

January 2014

Janet Winfield and Joan Russen, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Sat., Jan. 18, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Books & Bites at Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY

Weds., Feb. 5, 2014 6:30 pm - Mark Woodhouse on the Mark Twain Archive, Gannett-Tripp Library at Elmira College, Elmira, NY

Sat., Feb. 15, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Books & Bites at Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY

Weds., Mar. 5, 2014, 6:30 pm - Ginnie Lupi on the Arts Council of the Southern Tier, ARTS Office, Hawkes Bldg., Corning, NY

Weds., Mar. 19, 2014, 5:00 pm - Don Keddell on STEM (joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma), Wings of Eagles Discovery Center, Horseheads, NY

Sat., Mar. 26, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Books & Bites at Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Message

Joan and I would like to wish everyone a healthy and wealthy New Year. We would like to remind you that when the schools are closed for weather, AAUW activities will not be held. Hence, Tuesday's general membership was cancelled. Julia Lavarnway has agreed to do a play again for the spring fundraiser. We will be looking for helping hands.

Keep warm! That should be easier today.

Happy New Year,
Joan and Janet

AAUW-NYS Convention
Honors Haven Resort
Ellenville, NY
April 25-27, 2014

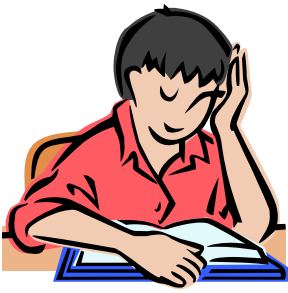
AAUW February Meeting

Barbara Luther

AAUW February meeting will be held on Wednesday February 5 at 7:00 PM in the Mark Twain Room located on the second floor of the Gannett-Tripp Library of Elmira College. Our speaker is Mark Woodhouse the Mark Twain archivist at the college. He has a vast knowledge of Mr. Clemens and we will learn a lot. The collection has some "treasures" that are rarely shown to the public so we are indeed in for a treat.

The library, if anyone needs directions, is off Fifth Street between Columbia and Davis. It's next to the big new building that looks like a chateau. The parking lot opens on to Fifth street and

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter,
Chair

At both the
Nov and Dec.

meetings of Books and Bites we talked, as always, about a wide variety of books. They included: "Bring Up the Bodies" by Hilary Mantel (Wolf Hall, Bk 2), "Peter the Revolutionary Tsar" by Peter Putnam, "A Train in Winter: An Extraordinary Story of Women, Friendship, and Resistance in Occupied France" by Caroline Moorehead, "Finding Moon" by Tony Hillerman, "Skinny Dip" by Carl Hiaasen, "The Butler" by Wil Haygood, "The White Queen" by Philippa Gregory, "The Red Queen (The Cousins' War)" by Philippa Gregory, "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor, "Takedown Twenty" by Janet Evanovich, "Critical Mass" by Sara Paretsky, "Spider Woman's Daughter" by Anne Hillerman, "A Captain's Duty" by Richard Phillips, "Marching with Caesar: Conquest of Gaul" by R. W. Peake, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown, "Laplace De La Concorde Suisse" by John McPhee, "Empty Mansions" by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr., "The Hunt for Red October" by Tom Clancy, "Dick

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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.

Public Policy Report

Polly Leveen

Educational Equity and Public Policy

Governor Cuomo delivered his fourth State of the State annual message. AAUW's policy priorities for the coming year include upgrading NY laws for women and their families, promote equality in the workplace including equal pay, provide the appropriate funding and supports to ensure that EVERY New York student receives a high quality education and much more. The Governor spoke to the inequality of school districts and its resources, among other issues. He is calling for a Bonding plan to help correct this inequality. We will try to have more information to come as to how effective the legislature is in carrying out the Governor's agenda.

The US Congress is back in session. Again, AAUW's priorities includes the following:

- ♦ Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in the House and Senate.
- ♦ Meet the needs of girls and safety of all students in the re-

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Books & Bites

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Francis's Refusal" by Felix Francis, "The First Eagle" by Tony Hillerman, and "My Beloved Brontosaurus" by Brian Switek.

Our next two meetings will be on Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Both at the Steele Memorial Library at 2PM. I do hope you can come.

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there is parking across Fifth street as well. Unfortunately, parking is a challenge sometimes. The back of the library faces the Fifth street parking lots and you'll need to walk around to the front of the building to come in; then ask at the desk on your left (Library Services) for directions. The library has an elevator.

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★	Important Notice							★	
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★	class postage rises to 49							★	
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Attention Members!

If there is an AAUW meeting scheduled for the same night as a school snow emergency (schools closed), then members should consider that the AAUW meeting has also been cancelled. Please listen for cancellation notices on your local TV and radio stations.

Public Policy Report

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authorizations of the HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, WORK-FORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT.

- ♦ Meet the needs of the workforce in expanding PAID SICK DAYS and creating a PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.
- ♦ REFORM MANY FACETS OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS, including legal status of immigration. promote policies against human trafficking, and aspects which affect safety provided in Women against Violence Act. Also provide for a long term solution for increasing our workforce in STEM by encouraging education in science, technology, engineering and math.
- ♦ Other priorities - advance equal pay, Title IX and Civil Rights enforcement.

Presently, the Senate and the House will be considering extending the Unemployment Benefits, which have ended, (for at least three months).

Save the Date!
Elmira-Corning Annual
Meeting and Luncheon
June 4, 2014
11:30 am
Elmira Country Club

From the desk of...

Melissa Jackowski
AAUW Grassroots Advocacy
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Greetings from your new Grassroots Advocacy Manager! I am excited to join the legacy and tradition of AAUW and to continue the fight for women's rights and equality. As a seasoned organizer, I hold women's issues as a passion close to my heart. The women who have put cracks in the glass ceiling have motivated me at all stages of my life – from Sally Ride when I was in third grade and wanted to be an astronaut, to Madeline Albright when I started my first political science class as a college freshman.

As I've made my journey through life, I realize how lucky I was to have a mother and grandmother who inspired me with their courage and determination. They always told me to be myself, and they were quick to encourage me when I wanted to learn something new – whether it was an astronomy camp, subscription to Popular Science, or curiosity about a career in medicine.

It is my hope that in working with AAUW I can continue to encourage this self-realization for women and girls – and together with all of you, we continue to put enough cracks in the glass ceiling until it one day has no choice but to shatter.