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## President's Message

*Lilyen Mascellino*

**"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."  
~Seneca Greetings!**

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Another year is coming to a close, and it was successful due to you...our members! Since September, we've attended monthly programs, interest group activities, and committee meetings. We also awarded scholarships to well deserving recipients, thus making an impact in their lives. So I'm sending a heartfelt **thank you** to each of you for being part of our branch!

As you know, spring time = AAUW Membership Renewal Time! With all that we have to do in the spring, it is also time to take a few moments to renew our memberships! Renewal letters should have reached you by now, as they've been mailed. If you haven't already done so, please take the time today to renew! And while membership is on your mind, find an opportunity to tell someone this week about AAUW, as we may be exactly what they are looking for!

This summer you can stay current with what's happening with National, as well as in our Branch by checking in regularly online or with our local Facebook page! The website for our branch is a treasure trove of information that's kept current for you! Branch plans for next year ('23-24) are already in motion and that information will be shared as plans are finalized.

So here's to a wonderful summer!  
I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and some prospective members too at our annual September Welcome Back dinner!

### September 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 August 10.**



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## Family Donates Books of Former Award-Winning Reporters to AAUW Booksale

### *Nieces of Pat Swift MacClennan*



Former Buffalo Evening News Columnists Pat and Paul MacClennan were devoted readers and lovers of books. Just about every room in their Delaware Park Buffalo home had bookcases overflowing with a plethora of topics.

Starting in his youth, Paul collected old/vintage books. The couple both had copies of the classics from Dickens to Hemingway to Fitzgerald. Avid travelers, they also had books on various countries like Egypt, Italy, and Greece. However, they loved Buffalo and the Niagara Falls region. They also loved to visit Cape Cod each year. Their bookshelves were filled with various books on the Niagara Region, the Adirondacks, and Cape Cod areas.

An award winning environmental reporter, Paul established a Buffalo News environmental beat in the early 1970s and started an opinion column that often advocated for the preservation of the Great Lakes. In 1972, Paul attended the first United Nations Conference on the Environment in Stockholm, Sweden. He did some of the earliest and strongest reporting on the Love Canal story in the late 1970s and worked it for years as it became a huge national issue. As you can imagine the bookshelves were overflowing on environmental books. On his passing, one friend wrote, "His legacy to us, and to Buffalo, was his role as an archive of the environment in Western New York. He shamed government officials who did not do their duty to clean up the industrial pollution and black ooze that ran through Buffalo's environs. He was a leader of a proud cadre of true investigative, advocacy journalists who lived to protect the public — and who never sought credit for doing it."

Pat and Paul were art and music lovers and their collections included books on both. They also always purchased fiction best sellers. They also were devoted readers of history and politics. Pat Swift MacClennan crusaded for women's issues through her weekly *Womanscope* column in The Buffalo News for **24 years**. She was given the first Women's Achievement Award by the New York State Coalition on Women's Issues, the Joan A. Levine Award for Outstanding Service to Women, the Citizen Action of New York Progressive Leadership Award, the William B. Hoyt Advocacy for Choice Award from Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Erie County, and the **American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch's Annual Achievement Award** for her efforts in keeping issues affecting women before the public. She was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame in 1998.

Pat volunteered for the Buffalo Branch of the annual American Association of University Women's scholarship Booksale for many years. She was proud of the scholarships and interest-free loans AAUW provides to help local women attending college. Paul was often at Pat's side during the Booksale each year.

Her family thought the AAUW Booksale was the best and most appropriate place to donate their enormous book collection following their passing. Two of Pat's nieces recently delivered nearly 900 books in 45 plus boxes to the group. They did save several boxes of books for the family as well.

As Pat once wrote, "virtual books may be the future. I have no quarrel with that. As Wendy Lesser points out in her delightful book '*Why I Read: the Serious Pleasure of Books*' reading is a highly individual act."

For Pat, she required the touch and feel of a real book and the comfort of knowing many more were always within reach in her home.

### **Invitation to Pat Swift MacClennan's Celebration of Life**

Buffalo AAUW Branch Members are invited to attend Pat Swift MacClennan's Celebration of Life set for 5 pm, Saturday, June 17. The event will be held at the Eleanor and Wilson Greatbatch Pavilion at the Darwin Martin House, 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 12214. **Anyone planning to attend Pat's Celebration of Life, please text your name and number to 210-452-9219 or email to [sharfiona@aol.com](mailto:sharfiona@aol.com).**



# READY? SET! BOOK SALE!

## THE 67TH ANNUAL BOOK SALE IS HERE!

May 31-June 4, 2023, 425 Essjay Rd., Ste. 100

HOURS AND ADMISSION FEES	
Wednesday 9am-11am, \$25.00	Thursday 9am-8pm, \$1.00
Wednesday 11am-1pm, \$15.00	Friday 9am-8pm, \$1.00
Wednesday 1pm-8pm, \$10.00	Saturday 9am-8pm, \$1.00
Sunday, 10am-5pm, FREE (Bag Day - \$5/regular size grocery bag)	

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED!

Our Sale prep is well under way. The sorting of books continues, tables are heavily laden with books, and signs are going up! Thanks to all those who have helped us prepare and/or have already signed up. YET there is still more to do! *We are looking now for additional volunteers to staff the Sale.* There are many types of assignments from which to choose: Greeters, exit door guards, checkers, cashiers, and people who keep the tables straightened as customers avidly seek their treasures. (Check out our Book Sale page on the website for [task descriptions](#).) Seated positions are available! Consider submitting an [online form](#) on the Book Sale page or contact Jayne Murray by e-mail, [jymurray@roadrunner.com](mailto:jymurray@roadrunner.com) or phone 716-310-8817.

### Book Sale Volunteer Options

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

- May 31    8:45 am - 1:00 pm    12:45 pm - 5:00 pm    4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 1    8:45 am - 1:00 pm    12:45 pm - 5:00 pm    4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 2    8:45 am - 1:00 pm    12:45 pm - 5:00 pm    4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 3    8:45 am - 1:00 pm    12:45 pm - 5:00 pm    4:45 pm - 8:00 pm
- June 4    9:45 am - 1:30 pm    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    June 5    June 6

**Please email your information to: Jayne Murray, [jymurray@roadrunner.com](mailto:jymurray@roadrunner.com) .**



**Can't volunteer? Consider helping SPONSOR the sale—see page 8!**

## JUNE 2023 INTEREST GROUPS

### WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

No meeting in June.

### CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**When:** Wed. June 28 at noon

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

**Book:** *London Bridge Is Falling Down*,  
by Christopher Fowler

Discussion Leader: **Stacey Johnson**

**RSVP:** Barbara Libby at 716 836-8303 or

[bplibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bplibby1@verizon.net)

### DINNER BY THE BOOK

**When:** Wed. June 21 at 5:30 PM

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

**Book:** *The Orphan Collector*,  
by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Facilitator: **Judy Huber**

Discussion Leader: **Sue Stapell**

**RSVP:** Judy Malamas at 716-632-0461 or

[tsagewood@aol.com](mailto:tsagewood@aol.com)

## MEMBER INFO

Our sympathies go to the families of the members/friends we have lost in the past month:



**Betty Howell** died on April 22. She had been a member of the Buffalo Branch since 1995 and was active in the Gardening group of the early 2000's.

**Anne Allan**, also a long-term member who joined in 1993, passed on May 9. She had been on the book sale committee in the early 2000's.

We also mourn the loss of **Joan Bozer**, a former member, our 1976 Achievement Award winner and a tireless activist for womens' rights.

### IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

All members except those who just joined in the past few months or had already renewed should have received your snail-mailed renewal notices by now. If you have not, please contact Susan McClary (123456susan@gmail.com). Several of you have renewal dates of late summer or fall, but you need not wait! **You may renew any time - your anniversary date will not change! Don't wait—don't forget!**

### 2023-25 OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the 2023-25 biennium and were installed at the May Luncheon by our NYS President and Buffalo member Carol Griffith:

- President, Lilyen Mascellino
- Program Vice President, Dr. Marian Deutschman
- Membership Retention Vice President, Dr. Susan McClary
- Chamberlin/Funds for Education Treasurer, Kathie SantaMaria

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## OUR FREEDOMS

Dr. Marian Deutschman



In a recent op-ed column, Washington Post columnist E. J. Dionne expressed a yearning for a campaign in which politicians are challenged to think hard about what freedom really means. Freedom is much more complicated than doing just what you want. President Biden recently reminded us that “Freedom isn’t just about freedom from.... It’s freedom to”....

“**Freedom from**” refers to the absence of obstacles or constraints to one’s own action. One example: Freedom from discrimination: The Human Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate on a wide range of grounds including sex, race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.

By contrast, “**freedom to**” identifies the possibility to autonomously determine and achieve individual or collective purposes (*Four Essays on Liberty, Isaiah Berlin, 1969.*) Berlin made a distinction between negative freedom and positive freedom. He defined negative freedom as leaving individuals alone to do what they want provided their actions do not interfere with others. Positive freedom is a more ambitious concept of freedom, concerned with the use of political power to free human beings in order for them to realize some hidden, blocked, or repressed potential (*Out of Danger, Ignatieff, 1998.*)

The “Day of Infamy” speech delivered by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to a joint session of Congress in 1941 outlined the four fundamental freedoms that all people should have. His “four essential human freedoms” were: **freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.** These symbolized America’s war aims. It gave the American people something to hold onto during the war.

**Freedom from fear** is a fundamental human right according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Freedom from want** basically means to be in a situation where you don’t have to worry about such things as where your next meal is coming from, how you can clothe yourself and your children, or how to get a roof over your head.

The First Amendment to the U.S. *Constitution* guarantees our right to **free expression** (speech) and free association, which means that the government does not have the right to forbid us from saying what we like and writing what we like. We can form clubs and organizations, and take part in demonstrations and rallies. The First Amendment says that everyone in the United States has the right

to practice his or her own **religion**, (freedom to worship) or no religion at all. Freedom can mean having the opportunity to vote for particular ideas or for people who best represent our views.

There are legitimate restrictions on freedom. Genocide, crimes against humanity, slavery, and torture are international crimes, which are prohibited and can be individually punished by any state wherever the acts were committed. The McCourtney Institute for Democracy at Penn State University conducted a Mood of the Nation Poll in May 2022, finding that a majority of Americans believe they have lost more personal freedoms in the past 10 years than they have gained, and will continue to lose more in the next decade. This is true regardless of whether that question is framed as “liberties,” “freedom,” or “rights.” “The last ten years have seen expansions of rights in marriage equality, private use of recreational marijuana, an overall reduction in taxes, and an extended series of court and legislative victories for religious freedom. That both liberals and conservatives feel that fundamental rights are at risk illustrates the zero-sum nature of today’s politics. Both sides’ belief that their rights will erode is bound to animate politics in the coming years,” said Eric Plutzer, Ph.D., McCourtney Institute polling director.

“Speech” was the most common theme to emerge from respondents’ answers to the open-ended questions. Nearly one-third of respondents mentioned something related to freedom of speech, such as using one’s voice openly, censorship or to say an opinion without consequence. About one-fifth of respondents mentioned abortion or reproductive rights. These answers related to a women’s right to choose, women’s health and bodily autonomy. The third most common responses were focused equally on civil rights and property, the economy, or jobs. The civil rights responses named rights for people of color, racism, and police. The economy-related responses focused on owning property, living wherever one wants, minimum wage, and job security. One in 10 respondents mentioned something about guns, citing the right to bear arms or the Second Amendment. Several mentioned increasing government control of guns or Democrats taking away guns.

Partisan gerrymandering, legislative dysfunction, excessive influence of special interests in politics, ongoing racial discrimination, and the spread of polarization and disinformation in the media can jeopardize our freedoms. America needs to increase its ability to advance democratic values and interests in the world but that depends on our ability to address our own domestic shortcomings.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP & MINI-GRANT WINNERS!

## WOMEN ENTERING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



**Karen Huang** – Karen will graduate in June of this year from Williamsville North High School with a 98.69 GPA and will attend either SUNY Buffalo or SUNY Binghamton, both of which have accepted her. Amongst her many accomplishments, she has been a summer research intern at Tufts University, was in the UB Gifted Math Program, participated in the Student Council all 4 years of high school, was co-captain of the Science Olympiad Team for two years while also the president of the Medical Outreach Club.. She has been co-captain of the Science Olympiad Team in grades 10-12. She is also a violinist in the school orchestra and has been on the varsity swimming and diving teams. In addition, she was a Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute Summer Scholar and was part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s 2021 Student of the Year fundraising campaign. She has been a volunteer at Buffalo General Hospital.

**Barbara Kunz** – Barbara will graduate this year from Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart with a 3.99 GPA and an Advanced Regents Diploma. She has been accepted at D’Youville University where she will pursue a degree in physical therapy; she hopes to eventually earn a doctorate. She has been the captain of various cross country, softball, and basketball teams. She has won numerous awards for sports activities. She has also participated and placed in numerous science Olympiads. She was a WNY scholar athlete in the fall of 2022.



A member of the National Honor Society the last 2 years, she has received honors with Distinction the last 4 years.

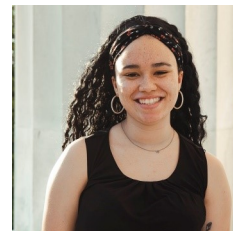
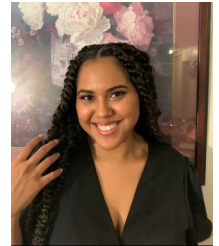
Barbara has been a volunteer with Full Court Hoops Basketball where she has been a role model to the girls that she coaches.



## CATALYST FOR CHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

### Graduate recipient Rosaura Romero –

Rosaura is pursuing a master’s degree in social work at SUNY Buffalo. She has a history of activism. While in high school she was in Brotherhood Sister Sol. Also in high school she led a youth run farmer’s market. While pursuing an undergraduate degree she was on the Executive Board of the Black Student Union where she organized monthly community projects and also organized an annual auction for Sickle Cell Anemia. She was also a member of Sigma Lambda Upsilon, a sorority of female empowerment, education, and leadership. She led a “She’s Perf” campaign which is a scholarship to aid women of color attending a college in the Buffalo region. She has coordinated numerous fundraising and scholarship events. She also interned at the Compass House Youth Shelter. After graduating she was a Data Research Coordinator for “Veggie Van” and then a Community Engagement Specialist at the Clinical Translation and Science Institute. She is currently a Community Engagement manager at the University at Buffalo Regional Institute. She serves on the community advisory board for UB’S School of Psychology, Psychological Services Center.



### Undergraduate recipient Zamira Caldwell –

Zamira is currently in an undergraduate program for a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences. As of the time she submitted her applications, she was

waiting for admission decisions from John Hopkins University, the University of Chicago, and Harvard University. Zamira is a Diversity Advocate at UB’S Intercultural and Diversity Center. She has been a co-chair of Black Women United. She is an Executive Board Member of the Black Student Union. She has been a co-facilitator for Tough Topics, a weekly program at UB.

Zamira is a McNair scholar which requires being involved in multiple research projects. Her work has received high praise. She has received numerous travel awards to represent the McNair Scholars program. She has traveled to the University of Maryland, UCLA, MIT, and Harvard to represent the program and present her research.

## OLGA LINDBERG SCHOLARSHIPS



**Julia Pietromicca** – Julia is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD candidate in Biomedical Engineering at SUNY Buffalo. She has a 4.0 average. She is a member of WISE (Women in Science and Engineering.) She has been a teaching assistant and a research mentor.

While pursuing her undergraduate degree she was the President and Philanthropy Chair of Alpha Omega Epsilon, a professional engineering sorority. She was also involved in the Genome, Environment, and Microbiome (GEM) Community of Excellence. Julia has been a Graduate Teaching Assistant and a summer research intern at Roswell Park. Julia has been recognized with a Presidential Fellowship from 2020 through the present. She was on the Dean's list while pursuing her undergraduate degree. She has received numerous science awards. While pursuing her PhD she has joined the Vascular Mechanobiology lab. In one of her reference letters she was considered one of the top 5% of students that the recommending doctor had worked with.

**Caroline Lojaco** – Caroline is currently a medical student at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She intends to focus in primary care. She is one of ten students in her class that were selected to be members of the Jacobs School Leadership Track. As part of this she was the Mentor Relations and event planning lead. She has been a Co-President for the Society of Internal Medicine and a member of the Mentorship Committee at the Jacobs School. She volunteers at the Lighthouse Medical Clinic. She was a clinical research assistant at Oishei Children's Hospital and currently is a medical assistant with the Buffalo Medical Group. She has been accepted into the Generalist Scholars Program and was a recipient of the Grace W. Capen academic award. She was awarded the Provost Scholarship as an undergrad and was awarded the Dean's Letter of Commendation her first two years of medical school. She intends to work in primary care here in Buffalo, NY.



## JACQUIE WALKER SCHOLARSHIP



**Zanaya Hussain**—Zanaya is a double major in International Studies and Urban & Public Policy. She is also getting a minor in Chinese language. She has been accepted into the honors program at UB. She is a Pride of New York Scholarship recipient and a Friends for a Better Buffalo 2020 award recipient.

Her accomplishments include being President of the Amnesty International charter at UB, and being a global exchange and Education Intern at the International Institute of Buffalo. She has also conducted an independent research study in the field of Gender Economics; she analyzed the barriers women working in factories within the Global South face in trying to create generational wealth. In the future, she would like to work within a public agency that not only focuses on the labor rights of women, but calls for the enforcement of equitable standards of labor and equal opportunity for women.

She is first-generation Bengali on her father's side and second-generation Albanian on her mother's side. Zanaya spent her youth in New York City, where her parents both worked very hard to make ends meet. Her father was a taxi driver by night and worked mornings at a corner store. In order to have more family time, financial freedom, and space to grow, the Hussain family moved to Buffalo in 2006

## CLARINE RADT EDUCATIONAL MINI-GRANT

**Emily Frischholz, Fariha Hussain, Moontaha Ullah**



My two students and I applied for the mini-grant and received \$250 towards Henna Club, which was started in their junior year. With that mini grant, we were able to make our own tradeshow tablecloth, purchase henna cones for weekly club meetings, and also purchase materials for a schoolwide event, City Honors School's Winter Bazaar. The grant has made it possible for these girls and the club to continue running beyond their graduation this year with the goal to provide inclusive empowering extra-curriculars for girls! They had a huge success with the Winter Bazaar Fundraiser selling henna and gulab jamun (traditional dessert.) The girls are currently planning a celebration of Eid at the end of Ramadan.



Although this mini grant helped in so many ways monetarily, the process of applying for it and budgeting was an awesome learning experience for them! Moontaha has been accepted to Columbia and Fariha will be attending UB next year!

## SPONSOR OUR BOOKSALE!!!!

We are pleased to offer the opportunity for members and friends to help **Sponsor the Book Sale** by making a donation to the AAUW Buffalo Branch. Making it relevant to the Book Sale, we have created the following donation categories. Names of sponsors will be recognized by category on a poster at the Book Sale. This will help to defray our costs – utilities, table rentals, moving (books from collection site to the sale site,) and some paid assistance.

### Sponsorship Categories:

Louisa May Alcott, \$25 – \$49

Toni Morrison, \$50 – \$74

The Bronte Sisters, \$75 – \$99

Jane Austen, \$100 +

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please send a check (made out to AAUW Buffalo Book Sale), to PO Box 894, Buffalo, NY 14225. Friends and non-members are also encouraged to help sponsor our sale. What a wonderful gift or memorial idea!

**Donations are tax deductible.**

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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