



buffalo niagara chapter

April Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Program: The Arts in April

Protocol Restaurant

6676 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

Menu: Beef Bourguignon
Broiled Haddock
Eggplant Roulade

**Cost: \$30 per member
\$35 per non-member**

***Non members are required to pre-pay*

RSVP by Friday 4/1

PLEASE NOTE:

*Checks payable to
"NYS Women Inc., BNC"*

PLEASE NOTE:

*Everyone is welcome to attend two of our events as a guest. This does not include the December or June fundraisers. After the second regular meeting you attend, we will ask you to join our organization. There are **NO** refunds for any events and if you do not show after registering you will be billed. The events are always on unless the Protocol is closed.*



President's Message

Pauline Hoffmann

April showers...well, we know what happens.

In April we celebrate spring, fresh flowers and the rain that brought the flowers to us. This April we also celebrate creativity.

As women we are often called on to be creative in ways we may not normally associate with creativity. We may not draw with crayons (or we may) but we certainly know our way around a problem. How often are we faced with a problem or "crisis" and we have about two minutes to find a solution? Your children are fighting over who knows what and you have to find a creative way to bring peace. You have a problem at work that begs for a creative – and likely low cost – solution. Bingo! You've got it!

Speaking of crayons, are you on the adult coloring book bandwagon? I certainly am. I have my 64 pack of colored pencils and about six different coloring books that promise to be meditative and stress reducing. And they do reduce stress until I realize that while I may color outside the lines in my life, I cannot do so on paper!

How do you express your creativity? How do you enjoy art and the creativity of others?

Join us on April 6 for a panel discussion on the arts scene in Western New York and the role women have played in it. We have much to celebrate as it seems there is an arts resurgence in the area. Find out what's going on.

I look forward to seeing you and learning more about the arts scene in Western New York and the role women are playing in it. I also want to know what you do to be creative.

How to Register

Register online at:

www.bncwomeninc.org

or contact:

Kathy Cerullo at 675-6075 or
kathycerullo@RLComputing.com

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2016

APRIL PROGRAM THE ARTS IN APRIL

According to a 2010 America for the Arts study on nonprofit arts and culture industry's impact on the economy, nationally, the industry generated \$135.2 billion of economic activity –

\$61.1 billion by the nation's nonprofit arts and culture organizations. This economic activity supports 4.13 million full-time jobs and generates \$86.68 billion in resident household income.

Join us for a panel discussion with artists Dana Saylor and Catherine Linder Spencer and Adriana Gonzales-Vera, co-founder and COO of Haute La Vie, a creative agency. Our panelists will talk about their personal philosophies on art and how it impacts our local community, as well as the business of arts and culture. Moderated by Pauline Hoffmann, Dean, Journalism/Mass Communication at St. Bonaventure.

Catherine Linder Spencer is an award-winning artist and art educator. Her work has been exhibited widely in museums and galleries in Western New York including the Albright Knox Art Gallery, the Burchfield-Penney Art Center, and The Castellani Art Museum. She recently completed a one-year fellowship program through the New York Foundation for the Arts. Catherine has participated in many public art projects including "Herd About Buffalo" and "Art on Wheels." Her work is in private collections across the United States. Catherine's art includes a broad scope of media including 35 mm photography, mixed media collage, sculpture, large scale site specific installations to enamel

work and fiber based sculpture. When Catherine is not making art, she loves teaching in Buffalo Public School classrooms as well as healthcare environments. She recently worked with UB Art Galleries on a long term project with adult artists from Aspire, Inc. She was a longtime member of City of Buffalo Arts Commission and City of Buffalo Arts and Cultural Funding Advisory Board and continues to serve of a number of not for profit boards.

Adriana Gonzales-Vera is co-founder and COO of Haute La Vie, a creative agency based in Buffalo NY. The agency's goal is to bring equality to the world through high quality content. Their clients are audio and visual designers who are looking to distribute their content plus companies looking to acquire creative content. Adriana and her partner Shawn Patterson are also very passionate about Buffalo and all this city has to offer. They organized the Buffalo Reunion Weekend, held in July 2015, which showcased the City of Buffalo, its people and resurgence; and also celebrated all that is happening in the arts and music world locally. Adriana was born in Lima, Peru and lived there as well as Bogota, Colombia and Mexico City before moving to the Rochester, NY area with her mother at the age of 13. She came to Buffalo, NY to attend Canisius College where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations with a concentration in Sociology. She now also works in Commercial Banking at HSBC.



PLEASE NOTE: We will also be holding elections for our 2016-2017 Officers at this meeting.

APRIL \$ MONEY MINUTE \$

– Amy Jo Lauber

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

– Anatole France

Our financial situations can easily cause us to lose hope. Even when we’ve done everything “right,” our experience may not match our vision or our plan. Losing hope, however, can cause us to lose everything else.

Make a concerted effort to foster a sense of hopefulness to protect you when the flow of money may appear scarce.

NYS Women, Inc.

Buffalo Niagara Chapter BALANCE SHEET As of March 14, 2016

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Scholarship Restrict	3,835.10
Citizens Checking	9,439.66
Total Checking/Savings	13,274.76
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	30.00
Total Accounts Receivable	30.00
Other Current Assets	
Room Deposit	200.00
Undeposited Funds	400.00
Total Other Current Assets	600.00
Total Current Assets	13,904.76
Other Assets	
Fundraiser Receivable	-470.00
Total Other Assets	-470.00
TOTAL ASSETS	13,434.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	126.59
Total Accounts Payable	126.59
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	500.00
Due To Member - Reimbursement	-500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	126.59
Total Liabilities	126.59
Equity	
Net Assets	9,816.06
Retained Earnings	4,548.22
Temporarily Rest. Net Assets	1,893.13
Net Income	-2,949.24
Total Equity	13,308.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,434.76

NYS Women, Inc.

Buffalo Niagara Chapter PROFIT & LOSS Through March 14, 2016

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues Revenue	400.00
Excess Dinner Income	724.74
Total Income	1,124.74
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	6.00
Dues and Fees	105.00
Membership Supplies	22.84
Newline Printing	106.96
Post Office Box	106.96
Postage and Delivery	8.80
Program	83.00
Scholarship	-100.00
Total Expense	339.56
Net Ordinary Income	785.18
Net Income	785.18

NYSW, Inc. 2015-2016 Officers

Executive Board

President	Pauline Hoffmann
Pres-Elect	Katharine Smith
Secretary	Nancy Rizzo
Treasurer	Kathleen Garvey

Standing Committees

Communications	Katharine Smith
	Joyce DeLong
Finance	Nancy Guiffrida
Personal/Professional	Sue Mager
Development	
Advocacy	Linda Przepasniak
Membership	Renee Cerullo
ByLaws	Sue Fayle

Special Committees

Audit 2014-2015	Joyce DeLong
	Sue Mager
	Ramona Gallagher
Nominating	Fran Vaughan
Women In Leadership	Kimberly DeSimone

Women in Leadership

HONOREE OF THE MONTH



CINDI MCEACHON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEACEPRINTS OF WNY

Cindi McEachon holds a special place in Western New York: she is the executive director of Peaceprints of WNY. Peaceprints of WNY has a haunted history – it was founded by the late Sister Karen Klimczak, SSJ in 1985 with the opening of HOPE House (a Home Of Positive Experience) on Sycamore Street in Buffalo. In 1987, after the murder of Father Joe Bissonette, Sister Karen moved Hope House to 335 Grider Street, the rectory of St. Bartholomew church, and renamed the facility Bissonette House, to pay homage to the slain father. At that time the house served nine men. Tragically, on April 14, 2006 Sister Karen was murdered. In the wake of her death the “I Leave Peaceprints” dove movement was launched. Over the last decade the organization has grown to include two facilities, servicing 35

residents at one time. As well, the in-reach programming reaches more than 1,000 unique individuals each year.

Peaceprints of WNY provides comprehensive reentry services to men and women involved in the criminal justice system in Erie and Monroe Counties. Specific services include: nine in-prison support groups; two community support groups; Phase three reentry workshops; as well as transitional and supportive housing options. provides reentry services to Erie and Monroe Counties.

The organization started with no paid employees, Sister Karen and her team of volunteers were the breath of the organization. Today they have four full-time and seven part-time staff as well as 30 committed volunteers.

Cindi says, “I truly feel like we, as an organization, overcome challenges every day. The men we serve in our transitional housing are not considered a priority to our community. In fact, most often additional barriers are encountered by our folks preventing them from accessing safe, affordable and much needed services (employment, housing, education) that are most certainly needed in order to have success. Each time we connect an individual with a needed service, acquire a new volunteer, donor or community supporter I count that as an overwhelming win.”

Cindi was a 2015 Women Who Move the City honoree, ATHENA Young Professional finalist in March 2016 and is a Leadership Buffalo Class of 2016 member. She is a committee member of Women on the Rise; Junior League of Buffalo member; Community Council, director of Community Impact, director of Research & Development, and serves on the Small Grants Committee. She serves on the United Way Agency Executive Association Marketing Committee and is a director on the Homespace Corp. Board of Director. She is also a director on the board of For Our Daughters, Inc. and acts as a Girls on the Run coach for P.S. 43, Westminster Community Charter.

A truly well-deserved recognition!! ■

The Buffalo Niagara Chapter of NYS Women, Inc. (BNC) is proud to partner with WKBW-TV to showcase successful local women who have given back to the Western New York community. “Women In Leadership” honorees are established women business owners or professional/working women who have exhibited leadership, enterprise, and excellence in their business or profession and give back to the Western New York or greater community. The goal of the program is to recognize women who have succeeded both in the business and charitable arenas and help inspire others to follow in their path.

Each month throughout the year a woman business owner or working woman will be profiled on WKBW-TV Eyewitness News and will be featured on AM Buffalo. Each June BNC and WKBW-TV will recognize all our honorees at an annual event.

CRITERIA

Established woman business owner or working/professional woman who:
Exhibits leadership, enterprise, and excellence in their business; Gives back to Western New York or greater community with volunteer service

<http://bncwomeninc.org/WIL>



NYSW Inc Buffalo Niagara Chapter Minutes from Meeting 03/02/16

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pauline Hoffmann, President, welcomed members and guests this special evening at The Twentieth Century Club for Women's History Month.

Program Committee: Katharine Smith, President-Elect/Program Chair announced: Flyers on the tables this evening are to attend the State Conference in Saratoga, NY from June 3-5, 2016. Register online @nyswomeninc.org/conference.

April 6, 2016 Women in The Arts: A panel of a variety of artists.

May 4, 2016 Welcome Spring with a Special Networking Mixer. Please invite colleagues and friends.

Women In Leadership: partnership is still going strong with WKBW TV's monthly program honoring women who have made a difference in our community. February 2016 was Marcia Brogan from Niagara National Insurance Company and March 2016 is to be announced. Criteria to nominate can be found on the website www.bncwomeninc.org.

Nominating Committee: Fran Vaughan announced that we will be voting at our April Meeting (because the May meeting is not a business meeting), for the nominations for the Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 - President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Our current President-Elect, Katharine Smith moves into President. Please let her know if you're interested in nominating yourself, or someone you know as these nominations are still open.

Announcements: Our Chapter is participating in the UB Education Opportunity Center's Day Long Women's Conference downtown on Ellicott Street on March 18, 2016; and Sue Mager is looking for volunteers to man our vendor table – for even brief timeslots as one and/or two hour shifts.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at The Protocol Restaurant, Transit Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 p.m. followed by tonight's Program: "The Women from Buffalo and Western New York Who Were First."

CONGRATULATIONS BNC MEMBER JOANNE SUNDELL

Professor JoAnne Sundell received the 2015-2016 SUNY Chancellor Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.

On March 1st, State University of New York Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher announced the 46 system-wide recipients of the 2015-16 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching, which recognizes consistently superior teaching at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional level.

Professor JoAnne Sundell, who has been an adjunct faculty member in the Social Science Department at Erie Community College since 2003, teaches history and political science courses. She was recognized by President Jack Quinn before faculty and staff at the College Day event held at South Campus in Orchard Park, and was presented with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence Medallion and certificate.

Ms. Sundell, who also is the co-owner of Dark Forest Chocolate Makers, Inc. in Lancaster, stated that teaching continues to be a deeply rewarding experience and that she is honored to be recognized by SUNY and her peers.

According to Chancellor Zimpher, "Adjunct faculty are a critical component as SUNY seeks to ensure access, completion, and success for all students, and those honored with this year's award are the best of the best."

For more information

<https://www.suny.edu/suny-news/press-releases/03-2016/3-1-16/suny-chancellor-announces-awards-for-excellence-in-adjunct-teaching.html>



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