



# Elmira - Corning Branch News & Views

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April 2013

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

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### Calendar

- Tues., Apr. 9, 2013 - Equal Pay Day, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY  
Thurs., Apr. 18, 2013, 6:30 pm - "Adventures in Dolls" with Sheryl Williams, First Presbyterian Church, Clinton & Rambler Roads, Elmira, NY  
Sat. Apr. 20, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY  
Apr. 26-28, 2013 - AAUW-NYS Convention, Lake Placid, NY  
Sun., May 5, 2013, 2:00 pm - Spring Theater Scholarship Fundraiser, Downtown Elmira Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY  
Sat., May 18, 2013 - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY  
June 9-12, 2013 - AAUW National Convention, New Orleans, LA  
Tues., June 11, 2013, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm - Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Elmira Country Club, Elmira, NY
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### **Presidents' Message**

Another year is coming to an end with a flourish of activity.



Betty Reiter was the AAUW honoree at the Women of Achievement Dinner on March 21. Congratulations to Betty!

Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30 is Equal Pay Day at the Steele Library. At our April 18 meeting, Cheryl Williams will speak on Adventures in Dolls. On Sunday, May 5 is our Spring Theater fundraiser. Finally, in the first part of June, we will have our annual meeting and luncheon at the Elmira Country Club.

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### **Membership Corner News**

Lenore Lewis

Elmira Corning AAUW renewal dues should be submitted now for the AAUW 2013 - 2014 Membership year. Membership dues are still \$73.00 with \$46.00 of the dues being tax deductible! National AAUW membership is \$49.00, of that amount, \$46.00 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution but \$3.00 is not deductible because it supports the QQUW Action Fund's section 501 (c) (4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. Branch and State portions of our dues are not tax deductible.

Renewal checks should be sent to our Treasurer:

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## Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair

Our March meeting of Books and Bites went well.

The non fiction books we talked about included: Sea Trek by Martha Holmes, Steel Boats, Iron Hearts by Hans Goebeler, Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by John Meacham, A Singeler Women by Janny Scott, The Greater Journey by David McCullough and The Social Animal by David Brooks.

The fiction books included: The Magicians by Lev Grossman, Cap Run by Richard Givan, The Corydon Snow by Richard Whitten Barnes, The Cyclist by Fred Nath, Warriors: The Darkest Hour by Erin Hunter, When the Empire was Divine by J. Otasko, A Buddha in the Altar by J. Otosko, and Death in Holy Orders by P.D.James.

Our last two meetings will be on April 20th and May 18th. Both Saturdays and both at 2 PM at the Steele Memorial Library. I do hope to see you there.



## 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.

## Have a Private Student Loan? Tell Your Story

You've fought for affordable higher education, successfully protecting Pell grants for low-income students and preventing Stafford loan interest rates from doubling – and you've won those fights in Congress. But change doesn't happen only in Congress.

It's now time to fight for students in another arena – through federal regulation. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), created in 2010 and charged with protecting American consumers, is thinking

of drafting regulations to protect people who take out private students loans, and they want to hear from people with these loans.

By sharing your experiences, you can help shape how the CFPB regulates private student loans. This isn't just some bureaucratic paper-pushing: The CFPB has already adopted programs that protect home-

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## Membership Corner News

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Pat Stadelmaier  
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Pine City, NY 14871

**We still have our Spring Special available for NEW MEMBERS. Joining now would cover new members for the remainder of this membership year all the way thru to June of 2014.** If you know anyone who would like to join our branch, remember to tell them about our new website: AAUW Elmira-Corning (NY) Branch. They can learn more about our branch, see our program listing for the year, read our Newsletters. etc. We've also included a membership brochure for them which they can download at their convenience. If you haven't seen our new website, please do so.



### Tea and Theater

Julia Lavarney

We were hoping to do a slightly different take on the raffle this year. We would like to have individual items to raffle off. We already have a lovely pashmina scarf, a beautiful book on Italy, a quilted mailbox to put perhaps your Christmas cards in, and a couple of bags to carry something like your beach-wear in.

We need more, so look around and see what you can find. If you have something to contribute. let Janet or me know so we know how to proceed.

## AAUW Committee and Task Force Appointments: Deadline May 1



Want to serve AAUW in a greater way? AAUW is now accepting applications for 2013–15 national committee and task force appointments. These committee positions provide excellent opportunities for AAUW leadership and have been very rewarding for many who have served in the past. Learn more and apply now!

Source: AAUW Mission & Action

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## Student Loan

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owners and credit card users. This is your chance to help them protect people with private student loans.

The CFPB needs to hear about your experiences with private student loans, and what it's taken for you to pay them back. Use AAUW's Two-Minute Activist tool to submit your story today!

Source: AAUW Action Network

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## Presidents' Message

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We also now have our own AAUW Website. Thanks to Mary Beth Frederick. Thanks to all of you for all you do!

Janet

## NCCWSL Early-Bird Registration Ends April 12

Students and administrators, register by April 12 for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, and you'll save \$50! C/U partner members, you can save even more with group discounts — and can get a big discount when you join the more than 50 other schools that are exhibiting in the terrific NCCWSL Graduate School Fair. Branches and states, send your local students, and they'll come home inspired to lead in their communities!

Source: AAUW Mission & Action

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## Voting Begins April 15 — Make Your Voice Heard

Voting in this year's AAUW national elections opens online April 15. All members may vote on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the AAUW Bylaws and for candidates for the national board. Just visit the website after April 15 and bring your member ID and voter PIN, which are listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine. (Digital Outlook subscribers will receive their voting information with their Outlook e-mail.) For more information, visit the One Member, One Vote web page or see the voter guide in your Outlook.

Source: AAUW Mission & Action

# 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](http://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://aauw-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 us as



Sheryl Williams,

Porcelain Doll Creator, Author,

International Lecturer and Instructor,

presents

## The Art of Porcelain Doll Making

Thursday April 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM

at

First Presbyterian Church

1054 West Clinton Street

Elmira, New York 14905

MEETING AT 6:30

PROGRAM AT 7:00