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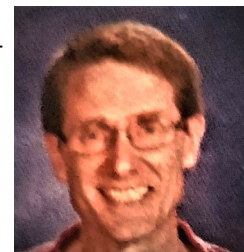
How Cyber Crime Impacts all Businesses: Big and Small (Why should you care? - see page 5!)

Grapevine Restaurant, 2545 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst
Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 registration, 6:00 dinner



All meals come with salad, mashed potatoes (the chicken breast substi-
tutes a baked potato), vegetable, ice cream, coffee/hot tea/soft drinks
and bread and butter. A bar is available.

Our speaker, **Bob Vail**, is the current Chief Information Securi-
ty Officer for the ECMC Corporation and is responsible for
securing the data for all patients who visit ECMC's several fa-
cilities. In addition, his team protects all employee data and
the integrity of medical systems.



His talk will also include cybersecurity at a "human level" -
what happens when the "bad guys" get past the safeguards companies put in
place? See page 5 for examples!



DECEMBER ADVOCATE

*The deadline for each issue of
the Advocate is the 10th of the
previous month. Submit articles
to the editor: ([NEWSLETTER@
AAUWBUFFALO.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@AAUWBUFFALO.ORG))
via email by November 10.
Please be sure to put "AAUW
Buffalo Advocate" in the subject
line.*



REGISTRATION—Deadline November 5

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check your meal choice:

Chicken Cordon Bleu Shepherd's Pie Baked Haddock Roast Chicken Breast*

* Roast Chicken Breast designed for allergy sufferers

**Please add Guest names and meal choices on the back or on a separate sheet
of paper)**

Special Food Needs _____

Please clip and send with a check for \$30.00/person to:

Shirley Joy, 153 7188 Ward Road, N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

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President's Message

Lilyen Mascellino

"Ain't I a Woman? Look at me!" -Sojourner Truth

Greetings!

Our branch of AAUW began 9 years after national was founded in 1881 - making the Buffalo Branch one of the oldest in the nation! Women prior to that and ever since have been steadily striving to secure equality for women in the U.S., as well as throughout the world.

Looking back, our history is full of trailblazers who were brave enough to stand up in the fight for women's rights. We are certainly indebted to these courageous souls. Abigail Adams, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, Margaret Sanger, Sandra Day O'Connor and countless others faced the challenges of their day that made it possible for Kathy Hochul to serve as Governor of NYS and for Kamala Harris to lead as Vice President of the United States of America.

Throughout the years, AAUW has been an advocate for all women via research, education and legal reform. As we gather with our family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving on November 24th, let us also remember and give thanks for victories such as:

- The 19th Amendment: 1920
- The Equal Pay Act: 1963
- Title IX: 1972
- The Pregnancy Discrimination Act: 1978
- The Affordable Health Care Act: 2010

As women aware of the pioneers who blazed open doors that would have otherwise been closed to us and our daughters, let us take a moment this month to reflect on our past as women...Let us remember and give thanks for the ladies!

"Thanksgiving isn't just a day. It's a way we can live our lives every day."

-Katrina Mayer

Are you ready...

To step up as a leader in our branch today?

This spring we will be electing the following officers for the 2023-25 biennium. If you are interested in serving, or if you have a suggestion for one of these offices, please contact Pat Miceli (pwmiceli@gmail.com).

- President
- Program VP
- VP Membership Retention
- CFO
- Branch Operations Treasurer
- Chamberlin/Funds for Education Treasurer.

Member Center

NOVEMBER 2022 INTEREST GROUPS

WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wed. November 9th at 6:00 PM

Where: Jasmine Restaurant, 1330 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda

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

RSVP: by Nov. 4th to Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or bplibby1@verizon.net

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wed. Nov. 30th at noon

Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave

Book: *The Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearse.

Discussion Leader: Marcia Turley.

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

DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed. Nov. 16th at 5:30

Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: *The State of Terror* by Louise Penny & Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Facilitator: Mary Bashore.

Discussion Leader: Sue McClary.

RSVP: Marilyn Carmichael at marilyngrace23@gmail.com



Did you receive your branch roster?



The 2022-23 branch rosters were mailed around the middle of October. If you have not received yours, please contact Dr. Susan McClary, membership retention VP,

["123456susan@gmail.com"](mailto:123456susan@gmail.com) or 716-636-2854.



And WELCOME!

These new members were included in the new roster:

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Of course - we always find mistakes!

APOLOGIES!

We missed Casey Herko's address change when the roster was being put together. Please note that her correct address is:

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And our returning friend from the past:

Dr. Gretchen Duling

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Dr. Marian Deutschman

Accountability is defined by Merriam Webster as "the obligation or willingness to accept responsibility for one's actions." Accountability is important because it builds trust. Lawrence Norden, senior director of the Elections and Government Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, has said that trusted neutral people are needed to run free and fair elections.

Since the 1970s, trust in government has been consistently higher among members of the party who controls the White House than among the opposition party. What is government accountability? One way to make government accountable is for voters to determine whether governments are acting in their interest so that those incumbents who act in the best interest of the citizens win reelection and those who do not, should lose and be sanctioned appropriately.

Because the violence and horror of the Confederacy went unpunished, David Blight, acclaimed historian of the American Civil War, said, "in the minds of many who fought for it—and many who didn't—the defense of the slaveholding South became heroic." Blight's prize-winning history, "Race and Reunion," from 2001, is an examination of the way that the Civil War has been remembered, especially in the half century after Appomattox. Veterans from both sides were brought together for reunions to celebrate their shared valor. Black veterans were excluded. The rehabilitation of the South was in part a political act by Southerners who used violence and voter suppression to defeat Reconstruction. But it was also, Blight said, "a long-term cultural phenomenon of spirit and sentiment."

Will a similarly nostalgic culture follow former president Trump? What about the people who directed the insurrection—especially, the president? Senator Chuck Schumer called for president Trump to be removed from office by the vice president and the Cabinet, in accordance with the Twenty-fifth Amendment; House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called on Pence to invoke the Twenty-fifth Amendment. She said "This is an emergency of the highest magnitude."

Trumpism could be a powerful political movement in the future. More than half of the Republicans in the House of Representatives refused to certify the 2020 presidential election, even though no one has introduced any credible allegations of fraud. Congress has a similar opportunity to the one it had in 1865: "to punish a political crime, and so to shape its memory." There should be consequences for a crime to make the future safer. On January 6, 2021, Trump stated, "Today is not the end. It's just the beginning." If Trump had fulfilled his promise to be with the rioters at the Capitol on January 6, who would have dared to stop him? He would surely have demanded the certificates certifying the electoral votes of the stolen

election and torn them ceremoniously. As an authoritarian leader might do at this point, he could identify those who support him and those who oppose him, for appropriate action. He is now facing more litigations than any former president. His entanglements started with the Justice Department as early as 1973 when he and his father hired Roy Cohn, Senator Joseph McCarthy's chief counsel, and developed what has become his standard strategy to deny, deflect and delay.

Martha Merritt, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame, said that Russian President Vladimir Putin has created a "two-track system" of political accountability in Russia. He wants "to appear as the champion of the Russian people, while keeping the military busy in a war that is not going well." Merritt reminded us that however unsatisfied Americans might feel about accountability in American politics, it is important to recognize that "there is a web of monitors gathering information that has the potential to hold U.S. public officials to account," though not in "real time."



Scholarship Committees

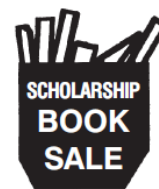
Help select a winner from our pool of candidates who apply for various financial aids. This job starts in December and **mostly** ends in February.

Contact Scholarship Director Melissa White (68522Melissa@roadrunner.com) to participate in this most rewarding opportunity!



BOOK SALE REPORT

Jayne Murray



Sorting books at the new site began in earnest in mid-October. For all who have been or will travel to 80 Earhart Drive, thank you for your understanding that things look a little different this year. While we do have space constraints, we appreciate everyone pulling together to make collecting, sorting, and storage flow as seamlessly as possible. For weeks and weeks, the Executive Book Sale Committee has scratched their collective heads and problem-solved a myriad of logistical issues. We are so pleased that everything is now operational and are looking forward to a successful and FLEXIBLE sorting experience.

As we have already received a couple of shipments of books, we hope that you will consider becoming part of our sorting team. There is much to do! We sort on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in two shifts: 9-11 AM and 11 AM-1PM. *Reminder: If the Williamsville schools are closed, so are we. A supervisor will open the site for each shift as **the door requires a key**. If you'd like to work at some

other time, send us an email (aaubuffalo@aaubuffalo.org) and we will try to work out a way to either get you a key or arrange for someone else to work with you. *Sorting volunteers are asked to sign up for shifts on our website, aaubuffalo.org* This is to ensure there is always access for you when you come to sort. On the home page, click on **book sale** under the picture of Buffalo at the top, then click the small green rectangle that says SIGN UP GENIUS—OR click the “Sign up to sort book” option on the right-side menu.. We promise this will get easier for you with practice!

There is also a map on the Book Sale page for the site at 80 Earhart Drive, Suite #4, in Amherst. We highly recommend that you use the GPS app on your phone and not your car GPS as we have found that the phone GPS will bring you right to the site! Look for the Inducon Park sign on the left and our AAUW lawn sign. Our bright orange cones will be just ahead to the right. Hope to see you there.

CYBERSECURITY!

Have you ever run into a cybersecurity issue? Your editor has, in two different ways! I'm anxious to hear our speaker!

Someone with my credit card information tried to charge an Aer Lingus flight (I wish!) Steps -

1. I was notified via email, text, and phone!
2. Cancelled credit card, issued a new one. Charges moved to new card number.
3. Card company reminded me of recurring payments on file with companies—they knew which ones!
4. Problem resolved.

Someone used my name through a bank I've never used to purchase something on time. I found out when the “overdue payment” notice came. Steps -

1. Reported it to the bank.
2. Had to report it to the police.
3. Had to report it to the credit agencies.
4. Credit on hold for a period of time. Problem resolved? Hopefully! Police would give no information.

BUFFALO BRANCH ELECTED OFFICERS 2022-23

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Lilyen Mascellino

VP MEMBERSHIP RETENTION
Dr. Susan McClary

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Mary Bashore

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Judy Huber

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Sue Stapell

SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR
Melissa White

VP MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT
Diane O'Brien

CFO
Shirley Joy

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Mary Crocker

****DATES TO REMEMBER****

Please note: All events are possibly subject to change or cancellation. Please check our website for last minute information.

Wednesday, Nov 2, 6:30 pm, Board Meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem/Saratoga in Snyder

Tuesday, Nov 8, VOTE!!!



Tuesday, Nov 15, 5:30 pm, Branch Program (see pg 1)

Saturday, Dec 3, 11:30 am, Branch Program at Diamond Hawk Restaurant. ("Story of Seedz", with founder & CEO Rebecca Brady). Details next month.

Wednesday, Dec 7, 6:30 pm, Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St in West Seneca.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For over 140 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

Mission: *Gender Equity & Economic Security*

Vision: *Equity for all*

Values : *Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering.*

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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