



Elmira - Corning Branch News & Views

February 2014

Janet Winfield and Joan Russen, Co-Presidents

Calendar

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

Mon., Apr. 7, 2014, 7:00 pm - piano concert by Mark Spicer at Park Church in Elmira, NY

Sat., Apr. 17, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Books & Bites at Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Message

It certainly has been cold and snowy! Our general membership meetings have been cancelled for both January and February. We will reschedule our speakers for the 2014-2015 AAUW year. Any time school is closed, our meeting scheduled for that day is also cancelled.

This weather is making us long for spring. Our spring fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, May 5. Julia Lavarney and her crew will be presenting a play. More on that later.

Keep warm,
Joan and Janet

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

Public Policy Report

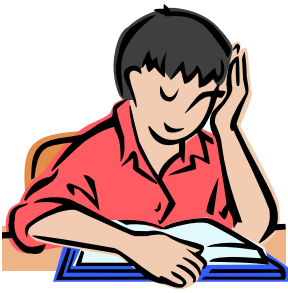
Polly Leveen

Educational Equity and Public Policy

Last week, President Obama delivered his Annual State of the Union address. Among the items he discussed were those which are AAUW priorities. Briefly, they were:

- ♦ He emphasized the disparity of income, and the difference in this income within our society.
- ♦ He also alluded to the Gender Pay Gap, which means women still earn 77 cents for each dollar earned by men. As many of you are aware, for the past five years (since the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Act) Congress has been considering the PAY-

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter,
Chair

Our January
meeting of

Books and Bites included a wide range of books we found interesting to discuss. They included: [A Stranger in Mayfair](#) by Charles Finch, [Miss Bun-
cle's Book](#) by D.E. Stevenson, [Egyptomania](#) by Bob Brier, [When Someone Dies](#) by Scott Taylor Smith, [Women of Privi-
lege](#) by Susan Gillotti, [Ser-
vants' Hall](#) by Margaret Pow-
ell, [Lincoln's Hundred Days](#) by Louis P. Masur, [Center Holds](#) by Jonathan Alter, [A Train in
Winter](#) by Carolyn Moorehead, [Local Souls](#) by Allan Gur-
ganus, [Banished Children of
Eve](#) by Peter Quinn, [So Much
Pretty](#) by Cara Hoffman, [First
to Die](#) by James Patterson, [George Washington's Secret
Six](#) by Brian Kilmead, [The
Frackers](#) by Gregory Lucker-
man and [Killing Jesus](#) by Bill O'Reilly.

I hope to see you at one of our next two meetings, Feb. 16 and Mar 16, both at 2PM at the Steele Memorial Library.

We really do have a great time talking about books.



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

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CHECK FAIRNESS ACT. This bill would expand the scope of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Equal Pay Act was intended to remedy private industry discrimination in employment, which was based on the belief that a man “because of his role in society should be paid more than a woman even though his duties were the same.” The Paycheck Fairness act tries to close the “loophole” of sex used as a reason for the differential in pay for men and women doing the same work. Under the new Act, different wage payment has to be justified by a “job-related reason, such as education, training or experience, and consistent with business needs.” The Act passed in the House of Representatives, but has failed in the Senate. It should again be introduced in Congress

- ♦ The President also talked about raising the minimum wage, starting with Federal contractors.
- ♦ Also, he discussed access to AFFORDABLE Higher Education. AAUW’s research has shown that cost impacts women.
- ♦ On Immigration reform, he called on the House to take action on legal status as well as support for a homegrown STEM workforce that includes women.

There were many more items and we will have to see how much is accomplished by Congress

MEMBERSHIP CORNER NEWS

Lenore Lewis

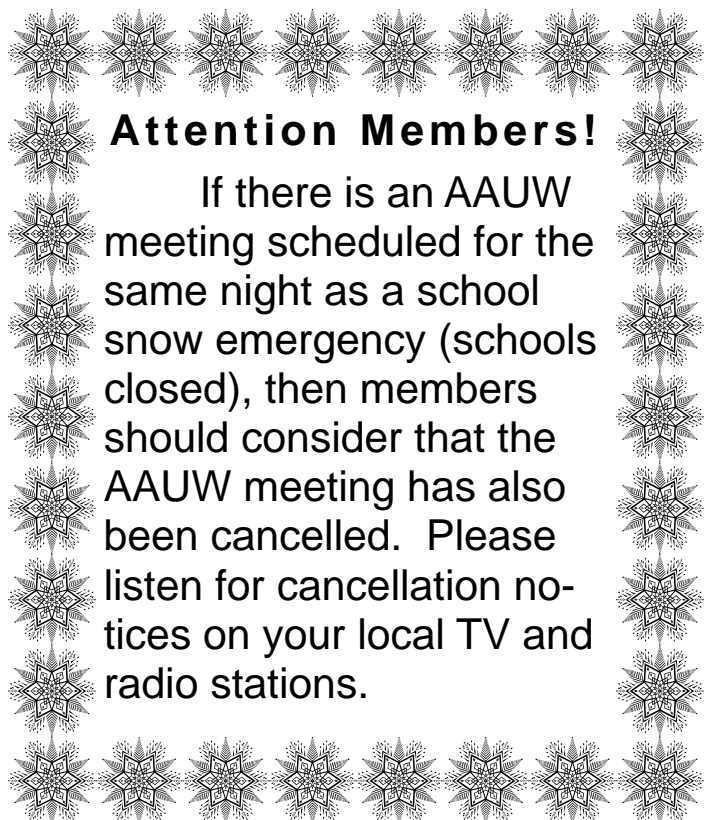
We have an AAUW Membership special for new members enabling them to join our branch from now until June for a reduced rate. If you know anyone who might like to take advantage of this, please tell them to call 739-2290 for more information. We've got a half year of good branch programs yet to come.

We are still looking for more Interest Groups to offer our members. If you would like to see an Interest Group formed, please call 739-2290.

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST MEMBER NANCY BEACH

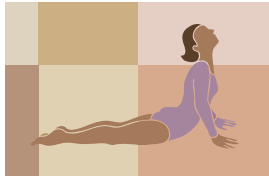
She and her husband love animals. They have a Dalmatian, three indoor cats, and two outdoor cats. They've raised five horses and still have beef cattle. They have a vegetable garden every year. They're so kind as to share

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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.

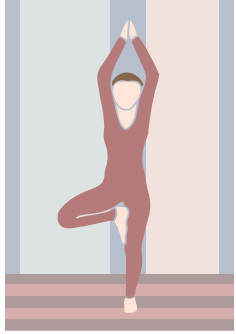


Musical Theater Ann Brouse

Do you want to experience MENOPAUSE....the Musical? This hilarious visit with four women of a certain age at a lingerie sale will be presented at the Clemens Center 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, **April 30** and Thursday, **May 1**. Tickets are **\$48** or **\$38** based on the seats desired. Groups of 10 or more get a **10% discount**.



Contact **Ann Brouse**: ag-brouse@hotmail.com or 'phone: 607-562-8986 if you'd like to be part of a group. Specify which night and which price seat you prefer.



Membership Corner News

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their fresh vegetables with family and friends. Welcome to our branch Nancy.

News from the Hospitality Committee Jan Cummings

Just a "heads up" that there will be a light supper available at our March 19th joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma. The meeting is at the Wings of Eagles, and if you wish to enjoy the supper with members of both groups, it will start at 5:00 PM. The actual meeting will follow supper. At this point we do not have any specific information about what will be served or the cost. As soon as that is available, I will get the word out to you! Bear with us, more to follow!!

Dates to Remember Barbara Luther

Tuesday March 4 at 6:30 PM the Chemung County Council of Women [of which AAUW is a member] will present their annual "Salute Your Favorite Woman in History". The event will be at the Chemung County Historical Society, 415 E Water St in Elmira. We will meet and hear from 6 women, some famous and some not so famous. This is always a fun and informative evening and is open to the public so be sure to bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday March 5 at 6:30 PM we will gather at the Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes office at 70 West Market St. in Corning [across from the Imagine That toy store], near the west end of Market St. Our speaker is Ginnie Lupi, Executive Director of the council and she will tell us "Who We Are and What We Do." Ginnie Lupi holds an MFA in painting from the University at Albany; a BS in visual art from Skidmore College, and a BA & MA from the College of Saint Rose. Ginnie joined The ARTS Council in March 2006. A working visual artist, Ginnie has a long professional history in not-for-profit organization management, grant writing and fundraising, statewide trade association leadership, and public policy analysis.

Upcoming Program....save the date:

Monday, April 7th, 7pm at the Park Church Mark Spicer will treat us to a piano concert. The concert will include works by Grieg, Beethoven, Spicer (one relatively short original composition), Debussy, Gershwin and Chopin.