

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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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.





The American Association of University
Women Buffalo Branch
invites you to a reception at the
Darwin D. Martin House
a National Historic Landmark



125 Jewett Parkway. Buffalo

Sunday. May 7. 1989 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

in celebration of the 100th year of the Educational Foundation

A Centennial of Fellowships

YOU ARE INVITED.... Lorena Hare

For those who read the article in the Buffalo News on April 5, 1989, regarding the Darwin D. Martin House, you are beginning to feel the excitement and pride that we have located in Buffalo one of the Frank Lloyd Wright houses.

Carla Lind, a nationally known consultant on Wright restorations, describes it as an architectural treasure and community resource. She found it to be "breathtaking" and "masterful." "It's probably one of the finest residences Wright ever designed," she commented.

On Sunday afternoon, May 7, 1989, from 3 to 5 p.m., the Buffalo Branch AAUW will have the opportunity to visit this excellent example of architecture located at 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo. The annual membership meeting at which we entertain prospective members will also be a celebration for the completion of 100 years by the Educational Foundation.

We expect at least three persons who have received AAUW fellowships to celebrate with us at the champagne reception. Also invited to celebrate with us are the recipients of the Buffalo Branch scholarship and loan funds.

Sandra DePalmo, local EFP chair, plans to highlight, through posters displayed at the reception, the lives of the three national fellowship winners. They are: Dr. Jan E. Mutchler, a sociology teacher; Gay Gould Kang, a research associate; and Emily Tall, associate professor of Russian, all at the University of Buffalo.

Two hundred invitations have been mailed to prospective members, forty-eight of whom indicated an interest in membership at the just-completed Book Sale. Remaining names were submitted by current members. Marian Woodward is Chair of the refreshment committee..

Assisting with invitations were: A. Marie Barker, Carole Lee, Mary Louise Nicholson, Ellen Quinn, Nancy Ryther, Sarah Sterrett, and Marianne Latchford.

Jewett Parkway can be reached from either Main Street (near Sisters Hospital) or Parkside running off Scajaquada Parkway near the Buffalo Zoo entrance. On-street parking is available. See you there!

LOANS FOR EDUCATION Marion Elmer

Let me tell you a little about our local loan programs. There are two.

The first is the Chamberlin Loan Fund, which was set up about 1920 by the will of Sarah Chamberlin. It is structured so that the money goes to needy and worthy women undergraduates. Patterns are set for the applications and the repayment of these loans.

The second loan program is called Loans for Education. It is our branch program, and it was set up mainly to serve the needs of the graduate students who prove to be both needy and worthy. From a practical point of view, the group of women who serve as the Loan Committee administer both programs and follow the same guidelines.

The money for the first program comes from the will of Sarah Chamberlin. The money for the Branch loan program comes from our own members and our own projects. For example, one of our members, Hortense Odell, who serves on this committee, has recently made a gift of \$200, which has been received, acknowledged, and added to the fund. Other members are encouraged to remember this fund in their wills or at gift-giving times. We have cards that can acknowledge these gifts.

A Success Story for AAUW's Loan Program Marion Elmer

I am sure that we have many success stories, but this is the one I have heard, so I would like to share it with all the women of our Branch.

It was about 16 years ago when a young girl, daughter of an AAUW member, wanted very much to go to RIT for her undergraduate work. The family was not poor, but college costs have always been a problem for families. So she applied for and received two loans from the Buffalo Branch Chamberlin Loan Fund. Both of these loans were paid off in the time agreed upon. Since that time, she has become a professional artist, a designer of international reputation, a teacher of the deaf and, most important of all, a wife, a homemaker, and a mother of two.

She and her mother give credit to the fact that the loan was there when she needed it. So when you see the name of Terry Mattheson at a show or her designs on display, Buffalo's Chamberlin Loan Fund made it possible!



The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and The NYSD Second Century Club and The Buffalo Branch Centennial Fund-A Winning Combination Sandra DePalmo

As a member of the Buffalo Branch, you have an exciting opportunity to join the NYSD Second Century Club, become a Charter Member of the new Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls and contribute to the Buffalo Branch Centennial Fund with one contribution!

The NYSD Second Century Club was formed in 1981 to honor the 100th Anniversary of the founding of AAUW. The membership fee is \$200. The fee can be paid in one lump sum or in four payments of \$50. If you pay the entire fee at one time you will receive a beautiful NYSD Crystalware plate as a gift. Membership in the Second Century Club entitles you to wear a special ribbon at Division conventions as well as honored seating and recognition at the Foundation Luncheon. Once you are a member of the SCC, your membership does not have to be renewed. This year over 28 new members have joined from all over the NYSDivision.

The Educational Foundation has just launched the funding drive for the new Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls. Individuals by donating \$100 can become Charter Members of the Fund. From Mary Grefe, President of the Foundation. . .

"After a hundred years of funding fellowships the Foundation is expanding its vision and reach to address the needs of both women and young girls. Early education is the key to preparing girls for future challenges. Focusing some of our resources today will ensure that young girls receive education appropriate to help them excel in tomorrow's world.

"The first program the fund will launch is a series of sabbaticals for elementary and secondary teachers. Its focus will make them better math and science teachers for girls. The Teacher Enrichment Sabbatical program will initiate changes in teaching for girls that will strengthen math and science education for <u>all</u> children.

We want every division and, eventually, every community to be directly affected by this program. That is why in the first funding cycle between 10 and 20 sabbaticals will be awarded, at least one per AAUW region. In each of the following two years, at least one sabbatical will be awarded in each division. To launch these ambitious plans, we urgently need your support and commitment."

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By donating \$200 now, you can -- join the SCC Club -- donate \$100 and become a Charter Member of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund -- assign the other \$100 to the Buffalo Branch Centennial Fund! Not a bad return on your investment.

Let's make sure the Buffalo Branch leads the way in launching this important and powerful new Foundation Fund . . . join now!

Call Sandra DePalmo, our Educational Foundation Chair, at 836-6341 if you would like to join.

NOMINATIONS WELCOMED FOR AAUW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Phyllis Kelly

Branch members are urged to send in nominations by May \P for our annual Achievement Award to be presented at our Installation Luncheon in June.

The award was established by the Buffalo Branch in 1940 to honor an outstanding woman of our area whose attainments, character, and achievement merit recognition. "To dignify the position of women in the community" is the phrase used to express the underlying spirit of the award.

Criteria:

- 1. Attainments: work, home, community
- 2. Character
- 3. Giving to the well-being and advancement of the area.
- 4. Achievements must be beyond fulfilling employment commitment.

The award committee will consist of seven members--four from the Branch and the other three to be representative citizens, at least one of whom may be a man. As a protection to the integrity of the award, the names of the committee making the choice will not be made public.

Nominations shall be sent to Phyllis Kelly, 38 Roycroft Boulevard, Snyder 14226.

EXCITING PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Bunny Blackstone

Buffalo Branch will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with a festive luncheon on October 13, 1990, at Center for Tomorrow, SUNY at Buffalo Amherst Campus.

The program for the day will include a videotape of our past 100 years and choir singing songs from the past century as models in dresses from the past come out on stage

If you have any ideas regarding programs to be held at the universities or colleges to celebrate our first hundred years, please notify Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519.

We are planning to make a donation to a worthy cause in the community to commemorate our Centennial Year.



DIVISION CONVENTION IN SYRACUSE

Buffalo Branch President Phyllis Kelly heads the list of AAUW delegates to the New York State 1989 Division Convention at the Hotel Syracuse on April 28-30; the theme of the conference is "Turning Caring into Action."

Barbara Carier is the sole nominee for Recording Secretary of the State Convention and will be installed at the banquet on Saturday, April 29. She will also be one of the panelists on a workshop entitled "Preserving Our Memories" on Saturday morning.

Other local delegates include Ann Bish, Carol Jamison, Sue Grossman, Dr. Patricia Seaver, and Ann Hicks, Coordinator.





Ann Hicks

- MUSIC STUDY GROUP For this month's program each member is asked to talk about a new or exceptional music experience which occurred during the past year. We will meet at Ruth Seitz's home, 1035 Beach Road, Apt. 4C, Cheektowaga, at 1 p.m. Please call Mary Weppner (634-6636) if you are planning to attend.
- 5/2 DUPLICATE BRIDGE Tonight we will play at Lucy Sandmeyer's home, 474 Adam Street, Tonawanda. We are growing, so please call the hostess (693-5455) if you are coming.
- BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. at Kenmore East High School meeting room. WED Please call Phyllis Kelly if you are not attending.
- FRENCH STUDY GROUP New participants are always welcome. We begin at 10:30 a.m. Please call Jolene Pozarny at 839-0070 to confirm the date and location.
- 5/6 CREEDS & CULTURES STUDY GROUP Join us at 11 a.m. at Mary O'Connor's home, 30 Fairways Blvd., Williamsville. The program to be given by Norma Millar will focus on the Southwest Indians. Please call Mary (631-9227) if planning to attend.
- 5/9 GERMAN-DEUTCH MACHT SPASS Newcomers are welcome to join us.
 TUES Conversation begins at 1:30 p.m. Please call Gloria Beutner at 838-1273 to confirm location.
- 5/16 BOOK REVIEW GROUP We will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Carol Brasure, 64 Woodgate Road, Tonawanda (834-6171). Myra Menti will review the novel Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy. It is a beautifully written story of the American South. Newcomers, please call hostess. Regulars, please call if not coming.
- THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE GROUP We will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner at the College Club. Cost \$10. For reservations and details, please call Margaret Haas, 689-8735. DEADLINE: MAY 12.
- 5/19 LITERATURE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON GROUP This month we meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Josephine Herman, 258 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo. Josephine will discuss a biography of Roslyn Carter. If attending, please call the hostess (833-1886) or Margaret Haas (689-8735).
- 5/22 LITERATURE: EVENING STUDY GROUP Each member will read and discuss a biography of her choice. Please call the hostess, Jeanne McKown, 5154 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence (741-3115) if attending. Members should come prepared with suggestions for next year's book list. We begin at 7:30 p.m.

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STUDY GROUPS (continued)

5/23 TUES GERMAN-DEUTCH MACHT SPASS - Interested members are encouraged to join this group for conversation and study beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please call Gloria Beutner at 834-1273 to confirm location.

AND REMEMBER. . . .

Mark June 11, 1989, on your calendar. The Women's Achievement Award/Installation Luncheon will be at the Brookfield Country Club. Social hour is from 12 to 12:30 p.m., and luncheon is at 12:30 p.m. Weather should be great. Enjoy seeing your friends and celebrate spring! Details in the May Newsletter. Jean McFarren, Chairman.

DUES REMINDER

Membership dues for 1989-90 should be received by June 30. Contributions or gifts to AAUW are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, dues payments may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Contributions to EFP are tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch and send to: AAUW, PO Box 397, Snyder, NY 14226. Association \$22.

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 State
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 Branch
 14.50

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