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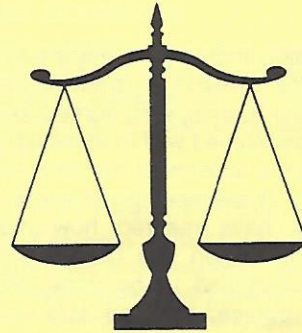
SEPTEMBER BRANCH PROGRAM

Potluck Supper and Speaker

Wednesday, September 12
6:00 p.m.

Judge Penny Wolfgang
will speak on

Women in the Courts



St. John Lutheran Church of Amherst
6540 Main Street, Williamsville

Program will begin at 7:00 p.m. approximately

Chair: Nancy Acara
Hospitality: Ruth Samuel
Hostesses: Members of Tuesday
Evening Duplicate Bridge and
International Study Through Foods

..... Reservation Form for Potluck Supper and Program

Name: _____

I will be attending the potluck supper and program on September 12, 1990.

I will bring (check one):

main dish/casserole and contribute \$1

dessert and contribute \$1

salad and contribute \$1

other _____ contribute \$1

contribute \$7

I am bringing a guest, _____. Indicate food and/or money contribution choice above.

I will be attending the program only

Please make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch. Send reservation form and payment by **September 6** to Mary Weppner, 5403 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221.

President's Message

When we finish a big project like the book sale, we should take time to acknowledge what we have accomplished. It is impressive how members work together on the many tasks necessary to carry off such an undertaking, and we should not take our accomplishments for granted.

Recognition should go to many people, beginning with Diane Silvestro, a relatively new member of the Buffalo Branch, who agreed to chair the sale. Diane has listened well to those who were familiar with various aspects of the sale and has worked efficiently in overseeing the whole project. She may not have realized how much she was undertaking when she began, but she learned quickly what had to be done, and she did it. She, of course, received able assistance from many "old hands" who don't need to be told what to do.

For personal reasons, Delores Bowker has had to resign as Treasurer. Diane has kindly agreed to be acting Treasurer. I am sure you join with me in extending best wishes to Delores for better times to come and thanks to Diane for her willingness to fill in.

When I talk to new members or potential members, I say many levels of involvement are possible and acceptable in AAUW. For example, when I was raising a family and working on a doctorate as well as carrying a full-time job, my involvement was minimal. I maintained my membership because I believed in the mission of the organization and knew the time would come when I could be more involved. Members with other commitments should not feel guilty if they are relatively inactive for a while. We'll welcome you back when you are free to be more involved.

AAUW's New Address

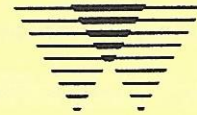
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Washington, D.C. 20036
Member HELP-LINE 1-800-821-4364

For those new members who do want to be more involved, I say, "Plunge in!" Not many are going to take the plunge that Diane Silvestro did, but she certainly knows many members as a result of chairing the investment group as well as chairing the book sale. A plunge does not need to be so deep. You can, for example, join a study group; volunteer to telephone those on your page in the roster when we activate the telephone tree; help to plan a program; interview applicants for Chamberlin loans. As part of a small group, you get to know some members well and feel more at home at general meetings.

We welcome the many interests, talents, and contributions of our members.

Carolyn Day, the Vice President for Programs, with help from many members, has planned an exciting program for the coming year. I hope to see many members at each meeting.

Carol Jamieson



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Branch Member Survey

If you have not completed and returned the survey enclosed with last month's newsletter, please take the time now. The information obtained from those returned last year was very helpful in identifying leadership for the branch and planning programs. Responses from every member would make the data more valuable. If you have not responded (last year or last month), we encourage you to do so today.

We've successfully completed another book sale despite the enormous amount of work that goes into this event. I want to thank the 120 members who donated their time to sorting and pricing, and the sale. This does not include those who worked on committees or donated cash and/or items to the sale. Each of you should also thank yourselves for a job well done. I must say that panic quickly set in when I saw the pile of books to process but my panic ebbed as the pile decreased and everything was finished when the doors opened for the sale. We worked 801 woman-hours sorting and pricing over a period of 13 days with most of the work being done between 9:30 and 5:00. An estimated 328 woman-hours were spent on the sale (many people neglected to sign out) and another 43.5 woman-hours spent on clean-up, an area we could use more volunteer help with. This does not include the many hours spent planning, publicizing, collecting, calling, etc. We netted approximately \$6000 for our efforts this year. Congratulations! However, this could have been increased if we didn't have to discard so many books. Before you lament about the valuable books being wasted, be advised that most of them were out dated textbooks, with estimates ranging from 1/2 to 2/3 of the total. It cost \$700 to dump left over books so we could save at least \$350 in dumping fees alone if we didn't accept donations of textbooks. This does not include the costs of storing them, transporting them, paying workers to handle them, or renting tables to display them. And it does not include the valuable time our volunteers spent handling them. Sales of textbooks brought in about \$100 which hardly offsets the costs we incurred. I highly recommend that we do not accept textbooks as donations.

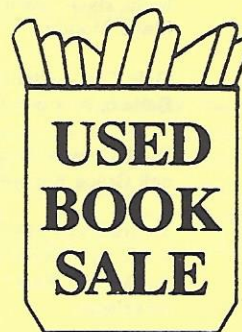
Finally, I want to thank my committee again for all their help and especially for their reassurance that things would work out. I had to rely on the experience of others because, as some of you already know, I had never even been to an AAUW book sale. My personal thanks to:

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Bunny Blackstone | Pre-Sale, Sorting/Pricing |
| Lynn Mc Clive | Sale Week, Collectibles |
| Margit Spector | Collections |
| Carol Jamieson | Sorting/Pricing Supervisor |
| Maryalice Seagrave | Sorting/Pricing Supervisor |
| Barbara Olandt | Sorting/Pricing Supervisor |
| Lois Jarrett | Sorting/Pricing Supervisor |
| Jo Herman | Sorting/Pricing Supervisor |
| Barbara Carier | Sorting/Pricing Supervisor |
| Ruthe Sicherman | Publicity, Sealed Bid |
| Mollie Fleysher | Sealed Bid |
| Lucille Peterson | Publicity |
| Ruth Fontaine | Personnel |
| Lorena Hare | Supplies |
| Mary Weppner | Hostesses |
| Carolyn Day | Trucking |
| Myra Menti | Collectibles |
| Clarine Radt | Collectibles |
| Ann Bish | Post Sale |
| Nancy Ryther | Paid Workers |
| Alice Mason | Treasurer |
| Loretta Quenneville | Treasurer |
| Carolyn Iadovito | EFP Chair |

And thanks to Ann Bish, Jean Moran, and Pat Seaver, and all the friends and relatives that participated.

Sincerely,

Diane Silvestro
1990 Booksale Co-ordinator



STUDY AND INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

September

9/4 **Duplicate Bridge.** Bridge time is 7:45 p.m. Please contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location reservations.
Tues

9/5 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m., Kenmore East High School.
Wed.

9/10 **Great Decisions 1990.** Ann Hicks will be the facilitator for a discussion of Nicaragua and El Salvador. Members will provide their own sandwiches or salads and meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Grossman, 310 Pryor Avenue, Tonawanda. Please call Suzanne (837-8769) if you plan to attend.
Mon.

9/11 **German Study Group.** Interested members are welcome. Call Gloria Beutner (838-1273) to confirm location. Meeting time is 1:30 p.m.
Tues.

9/12 **September Branch Program and Potluck** at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 6540 Main
Wed. Williamsville.

9/13 **Women's Issues.** We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Bertha Cutcher's home, 91 Monroe Drive,
Thurs. Williamsville. Please call Bertha (633-6025) if you plan to attend.

9/20 **French Study Group.** We will start at 1:30 p.m. Please call Rolene Pozarny (839-3701) to
Thurs. confirm location.

9/21 **Literature: Friday Afternoon.** Marion Elmer will present a review of Niagara by Robert M.
Fri. Taylor at 1:00 p.m. at Annmarie Gerber's home, 38 Los Robles Street, Williamsville. Please call Annmarie (632-4622) if you plan to attend.

9/24 **Literature: Evening Study Group.** We will meet at Jeanne McKown's home, 5141 Willow
Mon. Brook Drive, Clarence, at 7:30 p.m. Evelyn Wolf is facilitating the discussion of A Mother and Two Daughters by Gail Goodwin. Please call Jeanne (741-3115) if you plan to attend.

9/25 **German Study Group.** The group convenes at 1:30 p.m. Please call Gloria Beutner for the
Tues. location.

9/25 **Investment Group.** We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers' cafeteria at Amherst High
Tues. School. Although membership is closed, members are always welcome to attend.

October

10/1 **Music Study Group.** We'll meet at Marie Moody's home, 119 Henning Drive, Orchard Park,
Mon. at 1:00 p.m. Please call Marie (662-9628) in advance as refreshments will be served. The topic "Bach, Beethoven, and Romantic Piano Music" will be presented by Mary Mahoney and Marie Moody.

10/13 **Gala Centennial Celebration** begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Tomorrow, University at
Sat. Buffalo, Amherst Campus.

10/16 **Book Review Group.** The group will hold its first fall meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please
Tues. call Grace Kenline (877-0734) for more information.

TBA **International Study Through Foods.** We'll have a tasting of Middle Eastern foods as well as
a talk by Russell Stone, Ph.D., on the topic "Religious Factions and Sociological Aspects of the Middle East." Further details regarding the October date will appear in the October newsletter.

Fall 1990
 Coordinators of the Study and Interest Groups

Book Review	Grace Kenline	877-0734
Bridge: Duplicate	Mary O'Connor	631-9227
Bridge: Thursday Evening	Margaret Haas	839-3701
French	Rolene Pozarny	839-0070
German	Gloria Beutner	838-1273
Great Decisions 1990	Ruth Seitz	633-2473
International Study Through Foods	Ann Bish	741-3964
Investment Club	Diane Silvestro	631-3349
Literature: Evening	Valarie Bozarth	633-2130
Literature: Afternoon	Marion Elmer	633-7873
Music Study Group	Mary Weppner	634-6636
Women's Issues	Bertha Cutcher	633-6025



Women's Issues

Save the date, **Friday, October 19**, and plan to attend the symposium sponsored by the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, to be held at the Buffalo Convention Center, 9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. The keynoter will be Ms. Dorothy Jones, President of the National Association of Commissions for Women. Five workshops, held simultaneously from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. will allow time to explore the topic and encourage discussion. The workshops scheduled are:

Quality Health Care for All: Can We Afford It?

Family Planning: Common Ground on the Abortion Issue?

Inclusionary Education: Bias-Free and Multi-Cultural

Balancing Work and Family

How to Lobby

Lunch and networking will follow them, with a wrap-up by Ms. Marjorie Girth, Professor of Law at the University at Buffalo and the Chairperson of the Erie County Task Force on the Status of Women (1985-87). For further details about registration call Bertha Cutcher at 633-6025.

MEMBERSHIP

Life of a Branch

Scheduling for planning meetings is somewhat like planning an invasion! I suppose it is an invasion, of time, at least. Time, right now, is crucial if Buffalo Branch is to attract new members. Making our Branch attractive to potential members is everyone's responsibility.

To implement recruitment ideas, a membership committee is vital. To develop and implement new projects, I anticipate only two meetings during this fiscal year. The first meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on **September 18, 1990**, at my home. Please call me, **837-8769**, for directions and to let me know who is coming to be sure I have enough chairs.

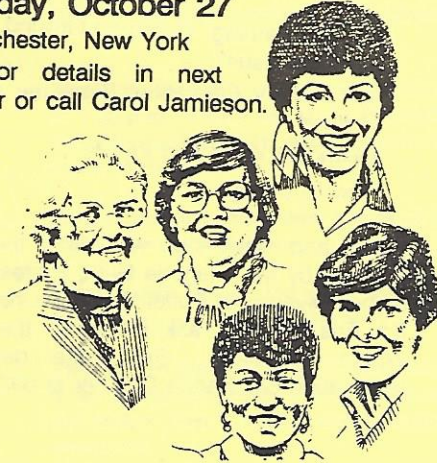
New members plus continuing members equal new programs, new acquaintances, a larger network, and no dues increase!!

Suzanne Grossman, RD

District I Fall Conference Saturday, October 27

Rochester, New York

Watch for details in next newsletter or call Carol Jamieson.



EDUCATION

Buffalo Board of Education Urgency

The Organization of Concerned Parents and Citizens for Quality Education is urgently seeking volunteers to be involved in Buffalo. They need a small group of 10 to 15 people to make up a committee for policy and strategy formation as well as trees and many other activities. Interested people should contact Dr. Barbara Nevergold (day phone - 826-1500). Board of Education meetings are open to the public on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., 801 City Hall. If you wish to speak at a board meetings are informative, lively and sometimes shocking.

Educational Opportunities

AAUW members should be aware of excellent educational opportunities at the Buffalo State College Lifelong Learning Center. Professional development evening courses include such subjects as:

- Developing a Winning Business Plan
- Business and Time Management
- Leadership Skills
- Boardmanship for Volunteers
- Employee Management
- Personal Development
- Financial Planning

Of special interest is the Center's World Horizons Series featuring three hours "in your seat" trips complete with slides, films and experienced lecturers. These precede the January 1991 academic travel/study tours to Nepal, Thailand, an Egyptian Odessey and the dimensions of Italian Art. Contact the Lifelong Learning Center, 878-5906, for more information.

An update on other educational opportunities in Greater Buffalo will be included in future newsletters.

Lee Eddy
Education Chair

CENTENNIAL NEWS

Celebration Luncheon & Program

Invitations to our Gala 100th Celebration on October 13, 1990, at the Center for Tomorrow, UB Amherst Campus are being distributed to members attending the various study/interest groups this month and next. Our event will start at 10 a.m. with registration and time to look at our historic time line and scrap book. A fashion show featuring costumes from 1890-1990 will follow presented by the Fashion Design students of Buffalo State College under the direction of one of our members, Ellen DeWind. At noon we will have a cash bar. We will have choices of menu (see reservation form below) for the luncheon which will be served at 12:30 p.m. All choices include soup, salad, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$13.00 per person. A champagne toast and centennial favor are included. Following the luncheon we plan on a speaker and finally close our celebration with the Village Singers entertaining us with songs of the century. Seating is limited, so if you are planning to attend, send your reservations in as soon as possible.

Program Patrons

We invite you to be a patron for this Gala Centennial Celebration. If you would like to be a patron, with a donation of \$5 or more, please make out your check to

AAUW Buffalo Branch Centennial and mail to Bunny Blackstone, 11478 Tomarsue Dr., Marilla, New York 14102. Send this by **August 30**, so your name can be included in the printed program.

Centennial Souvenirs

Orders for the centennial souvenirs are still being accepted. If you placed an order, you can pick up your orders. The souvenirs include the red tote bags and mugs. Contact Bunny Blackstone (655-4517) for more information.

Friends of the Night People

The Centennial Committee made \$125 from the sale of beverages at the Used Book Sale which will be sent to the Friends of Night People. Many thanks to all of you who helped and contributed to this special project.

Thank you for your tremendous support throughout this centennial year.

Bunny Blackstone



Buffalo Branch Centennial Celebration Reservation
Saturday, October 13, 1990 **Center for Tomorrow, UB**

Name: _____

Please indicate choice of menu:

___ Chicken Supreme ___ Baked Fish Filet ___ Sauteed Beef Tips

Cost is **\$13.00** per person

Send your reservation and check made payable to **AAUW Buffalo Branch** to:

Mary Weppner
 5403 Main Street, Apt. 110
 Williamsville, New York 14221

BRANCH PROGRAMS

Mark Your Calendars!!

October 13
Saturday

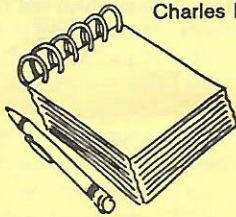
**Gala Centennial Celebration
Program & Luncheon**
Center for Tomorrow, UB
See page 5 for details.
Chair: Bunny Blackstone

November 17
Saturday

**What's Happening to our
Waterfront?**
Speakers: Thomas D. Blanchard,
Jr., Executive Director of the
Horizons Waterfront Commission
and Richard Tobe, Erie County
Commissioner of Environment and
Planning. The Little White House.
Chair: Sharon Rich

December 16
Sunday

Time with Teddy Bear
Families invited. Refreshments.
Charles Burchfield Center



Ombudsmen Needed

The Town of Amherst Long Term Care Ombudsman program and the American Red Cross need volunteers to act as patient advocates in area nursing and adult homes.

Certified ombudsman volunteers investigate complaints at the request of residents or patients, and work with the facilities to ensure that patients' rights are respected.

A 36-hour training program will be provided by the New York State Office for the Aging in October. Topics covered include patient care, Medicaid, and community resources, among others. After training, a commitment of about 6 hours per week is required.

For more information, call Anne Matthei, Coordinator, Amherst Senior Center, at 631-7145 or Carol Armao, Health Specialist, American Red Cross, at 886-7500, ext. 248.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

To acknowledge and celebrate members' achievements, we need to know them. Please notify our newsletter editor or president.

MOVING? Save AAUW postage. Notify Marion S. Fay (836-5660).

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Barbara Carrier
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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.