



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ruth Seitz

"Time goes, you say? Ah, no!
Alas, time stays, we go!"

So said the poet, Henry A. Dobson at the turn of the century. This quotation occurred to me as I prepared this parting message of my term. Not only time, but the work of the Branch stays. It is only we who go.

At leaving, I thank you for your interest, your cooperation, your support. Please continue it for the new officers and Board. Bertha Cutcher will be a fine President! I wish her and her Board all good things--satisfaction, success, reward, and joy in the doing.

Since the last message, please know we did not get to Toronto but did participate in the Division Convention in Albany and in the Conference on Racism which we supported under the sponsorship of the YWCA.

Of course we shared in the pleasure of the annual May luncheon. Many thanks to Marguerite McGowan and her committee for a delightful affair.

Summer is a less active time for the Branch, but many activities continue. Watch for information on the issues, the Association Convention, and the Court and Government Observers. Program Committee will be at work, and the Culture Group has planned summer events.

Time does indeed STAY for all of us to enjoy our membership. I GO as your president with appreciation and good wishes to again enjoy my membership in the Branch.

WOMEN'S ISSUES



by Norma Millar

Are you disturbed about the current direction of our national government in regard to Nicaragua, star wars, proposed budget cuts to senior citizens, education, and student loans? Would you like the New York State Legislature to contribute more funds for Western New York? Are you upset with your local councilpersons, trustees, or school board members?

On Saturday, April 20, Pat Seaver and I attended an excellent workshop at Erie County Community College on "Grass Roots Politics." The main speaker was Bella Abzug wearing one of her famous hats. She, in her address and the workshops we attended, stressed the importance of bringing about change through "grass roots" political action groups.

Whatever your forte or concern, there may be an action group which serves as a forum for discussion and action. As members of AAUW, we are fortunate to have several such groups as part of our Association. If there isn't one that interests you, consider starting one of your own.

Such action groups can make your demands known by initiating letter-writing campaigns to newspapers, legislators, and congresspersons; by lobbying, attending school board meetings as well as city, town, and village meetings; and by observing our court system. No specific course can be taken to initiate political or social action; it comes from experience in participation at the grass-roots level; that is, individually in our own locality. Why not join now?



ATTENTION ART LOVERS

DUES

A new study group is being formed for those interested in art appreciation. It will be called "The Charles Burchfield Art Appreciation Study Group." Its focus will be on the works of Charles Burchfield but will also involve works of other artists who are associated with Burchfield or with artists of comparable merit.

Charles Burchfield is the world-renowned watercolorist who made the Western New York area his home. Born in Salem, Ohio, Burchfield moved to Buffalo in 1921 and designed wallpaper for the Birge Company. Later he moved to Garden-ville but maintained ties with this area all of his life. The Charles Burchfield Art Center, located on Buffalo State Campus on Elmwood Avenue, is rapidly gaining distinction as a showplace for his art as well as the art of rising Western New York artists. It is located in close proximity to the beautiful Albright Knox Art Gallery across the street.

This group has permission to meet in the Burchfield Center, which is open every day of the week except Monday. Refreshments can be served there or luncheon arrangements made on campus or nearby. Art discussions, films, talks, etc., will be featured.

Our tentative meeting date will be the fourth Saturday of each month. Organizers Myra Menti and Sylvia Miller would like you to call or write to them if you are interested in joining the group so they can find out how many may be interested.

1985-86 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW AND THROUGH JUNE 30, 1985. THIS IS YOUR DUES BILL.

National dues	\$12.75
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1985 USED BOOK SALE

Bunny Blackstone



"You're not getting older; you're getting better" is a quote very appropriate for our 31st Book Sale. Due to the excellent response from our members and organizational qualities of our committee chairmen, we moved to the Convention Center with ease and set up a day early. With the lack of "Sealed Bid," it was decided to hang the art work donated from the Channel 17 Auction on the walls in our Book Sale Room, which added tremendously to the appearance of the Sale. Due to our reorganization of the pricing and checkout system, our checkout lines ran more efficiently. We had many compliments from buyers that the Sale looked better and ran much smoother. Many of the leftover books were picked up by Wyoming and Attica Correctional Institutes. We still had to dispose of some books, a problem we are trying to alleviate.

I want to thank all members who donated their time at the "Y" and Convention Center who phoned, and who donated money and supplies. We have an ample supply of beverage items to last us until the next sale. This year 107 individuals (including husbands, children, and friends of members) worked at the Convention Center for 981 hours. At the "Y" 56 individuals worked for 572 hours.

Now to the disappointing part of my report: our proceeds amounted to \$14,687.74, down \$4,332.57 from last year. Part of this was due to the loss of Sealed Bid, which amounted to over \$2,000 each year. Last year's proceeds were down \$1,400 from the 1983 Sale, which leads us to believe that possibly with the increased amount of book sales in the area, we are just not going to receive as many books or get as many customers as in previous years. On the positive side, our expenses were cut over \$2,000 in trucking, labor, and supplies. We received \$1,684 in door sales which will stay in our branch for local projects. We were only able to donate \$3,000 to EFP this year in order to save enough for this year's expenses. Our committee will begin work again to try to improve our sale and further reduce our expenses. Any suggestions are deeply appreciated.

In closing, I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoyed coordinating the Book Sale for these past two years. I found the work challenging and was pleased to bring down our expense costs despite my disappointment in our income. I made many good friends whose continuous encouragement led us through some tough moments. I hope you will all remember that we are all volunteers; if someone has been short of temper or appeared to be ordering you, please excuse them--we were only trying to get a job done. If we can all just "roll with the punches" and work together, the outcome is easier and more rewarding for us all.

Thank you all for your support and my best wishes for continued and improved success for Ann Montes and Jean Moran, who will co-coordinate the Book Sale next year.

A SPECIAL THANKS FOR MANY VOLUNTEER BOOK SALE HOURS

For everyone who contributed to the Book Sale, we thank each of you. Now, too, we would like to thank the following people:

TWENTY-FIVE HOURS

Lorna Berlin	Rose Fabian	Margaret Haas	Lorena Hare
Joyce Lenz	Lynn McClive	Myra Menti	Clarine Radt
Barbara Paulson	Theresa Monacelli		

FIFTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE HOURS

Daphne Meyer	Ann Montes	Ruth Seitz
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SEVENTY-FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED HOURS

Elisabeth Helman	Marion Fay	Millie Sherrets
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A special thanks goes to my hardworking, loyal committee chairmen:

RUTHE SICHERMAN and LUCILLE PETERSON, Publicity Chairmen, for their continued efforts in keeping the public informed of our event.

ELISABETH HELMAN, Pricing and Sorting Chairman, for her long hours and organizational skills in setting up the rooms at the "Y" to run more efficiently.

MARGARET HAAS, Newsletter, for her excellent pleas for help from our members.

MYRA MENTI and LYNN McCLIVE, Collectibles Chairmen, for their outstanding ability to evaluate and price our valuable books.

MARION FAY, Treasurer, for her long hours counting money and keeping a smile on her face despite the fact that we didn't make out as well financially.

LORENA HARE and CAROLYN IADOVITO, Supply chairmen, for obtaining donations from members and keeping our supplies well stocked.

MARGIT SPECTOR, Collections Chairman, for obtaining more volunteer truck drivers to keep down our expenses.

LOIS JARRETT, Personnel Chairman, for the tedious job of obtaining members to work.

JOYCE LENZ and LORNA BERLIN, Pre-Sale Chairmen, for their outstanding job in setting up in record time and adding their artistic touch to the sale.

THERESA MONACELLI and MILLIE SHERRETTS, Sale Week Chairmen, for a smooth-running sale.

CLARINE RADT, Subject Specialist, for her grueling hours on the phone recruiting members to set up tables.

DAPHNE MEYER, Crew Chairman, who did an excellent job in recruiting and supervising our hardworking crew.

MARY WEPPNER, Hostess Chairman, for her recruitment of members to man the Hostess Room and refresh our tired bodies.

RUTH SEITZ and ANN MONTES, who were always there when the "going got tough."

JEAN MORAN for the long, tedious hours put into making new signs for the sale.

MILLIE SHERRETTS, Post-Sale Chairman, for her outstanding help to the end, making our job a lot easier with her wit and humor.



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

THE BIPARTISAN CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1985

Because of last year's Grove City Supreme Court decision and the Senate's shameful failure to pass corrective legislation, the Federal Government may now subsidize discrimination against minorities, women, the disabled, and senior citizens. The Bipartisan Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985 would prohibit federal funding of such discrimination.

The bipartisan measure, which already has 47 Senate cosponsors and 187 House cosponsors, would clarify the intent of Congress and restore the principal civil rights statutes (Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975) to the broad scope and coverage that was originally intended by Congress and has marked their administration until very recently.

A rival measure, introduced by the Reagan Administration, Senator Bob Dole, and Senator Orrin Hatch, is seriously flawed (and has only garnered 15 Republican cosponsors). The Administration-Dole-Hatch bill could leave millions of Americans unprotected by our civil rights laws.

Last year, although the House passed the Civil Rights Act of 1984 by a huge margin and two-thirds of the Senate supported it, several Radical Right Senators, led by Senators Hatch and Helms, filibustered the legislation to death. We must expect similar tactics again this year. To enact a strong and effective bill, a national grassroots campaign is absolutely essential. Individuals, organizations, and coalitions must begin immediately to contact their Representatives and Senators.

STOP THE FEDERAL FUNDING OF DISCRIMINATION! SUPPORT THE BIPARTISAN CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1985 (S. 431/H.R. 700). AND OPPOSE ALL WEAKENING AMENDMENTS.

The expected timetable is as follows: Hearings have ended in the House of Representatives. By the time this Bulletin is published, it is most likely the the full House will hopefully have voted. The full Senate is expected to take the measure up in the summer.

Please call, write, or visit your Representative and both your Senators and ask them to support the Bipartisan Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985. Senator D'Amato opposes this measure, while Moynihan is a cosponsor.

On the state level, legislation to watch that deserves our support includes the following: Pay Equity Bill A312/S1165, Sex Equity in Education A1879/A6607/S4244, Child Care Resource and Referral A5960/S3955, Toxic Torts A1676/S3624/S1414, and D.C. Voting Rights (an amendment to Federal Constitution). Also, write your State Senator now to express your opposition to the Tuition Tax Credits Bill S/3200.

MAY LUNCHEON REPORT

The 95th Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Branch took place on Saturday, May 11, 1985, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. Bertha Cutcher was elected President, and the following were elected to other positions for 1985-1986:

President Elect	Patricia Seaver
First Vice President	Anastasia Johnson
Third Vice President	Lorena Bell Hare
Treasurer	Bunny Blackstone
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Shapiro
Public Support for Public	
Education Task Force Chairman	Carol Kitchen
1986 Nominating Committee Chairman	Ann Bish



A single slate for these positions was presented by Carolyn Iadovito, the 1985 Nominating Committee Chairman. There were no nominations from the floor.

The Award Committee chose Marylouise Nanna to be the recipient of the Achievement Award because of her contribution to the role of women in the field of music and her influence on the musical life of the Western New York community. Miss Nanna was the first woman to conduct the National Symphony Orchestra. She continues as conductor of the ARS NOVA MUSICIANS and of the Cheektowaga Symphony. In addition, she plays first violin with the Buffalo Philharmonic and often serves as concertmistress. Her many talents include playing solo mandolin. Not only is she performer and conductor, but she has served the orchestra as Chairperson in negotiating labor-management contracts. Miss Nanna has served the community well by helping many groups to develop and to continue performances when they were in need of leadership. Her unique, enthusiastic programs have extended the audiences for music events with special influence on students and young adults. A woman of strong family and community ties, she is ever pursuing a variety of interests--photography, visiting art galleries, gourmet cooking--in addition to music. AAUW Buffalo Branch honors Marylouise Nanna, a woman of national and international reputation in her field, who chose to return to her home community to spread the joy of music and to encourage women in this field. Ms. Nanna was very gracious in accepting the award and spoke eloquently about the role of music in the modern world.

The entertainment for the afternoon was provided by local soprano Adrienne Tworek-Gryta. Her expressive interpretations and lovely voice were well received by the members and guests.

The Luncheon Chairman was Marguerite McGowan. Her committee included Beverly Graham, Lynn McClive, Caren Shapiro, and Carolyn Iadovito. Hostesses were Beverly Bollard, Gertrud Burau, Marion Fay, Mildred Geelan, Margaret Goodsole, Donna Stempniak, Karen Stephenson, Susan Stievater, Dorothy Volgenau, and Mary Weppner.

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STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

JUNE

- 1 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the College Club, 264 Summer Street, Buffalo. Hostess is Marie Bullock. Speaker is Irene Heacock. Topic is: A Pre-Christian Religion. Please call Marie at 884-3781 for reservations by May 28.
- 3 Mon. MUSIC GROUP - Members will meet at 1 p.m. at the Lord Amherst to plan the 1985-86 program.
- 5 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Norma Millar, Lois Jarrett, and Carolyn Iadovito.
- 10 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Vogt's, 448 Traverse Boulevard, Town of Tonawanda. Topic will be "Budget Deficit, Trade and the Dollar." Call Elizabeth at 876-8064 if you plan to attend.
- 15 Sat. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE - 12:30 p.m. Picnic at Laraine Pritchard's, 8790 Greiner Road, Clarence. Call 633-9443 if planning to attend.
- 18 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - we will close the season with a Dutch-treat luncheon. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Little White House, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville. For reservations, call Renette Ferber at 836-3277.
- 29 Sat. CULTURAL INTERESTS NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE TRIP, 11 a.m., bus at Boulevard Mall Cinema Theater parking lot, brown-bag lunch, play "Naughty Marietta" at 2 p.m. Royal George Theater, dinner at Luis House at 5 p.m. Call Mary Ann Wahl at 836-5010 if you need more information.

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