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**Saturday, May 11**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ruth Seitz

As this issue goes to press, the Book Sale is about to open. By next month I hope to have good news of a sizeable sum realized from it for our EFP contribution. In the meantime, thanks to Bunny Blackstone and all the chairmen and members who worked so tirelessly to carry out the SALE.

My effort this month has been in many directions. Of course I worked on the Sale but carried on much other Branch business as well.

Tri-county Interbranch Council met to brainstorm a project for 1985-86. Consideration is being given to several exciting proposals. A selection will be made at our May meeting.



## NOMINATIONS

The 1985 Nominating Committee consists of the following Branch members:

Carolyn Iadovito, Chair  
Barbara Carier  
Ann Bish  
Lois Dabney  
Carol Kitchen

The Committee is pleased to present for consideration the following single slate of officers for election to the 1985-86 Buffalo Branch Board of Directors:

es plays, American historical documents e, and Federalist Papers), The Adventures of

# Who Are We?

## Judy Weidemann

Because 168 of you replied to the member survey, we have an interesting picture of our membership, which was put into an Apple computer, giving a valuable guide to interests and skills of our members that will be useful to officers and committee chairmen.

Age groups and occupations were put in the computer. In the age category, we had responses from 151 members. There were 12 members in the 21-35 group, 44 in the 36-50 group, 45 in the 51-65 group, and 50 in the over-65 category. Listed were 35 separate occupations: 84 members are retired, 27 are teachers, 24 are housewives or homemakers, 7 are college professors or instructors, 6 are social workers, and 5 are librarians. The other occupations are represented by 1 or 2 members.

Other information was pulled from the roster, thereby representing the full membership. Included are 40 zip codes with the largest group (57) in the 14221 (Williamsville) zip and the next largest (48) in the 14226 (Amherst) zip.

Represented are 102 undergraduate schools. SUNY at Buffalo has the highest representation with 75 graduates, and SUCNY at Buffalo has the second-highest number of graduates with 68 graduates.

Those without graduate degrees numbered 121. Those who have graduate degrees have graduated from 47 colleges and universities. Once again, SUNY at Buffalo has the highest number of members with 72 graduates, and SUCNY at Buffalo has the next highest number with 36 graduates.



WESTERN NEW YORK  
PEACE WITH JUSTICE WEEK  
MAY 1-12, 1985

Peace with Justice Week is a time for Western New Yorkers to focus on prayer, education, and advocacy for justice, human dignity and freedom and the ending of the arms race.

### PROGRAM

- May 1 Dr. Sidel speaking for Physicians for Social Responsibility
- May 3 Legislative Forum, WNY Denominational Heads
- May 5 United States-Israel Relations, a forum with Jack Kemp and Ambassador Rosenne, Jewish Fed.
- May 8 Nuclear Free Zone Workshop, IPC
- May 11 Women in Peace Work - WAND and Center for Justice
- May 12 Peace with Justice Celebration and Reception, 8 p.m. The speaker will be Reverend Allan Boesak, South African Church Leader, President of World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- May 12 Peace Ribbon Parade, Albright Art Gallery, 1 p.m.

The week is coordinated by the Interfaith Peace Coalition of the Buffalo Area Metropolitan Ministries. The IPC of BAMM welcomes support toward the cost of publicity and planning. Send any contributions to: IPC, 100 Wadsworth, Buffalo, NY 14201 or call 883-7717.

# EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## INDIVIDUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Support for the programs of the Educational Foundation continues to be a way for individual members to acknowledge their commitment to AAUW and the educational advancement of women. Outlined below are the Foundation's individual giving programs.

### FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

With an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more, individuals can join the core of major supporters of the Educational Foundation. "Friends" are listed in the Annual Report of the AAUW Educational Foundation, receive a commemorative certificate reflecting their special membership status, and receive invitations to important Foundation events. All contributions should be sent directly to the AAUW Educational Foundation and can be credited to a specific branch or division upon request.

### EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers will match their employee's gifts to the Educational Foundation. Branches and Divisions can receive credit for an employee's matching gift. Employed members and spouses can check with their personnel office to determine whether gifts to the AAUW Educational Foundation are eligible for matching gifts under their company's guidelines. All matching gifts should be coordinated through the Development Office.

### AAUW POOLED INCOME FUND

The AAUW Pooled Income Fund is an irrevocable trust that allows gifts from separate donors to be combined for investment purposes. In return, each donor receives an annual income based on the interest (currently 10%) earned by the trust each year and charitable tax deduction in the year the gift is made. The minimum contribution is \$5,000. Pooled Income Fund gifts are coordinated through the Development Office and can be used to establish endowments.

### BEQUESTS AND TRUSTS

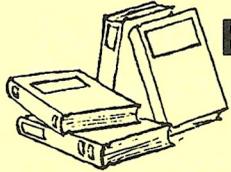
Gifts through bequests and trusts have historically accounted for a significant part of AAUW's endowment growth. There are many ways individuals can protect their family, preserve their property, and make a contribution to the Educational Foundation. The outright bequest probably is the most popular method of making a gift. However, the charitable bequest may also be expressed in terms of a percentage of the estate or as a percentage of the residuary estate. For more information and suggested legal wording, donors should contact the Development Office.

### TRIBUTE AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

Tribute and memorial gifts can be made in any amount to mark a special occasion or to remember a friend or family member. Acknowledgement cards are sent by the Development Office to the donor and the honoree or family when the gift is sent directly to the Educational Foundation.

# Used Book Sale

## Bunny Blackstone



As of this writing, the Book Sale is not yet underway. We hope to move over in one day with the aid of volunteer truck drivers (Jim Blackstone, Ron Seamer, and Joan Eschner) and donated vans from Nan Summers and Joan Eschner. This should cut our expenditures around \$300.

All leftover books will be donated to the Correctional Facilities of Attica, Wyoming, and Collins.

We would also like to thank the "Future Pioneers," a volunteer service group of the New York Telephone Company for collecting books for us.

We are pleased to announce that Jean Moran and Ann Montes will be the new coordinators of the Book Sale next year.

If anyone is interested in being on the Book Sale Committee or can help out by picking up books in their area only and bringing them to the YWCA, please contact Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519. A station wagon is sufficient for this task, and the YW is now open on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Trucking has been one of our largest expenses. We have cut this cost tremendously this year and hope to do better next year with the aid of our members.

We are looking forward to another successful year and thank all members who have contributed their time, money, and supplies.

## CULTURAL EVENT

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### Niagara-on-the-Lake

BUS - LUNCH - SHOP - PLAY - DINNER  
Mary Ann Wahl

Summer may seem far off right now, but it's time to start planning our summer cultural event for June. Start sowing your seeds of flowers as well as fun.

Plan to join AAUW members and friends for a bus ride to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Saturday, June 29, at 11 p.m., Leaving the Boulevard Mall Cinema Theatre parking lot and arriving at Niagara about 1 p.m. for a brown bag lunch.

Time permitting, enjoy a casual stroll through town, browsing in the variety of quaint little shops that border the main street through town. It's difficult not to come home with some new delight.

Also, plan to join us for dinner at the Luis House on Melville Street. Choice of: roast beef, steak, fried chicken, steak and kidney pie, or fillet of sole. Order ahead.

#### Price of trip:

Bus fare	\$7.00 (based on 25)
Play	\$16.00 Canadian (at least 20)
Dinner	\$8.50 Canadian

#### Deadlines:

Reservations:	May 5
Receipt of money:	May 10

No refunds after May 10. Please call me for dinner choice and exact amount due. Mary Ann Wahl, 35 Woodland Terrace, Buffalo, NY 14225 (836-5010).

# BUFFALO COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

by Lucille Peterson

## MEMBERSHIP

by Sylvia Volk  
Membership VP

Thank you to Buffalo Branch members who purchased UNICEF Christmas cards and gift items. Did you know that one pack of UNICEF cards can buy enough Oral Rehydration Salts to treat ten seriously dehydrated children? Three packs can defray the costs of vaccines, needles, syringes and adequate cold storage to immunize one child against the six leading child-killing and maiming diseases.

The BCWA has received the colorful new 1985 Spring Collection of cards, gifts, and stationery from UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. Proceeds from the sale of these items will continue vital UNICEF-assisted projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America by providing the health care, nutrition, education, and social services that bring hope of a new life to millions of needy children. Buffalo Branch members can play an important role helping these services to continue. Purchase items at the May Luncheon or call your Council representative (Lucille Peterson) at 876-0252.

Controversy over United States withdrawal from UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) has caused confusion. They are two separate agencies with totally different mandates, governing bodies and budgets. UNICEF, with headquarters in New York, is financed entirely by voluntary contributions from governments and the public and has always received a solid backing from the United States

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Let's all welcome our new member:

Lee A. Lyons	882-1173
20 Granger Place	St. Bonaventure
Buffalo, NY 14222	B.A., Sociology

Lee is Executive Director, YWCA Buffalo and Erie County.

Can you guess who brought in the most new members? Announcement will be in the June Newsletter.



Government. President Reagan stated, "I am asking the American people to help bring about a health revolution for children during the coming decade by supporting UNICEF's humanitarian programs." A New York Times editorial states: ". . . But few global organizations have done so much for so many for so little . . . UNICEF has spread the salts of life to 111 countries on a modest budget of \$333 million, of which the American share is \$53 million, plus \$15 million for help to famine-stricken Africa. In terms of need, this is a pittance. In terms of benefit, it's an investment in that most precious resource, children. This is the right season to reaffirm America's support for a UN agency that works."

# STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

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- 1 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Lucille Peterson, Lillian Riggs, and Eloise Moran.
- 4 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the home of Helen Kennedy, 644 Crescent Avenue. The speaker will be Mary O'Connor. Topic is: Bits and Bytes: A Modern Language. Reservations by May 1 with Helen.
- 4-13 PEACE AND NATIONAL SECURITY - Western New York Peace Week. Call Grace McMenamy at 634-8292 for information.
- 6 Mon. MUSIC GROUP - There will be no meeting this month.
- 7 Tues. GERMAN GROUP - 9:30 a.m. at the home of Eleanore Goetz, 15 Rugby Road, Buffalo (876-2449).
- 7 Tues. DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at the home of Cindy Monacelli, 75 Westminster Avenue, Buffalo. Call Cindy at 836-8266 or Mary O'Connor at 631-9227 if you plan to attend.
- 9 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Daphne Meyer, 333 Southwood Drive, Kenmore. Call Daphne at 877-1576.
- 11 Sat. MAY LUNCHEON - See front page.
- 13 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 at Rita Smyth's, 399 Delta Road, Amherst, Apt. 4. Topic will be "Iran-Iraq War." Call Rita at 833-9132 if you plan to attend.
- 16 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - Banquet at the Old Red Mill. All members welcome. Cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call Cindy Monacelli at 836-8266 by May 7 for reservations and dinner selection.
- 7 Fri. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE - 1 p.m. at the home of Josephine Herman, 258 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo. Galina, a Russian Story by Galina Vishnevskaya and reviewed by Ida Silk.
- Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m. Lillian Riggs will review Between Ourselves, a collection of letters between mothers and daughters, edited by Karen Payne. For information as to meeting place, please call Lillian at 875-7965.
- Wed. WEDNESDAY EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Paulson, 18 Harbour Point, Common, Buffalo. The Dwelling Place by Catherine Cockson. Discussion leader is Sylvia Volk. Please call Barbara at 847-1455.

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.

MUSIC GROUP - Members will meet at 1 p.m. at the Lord Amherst to plan the 1985-86 program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the University of Buffalo Faculty Club. Hostesses are Norma Millar, Lois Jarrett, and Carolyn Iadovito.

## EDUCATION and the HUMANITIES

Dr. Dayton, area rep for Education, has requested that we acquaint our Branch members with the following information based on a study by William Bennett, U.S. Secretary of Education.

\*A student can obtain a bachelor's degree from 75% of American colleges without studying European history; from 72% without studying American literature or history; and from 86% without studying classical Greek and Roman civilizations.

\*Fewer than half of all colleges require foreign language study, down from nearly 90% in 1966.

\*The number of students choosing majors in the humanities has plummeted. Since 1970 the number of majors in English has declined by 57%, in philosophy by 41%, in history by 62%, and in modern languages by 50%.

A strong curriculum should require: "A careful reading of masterworks of English, American, and European literature; an understanding of the most significant ideas and debates in philosophy; and demonstrable proficiency in a foreign language (either modern or classical.)" When Bennett invited educational leaders to recommend ten books any high school graduate should have read, he received over 500 responses. The following were "cited at least 50% of the time": Shakespeare's plays, American historical documents (the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and Federalist Papers), The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, and the Bible.

As Bennett explained, the aim of the report "is not to argue for more majors in the humanities," but to assert that "some substantial quality instruction in the humanities should be an integral part of everyone's collegiate education."

Dr. Joyce Dayton, New York Leader, Spring 1985

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