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GALA HOLIDAY TREAT! Come celebrate with us!



TIME

with

TEDDY BEAR

Sunday, December 16

2-4 p.m.

Speaker: Lillian Wilson

Burchfield Center, Rockwell Hall

State University College at Buffalo

1300 Elmwood Avenue

**Teddy Bears through the Ages Display
& Reception**

Bring your family.

Free admission but if you would like to play Santa to a needy child, please bring a gift wrapped teddy bear or toy. These will be donated to Friends of the Night, our special Branch Centennial community project.

Chair: Phyllis Kelly
Co-Chair: Carolyn Day

Hostesses: Music and Friday
Afternoon Literature Groups

RESERVATIONS: Please call Mary Weppner, 634-6636

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The word choice appears in several different (although related) contexts in AAUW at present. A current issue is Choices for Tomorrow's Women, and the Association's position on reproductive freedom is pro-choice. Keeping these two uses of choice separate is important. Pat Hogeboom, the New York State Division President, has appointed a Pro-Choice Coordinator for the Division so that this issue is distinguished from both Choices for Tomorrow's Women and Public Policy issues.

I am confident that members of AAUW are beyond a "sound bite" mentality that sees all uses of the word choice as a code word for a narrow political position on reproductive freedom. Individual members may and do have a wide variety of positions on the issue; we all grant one another that choice. More important, the theme of Choices for Tomorrow's Women, if successfully developed, has the potential for reducing conditions, such as children having children, which trouble all of us who are concerned with the status of women.

The New York State Division is proposing that each Branch undertake a project to address either reduction of teen pregnancy or support for the aspirations, specifically career aspirations, of girls and young women. A project in the second category may well have impact on the first. If girls understand job choices that are available to them, have the self-confidence to consider careers, especially in non-traditional fields such as science and technology, and have support to achieve academic and career goals, they are less likely to see early motherhood as the way to feelings of accomplishment.

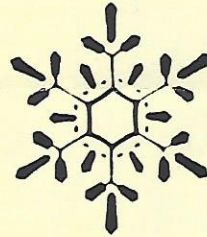
Those of us who attended the District I meeting learned about some possible projects to implement the theme of Choices for Tomorrow's Women, for example, providing mentoring or shadowing experiences in various careers. We learned that materials are already available to be used in talking with girls, perhaps through schools or the Girl Scouts, about career possibilities.



The Division has challenged us to develop a branch project to meet the needs we know exist in this area. I am sure that Buffalo Branch, with its century long tradition of involvement in the community, is equal to this task. If you are a teacher or guidance counselor who can identify a need the Branch might meet, call me. You do not have to have fully-developed proposal, just an idea we can discuss. If you have knowledge or experience to share or if you would like to help in organizing a project, consider what you can contribute.

I hope many members of the Branch will choose to become involved in a Choices for Tomorrow's Women project.

Carol Jamieson



*May your Holidays
be filled with
Peace, Love, and Joy
and may the New Year
bring you Health and Happiness*

Please send notices about members activities and achievements to your newsletter editor. Deadline: December 5 for January newsletter.

DISTRICT I FALL CONFERENCE

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Seven members of the Buffalo Branch joined representatives from eleven other New York State branches comprising District I at the Fall Conference held at the Rochester Branch Clubhouse on October 27. Barbara Carier, Carolyn Day, Ann Bish, Carol Jamieson, Suzanne Grossman, Barbara Olandt and Ann Hicks enjoyed the opportunity to see AAUW friends from the Western New York area as well as the Division President, Pat Hogeboom. One of the highlights of the conference was the opportunity to meet and hear Hillary Hampsch, the recipient of the AAUW Educational Foundation Judy Resnick Fellowship, who is completing post-doctoral work at Eastman Kodak. At the end of the year she will be

joining the chemical engineering faculty at Purdue University.

The conference addressed various topics and focused particularly on issues of choice and equity for women in relation to branch programs and community projects. The New York Division convention, scheduled April 26-28, 1991, at the Sagamore, was briefly previewed by Sue Oliver, New York State Division Vice President for Program. Call her if you have suggestions or need information (652-1230). It was a stimulating session. We would encourage other members to consider attending next year.

Let's continue to work together to achieve our AAUW 1990-1992 NYS Division Action Priorities

To educate and empower women and girls to make appropriate life choices

- Bias-free educational programs that promote economic self-sufficiency
- Increased student financial aid with attention to special needs of women students

To preserve a strong system of public education that promotes equity and diversity

- Responsible funding for quality education
- Public support for public education
- Academic freedom and protection from censorship

To enhance the quality of life in communities throughout New York State

- Environmental protection through conservation, pollution control and waste management
- Affordable housing
- Expansion of open-meeting laws
- Court reform
- Public and private funding for arts and humanities programs

To achieve women's economic self-sufficiency

- Pay equity
- Access to quality, affordable dependent care
- Job-protected family and medical leave
- Public assistance programs that empower women

To ensure commitment to equality and individual rights while respecting diversity

- Access to adequate health services
- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

CHILD SUPPORT NEWS: "Child Support Enforcement News" May 1990

Did you know that under the Child Support Enforcement Amendments of 1984, all states are required to use expedited processes for establishing and enforcing support orders, unless the state is granted exemption?

Did you know that under the Family Support Act of 1988, Title IV-D (AFDC) cases are entitled to a review and modification of the support order once every three years, except when there is a good cause and neither party has requested a review? Non-AFDC cases are entitled to review every three years upon request from either party.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE BILL

Write to your Congressional representative to urge that this bill (S.345-HR 770) be made a priority item at the beginning of the next session. The bill had secured Congressional passage, but was vetoed by President Bush. Send copies of your letter to Shirley Joseph, Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 to let her know of AAUW support!

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN NEW YORK STATE

Dr. Lester Milbrath of SUNY Buffalo who spoke at our environmental meeting last year informs us that the Environmental Education bill, S.8440, sponsored by Senator John Sheffer, and which seeks to infuse material on environmental issues into the primary and secondary school courses is now a "study bill" which seeks reactions from other legislators. Senator Sheffer thinks an improved bill may be considered in the coming year.

Sharon Rich
Public Policy Chair

A NEW YEAR AHEAD

Mark your calendars now!

Saturday, January 26

8:30 a.m.

Choices for Women over the Life Span

A workshop to explore women's needs and choices. Bring your daughter and/or your mother (or someone their ages) to help us promote inter-generational understanding. Come for a classic breakfast (\$7) at the Sheraton East at 8:45 a.m. or just the program at 9:30 a.m.

Reservation information in next newsletter.

Saturday, February 23

12 p.m.

From a Baltic Point of View: Latvia in Transition
Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road.

Sunday, March 10

2-4 p.m.

Membership Reception
Wilcox Mansion, 641 Delaware Avenue

Award Named for Ruthe Sicherman

The Board of Directors approved the recommendation and motion to name a permanent scholarship, grant or loan in honor of Ruthe Sicherman in recognition of the many years of professional service she has given AAUW Buffalo Branch as our official public relations officer. Such scholarship, grant or loan monies shall be available yearly from the Loans for Education funds. Congratulations, Ruthe!

AAUW's New Address

1111 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Member HELP-LINE 1-800-821-4364

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

Branch Membership News

New Members in October 1990:
(Add names to your roster)

Frances Abrams
6 Bluebird Lane
Amherst, New York 14228

Diana Bower
7674 Irish Road
West Falls, New York 14170
9-941-3015

Ruth Campbell
89 Nadon Place
Tonawanda, New York 14150

Donna Kravitz
349 Euclid Avenue
Kenmore, New York 14217
876-1277

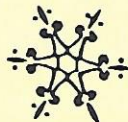
Charlene Stanford
302 Lexington Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14222

Since July 1, 1990, Buffalo Branch has welcomed 11 new members. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 40 new members during 1990-91. Have you thought of giving a gift of membership?

Look for more discussion about membership recruitment projects and Branch activities in next month's newsletter.



Suzanne Grossman, R.D.
Second Vice President
New Membership



New Year -- New Membership!

How about a gift membership to introduce a new graduate or an associate to the many activities of the Buffalo Branch? The Association currently offers a special six-month Member-at-Large (January-July 1991) for \$15. For a BRANCH MEMBER GIFT the total would be \$29.50

YES, I want to introduce a friend to AAUW.

Please give a six-month Member-at-Large or Branch Gift Membership to:

Gift Recipient's Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

College/University _____ State _____

Degree Earned _____ Date _____

My name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

(For additional Gift Memberships, photocopy this form or attach a list. You and each recipient will receive a gift acknowledgement.)

— I enclose my check for \$29.50 for each six-month Branch Gift Membership (made payable to AAUW-Buffalo Branch). Total enclosed _____. Mail to Suzanne Grossman, 310 Pryor Avenue, Tonawanda, New York 14150.

— I enclose my check for \$15 for each six-month Gift Member-at-Large (Association affiliation only). Make checks payable to AAUW. Mail to AAUW-Membership Department, 1111 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

Our centennial year is coming to an end. I was privileged to work with a superb group of women these past two years to present our branch with a memorable centennial. I'd like to thank my devoted committee for a job well done!

Eve Stoklosa, Program Chair
 Ruth Fontaine, Community Relations Chair
 Mary Ann Wiltshire, Souvenirs & Invitations Chair
 Ruthe Sicherman, Publicity Chair
 Lucille Peterson, Decorations Chair
 Sandy DePalmo, Civic Project Chair
 Valarie Bozarth, Kiosk, Centennial Booklet and Time Line

Joan Eschner, Centennial Video
 Millie Sherrets, Grants Chair
 Ann Hicks, Grants Chair

Suzanne Grossman	Cindy Monacelli
Rowena Adams-Jones	Jean McFarren
Lois Dabney	Ann Bish
Ellen DeWind	Helene Motyka
Beverly Graham	Myra Menti
Phyllis Kelly	Carol Jamieson
Josephine Herman	Molly Fleysher
Barbara Carier	Carolyn Day
Marge Madej	

My special thanks to:

Jean McFarren and **Helene Motyka** for making the beautiful centerpieces.

Joan Eschner for recording our year on video tape.
Ruthe Sicherman for the donated ad in Spree magazine.

Ruth Fontaine for her efforts in obtaining permission to hang our sign over Delaware Avenue.
Valarie Bozarth for her valuable contributions to our branch in making the traveling kiosk, the informative booklet on our 100 years and the memorable Time Line exhibited at the Center for Tomorrow.

Eve Stoklosa for putting together a beautiful Centennial scrapbook which will circulate to the study groups and branch meetings for viewing.

Ellen DeWind for a tremendous fashion show.

Marge Madej for all the art work done on the souvenirs, program and silhouette for the scrapbook.

The Village Singers for an entertaining program of favorite tunes of the Century.

Alice Ann Leidel for an inspiring speech.

For those members who missed our banquet, you will be able to view it on video tape at a future meeting.

Our speaker, Alice Ann Leidel, was very impressed with the Time Line, kiosk, booklet and scrapbook. She felt they should be taken to the Association Convention June 21-25, 1991, for other branches and divisions to view.

We still have many mugs and tote bags to sell. They do make nice Christmas gifts or exchange gifts, and what a great way to promote AAUW! All proceeds will go to the homeless.

Thank you for your support.

Bunny Blackstone
 Buffalo Branch Centennial Chair

The **Centennial Scrapbook** has been compiled of treasures and mementos of our Branch. Before it is placed in the Archives it will be circulated at monthly Branch meetings. Be sure to see it!



Buffalo Branch Centennial



STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS

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December

- 12/1 **International Study Through Foods.** Dr. Heidi Chretien will speak on Italian Art at Jeanne McKown's home, 5141 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence. You are invited to a "Taste of Italy." Participants are asked to bring a dish to sample (Rosalie has recipes) and contribute \$2.50 toward expenses. If you plan to attend, call Rosalie Gimbrone (835-0105).
Sat
- 12/3 **Music Study Group.** The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. at Jo Herman's home, 258 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo. The program will focus on the beginnings of the Greater Buffalo Opera Company. Call Mary Weppner (634-6636) if you would like to attend.
Mon
- 12/4 **Duplicate Bridge.** Please contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.
Tues.
- 12/5 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at Kenmore East Senior High School. Hostesses are Carolyn Day and Suzanne Grossman.
Wed
- 12/10 **Great Decisions 1990.** Elizabeth J. Smith will facilitate the topic "Vietnam, Cambodia and the US: Return Engagement?" The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Joyce Kopf, 68 Majestic Circle, Amherst. Please call Joyce (832-6858) if you plan to attend.
Mon
- 12/11 **German Study Group.** The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Renny Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo (836-3277).
Tues
- 12/13 **Bridge: Thursday.** The group will meet at the home of Nila Gnam, 112 Brauncroft Lane, Amherst (839-2878). Due to possible inclement weather during December, January and February the group will meet at 1:00 p.m.
Thurs
- 12/16 **Monthly Branch Meeting** and program at the Burchfield Center, 1300 Elmwood Avenue., Buffalo, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sun
- 12/18 **Book Review Group.** Grace Kenline will review The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tam. The group will meet at the home of Renny Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo (836-3277).
Tues
- 12/20 **French Study Group.** The group meets at 1:00 p.m. Call Rolene Pozarny (839-0070) to confirm Thurs location.
Thurs
- 12/21 **Literature: Friday Afternoon.** Molly Fleysler will review George Cindon's book Stars in the Water. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Haas, 230 Hamilton Avenue, Snyder (839-3701).
Fri
- 12/24 **Literature: Evening.** No meeting this month.
- 12/25 **Investment Club.** The group will not meet this month.



January

- 1/2 **Executive Committee** will meet at Carol Jamieson's home, 125 Chatham Avenue, Buffalo, at 7:00 p.m.
Wed
- 1/7 **Music Study Group** will meet at 1 p.m. Call Mary Weppner (634-6636) if you would like to attend.
Mon

Ann Bish
Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

At our wonderful Centennial Celebration, I had the pleasure of meeting Hangli Shu, a 1989-1990 International Fellow from China who is studying at SUNY at Buffalo. Hangli, who edits children's books in Beijing, is researching sex role socialization in Chinese and American juvenile literature. It is in meeting women such as Hangli that I am reminded of how important our yearly book sale is and how valuable the hard work of our members.

The AAUW Educational Foundation **Research & Projects (R & P) Grants** have offered women the opportunity to promote education and equity for women and girls through community action projects, individual research or formal academic pursuits for over 15 years. The types of R & P Grants available are briefly described below:

Community Action Grants

These grants provide seed money to branches, divisions, or individual women for projects that address the contemporary needs of women or girls or provide information to educate and benefit the public on those issues. The awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. The winter postmark deadline is February 1, 1991. The fall postmark deadline is September 1, 1991.

Career Development Grants

These grants are earmarked to support women who are reentering the work force, making a career change, or advancing their current career through higher education. Special consideration is given to AAUW members. Preference is given to women preparing for careers that are non-traditional for women. These one-time only awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The postmark deadline is January 1, 1991.

Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowship

These fellowships are designed for elementary and secondary school teachers who are seeking to advance gender equity in the classroom increase their effectiveness in teaching math and science to girls, and/or tailor their teaching to the needs of minority students and girls at risk of dropping out.

The awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The deadline is usually December 1 so this would be a good time to inform anyone you know who would be a good candidate and might want to consider applying for this type of special fellowship.

For more information on 1990-91 grants and fellowships call Carolyn Iadovito at 634-0927.

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