



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bertha Cutcher

Did you know that a greater number of members attend our Study Groups than open meetings? If you'll check the smorgasbord of scheduled meetings listed in each Newsletter and indulge yourself in a treat or two, you'll understand the attraction.

I would urge you to be sure to reserve a date for dinner with us on Wednesday, October 23, because our Potluck dinners are always scrumptious, thanks to you and the program, which I hear tell is both entertaining and informative!

And, wouldn't you like to plan to attend the fall Regional Meeting at the AAUW Clubhouse in Rochester on October 5? Although the Regional meetings were originally formulated for Board members, we are encouraging this year all Branch members to attend. Alice Ann Leidel, our Division President, is keynote speaker, introducing our new issue, "Women's Work/Women's Worth"; and Dr. Patricia Seaver, our own President-Elect and the State Division Chairman of Women's Issues, is also a speaker. She will cover the topic, "Economic Equity for Women." For more details of the program and for carpooling leads, contact Dr. Stacey Johnson at 885-2486.

All standing committees have continued to meet this month and have, to a large extent, formulated their planning and program for the year. Are we ever well-organized!

See you on September 29, October 5, October 23 and hopefully in between as well.

BUFFALO COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

by Lucille Peterson



The Buffalo Council on World Affairs, a nonprofit, nonpolitical, and nonpartisan organization, seeks to stimulate interest in international affairs by means of lectures, seminars, panels, and discussion groups.

On October 14 the Annual Citation Dinner honoring a local person will be held. The speaker is Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato. A "Town and Gown" luncheon is also scheduled for October. In November a five o'clock Sherry Reception will feature a panel discussion on the Middle East.

Emphasis from October through December is on the sale of UNICEF holiday season cards, note paper, calendars, puzzles, etc. New this year are attractive holiday greeting mugs and the "Forever Card," a permanent ceramic tile card with a stand, representing artists from all over the world who have made generous contributions to the world's children by donating their art. Purchase of UNICEF materials will help provide medicine, food, water, and a chance for survival to children who desperately need help. A ten-year-old Buffalo school child, in response to the African emergency, wrote this letter to UNICEF in New York: "How can I help? I am ten years old. Please tell me because my little brother would like to know to."

WE KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP! Buy UNICEF items and help the world's children. Cards and gifts will be available at branch meetings. Please call me if you have a special request (876-0252) or call the Council office (883-0547).



WOMEN'S ISSUES by Lee Lyons

UPDATE ON NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
TASK FORCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

Assemblywoman May W. Newburger,
Chairwoman

The Task Force addresses issues of concern to New York women through the promotion of legal and administrative protections. The 1985 Summary of Legislation addresses issues ranging from establishing pay equity in the NYS Civil Service system to expanding the availability of child care services and assisting DES victims in bringing personal injury lawsuits. Other concerns include legislation which provides assistance to victims of sexual assault, strengthens support and enforcement, and eliminates inequities in New York divorce law.

The Task Force lent support to over 140 bills, of which 47 passed the Assembly and 27 were signed into law. Major accomplishments include passage of legislation to facilitate prosecution of child sexual abuse, provide funding for domestic violence, child abuse, after-school care and teen pregnancy programs, facilitate collection of past-due child support, prohibit discrimination in apprenticeship programs, increase retirement benefits for certain widows and strengthen sanctions against child abuse.

The work of the Task Force includes in-depth research on social issues such as problems faced by older women, child sexual abuse and comparable worth. It also acts as a clearing house for information on legislation, regulations and services for New York Women. Activities include co-sponsorship of conferences, training sessions and special programs designed to assist and inform women.

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SECRETARY OF STATE TO SPEAK TO AAUW

New York State Secretary of State Ms. Gail Shaffer will be the guest speaker at the November 23 Buffalo Branch general meeting. Ms. Shaffer, well known for her work in the area of women's rights, has recently completed a series of statewide hearings on the "Feminization of Poverty."

Although the topic has not yet been finalized, Ms. Shaffer's presentation will be a definite highlight to the official kickoff of our new Association issue, "Women's Work/Women's Worth."

The Rib-Elz restaurant located in the Holiday Inn on Dingens Street in Buffalo will be the setting for the Saturday breakfast buffet meeting. Please be sure and mark this date on your calendar as an event you won't want to miss.

For further information on this meeting or on the new issue of "Women's Worth," please call Jeanne Moran at 634-4941.

HELP!

Any member who served on the Board in the recent past or who is currently a member of the Board is urged to submit information about her work as a Board member. Ruth is updating the job descriptions of Officers and Board members with the intention of making them accurate in terms of the actual task being done.

It is hoped that the descriptions can become, when assembled, a useful working handbook for Board members. Your ideas are needed. Please send them to Ruth before November 1. Thank you.

Ruth Seitz

Peace Award Nominations

Do you know someone whom you would like our Branch to nominate for the New York State Division AAUW Peace Award? The recipient should be a woman with a vision of peace as an attainable goal. Her personal philosophy should be reflected in her courageous, creative attempt to foster peace on a local, state, national or international level. She need not be an AAUW member.

Candidates may include, but are not limited to, women who:

- * Promote cultural, educational exchange between nations, especially those with different ideologies.
- * Educate for peace.
- * Make a public gesture of reconciliation.
- * Negotiate peaceful resolution of conflict.
- * Assist refugees.
- * Organize peace-oriented groups for social action.
- * Utilize the political process to foster peace.

Candidates are nominated by branches in the NYSD and selected by a committee. Please address your letter to Elizabeth Harrel, Task Force Chairman, NYSD-AAUW, 28 Laffin Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 but send it to Bertha Cutcher by November 1 for Buffalo Board clearance. The letter should include activities and reason for nomination and should be accompanied by supporting evidence, such as newspaper clippings or magazine articles, if available. Selection will be made by January 1 and will be approved by the NYSD Board at its January meeting. The award will be presented at the Division annual convention.

CULTURAL INTERESTS



The Cultural Interest Group invites you to CELEBRATE FALL on Saturday, October 12, with a tour to Hamilton, Ontario's famous Art Gallery, Royal Botanical Gardens, and the fabulous historical Ancaster Old Mill Inn with a gourmet dinner, overlooking their beautiful waterfalls, departing at 9:15 a.m.

Package includes worry-free round trip by chartered bus, guided tour of the Hamilton Art Gallery, Botanical Gardens, grist mill, and ample luncheon and shopping time. There will be a gourmet menu with select entree choices and early evening return by 9 p.m. Moderate complete cost including all gratuities, admission, etc., is \$29.

RSVP to Shirley Yavno, 195 Anderson Place, Buffalo 14222 (885-5031) with checks being received no later than October 5.

It has come to our attention that our roster was recently used to solicit contributions and attendance at a charitable event. Board policy is explicitly stated in the roster: "WE URGE YOU NOT TO USE THIS ROSTER FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, NOR FOR PROMOTIONAL MAILINGS OF ANY KIND."

MEMBERSHIP!

by Sylvia Volk
Membership VP

"Together, what must we do? The answer is as overwhelming as the future and as simple as tomorrow: to participate in building this association to extend connections among ourselves and beyond, to use our women's past to shape our human future.

"I see today in AAUW a new energy, an AAUW feminization of power, which, beginning in our own backyards, has the capacity to change the world."

Sarah Harder
President, AAUW

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

INVEST IN YOURSELF! INVEST IN AAUW!

*** Have you received your Membership Recruitment Material in the mail? Read it, and if you have any questions, please call me at 884-2812, and I will try and answer them.

*** Have you recruited any new members? If you need membership information packets mailed to you or a friend(s), fill out a request card (handed out at the Open House) or write or call me.

*** Have you helped renew a past member? If you wish help in doing so, call Lorena Hare at 884-5152.

*** Have you joined as a Life Member? Remember--it's only \$242.25 for current members and \$255.00 for new members until December 31, 1985.

*** Have you bought that gift yet? Don't forget you can purchase a membership-at-large for \$20.00 until December 31. What a great way to introduce someone to AAUW!

*** Are you reading this as a non-renewed or non-member? JOIN US NOW for the bargain rate(s) offered until December 31.

neighborhood meeting

Williamsville, 14221
October 22, 1985
7:30 p.m.
Williamsville Library
5571 Main Street

Join us in the Community Room for tea and coffee and some of those fabulous chocolate recipes and bring a friend or two. We will talk about the 85-86 program, meet old and new and would-be members, and learn more about AAUW and ourselves. Call for more information at 884-2812 or just drop in. SEE YOU THERE!
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

new members' luncheon

Saturday, October 19, 1985
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at the residence of
Fay Friedman
9319 Hunting Valley North
Clarence, NY

All new members since last October 1984 are invited, along with Board members and chairpersons, to meet each other over lunch. Invitations will be mailed to you.



1985-6 BUDGET

EXPENSES

Administration

Treasurer	\$ 175
Corresponding Secretary	20
Insurance & Bonding	77
Bylaws	10
Stationery & Supplies	45
Bookkeeping	1,500
Auditing	350
Board Meetings	0
Recording Secretary	5
Finance & Budget	10
Equipment	0
President	225
100th Anniversary	50
	<u>2,467</u>

Program Development

General Meetings	700
House Committee	25
Hospitality	15
Issues	50
Interest Areas	75
Education Foundation	15
Study & Interest Groups	20
Women's Issues	18
Legislative Program	25
Contingencies	0
	<u>943</u>

Membership Services

Membership Recruitment	450
Membership Retention	50
Newsletter	1,100
Roster	200
Publicity	25
	<u>1,825</u>

Coalitions, Other Organizations

Buffalo Council of World Affairs	25
InterClub Council	15
Coalition of Court Observers	0
Coalition of Equal Rights	25
Coalition of Government Observers	0
	<u>65</u>

Conventions, Travel

Division Convention	150
Association Convention	300
Regional Meetings	10
	<u>460</u>

Project Development

Seed Money - Special Projects	2,445
	<u>2,445</u>

Honoraria, Gifts, Awards

Achievement Award	25
President's Gift	25
	50

Total Expenses \$8,255

INCOME

335 Members	\$4,857
Book Sale Admissions Total	2,445
Unexpended 1984-85 Funds	953
	<u>8,255</u>

Submitted by: Bertha Cutcher, President; Patricia Seaver, President-elect; Grace Blackstone, Treasurer; Lorena Hare, Membership Retention; Sylvia Volk, Membership Recruitment; Barbara Paulson, Consultant; Camellia Gullo, Consultant; Stacy Johnson, Program; Suzanne Grossman, Committee Chairman.

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



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October

- 1 Tues. DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 7:45 p.m. at the home of Shirley Martin, 625 Harris Hill Road, Lancaster. Call Shirley at 683-7319 for reservations.
- 2 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 p.m. at Faculty Club, 250 Winspear. Hostesses are Barbara Carrier, Karen Stephenson, and Sylvia Volk. Please call Bertha Cutcher at 633-6025 if you are unable to attend.
- 5 Sat. REGIONAL MEETING - See article on page 3 in September's Newsletter or call Stacey Johnson at 885-2486 for more information.
- 5 Sat. CREEDS AND CULTURES - 11 a.m. at the College Club, 264 Summer. Please call Marie Bullock at 884-3781 for luncheon reservations. Speaker will be Marie Bullock. Topic will be "The Druids and Their Bullocks."
- 7 Mon. MUSIC - 1 p.m. at the home of Mildred Geelan, 1337 East Robinson, North Tonawanda (692-7867). Program: "The Story of the Harp" by Mildred Geelan.
- 8 Tues. MONEY MATTERS - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary O'Connor, 30 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville. Please call Mary at 631-9227 if you plan to attend.
- 8 Tues. GERMAN - coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10 a.m. at the home of Renny Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo (836-3277).
- 10 Thurs. FRENCH - 10 a.m. at the home of Hazel Blatt, 231 Huntington Avenue, Buffalo. Call Hazel at 834-3332 if you plan to attend.
- 12 Sat. CULTURAL INTEREST - Ancaster Olde Mill Inn, Hamilton. Call Shirley Yavno, 885-5031. See article in this issue.
- 14 Mon. WORLD PROBLEMS - 12:30 at Lucille Peterson's, 230 Knowlton Avenue, Kenmore. Topic: "Population Growth--Critical North-South Issue?" Call Lucille at 076-0252.
- 15 Tues. BOOK REVIEW - 1 p.m. at Kathryn Johnson's, 3960 Ridge Lea Road, Apt. A, Tonawanda (832-1189). Alice Weinmann will review Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry. The book tells the well-researched story of the first post-Civil War cattle drive from Texas to Montana.
- 17 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.
- 18 Fri. BON APPETIT - "Round Robin" Dinner - 7:30 p.m. - Appetizers and cocktails at Sylvia Volk's, 255 Ashland; 8:45 p.m. - dinner at Mulligan's Cafe, 1669 Hertel Avenue, catering featuring Chocolate Entrees; and dessert and coffee at Ciao Gelats (by reservation only). Call Sylvia Volk at 884-2812 for information.
- 19 Sat. NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Fay Friedman's, 9319 Hunting Valley North, Clarence. Invitations will be sent.
- 20 Sun. La tertulia espanola - Spanish Interest Group - 2 - 4 p.m. at the home of Dr. JoAnn Parla, 209 Sunshine, North Tonawanda (Amherst) 14120. Organizational meeting to establish calendar of dates and activities. Group will normally meet in evening. Call JoAnn at 691-6484 or Pat Seaver at 688-5893 if you plan to come to the meeting or if you are interested in the group but can't come at that time.

STUDY and INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

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- 22 Tues. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, Williamsville - 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. at the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main Street. Open to public. Call Sylvia Volk or Lorena Hare for information.
- 23 Wed. WEDNESDAY EVENING LITERATURE - 7:30 at Fay Freedman's, 9319 Hunting Valley, Clarence (741-2498). "Glitz" by Elmer Leonard, Missy Naum moderator.
- 24 Thurs. HANDCRAFT - 7:30 p.m. at D'Youville College, Health Science Building, Room 150 (Prospect Avenue just before Wilson Farms) - Judy Chicago's The Birth Cycle, a video presentation of the needlework project using symbolic expression of the creative and artistic process involved. Anne Montes, Presenter. RSVP 627-9825.
- 24 Thurs. FRENCH - 10 a.m. at the home of Sheryl Scarlett, 8360 Vernon Circle, Williamsville (Clarence). Call Sheryl at 631-5482.
- 26 Sat. SINGLES & DOUBLES - 8:30 at the Cutchers, 91 Monroe Drive, Williamsville, 633-6025. Mr. William Loos, curator of the Rare Book Room, Buffalo and Erie County Library, will discuss "Are Old Books Valuable? How to Tell." Bring 1 or 2 books along if you wish, and he will indicate whether or not they are of value. Discussion preceded by wine and cheese. Bring a small slab of cheese or wine.
- 26 Sat. BUFFALO WOMEN SPEAK OUT - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at ECC Downtown - lunch and child care - co-sponsored by State of New York Division for Women, State University at Buffalo, and the YWCA of Buffalo and Erie County.

November

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- 6 Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7:30 at the Faculty Club, 250 Winspear. Hostesses are Jeanne Moran, Marge Skaren, and Lorena Hare. Please call Bertha Cutcher at 633-6025 if you are unable to attend.

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