



BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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11am ~ 1pm

Saturday, September 22, 1984

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Ruth Seitz

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to this position. As indicated to those present at the annual meeting, I aim to involve each of you in some Branch activity, to communicate with you via the Newsletter (assuming you read and respond), to increase Branch membership, and to raise the amount of profit from the Book Sale to meet our Centennial EFP commitment.

I have been busy with Branch business!

The Executive Committee met to approve appointments and to set goals for the year. Elsewhere in this issue you will see the results of two Program Development meetings. A big effort was made to meet needs of all members by varying the time, location, and type of meetings. Please make one of your goals attendance to at least half of them. The Finance Committee met to plan budget. We will try to "hold the Line," but this may be the year to raise local dues.

Other business included attendance at meetings of the Coalition to GET OUT THE VOTE, of the Tri-County Interbranch Council which is planning to involve our Canadian University counterparts in Branch and District meetings, and of Branch project groups.

Much time has been given to working through and becoming familiar with the files, to endless telephoning, and to a search for a Book Sale Coordinator while planning with last year's committees.

Time now for our New Year! Get aboard!

COMMUNITY



by Lois Jarrett

First of all, my thanks to Barb Carier and Delores Bowker for giving me this opportunity to address my old friends in the Branch as well as the many new members. It will be an exciting two-year period working with all of you.

I will do the best that I can to represent our Branch in the community, but quite obviously I will need your help. If you become aware of a community project that you feel should be brought to our attention, please give me a call at 873-1076. We can then discuss the matter; and if you or some branch member that you know would be willing to represent Buffalo Branch to the project committee, we could greatly expand AAUW influence and effectiveness within the community. In so doing, you will enrich your own life, you will enrich the activities of the Branch, and since I am firmly convinced that each individual does make a difference, you will ultimately enrich our community.

Let us take a moment to think of what is meant by "community." Webster defines it as living in "somewhat close association and under common rules." Therefore, for our purposes the community becomes the people in our apartment building, our next-door neighbors, the people on our block, in our neighborhood, in our town or village, in Buffalo, in Erie County, and in Western New York. As educated women, all of these sections must become areas of interest and areas of concern, because without interest and concern we will not be motivated to action.

WOMEN'S ISSUES



by Norma Millar

On August 26 the National Park Service formally opened the home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton in Seneca Falls, New York. 1984 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of this remarkable woman.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton organized the suffrage movement along with Susan B. Anthony in the mid-1800's. Many women of vision became members. Mrs. Stanton was certain that, only if women were strongly united, would they achieve the right to vote. At times she was ridiculed, spat upon and worse, but she never wavered from her goal.

After reconstruction, the suffrage movement began to splinter into competing factions. Women were seeking additional causes to better theirs and other's lives. Although many of these causes were valid, the lack of unified support resulted in the suffrage movement being delayed until after World War I.

The message of Elizabeth Cady Stanton to women in 1984 is simple. To achieve goals, we must unite, and we must be involved. We must work together. We must urge other women to register and vote. Above all, we ourselves must register and vote

Today there are women administrators, legislators, judges, astronauts, business executives, and professionals--even a supreme court justice and a vice presidential candidate. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a Victorian lady far ahead of her time.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Data
631-0751
by Nan Summers



We, as AAUW members, need to continue to grow in intellectual, social and cultural areas. In the belief that helping women to realize their full potential serves the best interests of society, the Educational Foundation Program (EFP), established in 1958 as a separate "arm" of AAUW, provides fellowships, grants and awards to talented women to acquire education and training.

Monies for this type of education came mainly from branch fund-raising projects. Our annual Buffalo Branch Book Sale in the Convention Center provides our major contribution to EFP. Last year we contributed over \$8,000 from our sale. We also begin this year with a small project, the sale of tote bags and stationery highlighting our "Spotlight on Women" theme. The durable canvas bag sells for \$8.00, and the 12-pack double-fold stationery sells for \$3.50, both making excellent gifts for busy women returning to their studies or organization responsibilities. Purchase these items from Nan Summers by calling 631-0751.

Share with your friends and acquaintances information from this Newsletter about EFP so that we as AAUW members can continue to grow and reach out to others. Information about individual grants and fellowships may be confusing to read and understand, but your conversations with others concerning the availability of EFP funds may provide the seed of interest in a woman seeking further education and knowledge. I am available at 631-0751 to answer individual questions concerning EFP.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

by Judy Weidemann

The office of Third Vice President has as its main charge activities which promote retention of membership.

Each year after the fall membership tea, the treasurer gives this officer a list of members who have not paid their dues. Last fall postcards were sent to these members with a follow-up phone call for those who still had not rejoined. Forty-five more members renewed as a result.

Another responsibility of this office is maintaining a file of information on members. As reported previously, a questionnaire was sent out in the spring of 1983 and a duplicate sent out a year later. This information was put into a computer and has given us valuable information about our membership. (See June 1984 bulletin.) It has also been useful for the nominating committee and in selecting committee members. The response to the survey has been wonderful, and I thank you all.

A telephone committee was organized last year by this officer and will be useful in transmitting information to our members when they cannot be reached through the bulletin. It is hoped that this committee will be permanent and simply updated when the new roster comes out each year.

The Third Vice President works very closely with the Second Vice President in charge of membership. This is true particularly at the membership tea and at the luncheon for new members.

CHILD DAY CARE CENTER DIRECTORY
A SUCCESS, STILL IN DEMAND
Suzanne Grossman, RD

June 30 was the last day of the Project Grant but definitely not the last day of the Project. During the last year, Branch members have taken the Directories to churches, schools, and other groups.

Thanks went to Charles Ruff, United Way, who accepted 300 Directories for area industries, banks, and businesses. About 1,600 Directories are in the community. Members and others have stories to tell of using the guidelines to find "their" day care centers. Requests for copies are still coming.

There is money for a 1985 update, but we need a Coordinator. Volunteer now.



SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEGINS WORK

Thirty-five members of the outgoing and incoming Boards of Directors met on Wednesday, June 6, 1984, at the Faculty Club of SUNY Buffalo. The Treasurer's report indicated that \$1,167.79 remains in the budget for this year, with one month remaining. The Chamberlin Loan Fund has \$14,000+ at its disposal. The Book Sale Committee reported great concern about the mounting expenses of the book sales and will put out a mailing this summer to members to gather ideas. The contract with the accountant was renewed for another year with a modest increase in fees. Carol Stull, Buffalo Branch member and Association Training Task Force Chairman, led the Board in some long-range planning exercises.

Government Observers by N. Anne Montes

A newly organized group in Western New York, of which AAUW Buffalo Branch is a member, is the Buffalo and Erie County Coalition of Government Observers. Other member groups are the League of Women Voters, Church Women United, Erie County YWCA's, Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs, Business and Professional Women's Club, Women for Downtown, the Coalition for Health and Welfare Buffalo and Erie County, and the Lancaster Women's Civic Club. The list is growing still and promises to represent a good cross section of the Erie County populace.

The purposes of this coalition are: to gather information and seek clarification of legislative issues, to provide citizen education and presence at local government bodies, to become knowledgeable about the legislative process itself, and to be able to report back to our member organizations in a methodical and objective fashion. Observers will NOT speak to an issue as members of the coalition, but member organizations are encouraged to take action on issues of interest.

Training sessions for observers will be held in mid-September. These sessions will include: learning the terminology, structure and process pertinent to the functioning of the Erie County Legislature; guidelines for observing and recording (facilitated by practice with a videotaped session); and an on-site orientation to the County Hall and staff.

Women interested in being observers can contact me for more information after September 1 at 627-9825.

Court Observers by Donna Murphy

Order in the Court! Order in the Court! Ah, would that it were true. Daily we read about overcrowded jails, overburdened judges, overworked court staff, and overworked criminals. Most citizens never deal directly with the courts; today, however, an increasingly litigious society is involving more of us, and we need to learn how to address the problems of our judiciary.

The Buffalo Coalition of Court Observers was organized in 1974 by a diverse group of women to educate themselves about our courts, to observe and to provide a presence in the courtroom, and to help the public understand their courts. With these goals in mind, the Coalition holds monthly educational meetings with guest speakers, encourages ongoing monitoring, sponsors community meetings on topical subjects relating to the courts, and makes available to the public the results of their observations.

This past year the Coalition members observed primarily in town courts. Last year Family Court was examined and a report made available. In past years City and Supreme Courts were monitored. Occasionally, narrower areas are examined such as disposition of prostitution cases, complaints about uneven handling of parking violations, inadequate physical facilities, and controversial administration of Buffalo's Housing Court. Monitoring can be done during the day, on weekends, or in the evenings.

If interested, please call Donna Murphy at 633-9094.

PEACE & NATIONAL SECURITY

by Grace McMenemy

On September 12, 250 women leaders will meet on Capital Hill for the first National Women's Conference to Prevent Nuclear War, a program for the Center for Defense Information. Its purpose:

* To represent the creative talent and energy of American women.

* To gain visibility for women and underscore their role in ending the nuclear arms race.

* To create a strong conviction that peace is a top personal and national priority.

* To develop a comprehensive foundation of knowledge about nuclear weaponry and provide women with new tools and skills to increase their influence in public.

* To validate women's perspectives and viewpoints, encouraging them to become informed and involved in preventing nuclear war.

Rep. Ferraro, Helen Caldicott, Shirley Chisolm, Barbara Jordan, and Chair Joanne Woodward and the others will be speaking out for the survival of our world, our

country, and our children. In 1977, Margaret Mead warned us that "We must stop the arms race to protect the people of the world; we must turn this world around." Admiral Gene LaRocque, Director of the sponsoring center, said: "My generation has failed to stop the arms race; the men have failed; now it is up to the women." He asked women to join together to launch a national non-partisan women's movement to prevent nuclear war.

"Those weapons are aimed at you and me, our friends, neighbors, and kids. We have to aim back with our votes, our petitions and voices" (Bella Abzug). Women are 53 percent of the United States population; it is our right and duty to assume a prominent role in confronting the peril of the nuclear arms race.

AAUW in its whole history has supported the peace movement and passed a resolution in San Francisco last year for the nuclear freeze. Join local peace groups; call Grace McMenemy at 634-8292 for the agenda of AAUW's Peace group.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

AAUW Association Dues	\$12.75	Association Life Members	\$18.50
New York State Division Dues	4.00	Educational Foundation (optional)	1.00
Buffalo Branch Dues	<u>14.50</u>		<u>\$19.50</u>
	\$31.25	Mail check to Barbara Paulson, 18 Harbour Pointe Common, Buffalo, NY 14207. Please enclose stamped envelope. Thanks.	
Educational Foundation (optional)	<u>1.00</u>		
	<u>\$32.25</u>		

The previously announced dues of \$30.25 did not reflect the \$1 Division increase. Those who have already paid \$30.25 still owe \$1. The new membership cards cannot be mailed as postcards. Only those who sent 20-cent stamps or stamped envelopes have received their cards. They will be available to pick up at the Membership Tea in September or will be mailed after the Tea.



BUFFALO BRANCH Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Ruth Seitz	633-2473
President-elect	Bertha Cutcher	633-6025
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2nd Vice-President Membership	Sylvia Volk	884-2812
3rd Vice-President Membership Retention	Julia Weidemann	649-0975
Recording Secretary	Barbara Carier	839-0933
Corresponding Secretary	Marjorie Skarin	631-8088
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ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Assistant Treasurer (one year)	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519
Educational Foundation Chairman	Nan Summers	631-0751
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Peace/National Security Chairman	Grace McMenemy	634-8292
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	Ann Bish	741-3964
	Lois Dabney	886-7847
	Lois Jarrett	873-1076
	Carol Kitchen	759-2497

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Community	Lois Jarrett	873-1076
Cultural Interests	Shirley Yavno	885-5031
	Mary Ann Wahl	836-5010
Education (one year)	Sharon Minklein	839-3309
International Relations	Lillian Riggs	875-7965
Book Sale Coordinator(s)		
Bulletin Co-Editors	Barbara Carier	839-0933
	Delores Bowker	837-4702
By-laws and Parliamentary	Carol Stull	837-8323
Chamberlin Loan Fund	Eloise Moran	834-0355
Committee on Women	Norma Millar	875-6091
Finance	Suzanne Grossman	837-8769
Historian	Wilma Laux	692-4571
Hospitality	Lynn McClive	885-3299
House	Carolyn Day	634-6340
Public Relations	Carolyn Iadovito	634-0927
Study Group Coordinator	Sheryl Scarlett	631-5482
Buffalo Council on World Affairs	Lucille Peterson	876-0252
Coalition of Court Observers	Donna Murphy	633-9094
Interclub Council	Irene Heacock	691-8563
	Marie Bullock	884-3781
NYS Branch Council Rep, District 1	Stacey Johnson	885-2486

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

September

- 4 Tues. DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 7:45 at Shirley Martin's, 625 Harris Hill Road, Lancaster. Phone 683-7319 if planning to come.
- 5 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 p.m. at University of Buffalo Faculty Club, 250 Winspear. Hostesses are Carolyn Day and Ruth Seitz. Please call Ruth at 633-2473 if you are unable to attend.
- 10 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Vogt's, 448 Traverse Blvd., Tonawanda. Topic: "International Debt Crisis"; call Elizabeth at 876-8064 for information.
- 11 Tues. PEACE AND NATIONAL SECURITY - 8 p.m. at the home of Grace McMenamy, 4700 Hedgewood Drive, Williamsville. Call Grace at 634-8292 for information.
- 11 Tues. GERMAN GROUP - 10 a.m. at Myra Menti's, 185-2 Palmdale, Clarence. We welcome new members. For information, call Myra at 626-4832 or Jean Noye at 873-3400.
- 20 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at Joyce Swartney's, One Hickory Hill Road, Apt. E, Williamsville. Call Joyce at 688-2239 or Cindy Monacelli at 836-8266.
- 21 Fri. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE - 1 p.m. at Esther Green's, 2629 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore. Topic: "Through the South Pacific with Esther Green." Phone her at 875-8934.
- 26 Wed. EVENING LITERATURE - Heartburn by Nora Ephron and The Second Stage by Betty Friedan. Discussion leaders: Irene Walsh and Missy Naum. Hostess: Barbara Paulson, 18 Harbour Pointe, Buffalo. Please call Barbara at 847-1455.
- BOOK REVIEW GROUP meets on the third Tuesday at 1 p.m. from October through May. Each month a different member reviews a book of her own choice. Meetings are open to all interested Branch members. The first book will be The March of Folly from Troy to Viet Nam. See October Newsletter for details. Renny Ferber, Chairman, 836-3277.

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