



Elmira - Corning Branch News & Views

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March 2015

Jan Cummings and Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Co-Presidents

Calendar

- Wed., March 18, 2015, 6:30 pm - Physical Therapy Issues for Women, Jennifer McKenzie, Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY
- Sat., March 21, 2015, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library
- Thurs., March 26, 2015 - Women of Achievement Dinner, sponsored by Chemung Co. Council of Women, Downtown Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY
- Sat., April 6, 2015, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library
- Thurs., April 9, 2015, 4:00 pm - Bonnie Chollet on Myanmar (formerly Burma), Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY
- Sat., April 18, 2015, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library
- Sat., May 4, 2015, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library
- Sun., May 17, 2014, 1:30 pm - Spring Theater at the Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Message

The arrival of Daylight Savings time signifies that spring is just around the corner. This year it also reminds us that our period of winter "hibernation" is over and announces our revitalization and renewed commitment to programs and events, beginning with the March calendar. Further, the time change ushers in spring dinners and conferences, during which we recognize and honor those who have been faithful to our branch.

On March 26, the Chemung County Council of Women will honor women who are or have been active in their organizations and who take on many volunteer activities in the commu-

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Bon-Ton Community Days Event

We are very pleased to report that a grand total of \$1,983.24 was raised through our participation in the Bon-Ton Community Days fundraiser in November. (Our membership raised \$1,435 and we received a bonus check of \$548.24 from Bon-Ton for participating.)

Thank-you to each and every one of you who helped in this endeavor by selling the booklets. A special thank you goes to the following people who spent time selling booklets at Bon-Ton's - Julie Biviano, Jan Cummings, June Ford,

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair

Books and Bites continued during the winter which enabled us to keep in touch on books we enjoyed reading or might want to read.

A sampling of the many books includes: [A Stranger in Mayfair](#) by Charles Finch, [Miss Buncle's Book](#) by D.E. Stevenson, [Servants' Hall](#) by Margaret Powell, [A Train in Winter](#) by Carolyn Moorehead, [Bones of the Lost](#) by Kathy Reich, [The Black Arrow](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson, [Dick Francis's Damage](#) by Felix Francis, [The Midwife's Here!](#) by Linda Fairly, [Jane Austen and Her World](#) by Ivor Brown, [The Murder Room](#) by Michael Capuzzo, [When Someone Dies](#) by Scott Taylor Smith, [Women of Privilege](#) by Susen Gillotti, [Lincoln's Hundred Days](#) by Louis P. Masur, and [George Washington's Secret Six](#) by Brian Kilmead.

Our next two meetings will be on March 21 and April 18 in the small conference room at Steele Memorial Library from 2 to 4 pm. I do so hope you can find time in your busy schedule to come, relax and talk about books.

Save the Date!

Jewish Food Festival
Congregation Kol Ami
April 19, 2015

Contact Liz Walton
(lwalton@stny.rr.com) for tickets, which are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.



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.

Oral Arguments in King v. Burwell Begin at the Supreme Court

On Wednesday, March 4th, AAUW joined allies at a rally outside the Supreme Court as the justices heard oral arguments in King v. Burwell. The question in this case is whether the federal government was able to issue tax credits to millions of Americans who purchased health insurance in states where the federal government is running the health exchange. The plaintiffs argue that the language in the Affordable Care Act stipulates that only those who are enrolled in state-run health exchanges are eligible for tax credits. The Supreme Court's decision, expected in June, could determine whether millions of Americans who cannot afford health insurance without these subsidies will be able to continue to access health care. AAUW joined 67 other organizations in submitting an amicus brief arguing that tax credits should be available in all exchanges, noting that a decision restricting the tax credits to state-run exchanges would have significant implications for women's health and financial standing, as well as the health and well-being of their families.

Source: AAUW Washington Update

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Barb Friedman, Julie Lavarney, Phyllis Shore, Miriam Smith, and Diane Wilbur.

Our Scholarship Fund is \$1,983.24 richer, thanks to you!

Carolyn Clack, Louise O'Dell - Co-Chairmen

Slate of Officers/Committees 2015 - 2016

Co-Presidents

Dr. Geraldine Wolfe (2 yr.
Term: 2014-2016)
Barbara Luther

Co-Secretaries

Diane Wilbur
Louise O'Dell

Treasurer

Patricia Stadelmaier

Program Committee

Julie Biviano
Joy Perry
Diane Woodhouse
Jan Altilio

Membership

Lenore Lewis
Barbara Friedman
Maureen Gladke

Nominating Committee

Joan Russen
June Ford

Membership Corner News AAUW Membership Renewal Time

It isn't too early to be thinking about our 2015 - 2016 Membership renewals! Our Membership fee is \$73.00. Your renewal can be paid at any time now. If you know anyone who might be thinking about joining our branch, now is the time. For possible members, we offer a Membership Special now which includes the membership for March, April, May, and June of this year as well as the total membership for 2015 - 2016. In other words, their membership fee now would give them these coming four months free with their dues payment for next year.

This is a good deal. If you are interested in this promotion, call Lenore Lewis at 739-2290.

INTRODUCTION OF A REJOINING MEMBER

Betty McKamey has recently rejoined our branch. For those members who are new, Betty taught in the Elmira City School District for 34 years. She taught Kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade, but she mainly taught first and second grades. She says she loved teaching and seeing children "catch the wonder of learning". She also worked at St Joseph's Hospital as a Cytotechnologist (a technologist who studies cells and

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AAUW Scholarship

- ~ Women at least 24 years of age and continuing her education after a significant interruption.
- ~ Applicant must have plans to further her education at the next level if she is within one semester of graduation.
- ~ 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 to further 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.
- ~ Application must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours at the undergraduate level.
- ~ 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 to \$2,000

Deadline: April 17, 2015

American Association of University Women

- ~ Return to Learning Scholarship ~
- ~ Zelda Sadinsky Scholarship ~
- ~ Polly Leveen Scholarship ~

2015 Woman of Achievement Dinner

The dinner, hosted by the Chemung County Council of Women, honors women of achievement for 2015. It will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the downtown Holiday Inn Express. Registration will begin at 6:00, for those who have not taken advantage of early registration, and dinner will be served at 6:45, followed by the program. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00.

The featured speaker for the program will be Elmira musician, Carrie Hooper, speaking on "Living With Blindness."

Early registration may take place until March 13th, by either emailing Barb Luther or Nancy Hooper at nhooper18520@yahoo.com. Please be sure to include your choice of entree: Pot Roast, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Vegetarian.

Should you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact Barb.

March 18, 2015
Physical Therapy Issues for Women
Jennifer McKenzie
Steele Memorial Library
Elmira, NY
6:30 pm

Membership Corner News

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cellular anomalies). Betty was pleased that she continued to receive our News & Views Newsletter during the time when she couldn't participate with our group - this enabled her to keep up with our events. She loves being a grandmother. Betty says, "what a blessing, being a Grandmother of 6 is". Five of her grandchildren live in the area but one lives in Philadelphia. Betty enjoys being a busy Grandma most of all, but she makes sure she saves some time to devote to reading, especially reading non fiction literature. Among her reading favorites is reading about the history of the Judaic Christian religion. She also saves time for traveling, singing with Common Time and her church Choir, and serving at the Pennsylvania Avenue United Methodist Church. Betty, welcome back and we're happy that you have made some time in your busy schedule for us.

Membership Committee
Lenore Lewis
Barb Friedman
Maureen Gladke

Presidents' Message

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nity. I am pleased to announce that our AAUW honoree is our past co-president, Janet Winfield. Janet served the branch faithfully, exceeding the required minimum time commitment of one, two year term as co-president, by serving three consecutive two year terms. Over the years, as co-president, she hosted the Silver Bowl Tea and chaired the Annual Fashion Show, both significant fundraisers for our scholarships. She was present at all monthly meetings and almost all board meetings. Janet is truly worthy of the honor. Details of the event may be found on the Calendar of Events found in this newsletter.

The 2015 AAUW New York State Conference will be held April 17-19 this year on Grand Island. At this event, the 2015 AAUW-NYS Emerging Leader Awards will be announced. I am proud to announce that Louise O'Dell has been selected by our branch to receive this award. In my nomination for her, I wrote: "This year, we have had difficulty finding a volunteer to chair our annual Bon-Ton fundraiser. Louise O'Dell stepped up to the plate and agreed to assume the role as co-chair. The fundraiser was our most successful ever, raising close to \$2,000. Ms. O'Dell, in

spite of her involvement with the Bon-Ton fundraiser, graciously volunteered to serve as a model in our Fall Fashion show fundraiser for scholarships. Ms. O'Dell agreed to chair the Nominating Committee this year. The committee has now already selected all of the officers for next year. As a member of the Nominating Committee, she has also been an active member of the Board of Directors. Finally, she has agreed to be one of the co-secretaries of the branch next year." She will be recognized, along with all of the emerging leaders from other branches, on the AAUW-NYS website.

Please join Jan and me in offering our heartfelt thanks and heartiest congratulations to both Janet and Louise for their tireless dedication and devotion to the Elmira-Corning branch of AAUW.

Gerry & Jan

2015 NYS AAUW Convention
April 17-19, 2015
Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa
Grand Island, NY



*"AAUW Leading The Way:
Women Leadership in the 21st
Century"*

AAUW and Lockheed Martin to Expand National STEM Program for Girls

WASHINGTON – The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has collaborated with Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] to expand a national program for middle school girls interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Lockheed Martin has awarded AAUW a \$90,400 grant to support the organization's successful Tech Trek program, which is designed to boost girls' interest, excitement, and self-confidence in STEM. The grant will help more than 1,600 rising

eight-grade girls attend 21 Tech Trek camps next summer at college campuses throughout the nation.

As a part of the collaboration, Lockheed Martin employees will also mentor program participants at camps held at the University of Alabama, Huntsville; Stanford University; and Richard Stockton College. By creating opportunities for girls to meet and work with STEM professionals, Tech Trek will introduce students to strong role models who have achieved professional success in STEM careers.

"We are pleased to join AAUW's efforts to change the face of STEM," said Lockheed Martin Director of Corporate Community Relations Emily Simone. "True innovation happens when everyone is engaged, so we are excited to work with an organization that has such a rich history of getting women excited in pursuing STEM education and careers."

"We are thrilled to have Lockheed Martin help us encourage girls to follow their passion for STEM learning," said AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Too many girls still hear the tired stereotypes about women in STEM — particularly about their math capabilities. It's time to erase those notions. Today's middle school girls will be tomorrow's innovators and problem solvers, and Tech Trek provides them with the sense of empowerment they need to succeed in STEM fields."

Source: www.aauw.org

April Program

Bonnie Chollet

Come learn about the Land of Contradictions, otherwise known as Myanmar or Burma. A fascinating country with 100s of ethnic groups, thousands of beautiful and ancient pagodas on the plains of Bagan, the second most repressive regime just five years ago, but now opening up to tourism and industry and media. See the splendor of more gold leaf than you have ever seen, and learn about the borderlands where conflict reigns. You will also see floating gardens and so many smiling faces. Come join AAUW on April 9th at 4 p.m. at the Steele Memorial Library. See you soon!



ANNOUNCING
THE ANNUAL

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL!

Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 West Water Street, Elmira

Sunday, April 19, from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Additional seating available this year.

A trip back in time to the gastronomic delights
of the Lower East Side of New York City

LISTEN TO MESMERIZING KLEZMER MUSIC, PERFORMED WITHOUT A MESMERIZER!
PLUS: RAFFLES AND A TCHOTCHKE SHOP FEATURING TREASURES AT OLD-FASHIONED PRICES

DELICATESSEN

KOSHER CORNED BEEF AND PASTRAMI SANDWICHES.
POTATO KNISHES AND KOSHER HOT DOGS
DELECTABLE CHOPPED LIVER AND STUFFED CABBAGE!

SOUPS AND HOT DISHES

CHICKEN SOUP WITH MATZO BALLS AND MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP
STUFFED CABBAGE

DAIRY

POTATO LATKES WITH HOMEMADE APPLE SAUCE
NOODLE KUGEL AND CHEESE BLINTZES
GEFILTE FISH AND SMOKED WHITEFISH

ISRAELI FAST FOOD

(A QUICK TRIP FROM THE LOWER EAST SIDE TO TEL AVIV)
FALAFEL, ISRAELI SALADS, BOUREKAS

BAKERY

ORIGINAL HOMEMADE RECIPES
RUGELAH, MANDELBROT, AND BAKLAVA
HAMANTASHEN, CHALLAH, BABKA, AND MACAROONS

BEVERAGES

EGG CREAMS MADE TO ORDER AND A WIDE VARIETY OF DR. BROWN'S SODAS
COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE IN THE BAKERY

Admission: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Includes \$3 in food tickets.

Children under 13 admitted free with an adult.

Such a deal!

Tickets available at Congregation Kol Ami, the Jewish Center and Federation,
Cappy's in Elmira, and Glass Menagerie in Corning, or call (607) 734-8122.

BRING YOUR APPETITES!