective effort to ensure that communities don't suffer the effects of an undercount. The GOTC consists of three separate outreach phases: December 2019-February 2020 is the community education and public awareness phase; March-April 2020 is the self-response period; May-July 2020 is the follow-up period for non-responses. The primary goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and City of Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown formed a Complete Count Committee (CCC) to ensure our community is accurately counted and represented. The CCC coordinates cooperative efforts among a broad group of subcommittees made up of community leaders from education, business, healthcare, houses of worship, cultural institutions, and community

organizations. Subcommittees are expected to share information with areas that have hard-to-count populations, and encourage participation overall. We need awareness, education, and outreach efforts. Some mailers masquerade as legitimate messaging on the census. Trusted voices are best suited to reach the community and raise awareness. We don't want to counter the misinformation with messaging that would discourage the public from participating in the actual census. In 2010 as many as 50,000 New York City residents went uncounted because they lived in homes that the Census Bureau thought were vacant. Response rates fell below 60 percent in parts of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Lackawanna.



Census 2020 will be the first time the survey will be conducted digitally. Some people have fears about information privacy and federal misuse. The Census Bureau seeks to collect basic demographics for each of America's 119 million households. Governments use the data to de-

termine the number and shape of legislative districts, to apportion county tax dollars, and to direct the resources to federal housing, education, health care, and infrastructure programs, including Medicaid. The hard-to-count includes people of color, immigrants, Native Americans, children under 5, and families of single parents. The controversy over the yearlong legal battle for inclusion of the citizenship question may deter some immigrants from answering the questions, even though the final forms do not include it.

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library will reserve computers and train staff to assist people. The Census Bureau will distribute printed guides in 59 foreign languages. Resettlement agencies will do outreach projects. We need to promote a comprehensive census followed by a fair redistricting process in New York State.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Thursday, Feb 6, 6:45 pm - **February program** at the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library, Cheektowaga

Wednesday, March 4 **Board Mtg** at Christ United Methodist Church, Saratoga Rd at Harlem Rd., Amherst

Saturday, Mar 21 - **Tech Savvy** at the UB North Campus

Tuesday, March 24 - **March Program** at the Canisius College Montante Center

Tuesday, Apr 21, 6:00 pm - **Scholarship Celebration** at Salvatore's

Apr 24-26 - **AAUW NYS Convention**

Saturday, May 9, 11:30 am - **Annual Meeting/ Luncheon** at the Wurlitzer Building , 908 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda

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 grass-roots 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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