

Julia Lavarney and Janet Winfield, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Sat., May 18, 2013 - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Lib., Elmira, NY

June 9-12, 2013 - AAUW National Convention, New Orleans, LA

Mon., June 10, 2013, 9:00 pm - deadline to vote in AAUW elections

Tues., June 11, 2013, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm - Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Elmira Country Club, Elmira, NY

July 19-21, 2013 - AAUW-NYS Summer Conference, Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY

Wed., August 28, 2013 - Women's Day at the New York State Fair

Presidents' Message

Thank you everyone for all your efforts and talents that went into the play on May 5. To finish the 2012-2013 year, we will have our annual meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, June 11 at the Elmira Country Club. Please read the information about getting your check and reservation to Jan Cummings. The luncheon is always a gala affair. Please mark the date! Plans are also in the making for a summer picnic. Thank you for everything you do. You are a grand group.

Janet

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Ann Brouse

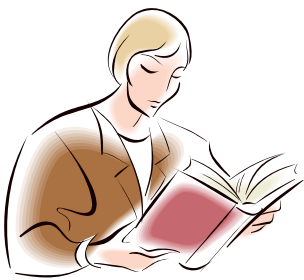
As you renew your AAUW membership, take a moment to examine your entry in the 2012-2013 AAUW Elmira-Corning Branch directory (yellow cover).

Did you pick up an update sheet at the November Silver Bowl Tea event? Check that too.

If you find anything amiss, or realize some of your data has changed since fall of 2012, send updated information to ANN BROUSE at agbrouse@hotmail.com or 25 Easterbrook Drive East, 14845-1049.

The 2013-2014 AAUW directory will be going to press in early August. All information must be in to Ann by **July 1, 2013.**





Books & Bites

Betty Reiter,
Chair

At the April meeting of Books and Bites we again talked about many interesting books.

The nonfiction books included: Torpedo Squadron Four by Gerald W. Thomas, Mayflower: A Voyage From Hell by Kevin Jackson, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, A Boy, A Ship & A War by Claud Aldrich, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat by Dr. Oliver Sacks, The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan, The Greater Journey by David McCullough, The Oath by Jeff Tobin, Prague Winter by Madeline Albright, A Universe From Nothing by Lawrence M. Krauss.



We also talked about the following fiction books: The Warrior series by Erin Hunter, Black Hole Sun by David M. Gill and Postcards from the Dead by Laura Childs.

Our last meeting until the fall will be on Sat. May 18th at 2PM in the Steele Memorial Library. I do hope you will join us in having fun talking about books that interest us.



AAUW Websites

AAUW - USA

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

AAUW - NYS

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

AAUW Elmira-Corning

<http://elmiracorning-ny.aauw.net/>

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.

**Proposed AAUW Officers
2013-2014
To be elected at June 11th
Annual Meeting**

Co-Presidents

- ♦ Janet Winfield
- ♦ Joan Russen

Program Co-Vice-Presidents

- ♦ Julie Biviano
- ♦ Rosemary Kolynich
- ♦ Joy Perry
- ♦ Diane Woodhouse
- ♦ Joan Russen
- ♦ Barb Luther

Membership Co-Vice-Presidents

- ♦ Lenore Lewis
- ♦ Mary Ann Cleary
- ♦ Barbara Friedman

Secretary

- ♦ Mary Beth Frederick

Corresponding Secretary

- ♦ Martha Grinnell

Treasurer

- ♦ Pat Stadelmaier

Assistant Treasurer

- ♦ Geraldine Wolfe

Nominating Committee

- ♦ Harriet Sweet
- ♦ Louise O'Dell
- ♦ Two appointed by Board



**Public Policy Report
Pauline Leveen, Chair**

Two issues to report, although many others are ongoing. First concerns the legislative branch:

AAUW Action Network urges us and reminds us that bullying and harassment still goes on in our schools. We have had teachers and administrators who have spoken to us about that ongoing problem in some of our local schools.

Now, we are urging our members to support a more comprehensive act to make schools free from bullying and harassment in the SAFE SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT ACT (S403). Many states, districts and schools have policies to prevent and respond to this problem but this Act would fill the gap in FEDERAL education policy.

Contact Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to co-sponsor and vote for the SAFE SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT ACT (S403).

Second concerns the U.S. Supreme Court decisions which will be announced in June amongst others. The Court will be deciding whether the DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT known as DOMA passed in 1996 is constitutional. Edie Windson legally married her partner Thea Spyer and when Spyer died, Windson inherited

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When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet - AAUW Tea & Theater 2013



Rosemary Kolynich
as Cleopatra



Rosemary again and
Ellen Boyd at far right



From left to right: Judy Mordue, Anna Deery, Rosemary Kolynich, Julia Lavarney, Martha King and Donna Radford. Missing in pic one is Ellen Boyd.

2013 Scholarship Report

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wonderful that we are there to give them support and help in their journey.

See you at the Annual Luncheon.

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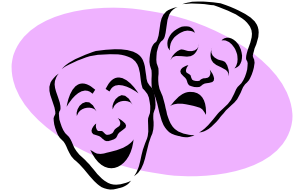
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her estate and the IRS sent her a tax bill for \$364,053. The surviving spouse of a traditional marriage is not required to pay federal estate taxes.

Just a reminder - I included these two items to demonstrate, the "fun" things going on in our government. If AAUW takes a position on any controversy, as a member, you are free to disagree, but when you speak out, you are certainly free to speak as yourself, not as an AAUW member.

Tea & Theater

Julia Lavarney



Many thanks to all who helped on the Tea and Theater presentation on May 5th at the Holiday Inn. We had a large group from Woodbrook this year. A good time was had by all. We'd particularly like to thank Donna and Bill Christofels and Rob Lavarney for their presentation. Bill and Donna run the Old Havana Courthouse Melodrama Theater in Montour Falls. They have four locally-written melodramas to present this summer. The season begins on May 31st and ends on Labor Day. There are four plays altogether that alternate weekends each month. For more information go to their website <http://oldhavanatheater.com>

NEW WEBSITE!!

Check out our new Elmira-Corning AAUW website at <http://elmiracorning-ny.aauw.net/>. Your comments and/or suggestions regarding our website content are welcome!

2013 Scholarship Report

Liz Walton, Chair

The Scholarship committee has received eight applications for our Branch scholarships. This is a record number from the past few years. The Return to Learning and Zelda Sadinsky scholarships will be awarded at the June 11th Annual Meeting. The applicants range from age 36 to 62. Six currently attend Corning Community College and two attend Keuka College. The degrees they are pursuing include Criminal Justice, Human Services, Nursing, Business Administration, Social Work and Organizational Management. The committee comprised of Bonnie Chollet, Mary Jane Paternoster, Miriam Smith and Liz Walton have selected the candidates who will be interviewed and will then decide how many will receive a scholarship this year and the amount of each award. The applications make us laugh and cry. The stories are so diverse but the theme remains; women who have made the decision to return to school and further their education to make a difference not only in their own life but the lives of their loved ones and community. It is not easy as they have all made sacrifices of time and money to accomplish their goal. We should all feel

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Membership Corner News

Lenore Lewis

Our Elmira Corning AAUW renewal dues should be paid now. Thank you to all who have already paid your dues. If you have not yet paid your renewal dues, please make a check payable to the ELMIRA CORNING AAUW in the amount of \$73.00. Remember \$46.00 of the \$73.00 dues is now tax deductible. If you would like to save the price of a stamp, please bring your renewal check to our June Luncheon. If you are not attending the luncheon, please mail your renewal dues to our Treasurer:

Pat Stadelmaier
145 Mt. View Drive
Pine City, NY 14871

Our dues fund many AAUW projects including financing fellowships and grants to outstanding women and girls. Our dues also fund the AAUW Education Foundation which advances education and self development of women and girls. Our Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) finances challenges of sex discrimination in higher education and in the work place. As you can see, our dues are used for many AAUW purposes all of which help women and girls.

If you are looking for a gift for a graduate, why not give an AAUW Membership. Contact Lenore Lewis for more information.

Please join us for AAUW's:

Annual Meeting

Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, June 11, 2013—Social Time, 11:30 AM

Luncheon, 12:00 PM

Menu: Sandwich and Salad Buffet

Assorted salads (6)

Deli Platter and Condiment Tray

Basket of Assorted Fresh Breads and Rolls

Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea

Cookies and Brownies

Price: \$17.00, including tax and gratuity

Please send check for \$17, made out to AAUW-Elmira-Corning Branch, to:

Jan Cummings

957 Scio St.

Elmira, NY 14901

*Deadline for reservations is **May 31, 2013**. Your check, made out to **AAUW**, is your reservation!*