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“Past, Present, and Future of Women’s Issues”

Ellden’s Grill and Banquet

River Oaks Golf Club on Grand Island

201 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY 14072

Saturday, May 6 - Registration at 11:30, Lunch at Noon

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In the [March Advocate](#), Lilyen listed several facts about changes in both laws and attitudes that have made differences in womens’ lives. **Lindsey Lauren Visser**, Executive Director of the Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo, will lead us in a discussion of the progress made over the past decades in the status of women’s issues—and how much further we have to go! (Read more about her on page 2.)

Be prepared to share your own stories of discrimination or dismissal as “just a woman” and how well you did or didn’t deal with it. Also prepare to celebrate the things our daughters can do that we, for the most part, couldn’t or were afraid to.

We will also have our own **Carol Griffith, AAUW-NYS President**, installing our new officers as well as hearing reports from our own Board.



June ADVOCATE

The deadline for each issue of the Advocate is the 10th of the previous month. Submit articles to the editor: (NEWSLETTER@AAUWBUFFALO.ORG) via email by May 10.



REGISTRATION—Deadline April 28!!!!

Please email Betty (betty.preble@gmail.com) if you’re sending it in late.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check your meal choice:

Pasta Verde Bourbon Salmon Filet of Sirloin

Check if you are interested in car-pooling (I’ll send out a list later)

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

Please clip or copy and send with a check for \$25/person to:

Betty Preble, 1 Fox Run Lane #622, Orchard Park, NY 14127

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BITS AND PIECES

Watch your mailboxes!

Our election of officers will be done via ElectionBuddy. Each member will receive either an email or a paper ballot soon—VOTE!

Do you have a Buffalo Branch Roster/Directory?

If you have recently joined our AAUW Buffalo Branch, **welcome!** You should have also received a copy of our most up-to-date roster. If you did not, please contact me at 123456susan@gmail.com and I'll get one out to you!

Susan McClary,
VP Membership Retention

Membership Renewals

We have been asked to hold off on membership renewals as national is making changes to the system. We'll be in touch as we get updates!

President's Message

Lilyen Mascellino

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

~Michelle Obama

Greetings to All!

The "countdown" to our annual Scholarship Book Sale has begun, as our opening day on May 31st is fast approaching! In anticipation of its success, committee members have been hard at work in preparation and our PR committee has mapped out a plan to reach more people than ever before.

The buzz about the Book Sale in the community has also started! We have received many inquiries via email and through our social media accounts from interested people looking forward to this annual event. Our 1st Facebook post announcing the dates of the sale reached over 3000 people and was shared 43 times from our page!

Why all the excitement and anticipation? Because our Scholarship Book Sale has become a social event that provides volunteers and patrons with an opportunity to give back in a meaningful way. It allows us to impact our community by assisting scholarship awardees in attaining their educational goals. For this reason, news anchor, Jacquie Walker has accepted our invitation once again to serve as honorary chair!

So mark your calendars for May 31st - June 4th!

I'll see you there!



About our May Speaker!



Lindsey Lauren Visser is a historian and researcher specializing in the history of the Western New York region. A graduate of the University of Oxford with an MSt in Modern History, her primary focus is the period between 1880 and 1920. Lindsey Lauren has been a writer and contributing historian for *The Buffalo History Museum Podcast* and *WNY Heritage Magazine*.

She has produced several exhibits for area museums. Most recently, she has been featured on the *American History Hit* podcast with Travel Channel's Don Wildman. Presently, she serves as the Executive Director of the Italian Cultural Center and as an adjunct professor of American History at Daemen University. Lindsey Lauren's current research project is a book on the McKinley assassination and the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt.

MAY 2023 INTEREST GROUPS

CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wed. May 24th at noon.

Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia Manansala.

Discussion Leader: **Paula Salamone**

RSVP: Barbara Libby at 716-836-8303 or
bplibby1@verizon.net

WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Wed. May 10th at 6:00 pm

Where: Morluski's Polish and Italian Cuisine,
10678 Main St., Clarence, NY.

RSVP: Barb Libby by 5/5 at 716-836-8303 or
bplibby1@verizon.net

Barb prefers an email response so she has a record.

DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wed. May 17th at 5:30 pm

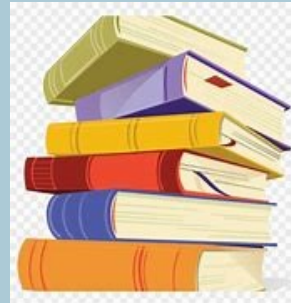
Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.

Book: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

Facilitator: **Lynne Tauriello**

Discussion Leader: **Marilyn Carmichael.**

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MEMBER INFO!

NEW MEMBERS

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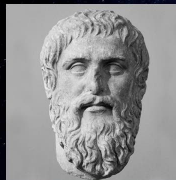
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Elaine Cusker's cellphone number in the directory is incorrect. Please correct it in your directory to: **716-435-5348**



Books give a soul to the
universe, wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination, and
life to everything.

Plato

RIGHT TO PROTEST

Dr. Marian Deutschman

Let's start with the Bill of Rights: *First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

Police and other government officials are allowed to place certain narrow restrictions on the exercise of speech rights. Two elected lawmakers, Rep. Justin Jones and Rep. Justin Pearson, were **expelled** from the Tennessee House of Representatives for chanting in solidarity with gun safety protestors. They wanted changes in gun laws after a 28-year-old fired 152 rounds and killed three children and three adults at a Christian school in Nashville recently. The two men were removed from the body, with votes falling along party lines in a disciplinary measure that's only been used twice since the 1800s. In addition to expelling these two young Black legislators, a few GOP lawmakers flipped their votes to prevent a third potential expulsion of Rep. Gloria Johnson, who is a white special education teacher.

The resolutions to expel the representatives state: The three legislators were "called out of order" but continued to "disrupt the proceedings of the House of Representatives from approximately 10:50 am until approximately 11:42 am," during which time they "shouted, pounded on the podium, led chants with citizens in the gallery, and generally engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct, including refusing to leave the well, sitting on the podium, and utilizing a sign displaying a political message." [Article II, Section 12 of the Tennessee Constitution](#) allows the House of Representatives to "determine the rules of its proceedings" as well as to "punish its members for disorderly behavior." Further, the Constitution states both chambers of the legislature may expel a member "with the concurrence of two-thirds" of the body. Were they denied more acceptable ways of addressing their concerns? There should be sanctions but did violating decorum and rules deserve expulsion? They earned their seat by getting the votes to serve in the legislative body. Would censure or some other financial penalty, be more appropriate? Special elections may follow.



Do protests accomplish something? "Protests work, but usually not in the way and timeframe that many people think. Protests sometimes look like failures in the short term, but much of the power of protests is in their long-term effects, on both the protesters themselves and the rest of society," says Zeynet Tufekci, professor at Columbia University, and columnist for the *New York Times*. Protests may be justified, "when the cause is so powerful that the protesters don't calculate whether it works or not, but feel morally compelled to show up and be counted," adds Professor Tufekci. The United States has had 140 mass shootings in 98 days in 2023. Although there is no consensus on the definition of mass shootings, it is a crime in which an attacker kills or injures multiple individuals simultaneously using a firearm.

The George Floyd protests quickly spread across the nation, with hundreds of thousands of people in all 50 states taking to the streets in opposition to Floyd's death, police brutality, and institutional racism at large. On Jan. 21, 2017 — the day after Donald Trump was inaugurated— more than 470,000 people marched on Washington, D.C., in support of women's rights, and in opposition to misogynistic statements and behavior from Trump. Between 3.2 million and 5.2 million people participated in the marches in the U.S. alone, making the Women's March the largest single-day protest in U.S. history. The Protestant Reformation, the Storming of the Bastille, the Boston Tea Party, the March on Washington in 1963 after Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech — they all made a difference.

Tens of thousands of protesters have rallied across the U.S. to call for stricter gun laws. Tennessee is one of the states with broad protections for permit-less gun ownership. Last year, the Supreme Court struck down a New York law that restricts who may obtain concealed handgun licenses. "With gun laws already on the books being ruled unconstitutional, it appears likely that any new laws will face legal challenges as well - and may not survive long," states BBC News.

Keep in mind, there have already been more mass shootings than days in 2023.

Addendum 4-13-23: The two representatives in Tennessee have been reinstated in the State House.



Calling All Book Sale Volunteers!
The 67th Annual Scholarship Book Sale is Just Around the Corner!
MAY 31-JUNE 4, 2023
Jayne Murray

We're so very excited that we have moved into our sale site at 425 Essjay Road in Williamsville and are awaiting *your* help to receive and sort donations, and *also* to staff the sale itself. This is a large, well-organized endeavor that requires many "hands" to make this a successful event. Not only does our work change lives by funding our scholarships, but we know from previous sales, that our workers and customers tell us that they wait all year for this fabulous WNY event. Join us, won't you?

We will be accepting books until May 20th. Please no textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed Books (unless large print,) encyclopedias, journals, magazines, cassettes or VHS tapes. Bookmarks will be available at the site. Please plan to pick some up and distribute them to your friends and neighbors.

Our **sale sorting hours are April 18-May 20th:** Tuesdays 9am-8pm; Wednesdays 9am--5 pm, Thursdays & Fridays 1pm-5pm; Saturdays 9am-12noon. Please consider giving us a couple hours or more each week. We provide on-the-job training and a how-to-video is available on the Book Sale page of our website. Interested in being a shift supervisor or backup? Contact Cindy Koch at 239-267-2008, cbk148@aol.com.

Book Sale Event Volunteers Needed for May 31-June 4th Below is the Registration form to volunteer for Book Sale positions and shifts. A [full description of each job](#) is available on our website. Please consider volunteering for at least three shifts, but we are *always* delighted with any amount of time you can give. A large chart will be available at the site for additional signups. We also kindly accept donations of healthy refreshments for our volunteers.

Book Sale Volunteer Registration Form

Use this form to sign up for shifts during the book sale from May 31-June 4

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check all Shift Days/Times you are willing to work:

- | | | | |
|--------|--|---|--|
| May 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 am - 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:45 am - 1:30 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 1:15 pm - 5:30 pm | |

Volunteer tasks include (see the website for [complete description](#) of each): Dealer Room Staffer, Cashier, Checker (preps the receipt for cashier by tallying books), Exit Door Staffer, Floor Staffer, Greeter, Hostess, Interviewer, Relief Staff.

Preferences: _____ Limitations: _____

I will help with the packing of left-over books on June 5 June 6..

Please return this form to: Jayne Murray at 350 Ruskin Road, Snyder, NY, 14226, jymurray@roadrunner.com, or booksale@aauwbuffalo.org, You may also sign up [HERE](#) on our website (<https://aauwbuffalo.org>.)

****DATES TO REMEMBER****

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

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 pm, Board Meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, Harlem at Saratoga in Snyder.

May 6, 11:30 am “Past, Present, and Future of Women’s Issues” Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, Honor our Achievement Award Winner

May 20, 2:00-3:30 pm, Scholarship meeting via Zoom

May 31 - June 4 - BOOKSALE!

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 pm, Board Meeting at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main St. in West Seneca.

*****Note—2nd Wednesday instead of the 1st due to the book sale. *****

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.

Moving? Please contact Mary Crocker 716-838-2796



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