



# Elmira - Corning Branch News & Views

October 2013

## Janet Winfield and Joan Russen, Co-Presidents

### Calendar

Sat., Oct. 7, 2013, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library

Tues., Oct. 12, 2013, Noon - "Let's Eat Out", Turtle Leaf (David's Bridal Plaza)

Tues., Oct. 22, 2013, 6:30 pm - "Presidential Power in the Age of Shut-downs and Defaults" with Dr. Jim Twombly, Elmira College, Elmira, NY

Tues., Nov. 5, 2013 - Election Day

Sun., Nov. 17, 2013 - Silver Bowl Tea & New Member Reception, Norma Doane's, 401 Lone Pine Terrace, Elmira, NY

### Presidents' Message

We are into that busiest time of year with membership meetings, a fashion show, and the Silver Bowl Tea. We would like to make an all call to our membership. We have the fashion show and Bon-Ton booklets for fundraisers for local scholarships. What we need is a fundraiser for the spring. The last two years we have had a play and a reader's theater. Would a member please step forward to spearhead an activity for the spring? This is a great group of women. You will have all the help you need.

The second thing we need from the membership is someone to host a going to the movies night. This is to increase the social nature of our membership.

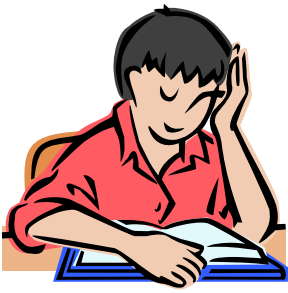
We would love to hear from you!

*Joan and Janet*

### Silver Bowl Tea

Bonnie Chollet

The Silver Bowl Tea will be held on Nov. 17 from 1-3 at Norma Doane's home in Elmira. We will have two AAUW Fellows from Cornell University. **Angela McArdle** is a Career Development Fellow studying Archeology with a special interest in the ancient culture of Meso-America. **Darcy Regan** is a selected Professions Fellow who is doing research in Chemical Engineering looking into developing sustainable food products. We will also have the winner of the Leadership Scholarship from Elmira College who will tell us about her experience this Spring. Our new members will also be welcomed on this Sunday afternoon. So please come out and learn about where our fundraising dollars are going to further young women and their educations. And bring something for the Silver Bowl!



## Books & Bites

Betty Reiter,  
Chair

At the September meeting of Books and Bites we had a great time talking about many books we had read during the summer. They included: A Chain of Thunder by Jeff Shaara, House Divided by Ben Ames Williams, W is for Wasted by Sue Grafton, Storm Clouds Rolling In by Ginny Dye, On to Richmond by Ginny Dye, Warriors: Oman of the Stars by Evin Hunter, People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks, Daughter of York by Anne Easter Smith, The Lives of Margaret Fuller by John Matteson, Margaret Sanger by John H. Baker, Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel, Slide by Jill Hathaway, The Serpent's Shadow by Rick Riordan, The Iron King by Julie Kagawa, Inferno by Dan Brown and The Human, The Orchid and the Octopus by Jacque Cousteau and Susan Schiefelbein.



Our next meeting will be on Sat. October 19 at Steele Memorial Library from 2 to 4PM. I do hope you can come.



## 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.

## Membership Corner News

Lenore Lewis

With this new year beginning, please let your friends know that our membership dues are still \$73.00 for the year with \$46.00 of that being tax deductible. The program committee has quite a good selection of programs planned for the year.

For members interested in Bridge, Our Bridge Interest Groups are well underway. The Let's Eat Out Group has met once and will meet again soon. If you are interested in joining

them, call V Nossiter at 654-7822.

We have a request for a new Interest Group. This would be a Movie Goers Group. We have a lot of theaters in our area: Elmira, Elmira Heights, Horseheads, Corning, Sayre, Ithaca, etc. This could be lots of fun for our members who like to attend movies with friends. There are matinees, weekend shows, etc. to choose from. We have the interest but what we need is a Chair Person for the Interest Group. If you would like

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## Public Policy

Polly Leveen

It is the eighth day of the Federal Government shut down. As we all know, what this has meant so much for jobs, women's health, Head Start and much more for thousands and thousands of Americans. If you are as concerned and angered as AAUW, then let your elected representative, as follows, know what you are thinking and make the government GET BACK TO WORK!

Your elected representatives:

Senator Chuck Schumer  
Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone (202)-224-6542  
Email contact page: [https://www.schumer.senate.gov/Contact/contact\\_chuck.cfm](https://www.schumer.senate.gov/Contact/contact_chuck.cfm)

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
478 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone (202)- 224-4451  
Email contact page: <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/>

Representative Tom Reed  
1504 Longworth House  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone (202)- 225-3161  
Email contact page: <https://reed.house.gov/contact-me/email-me>

The U.S. Supreme Court began a new term on Monday. There will be cases dealing with Affirmative Action, Campaign Finance, Freedom of Speech and Religion, Abortion and Presidential Power. Watch your newspaper and listen to other media.





*Elmira-Corning Branch of  
the American  
Association of  
University Women  
Presents a Fall  
Fashion Show*

*Sunday, October 27, 2013*

*Fashions by The Dress Barn*

*Riverview Holiday Inn*

*Dessert & Coffee*

*1:30 pm - 3:30 pm*

*Donation: \$10.00*

*(\$8.00 is tax deductible)*

*In Support of the AAUW  
Scholarship Fund*

*Contact Pat at  
732-0601 for tickets*



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more information about the Movie Goers Interest Groups, please contact me: Lenore Lewis at ronlen3@aol.com - subject Movie Goers Interest Group.

If you have an idea for an interest Group, please contact me at the above email address.

Membership Committee

Lenore Lewis

Barbara Friedman

Mary Ann Cleary

## October Program

“Presidential Power in the Age of  
Shutdowns and Defaults”

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013

6:30 pm meeting

7:00 pm program

Speaker:

Dr. Jim Twombly,  
Assoc. Prof. of Political Science  
Elmira College

Location:

Elmira College Hamilton Hall  
Elmira, NY

## Tell NY Legislators to Pass 10-Point Women's Equality Act

As you may know, the American Association of University Women of New York State (AAUW-NYS) teamed up with over 800 organizations across New York earlier this year to urge the state legislature to pass the 10-point Women's Equality Act (A. 8070). Included in the bill's 10 provisions are measures to achieve pay equity, and employment and lending discrimination, improve domestic violence and human trafficking protections, and ensure a woman has the right to make her own decisions about her body.

The Assembly passed the legislation - in its entirety - in June. The Senate, however, passed only 9 out of 10 points - as if to say to women across New York that they are only willing to protect nine-tenths of our lives and bodies. Thus, both chambers ended the legislative session in June, without passing this critical legislation.

But the fight is not over! We have until December 31 to urge the legislature to come back to Albany and pass this critical legislation.

Take action before its too late! Write a letter to the editor to your local newspaper, urging your state assemblyperson and senator to return to Albany to finish what they started - the pas-

sage of the full 10-point Women's Equality Act.

Why December 31? Because January 1, 2014, will be the start of a new legislative session, and all legislation that has not been passed by this date will have to begin the process all over again. If we have to start over, we will; we will not give up this fight. But it would be much easier to pick up where we left off - before the end of this session.

Use AAUW's Two-Minute Activist tool to submit a letter to the editor today! We've got sample text ready for you to use, so writing a letter to the editor has never been easier. These letters to the editor will help us put the public pressure on the State Assembly and Senate to come back to Albany and pass all 10 points of the Women's Equality Act.

Our elected officials must act now, and your letter to the editor can push them to act!

Source: AAUW-NYS Advocacy

### **Bon-Ton Community Days Booklets still available!**

Phyllis Shore

Booklets are \$5 each. AAUW keeps the entire \$5 we receive from the sale of each booklet. The Community Days Event is November 15th and 16th (Friday and Saturday). Contact Phyllis Shore, Jan Altilio, or Mary Ann Cleary for buying a book.

## “Meet the Candidates Night”

Barbara Luther

The community is invited to attend a “Meet the Candidates Night”, **Thursday, October 17, 2013** at the YWCA Elmira & the Twin Tiers, located at 211 Lake Street in Elmira, from 6:30—8:30PM.

All County candidates have been invited. The majority of this year’s elections are town offices and many are unopposed, however, the City Court Judge and the County Court Judge election

(both for 10 year terms), have more than one candidate running. We will hear from those candidates, as well as entertain questions from the floor.

The event is free, and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. The “Meet the Candidates Night”, is co-hosted by the Chemung County Council of Women, the League of Women Voters of Chemung County, the Elmira/Corning Branch NAACP, and the YWCA Elmira & the Twin Tiers.

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## Tech Trek: Coming to a Campus Near You

Alexa Silverman

In 2014, AAUW will expand our STEM-focused (science, technology, engineering, and math) summer camp program to three new college and university campuses in New Mexico, Oregon, and Alabama. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces; Tillamook Bay Community College; and the University of Alabama, Huntsville, will join universities in Florida, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Washington to host the camp in 2014 for local girls.

Tech Trek is a one-week science, technology, engineering, and math camp for rising eighth-grade girls. The program got its start 15 years ago, when AAUW of California member Marie Wolbach applied for an AAUW Community Action Grant to open a science camp for girls on the

Stanford University campus. Wolbach and AAUW of California have since expanded the program to 10 camps in California alone.

After seeing how effective the program is — alumnae are more likely than their peers to take advanced science and math classes and eventually to go to college — AAUW decided to expand the program nationwide. In 2013, Tech Trek was expanded to four states, across the country and is already changing the lives of the girls who attended.

The program puts AAUW’s Why So Few? research report into action. Tech Trek’s formula follows the report’s recommendations, introducing girls to role models and career choices and giving campers the opportunity to reside on a college campus.

Source: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)