

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1984

## STAR of BETHLEHEM

A Musical Christmas Story

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1984  
2 P.M.

FERGUSON PLANETARIUM  
SUCB CAMPUS  
1300 ELMWOOD AVENUE  
BUFFALO, NY 14222

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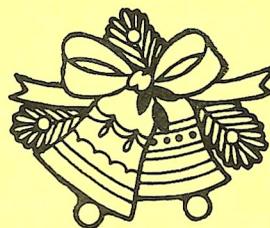
HOLIDAY RECEPTION  
WASSAIL BOWL AND REFRESHMENTS

History and astronomy join together in search of the Star of Bethlehem

A wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. If you did not already fill out the reservation form in the November Newsletter, call Toni Volk at 832-5981 for more information.

Following the show will be a holiday reception with wassail punch and cookies. A strolling minstrel enhances the festivities with holiday music. Come join us!

Adults: \$1.00. Children under 16 are free.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ruth Seitz

The bright shining day on which I write this message makes it difficult to realize that December with its short, dark, busy days is upon us.

As President, I am very grateful to all of you who are working for the success of the Branch. Special thanks this month go to Bunny Blackstone who agreed to coordinate the Used Book Sale; to Pat Seaver for her efforts as Program Chairman and as the coordinator of the Women's Vote Project; and to Lois Jarrett for her direction of the Election News Service, which resulted in many dollars for the Branch.

The Study Groups appear to be the center of Branch activity. Many of you find the greatest value of your membership in attending them. But, don't forget Branch meetings. They warrant a much larger attendance than they are getting. I am concerned about that! Please do try to come to the December meeting. Perhaps you would take a minute to contact me or the Editors to tell us what we could do to entice more of you to general meetings.

Of course we are all extra busy as the holidays approach; but do try to give time to sorting/pricing--and while you are there, consider purchasing a bag or notepaper for gifts.

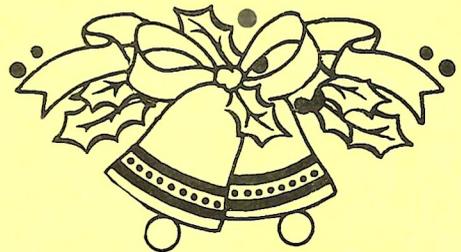
In whatever way you choose to mark the winter solstice--Christmas, Hanukah, Saturnalia--celebrate with joy. I hope this festival time will bring to you and to those you love renewed strength, peace, and much happiness.

## MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

by Judy Weidemann

The telephone committee has been functioning since September. They are performing a valuable service to our members. The committee includes the following AAUW-members: Nancy Acara, Dorothy Baumler, Janet Bishop, Aletha Barker, Rita Dielman, Rose Feinstein, Carolyn Day, Mildred Ferris, Ruth Fontaine, Janice Garrison, Esther Green, Mary Harrington, Barbara Hichar, Alberta Ford, Carol Chudy, Susan Knoll, Marie Andrews, Gloria Beutner, Marion Elmer, Mary McCarthy, Joyce Mallette, Anne Montes, Vivian Newhouse, Marilyn O'Sullivan, Sally Pecoraro, Marie Porter, Lillian Riggs, Lucy Sandmeyer, Helen Sherk, Josephine Spencer, Susan Stievater, Mary Weppner, Sylvia Volk, Mary Ann Wahl, Beverly Graham, and Kathleen Balone.

Members who have still not renewed for the year 1984-85 will receive an additional reminder. We are working hard to keep our membership as well as to attract new members.



### REMINDER

SUNY/B continues to send AAUW their open listings of professional job openings as they occur. Anyone interested in reviewing them may call Bertha Cutcher at 633-6025.

# CULTURAL EVENT

## by Toni Volk

### ALBRIGHT GALLERY BRUNCH AND TOUR

On Sunday, January 6, 1985, a tour of Toulouse-Lautrec lithographs and the modern impressionists will be conducted by professional guides. These artists advocated a direct, unprecedented treatment of subjects. Unlike their predecessors, they preferred to complete their paintings in the open air. They closely observed the effect of shifting, natural light on the scenes around them and recorded it with quick dabs of the brush in bright, often unmixed, colors.

Start the New Year off with a tour through Buffalo's lauded Art Gallery by joining fellow members and their guests at the Gallery Brunch!

Brunch: 12 noon at Gallery, Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222

Price \$8.95

Tour: 1:30 p.m. at Lautrec display

Price: Free tour

Please call Toni Volk after 5 p.m. for reservations by December 20 at 832-5981.

### NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER

Because of the holidays, there will be no Get-Together in December. Look for January's meeting place, date and time in next month's Newsletter.

Thanks go out to Ruth Samuels for our November 3 meeting. We enjoyed getting together and meeting old and new friends.

# NEW MEMBERS

## Sylvia Volk, Membership VP



Look for the following new members at the next Branch Meeting or at their choice of interest groups. If you live near them, you might wish to ask them to join you.

Margaret Burns Haskell 886-0246  
117 College Street D'Youville, BA  
Buffalo 14202 English/History

Margaret rejoins our Branch after many years of being away. She has multi-interests, and we look forward to seeing her at interest groups.

Karen A. Stephenson 835-6271  
52 Boncroft Drive SUCAB, M.A.  
Amherst 14226 Ex. Ed.

Karen, although she is employed, plans to check out several areas of interest. If she lives near you, give her a call.

Pam Haupt  
357 West Utica Street SUCAB, B.A.  
Buffalo 14222 English

Pam received her membership as an early Christmas gift from a friend and plans to investigate her many areas of interest.

### A MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT

If you are wondering what to get for that favorite friend, relative, or business associate for Christmas, how about an AAUW Membership? Call me if you would like more information on a gift membership.

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES. CALL BARBARA PAULSON, TREASURER, AT 847-1455 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

# 1985 USED BOOK

Bunny Blackstone, Used Book Sale Coordinator, has announced the following:

## ● COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ●

Pricing and Sorting	Elisabeth Helman	649-1186
Newsletter	Margaret Haas	689-8735
Treasurer	Marion Fay	836-5660
Collections	Margit Spector	834-6731
Sealed Bid	TBA	
Collectibles	Myra Menti	626-4832
	Lynn McClive	885-3299
Publicity	Ruthe Sichertman	873-4498
	Lucille Peterson	876-0252
Personnel	Lois Jarrett	873-1076
Staff Room	Mary Weppner	634-6636
Subject Specialist	Clarine Radt	633-7069
	Joyce Lenz	881-1818
Pre-sale	Lorna Berlin	633-9450
	<del>Doris Bates</del>	877-8879
Sale Week	<i>Millie Sherrets</i> Theresa Monacelli	633-7698
Supplies	Carolyn Iadovito	634-0927
	Lorena Hare	884-5152
Paid Personnel	Daphne Meyer	877-1576
Post Sale	Millie Sherrets	832-2928
Coordinator	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519

## ● DEPOTS ●

Downtown YWCA 190 Franklin Street 852-6120

Note: The YWCA staff should not be asked to assist in moving large loads from deck in Bean Alley to the storage area. If possible, bring books in during sorting hours.

Buffalo	Carol Jamieson	877-8569
	Barbara Paulson	847-1455
	Stacey Johnson	885-2486 Pickup
	Lois Meyer	882-7123 Pickup-Depot
West Side	Bonnie Unger	883-2078
North Buffalo	Mollie Fleysner	836-1745 Depot
	Amelia Sherrets	832-2928 Depot
	Mary Alice Seagrave	833-0437 Depot

# SALE ~ APRIL 12 ~ 17

Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda	Margit Spector Susan Knoll	834-6731 Depot 875-6966 Pickup
North Tonawanda	Wilma Laux	692-4571 Pickup-Depot
Snyder-Eggertsville	Marion Fay Barbara Hichar Ann Killian	836-5660 Pickup 839-1729 Pickup 838-4513 Pickup
Williamsville	Jean Moran Nan Summers Mary O'Connor Carolyn Iadovito	634-4941 Pickup 631-0751 Pickup 631-9227 Depot 634-0927 Depot
Note: In addition, call Carolyn Iadovito for Clarence, Lancaster, and Eastern Hills.		
Clarence	Shirley Martin <i>2 members</i> Ann Hicks	683-7319 Pickup-Depot 741-3964 Pickup
Depew	Beverly Graham	683-4168 Pickup
Southtowns	Carol Battle Judy Weidemann	662-6056 Depot 649-0975 Pickup
Cheektowaga	Ruth Seitz	633-2473 Pickup
Grand Island	Mary Herbst	733-2431 Pickup
Alden, Lancaster, East Aurora and Marilla	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519 Pickup-Depot

Results of our survey will be published next month. The majority of our members responded favorably to continuing the Used Book Sale.

We are looking forward to more participation by all our members this year. Please call if you will be able to help in pricing and sorting, an activity that continues throughout the year at the YWCA. Any time you can contribute--even a few moments on your lunch hour--would be greatly appreciated.

We are searching for a Sealed Bid chairman. We wish to continue this project, the monies going toward our local scholarship fund. In the past, we have collected approximately \$2,000 each year, a significant amount, so won't you call Bunny Blackstone if you can help in the Sealed Bid area.

## WOMEN'S ISSUES



by Norma Millar

### A SMALL POTPOURRI OF BOOKS:

Three recently published books about women and by women deserve our attention. They might make worthwhile Christmas gifts and all are available at the Buffalo Public Library.

1. The Weaker Vessel by Antonia Fraser, Alfred, Knopf, 1984. This is a study of women living in England during the 17th Century. Antonia Fraser takes a selection of women from various walks of life and through them we learn that women were not always as weak as we may have believed. The book also contains an index of 550 notable women who lived during that century. Bibliography, index. HQ1593 F7

2. Elsa Lanchester Herself. St. Martins Press, 1983. An interesting autobiography by the noted actress, her personal life, and her marriage to actor Charles Laughton. The book has an interesting account of the woman suffrage movement in England prior to World War I, of which Elsa Lanchester's mother was a part. Index, Illustrated. PN2598 L18 A34

3. Margaret Mead by J. Howard, St. Martins Press, 1984. A worthy account of the famous anthropologist which gives insight into her courage and determination. Anthropology was a field almost entirely composed of men. Margaret Mead had to overcome much sexual prejudice before she could win the acknowledgement she deserved. Index, bibliography. GN21 M36 H69

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

by Clara Johnson

As the year draws to a close, most of us become involved in a two-pronged venture where our finances are concerned. We are preparing for the holiday celebration which usually requires expenditures for sharing our holiday joys with service institutions and loved ones. Your opportunity to share may lead to selecting an AAUW bag (\$8 each) and stationery sets (\$3.50 each) which make excellent gifts and also contribute to the Educational Foundation.

The other undertaking which occupies our minds at the close of the year is the gathering of documents and receipts to prepare for federal and state income tax reports. Have you considered a monetary gift to the Educational Foundation to round out your list of charitable tax deductions for 1984? You are reminded that gifts to the Educational Foundation are encouraged to provide grants for AAUW members who are furthering their personal and professional growth.

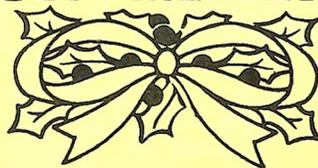
Time is running out! Pick up a useful gift for that friend or relative at the December meeting. Also, support women-kind by way of a check written for EFP before the close of the year. For more information, call me at 883-4709.

Happy Holidays!



# STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

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### DECEMBER

- 2 Sun. CULTURAL EVENTS BRANCH MEETING - 2 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem program at planetarium, Buffalo State Campus and holiday refreshments. See page 1 and article in November Newsletter.
- 3 Mon. MUSIC GROUP - 1 p.m. at Marie Moody's, 119 Henning Drive, Orchard Park. Phone Marie at 662-9628 if planning to attend. Christmas part and carols.
- 5 Wed. BOARD MEETING - 7:30 at Faculty Club. Hostesses are N. Anne Montes and Marge Skarin. Please call Ruth Seitz at 633-2473 if unable to attend.
- 6 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m., at the home of Mary Mahoney, 168 Allenhurst, Amherst. Call Mary at 834-7009.
- 8 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the College Club, 264 Summer Street. Topic: Around the World with Dolls. Myra Menti and Margaret Haas will display and discuss their extensive collections. Call Myra at 626-4832 for reservations by December 3.
- 8 Sat. SINGLES AND DOUBLES - 8:30 at the Cutchers, 91 Monroe Drive, Williamsville, 633-6025. Save the date: there will be an interesting speaker on a timely subject. Bring a bottle of wine or a slab of cheese and a spouse, friend, or potential member.
- 10 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 p.m. at Grace Scott's, 58 Wardman Road, Kenmore. The topic will be "International Drug Traffic." Call Grace at 875-3359 if you plan to attend.
- 11 Tues. GERMAN GROUP - 9:30 a.m. Coffee, 10 a.m. Meeting at Daphne Meyer's, 333 Southwood Drive, Kenmore (877-1576).
- 11 Tues. PEACE AND NATIONAL SECURITY - 8 p.m. at Grace McMenemy's, 4700 Hedgewood Drive, Williamsville. Call Grace at 634-8292 for information.
- 12 Wed. BOOK SORTING - 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. at the YWCA. Call Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519 if planning to come any part of the day.
- 18 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m. at Grace Scott's, 58 Wardman Road, Kenmore, 875-3359. Eleanor Henrich will review Life in Russia by Michael Binyon. "This wide-ranging book offers an inside look at Russian life that covers everything from the sexual revolution to the mania for pop music." B.O.M.C. Catalogue.
- 20 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at Cindy Monacelli's, 75 Westminster, Buffalo. Call Cindy at 836-8266 for reservations.
- 20 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. - at the home of Sheryl Scarlett, 8360 Vernon Circle, Williamsville (Clarence). Call Sheryl at 631-5482.
- 21 Fri. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE GROUP - 1 p.m. at the home of Sarah Sterrett, 1088 Delaware Avenue, Apt. 9H, Buffalo. Call Sarah at 883-2693. Program: Megatrends by John Naisbitt reviewed by Sarah Sterrett.
- HANDCRAFTS GROUP - no December meeting.

### JANUARY

- 6 Sun. CULTURAL EVENTS - 12 noon at the Gallery. See article in this issue.

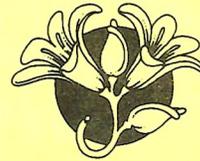
SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD  
Ruth Seitz



Buffalo Branch, as a member of InterClub Council of Western New York, is eligible to nominate a member for the Susan B. Anthony Award which is made by the Council at its February Luncheon. The nominee must be an active Branch member who contributes both to the Branch and to the Community. Specific details may be had from our representatives to InterClub, Marie Bullock and Irene Heacock.

Nominations are due by December 10 to Marie, Irene, or Branch President, Ruth Seitz. For further details, call one of those named above.

AAUW members who are past recipients of the Susan B. Anthony Award are: Carol Stull, 1983; Ina Alt, 1977; Jean Northcott, 1969; and Kathyryne Whittemore, 1968.



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Betty Klein Abgott on her recent death. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 766 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, 14203.

Our sympathy to the family of Monica Brinson on her recent death. Memorial donations may be made to the Niagara Frontier Consumers Association/Consumers Affairs Association, Caudell Hall, SUCB, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo 14222.

Our sympathy to Carol Stull on the death of her mother, Ruth Gansz, a member of the AAUW North Shore Branch in Illinois. Memorial gifts are being donated to the Educational Foundation in Ruth's memory to establish a Project Renew Endowment.

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