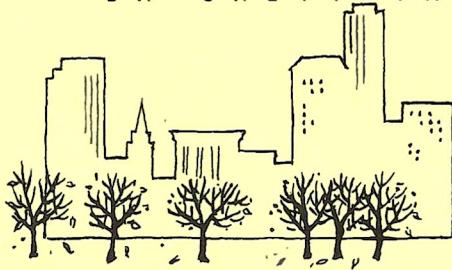


# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

March 1985

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH



## COALITIONS FOR PROGRESS IN WNY

### PANEL

Nan Summers, Moderator

Kathy Johnson, representing the Coalition for Equal Rights

Joan Photiadis, representing the Coalition of Court Observers

Florence Zander, representing the Coalition of Government Observers

## Saturday, March 16

9:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn

1881 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst  
(just north of Youngman Highway)

Continental Breakfast

Juice, Danish, Coffee or Tea



Please send checks for \$3.50, payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch to Lois Jarrett, 78 Irving Terrace, Kenmore, NY 14223 by March 8. (No checks or money can be accepted at the door.)

COME JOIN US

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ruth Seitz

As I prepare the material for this message, the sun is shining on the icicles and the temperature is 4 degrees.

Have faith! Spring will come! Despite the bad winter, AAUW members have been active in attending branch meetings, Study Groups, and committee meetings. I represented you at the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon and, along with Bertha Cutcher, at the Chamber of Commerce Interclub Civic Luncheon.

Thanks to Sharon Minklein and her committee in organizing the February Branch meeting on the Education Issue. Some of our members will be receiving a survey questionnaire on the issue. Respond if you can and are willing.

AAUW Week occurs March 3 through March 9. It is also Women's History Week. The theme this year is "Honor Your Heritage--Invest in Your Future." Consider ways in which you as an individual can promote this. Watch for news items about it.

As a member of the Association, you should be aware of the real values offered through the Insurance and Legislative Programs. Watch for information in the GRADUATE WOMAN and in the mailings which come to you. Taking advantage of these offerings is among the many benefits of membership.

May I remind you again of the need for help with the Book Sale and of the upcoming Conventions.

NYS D will meet in Albany (not Ithaca) April 26-28 and the Association in Columbus June 23 through June 27. Plan to go.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

by Bertha Cutcher

Traditionally, one who is given the role of an understudy has an opportunity to watch, to explore in depth, sometimes to experiment. These activities constitute a gestation period for me, from which I hope to emerge as an effective AAUW leader.

I have attended regional association meetings and community meetings, filed special reports, am chairing the Strategic Planning Committee, and plan to attend both the State and National Association meetings.

All of these activities reinforce my conviction that we are a viable organization and have the potential of playing a more meaningful role in the guidance of women and their effective participation in our community, country, and on the international scene.

AAUW has always promoted equity for women and promoted their education and self development. We can move toward achieving each of these Association goals if each member allows herself to be involved in at least one of the Branch's offerings and takes an active role on a Branch Committee or as a Board member.

One of my more immediate tasks is to appoint various committee and activity chairpersons. Such appointed leaders are automatically members of the Board, along with the Elected Board. Please let me hear from you (633-6025) if you have a preference.

Take note that the Board is not only a great leadership-training position but offers camaraderie and great fun!

I look forward to our role together in the 1985-1986 year.



## EDUCATION

### by Sharon Minklein

"LET'S IMPROVE EDUCATION TOGETHER"

The above quote is excerpted from the acceptance speech of William Hirschen, New York Teacher of the Year.

In accepting his award, so many statements seemed applicable to our AAUW issue that this article is devoted to his remarks.

There are many areas of concern within the scope of educational reform on which we must concentrate to effect real and lasting improvement in our schools. The teacher's role in all of this is, I believe, is crucial and central to the issue of excellence. This board of Regents has already taken many effective steps in this process of reform...I believe that the really substantive improvements need to take place in the classroom where the students are, where the teachers are.

There is a need in our society to raise people's consciousness about the significance and dignity of teaching. The success of public education, as we envision it, hangs in the balance. We need a concerted effort...that will encourage teachers to be professionals who meet the highest standards of competence....

Let's improve education together so that our schools can become thought of as valuable, even sacred. Let's make our schools thriving places of action and adventure, positive places where people are involved--not just the children and the professionals, but an expanded educational community that includes an alignment of parents, businesses and other community resources.

It is no coincidence that the best schools are the ones with the most involved and concerned people. In short, we all need to care.

## CULTURAL EVENT

# Rochester Trip

EASTMAN MUSEUM  
THE LILAC FESTIVAL AND AAUW CLUB HOUSE

It's not too early to think thoughts of spring and getting rid of the winter blahs!

Plan on going to Rochester to meet fellow AAUW members at their club house during the Lilac Festival weekend on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The day will begin with a bus ride which will take us to Rochester, leaving at 9 a.m. from the Boulevard Mall Cinema Theater and arriving at approximately 10:30 a.m. at the George Eastman House.

There will be a tour of this historical home and museum especially planned for our group.

Then--on to the luncheon at the AAUW Clubhouse at 12 noon for a catered luncheon arranged by the members.

After luncheon we will proceed to the Lilac Festival for an afternoon of wonderful aromas and new-found friendships. We plan to return by 6 p.m.

The price of the trip includes:

Bus fare	\$10
(minimum of 35 passengers)	
Luncheon	\$6
Eastman House	\$1.75
( \$1.00 for seniors)	

For reservations, send checks no later than April 10 to:

Ruth Samuel  
21-B Durham Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call 689-6792.

# Used Book Sale

## BOOK SALE!

We are headed for the countdown! The schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 8 - 9 to 8 p.m. - Moving from the YWCA to the Convention Center.

Tuesday, April 9 - 9 to 5 p.m. - Moving day.

Wednesday, April 10 - 9 to 8 p.m. - Moving day.

Thursday, April 11 - 9 to 8 p.m. - Moving day. Members' day sale will be from 4 to 8 p.m.

Friday, April 12 - Open to the public from 10 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 13 - Open to the public from 10 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 14 - Closed.

Monday, April 15 - Open to the public from 10 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16 - Open to the public from 10 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 - FINAL DAY for sale from 10 to 2 p.m. And then the fun really begins! CLEAN UP!

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NEEDS:

1. STRONG YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS at least 16 years old to fetch, carry, lift, and tote during pre-sale, sale, and post-sale hours. Please call Daphne Meyer at 877-1576 to submit potential names.
2. CASHIERS AND FLOOR HOSTESSES. Each member will be contacted by phone asking when she can work and in what capacity, either at the YWCA or at the Convention Center before, during, and after the sale. If unable to work at your scheduled time and place, please notify your caller to arrange for a substitute.

How or where to dispose of unsold leftover books? If you have any ideas, please call Mary Weppner at 634-6636.

Because no one volunteered to be chairperson for Sealed Bids, there will be no Sealed Bids this year.

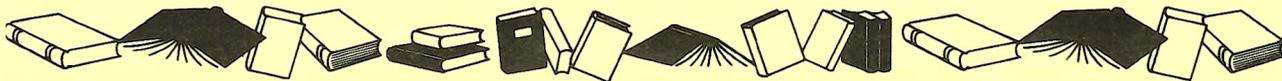
We are calling members who volunteered to donate supplies when the Book Sale survey was made last summer, and we appreciate the cache of supplies that is already building up. Items still needed are coffee, tea, lemonade, cocoa, sugar, coffee cups, stirrers, napkins, wide masking tape, pencils, large garbage bags, and paper bags--so if you wish to help us by donating any of the above, call Lorena Hare or Bunny Blackstone.

And thank you to the following members for donations of money: Dorothy Haas, Marie Schuler, Velma Cobb, Eleanor Heinrich, Mabel Montgomery, Lillian Hohensee, and Irma Bagdy.

Sorting days for March and early April are as follows: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 7, March 13, March 18, March 26, April 1, and April 2. Please call Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519 to let her know when you are able to attend.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!

Margaret Haas



# PEACE & NATIONAL SECURITY

## by Grace McMenemy

### LUNCHEON THANK-YOU TO:

\*\*\*Our speakers, Eileen Giarrappa and Audrey Mang for slides and talk on "Ten Days in the Soviet Union," their peace conference and journey.

\*\*\*Peace study group members, Renette Ferber, Anne Montes, Mary Herbst, Audrey Morris, and Clarine Radt for assistance in arrangements.

\*\*\*Hostesses Carolyn Day and everyone for good-naturedness in blizzard conditions.  
\*\*\*Marge and Art Davis for selling crafts from Third World countries and returning the profits to cottage industries there to help the development of people in India, Haiti, Chile, Honduras, etc.

WNY PEACE CENTER has moved to St. Ann's Community Center, Emslie Street (Broadway/Fillmore area); it continues as a clearing-house on peace education, supplying speakers, films, puppet show, and books. Call at 856-2100.

WAND (Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament) will meet at 6 p.m. on

Wednesday, March 13, at the Unitarian Church, 6320 Main Street, Williamsville. Call 634-8292 for agenda. The WAND National Conference convenes March 15-17 in Denver with Dr. Helen Caldicott on "Empowerment in the Nuclear Age," sharing together to build strength.

PEACE WEEK will be celebrated in WNY this year May 4-12 (Mothers Day) coordinated by BMM (Buffalo Area Metropolitan Ministries), Rev. John Ellis, chairman. The Peace Parade and Fair is Sunday, May 5, and the Peace Celebration is Thursday, May 9. AAUW will co-sponsor these events; planning continues in early March. Grace has details on Peace Week if you would like to be involved.

PEACE RIBBON will wrap around the Pentagon in August 1985 to remember the 40th Anniversary of Hiroshima. Our sections must be completed by Mothers Day and represent persons and things we cherish most and do not want destroyed in nuclear war.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### by Sylvia Volk

We welcome the following new members to Buffalo Branch. How about giving them a call if they live in your area and inviting them to go to an interest group or monthly meeting with you.

Helen A. Chrispen 874-5101  
1970 Delaware Avenue SUNY Fredonia, Ed.B.  
Buffalo, NY 14216 SUNYAB

Helen is retired and doing volunteer work at ECMC. She is interested in international relations and the community.

Jennifer Wettlaufer 681-4578  
7930 Clinton Street D'Youville, BA  
Elma, NY 14059 English/Philosophy

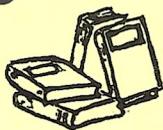
We welcome seeing Jennifer and congratu-

late her on her new addition to the family--a son, Charlie.

If you know anyone who would like to join AAUW, now is a good time, as the Association and Division dues are on a half-year basis between now and June; therefore, dues through June would be only \$22.88. Call me for more information.

The next area meeting is March 25, 7:30 p.m., for the Southtowns area at Judy Weidemann's, 50 Boxwood Circle, Hamburg. If you live in the area, come and bring a friend and share in an informational session with board members. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. Call Judy at 649-0975 or Sylvia Volk at 864-2812 for reservations and further instructions.

# HELP!



One or two (or more) hours of your time.  
 All of us want the Used Book Sale.  
 All of us must help out.  
 SORT AND PRICE  
 Have fun.  
 Meet old and new friends.  
 Bring a brown bag lunch or supper.

Wednesday, March 13 - Cheektowaga,  
 Lancaster, Depew, Bowmansville, and Alden  
 members.

Monday, March 18 - rescheduled day for  
 Kenmore and the Tonawandas.

Tuesday, March 26 - Southtowns and West  
 Seneca members.

YWCA  
 190 Franklin Street  
 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS You are most welcome and  
 are urged to come on the above dates  
 also.

Call Bunny Blackstone at 665-4519 to let  
 her know that you will be there.



## AAUW NOTES

Our sympathy to Margaret Haas whose  
 mother died in January and to Ann Montes  
 whose husband died January 30.

Our congratulations to Jennifer  
 Wettlaufer, a new member, on the birth of  
 a son in early January.



## BLIZZARD BITS Ruth M. Seitz



Some may think we were foolhardy, but  
 I prefer to think we were strong, dedi-  
 cated, curious, and active. "We" are the  
 members and guests who came to the  
 January Branch meeting and were caught in  
 the storm. Thirty-five of us enjoyed the  
 program, the luncheon, the displays, and,  
 most of all, the fellowship.

Molly Harrington, who has been out of  
 circulation for several months, was  
 there. It was good to see her and to  
 know she arrived home safely! Marie  
 Andrews, one of our most devoted older  
 members, was there. She had to spend the  
 night with the Ferbers, but was a great  
 sport about the whole thing.

Several members, including the  
 chairman, Grace McMenamy, had to stay at  
 the motel overnight. Several others had  
 to leave their cars to be dug out later  
 in the week.

Sorry about those of you who missed  
 the adventure! You will have no AAUW  
 tale to tell about the '85 Blizzard.

## ALASKAN TOUR

The East Aurora AAUW Travel Interest  
 Group is sponsoring a trip to Alaska for  
 12 days from June 28 to July 9. The tour  
 includes the highlights of Alaska and a  
 cruise on the Inside Passage on Holland-  
 American's new ship, the Noordam. For  
 more information, contact Betty Knobloch  
 at 652-4133 or Marie Schnurr at 652-1475.  
 Don't delay if you are really interested  
 as cabin space on the cruise is limited.

# STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



## MARCH

- MARCH
- 2 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the College Club, 264 Summer Street, Buffalo. Hostesses and speakers are Myra Menti and Margaret Haas. Topic is "Dolls of the World." Please call Myra at 634-5559 by February 27 for reservations.
  - 3 Sun. AAUW WEEK - March 3-9. Also Women's History Week.
  - 6 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Barbara Paulson, Sharon Minklein, and Bunny Blackstone.
  - 7 Thurs. BOOK SALE SORTING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
  - 7 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Hazel Blatt, 231 Huntington Avenue, Buffalo. For more information call Hazel at 834-3332.
  - 10 Sun. CULTURAL EVENTS - Kleinhan's Concert. 1:30 optional pre-concert lecture. 2:30 Isaac Stern Concert (\$12-\$15). 5 p.m. optional dinner at Roseland's. Contact Shirley Yavno at 885-5031 for more information.
  - 11 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 at Rita Smyth's, 399 Delta Road, Amherst. We will discuss "Soviet Leadership in Transition." Call Rita at 833-9132 if you plan to attend. Call Eleanor Goetz at 876-2449 if you wish to order "Great Decisions for 1985."
  - 12 Tues. BON APPETIT - 7:30 p.m.. Polish cooking with guest lecturer at Sylvia Volk's, 255 Ashland, 884-2812. Watch news for restaurant dinner in April, potluck in May, and "International Caravan" to Toronto in June.
  - 12 Tues. GERMAN STUDY GROUP - 9:30 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. at the home of Renny Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo. (836-3277)
  - 12 Tues. PEACE AND NATIONAL SECURITY - 8 p.m. at Grace McMenamy's, 4700 Hedgewood Drive, Williamsville. Call Grace at 634-8292 for information.
  - 13 Wed. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
  - 15 Fri. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE - 1 p.m. at the home of Marion Elmer, 375 Reist Street, Williamsville, 633-7873. "History of the Irish People in Buffalo" given by Margaret Cornell.
  - 16 Sat. Monthly AAUW Program, Panel Discussion at Holiday Inn. See page 1.
  - 18 Mon. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
  - 19 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m. at Renette Ferber's, 24 Linden Avenue near Starin, Buffalo, 836-3277. Mary Jane Orcutt will review Horowitz and Mrs. Washington, a novel by Henry Denker. It is based on customs observed by the author from his window overlooking Central Park.
  - 21 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lorraine Schank, 33 Dogwood, Williamsville. Call Lorraine at 634-4648 or Cindy Monacelli at 836-8266 for reservations.
  - 21 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Mary Mahoney, 168 Allenhurst, Amherst. Call Mary at 834-7009.
  - 25 Mon. MEMBERSHIP AREA MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Southtowns area at Judy Weidemann's. Call Judy at 649-0975. (See article.)
  - 26 Tues. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 644-4519 if you plan to come.

# STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

(cont.)

- 27 Wed. EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 p.m. at D'Youville College, Kavinoky Theatre, 320 Porter (corner Porter and Prospect). Mark Twain lecture presented in conjunction with D'Youville Humanities Department, Speaker Dr. Victor Dayno, professor of English at SUNY Buffalo. Read any Mark Twain selection. Call Missy Naum at 681-9530.
- 28 Thurs. HANDCRAFTS - 7:30 at Sylvia Volk's, 255 Ashland Avenue (one house north of Utica). Sylvia will present the program: Liturgical Art: Vestments, cloths, banners, etc., a slide presentation. Call Sylvia at 884-2812 if coming.
- APRIL
- 1 Mon. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
- 2 Tues. BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Franklin St. YWCA. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if you plan to come.
- 3 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Bertha Cutcher, Jeanne Moran, and Sheryl Scarlett.



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