



# Elmira - Corning Branch News & Views

September 2014

## Jan Cummings and Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Co-Presidents

### Calendar

Thurs., Sept. 18, 2014, 6:30 pm - Mark Woodhouse on "The Mark Twain Archives, Gannett Tripp Library, Elmira College

Sat., Sept. 20, 2014, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2014, 6:30 pm - Prof. Sky Moss on "Issues and Answers," CCC Extension, Madison Ave., Elmira, NY

Sat., Oct. 18, 2014, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library

Sun., Oct. 19, 2014, 1:30 pm - AAUW Fashion Show, Riverview Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY

### Presidents' Message

It is time to begin yet another year for AAUW. From what I am able to calculate, it appears that this will be the start of the 104th year of this organization locally. It is my pleasure to welcome all 82 of you back and to commend you on keeping this organization a viable one! In addition, I would like to welcome our 4 new members who will be joining us.

This year the board has approved the suspension of meetings during the months of December, January, and February, and the counting of our fundraisers as membership meetings. Therefore, we will have fewer night meetings. With this said, our first membership meeting will be held on 18 September on the subject of the Mark Twain Archives. The meeting will be held at the Gannett-Tripp Library on the campus of Elmira Col-

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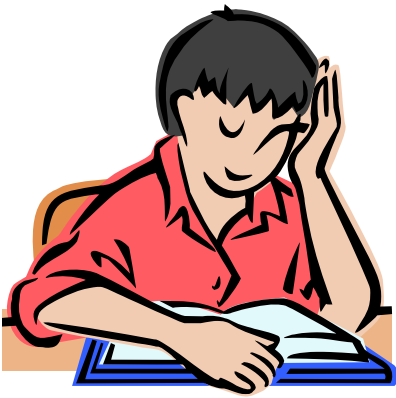
### AAUW Presents The Mark Twain Archives

**The AAUW September meeting will be held** 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.

### Mark Twain Archives

The Archive, in conjunction with the Center for Mark Twain Studies, affords scholars the uniquely rewarding experience of ready access to a collection of primary and secondary materials on Twain as well as the op-

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## Books & Bites

Betty Reiter,  
Chair

Welcome back

to fall and Books and Bites. I hope you all had time to enjoy a good book or two this summer.

Our first meeting will be Saturday September 20, 2014 from 2 to 4 PM at Steele Memorial Library in the small conference room.

Note: if you plan on going to the Octagon Fair that morning, you have plenty of time to enjoy the fair and still come and relax at the library where we can compare notes on books we enjoyed.

If you cannot make it in September, I'll look forward to seeing you on October 18th when we will meet again at Steele.

## Bridge Study Group

Pat Stadelmaier



On July 10th our AAUW Bridge Study Group in conjunction with ACBL District 4 Unit 112 held a bridge semi-

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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.

## AAUW September Meeting

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portunity to live and work in the same home, Quarry Farm, where Twain spent some of his most productive summers in the 1870s and 1880s.

In addition to various editions of Twain's work, the collection includes photographs, books from Twain's library and the library at Quarry Farm, books and articles written about him, and microfilms of letters and manuscripts from the Mark Twain collections at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley, the Mark Twain Memorial in Hartford, Vassar College and the Huntington Library. Through the generosity of friends over the years, the collection has also acquired a fine collection of Mark Twain titles in languages other than English, the Love Collection of framed photographs and autographs, correspondence between Twain and members of his Elmira circle such as E.M. VanAken, Dr. Frank Darby and Julia Jones Beecher, letters written by Twain at the end of his life and other photographs and memorabilia that add greatly to the scope and interest of the collection.

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

## Bon-Ton Community Days Fundraiser

Carolyn Clack and  
Louise O'Dell, Co-Chairs

The Fall Bon-Ton Community Days fundraiser will take place on November 14-15, 2014. We are given booklets which contain many special offers and coupons. (We have been told that there will be many fewer exemptions than there have been in the past.)

Each booklet is sold for \$5.00 and our AAUW branch (along with many other participating organizations) keeps the entire \$5.00. That is \$5.00 for every booklet we sell!

How will we realize the biggest profit from this fundraiser? Through our pulling together and each of us purchasing booklets. We are hoping that each member will buy between 2-5 booklets.

Booklets will be available

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and 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.

## Public Policy Report

Polly Leveen, Chair,  
Public Policy Committee

August 18th was the 94th Anniversary of Women's right to vote under the ratification of the 19th Amendment. It took a long time for this to happen as we know. Tuesday is Primary Day so no matter which Party, remember to get out to choose and vote for whatever candidate you want to see in the General Election on November 9. If you have moved, you **NEED TO RE-REGISTER**. You will have an opportunity to do so on September 20 at Elmira College's Octagon Fair from 10 AM to 3 PM, as we are joining with the League of Women Voters.

On October 9th, we have invited Corning Community College's Assoc. Professor Sky Moss, where he teaches American History and Government. We have asked him to give a non-partisan talk on the issues facing Congress in the coming months. The title is "Issues and Answers." His presentation will be held at Corning Community College's branch on Madison Avenue, so mark your calendar. Other news from Washington Update:

- ◆ Congress has returned from their summer vacation.
- ◆ U.S. economy, according to the Department of Labor, has added 142,000 jobs. The un-

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lege. Our Fall Gala Fashion Show, which Janet Winfield has so graciously agreed to chair, will be held on 19 October, and the Silver Bowl Tea to be held on 16 November will round out our fall meeting schedule.

Our Bon-Ton fundraiser which was started by Phyllis Shore about 5 years ago will continue under Louise O'Dell and Carolyn Clack. The coupon booklets are available at the present and 100% of the proceeds from the sale is retained by AAUW. More information and requests for assistance with in-store selling will be available at the membership meeting and/or perhaps through our phone tree.

We are fortunate to have all of our board and committee positions filled. Jan and I are grateful to all of you who have said "yes." We look forward to a wonderful and engaging year!

*Gerry*

employment rate slightly decreased to 6.1%.

- ◆ Senators are expected to consider rejecting the idea that corporations have the same rights as citizens. This might require a Constitutional Amendment added to free speech of the First Amendment. They may also be considering student loan refinancing, minimum wage, paycheck fairness, and contraceptive access legislation.

## AAUW Membership Corner News

Lenore Lewis, Barb Friedman,  
and Mary Ann Cleary  
Membership Committee

We hope you had a good summer. With our first News N Views issue for this year, we welcome five new or rejoining members to our Elmira Corning AAUW branch.. Janet Proudfoot and Joann Kowalski are both new members. Maureen Gladke, Betty McKamey, and Jean Wosinski are rejoining members to our branch/

We'll introduce Janet in this issue. Janet is a retired Elmira City School District educator. She taught in the elementary grades before becoming an Assistant Principal. She was also a Staff Developer Trainer and Supervisor of Elementary Programs. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and her Masters Degree from Elmira College.

She has lived in the Elmira area for over 35 years. Janet resides in Florida from September thru May and Elmira in the warmer months. She knew about AAUW as she was an AAUW member in Pennsylvania. Janet knows quite a few of our members including Pat Stadelmaier and Myra Stemerman.

She enjoys Golfing, Bridge, Mah Jong, boating, reading, cooking for her family and friends, traveling, volunteering in

a pre-K class, rock gardening, and going to the beaches in Florida and Ocean City, New Jersey, too. And if that's not enough, Janet also enjoys activities with her husband, Scott, their twin sons , and their five grandchildren.

Welcome Janet, we're so happy that you've taken time out of your VERY BUSY life to join us!

If you know a student or adult who would like to become a member of our branch, please direct her (or him) to our online website (<http://elmiracorning-ny.aauw.net>) or contact Lenore at 739-2290. Please become familiar with our website as it is quite informative for our members as well as for prospective members.

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## Bridge Study Group

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nar on **Learn Bridge in A Day?**® Several of our members took part and are looking forward to more opportunities to play.

Our fall study groups are now forming. Please contact Pat Stadelmaier at [pstad145@aol.com](mailto:pstad145@aol.com) to be put



on the email list of dates and topics.

# 10 Models Needed for Fall AAUW Fashion Show - October 19!!

Mary Beth Frederick

I (Mary Beth Frederick) am looking for 10 volunteers to model for our 2014 Annual Fall Fashion Show. The Fashion Show is being held at the Holiday Inn Riverside on Sunday, October 19 from 1:00 until about 3:00. The clothing is provided by Dress Barn. The money that is raised goes towards our Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are given to deserving "return to learning" applicants to help support their educational goals. This is one of the largest fundraiser that we have so we need lots of volunteers to help make it a success! This is a fun event for all!

Let me know if you are interested in modeling. Your support would mean a lot towards helping meet our goal of providing educational scholarships to women in need in our area! Call or email me (Mary Beth Frederick) if you are interested in helping out. If you have any questions about modeling, I'd be happy to answer them.

Below is an outline of what would be required if you choose to be a model.

## Details

- ◆ Dresses are offered by The Dress Barn 795-0524, Horseheads (next to Michaels/Old Navy).
- ◆ All 10 Models make their own appointment to try on clothes by calling Dress Barn. Dates to try on clothes should be made for no more than 10 days ahead of show. Clothes that are selected are held out of inventory until the day of the show which is the reason for the

10 day window. Appointments can be made with anyone at the store. Ask for someone who is familiar with the AAUW Fashion Show.

- ◆ Each model comes in and tries on 3 outfits each from Holiday, Career and Casual attire. Three outfits total, one from each type of attire, are selected to be modeled on the day of the show.
- ◆ Each model receives a Modeling Coupon for regularly priced clothing.
- ◆ Models provide their own jewelry and shoes.
- ◆ Dress Barn brings the clothing to the Holiday Inn between 12 and 12:30 the day of the show. Models arrive at 12:30 to get ready to model.
- ◆ **NOTE:** Dress Barn does not have Petite sizes but petite ladies have been able to find things in certain styles.

Thank you for your support!

## **2014-15 Directory/Handbook is Here!**

Ann Brouse

The latest AAUW Elmira-Corning Branch membership directory and handbook is now in print. They will be available at the September 18 membership meeting and program presented in the Mark Twain Archives of the Gannett-Tripp Library of Elmira College by Mark Woodhouse. Come to this unique program and be among the first to receive your copy of the directory.

## Urge Senate to Act on Equal Pay

On Wednesday, for the first time ever, the Senate voted to move forward with a debate on the stalled Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84/S. 2119). Thank you to everyone who contacted their senators in advance of this vote - we have the momentum!

This debate is long overdue. We hope Wednesday's bipartisan vote is a good-faith attempt to address an economic problem that has plagued women and their families for far too long.

Here's what comes next: Urge your senators to vote "yes" on the upcoming procedural vote to end debate and finally move to an up-or-down vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act.

AAUW members have been leading this fight since our first equal pay research in 1894, and we would like to remind Congress that equal pay has typically been bipartisan. We remember when thoughtful policy makers from both parties used to come together to develop solutions.

That's how it worked back in 1963, when the Equal Pay Act was passed. But that well-meaning law has clearly not been sufficient, nor has it been updated despite the persistent, well-documented gender pay gap that exists even between those with the same qualifications doing the same work.

The Senate needs to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to give employees the tools they need to uncover and challenge unlawful pay discrimination. Specifically, the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84/S. 2199) would require employers to

prove that pay disparity is based on a legitimate business reason not related to gender, or due to seniority, merit, or productivity. It would also prohibit retaliation against workers who discuss or ask about salary information.

Your senators need to hear from you TODAY, before the next procedural vote – take two minutes to send a message urging them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Your voices got us to this point where the Senate is finally recognizing the need to act. We hope that Wednesday's big vote in favor of debate (73-25) starts that trend and that the Senate moves to an up-or-down vote.

There's only one way to find out: Send a message to your senators today urging them to vote "yes" for an up-or-down vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act!

Go to this location on the AAUW website to send a message:

[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=11692&killorg=True](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=11692&killorg=True)

Or contact your senators at:

Sen. Chuck Schumer  
District: NYS01  
Phone:(202) 224-6542  
Fax:(202) 228-3027

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand  
District: NYS02  
Phone:(202) 224-4451  
Fax:(202) 228-0282

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## Community Days Fundraiser

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for purchasing at AAUW's September 18th Program at Elmira College. Please think about your friends/family members/co-workers who would be interested in the booklets and come prepared to pay for the booklets you will need. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, we will contact you asking for your help.

We will also have the opportunity to sell the booklets a few hours in October and November at Bon-Ton's. Then, based on how well we do in our total advanced sales by November 6th, we will be given the opportunity to sell booklets at the store during the November 14-15 Event. That is our goal!

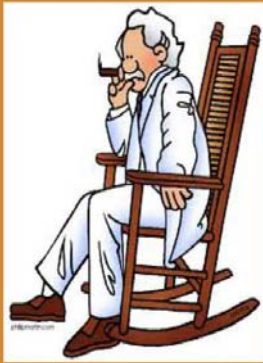
This Community Days fundraiser is one of the easiest ways to raise money we have available to us. The first time we participated, we made around \$1,000. Since then, the amount has steadily declined due to the lack of advanced sales by our members.

Let's all work together to make this fundraiser a success. Since many other groups will also be participating, it is imperative that we act quickly.

Thank you for your participation.

THE FIRST 2014-2015 ELMIRA-CORNING AAUW EVENT

"THE MARK TWAIN ARCHIVES "



DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

TIME: 6:30 PM

PRESENTER: MARK WOODHOUSE

LOCATION: GANNETT-TRIPP LIBRARY, ELMIRA COLLEGE

GUESTS WELCOME. ADMISSION IS FREE.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !

Elmira-Corning Branch of  
the American Association of  
University Women

Presents a Fall Fashion Show

Sunday, October 19, 2014

*Fashions by The Dress Barn*

Riverview Holiday Inn

Dessert & Coffee

Doors open at 1:00 pm

Show begins at 1:30 pm

Donation: \$10.00  
(\$8.00 is tax deductible)

In Support of the AAUW  
Scholarship Fund

Contact Pat at  
732-0601 for tickets

