



Elmira - Corning Branch

News & Views

empowering women since 1881

November 2014

Jan Cummings and Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Sat., Nov. 15, 2014, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library
Sun., Nov. 16, 2014, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Silver Bowl Tea & New Member Reception, Norma Doane's, 401 Lone Pine Terrace, Elmira, NY

December/January/February - No General Meetings/Programs

Sat., Dec. 20, 2014, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library
Tues., March 3, 2015 - "Salute Your Favorite Woman in History," sponsored by Chemung County Council of Women
Wed., March 18, 2015 - Physical Therapy Issues for Women, Jennifer McKenzie, location T/B/A

Presidents' Message

It's November already!

November is an important month for AAUW. Friday, November 28th, marks the 133rd anniversary of AAUW. Since 1881, AAUW has been empowering women.

Further, as the AAUW's Value Promise states in A Member's Guide to AAUW, "by joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

In fulfilling this promise, this month our branch will empower local women through its fundraising endeavors. The Annual Silver Bowl Tea and New Member Reception will be held on Sunday, November 16. The proceeds from the Tea will be used to help fund

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AAUW Fashion Show - Fall 2014

Back - l to r: Mary Beth Frederick, Joan Russen, Kate Douglas, Louise O'Dell, Mary Jane Paternoster, Dori Fulk, Rosemary Kolynich

Front - l to r: Julia Lavarney, Martha King

Congratulations!

AAUW Member Clare Bonnie Chollet won a seat on the Chemung County Library District Board of Trustees in the 2014 General Elections.

Betty Reiter, Chair

I hope to see you all at one or more of these Saturday meetings in the small conference room at Steele Memorial Library from 2-4 PM.



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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.

Fashion Show Thank You Janet Winfield

You are all the greatest! You really pull together nicely. It was a successful fashion show and fund raiser for our scholarship recipients. A big thank you to all but especially to our helpers; our moderators Miriam Smith and Pat Stadelmaier, our decorator Ann Brouse, our cake retriever, model solicitor, and jack-of-all-trades Mary Beth Frederick, our basket makers Carol Manning, Jan Altilio, June Ford, Sylvia Murray, Carolyn Clack, Jan Cummings, JoAnne Krolak, Lenore Lewis, Louise O'Dell, Joan Russen, Barb Luther and door prizes from Ann Brouse, Gerry Wolfe and JoAnne Krolak. Pat S. always does a super job with the mailings and as money manager.

A big thank you to Diane Woodhouse for her lovely framed painting donation. It was beautiful. We all wanted it. Our ticket takers are dutiful at every fashion show. Thanks to Nancy Spaulding and Betty Reiter. June Ford and Sylvia Murray sold basket tickets. Please note our ten brave models who stepped forward. Their names and photograph are in the newsletter.

It all works because of YOU. Please forgive any name I might have forgotten to mention and know that you are thanked and appreciated.



Silver Bowl Tea
November 16th
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Norma Doane's home
401 Lone Pine Rd.
Elmira, NY 14905

Come and welcome our
new members

AND a recipient of our Silver Bowl scholarship monies, Liz Droge, an AAUW American Fellow from Syracuse University will present a program on her work in biology on reproduction issues. As an undergraduate she also studied theatre arts, so this ought to be a most interesting presentation. The Elmira College winner of our Leadership Scholarship will also be telling us about her time at the conference last Spring. This is a favorite program of many of our members and a wonderful time to meet and greet some talented young women who benefit from our fundraisers. Plus there is always an incredible selection of treats to savor while talking with long time and new friends.

See you there: the Silver Bowl awaits!

- Bonnie Chollet

AAUW-Supported Ballot Initiatives Win in Several States

On Election Day, AAUW's and friends' voices were heard loud and clear on ballot initiatives, thanks in large part to the hard work of AAUW members and leaders in these states. All of the AAUW-supported minimum wage referendums on the ballot passed by significant margins in Alaska, Arkansas, Nebraska, and South

Dakota, plus a non-binding measure passed in Illinois. Voters defeated personhood amendments in Colorado and North Dakota, but unfortunately a Tennessee ballot initiative was approved that will give state lawmakers more power to restrict and regulate abortion. Oregon passed a state version of the Equal Rights Amendment, and voters in Massachusetts, Oakland (CA), and Montclair and Trenton (NJ) passed ballot initiatives guaranteeing paid sick days to more workers. These results will positively affect women and families nationwide, we hope they encourage branches to expand state and municipal advocacy efforts.

Source: AAUW Washington Update

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scholarships for deserving women. In addition, November 14 and 15 have been set aside for the Bonton fundraiser sale, proceeds from which also will be directed toward scholarships to support women who are seeking to improve their lives and careers through education. More detailed information will be provided in this Newsletter regarding both of these events, along with information re: the Annual Fashion Show held in October.

Since no meetings will be held in December, January, or February, as previously noted, this will be our last Newsletter until March. Accordingly, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and those who share special places in your lives a Happy Thanksgiving, along with a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and/or a Happy Kwanzaa. May each of you have a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Warm wishes!
Gerry

Reminder

The Bonton Community Days Fundraiser will be held on November 14th and 15th. Time to shop with your coupon booklet!

Thank you to the 45 AAUW members who have purchased at least one coupon booklet.

For those of you who still wish to take part in this fundraiser, please call Louise O'Dell at 734-2648. She will be happy to deliver a booklet or booklets to your home.