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



## What We Carry: Stories of Buffalo's

### Immigrant Women

March 24th, 5:30



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

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Number 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**

**\$\_\_\_\_\_**

## President's Message

*This month, I would like to share a message from Carol Griffith, AAUW-NYS Vice President of Development, concerning the upcoming AAUW-NYS convention. It's going to be exciting! Please consider attending this year!*

Laurie Eikemeyer

# NYS CONVENTION

## 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebration

### APRIL 24-26, 2020

### WOODCLIFF HOTEL & SPA

### Fairport, New York

**Distance is not an Issue:** Join our Rochester branches (GRAB and Fairport) and show Buffalo support for this 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of AAUW NYS in nearby Rochester. This Community Partner Network Friday night event in the Woodcliff's beautiful event center will be a night to remember as it is the first time in the history of AAUW NYS that our convention has been open to the public. This event is a fundraiser, along with the sale of our Centennial Pin, to help support convention costs. This event will only happen once in most of our lives, so please let's have a dedicated showing of support from Buffalo. Ask your friends to come to the event center Friday night to meet people from other organizations that have the same mission as AAUW to better the lives of women and girls. Ask them to join **you** to celebrate your accomplishments as a member of this organization. Remember please to **wear white** for this Friday night event.

**Guest Speaker from AAUW National:** Kim Churches, AAUW National CEO, will be our Saturday night guest speaker. Kim will talk about her successes and challenges since assuming the CEO role. You may have missed the opportunity to hear her presentation at the Corning Convention when she outlined the future look of AAUW.

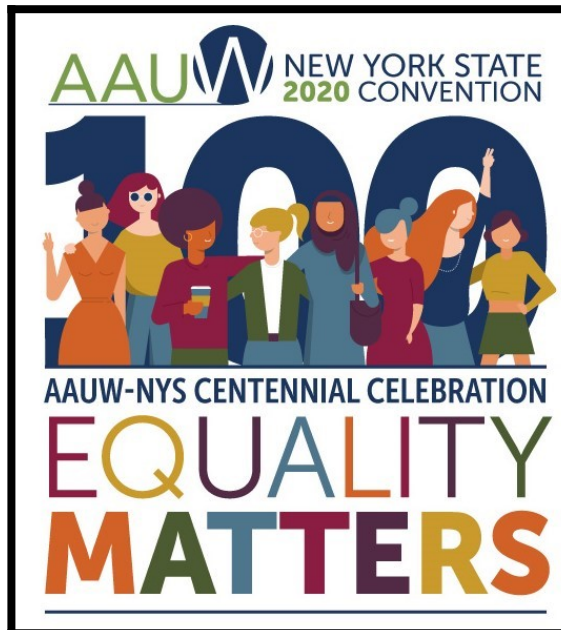
**Honorees:** As part of the centennial celebration, we are honoring five women from across New York State that have exemplified the values of AAUW. These women are the pillars of AAUW. Ursula Burns (1st Woman CEO Fortune 500,) Honorable Kathy Hochul (Lt. Governor NYS,) Mary Ellen Elia (1<sup>st</sup> woman NYS Education Commissioner,) Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins (1<sup>st</sup> woman to lead Senate Majority NYS,) and Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton (1<sup>st</sup> woman senator for NYS.) They will be recipients of our AAUW Centennial Pin.

**Friday Night Event:** includes one free drink and appetizer stations, followed by a buffet dinner. The first members to

register will have the opportunity to have their name drawn for a free Swedish massage.

### Saturday Field Trip!

Do not miss the opportunity to **celebrate Women's Right to Vote** which started in the Wesleyan Chapel in 1848 in the wonderful village of Seneca Falls. **Please join us** for the Saturday afternoon bus trip to see Elizabeth Cady Stanton House, Women's Rights National Historical Park and Museum, and Wesleyan Chapel.



Registration: New York State AAUW: <https://aauw-nys.org>

## 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 - Friday, March 6

\_\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto:aauwtswny@cs.com)

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Judy Weidemann

Call individual venues for performance times and tickets.

### Albright – Knox Art Gallery

Closed until 2022



### Albright – Knox Northland

612 Northland Avenue

Admission "Pay as you wish"

[www.albrightknox.org/community/northland](http://www.albrightknox.org/community/northland)

There are programs and classes for children and adults, Family Fundays, Homeschooler Workshops

Open Fridays Noon-7, Saturdays and Sundays 10 am-5 pm

### Amherst Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

711 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst

[Acemusic.org](http://Acemusic.org)

### Hopelessly Romantic

Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Free will offering

### MusicalFare

Daemen College Campus, 4380 Main St, Amherst

839-8540

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mar 12-29

### Burchfield Penney Art Museum

SUNY Campus, 1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo

878-6011

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

Through March 29

*Charles E. Burchfield – A Magical Rebirth 1943 – 1967*

Through March 1

*Book Club Presentation by the Co-curators of "In the Fullness of Time"*, Mar 13 at 6:30 pm

### Kavinoky Theatre

D'Youville College Campus

320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo

820-7668

The Kavinoky is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Indecent*, March 6 – 29, 2020

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## MARCH INTEREST GROUPS 2020

### 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: Monday March 9th, 11:00**



**Where:** We will tour the *Golden Mummies of Egypt* exhibit at the **Buffalo Museum of Science**. Buffalo will host the debut of this exhibition generally housed at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. The cost is \$16 for Seniors or \$5 for members. Tickets include general admission to the museum.

Lunch will follow at Manna @ Northland, 683 Northland Ave in Buffalo.

**RSVP:** Please respond to **Betty Preble** if you are coming by 3/5/2020 at betty.preble@gmail.com so we can purchase the tickets. If you choose to make your own reservation at the museum, please choose the 11 am time.

### WNY CULINARY ARTS

**When: Thurs. March 12th at 6:30**



**Where: Mulberry Italian Ristorante**, 64 Jackson Ave., Lackawanna

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

**RSVP: Barbara Libby** by 2/10 at 836-8303. Or bplibby1@verizon.net

### DINNER BY THE BOOK

**When: Wed. March 18th at 5:30**

**Where: Family Tree Restaurant**, 4346 Bailey Ave.

**Book: The Electrifying Fall of Rainbow City** by Margaret Creighton.

Facilitator: Mary Bashore

Discussion Leader: **Marilyn Carmichael**

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



### CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**When: March 18th at 12:00** Discussion first

**Where: Family Tree Restaurant**. 4346 Bailey Ave.

**Book: Cold Earth** by Ann Cleves

Discussion Leader: **Diane Silvestro**

**RSVP: Suzanne Grossman** 689-5873



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## March 2020 Book Sale Report By Jayne Murray & Joan Kernan

Last year, we launched our sponsorship opportunity to decrease the cost of overhead for our Book Sale. We are pleased to report that it was a tremendous success! If you recall, our tables at the site cost \$25 to rent and we require a minimum of 240 tables. Our goal was to maximize the amount of money we raise for scholarships by minimizing overhead expenses. Your generosity helped us to meet that goal. We hope that once again this year, many of us will make a Book Sale Sponsorship donation to celebrate our love of books, to honor a friend or a child in our lives, as a memorial, or just to further support our scholarship winners.

We have created the following donation categories. Names of sponsors will be recognized by category on a poster at the Book Sale.

Donation Amount	Sponsorship Category
\$25 - \$49	Louisa May Alcott
\$50 - \$74	Toni Morrison
\$75 - \$99	The Brontë Sisters
\$100 +	Jane Austen

Please send a check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch, c/o Mary Crocker, 375 Parkhurst Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223. Friends and non-members are also encouraged to help sponsor our sale. Donations are tax deductible.

Thanks to Rosalind Kochmanski and Sue D'Angelo, we now have Jordyn, a University at Buffalo student, whom we pay per load to ferry our unsalable books to a recycling center. We appreciate his enthusiasm and reliability.

We recently had a substantial donation of books from a dealer (about 200 large boxes), in addition to our ongoing and sometimes non-stop drop-offs on our sorting days. Apparently, folks have gotten the message where we are! However wonderful, this means we still need additional helpers to sort, as many volunteers will be heading south for vacations. We meet to sort and accept books every Tuesday and Wednesday at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St. in Williamsville from 9:30 - 12 noon. Even an hour of your time is useful and appreciated by everyone.

*Roberta Travis, Table Chair Extraordinaire of Children's Books, showing off our goldmine of books to be sorted!*



*You Are Invited to the  
Scholarship Celebration April 21, 2020*

Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant - Victorian A Suite

6461 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043

5:30 Registration

6:00 Assorted fresh fruit and cheese, crackers

6:00 - 8:00 Open soda bar

6:15 - 7:15 Food Stations and Hors D'oeuvres

steak in the grass

pasta

roast turkey

Caesar salad

artichokes Francaise

stuffed mushrooms

vegetable flatbread

chicken kabobs

7:15 - 8:15 Presentations by scholarship winners

**Cost: \$15**



Send registration to:

Betty Krist, 116 Iris Ave., West Seneca, NY 14224

by 4/15/2020

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

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**Centennial Pin**

Celebrate the centennials of both AAUW-NYS and Womens' Suffrage!

Available: ORDER ONLINE– until April 15  
<https://aauw-nys100.store/>

Buffalo Branch Advocate

**WHAT'S HAPPENING  
(Continued from p. 3)**

**Second Generation Theatre**

658 Main Street, Buffalo  
508-7480

*Three Tall Women*, Mar 20- Apr 5

**Shea's Theatre**

646 Main Street, Buffalo  
847-1410

*Hello Dolly*, Mar 3-15

*Riverdance*, Mar 27-29

**Theatre of Youth**

203 Allen Street  
882-4400 Ext. 3014

*The Outsiders*, Mar 4- Apr 5

# Are all politicians Liars?

Dr. Marian Deutschman

*"How do you know a politician is lying? His/her lips are moving."*

Back in the election time of 2012, someone named Ronald Bailey wrote, "Lying, along with a capacity for backbiting, obfuscation, and double-dealing, are, in fact, actual job qualifications for politicians."

Those in public office may take offense at this statement. However, the first duty of a politician is to get elected to office and sometimes that means that deals have to be made. Machiavelli said "when the result is good..., it will always absolve him from blame." A politician may believe that his/her good ends can justify bad means. Are ambiguity and flexibility necessary to satisfy a wide variety of voters? Can lying, obfuscation, and double-dealing ever become so egregious that we decide to throw elected officials out of office? Is impeachment meant to address this occurrence?

Researchers have found that we all stretch the truth. It's something we learned when we were about three years old. We rationalize our lies when they benefit us. We tell little white lies daily that make others feel good. However, experts in psychology and political science say that politicians distort the truth more often.

Psychology researcher Bella DePaulo at the University of California said, "When lies succeed, they make it more tempting to lie. They can have a lingering effect, even if they are debunked." "We're lying constantly," said Maurice Schweitzer, who studies deception and decision-making at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, Trump's alma mater. Some lies, said Schweitzer, "fall under politeness norms and are not very harmful. There are other lies that are self-interested and those are the ones that are really harmful." They hurt relationships and trust. A loss of trust is difficult to regain after the lies are discovered. There are also costs to the liar. Deception affects the body and brain because it takes energy to create and maintain a lie.



Do people want politicians to lie to them? Our president has launched an unceasing campaign of fabrications, some simply exaggerations, others are whoppers when checked by PolitiFact. There were lurid stories about the horrors of illegal immigration. There was an unfounded claim of a million fraudulent votes in California. Then there's the story of windmills (wind turbines) causing cancer; China is paying the entirety of the cost of his tariffs on imported Chinese products; Mexico is paying for the wall, and the list goes on into thousands of lies. His popularity with his base may indicate that Americans are no longer persuadable by evidence and facts.

"Dishonesty is contagious," said the University of Nottingham's Simon Gaechter. The public tends to believe even false claims that confirm what we already believe, especially if the lies come from news sources that they already trust and agree with.

Do Democrats lie as much as Republicans? The whoppers: Bill Clinton claimed under oath that he had not had an extramarital sexual affair with Monica Lewinsky. President Obama claimed he had warned the country that certain insurance plans might get cancelled. He had said precisely the opposite: that Americans could keep the plans they liked. Hillary Clinton lied about her e-mail scandal, possibly compromising American national security and endangering American lives. She falsely claimed to have turned over all of her work-related e-mails and hadn't transmitted any information marked classified. These were all lies. And then there's New York State that has led the nation for corrupt government for years. Keep an eye on the Governor Cuomo's plans to reduce the state's looming \$6.1 billion deficit.

Social media makes it easier to spread misinformation. Repetition is the primary pipeline for shaping beliefs. Repetition and frequent exposure lead to familiarity and the impression that many people share an idea and agree with it. Research indicates that any repetition of misinformation, even if the purpose is to debunk, can serve to perpetuate it. Some researchers suggest that "if you want the public to believe something, just yell it louder, say it simpler, and repeat it more often than anybody else."

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday, March 4, 6:15 **Board Mtg** at Christ United  
Methodist Church, Saratoga Rd at Harlem Rd. Amherst

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

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 **March Program** at Canisius College

Wednesday, April 1, 6:15, **Board Mtg** at Ebenezer United  
Church of Christ, 630 Main St, West Seneca

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 Bldg. , 908 Niagara Falls Blvd, No. Tonawanda

May 27-31—**BOOK SALE!!!!**

**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 equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

**Vision:** *Equity 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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