

#### Janet Winfield and Joan Russen, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Sat., Mar. 15, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Books & Bites at Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, 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 Mon., Apr. 7, 2014, 7:00 pm - piano concert by Mark Spicer at Park Church in Elmira, NY

Tues., Apr. 8, 2014, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Equal Pay Day, Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY

Sat., Apr. 12, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Books & Bites at Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY

Sun., May 4, 2014, 1:30 pm - Spring Theater at the Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY

#### Presidents' Message

Happy Spring forward to everyone! Please read the newsletter carefully. There is a lot going on. We have the dinner later this month and our fundraiser in the beginning of May. Look for your tickets. They are for an entertaining play directed by Julia Lavarnway. We will need all our helpers to put on a successful event.

Keep warm, Joan and Janet



Membership Corner News Lenore Lewis

We have an AAUW Membership special for new members enabling them to join our branch from now through June of 2015 for our membership rate of \$73.00. In other words, new members can join now for 16 months for the same rate as a 12 month membership. If you know anyone who might like to take advantage of this good deal, please tell them to call 739-2290 for more information, We have a number of good branch programs, plus our June luncheon yet to come.

It is not too soon to think about sending in your RE-NEWAL DUES for the 2013 -

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**Books & Bites** Betty Reiter, Chair

Our February Books and

Bites was cancelled by Mother Nature. Hopefully she is going to behave for our next meeting. Our last three meetings for the year will be on March 15th, April 12th and May 10th. Always at 2PM in the small conference room at Steele Memorial Library. I hope to see you there at one or more of the meetings. It is always fun and interesting to hear what others are reading.

# **AAUW-NYS Convention**



Honors Haven Resort, Ellenville, NY April 25-27, 2014

On the business meeting agenda will be the election of officers for 2014-2016. The following are the candidates for each of the open offices:

- AAUW-NYS President: Edwina Frances Martin, Staten Island Branch
- AAUW-NYS Development VP: Janice Brown, Jefferson County Branch
- AAUW-NYS Program VP: Jane
  Pfeiffer Russell, Bath Branch



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.



## Norma's Nomads 2014 Trips

Japan in Depth-Cherry Blossom special March 30 - April 12

Starts in Tokyo and ends in Osaka \$4,698.00 plus air

Pigeon Forge and Smokey Mountain show Trip

Joint Meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma

Jan Cummings and Barbara Luther

STEM is an <u>acronym</u> referring to the <u>fields of study sci-</u> <u>ence</u>, <u>technology</u>, <u>engineering</u>, and <u>mathematics</u>. The term is typically used in addressing education policy and <u>curriculum</u> choices in schools from kindergarten through college to improve competitiveness in technology development.

As many of you know, AAUW will be having our annual joint meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma on March 19th, at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center. A light supper will be available to those who are interested.

Supper will be served buffet style from 5 PM to 6 PM, with the meeting to follow at 6 PM. The menu will be as follows:

Soup, salad, sandwiches, wraps, and croissants, with tur-

May 18 - May 24 Includes: bus, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, guided tour of Smokey Mountain National Park, 4 evening shows, 2 morning shows, and free time in Gatlinburg. \$595.00

National Parks of the West SEPTEMBER 17—30 14 Nights in deluxe hotels including official National Park Lodges in Yellowstone, Bryce, Zion, and Grand Canyon, 26 meals, experienced guide \$3,799.00 Plus air to Bozeman Montana.

December NYC plans incomplete Call Norma: 607-732-8853

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key, ham, or chicken waldorf salad. There will be a cookie tray, and coffee, tea, or punch. The price is \$12.95, and we will pay at the door. However, the caterer needs to know how many to expect, so please let me know by March 10th if you will be attending the supper. You can call (732-0374) or e-mail (jcummings7@stny.rr.com) to let me know. Please do not send a check to me---payment will be made that evening at the door.

We hope to see many of you there on March 19th!

## Membership Corner News

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2014 membership year. Dues are still \$73.00.

#### **Interest Groups**

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 A NEW MEM-BER NANCY BEACH

Nancy has been a teacher for forty three years then subbed for six additional years. She attended Elmira College, College of the Finger Lakes, and William and Hobart College. Nancy has lived in this area for fifty five years. She heard about our AAUW branch from Janet Winfield who told her that AAUW was a very worthwhile organization for women. (We thank Janet for sharing this with Nancy). Perhaps this is something we should think about sharing with other possible members).

Nancy belongs to the Elmira Garden Club. She's made ceramics for many years, enjoys feeding the birds, and watching the wild life on their farm. Nancy enjoys fine food as well as traveling.

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

# Quick Easy Ways to contact your elected official:

- 1. Send a three sentence note to the elected official, in an envelope. Be sure to identify yourself as a NYS Voter and an AAUW member.
- 2. Call the office and with a one to three minute message, you have prepared in advance, tell the legislative aide how you feel.
- 3. E-mail your NYS legislators at senate.state.ny.us or assembly.state.ny.us or links from the AAUW-NYS website for NYS and US elected officials.
- 4. Attend a forum and ask a question about the issue of the legislator or candidates.

Let your legislator know how you feel about an issue. Your concern is important. They have access to facts. If you want more information go to the appropriate aauw-nys webpage and/or contact Nancy Mion for additional information. Your thoughts are valuable to legislators, for one AAUW member influences at least ten other people and you VOTE. Source: http://www.aauw-nys.org

cattle. They have a vegetable garden every year. They're so kind as to share their fresh vegetables with family and friends.

Welcome to our branch Nancy.

Our newest member, Rosemary May will be introduced in our next News n Views.

Death of a branch member

On a sad note, we mourn the loss of an honorary life time member of our branch, Emily Krzesinski.

#### Emily Krzesinski (1924 - 2014)



If you've been part of Elmira-Corning branch as long as I have, you too will have been saddened to see the recent obituary of Emily Krzesinski in our local paper. Emily was an active member of our branch for many years. In fact, she was one of our rare honorary members because she had been a member of AAUW for over 50 years.

Not surprising, during those year, she assumed many responsibilities and held many offices within our branch. On two occasions, separated by about 20 years, she served as our president. I find it interesting to note that she served first as "Mrs. Edwin" and 20 years later as "Emily" – I think that reflects not only the evolution of our organization but the change in women's concept of themselves over that 20 year period.

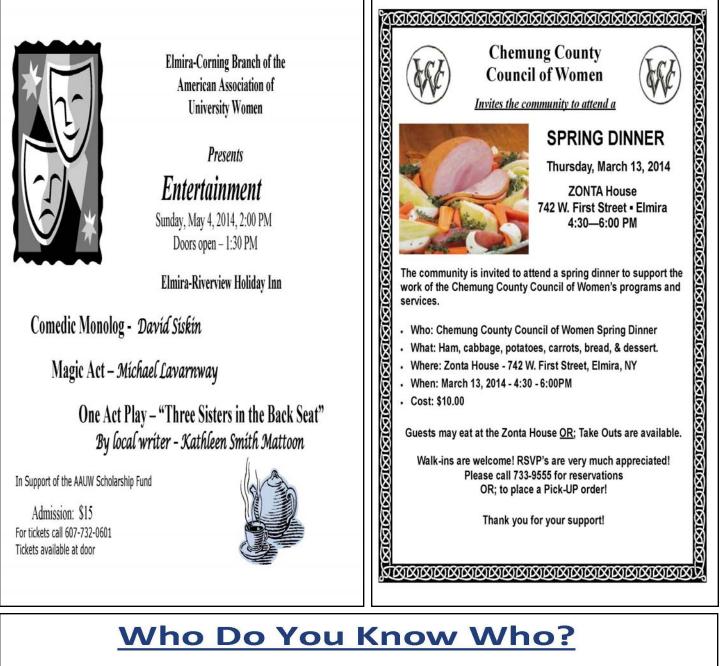
The obituary noted that Emily was once our Woman of Achievement. I do not remember the year but the occasion is clear in my mind – sitting at the AAUW table with Emily and her husband, who was also my dentist, at the downtown Holiday Inn while he ordered just the right wine to go with our meal.

Let me also note that Emily was a zealous photographer. She always brought a camera to our meetings. Her photographs are the basis for our record of those times.

But I think Emily's most important contribution to our branch occurred in the late 1980's. Like many organizations even today, members wanted the branch to continue but no one wanted to assume a position of leadership to make it possible. We even discussed how best to disband the branch but found ourselves reluctant to take that step. Emily was the driving force that kept us going.

As a result of Emily's long membership and many contributions to our organization, the Elmira-Corning Branch of AAUW will be donating \$100 to the Education Foundation in her memory.

- Nancy Spaulding



- 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 <u>Return to Learning & Zelda Sadinsky Scholarships</u> at: http://elmiracorning-ny.aauw.net/

#### AAUW Scholarshíp

-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

-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://elmiracorning-ny.aauw.net/

Awards range from \$500 - \$2000

Deadline: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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~Return to Learning Scholarship~ *and* ~Zelda Sadinsky Scholarship~