

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

March 1986

IN CELEBRATION OF
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

PROJECT WIDE WORKSHOP



"The Peacemakers" Saturday, March 8

11 a.m.

at

YWCA
Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY

As part of the International Women's Day, AAUW Buffalo Branch is sponsoring a Workshop entitled "The Peacemakers." This Workshop identifies the peacemakers of the world who attempt to bring about lasting peace through social justice. It studies their skills, values, methods, and goal-setting in order to establish role models for making a personal commitment to peacemaking.

For more information, call Anne Montes at 627-9825 or Jeanne Moran at 634-4941.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bertha Cutcher

Thank you to Anna Parenti for chairing our stimulating February meeting at which we learned about and experienced the principles of the Creative Process. And, congratulations to Lois Jarrett, our Community Area representative, who was recently elected to the Advisory Board of "Woman to Woman," the new program being developed by the Junior League. Details of this program are described elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Our Nominating Committee is now hard at work preparing a slate of officers to present in April, with election at our Annual Meeting in May. Open offices this year are President-Elect, 2nd Vice President (membership), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and a number of committee chairs. Help select a strong Board by making suggestions to Ann Bish, Chairman (741-3964).

I would like to encourage you to attend the AAUW New York State Division convention at the Queensbury Hotel in Clens Falls, May 16-18. The hotel, newly redecorated, is located in a delightful area, at its best in the spring. Attending a State convention, meeting other members and sharing in the proceedings is one of the more interesting and more satisfying ways to become involved in AAUW. New members are particularly welcome. Our Branch is entitled to a number of delegates and perhaps you can be one of them. Call me at 633-6025 if you are interested.

Have you made your commitment yet to work during the Used Book Sale? We are anticipating a busy, successful sale and need your help. Call Jeanne Moran at 634-4941 and volunteer your time and efforts!

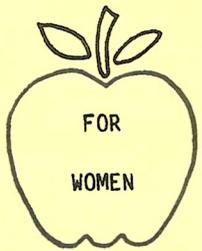
Have heart! Spring will soon be here!

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION by Lorena Hare

Let's Hear It!

Our Branch needs to be very proud because of the number of membership renewals. We have had some members going to Florida, others moving to other areas, and a very few who did not renew because of various reasons. Our percentage is low, however. This has not always been true in the past; therefore, we need to know from you how to keep you as a member, and particularly to keep you as a happy one.

Would you like to work on membership retention for the future (it is here now!)? Please phone Lorena Hare at 884-5152 to volunteer or give suggestions for improvement. Also, we are continuing to assist those members needing rides to meetings. Please phone if you do not drive at night, don't drive at all, or just want to go with someone.



**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION:
A SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH**

**FOR
WOMEN**

In the next week or so you will receive the brochure outlining the women's wellness program scheduled on Saturday, May 3, 1986, at the State University of Buffalo. The program, which is open to the community, is designed to inform women about matters of health and well-being with an emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion.

If you are interested in participating or know of other women who might wish to attend, please register early. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED. The cost of the symposium (keynote address, 4 seminars, lunch and printed materials) is \$15. If you prefer to bring your own lunch, the cost is only \$10.

AAUW Tri-County Interbranch Council, Women Physicians' Association of WNY, UB Alumni Association, and State University at Buffalo School of Medicine are jointly sponsoring this event. The Program is being partially funded by a grant from the AAUW Educational Foundation.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

by Clara Johnson

Buffalo Branch contributed \$500 in June 1982 to an EFP Research and Project Grant which was awarded to the St. Lawrence Branch to establish "Project Lift." This project was developed for networking among rural women and men who required information and emotional support after the death of a spouse.

The St. Lawrence Branch submitted a progress report on all the activities which involve the participants in a number of community services where neighbors assist neighbors in services ranging from ride sharing to socials/rap sessions to minor house repairs.

The Widows' Network handbook and leader training manuals were purchases from AAUW to aid in structuring information meetings where the attendance varied from 4 to 50 folks.

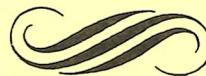
It is gratifying to the Branch members that "Project Lift," a community service project started by AAUW, is becoming a self-directed, supportive network for widowed persons.

USED BOOK SALE



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR BOOK SALE SORTING AND PRICING AND CALL DORIS BATES AT 877-8879 IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME ANY PART OF THE DAY.

Saturday, March 1	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 4	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 20	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 22	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 3	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



POETRY READING

On March 16 at 2:30 p.m., there will be a poetry reading by AAUW member Olga E. Mendell at the Burchfield Center, State University College at Buffalo. Members of AAUW Buffalo Branch and their friends are invited, so remember to put this on your calendar.

SPOTLIGHT

NOTE: BELOW IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON OUR STUDY GROUPS. A PERUSAL OF OUR STUDY GROUP CALENDAR REVEALS A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES--MUSIC, ART, LITERATURE, GERMAN, FRENCH, WRITING, EDUCATION, MONEY, CULTURE, ETC. SINCE THE STUDY GROUPS ARE SUCH A VITAL CORE OF BUFFALO BRANCH, WE HOPE YOU WILL LET US KNOW IF YOU ENJOY OUR SERIES OF ARTICLES. AND IF YOU DECIDE TO JOIN A GROUP, BETTER YET!

BOOK REVIEW GROUP Renny Ferber

Modern Literature, Afternoon Literature, Tuesday Afternoon Literature, Book Review Group; successive names for the oldest book group in our branch, its origin unrecorded and unremembered.

Its present name describes it well. Each month, from October through May, a member takes her turn to review a book of her choice. From biography to Barbara Tuchman, from history to Hemingway, the range is considerable. Poetry? No. Nobody ever tackles it. Want to try?

Spontaneous discussion frequently follows. A recent successful reviewer dealt with the life of Somerset Maugham. As she talked, she passed around photos of Willy as a boy, as a youth, of his family, his friends, his Mediterranean home. "Where did you find those pictures?" she was asked. M.M. replied, "I tore them out of the book." Hmm... Well, it was her own book.

If you are free at 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday, just call the hostess. Take a chance! You'll probably like the book; you'll certainly like the dessert.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS

by Barbara Carrier
Rec. Secretary

1. The New York Division Board has accepted our invitation to be the hostess branch for the 1987 convention and the 1890 convention (when we will celebrate our 100TH ANNIVERSARY.) The State Board has voted to establish a three-city cycle for future Division conventions. We will rotate between Albany, Syracuse, and Buffalo.
2. Nan Summers has agreed to chair the committee to plan for the celebration of our 100TH ANNIVERSARY. Volunteers to serve on the committee are welcome.
3. The membership currently is 327, which includes 9 Honorary Life Members, 15 Association Life Members, and 6 new members in the last month.
4. The Buffalo Board voted to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee that entrance fees from the Used Book Sale be used for the advancement of women in Buffalo. Half of the funds will go to our Loans and Education Fund and the other half will go to Special Projects and Activities, such as public meetings, studies, surveys, seminars, symposia, special speakers, etc.
5. A collection was taken up for the Community Food Pantry.
6. The Chamberlin Loan Committee recommended 8 loans totalling \$8,500 and 2 grants totalling \$1,000. These recommendations were approved.

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COMMUNITY



Woman to Woman

by Lois Jarrett

LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Invitations have been extended to our members to attend two informational meetings. The NYS Legislative Forum will meet in Albany on March 18. Alice Ann Leidel, our Division President, will be at the Forum to explain AAUW. A luncheon is planned for all AAUW members attending. If you are able to attend, contact Marcia Liebich, (518) 371-5051.

For the third consecutive year, AAUW members are invited to attend the League of Women Voters' conference, also in Albany, on March 24 and 25. The Schenectady Branch is extending the possibility of accommodation at a member's home. It is conceivable there will be carpools of LWV members from Buffalo. If you are interested in attending, call Maxine Borom, our Division Chair, (518) 370-2662.

Bertha Cutcher



BOARD NOTES (continued)

7. Lee Lyons reported on a Pay Equity Survey done on Erie County and Buffalo workers, which demonstrated an unbalanced picture between men and women.

8. President Bertha Cutcher urged members to send letters of support to Governor Cuomo thanking him for his support of family planning in the state budget.

9. President Cutcher also requested nominations for our Buffalo Branch Achievement Award. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Bertha.

Buffalo Branch is participating in a broad-based coalition sponsored by the Junior League of Buffalo and underwritten nationally by All-State Insurance Company. This pilot project is a three-year alcohol awareness and education campaign called "Woman to Woman."

Alcohol is a dangerous drug and especially for women. However, until recently most of the alcohol research involved men; little was known about the effect of alcohol on women. Additionally, very few women sought help because of the social stigma and the lack of adequate treatment facilities.

The program will be divided into three segments: to initiate a major TV and radio campaign to alert WNY about women and alcohol abuse; to work with industry to develop education and intervention models for women in the work place; and to work with college administrators to develop prevention programs for women on campus. A distinguished National Advisory Committee has been established to guide this extensive program.

The Buffalo coalition was formed to direct the local assessment of available services for women, including information, education, prevention, and intervention programs and treatment facilities. Based on these findings, an action agenda will be developed to meet the specific needs of WNY women. I shall keep you informed regarding further developments.

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

by Carol Kitchen

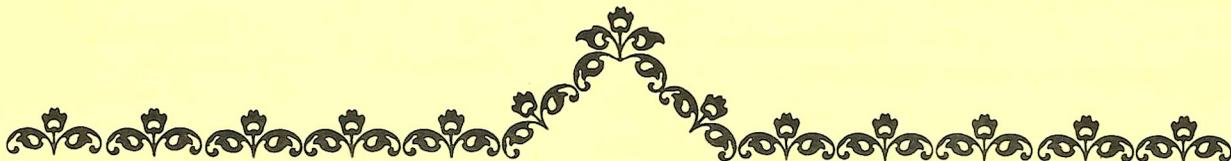
On January 14, Ruth Seitz, Barbara Paulson, and I met at Barbara's to explore how best to approach this topic in the Buffalo Branch.

Possible areas of concentration are many:

- **The EPIC program would welcome members' participation in their training workshops and helping to facilitate workshops for parents.
- **A study of inequalities in the progress of women in educational careers in promotions, advancement, etc., might dovetail with the Women's Work/Women's Worth issue.
- **The scheduled changes in the Regents' requirements, particularly the addition of the foreign language requirement, have an impact on area schools and students.
- **Joining the Coalition for Public Education in their efforts to increase public awareness of the threat of the Radical Right to public education would encourage the Branch to share the national AAUW support of public education.
- **A study of current problem of illiteracy in the area may lead some members to become tutors for Literacy Volunteers.
- **A close examination of the present standards of writing within local school systems may improve our understanding of the problem of illiteracy.
- **BOCES provides adults with resources and has concerns about certain issues of their own.
- **Adult Education: resources, problems, relevancy to the community is another possible area of study.

Collectively, we are retired teachers, practicing teachers, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, concerned educated women, products of public education, and taxpayers. These issues touch all of us.

Which issues concern YOU most? Bring your reactions and ideas to Carol Kitchen's, 46 St. Paul Mall, Buffalo, on March 10, at 7:30. Questions? Call Carol evenings (882-8768).



THE ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON

It's time to make plans with your friends to attend the Annual May Luncheon at the Park Country Club on May 10.



The reservation form will appear in next month's Newsletter.

REMEMBER! MAY 10!

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



MARCH

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- 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.
- 4 Tues. DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 7:45 at the home of Carol Houck, 215 Mt. Vernon Road, Snyder. Call Carol at 839-3330 if you are planning to attend.
- 4 Tues. BOOK SALE PRICING AND SORTING - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call Doris Bates at 877-8879.
- 5 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the Faculty Club, 250 Winspear. Hostesses are Pat Seaver, Delores Bowker, and Lee Lyons. Please call Bertha Cutcher at 833-6025 if you are unable to attend.
- 6 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Mary Mahoney, 168 Allenhurst, Amherst. Call Mary at 834-7009 if you plan to attend.
- 8 Sat. GENERAL MEETING - See front page.
- 10 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS 12:30 p.m. at the home of Ruth Seitz, 1035 Beach Road, Apt. 4C, Cheektowaga. The topic will be "Star Wars and the Geneva Talks--What Future for Arms Control?" If you do not have the new book, call Eleanor Goetz at 876-2449. If you plan to attend the meeting, call Ruth Seitz at 633-2475.
- 11 Tues. MONEY MATTERS - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary O'Connor. Please call Mary at 631-9227 for directions.
- 18 Tues. BOOK REVIEW GROUP - 1 p.m. at the home of Mary Jane Orcutt, 62 Kenwood Road, Kenmore, 875-9896. Dorothy Payne will review Growing Up by Russell Baker. It is a story of growing up in America between the world wars.
- 20 Thurs. THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mary Huestis, 70 Exter Drive, Williamsville. Call Mary at 632-8542 for reservations.
- 20 Thurs. FRENCH GROUP - 10 a.m. at the home of Hazel Blatt, 231 Huntington Avenue, Buffalo. Call Hazel at 834-3332 if you plan to attend.
- 21 Fri. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE - 1 p.m. at the home of Esther Green, 2629 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore. Speaker will be Marion Elmer, who will talk on Irish Fairy Tales. Please call 875-8934 to let Esther know if you are coming.
- 22 Sat. CHARLES BURCHFIELD ART APPRECIATION STUDY GROUP - 10:30 a.m. at the Burchfield Art Center, Buffalo State Campus, 1300 Elmwood Avenue. Lee Anthon, docent at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, will present a slide lecture, "A Trip to Present-Day China," to be followed by slides showing Chinese art. Hostess will be Cindy Monacelli. Please call Myra Menti at 626-4832 or Sylvia Miller at 876-7074 if you would like further information. All are welcome. Open parking at the Burchfield Center that day. Luncheon at the Garden Restaurant at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery optional.

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

(cont.)

MARCH

- 24 Mon. EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 p.m. at Erma Williams', 167 Smallwood Drive, Snyder (839-1598). Book: One Writer's Beginning by Eudora Welty. Discussion leader: Alice Mason.
- 25 Tues. LA TERTULIA (Spanish Interest Group) - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Carrier, 295 Lakewood Parkway, Snyder, 839-0933. Topics of conversation: La familia y en el supermercado.

APRIL

MUSIC GROUP - members will help with Used Book Sale.

- 2 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the Faculty Club, 250 Winspear. Hostesses are Sylvia Volk, Clara Johnson, and Carolyn Day. Please call Bertha Cutcher at 833-6025 if you are unable to attend.
- 5 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the College Club, 264 Summer Street. Myra will discuss A Quest for Utopia. Please call Myra at 626-4832 for reservations by April 1.
- 5 Sat. SINGLES AND DOUBLES - 8:30 p.m. at Bertha and Abe Cutcher's home. Cathy Drew, Erie County Cooperative Extension Program Aide, to talk about and illustrate home gardening/landscaping. Bring some wine, cheese, nuts, or crackers for a casual, pleasant evening. Call Bertha at 633-6025 or Suzanne Grossman at 837-8769 for directions.

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