

**Julia Lavarney and Janet Winfield, Co-Presidents**

Calendar

Sat. Jan. 19, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY

Thurs., Jan. 24, 2013, 6:30 pm - Nancy Spaulding on Elmira Teall at  
Chemung Valley History Museum in Elmira, NY

Feb. 16, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY

Thurs., Feb. 21, 2013, 6:30 pm - Sandra Rubio on Diabetes at Big Flats  
Community Center in Big Flats, NY

**Presidents' Letter**

What an adventure AAUW has been! The varied activities from learning bridge to let's eat out, the state and summer conferences, to the fall fashion show and the silver bowl tea all add to its intrigue. I believe that when you can say an organization is fun, it becomes exciting and people become involved. Does anyone have an idea for a new group to add to your organization?

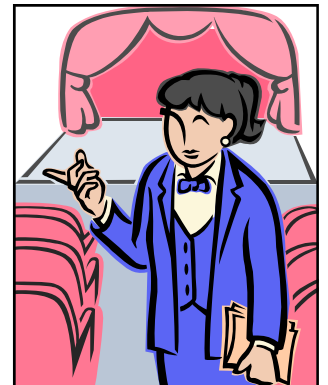
Warmly,  
*Janet*

**2013 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**

AAUW and NASPA are proud to cosponsor the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) to be held May 30–June 1, 2013, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Please encourage female students to attend and help support them in this amazing opportunity!

Source: AAUW Washington Update

**May Program & Fundraiser  
Julia Lavarney**



On May 5th, the AAUW will present its spring fundraiser. It will be a readers' theatre of the play "When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet", a funny tale of six of his heroines talking about men. The audience may participate in writing down who Shakespeare's ladies are and any of his plays to which the author makes a reference. The second part of the entertainment will be an audience participation reading of a locally written play, "Three Sisters in the Back Seat". We hope to have a silent auction and are seeking items appropriately interesting and valuable for the auction. Please look around you and see what you may have to

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## Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair



Hi, book lovers. In our last two meetings of Books and Bites we

have enjoyed talking about many, many books.

The nonfiction books included: The Moman People by Matthew Bowman, The Physics of the Future by Michio Kaku, Keeping Clean by Daisy Kerr, Year of Wonder by Geradine Brooks, The Montessori Revolution in Education by F.M. Standing, and Food by Piero Ventura.

Our fiction titles included: The Seven Wonders by Steven Saylor, The Territory by Tricia Fields, Hunting Season by Nevada Barr, A Letter of Mary by Laurie R. King, The Moor by Laurie R. King, Oliver Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout, The Dangerous Fortune by Ken Follett, Chomp by Carl Hiaasen, Language of the Bees by Laurie King, Vanity by Vickie Power, The Jewels of Paradise by Donna Leon, Notorious Nineteen's by Janet Evanovich, The Racketeer by John Grisham and A Burial at Sea by Charles Finch.

Our next two meetings will be Jan. 19th and Feb. 16th. Please note the February meeting date has changed. As

usual we will meet at the Steele Memorial Library in the small conference room at 2 to 4 PM.

I do hope to see you there.

Betty Reiter



### 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

We'd like to introduce another new branch member. She is **CW Turner**, a Corning Community College retiree emeritus since 2011. as well as an Academic Advisor, a Career and Transfer Advisor, a Job Search Coordinator, a Adjunct Instructor (Microbiology Lab), and a Career Consultant. CW is a STEM Advocate. She earned her B.S. from SUNY University at Albany and her M.A. from the SUNY Empire State College.

She has lived in the Corning area for about 28 years, but was originally from Kingston, NY. Polly Levine told CW about our local branch and she then contacted our Membership Committee for more information. CW enjoys Photography, Astronomy and is a member of Elmira-Corning Astronomical Society in Corning (we now have five AAUW branch members who are also Elmira Corning Astronomical Society members.). She enjoys dance, Yoga, and working with youth .

CW is on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Elmira and the Twin Tiers , Vice-President and Chairperson of Youth Programming and Chairperson of Professional Development. She is a STEM advocate (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and would like

to share the importance of STEM programs in the Elmira area, especially for middle school girls. CW welcome to our branch.

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If you know anyone who might like to join our branch, AAUW is featuring special membership dues for new members who join branches after January 15, 2013. The membership dues for new members will be half price. We have a half year of informative and engaging meetings ahead of us which everyone can enjoy for half price! Please contact Lenore Lewis for more information.

### May Program & Fundraiser

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contribute.

If you have any questions on the auction or the program, please call Janet or Julia for further information.



### 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>



From the Hospitality Committee

February 21, 2013

6:00 PM Light Supper

7:00 PM Membership Meeting

Menu: Sandwich Platter, all served on homemade bread

Salads: Broccoli Salad, Strawberry Leaf Salad w/ Nuts & Cheese

Dessert: Cookie Tray

Drinks: Water, Soda, Lemonade, Ice Tea

Cost: \$12 per person

Send check (made out to AAUW Elmira-Corning Branch) to:

Jan Cummings

957 Scio St.

Elmira, NY 14901

Checks due no later than February 15, 2013. I will also be collecting payment at the January 24, 2013 Membership Meeting being held at the Chemung Valley History Museum.

YOUR CHECK IS

YOUR RESERVATION!

## AAUW Offers a new State Legislative Tracking Tool

With the election over, it's time to hold our legislators' feet to the fire. AAUW-NYS now has a state-of-the-art legislative tracking tool to help us take effective and timely action on policy issues in New York State.

We know education funding is going to be one of the priority issues in the 2013 Legislative session in Albany, along with other critical economic security issues like wages, fair and equal pay, paid sick leave and pension reform. Other hot-button issues will involve health care, the environment, and civil rights. CQ StateTrack will let us stay on top of these issues as they move through the Assembly and Senate.

CQ StateTrack allows the AAUW staff in Washington, D.C., to work with our state leaders to track state legislation that affects our AAUW priority issues. We have created a CQ StateTrack profile for our state, which includes a set of keywords, committees, and legislators that will be used in automatic searches of state bills. The searches will generate email alerts when state legislation containing one of our keywords is introduced, is being heard in committee, or is ready for a floor vote. The search can also generate web reports to give us a snapshot of what the state legislature is considering at any one time, based on our state's keywords and key issues.

CQ StateTrack is a game-changer for AAUW-NYS advocacy

on AAUW priority issues.

Through our policy experts in Washington, D.C., AAUW already has the capability to track federal legislation down to this specific, instantaneous level, and CQ StateTrack will extend that capability to state legislation in our state.

We will embed the CQ StateTrack legislative report on our AAUW-NYS website so that our site becomes a go-to place for up-to-date information on legislation affecting women and their families in New York. We can include summaries from the CQ StateTrack legislative report for newsletters to keep everyone up to date and ready to take action when needed.

With this new service, AAUW-NYS will become one of the first advocacy organizations in New York to know about pending legislation. We will be able to make decisions about taking positions on new bills and take a leadership role on particular legislation. This new service from AAUW is your dues dollars at work for you, in the nation's capital and in Albany!

Watch the AAUW-NYS website (<http://www.aauw-nys.org/>) for more information as we implement CQ StateTrack when the new Legislative session begins! For more information, contact AAUW-NYS's Public Policy Director, Donna Seymour.

Source: AAUW-NYS



*Hundreds pass this historic marker on Water Street every day. Yet, how many know the history behind it? Find out more about "What's in a name?" as*

*Nancy Spaulding,*

*AAUW Member and*

*DAR-Trained Volunteer Genealogist,*

*Presents*

*"Elmira Teall:*

*Did you have a good life?"*

*January 24, 2013 at 7:00PM*

*Meeting at 6:30 PM*

*At the Chemung Valley History Museum*

*415 E. Water Street, Elmira*