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AAUW Buffalo Branch – Honoring 136 Years

AAUW National – Honoring 145 Years

Membership Social

AAUW History

AAUW's Founders



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Ellen Swallow Richards

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- Started in 1881 by 17 women college graduates who joined together to find greater opportunities to use their education
- Wanted to open the door for other women to pursue higher education.
- 1885—First research report counters belief that women's fertility is adversely affected by attending college.
- 1913—Study of civil service jobs reveals women are paid about 78% of what men are paid for similar roles.
- 1920—Members donate \$156,413 to Marie Currie to purchase one gram of radium for her research.
- 1940—AAUW assisted university women who were fleeing dictatorships during World War II.
- 1955—AAUW supported the first legislative proposal for pay equity, which passed as the Equal Pay Act in 1963. AAUW members were present when President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law.
- 1964—Members helped pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act the following year.

AAUW History



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- 1972: Title IX becomes law. AAUW was pivotal in its creation and passage.
- 1993: AAUW helps pass Family and Medical Leave Act.
- 2008: AAUW receives special consultant status with the United Nations.
- 2009: President Obama signs Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. AAUW members present at the signing.
- 2013: AAUW partnered with the Clinton Global Initiative to engage students from around the country to develop a gender perspectives for global issues.
- 2017: AAUW engaged in White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.
- 2019: AAUW engaged in White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.
- 2020s: The work for equity continues.

AAUW Today



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- Since 2020, AAUW has aggressively championed gender equity through targeted financial support, direct legal advocacy, and grassroots lobbying efforts.
- **Financial Support:** AAUW has awarded millions in fellowships and grants to women pursuing higher education and specialized career training. This includes the **Career Development Grants** (up to \$8,000) aimed at women in STEM, business, and law, and **American Fellowships** that support women completing doctoral dissertations and post-doctoral research.
- **Wage Equity Training:** Hundreds of thousands of women have utilized the virtual and in-person **Start Smart** and **Work Smart** programs, which teach salary negotiation skills to combat the persistent gender pay gap.
- **Advocacy:** Through the **Legal Advocacy Fund**, AAUW has provided critical grants and resources to plaintiffs challenging sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and pay inequity in higher education and the workplace.
- **Policy and Civil Rights:** The AAUW **Lobby Corps** and advocates have engaged on Capitol Hill and at the state level to defend Title IX, fight for paycheck fairness, and protect reproductive freedom. They actively assist local branches with practical tools to push back against curriculum censorship and defend equity in local schools.















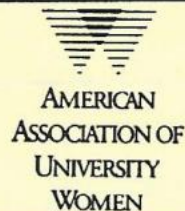






STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS april

- GERMAN STUDY GROUP - For this month's meeting date, call Jean Noye, 873-3400.
- 1 Mon. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
- 1 Mon. MUSIC GROUP will sort and price books at the Y. Co-chairman will make transportation arrangements
- 2 Tues. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
- 3 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Bertha Cutcher, Jeanne Moran, and Sheryl Scarlett.
- 6 Sat. DEADLINE FOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS. Call President Ruth Seitz for information
- 13 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the home of Eleanor Stull, 273 Victoria Boulevard, Kenmore. Topic is Gypsies: "I live the way I want to." Speaker is Marietta McGraw. Please call Eleanor for reservations by April 10.
- 16 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m. at Mary Jane Orcutt's, 62 Kenwood Road, Kenmore (875-9896). Dorothy Payne will review Grace of Monaco, an interpretative biography by Steven England. Hollywood and a career are traded for the responsibilities of a princess.
- 18 Thurs. HANDICRAFTS - rescheduled from March 28. 7:30 p.m. at Sylvia Volk's, 255 Ashland Avenue (one house north of Utica). Sylvia will present the program: LITURGICAL ART: Vestments, Cloths, Banners, etc., a slide presentation. Call Sylvia at 884-2812 if coming.
- 18 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Sylvia Morris, 303 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo. Call Sylvia at 876-0785 for more information.
- 18 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at the home of Joan Langley, 616 Mill Street, Williamsville. Call Joan at 634-3382 or Cindy Monacelli at 836-8266 for reservations. The banquet on May 16 will be at the Old Red Mill. Call Cindy for reservations.
- 19 Fri. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE - 1 p.m. at the home of Margaret Haas, 12B South Creek Court, East Amherst. "A Doll Was Not Always a Toy" given by Margaret Haas.
- 20 Sat. SINGLES AND DOUBLES - 8:30 p.m. at the Cutchers, 91 Monroe Drive, Williamsville (633-6025). Bring a spouse, a friend, or a prospective member. All are welcome. Bring a small slab of cheese, a dip, or a bottle of wine.
- 24 Wed. WEDNESDAY EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Mason, 5205 Brookfield Lane, Clarence. Lord of the Dance by Andrew Greeley. Bring your suggestions for next year's books.
- 26-28 May DIVISION CONVENTION, Albany. Call President Ruth Seitz for details.
- 1 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Lucille Peterson, Lillian Riggs, and Eloise Moran.
- 11 Sat. MAY LUNCHEON - See articles in this month's and next month's issues.

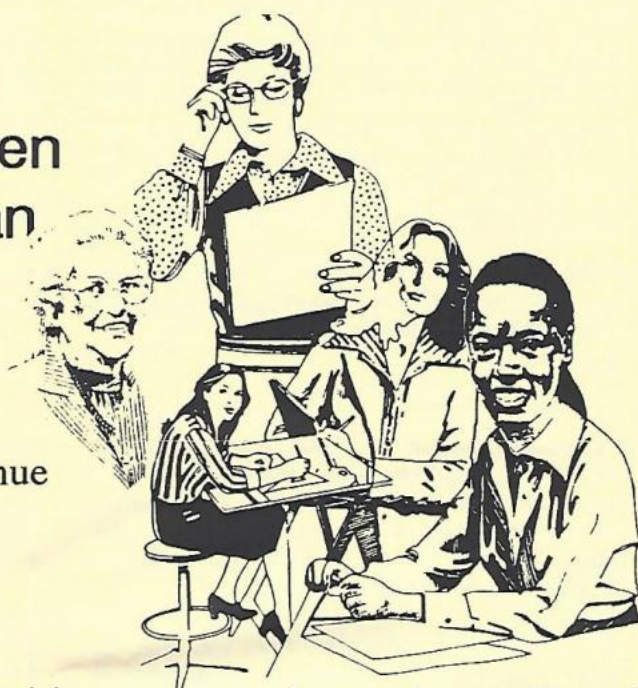


N BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1991

Choices for Women Over the Life Span

Saturday, January 26, 1991
Sheraton East, Walden Avenue
(next to Galleria Mall)



- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Classic Breakfast (Includes juice, eggs, sausage, bacon or ham, muffins and pastries, coffee or tea)
- 9:30 a.m. Barbara Carier and Sue Oliver, Vice President for Program, NYS Division will facilitate a special workshop which has been designed to explore the range of women's needs and choices. Bring your daughter and/or your mother (or someone their ages) to help us promote intergenerational understanding.

Guests welcome. Please use **reservation form** on page 7
Hostesses: Evening Literature Group

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AAUW Educational Foundation Commissions Research Report on Educational Equity

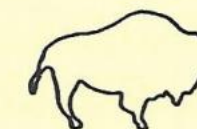
The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation awarded a \$100,000 contract that will support its first major research report on the status of girls in United States public schools. The recipient is the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, with complementary contracts presented to the National Association of State Boards of Education and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

"This groundbreaking report will advance AAUW's initiative for equity and education for women and girls. It will provide education leaders and policy makers with insight and information as well as recommendations for the needed change in this country's public education system," proclaimed Alice McKee, president of the Foundation. "AAUW believes that to maintain the competitiveness of this nation's changing workforce, gender-fair education must become part of the education reform movement."

"This report will address the diverse needs of a multicultural population. It will focus on what happens in schools -- including academic achievement, school organization, instructional strategies, classroom learning, extra curricular and club activities, sports and leadership opportunities," continued McKee. To complement the final report developed by the Wellesley College Center which will be published in the fall of 1991, the AAUW Educational Foundation will design an Action Guide to help communities use the report at state and local levels.

The AAUW Educational Foundation has provided \$22.5 million for educational opportunities for more than 5,000 women, for funding research and for community projects and fellowships. The Foundation's major source of support is member fundraising, which for its last fiscal year yielded more than \$2 million. AAUW, founded in 1881, is the first and largest organization working for equity and education for women and girls. The Association granted its first fellowship in 1888,

launching over 100 years of funding. AAUW has more than 135,000 members, 1,800 branches and divisions in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.



AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

In 1990 EQUITY FUTURES was established to help support the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls. The minimum contribution is \$25.00. Each donation can be used to honor or memorialize a special friend, relative, or public figure. I think this is a perfect way to recognize special persons in our lives, raise monies for a Fund that is creating more equitable educational opportunities for girls, and receive credit for our branch. To start I am sending \$25 to the NYSD AAUW EQUITY FUTURES and will honor my daughter Cecelia who is close to reaching her goal of becoming an electrical engineer. I would enjoy mentioning those people that any of you would like to honor or memorialize. You may send a check made out to NYSD AAUW EQUITY FUTURES to me (address below), include the name, address, and phone number of the person you wish to honor (the honoree will receive a certificate). If you have any questions please call me at 634-0927.

Carolyn Iadovito, 8687 Rebecca Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221.

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



NYS District 1

October 1997

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Can Women Run for Political Office and Win?

Yes !!!!!

Find out what a group of local women are doing to help elect women to political office.

Speaker: Dianne Bennett, Esquire
from the Women's TAP Fund

Saturday, October 18, 1997 12:00 noon
Holiday Inn Amherst
1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY

Send reservations to:
Carolyn Iadovito; 8687 Rebecca Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221-6313
By October 11th, 1997

See more information on page 5 and reservation form on page 17

EF Fellowships & Grants 1998-99

The Buffalo Branch has a long and strong commitment to supporting and promoting the Educational Foundation fellowships and grants. The branch established a Research & Projects grant in its name and then decided to take on the challenge of a fellowship. This year we will complete a pledge made in 1982-83 to raise and contribute \$100,000.00 to establish the **Buffalo Branch Centennial American Fellowship**. The funds for these contributions to the EF are generated through our annual used book sale which time-and-again has proven to be a very successful and fulfilling fund raising project for our branch. Once again, I want extend my thanks to all the members who so graciously supported this year's sale through generous donations of their time, talent, supplies, equipment and funds. Without this ongoing cooperative and unified effort by our members, we never would have achieved these results. **Congratulations, Buffalo Branch!**

Share the information about the Educational Foundation. Now is the time to request information and applications for these highly competitive EF fellowships and grants.

Briefly these are the fellowships and grants available and the deadlines for submitting applications:

- American Fellowships Deadline: November 17, 1997
 - Postdoctoral/research leave \$27,000
 - Dissertation fellowship 14,500
 - Summer faculty fellowship \$ 5,000
- International Fellowships Deadline: December , 1997
 - Fellowship stipend \$15,160
- Selected Professions Deadline: January 6, 1998 (except engineering)
 - Engineering dissertation Deadline: November 17, 1997
- Career Development Grants Deadline: January 5, 1998
 - Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree & received their last degree before June 30, 1993.
 - Grant range \$1,000-\$5,000
- Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships Deadline: January 12, 1998
 - Fellowship range \$1,000-\$10,000
- Community Action Grants Deadline: February , 1998
 - Grant range \$500-\$5,000

Tell your friends and colleagues about this exceptional source of funding for women of all ages, races, creeds, and nationalities. Preference goes to women whose civic, community, or professional work shows a commitment to advancing the welfare of women and girls.

Brochures describing the various fellowships and grants are available. Contact Ann Hicks (741-3964), call the AAUW EF office (800/ 821-4364 10:00 AM-5:00 PM EST) or obtain information by visiting the website (www.aauw.org).



Buffalo Branch Newsletter

NYS District 1



March 2005

Buffalo Branch Home Page
<http://aauw.buffalo.edu>

International Women's Day Celebration Reception and Dinner

Tuesday, March 8, 2005, 6:00 PM

Topic: *WOMEN AND FOREIGN POLICY*

Samuel's Grande Manor

8750 Main Street, Clarence, New York
6:00 PM

Our speakers include:

**Nancy McGlen, PhD and
Meredith Reid Sarkees, PhD**

Co-authors *Women and Foreign Policy*

April 9th Brunch Meeting Topic: **The Olmsted Park System**

**Speaker:
Deborah Ann
Trimble**

**Networking
begins at
10:30 a.m.**

**Locaton: the Park
Lane Restaurant**

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Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: **Please send study group information to Barbara Carier, 295 Lakewood Pkwy, Amherst 14226, 839-0933 (h), 858-2884 (w), or bcarier@adelphia.net**

Note: If you are interested in forming a new study group, please send the purpose and expectations for the group to Barbara.

Group: **Great Decisions** Discussion
When: Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 1:30 pm
Topic: ***Putin's Second Term***
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church,
Main Street, east of Youngs Rd.
Contact: Suzanne Grossman 837-8769

Group: **American Biographies** 
When: Tuesday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m.
Topic: Read the second half of
Truman by David McCullough
(*Presidential Years*)
Where: Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St.
Facilitator: Sue Oliver
For April read ***John James Audubon, the Making of an American*** by
Richard Rhodes
Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

Group: **Dinner by the Book** Discussion
When: Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Plaka Restaurant,
2904 Delaware Ave. in
Kenmore 

Topic: ***After Long Silence*** by Helen
Fremont
Reviewer: Suzanne Grossman
Reservations: Fran Witnauer (837-5887
or 856-3150)
fwitnauer@buffaloplace.com

Group: **Knitting Group**
When: Tuesday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m.
Where: Clubhouse, 4100 Stonegate Ln.,
Williamsville, behind Wehrle Golf
Dome
Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)
aikotler@earthlink.net
Project: Afghan for Haven House

Group: **Clueless Mystery Book
Club** 
When: March 23, 2005 at
6:00 p.m.
Where: Loughran's, Main St. near
Harlem
Topic: ***Cold Company*** by Sue Henry
Reviewer: Shirley Havice
Contact: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or
856-3150)
Sue Grossman (837-8769)

Group: **Travel Group** 
Mission: To organize 1
or 2 trips per year that interest existing and
prospective members of AAUW Buffalo
Contact: Bev Schwierling (652-7182)
and watch Newsletter for announcements
schwieg@adelphia.net

December 2010

716.559.3

December Holiday Program!

Our December Program will include lunch at The Protocol Restaurant in Williamsville and a performance by Danielle DiStefano.

Ms. DiStefano is a classically trained soprano with an amazing vocal range. Her ability in singing operatic, sacred music and Broadway melodies has brought rave reviews from her audiences with numerous requests for repeat performances. She brings charm, elegance and her sincerest love of the art to her performances.

Currently a freshman at SUNY Fredonia, Ms. DiStefano is studying under Julie Newell. She performs throughout the area at weddings, special events and non-profits events. She also writes for Opera Buffs.

We hope you will all be on hand for this special afternoon of friends, food and entertainment.



Danielle DiStefano

LAF Benefit Featuring Lauren Belfer, January 15

Your LAF Committee

The AAUW Buffalo Branch will host its Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Benefit on Saturday, January 15th at The Protocol Restaurant in Williamsville. The event begins at 11:30 am.

This is the only LAF fundraiser this year, so please mark your calendar and plan to help support this vital aspect of AAUW that continues to help us break barriers. There will be a cash bar and non-members are welcome, as always.

Author, Lauren Belfer will present "Fact into Fiction: Writing A Fierce Radiance." Jonathon Welch of Talking Leaves books will be on hand to sell copies of the book. Lauren will be happy to sign books at the event. 15 to 20 percent of sales will go to the LAF.

About Lauren Belfer

In her new novel, *A Fierce Radiance*, Lauren Belfer envisions New York City in 1941 as seen through the lens of a Life magazine photographer. Her protagonist, Claire Shipley, has assignments that range from shooting the latest Rockette to photographing a young father whose life might be saved by penicillin. Her debut novel, *City of Light*, based in Buffalo, NY, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Lauren was born in Rochester, New York, and grew up in Buffalo, where she attended the Buffalo Seminary. At Swarthmore College, she majored in Medieval Studies. After graduating, she worked as a file clerk at an art gallery, a paralegal, an assistant photo editor at a newspaper, a fact checker at magazines, and as a researcher and associate producer on documentary films. She has an M.F.A. from Columbia University.

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MARCH PROGRAMS

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara & WNY Women's Foundation

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laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com
Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.

Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Let us know! Send a



International Women's Day



Dr. Lori V. Quigley

THE HAUDENOSAUNEE WOMEN: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Thursday, March 8, 2018

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Medaille College
Main Building Lecture Hall
18 Agassiz Circle
Buffalo, NY 14214

Join us for a presentation on the Haudenosaunee Women. Dr. Lori V. Quigley is a member of the Wolf Clan and grew up in the Allegany Seneca Nation of Indians. She will share her mother's, as well as her own, personal story to help the attendees gain a deeper appreciation of the role that Haudenosaunee women continue to play in contemporary society and their role in the future.

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP no later than February 26th
Email Lilyen Mascellino: lilyenm@gmail.com

Tech Savvy Buffalo
The Original Tech Savvy



Tech Savvy 13
March 17, 2018
Volunteers Still Needed!
More Information on Page 5

ANECDOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

BY BARBARA CARIER, HISTORIAN

34 YEARS AGO...

Our Branch newsletter for November 1984 contained several articles urging us to vote and to be aware of issues concerning the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution. Congress had voted on the ERA in 1983, and Congressmen Kemp and Nowak had voted NO, while Congressman LaFalce had voted YES. Senator Moynihan voted YES while Senator D'Amato voted NO on the Civil Rights Act of 1984. This Act was legislation designed to protect women, minorities, elderly, and disabled from discrimination. AAUW had strongly urged support of this bill.



The New York Assembly voted on a state ERA in 1984 and Assemblymen Eve, Schimminger, Sheffer, and Hoyt voted YES, while Assemblymen Gorski, Kean, Pordum, Paxon, and Graber voted NO. Our branch Legislative Chair was Anne Montes. She urged us not to be discouraged at these defeats, and to turn our anger into energy to work on future issues for women's rights.

In 1984 women earned only 59 cents to every \$1 men earned.

Former Buffalo Branch President Carol Stull was honored by the State University of New York as the Advisory Council's "Outstanding Woman in Community Service." Carol also served as AAUW New York State President.

May 2021

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June ADVOCATE

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ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be, out of necessity, held virtually. Please plan to join us via Zoom on Saturday, May 22 at 11:00. We will hear our outgoing president Laurie Eikemeyer give her report and will learn more about our outstanding Achievement Award winner Dr. Marian Deutschman. In addition, we will have the installation of the newly elected officers. Of course, there will be time to visit afterwards and to talk about plans for the coming year.

A link will be sent to all the branch members earlier that week. Plan to put on a pot of coffee or tea and join us!

PS - If you haven't yet Zoomed, it's time to start! If you'd like a practice session, please notify Betty Preble (betty.preble@gmail.com) and she'll set one up for you!

Save the Date!

For an interactive & engaging seminar featuring historian Sally Roesch Wagner & noted panelists



**From Suffrage to the ERA
Equity, Resiliency, Activism**

**Saturday, October 2, 10 am—noon
Daemen College
4380 Main St., Amherst, NY
In-person & online access available**

**Sponsored by the Western New York Women's
Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee**



We're having a Book Sale!

We're in discussion about our site, so there will be a special edition of news out next week with all the details, but we wanted to get started on our need for **ALL** of **YOU** to help us! **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Please look through these two **immediate** needs and let us know what you can do to keep our scholarships running along! More later!

RELIGION/PHILOSOPHY TABLE (Category) CHAIR

Books at the sale are organized into categories by subject. These categories need to be organized on the tables prior to the sale. During the sale our volunteers will keep them replenished.

Currently we are **seeking a section chair** for **Religion and Philosophy**. This is admittedly a huge section—perhaps a group of friends could take it on? Our former chair will help, but cannot do it alone this year. If you and/or your friends are interested, please contact Sue Licata (716-622-9096), Pat Baker (716-445-3793), or Karen Hoffman (716-907-8666).



SHIFT SUPERVISORS (SORTING and COLLECTING)

From April 18 to May 27, we need people at the sale site to be in charge of:

- opening the site (if your shift is the first of the day)
- closing and locking the site (if last shift of the day)
- checking that books dropped off are not accepted if they are in poor condition or academic books, journals and/or encyclopedias.

You can sign up for one four-hour shift or many shifts! Shifts are:

- Tuesdays 8:45am-1pm, 1pm-5pm & 5pm-8 pm
- Wednesday 8:45am-1pm and 1pm-5pm
- Thursday & Friday 12:45pm –5 pm
- Saturdays 8:45 am-noon.

Or sign up to be a substitute! We will not work at the site on Memorial Day weekend, i.e. Perhaps you can supervise every Tuesday morning except April 25? That's fine because we will have a substitute fill in.

If you are up for this very important yet easy-to-master job, please contact Cindy Koch at 239-267-2008 or email her at cbk148@aol.com

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on May 6 at Elldon's Grill & Banquet at the River Oaks Golf Club on Grand Island. In addition to the installation of the newly elected officers (see pg. 3) and annual reports by our current officers, we will be led in a discussion of the "Past, Present, and Future of Women's Issues" by historian Lindsey Lauren Visser, Deputy Director of the Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo.

More details next month, but the **registration deadline is at the end of April.**

Meal choices are:

- Pasta Verde. Bucatini noodles, spinach, asparagus, peas, basil, garlic, olive oil and romano cheese
- Bourbon Salmon. Grilled salmon finished with a bourbon glaze, served with baby bok choy and potato
- Filet of Sirloin. 5oz Angus steak filet seasoned with house rub, served with potato and vegetable of choice

REGISTRATION—Deadline April 28!!!!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check your meal choice:

☐ Pasta Verde ☐ Bourbon Salmon ☐ Filet of Sirloin

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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Together Making a Difference... JUNE 2026

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SEPTEMBER ADVOCATE

The deadline for each issue of the Advocate is the 5th of the previous month. Please submit articles to the editor via email by August 5, 2026 to:

newsletter@AAUWBuffalo.org





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NOVEMBER ADVOCATE

The deadline for each issue of the Advocate is the 10th of the previous month. Submit articles to the editor via email by October 10 to:

Join us for a Celebration of
The Bicentennial of
the Erie Canal!

- See p. 2 for Details



Book Sorting Starts This Month

- See p. 7 for Details



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!



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.





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Our county fair display creator, Laura Wright, showing it off. Thanks to all the members who helped - Freddie Cheek, Barb Carier, Marian Deutschman, Carol Griffith, Taylor Page, Sue & George Oliver, Betty Krist, Melissa White and Betty Preble. We did ourselves proud!



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Betty Preble and Betty Krist joined other AAUW Buffalo Branch members for a spirited discussion about the future of Buffalo with Buffalo-Niagara Partnership President and CEO, Dottie Gallagher-Cohen.





What is AAUW?
AAUW has been empowering
women as individuals and as a
community since 1881.
Their key focuses include
EMPOWERING WOMEN socially,
economically, and politically.



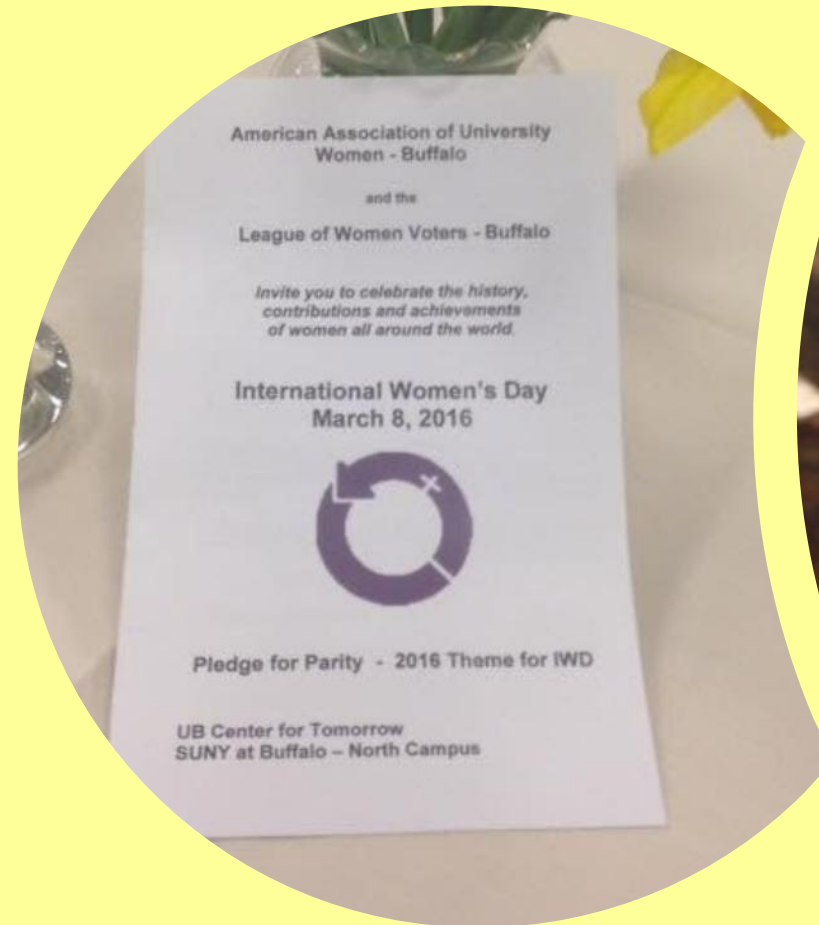
UB's AAUW Chapter
invites you to join us at
**Welcome
Back Night**

**February 17th from
6-7pm in 17 Norton**

Join us for some snacks and
information about our upcoming
events and how to get involved!

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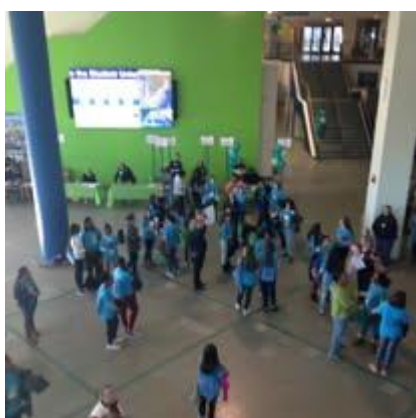
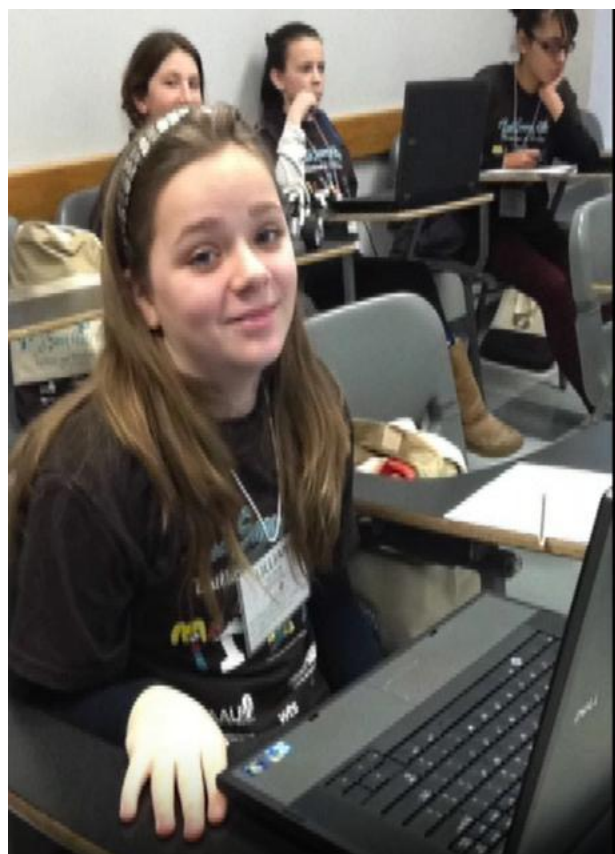


Tech Savvy is designed to encourage girls to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers by a fun, illuminating day of activities. Studies show that after middle school, girls often become disinterested in science and math courses. High-school girls tend to enroll in science courses at lower levels than their male counterparts. Tech Savvy is presented and sponsored by the American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc. Major support for Tech Savvy is provided by Linde. UB's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences also provides support for TS16.





The Buffalo Branch will be hosting the 11th annual Tech Savvy on Saturday, March 19th at UB's North Campus. For details, check out the Tech Savvy web site at <https://originaltechsavvy.org>







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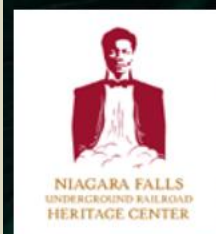






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Presenter: David Faix, Education Coordinator & Docent, Niagara Aerospace Museum







We hope you will join us and help make our organization stronger.