

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1986

A Dance Experience!

IMAGE IS...



by
Zodiaque Dance Company

directed by
Linda Swiniuch and Tom Ralabate



CENTER THEATRE
681 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

February 28, 1986
Price: \$6.00

7:15 p.m. Pre-lecture
8:00 p.m. Curtain

Looking for a new experience? IMAGE IS . . . awaits you! This is an opportunity for all dance lovers and those new to dance to experience an unusual evening. IMAGE IS . . . offers seven different segments of dance based on stage plays or movies. The themes are theatrical, jazz, modern, slow dance and ballroom, offering a variety of styles within the evening.

Discover insights about dance, what a dancer's life involves, the training, the exercises. See more than the performance; come to the pre-lecture given by Linda Swiniuch, the Director of the Dance Department.

For reservations, call Pauline Stoehr before February 15 at 941-3764 (home) or 675-3785 (office). Dinner reservations at the Hyatt Regency are also available; ask Pauline for information regarding dinner reservations.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bertha Cutcher

Remember the Branch Needs Assessment Survey you completed a few months ago? Well, some facts are now available, and I want to share some of these findings with you. We are pleased that so many members responded, thereby assisting us in shaping the future activities of our Branch.

As to demographics: We are an unusually select group of women with diverse interests, vocational and avocational. Of significance is the educational makeup of our membership. Although our only requirement is a Bachelor's degree, we value higher education dearly. 14 percent of the survey respondents have a Ph.D., with an additional 16.5 percent who are working or have worked toward a doctoral degree. 41.5 percent already have their Master's degree, but an additional 12.5 percent are or have worked toward an MA.

The majority of the respondents are employed in education as teachers at all levels in public and private schools; at the collegiate level they are in classrooms, in administration, and in support positions. Those not employed in teaching cover a broad spectrum of professions: public relations, advertising, management, librarianship, banking, art, social work, accounting and nursing, to name a few, and a number are self-employed. Most members work full time, but a few are working part time. One third of the respondents indicate they are "retired," and a number

are housewives or engaged as volunteers. Three women indicated they were actively seeking employment.

The age breakdown suggests the greying of AAUW, but statistics reveal the heaviest concentration of members are approaching or in their "Middle Years." However, 12 percent are in the earlier years of their professional life with definite goals and dynamic interests.

A few respondents expressed the desire to attend Board meetings. These meetings are geared primarily to Board reports, but any member interested in attending may do so. Please call me prior to the meeting.

There are other aspects of the survey, and many guidelines which we can now explore, particularly in the areas of programming and activities. From time to time, you will be hearing from various officers whose responsibilities may be impacted by the findings. We will be seeking your input in planning. Please respond when called to be on a committee: your involvement is vital! In the meantime, attend all our open meetings and the study groups of your choice. Note particularly the forthcoming February 8 meeting; it promises to be interesting and informative.

Congratulations to Phyllis Kelly, the new recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award. We have always been proud of her accomplishments (as reflected by our giving her our Achievement Award in 1979). Phyllis was also our Corporate Representative from U.B. We are particularly proud of the fact that AAUW nominated her.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOAL SETTING:
USING PRINCIPLES OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS

Anna N. Parenti, Chairperson

It's really very simple. If people knew how to create what they want in their lives and in their work, they would do it. The fact that they sometimes can bring about the results they want can be seen as evidence that creating is a natural ability. Even though the principles of the creative process are simple, they are not generally known. In some cases they run counter to what we have been taught. But knowing and using these logical principles makes a profound difference in people's lives. Since their skill in creating increases over time, they get better and better at creating, and their lives become more and more the way they have always wanted them to be.

No amount of making choices based on what you think you can have can ever get you what you want. And you can't create what you want by starting with a problem that you want to solve, or a situation that you want to avoid or eliminate. At best you would come up with creative alternatives to what you don't want. To create means to actually bring forth into reality something that never existed before.

It is possible to learn systematically how to create what you most want. You will find the February 8 luncheon presentation to be enlightening and beneficial for both your personal and professional goals and objectives, so be sure to set Saturday, February 8, 1986, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on your calendar. Details can be found in the January Newsletter.

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NYSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WINTER MEETING
Dr. Patricia Seaver

The Board of Directors of the NYSD of AAUW held their winter Board meeting in Albany January 11-13. The Board accepted the invitation of the Buffalo Branch to hold the 1987 and 1990 Division Conventions in Buffalo. The 1988 Convention will be held in Albany, and in 1989 the Convention will take place in Syracuse.

The first NYSD branch to celebrate its centennial will be the New York City Branch, which was founded in 1886. Syracuse is the second oldest branch in the state and will celebrate its centennial in 1989, followed by the Buffalo Branch in 1990.

The NYSD will soon establish its Task Force on the new issue of Women's Work/Women's Worth. The Public Support for Public Education Issue will continue through 1987; the Peace and National Security issue will end this year. Workshops on each of the issues will be offered at the 1986 Division Convention to be held May 16-18 at Glens Falls. Other Spectrum Sessions will include Beginning and Advanced Lobbying Skills, Volunteer Leadership Training, Child Advocacy, Advocacy for the Aging and a panel on reading and writing. Association President Sarah Harder will be the keynote speaker and entertainment will include the Lake George Opera Company.

An ad hoc committee of the NYSD Board has been developing an AAUW Image Folder which will be unveiled at the Division Convention. Included will be fact sheets about AAUW and a glossary of AAUW terms.

DO YOUR CHILDREN KNOW? by Pat Seaver

DOES YOUR DAUGHTER KNOW...

*The chances are high that she will be in the paid workforce for a significant part of her life. A high school girl today can expect to spend an average of 34 years working for pay. Nine out of ten high school girls can expect to be in the workforce for some period of time.

* The chances are high that she will work for pay out of economic necessity to support herself and her family. Four out of ten high school girls today will be single heads of households.

*Young women must select and train for work that will provide them economic security and personal satisfaction.

*Young women must also make certain that they gain some of the basic home maintenance skills they may need as heads of families.

DOES YOUR SON KNOW...

*The chances are high that, if he marries, his wife will work for pay outside their home.

*As more and more women are working outside their homes, increasing numbers of men are called upon to assume responsibility for child care, food preparation and home maintenance.

*Young men should prepare now not only for work outside the home but also for work within the home and family.

Taken from VOICE, Spring 1985.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS

by Barbara Carier
Rec. Secretary

1. The Buffalo Branch Board has offered to hostess the 1987 and 1990 New York State Conventions. The request will be considered at the Winter Board Meeting. The 1990 Convention will coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Buffalo Branch.
2. Karen Stephenson conducted a Board orientation program which was favorably received by Board members who requested follow-up.
3. A motion was made by Jeanne Moran and seconded by Beverly Mooney to offer a gift membership to Sheila Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for WNY, in gratitude for speaking at our November Branch Meeting.
4. Legislative Chairman Anne Montes reported that the Coalition of Government Observers is in need of volunteers.
4. Ann Hicks, Chairman of Women's Wellness Day, has written and submitted a grant proposal to the Educational Foundation to assist in the funding for the program. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Board allocate \$100 from the Special Project Fund in support of Women's Wellness Day, which will be held on May 3. Nine of the twelve presenters for the program are confirmed.
5. \$21 was collected for the Community Food Pantry.

Congratulations!

PHYLLIS KELLY
1986 SUSAN B. ANTHONY HONOREE

Thirty years of significant contributions leading to an outstanding record of volunteer service in the areas of education, health, the environment, culture, and government have resulted in the Interclub Council's choice of Phyllis Kelly as the 1986 Susan B. Anthony Honoree. Mrs. Kelly's nomination was presented through Irene Heacock, AAUW delegate to the Council, and we are especially pleased that the Council has selected once again an AAUW member for its most prestigious award.

Phyllis graduated from the University of Buffalo and has since been most active in the University in many areas. As President of the U.B. Alumnae Association 25 years ago, she set up a scholarship for women. She was the first woman Vice-Chairman for ten years of the U.B. Council (Board of Trustees). Also, she was the first woman President of the U.B. Alumni Association, an organization of 100,000 members. In 1983-85, Mrs. Kelly was President of the Community Advisory Council. During this term, she tripled the female representation on this Council.

In government, Phyllis was continually working for the advancement of women. As President of the New York State Federation of Republican Women, she organized workshops throughout New York State to motivate women to run for public office and to become involved in the governmental process. As Community Services Chairman of the National Federation of Republican Women, she spoke throughout the nation on women in government. Finally, as Vice-Chairman of

the New York Governor's Conference on Women, 7,500 women attended the conference in Albany wherein the role of women was stressed.

Phyllis is the wife of James E. Kelly and has four children, James (Syracuse University and University of Buffalo Law School), Maureen (Princeton University and Harvard Business School), Colleen (Princeton University and Harvard Law School), and Kathleen (Princeton University and presently a freshman at University of Virginia Law School).



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Ann Bish, Chairman

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Circle May 10 on your calendar for the Annual May Luncheon at the beautiful Park Country Club on Sheridan Drive, Williamsville. "Emily Dickinson Set to Music" will be the program, and the officers for 1986-87 will be elected and installed. In keeping with tradition, we will recognize an eminent woman leader of Buffalo. Remember: circle your calendar now so that you won't miss this special spring event.



Interclub Council of WNY



EDUCATION by Barbara Paulson

WHAT IS INTERCLUB COUNCIL?

Interclub Council of Western New York was founded in 1938 to improve the status of women in the community, state, nation, and world, to promote friendship and understanding among business and professional women, to further their usefulness to the community and each other, to develop a sense of individual obligation, loyalty and patriotism for our community, state and nation, to foster and promote citizenship, legislation, education, philanthropy and international friendship and understanding, to provide an opportunity for the exchange of information and ideas and to discuss ways and means of accomplishing these objectives.

THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD LUNCHEON

Each year the Susan B. Anthony Award is presented by Interclub Council to a woman who has shown exemplary service to the community and has received recognition on the community, state, and national levels for her contributions and work.

Past honorees from Buffalo Branch AAUW of the Susan B. Anthony Award have been Carol Stull, Ina Alt, Dr. Jean Northcutt, and Kathyeryne Whittemore.

This year the Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 1, at the Sheraton Inn East. And Buffalo Branch is most proud to announce that we have another honoree, Phyllis Kelly.

Current federal student financial aid programs are being reviewed in the process of reauthorizing the Higher Education Act of 1965. AAUW won a victory in October when several of its student aid recommendations were included in the "discussion draft" of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

In July AAUW testified before the House Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee during its hearings on Non-traditional Students. AAUW suggested ten recommendations for amendments to Title IV of the HEA, which would increase women's participation in student aid programs. Some of the proposed changes were:

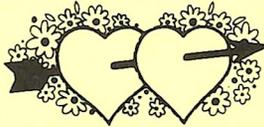
**Making student aid programs available to part-time students (excluding GSL). Two out of three college students over age 34 are women: over 80% of these attend part-time. Presently part-time students are excluded from receiving certain types of aid and are often charged higher rates of tuition and minimum per-semester fees.

**Providing allowances for dependent care and commuting expenses. Although a majority of older women students who re-enter college have children at home, federal student aid regulations allow student aid officers to ignore child-care costs when calculating student aid.

**Improving student aid information and counseling for non-traditional students. Most student aid information is distributed in high schools; many women who might qualify for student aid never apply because they do not realize that they are eligible for it.

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

FEBRUARY



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- GERMAN GROUP - Meets Tuesday mornings. For information, call Jean Noye at 873-3400.
- 1 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - at the home of Hazel Turner, 4280 Chestnut Ridge Road, Tonawanda. Irene Heacock will discuss Moravia, not Moldavia. Please call Hazel at 691-9407 for reservations by January 28.
- 3 Mon. MUSIC GROUP - 1 p.m. Hostess is Mollie Fleysher, 67 Admiral Road, Buffalo. Program: "The Year of Recognition of Vivaldi's Music" by Ruth Seitz. Call Mary Weppner at 634-6636 if you would like to attend.
- 4 Tues. BOOK SALE SORTING at the Y - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Call Doris Bates at 877-8879.
- 4 Tues. DUPLICATE BRIDGE - Contact Mary O'Connor for information.
- 5 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the Faculty Club, 250 Winspear. Hostesses are Barbara Paulson, Mary Ann Wahl, and Anne Montes. Please call Bertha Cutcher at 833-6025 if you are unable to attend.
- 6 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Daphne Meyer, 333 Southwood Drive, Kenmore. Call Daphne at 877-1576 if you plan to attend.
- 8 Sat. FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING - 11 a.m. at the Hyatt-Regency (see January Newsletter).
- 10 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - at the home of Eleanor Goetz, 15 Rugby Road, Buffalo. The topic will be "How Foreign Policy Is Made - The Case of Central America." If you plan to attend, call Eleanor at 876-2449. Call Eleanor to get the Great Decisions Book for 1986.
- 13 Thurs. BOOK SALE PRICING AND SORTING - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call Doris Bates at 877-8879.
- 15 Sat. BOOK SALE PRICING AND SORTING - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call Doris Bates at 877-8879.
- 18 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m. at Lillian Riggs', 255 Grimsby Road, Kenmore. 875-7965. Jean Noye will review Women of the Four Winds by Elizabeth Fagg Olds, Adventures of four of America's first women explorers; tales of valor and tenacity.
- 18 Tues. BOOK SALE PRICING AND SORTING - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call Doris Bates at 877-8879.
- 20 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lorraine Schank, 33 Dogwood Road, Williamsville. Call Lorraine at 634-4648 or Cindy Monacelli at 836-8266 for reservations.
- 20 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Sheryl Scarlett, 8360 Vernon Circle, Williamsville (Clarence). Call Sheryl at 631-5482 if you plan to attend.
- 22 Sat. THE CHARLES BURCHFIELD ART APPRECIATION GROUP - at the Albright Knox Art Gallery at 11 a.m. Docents will be assigned to conduct a tour on the topic, "Understanding Modern Art." Lunch in the Albright Knox Garden Restaurant optional. Please notify Sylvia Miller at 876-7074 or Myra Menti at 626-4832 as soon as possible if you expect to attend. Be sure to note the change in time and location for this meeting. Parking at Albright Knox is 75 cents. Parking at Lot P State Teachers is free.

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

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- 22 Sat. LA TERTULIA (Spanish Interest Group) - 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Carier, 295 Lakewood Parkway, Snyder. Call Barbara at 839-0933 for information.
- 24 Mon. EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Mason, 52-5 Brookfield, Clarence (634-2684). "Day of Locusts" by Nathaniel West, Fay Friedman moderator.
- 27 Thurs. BOOK SALE PRICING AND SORTING - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call Doris Bates at 877-8879.
- 28 Sat. ZODIAQUE DANCE COMPANY - See article in this Newsletter.

MARCH

- 1 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the home of Thelma Hoffman, 136 Willowbreeze Road, Kenmore. Margaret Haas will discuss Why Egypt? Please call Thelma at 876-8711 for reservations by February 25.
- 3 Mon. MUSIC GROUP - 1 p.m. - Hostess is Gertrud Burau, 25 Wainwright Road, Buffalo. Program: "The Conductor - Joseph Kostelanitz" by Gertrud Burau. Call Mary Weppner at 634-6636 if you plan to attend.
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