

March 2013

Julia Lavarney and Janet Winfield, Co-Presidents

Calendar

- Sat. Mar. 16, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY
Weds., Mar. 20, 2013, 6:30 pm - Vicky Mike on "Creativity in the Arts,"
Community Arts Building, Elmira, NY
Thurs., Mar. 21, 2013, 5:30 pm - "Women of Achievement" Dinner, Crystal
House, Fisherville, NY
Thurs., Apr. 18, 2013, 6:30 pm - "Adventures in Dolls" with Cheryl Williams,
location T/B/A
Sat. Apr. 20, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY
Sun., May 5, 2013, 2:00 pm - Spring Theater Scholarship Fundraiser,
Downtown Elmira Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Message

I hope every member has a chance to enjoy a few of the activities of The 6th Annual Festival of Women in the Arts. Check email at cantatasingers@ymail.com for month long activities. Our Wed., March 20 meeting will include Vicky Mike's talk on Creativity in the Arts.

On Thursday, March 21 we will honor Betty Reiter at the Dinner for Women of Achievement. I am happy that many of you are attending.

Then on Tues., April 9 at Steele we have Equal Pay Day brought to the forefront with a light luncheon and speaker. A poster will be sent out at a later date.

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**2013 Women of Achievement
Dinner**

Janet Winfield

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY REITER! She is the honoree from AAUW as a 2013 Women of Achievement. Let's go out and support Betty.

The Women of Achievement Dinner will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at Crystal House, Fisherville (located off Route 64, first right after Wal-Mart). Valet parking will be provided and there is handicapped accessibility. I look forward to seeing many of you at the dinner. I hope our honoree as well as other members will want to invite guests to this special event. This is a

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair

At both our January and February meetings of Books and Bites, we talked about a variety of both fiction and nonfiction books.

The non fiction books included: Old Plantation Days being Recollections of southern Life Before the Civil War by Mrs. N.B. Desaussum, In Pursuit of the Unknown-17 Equations that Changed the World by Ian Stewart, Physics of the Future by Michio Kaku, Mrs. Robinson's Disgrace by Kate Summercale, and Bend Not Break by Ping Fu.

The fiction books included: Seekers by Erin Hunter, Open Season by Archer Mayor, Old Filth by Jane Gardam, Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver, The Sinister Pig by Tony Hillerman, Justice Hall by Laurie R. King, Black Echo by Michael Connelly, Trading In Danger by Elizabeth Moon, Ghost at Work by Carolyn Hart, The Hidden Oasis by Paul Sussman, Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut and V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton.

I hope to see you at our next meetings, March 16th and April 20th both at 2PM in the small conference room at Steele Memorial Library.



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.

Public Policy

Polly Leveen

Last week the House passed the Senate version of the VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA). The vote was 286 to 138. All women, and it includes a diverse description, plus students on college campuses will be protected.

An effort to cut \$85 billion in federal spending through this year, called sequestration, began March 1. Will there be a solution for this extreme measure which will effect our economy as well as the income of many workers? Political analysts say we won't know until almost the end of the month.

Celebrate the 100th anniversary since the 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade demonstrating for the right to vote.

Finally, Equal Pay Day will be coming up on April 9. Each year we seem to making progress but it is a slow one. Right now, studies show that nationwide women still earn 82 percent of what men earn. In New York it is slightly better with women earning 84 percent of what men earn. Minority women earn even far less than that.

After President Obama's inaugural address, urging that women and girls should be able to "earn a living equal to their efforts", both the House and the Senate reintroduced the current Fair Pay Act. In New York State,

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Women of Achievement Dinner

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wonderful way for us to honor women who are active in their organizations and who take on many volunteer activities in the community. The evening will begin with a cash bar with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30. The buffet dinner will start at 6:15.

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

The cost on the dinner is \$25.00. Your check should be made out to CCCW. Please mail your check directly to Nancy Hooper, 601 Robinson St., Elmira, NY 14904 by March 8th.

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.

Jewish Food Festival

Liz Walton

Save the Date
– April 14th, 2013.

Come step back into time and stroll along Hester Street in NYC while enjoying a variety of wonderful foods. Are you in the mood for a pastrami sandwich at the Deli, a Blintz at the Dairy booth, a bowl of Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls? They are all there. Quite a few AAUW members are involved in this fundraiser so please come support us and enjoy our cooking. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. There will be an Early Bird Drawing so buy your tickets now. They are available from Liz Walton by calling 733-2609 or email lwalton@stny.rr.com.



Presidents' Message

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You know that Spring is just around the corner when we spring forward an hour this Saturday. More sunshine falling on my retina always makes me feel more alert.

Warmly,
Janet

Help Wanted

This is a call for help for Equal Pay Day. There is always a light lunch served for a good will offering. Mary Hungerford needs help with this important event. This will be held at the Steele Library on April 9. Could you give her a call? Her number is 737-6182.

Janet

AAUW Introduces New Logo, Tagline, and Website

February 20, 2013. Today, AAUW is proud to debut some big changes. The website redesign allows for complete mobile access and features expanded and improved social media integration for all our online content. This integration should make the site more user friendly, provide a better experience for Smartphone and tablet users, and create greater visibility for AAUW.

As plans for the new website unfolded, the AAUW Board of Directors decided to move forward with a new logo to accompany the

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Public Policy

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Governor Cuomo outlined a 10 Point Plan to increase equality for women in his State of the State address.

I refer you to the Star Gazette to read a February 28th pay gap article written by Mary Hungerford and Delores Nicol and also a news article appearing in March 5th's Star Gazette. Just put the April 9th date on your calendar. We will have an interesting Cornell Professor speaking and also a light supper or refreshments. More later.

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updated site. Our most recent logo was introduced in 1990, and it was starting to show its age, especially in an increasingly digital world. A logo working group, composed of board members and staff, took on the task of creating the new logo. They wanted a modern, more readable typeface for the logo and a tagline that would instantly convey who we are and what we do. The new logo emphasizes the “W” as the central element of our name and work and has a more global look.

To develop the tagline, the

working group tried another new trend, crowdsourcing. They posted a description of AAUW and our communications goals on Crowdspring and invited freelance writers from around the world to submit ideas. The process netted more than 2,000 entries and showed remarkable consensus around the themes of empowerment and AAUW’s extensive history. The working group quickly settled on “Empowering women since 1881” as the new tagline, and the board approved it unanimously in October.

Source: www.aauw.org

vickie mike
visual artist
public speaker

Vickie Mike is a visual artist and public speaker. Born and raised in upstate New York, Vickie has advanced degrees from the State University at Buffalo and from Binghamton University. In 2010, with over 30 years experience as a Spanish teacher, Vickie decided to leave the classroom to pursue her career as a public speaker and visual artist. Vickie has presented extensively at regional, state, and national conferences and has been a keynote speaker for civic organizations. In 2011, Vickie was invited to be a co-emcee for the TEDx Chemung River event. Her topics include: education in a digital age, the arts, and creativity. Vickie currently resides in Elmira, New York where she also has her art studio.

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ANNOUNCING
THE ANNUAL

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL!

Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 West Water Street, Elmira
Sunday, April 14, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

A trip back in time to the gastronomic delights
of the Lower East Side of New York City

LISTEN TO MESMERIZING KLEZMER MUSIC, PERFORMED WITHOUT A MESMERIZER!
PLUS: RAFFLES AND A TCHOTCHKE SHOP FEATURING TREASURES AT OLD-FASHIONED PRICES

DELICATESSEN

KOSHER CORNED BEEF AND PASTRAMI SANDWICHES.
POTATO KNISHES AND KOSHER HOT DOGS
DELECTABLE CHOPPED LIVER AND STUFFED CABBAGE!

SOUPS

CHICKEN SOUP WITH MATZO BALLS
MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP

DAIRY

POTATO LATKES WITH HOMEMADE APPLE SAUCE
NOODLE KUGEL AND CHEESE BLINTZES
GEFILTE FISH AND SMOKED WHITEFISH

ISRAELI FAST FOOD

(A QUICK TRIP FROM THE LOWER EAST SIDE TO TEL AVIV)
FALAFEL, ISRAELI SALADS, BOUREKAS

BAKERY

ORIGINAL HOMEMADE RECIPES
RUGELAH , MANDELBROT, AND BAKLAVA
HAMANTASHEN, CHALLAH, BABKA, AND MACAROONS

BEVERAGES

EGG CREAMS MADE TO ORDER AND A WIDE VARIETY OF DR. BROWN'S SODAS
COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE IN THE BAKERY

Admission: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Includes \$3 in food tickets.

Advance purchase includes a special prize drawing.

Children under 13 admitted free with an adult.

Such a deal!

Tickets available at Congregation Kol Ami, the Jewish Center and Federation,
Cappy's in Elmira, and Glass Menagerie in Corning, or call (607) 734-8122.

BRING YOUR APPETITES!

Who Do You Know Who?

- Is a woman who has returned to school?
- Needs financial support to pay tuition and fees?
- Juggling many priorities at once?
- Is an inspiration to her classmates?

AAUW wants to help. Please encourage her to apply for our Return to Learning & Zelda Sadinsky Scholarships at:

www.aauw-nys.org/branches/elmira-corning.htm

AAUW Scholarship

- Women at least 24 years of age and continuing their education after a significant interruption.
- Applicant must have plans to further their education at the next level if they are within one semester of graduation.
- A U.S. citizen or authorized immigrant, residing in Chemung or Steuben County, New York.
- Applicant must be registered in an undergraduate program for a new career or furthering an existing career. The course(s) must be taken at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college. No preference will be given to either full or part-time students.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours at the undergraduate level in an accredited college.
- Applicant must explain her personal goals and commitment to her studies through the written application.

Visit our **website** for application and complete details.

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

Awards range
from \$500 - \$2000

Deadline: April 22nd, 2013



American Association of University Women

~Return to Learning Scholarship~
and
~Zelda Sadinsky Scholarship~



Please join AAUW and ALPHA RHO

In celebrating

WOMEN IN THE ARTS

With a Presentation by

VICKIE MIKE,

VISUAL ARTIST AND PUBLIC SPEAKER,

AS SHE DISCUSSES

Creativity in the Arts

On Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at

Community Arts of Elmira Center

413 Lake Street, Elmira 14901

AAUW Meeting at 6:30PM

Program at 7:00 PM