



Elmira - Corning Branch

News & Views

February 2013

*AAUW Advances Equity for Women and Girls
Through Advocacy, Education and Research*

Julia Lavarney and Janet Winfield, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Feb. 16, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY
Thurs., Feb. 21, 2013, 6:00 pm - dinner: 7:30 pm program: Sandra Rubio
on Diabetes at Big Flats Community Center in Big Flats, NY
Weds., Mar. 20, 2013, 6:30 pm - Vicky Mike on "Creativity in the Arts,"
Community Arts Building, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Letter

The Xmas holidays are over and now it is getting busy again in AAUW. In two weeks, we will have a light dinner catered by Minier's and then a speaker on more than high sugar-Diabetes. It will be a fun and informative evening! From you, we need a check for \$12.00 sent to Jan Cummings by the 15th to cover the total cost of the dinner. We have also put a phone tree in action to remind people. It will be a good time to get out and warm your cockles with the spirit of companionship and friendship. The night begins with food at 6:00 on Thursday, Feb. 21. A call for help is put out by Phyllis Shore to sell Bon-Ton coupons booklets on Friday, March 1 at the store. Please give her a call.

Keep the fires burning,
Janet and Julia



Reminder to members:

February 21, 2013

Meeting with light supper preceding the meeting.

Checks must be received no later than February 15, 2013.

Please send check for \$12, made out to AAUW Elmira-Corning Branch to:

**Jan Cummings
957 Scio St.
Elmira, NY 14901**

Thanks, and we hope to see many of you there!

Senate Begins Consideration of Violence Against Women Act; Final Vote Expected Early Next Week

The Senate began considering the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization this week, and a final vote is expected early next week. The VAWA reauthorization up for a vote is essentially the same bipartisan bill that the Senate passed in April 2012 to improve VAWA programs and ensure all victims get the services they need. Because the House didn't pass this version of VAWA before the end of 2012, the process needed to start over in the 113th Congress.

AAUW is a strong supporter of this VAWA reauthorization (S. 47), particularly because it includes campus safety provisions which will ensure that institutions of higher education have comprehensive procedures in place to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Thank you for your advocacy on VAWA so far—let's keep it up until the finish line! Call your senators today and urge them to vote for VAWA.

Source: AAUW Washington Update



AAUW Websites

AAUW - USA

<http://www.aauw.org/>

AAUW - NYS

<http://www.aauw-nys.org/>

AAUW Elmira-Corning

<http://www.aauw-nys.org/branches/elmira-corning.htm>

AAUW NYS Diversity

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

There shall be no barriers so to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW's mission statement emphasizes its determination to meet the needs of women of all ages, cultures and abilities. Bringing a diverse population into programs and membership is the feature that results in an influential organization that mirrors the community.

AAUW VALUE PROMISE

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting on the lives of women and girls.

Membership Corner News

Lenore Lewis, Chair

This is the time for your friends to join our Branch! Our membership dues are half price for the remainder of the 2012 - 2013 membership year. MEMBERSHIP in the Elmira Corning AAUW is open to all graduates with an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree from any college or university. Membership in

our branch affords us an opportunity to network with community leaders and women of varied backgrounds. Your friends can turn to our website for more information (Elmira Corning, NY State AAUW Branch) or contact our membership committee.

We are looking for additional members who might like to join our "LET'S EAT OUT" Interest Group. You can contact Dr. V Nossiter for more information.

From the desk of...

Pat Stadelmaier - Elmira-Corning Branch Treasurer

AAUW national membership dues are \$49. Of that amount, **\$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution**, and \$3 is not deductible because it supports the QQUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. Branch/state portions of dues are not tax deductible.



This photo is of our 2012 - 2013 new members who attended the New Member/Silver Bowl Tea held in November. They are: Dr. Geraldine Wolfe - first on left, Ms CW Turner - second on left, Ms Mary Beth Frederick - center, Ms Marty Oldfield - fourth on left, Ms Bev Swartz - last on the sofa, Ms Dori Fulk - kneeling on the floor. Missing from the photo are the following: Dr. V Nossiter and Ms Heather Scherb. We welcome all our new members



Fellows Recipients and Elmira College Student L to R - Tiffany Goonetilleke, Elmira College Junior; Danielle Thomson, Political Science and government; Anna Forsman, Ecology and evolutionary biology.



Anna M. Forsman, PhD candidate at Cornell University and her son, Anders Wren Callan. Anders was born December 20, 2012, after 22 hours of labor. He weighed in at 8lb 8oz and measured 20.5 inches long.

AAUW Convention -- An experience like no other!

Linda D. Hallman, CAE

AAUW Executive Director

An AAUW convention is expensive and not worth it, right? Wrong! AAUW's 2013 National Convention, *Breaking through Barriers: Leading across Generations*, is one you won't want to miss. Join us in New Orleans June 9–12!

Remember, convention isn't just for delegates anymore. Now all AAUW members have a voice in our leadership and agenda through One Member, One Vote. And because most of our voting now happens online, the focus of convention is on growing you as a leader — in your branch and community.

With more workshops than ever before, you'll learn leadership skills and get information on all the resources and programs available to you through AAUW.

You'll also have lots of time to network with other AAUW members and leaders and learn from each other. AAUW's 2013 National Convention will get you motivated and energized to get out there and make a difference.

And speaking of motivation, it's hard to hear keynote speakers like fair pay advocate Lilly Ledbetter and TV host Melissa Harris-Perry without jumping out of your chair and yelling, "Go girl!" You'll be inspired to go out and motivate others.

You'll also connect with women from across the country who are passionate about what they're doing. And why not explore the beauty and charm of New Orleans with your new friends during the lovely pre- and post-convention tours we've planned?

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Bon Ton Community Days

Phyllis Shore

We will again be selling the Bon Ton Community Day Booklets for \$5.00 each. Remember, AAUW keeps the entire \$5 we receive from the sale of each booklet.

I signed up AAUW to sell on March 1st (a Friday) in the Bon Ton store.

We need your support. Please call or e-mail as to when you can help sell in the store. My telephone no. is 607-796-0108. My e-mail is PhShore@stny.rr.com.



2013 Woman of Achievement Dinner

Barbara Luther

The Chemung County Council of Women will host the Women of Achievement Dinner on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at Crystal House, Fisherville (located off Route 64, first right after Walmart). Valet parking will be provided, and there is handicapped accessibility. The evening will begin with registration and a cash bar with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. The buffet dinner will start at 6:15 p.m., followed by the program. The cost for the dinner is \$25.00.

If you wish to attend please send a check made out to Chemung Co Council of Women; or CCCW; and send to Barbara Luther 801 Sunset Dr Elmira, NY 14905 no later than March 5, 2013.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kathryn Boor, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

Each member of the Council of Women will have an honoree. We look forward to seeing many of you at the dinner. This is a wonderful way for us to honor women who are or have been active in their organizations and who take on many volunteer activities in the community.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Campus Outreach Program

Roli Wendorf, NYS Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund launched its campus outreach initiative to

- ♦ Educate students and staff about sex discrimination issues.
- ♦ Share ways to address and prevent sex discrimination.
- ♦ Provide action steps toward creating a more equitable campus climate.

Virginia Tech hosted the first campus outreach program in 1997. LAF staff and leaders worked with school administrators to present Sex, Lies, and Lawsuits, a seminar for students and faculty, which was marketed as part of Virginia Tech's Women's Month. Since then, LAF has presented programs on more than 20 campuses, among them UCLA, Boston College, Stanford University, Michigan State University, the University of Southern Florida, Harvard University, North Carolina State University, Wayne State College, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Rochester, Columbia University, the University of Redlands, Eastern Washington University, and the University of Virginia.

Through the LAF Campus Outreach Program, AAUW members can receive funding and LAF staff support to implement a gender equity-focused program or event at their local college or university. Topics for campus outreach may include: sexual harassment on campus, sexual assault on campus, equal pay such as Start Smart pay negotiation workshops and preparing for the workplace, Title IX in the context of athletics or women in nontraditional fields, and tenure issues for faculty.

Please join us for
"Dinner and A Presentation"



AAUW Members coming together for a light supper, will also be treated to an informational program by

Dr. Sandra Rubio,
Endocrinologist at Arnot Ogden,
who will be discussing

"Diabetes:
More Than Blood Sugar!"

at the Big Flats Community Center on February 21, 2013.

Please make your reservation by sending your check to
Jan Cummings by February 15, 2013.

The cost is \$12.00 per person.

Dinner at 6:00PM

Program at 7PM

Salute Your Favorite Woman in History Event

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013
6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Including the Sixth Annual Festival of
Women in the Arts**

Gala Opening Reception

**Sponsored by the Chemung County
Council of Women**

**Chemung County
Historical Society
East Water Street
Elmira, NY**