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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN promotes equity
for women, education and self-development
over the life span, and positive societal change.

Phyllis Kelly



The past year has been a Good News year for the Buffalo Branch -- one that has all of our members "Talking Proud".

As I look back, I'm most appreciative of all who worked so hard to make this year such a successful one and so conscious of the role that AAUW plays both in your life and that of the community.

From the comments of our members, we've had a super program this year -- prominent speakers addressing a wide variety of timely subjects. Attendance has ranged from 56 to 175, a big increase. Our first program was the elegant reception hosted by SUNY at Buffalo President Steven B. Sample and Mrs. Sample's home in honor of our members.

Subsequent programs included "The 21st Century - What Does It Hold for Western New York"; "Glimpses of Life in Russia"; Holiday Musicales Reception plus a concert by the Amherst Symphony Orchestra; a dynamic Health Symposium and "The 21st Century - Will Women Shape Society's Agenda". We participated also in two State District meetings held in our area.

For the first time ever, our members were treated to three free functions and from the talk of our members, we know that all appreciate the concern for their pocketbook.

At the AAUW State Convention in Syracuse in April, our Educational Foundation won three awards for our donations to the prestigious National Education Foundation including 318% increase in contributions to the National Education Foundation.



Our Chamberlain Loan Fund too, distributed more loans and scholarships to Western New York women than ever before. Past President Ina Alt, who died in October, bequeathed \$1,000 to our Scholarship Fund and Mary Vucinich donated \$1,000 of her poetry books to the NEF. Hortense Odell gave \$200 to our Chamberlain Loan Fund. Adding further to our branch laurels, Cathleen Carter, a resident of Buffalo and a doctoral student at U.B. received a \$10,000 Fellowship from our national Education Foundation. To make our cup running over, Ann Hicks was recently notified that she has received a \$2,300 grant from National for setting up, next spring, a conference on "Leadership for Women Students". Learning of these achievements, must surely make you feel very proud.

Our membership too, is in good condition. We are among the highest in the state in retaining members. Currently, we have 275 members. During the year, we have taken in 23 new members and are hoping to bring in 15 to 20 more as a result of our exciting May Membership Party. Because of all we've been doing, our Newsletter has grown to eight pages and we've put out one extra edition.

Our popular Study Groups have added a new one - International Study through Foods. Last but not least, we made a generous contribution to the Homeless in our area - details will be revealed later. Throughout it all, we've stayed within budget!!!

All of what we have accomplished has been because so many of you have helped and we want you to know just how much your efforts are appreciated.

And now as Buffalo Branch prepares to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its founding next year, we are installing a new slate of highly competent members, headed by Ann Bish. I am certain that under their inspired leadership our branch will rise to greater heights of achievement and that all of you will find that for our organization with its proud record of service to the Community the "BEST IS YET TO BE".



FLORENCE E. BAUGH
RECEIVES 1989 AAUW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

One of the most honored women in Western New York, Florence E. Baugh, received the 1989 AAUW Achievement Award at the annual installation luncheon on Sunday, June 11 at the Brookfield Country Club in Clarence. Phyllis Kelly, President, presented her with a silver tray.

Well known in national, state and local educational circles, she is the current President of the Buffalo Board of Education and served in the same capacity from 1975 - 1980.

She also holds the distinguished national position of President of the Council of Great Cities Schools. In conferring on Florence the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, the Canisius College citation said "Florence Baugh has dedicated her life to helping others help themselves. Her heart went out to those around her who were suffering through poverty and ignorance, but she was quick to recognize their own dignity and their rights as citizens".

"Her warmth, firmness and credibility guide all of us toward a position of justice in the education of our children."

Her many honors include Buffalo News Outstanding Citizen of the Year, NY State School Board Association Award, NY State Board of Regents Medal of Excellence, SUNY at Buffalo Distinguished Service Award, Community Service Award, Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs. She serves as a trustee of D'Youville College, is a Board Member of the Council of Churches, Night People Inc., (Homeless) and Sheehan Memorial Hospital.



CONGRATULATIONS
 TO
 ALL OUR NEW OFFICERS
 AND
 MAY OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR
 BE THE BEST EVER
 BUFFALO BRANCH 1890-1990



Marianne Latchford

PETER J. BURCH

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Peter is our second male member.
He is a graduate of SUNY at Buffalo
and is in the antique business.

CAROL EHINGER

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Carol has a B. A. from SUNY at Buffalo
where she majored in Physical Education
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PATRICIA W. FRUET

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Patricia is a recent graduate of Medaille
College with a Bachelor of Science degree
in Liberal Arts. She is an artist.

ANNMARIE GERBER

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Annmarie is a graduate of SUNY at Albany
with BA and MS degrees in Library Science.
She is a retired librarian.

ORA MAE HEBARD

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"Ory" is a graduate of SUNY at Buffalo with
a Bachelor of Arts degree. A full time home
maker, she is active in many civic and
cultural societies.

Cathleen Carter

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HELEN STOLL

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Graduate of Medaille College
and Sisters Hospital School
of Nursing. Presently
nursing at Kenmore Mercy.

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AAW Educational Foundation

BOOK SALE — A GREAT SUCCESS 5

Patricia Seaver

More than one hundred members worked in some capacity on the sale.

Working together, we sorted and priced some 1800 cartons of books into 52 categories thereby making available to the community a source of inexpensive reading material.

BOOK SALE PROFIT: \$8001.52

Opening Day Door Receipts of \$1,241.00 will be divided equally between our local Loans for Education and the branch Special Projects Fund.

Profits from the sale of books benefits the Educational Foundation Program which has provided graduate and post-graduate fellowships to several local women scholars and community grants such as the ones that funded the Buffalo Branch's Day Care Directory, our Women's Health Symposium in 1986 and will fund our Leadership Training in 1990.

FOR WORKING AT LEAST 3 TIMES DURING SORTING/PRICING AND/OR SALE WEEK

HARD WORKER AWARDS GO TO:

Marie Barker
Lorna Berlin
Bunny Blackstone
Valarie Bozarth
Barbara Carier
Rita Dielman
Mary Dienst
Marion Elmer
Rose Fabian
Marion Fay
Mollie Fleysher
Ruth Fontaine

Lorena Hare
Josephine Herman
Addie Lou Herr
Ann Hicks
Lois Jarrett
Phyllis Kelly
Lynn McClive
Myra Menti
Julia Miller
Cindy Monacelli
Helen Morrison
Helene Motyka

Barbara Olandt
Lucille Peterson
Clarine Radt
Doris Roe
Nancy Ryther
Ruth Seitz
Ruthe Sichertman
Sarah Sterrett
Corrine Sweeney
Rosemary Taber
Peg Wahlgren
Esther Whitford

(If you worked but forgot to sign in, your name may be missing!)

A special thank you to those who worked all year long as committee members to make this year's Sale a success:

Bunny Blackstone, post-sale
Sandy DePalmo, finance
Ruth Fontaine, personnel
Josephine Herman, sorting/pricing
Myra Menti, collectibles
Clarine Radt, collectibles
Margit Spector, collection

Carolyn Day, trucking
Marion Fay, treasurer
Lorena Hare, supplies
Lois Jarrett, sale week
Lucille Peterson, publicity
Ruthe Sichertman, publicity
Mary Weppner, hostesses



NAMES IN THE NEWS

Cathleen Anne Carter, a graduate student in the UB Psychology Dept, has been awarded an American Fellowship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation for 1989-1990. She is a resident of Buffalo and did undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Buffalo. She is one of fifty to receive a Fellowship from a field of 700.

The \$10,000 dissertation award is for research entitled "Interviewing Child Witnesses", done under the direction of Dr. Gail S. Goodman of Psychology.

American Fellowships are awarded to exceptional women who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States to help them complete their final year of academic study at the dissertation or postdoctoral level. The oldest and largest of the AAUW Educational Foundation's programs, American Fellowships are awarded in all fields of study and are intended to help women gain entrance to and tenure in academia.

*** SPECIAL THANKS ***

- TO: Jean McFarren, Chair of our Annual Luncheon and her fine committee Teresa Ferraro, Director of the Hamburg H.S. Chamber Singers; Reservations, Mary Weppner; Programs, Marion Faye; Hospitality, Sandra De Palmo, Carol Jamieson, Hortense Nash and Mary Alice Seagrave; Reception, Beverly Graham and Maryanne Latchford; Publicity, Theresa Monacelli.
- TO: Lorena Hare, Chair, and Sandra de Palmo, Co-Chair and the many members of their committee for the superb job in making our May Membership Reception one of the finest ever.
- TO: The Members of the Board of Directors for all their work in making this year such a success: Ann Bish, Beverley Graham, Marianne Latchford, Carol Jamieson, Delores Bowker, Suzanne Grossman, Cindy Monacelli, Ruth Seitz, Sandy DePalmo, Shirley Courton, Carol Battle, Sharon Rich, Julia Piquette, Kathy Bisher, Alice Mason, Mary O'Connor, Lucille Peterson, Donna Murphy, Carole Tynes Lee, Barbara Carrier, Bonnie Flickinger, Carolyn Day, Kathleen Sapienza, Karen Stephenson, Delores Bowker, Loretta Quenneville, Marion Elmer, Phyllis Truran, Mary Alice Seagrave, Ruthe Sicherman, Hortense Nash, Margaret Madaj, Theresa Monacelli, Ann Hicks, Dr. Anastasia Johnson, Dr. Patricia Seaver, Jean McFarren, Bunny Blackstone and Lorena Hare.

Volunteers

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BENEFIT OUR WESTERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY

RUTH SEITZ

The twenty-six members who responded to the survey (from the March NEWSLETTER) contributed a total of 1649 hours. If this effort were paid for at the minimum wage, the agencies and institutions served would have spent \$5,524. This saving of money is, of course, valuable. Even more valuable is the dedicated interest and concern which these hours represent.

467 hours were given to a variety of educational services -- Literacy Volunteers, library work, Senior Volunteers to the Schools, Special Schools, Museum Services, etc. 420 hours went to Fund Raising. These were for our Branch Book Sale, political groups, libraries, cultural groups and various charities.

160 hours in Cultural Services and 166 in Social Services went to such things as Museums, Galleries, Studio Arena Theater, orchestras, Public Broadcasting Stations, Girl Scouts and the YWCA. Church work at 185 hours, Political Activity at 39, Health at 88 and OTHER at 124 account for the remainder of the 1649 hours.

We can take pride in knowing that Branch members really make a difference through volunteer effort in our community.



**** JOINT MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ****

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1989 - 7:00 P.M. KENMORE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Dessert and coffee will be provided

IMPORTANT - Retiring Members of the Board, please bring brief resume of your work this year.

CAROL T. LEE SETTLES DISCRIMINATION SUIT
AGAINST BUFFALO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Carol T. Lee, Buffalo Branch Board member and Chair of the Coalition of Equal Rights received an out-of-court settlement of \$65,000. Punitive damages in the amount of \$29,763 were awarded, the balance being designated as lost wages.

Carol T. Lee's resignation as Assistant Director for Tenant Relations of the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority was a condition of the agreement which ended an eight year battle which started July 1981 when Ms. Lee filed a race and sex discrimination complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights. Two retaliation complaints were subsequently filed with the State Division and in 1984, the State agency found probable cause on both charges. Unable to resolve the issues in the complaint, Ms. Lee filed suit in Federal Court in December 1984. Named as defendants were the City of Buffalo Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority and the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development which was dropped as a Defendant as a condition of the settlement agreement. An investigation is presently being conducted by the U. S. Justice Department into alleged racial discrimination in the hiring and promotion of minorities.

In a related matter, HUD Secretary Jack Kemp has directed the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority to desegregate their public housing projects.

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