

Jan Cummings and Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Co-Presidents

Calendar

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

Tues., Nov. 4, 2014 - Election Day

Sun. Nov. 16, 2014 - Silver Bowl Tea & New Member Reception, Norma
Doane's, 401 Lone Pine Terrace, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Message

Our 2014-2015 AAUW year is off to a great start! I was away in September, so I missed the meeting at the Mark Twain Archives at Elmira College. However, I hear that there was a good turn-out, and that it was a great meeting! Mark Woodhouse, as always, was very informative and shared lots of information on the materials in the archives. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

October promises to be another busy month for us. Members are going to be selling Bon Ton coupon booklets to friends and family, and will also be selling them at scheduled times at the Bon Ton Store. Louise O'Dell and Carolyn Clack have taken on this fundraising event, which was started by Phyllis Shore, and they have worked very hard to make

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AAUW Education Foundation

Did you know that Susan Sontag and Judith Resnick were both AAUW Fellowship recipients?

AAUW started giving out Fellowships in 1888. The first went to Ida Street for further study of the history of American Indians.

There are four types of Fellowships given out today including American, International, Career Development and Selected Professions Fellowships.



The money raised at our annual Silver Bowl Tea goes towards these Fellowships.

This year our Tea will be at

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair

Our new year started off with many interesting books we had read during the summer. The books include both fiction to nonfiction.

The books included: Water For Elephants by Sara Gruen, The Plum Tree by Ellen Marie Wiseman, The Man in the Window by Jon Cohen, The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck, The Lords of Discipline by Pat Conroy, God is an Englishmen by Deldafield, God is Liberty by Thomas S. Kid, Miss Prime Disposes by Josephine Tye, Mark and Livy by Res Willis, Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte, Failure to Quit by Howard Zinn, The Tiger's Wife by Tea O'Brent, Uncle Tom's Cabin, I Didn't Kill Jesus by Naomi Haber, Hiller's Furies by Wendy Lower, Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson, The Sign of Four by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Liner by Noel B. Gerson and Fire Flight by John J. Nance.

As I said we talked about a wide range of interesting books. Some old some new. We had a fun time. I hope to see you and hear what you are reading at our next meeting on Oct. 18th in the small conference room at Steele Memorial Library. We meet from 2 to 4 PM.



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.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program seeks volunteers

Judy Prentice

Corning, NY- The Southern Tier CA\$H program, a volunteer tax assistance program, is seeking volunteer tax preparers and receptionists/screeners for the 2015 tax filing season. Training will begin in November, and tax preparation will begin in late January 2015.

CA\$H provides free tax assistance for low-income individuals and families, at sites across Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler counties. In 2014, program volunteers completed returns for more than 5,200 individuals and families, bringing back more than \$7.5 million in returns to the community. Volunteer tax preparers must possess basic math skills, and some experience doing taxes is helpful. All preparers receive IRS training, and are required to certify with the IRS, attend site orientation, complete practice returns in the tax preparation software and do their first returns under direct supervision. The Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 protects volunteers against liability for returns prepared within their scope of IRS certification.

Volunteer receptionists/screeners must have good people skills and will receive training and orientation prior to the tax

season.

All volunteers may choose the location and hours that are most convenient for them.

Shifts are typically three to four hours, at different times of day and on different days of the week.

More information about CA\$H volunteer opportunities, including job descriptions, is available under the volunteer link at the CA\$H www.stcash.org or on the 2-1-1 Give Help site at www.211helpline.org.

Interested volunteers may sign up by following the links above or emailing CASH@STcash.org

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Norma Doane's, who has graciously agreed to host once again.

It is on November 16th and a young woman who is studying biology at Syracuse will be one of our guest speakers. Our Leadership scholarship winner will also be joining us for a most informative afternoon.

Please join us!!!

Bonnie Chollet

Education Foundation Chair

Public Policy Report

Polly Leveen, Chair,
Public Policy Committee



We registered several voters at the Elmira College Octagon Fair including one woman who had just become a citizen and seemed nervous about the procedure. However we were able to explain the form and reassure her as to the procedure. Also we passed out blank forms to people who wanted to take them home for their children. Although November is an interim House vote, several of the races are quite “hot”. Also in New York we have a Governor’s race, also “hot”, with Cuomo, the incumbent, versus Astorino. For the House of Representatives, we have Reed, the incumbent

against Martha Robertson. (hope the spelling is right). Please be sure to vote.

Check your email for information about the Candidate Forum for local candidates or call Barbara Luther.

Other AAUW news: In Sept, the Department of Labor reported that Job numbers came in better than expected with the unemployment rate decreasing and the US economy showed 248,000 Jobs.

I also have a copy of the AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record of the 113th Congress. I will have it at our meetings. If you want your own copy, send for it to VoterEd@aauw.org or www.aauwaction.org.

Registration is now open for the AAUW National Convention to be held June 18-21 in San Diego.

Meet the Candidates Night

Barbara Luther

The community is invited to attend a “Meet the Candidates Night”, Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at the YWCA Elmira & the Twin Tiers, located at 211 Lake Street in Elmira, from 6:30—8:30PM.

All candidates that are on the Chemung County ballot for the November 4, 2014 election have been invited. The majority of this year’s elections are for county representatives and many are unopposed.

We will hear from all the candi-

dates, 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.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Barbara Luther at bluther@stny.rr.com, or; 607.734.1321.

October AAUW Membership Corner News

Membership Committee

Lenore Lewis

Barb Friedman

Mary Ann Cleary

We have three new or returning members to introduce in this issue. They are Joann Kowalski who is a new member, Lee Kiesling, who has been a National AAUW member, and Maureen Gladke who is a returning member.

Joann Kowalski

Joann says she is a life-long learner. She currently works at Elmira College in the Office of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies as the Director of Recruitment and Programs. Her office works with the non-traditional student who wants to attend college for undergraduate and graduate degrees. Joann travels quite a bit to Recruitment Fairs throughout the state. She also coordinates non-degree certificate programs for professional development. Previously Joann worked at Corning Community College as the Director of Community Education and lived in Corning. Prior to this, she worked in Pennsylvania with the Penn State Cooperative Extension as a community development educator. Tennis, traveling, reading, walking with her dog, Sadie, and exploring the Finger Lakes area are some of her favorite activities. Joann is active

in the community as a board member of the Community Dispute Resolution Center (CDRC) and a member of the volunteer committee of the Fund for Women. Joann, we're happy that you have taken some time out of your busy schedule to join our branch. Welcome to our branch.

Lee Kiesling

Lee is a retired public librarian. She's a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Missouri. Lee has lived in our area since 1999. She knows some of our members including Polly Leveen and Alta Stevenson. She's been a member of the National AAUW but never a local branch. She enjoys reading, gardening, and political issues. Lee was born in Ithaca and grew up there. She said that no one asked her to join our local branch until now. She spent 30 years as a Librarian in St. Louis. Lee chose to move back here for her retirement. She likes to travel both locally as well as within New York State. We're happy Lee has moved back to our area and has chosen to join our local AAUW branch. Lee, welcome to our branch.

Maureen Gladke

Maureen was unable to join us for a few years. For those who are new to our

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branch, Maureen taught Elementary School grades in School Districts in Colorado and New Mexico before coming to the Elmira City School District several years ago. She taught for a total of 37 years among all three states. Today, Maureen still has her hands in education as she volunteers through the AOMC to teach Pre-K and K grades about poison prevention. She says, "teaching poison prevention to these grades is a lot of fun and I get my fix of the bright and new minds!" When not working with poison prevention, Maureen is very busy with many interests. She enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, traveling, watching sports, walking, participating in aqua therapy at the AOMC pool, being at Keuka Lake, visiting friends, making new friends, learning beginning crocheting, and when she has time, she just likes to relax, too! She says she is glad to be back with our branch. Welcome back Maureen.

Joining Our Branch

If you know someone who would like to join or rejoin our branch, please direct them to our website: <http://elmiracorning-ny.aauw.net>. Perhaps you know someone who is a National AAUW member, please encourage her to join our branch, too. Anyone can learn more about our

branch by going on to our excellent website. Membership is still \$73.00 with \$46.00 being tax deductible. Those who are already National AAUW members would pay less as they have already paid for their National dues.

It's not too early to think about Christmas gifts. An Elmira Corning AAUW membership would make an excellent Christmas gift for someone.

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sure it will continue to be successful. We hope you will support this fundraiser as generously as you have in the past.

Plans are well underway for our Fall Fashion Show at the Holiday Inn. The date is October 19th, and doors will open at 1:00 PM. Models are in the process of choosing outfits, baskets and gifts are being prepared, tickets are being sold, and we're all looking forward to a wonderful afternoon. Many thanks to Janet Winfield for heading up the committee to plan this special event!

By the time you read this, many of us will have attended our October Membership Meeting with Sky Moss as our speaker. Sky is a native Elmiran and an Assistant Professor of History and Government at Corning Community College. His topic will be Current Issues and Answers. This is Sky's

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second presentation for our group, and given the quality of the first one, we are sure this will be a great evening for all of us!

We hope many of you will be enjoying these wonderful events during the month of October, and when November comes, we have our annual Silver Bowl Tea and New Member Reception to look forward to. That date is November 16th, and, as always, Bonnie Chollet has secured an inspiring speaker for us. We will gather at Norma Doane's house that afternoon. It is always a very enjoyable and informative event, so please put it on your November calendars now!

- Jan

Bonton Community Days Fundraiser

Date: November 14th and
15th

Coupon Booklets: \$5

Our goal: \$1,000

Please help AAUW by selling booklets to your family and friends.

Contact Carolyn Clack or
Louise O'Dell for booklets.

Thank you!

What is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)?

NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want.

As America's premier conference for college women, the conference provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. Each attendee becomes a part of the 29-year legacy of the conference.

Join AAUW and NASPA as we host the nearly 1,000 college women from every state and from around the world, from May 28–30, 2015, at the University of Maryland, College Park.

At this two and a half day conference, students:

- ♦ Choose from more than 50 workshops that prepare them for life after college.
- ♦ Meet incredible role models including Women of Distinction awardees and speakers.
- ♦ Make connections for life.
- ♦ Discover their future from more than eighty graduate schools and employers, and
- ♦ Gain the confidence and skills to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action.

Source: <http://www.nccwsl.org/about/>

How to Spot an Email Hoax

From Urban Legends: Without researching the factual claims made in a forwarded email there's no sure way to tell if it's a hoax, but here you'll find common signs to watch for:

- ♦ Note whether the text was actually written by the person who sent it to you. If not, be skeptical.
- ♦ Look for the telltale phrase, "Forward this to everyone you know."
- ♦ Look for statements like "This is not a hoax" or "This is not an urban legend." They usually mean the opposite of what they say.
- ♦ Look for overly emphatic language, the frequent use of UPPERCASE LETTERS and multiple exclamation points!!!!!! If the message seems geared more to persuade than to inform, be suspicious. Hoaxers are out to push emotional buttons.
- ♦ If the message purports to give you extremely important information that you've never heard of before or seen elsewhere in legitimate venues, be suspicious.
- ♦ Read carefully and think critically about what the message says, looking for logical inconsistencies, violations of common sense and obviously false claims.
- ♦ Look for subtle or not-so-subtle jokes, indications that

the author is pulling your leg.

- ♦ Check for references to outside sources. Hoaxes will not typically name any, nor link to Websites with corroborating information.
- ♦ Check to see if the message has been debunked by Websites that cover Internet hoaxes (see below).
- ♦ **If you can't verify the facts, don't forward the message!**

Source: http://www.aauw-nys.org/comm_technology.htm

Time to hear from the experts - and let them hear from you!

You're invited to AAUW-NYS' District 2 Conference: "New York State Common Core Check-up: Year Two" in Rochester. This event is being hosted by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of New York's Fairport Area Branch and Greater Rochester Area Branch.

WHAT: "New York State Common Core Check-up: Year Two"

WHEN: Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Perkins Mansion, 494 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14607

Who: Faculty and Administration from Rochester Area Schools

This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Cost is \$30 per person, including a catered lunch. Space is limited. Registration ends October 13 - your registration will be completed upon receipt of payment.

Contact: Ana DeTomaso, ade-tomaso@aauw-rochester.org or 585-244-8890 ext.2 with questions.