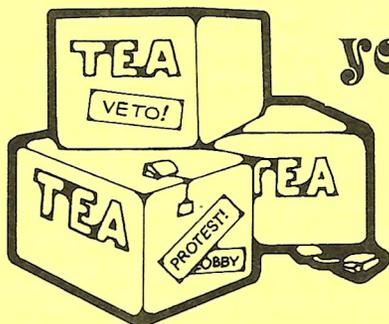


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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

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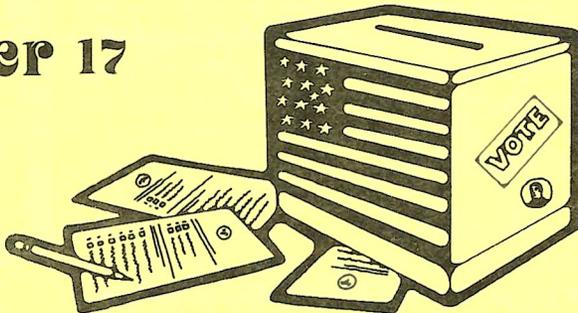
The Task Force on Empowering Women
and
The NYSD Western Area WIDE Team

saturday, november 17

9:30 a.m.

Workshop Facilitators:

Jeanne Moran
Carol Stull
Barbara Carrier



THIS WORKSHOP EMPHASIZES PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS SKILLS FOR AN ADVOCATE, INCLUDING HOW TO WRITE EFFECTIVELY AND HOW TO PRESENT YOUR IDEAS ORALLY.

Bring a brown bag lunch and join in the fellowship following the Workshop. Beverages can be purchased in the college cafeteria.

Daemen College
Wick Center

RSVP
Please call Mary Weppner,
634-6636, by November 14.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ruth Seitz

As we move into November, our thoughts turn to Election Day, Thanksgiving, and to threat of winter with its snow and ice. Let them turn, too, to AAUW Branch activity.

Looking back, I hope you found pleasure in meeting a new member as you enjoyed the Potluck Dinner and Program at the October meeting. Thanks to Anne and Marion and their workers. Many of us found it stimulating, as we did the District Branch Workshop at D'Youville on the 20th.

Looking ahead--be sure to vote on the 6th, and do make an effort to take another registered voter along. Many of us will be working on Election Night to earn money for the Branch as callers for the News Services. Lois Jarrett is coordinating this project.

A fine opportunity to acquire skills for legislative action and networking is waiting for you at our 'Brown Bag Luncheon' on November 17. This type of meeting is a new venture by the Program Committee. Be a part of a good response to this offering by some of our members.

Attendance at the Interest/Study groups is a big part of our program. Are you participating? Check the calendar in this issue for times and places. If you would like to form a new group, call Sheryl.

So we come to Thanksgiving! I am very grateful to all of you for your support. I wish for you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving and an abundance of riches for which to be thankful.



VOTE!

by Pat Seaver

Before November 6, know where the candidates stand on the issues. The Coalition for Equal Rights conducted a poll asking candidates, "Will you vote to pass an unamended ERA?" and "Would you vote for an ERA amended to limit its application?"

When the U.S. Congress acted on the ERA in 1983, Kemp and Nowak voted NO while LaFalce voted YES. Kemp's opponent, Peter Martinelli, says he will "not obstruct passage of the 'clean' ERA," but he questions "the logical nexus between ERA and its goals." Anthony Murty and David Lewandowski, opponents of LaFalce and Nowak, did not respond.

In the NY Senate races, Ignasiak, 57th, and Montgomery, 59th, indicated they will support a "clean" ERA but not an amended one. Anthony Masiello, 58th, will support a clean ERA but is undecided about an amended version. Other candidates failed to respond. However, Walter Floss indicated opposition to any ERA in a 1982 poll.

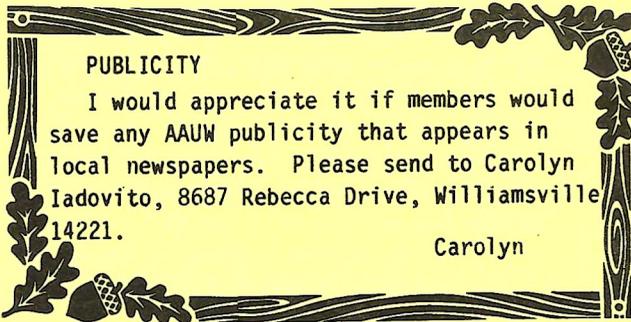
When the NY York Assembly voted on a state ERA in 1984, Assemblymen Eve, Schimminger, Sheffer, and Hoyt voted YES while Assemblymen Gorski, Keane, Pordum, Paxon, and Graber voted NO. Gorski's opponent in the 143rd, Edward Stronski, indicated he would support an ERA amended to prohibit abortion, as did Richard Keane, 145th. Donald Frank, 148th, will not support any ERA, expressing his belief that "the Bible and the Lord gave all the Equal Rights to women and men that they need." Other candidates did not respond.

IT'S A MAN'S WORLD UNLESS WOMEN VOTE!

USED BOOK SALE

Bunny Blackstone, who coordinated last spring's Used Book Sale, has agreed to serve as the 1984-1985 Used Book Sale coordinator. We are delighted that she is willing to take on this most important and time-consuming responsibility.

In order to promote a smooth transition of personnel from this year to next year, the Used Book Sale Committee is searching for a coordinator-elect to assist Bunny this year and then serve as coordinator next year. If interested, please call Ruth Seitz, Bunny Blackstone, or any board member.



PUBLICITY

I would appreciate it if members would save any AAUW publicity that appears in local newspapers. Please send to Carolyn Iadovito, 8687 Rebecca Drive, Williamsville 14221.

Carolyn

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Many thanks to all who made the October 13 Membership Reception such a great success: fellow Board members, reservation chairpersons, hostess and food chairpersons, and all of you who came.

We had many current members and nineteen visitors, three of whom have already joined us as new members.

We will have another Membership Reception in June of 1985, but prospective members are welcome at any meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

Sylvia Volk, Membership VP



The following new members are welcomed to AAUW Buffalo Branch. You may wish to look for them at our next monthly meeting to welcome them.

Catherine Todaro	627-3138
2315 Shadagee Road	Fredonia State, BS
Eden 14057	Elementary Ed

Catherine is interested in many areas and is currently working at ECMC.

Marsha L. Rosenthal	688-0563
186 Schimwood Court	Nazareth College, MS
Getzville 14068	Education

Marsha joins us from the Fairport Branch. She is interested in checking out several of the interest groups.

Marian C. Woodard	834-5992
111 Godfrey Street	SUCAB
Buffalo 14215	Home Ech. Ed.

Marian is currently working as a Social Welfare Examiner for Erie County. She is interested in networking and joining us for the monthly meetings.

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All of our new members had a chance to meet our Executive Board and Chairpersons at the New Members Luncheon on Saturday, October 13, at 255 Ashland Avenue.

We all thank our Luncheon Chairpersons, Joyce Lenz and Shirley Yavno, for an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, good food, and the sharing of ideas with all.

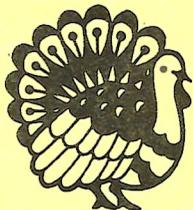
NEWSLETTER NOTES



Co-editors of the Newsletter are Barbara Carier and Delores Bowker, while Marion Fay is Circulation Editor.

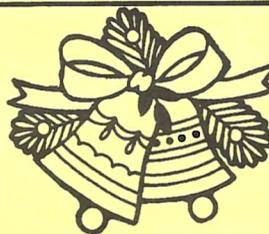
Please send all Newsletter contributions to Delores Bowker, 1065 Parkhurst Boulevard, Tonawanda 14150. All address changes should be sent to Marion Fay, 347 Brantwood Road, Buffalo 14226.

Again, the staff thanks all of you who have expressed your satisfaction with the "new" Newsletter.



THE ROSTER--FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We have had requests for the use of our ROSTER as a mailing list for other groups. It is the policy of the Branch to use the ROSTER for our own mailings and business only. It is never given to another group by the Board; it should never be given by any member. Please be careful when and if you dispose of old, outdated ROSTERS.



december meeting

by Toni Volk

It's a family and friends affair!

The "Star of Bethlehem" program will attract the interest of both children and adults. It is a respectful examination of the scientific possibilities for the Christmas Star and winter solstice rituals of various religions. In a very unique way, the program joins history and astronomy as it goes in search of the Star of Bethlehem by examining the calendar to establish in what year Jesus was most likely born. It also focuses on the astronomical happenings which might have been interpreted by the Magi as an omen warranting their long journey. 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!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1984

2 P.M.

FERGUSON PLANETARIUM (SUCB CAMPUS)
1300 ELMWOOD AVENUE, BUFFALO, NY 14222

Please make your reservations by returning the form below to Toni Volk, 324 Windemere Boulevard, Buffalo 14226 by November 20, 1984.

_____ will attend the
"Star of Bethlehem" program with _____
children and _____ guests.

Please enclose a fee of \$1 for each adult. Children under 16 are free.



EDUCATION by Sharon Minklein

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM by N. Anne Montes

Test your Education I.Q. with the following Trivia Teaser as outlined in the New York Leader, Fall 1984.

1. Which institution of higher education in the United States has the largest endowment fund?
2. Which state in the United States has the greatest number of institutions of higher education?
3. During the past fifteen years, which SAT score dropped more, the average verbal score or the average mathematical score?
4. If literacy is defined as the ability to read and write in any language, name the seven countries with a population of 10 million or more in which 99 percent of the population is literate.
5. Name the state with the most public high school graduates in 1980-81.
6. Has the average number of pupils per teacher in elementary and secondary schools increased or decreased since 1960?

Answers:

(1) Harvard University with \$1.7 billion in 1981. (2) New York with 294. (3) Verbal dropped 40 points; mathematics dropped 25 points. (4) Japan, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, United States. (5) California. (6) Decreased from 26.4% to 18.7% in 1980.

On October 3, 1984, the Civil Rights Act of 1984 was defeated by a 53 to 45 vote in the Senate. New York Senator Moynihan voted for the Bill. Senator D'Amato voted against the Bill.

The Civil Rights Act of 1984 was a piece of legislation designed to protect women, minorities, the elderly, and the disabled from discrimination. AAUW strongly urged support of this Bill. (See ACTION ALERT, Volume 4, Issue 10, 9-20-84.)

As Branch Legislative Chair, my voice is only as strong as our collective voices. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we must make our elected officials accountable for their actions. By communicating to them our needs, we help them to better represent their constituents.

We lost this one, but we must not be discouraged. Turn your anger to energy and use this energy to write and inform our legislators on future issues. I will try to keep you informed on the issues and AAUW's stand on them. It is up to you to study the issues by reading, listening to the media, and contacting the offices of our legislators for more information so you can make informed decisions. Finally, act on those decisions by writing letters to your representatives from the President on down, if need be.

A list of addresses of our elected officials is available from me or from the League of Women Voters. I will mail it to you upon request, or you can pick it up at the monthly general meetings.

WOMEN'S ISSUES



EMPOWERING WOMEN

by Jeanne Moran

Whether we call it the feminization of poverty or the pauperization of women, the statistics are equally grim:

*65.8% of single-parent families headed by women in New York State live in poverty, while only 9% headed by men are poor;

*Over 60% of poor families are headed by women compared to 43% ten years ago.

*Up to one third of welfare women work but earn too little to support their families;

*Fully employed women high school graduates earn less on the average than fully employed men who have not completed elementary school;

*Child support is awarded in only 59% of cases; child support due is collected in less than 50% of the 59% awarded; three years later, child support is collected in only 19% of cases;

*In 1984 women earn 59 cents to every \$1 men earn, although in 1955 women earned 64 cents to every dollar men earned;

*It is estimated that, of the 40-cents wage gap between men and women workers, 20 to 30 cents can be attributed to sex discrimination.

*Furthermore, the pauperization of women is not limited to those living below the poverty level. As university women, you may be surprised and you should be enraged to learn that women with a college education earn less on the average than men with an eighth grade education.

In everyone's life, situations arise where personal access to resources or influence is insufficient to produce the desired outcome. These situations may be as general as attempting to end nuclear proliferation or as personal as seeking a new dentist. Often people turn to personal, professional, or organizational networks for information and support. In fact, organizational memberships reflect recognition of the need for a collective voice to influence the social institutions of church and state.

Just as individuals join organizations like AAUW to increase their ability to affect major institutions, policy-making and legislation, organizations join forces on issues of shared concern. Organizations participating in coalitions and advocacy networks extend their power beyond the resources of any single member.

EMPOWERING WOMEN: ACHIEVING CHANGE THROUGH ADVOCACY NETWORKS continues our efforts to effect change for women and girls and to provide an opportunity to utilize the lessons learned in our decade of work on ratifying the ERA (e.g., lobbying legislators and working in coalitions). The advocacy network is the process--the vehicle--the delivery system which will enable women to work together to make public and private institutions more equitable and more responsive to the needs of women and girls. This Issue will utilize the skill, knowledge, and commitment to reaffirm Action for Equity/Advancement for Women as the focus for AAUW in the 80's.

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



november



OCTOBER

- 27 Sat. SINGLES AND DOUBLES - 8:30, the Cutchers, 91 Monroe Drive, Williamsville, 633-6025. Join us at our Icebreaker Meeting. We'll form teams to match wits with Trivial Pursuit while we sample wine, cheese, and tidbits. Shall the ladies challenge the men? Come alone or bring spouse, potential member, or friend.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m., Grace Scott's, 58 Wardman Road, Kenmore. Call Grace at 875-3359.
- 2 Fri. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m., Dorothy Bell's, 62 Linden Avenue, Kenmore. Alice Weinmann will speak on the Hutterites. Call 873-5087 for reservations by 10/28.
- 5 Mon. MUSIC GROUP - 1 p.m., 25 Wainwright Road; Gertrud Bureau will discuss Chopin. If attending, call Mary Weppner at 634-6636
- 6 Tues. DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m., at Marian Barone-Moen's, 608 Lisbon Avenue, Buffalo. Please call Marian at 838-5928 if planning to attend.
- 7 Wed. BOARD MEETING - 7:30 at Faculty Club. Hostesses: Shirley Yavno, Sylvia Vogt. Please call Ruth Seitz at 633-2473 if unable to attend.
- 10 Sat. CULTURAL EVENTS - Buffalo Women in Art Studio Tour - 1-5 p.m. Contact Shirley Yavno at 885-5031.
- 11 Sun. CULTURAL EVENTS - Crafts Show - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Theater Place - Hosts for two-hour intervals. Sign up for those interested.
- 12 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 at Eleanore Goetz's, 15 Rugby Road, Buffalo. "China and the U.S." Call Eleanor at 876-2449 if planning to attend.
- 13 Tues. PEACE AND NATIONAL SECURITY - 8 p.m. at Grace McMenemy's, 4700 Hedgewood Drive, Williamsville. Call Grace at 634-8292 for further information.
- 13 Tues. GERMAN GROUP - 9:30 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. meeting - at Eleanore Goetz's, 15 Rugby Road, Buffalo. For further information, call Jean Noye at 873-3400.
- 14 Wed. PRICING AND SORTING at the YWCA, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Call Bunny at 655-4519 if planning to come any part of any day.
- 15 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. - at Mary Huestis', 70 Exeter Road, Williamsville. Call Mary at 632-8542 or Cindy at 836-8266 for reservations
- 15 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP = 10 a.m., Daphne Meyer's, 333 Southwood, Kenmore; call Daphne at 877-1576.
- 16 Fri. LITERATURE GROUP - 1 p.m., Josephine Hoag's, 51 Lincoln Road, Snyder, 839-3990. "A Biography of Vladimir Horowitz" by Plaskin, reviewed by Tanya Ganson.
- 20 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m., Lillian Riggs', 255 Grimsby Road, Kenmore. Renette Ferber will review "The Weaker Vessel" by Fraser. Call Lillian at 875-7965.
- 27 Tues. PRICING AND SORTING at the YWCA, 9:30 a.m.-8:30. Call Bunny at 655-2473.
- 28 Wed. EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 p.m., Sylvia Volk's, 255 Ashland, Buffalo. "Memories of a Catholic Childhood" by Mary McCarthy. Please Call Sylvia at 884-2812.
- 29 Thurs. HANDCRAFTS/SEWING GROUP - 7:30 p.m. - at Lynn McClive's, 50 Anderson Place. Program will be "History of Lace" by Lynn McClive. Call Lynn at 885-3299.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARDS



NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER
November 3, 1984

Carol Stull, a member of Buffalo Branch Board, was honored by the State University of New York at Buffalo Advisory Council as an "Outstanding Woman in Community Service" at its Recognition Luncheon at the Hyatt on October 31. She was nominated by Buffalo Branch for this honor.

Branch members have known Carol as a woman worthy of this honor. We are pleased and proud to have the University Community recognize her many contributions to her family, her profession, her church and the numerous community groups which she serves.

The Branch also nominated a non-member, Joan Danzig, in the Communications category. She, too, was recognized with an award at the luncheon for her many achievements as Editor-in-charge of the Buffalo News Living Section. Joan was a 1982 winner of the NYSD-AAUW Media award. We congratulate her and invite her to membership in our Branch.

If you live in zip codes 14150, 14221, 14068, or 14120, join us at the home of Ruth Samuels, 21-B Durham Drive, Williamsville, for a Neighborhood Get-Together on November 3 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A Neighborhood Get-Together is a time to meet fellow members who live in your surrounding area, a time to "bring a friend" who may not have made it to the Membership Reception, a time to meet and share ideas about the 1984-1985 program, and a time for input with your Board members and chairpersons.

If you are planning to attend, please call Ruth Samuels at 689-6792.



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