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## CELEBRATE OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 pm

Sean Patrick’s Restaurant

3480 Millersport Highway, Getzville, NY 14068

Sign in and socialize 6:00-6:30 pm, buffet dinner at 6:30, followed by the scholarship presentation.

The Dinner Buffet will include:

- Cream of potato soup and salad
- Carved beef, Chicken Francais, Roast Pork Loin
- Pasta with broccoli
- Green beans
- Smashed red potatoes
- Ice cream with homemade caramel sauce
- Coffee/tea/water



Cost \$20 per person. No cost for scholarship winners and two guests each.

Please provide the information below and send it, along with a check for \$20 per person, to: Susan McClary, 1145 Campbell Blvd, Amherst. NY 14228. Deadline June 13.



### 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.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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If interested in carpooling, please indicate your area (O.P., Williamsville, etc):  
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Names of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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## June 2024 INTEREST GROUPS

### **DINNER BY THE BOOK**

**When:** Wed., June 19 at 5:30 pm  
**Where:** Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.  
**Book:** *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus,  
**Facilitator:** Mary Crocker  
**Discussion Leader:** Mary Bashore  
**RSVP:** Judy Malamas at 716-632-0461  
 or [tsagewood@aol.com](mailto:tsagewood@aol.com)

### **LET'S TALK PUBLIC POLICY!**

**When:** Wed., May 29 and Wed., June 26 at 1 pm.  
**Where:** Second floor of Dash's, 1770 Hertel Ave. Feel free to bring a lunch or purchase food there.  
**JOIN the LWVBN (League of Women Voters Buffalo/Niagara) Public Policy group meeting** and see if we can work together on the issues of importance to both organizations.  
**Call Marian Deutschman** (716-634-2412) if you're interested for either month AND send her any articles you've seen that you'd like to discuss  
[mardeu15@verizon.net](mailto:mardeu15@verizon.net))

### **CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

**When:** Wed., June 26 at noon.  
**Where:** Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave.  
**Book:** *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides  
**Discussion Leader:** Marsha Turley  
**RSVP:** Barbara Libby at 716-836-8303  
 or [bplibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bplibby1@verizon.net)

### **THE HAPPY WANDERERS**

**Working on the Book Sale this month—hope to see you in September!**



Your **Book Sale Sponsorship** will help us to defray our costs!

#### **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 and both your (and their) names will be placed on our webpage and on a poster at the sale!

## Buffalo Branch History!

*Betty Preble*

Our branch history is important and should be preserved. Our official archives are at the University at Buffalo, but have not been updated recently.

I have a bunch of “stuff” that needs to be organized and moved to the archives so that it won't be lost. Do you???

Sometime this summer, AFTER the booksale, I'd like to tackle this. If you have historical materials and/or you'd like to help with this project, please let me know—it'll be fun to go through them together!

Call 662-0608 or email [betty.preble@gmail.com](mailto:betty.preble@gmail.com).

BTW, the following newsletters are missing - January, February, April, March, June 1950; December 1959; June 1961; October-December 1965; October 1966; May, June 1968; June 1969; June-December 1972; All 1973; January-May 1974. it would be great if we could find copies!

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# Protests! Protests! Protests!

*Dr. Marian Deutschman, Public Policy Chair*

In 2020, nearly one in five Americans said they participated in a recent protest.

Some of you may have a history of protesting. Was it about Civil Rights? Women's Rights? Vietnam War? South Africa & apartheid? Anti-Iraq War? George Floyd? Or was it Black Lives Matter? Recently, we've seen significant protests over the Israeli/Hamas War. There are plenty of other issues for us to voice our concerns and possibly trigger action for resolution of a complex issue. Would you voice your concern about climate after the report indicating we just had the warmest April ever recorded? Would you protest about record carbon dioxide levels? You might protest to say President Biden should be doing more on climate issues. Does it bother you that candidate and former President Donald Trump is seeking \$1 billion from oil executives (about \$3 per person in the U.S.) in exchange for oil and gas expansion, and for rolling back energy efforts when/if he becomes President of the U.S. again? This may be a climate election but there are other significant issues. Do women have the constitutional right to get legal abortions in another state? What about the alarming number of immigrants? Which of these issues is so important to you that you would be prepared to protest?

To be effective, protesters need a strategy and a degree of understanding of the issues. Some university students build encampments and occupy buildings as part of their strategy. Others vandalize. Students at Harvard University have hosted vigils, die-ins, protests and community events against Israel's military actions in Gaza. Students in pro-Palestinian groups from at least four universities told ABC News they created organizational structures to coordinate, plan and communicate around their calls for their universities to divest from companies or groups that profit from Israel's war in Gaza. A long list of higher education institutions divested from either some or most of their holdings that were connected to apartheid in South Africa as early as 1977. According to ABC News, Hampshire College became the first U.S. school to divest amid student protests, and subsequently inspired at least 155 schools to follow suit by 1988. On the Israeli/Gaza protests, some universities say they are declining to divest because of complications with local laws. The University of Michigan claims that divestment could, "increase investment risk and decrease our investment returns," potentially generating less income for the school.



Many professors participated in the protests about Palestinian starvation, either based on their own beliefs or to show support for their students. Conservative politicians and donors accused campuses of tolerating or encouraging the protests and acts of antisemitism, while ignoring the genocide. University administrations claim that they were trying to allow free speech, while maintaining responsibility for the safety of students. They quickly resorted to police action and imposed suspensions and other disciplinary measures. (They may have recalled the deaths of Kent State students by the National Guard in 1970.) Ninety-two percent of college students didn't join the current protests. Students lost time in classes, paid the price of missing exams and some schools did not have their typical graduation ceremonies. What valuable lessons are learned and what are the results of protests beyond venting and getting media coverage? Many of us

share the concern about the starving Palestinians but we do not protest. Many outside agitators join the protests often delegitimizing the work of students.

Why protest? Do protests even work? Sometimes it takes decades to find out, says Zeynep Tufekci, associate professor at the University of North Carolina and contributing writer in *The Atlantic*. What makes a protest successful? The value of a protest consists in *making a difference*, according to Dr. Jonathan Parry, Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics & Political Science. A successful protest is one that effects change in line with the protesters' goals. Sometimes protests contribute to reforming unjust laws. The anti-war protests did not stop the wars. Did they even have a chance of stopping a war? Was it anything more than a show of anger? If a protest movement fails in effecting change, does it appear to be pointless? "Of course protests work," says Tufekci, "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." A mass protest can define a generation and it's often marked with an anniversary.

If you decide to protest, keep in mind that good intentions do not guarantee good outcomes. What are the chances for current university protests to make a difference in the Israel and Gaza/Hamas conflict? Such as bringing about a two-state solution? They may also cause some of our students to decide not to vote or to vote for another candidate.

## Book Sale Stories

Jayne Murray

As our book-collecting operation moved from Anderson to Essjay in April in preparation for our 86th Annual Sale, so did the urgency of the donors to get their books in before we shut our doors to further donations. We are firm about the cutoff date as we need time to assimilate the last books into our sections. As we check through multiple bags and boxes with donors, a familiar refrain is that they are bringing back many of the books that they purchased from us the previous year in anticipation of this year's haul. One woman shared that her family always gets together to celebrate their sister's birthday by coming to our Sale. Many continue to share downsizing stories or the book legacies of departed loved ones. Many find comfort in knowing that our proceeds support education. One recent donor brought in a box of mystery anthologies in which many stories were written by her father, William Brittain, an American writer from Rochester, NY. His daughter moved to Buffalo to attend UB. Mr. Brittain was a teacher and an avid reader of mysteries. After some time, he decided that he could do as good a job as some of the authors he read. He was featured in many Ellery Queen volumes and also in Alfred Hitchcock's Fifty Years of Crime and Suspense, The Locked Room Reader, The Misadventures of Nero Wolfe among many others during the mid-years of the 20th century. According to Goodreads, "... one of the authors most requested from the short mystery fiction publishers Crippen & Landru readers throughout its 25-year history has been mystery writer William Brittain, whose fiction challenges the reader with tricky plots presented in a unique style." His most popular were the Man Who Read stories, his Young Adult novel *The Wish Giver* which earned him a Newbery Honor award, and his book *All the Money in the World* which was adapted into a movie in 1983. *Those of you looking for these donated volumes will find them in Literature under anthologies rather than in Mystery.*

*Ed. Note: A collection of book sale tales was put together a few years ago. It's available on our website, together with some other history—click [HERE](#) to view it!*

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**When? June 28-29, 2024**

**Where?**

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel,  
40 Civic Center Plaza,  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

(also on Zoom)

**What?**

**The 2024 AAUW-NYS Annual Meeting!**

Elections - a new president-elect and a Public Policy Vice President.

Voting - [proposed bylaws changes](#)

[Meeting Rules](#)

Watch the [NYS website](#) for details!



**Empowering for Equity**

**Join Us!**  
for the  
**AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference**  
*Connecting Voices from the Everglades to the Northern Border*

**September 27th-29th, 2024**  
Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center  
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The Tavern Bar & Grill  
The Glen Restaurant  
Fitness Center  
Free Wifi  
Room Service  
Free parking

**Nearby Attractions**

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- James River Cellars Winery
- Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- Children's Museum of Richmond
- Crossings Golf Course



**Register below:**  
<https://aauwatlanticregionalconference.com/>





# Calling All Book Sale Volunteers!

## The 68th Annual Scholarship Book Sale MAY 29 - JUNE 2, 2024

Jayne Murray



### LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 68TH ANNUAL BOOK SALE!

May 29-June 2, 2023, 425 Essjay Rd., Ste. 100

PLEASE PARK AT 500 ESSJAY during business hours.

Wednesday-Saturday 9am-8pm

Admission Wednesday 9-11 \$25, 11-1 \$15, 1-8 \$10

Admission Thursday-Saturday \$1

Sunday (bag day) 10am – 5pm

Admission free. Books \$5/regular size grocery bag

The final sorting of our extensive donations is done, the tables are heavy with worthy books, and signs are being created. We are so very grateful to all who have helped us prepare, both at the Anderson sorting site and at Essjay. If you have already signed up to staff the Sale— *Thank you!*

However, ***we still need many more volunteers*** as there is so much more to do—greeting and taking admission fees, tallying books, and cashiering (especially for customers using credit cards). We need floaters who cover for those taking breaks but also keep our tables straightened as customers comb through the books seeking that special title.

Can you help? Seated assignments are available! Check out our [Book Sale webpage](#) for task descriptions—and the volunteer form you can fill out online (no need for a stamp!). Please consider submitting your form online or contact Jayne Murray, [jymurray@roadrunner.com](mailto:jymurray@roadrunner.com).

Can't volunteer? Consider helping us SPONSOR the sale— see page 3.



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### Book Sale Volunteer Registration Form

Use this form to sign up for shifts during the book sale from May 29-June 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Wed, May 29     8:45 am - 1:00 pm     12:45 pm - 5:00 pm     4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Thurs, May 30     8:45 am - 1:00 pm     12:45 pm - 5:00 pm     4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Fri, May 31     8:45 am - 1:00 pm     12:45 pm - 5:00 pm     4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Sat, June 1     8:45 am - 1:00 pm     12:45 pm - 5:00 pm     4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Sun, June 2     9:45 am - 1:30 pm     1:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Volunteer tasks include (see our website for [complete description of each](#)): 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 cleanup and packing of left-over books on     June 3     June 4..

**Please email the information to: [booksale@aauwbuffalo.org](mailto:booksale@aauwbuffalo.org).**

**You may also sign up on our website (<https://aauwbuffalo.org>)**

# CREATIVE THINKING AS A CRUCIAL SKILL FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

## CHASE HALL, ROOM 215 (SUNY BUFFALO STATE CAMPUS)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 11:30 am-2:30 pm

In the first quarter of the 21st century, there is a clarion call for greater levels of creative thinking, but how can this crucial skill be developed?

Our speaker, Dr. Gerard J. Puccio, is a State University of New York Distinguished Professor and Department Chair for the Center for Applied Imagination at Buffalo State University.

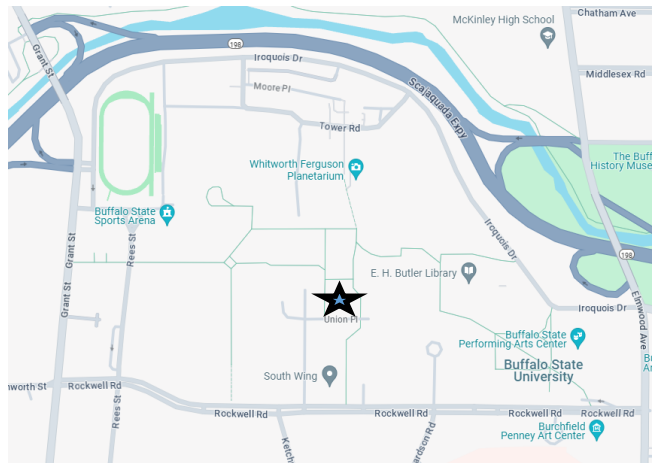
The purpose of this workshop is to share fundamental principles associated with creative thinking, with a focus on how this critical ability can be facilitated through educational and training practices.

A light lunch from Chartwells Food Service will be served.

Please send the form below, along with a check for \$15/person made out to "AAUW Buffalo" to Betty Preble, 1 Fox Run Lane #622, Orchard Park, NY 14127 by the **June 12 deadline. (We want to send you a parking pass)**



**Note—space is limited - reserve now!**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If interested in carpooling, please indicate your area (O.P., Williamsville, etc):

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Names of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DATES to REMEMBER**

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

**May 29 - June 2, BOOK SALE**, 425 Essjay Rd in Williamsville

**Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 pm**, Board Meeting (please note one week later than usual!)

**Thursday, June 20 - Scholarship Celebration** at Sean Patrick's in Getzville. See pg 1.

**Tuesday, June 25, 11:30** - Creative Thinking program. See pg. 7

**Friday-Saturday, June 28-29** -AAUW-NYS Annual Meeting. See pg. 5

**Friday-Sunday, Sep 27-29** - AAUW mid-Atlantic Conference. See pg. 5

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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