



Elmira - Corning Branch News & Views

May 2015

Jan Cummings and Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Sat., May 16, 2015, 2:00 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Memorial Library

Thurs., May 21, 2015, 4:00-5:00 pm - "What is STEM? presented by
CW Turner at Steele Memorial Library

**Mon., June 1, 2015 - Deadline for reservations for Annual
Meeting & Spring Luncheon**

Weds., June 10, 2015 - Annual Meeting & Spring Luncheon, Elmira
Country Club, Elmira, NY

Presidents' Message

The AAUW year is rapidly coming to a close, as evidenced by the fact that we are less than a month away for our Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon which will be held on June 10, 2015 at the Elmira Country Club, starting at noon. For further details and a look at the menu, please see the flyer that is enclosed in this newsletter. Remember that June 1st is the deadline for submitting your reservation. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Another reminder of year's end and the approaching summer months, is the 2015 AAUW Day at Chautauqua. This year the event will be held on Thursday, July 9th at the Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY from 9:15 A.M. to 8:15 P.M. \$62.50

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER NEWS

Its hard to believe that spring is finally here and we are thinking of sending in our renewal checks for 2015 - 2016. You can send your renewal dues of \$73.00 to Pat Stadelmaier at any time now. In fact, you can take your AAUW renewal check to our May meeting or June Luncheon and save a stamp! (Remember \$46.00 of our dues are tax deductible).

This is the time of year when family members and friends look for great graduation gifts for their favorite grads. Our AAUW "GIVE A GRAD A GIFT PROGRAM" makes a perfect graduation gift for your grad. This membership is free to the student with no cost to

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair



The April meeting of Books and Bites included the following interesting books: Of Windmills and War by Diane Woody, A Death on Crooked Lake by Robert W. Gregg, The Plays of Oscar Wilde, White Gold by Gills Milton, Village of Secrets by Caroline Moorehead, 1177 BC- The Year Civilization Collapsed by Eric H. Cline, Vulcan's Heart by Josepha Sherman and Susan Schwartz, Let Sleeping Dogs Lie by Rita Mae Brown, The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado, and The Surrogate Thief by Archer Mayor.

If you not been able to make any of the meetings this year, I hope you will consider doing so next year. The schedule will be announced in the fall. Meanwhile, have a wonderful summer and enjoy reading under the nearest shade tree.

Membership Corner News

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the student or you. Call Lenore Lewis at 739-2290 for more details.

Membership Committee
Lenore Lewis
Barb Friedman
Maureen Gladke



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.

Tell Your Representative: Co-sponsor STEM Gateways Today

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that by 2020, over 9.2 million jobs will be in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Approximately 4.6 million of those jobs will be in computing or information technology. The high demand for the services provided by this industry has created a large number of fast-growing and high-paying IT jobs but fail include a substantial number of women.

That's why we need your help to take action to create gateways and broaden opportunities for women and minorities in STEM.

The STEM Gateways Act (S.1183/H.R.840) takes substantive steps towards engaging the full participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields by creating competitive grants to local education agencies at the elementary and secondary levels to improve access to opportunities in STEM fields.

We must increase America's competitiveness by reducing barriers that deter girls, underrepresented minorities, and individuals from all economic backgrounds from pursuing

academic and career goals in STEM fields. The STEM Gateways Act is that critical step to begin preparing the next generation of STEM professionals.

Take action and urge your Member of Congress to co-sponsor the STEM Gateways Act today!

Source: AAUW Action Network

Members of Congress

Sen. Charles Schumer (D., NY)
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New York, NY 10017
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Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D., NY)
780 Third Avenue
Suite 2601
New York, New York 10017
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Rep. Tom Reed (R., 23-NY)
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Corning, NY 14830
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Public Policy News in New York State

The League of Women Voters has produced a bulletin outlining the progress of the NYS Legislature in addressing women's issues this term.

Both the Senate and the Assembly have passed A506 (Paulin) / S007 (Lanza), anti-human trafficking legislation earlier this session.

Both the Senate and Assembly passed A6075 (Titus) / S1 (Savino), which prohibits differential pay because of sex; A.5360 (Galef) / S.2 (Valesky), which extends the law against sexual harassment to all workplaces; and A.4272 (Gunther) / S.8 (Hannon), concerning reasonable accommodations for pregnancy-related conditions.

The Assembly has passed A.6221 (Glick) / S.4432 (Stewart-Cousins), the Reproductive Health Act; and A.3870 (Nolan) / S.3004 (Addabbo) the Paid Family Leave Act, and A.6183 (Russell) / (no same as), which prohibits employers from denying work or promotions because of familial status. So far, the State Senate has not passed these bills.

The Senate has passed S.5 (Robach) / (No Assembly companion): An act to amend the real property law and the real property actions and proceedings law, in relation to prohibiting discrimination in housing based

upon domestic violence status and establishing a task force to study the impact of source of income on access to housing.

So far, I have been unable to determine with of these bills has seen further progress or has been signed by Governor Cuomo.

Do you know where your Senator or Assemblyperson stands on these pieces of legislation? Contact the following:

State Senate:

Thomas O'Mara (58th Dist.)
333 E. Water St., 3rd floor
Ste. 301
Elmira, NY 14902
(607) 75-9671

State Assembly:

Christopher Friend (124th Dist.)
476 Maple St.
Big Flats, NY 14814
(607) 562-3602

Philip Palmesano (132nd Dist.)
105 E. Steuben St.
Bath, NY 14810
(607) 776-9691

Bill Nojay (133rd Dist.)
3011 Rochester Rd.
Lakeville, NY 14480
(585) 346-0002

Don't see your representative on this list? The NYS Assembly home page has a search function. Go to <http://assembly.state.ny.us/> and type in your info (city, zip-code, etc.)

Presidents' Message

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per person includes lunch. For reservations and to find a schedule, go to www.ciweb.org.

Our last membership meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 4-5 at Steele on the topic of STEM. AAUW NYS received an Impact Grant this year from National for STEM and Common Core (Education). Each branch was encouraged to submit the name of a STEM chair who can obtain information about programs and resources that are being offered in all states and which are available to the branches. Only a few branches had appointed someone to this position. I am pleased to announce that our STEM chair is Carol Witkowski-Turner ("CW"). CW has been extensively involved in the organization of annual STEM, as well as STEAHM activities/workshops both for Corning Community College and The YWCA of Elmira Corning Middle School Girls' Conference. In line with the requirement that each branch host a public branch meeting/information forum on STEM, CW will be providing this presentation on May 21st at Steele. Thank you CW for volunteering to assume this role!

Lastly, kudos are in order also for Julia Lavarney for our Spring Theater production which vividly portrayed six local resi-

dents who were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Descriptive comments on the production varied from: "wonderful; everyone enjoyed it; educational; got involved in their stories." This has been Julia's fifth year of organizing/coordinating/directing productions for our spring scholarship fundraisers.



Thank you, Julia!

Gerry

Slate of Officers/Committees 2015 - 2016

Co-Presidents

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

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Barbara Friedman
Maureen Gladke

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Joan Russen
June Ford



Please join us for Elmira-Corning AAUW's
Annual Meeting & Spring Luncheon at the Elmira Country Club

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Social Time: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12 Noon

Buffet Menu:

Fresh Breads/Rolls/Muffins with Whipped Butter
Mixed Greens Tossed Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing
Baby Spinach Salad with Seasonal Fruit, Candied Nuts and
Crumbly Bleu Cheese
Pasta Salad
Fresh Fruit Bowl
Chef's Choice of Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole
Bacon and Tomato Strata
Asparagus and Cheese Strata
Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea
Cookies and Brownies

Price: \$20.00 per person, including tax and gratuity

Please send a check for \$20 payable to AAUW Elmira-Corning
Branch to:

Ms. Pat Buttolph
104 Morningside Drive
Elmira, NY 14905

Deadline for reservations is June 1st. Your check payable to
AAUW Elmira Corning will serve as your reservation. Call Pat
Buttolph at 734-3394 with questions.