

FEBRUARY 1991

A BALTIC POINT OF VIEW: LATVIA IN TRANSITION

Saturday, February 23

Speaker: Dr. Guntis Silins
&

St. John's Latvian Choral
Chamber Ensemble

Brigita Aiks, Director

Guests Welcome

Christ United Methodist
Church

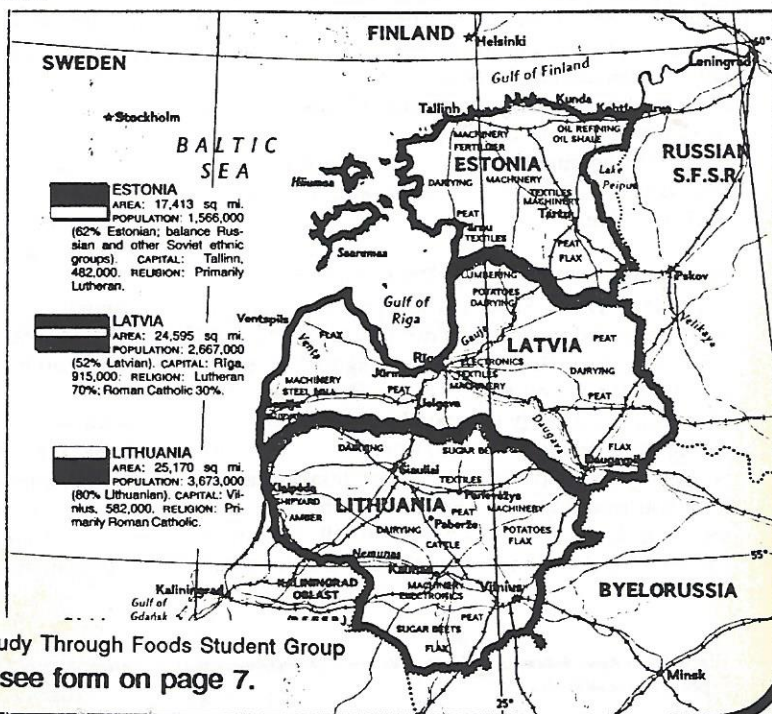
350 Saratoga Road, Snyder

Luncheon at 11:45 a.m.*
Program at 12:45 p.m.*

Luncheon at \$6 per person
includes homemade vegetable
soup, julienne salad, bread,
dessert and beverage.

Hostesses: German and International Study Through Foods Student Group

*Reservations requested. Please see form on page 7.



President's Message

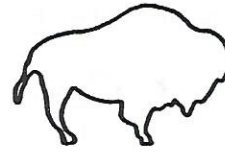
I continue to be impressed by the many ways members of the Buffalo Branch take on responsibilities, large and small, for the organization. This column provides me with an opportunity to thank a few people who felt it necessary to resign for health reasons and to those who are filling in. My thanks go to Marion Sepulveda, who was Corresponding Secretary, and to Maxine Walsh, who was Circulation Manager for the newsletter, for their contributions to the branch. And my tanks to Margit Spector, who is sending messages for the Branch until the Nominating Committee proposes a replacement, and to Ann Hicks, who is managing circulation as well as production of the newsletter.

Recently, Ruthe Sicherman and I met with a woman who hopes to produce a videotape about historical accomplishments of women in Western New York. We were pleased to talk about the role of the Buffalo Branch in, for example, establishing a creche, a childcare facility for children on working mothers early in the century. We grew increasingly enthusiastic as we described the Book Sale, explaining how it fulfills our mission in promoting "education and self development over the life span," both in contributing to Association Fellowships and in providing reading materials at low cost to residents of our region. We suggested that Branch members continue the effort required for the Book Sale because it is so consistent with what we in AAUW value.

And work on the 1991 Book Sale is already underway. Diane Silverstro said she was willing to chair if she did not have to ask others to help with the sale! Ann Bish and I have agreed to solicit chairs for the varied aspects of the Book Sale. Ann and I are particularly interested in finding someone willing to co-ordinate the paid workers, but we'll also be asking about other jobs. Start thinking about what you would like to contribute to the sale. July seems a long way off, but we'll all feel more comfortable if we know that staffing is arranged.

Even closer than the booksale is the annual luncheon and the Achievement Award. As you undoubtedly recall, the woman chosen should be one whose character and achievement merit recognition. The deadline for nominations is March 1, but please make your nomination now.

Carol Jamieson, Ph.D.
President, Buffalo Branch



Looking Ahead . . .

Friday, January 25

Amherst Lunch and Issues

Topic: "The Current Scene in Washington"

Speaker: Hon. L. William Paxon

Place: Eagle House Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 Inquiries: Sharon Rich (633-2553)

March 15-16

Public Leadership Workshop

Intensive 1 1/2 day workshop for prospective women candidates and campaign managers.

YWCA, 190 Franklin Street

Information: Donna Kravitz (852-6120)

April 9-11 & 23-25

Long Term Care Ombudsman Training sponsored by the American Red Cross. An innovative program that concerns itself with the care received by the elderly in area nursing homes. To volunteer or for information, call Carol Armao (886-7500).

Women's Issues

Did you know?*

According to the findings of "A Decade of Change: The Status of Women Doctorates, 1978-88," a research study by the American Council on Education (ACE), more women are getting their doctorates. From 1978 to 1988, the share of doctoral degrees awarded to women grew from 27 percent to 35 percent. The study also reported:

- The number of minority women earning doctorates has increased dramatically, while the number of minority men receiving Ph.D.'s has declined.
- Although more women are earning degrees in technical fields, the degrees awarded in education, the social sciences and the humanities still account for two-thirds of all degrees awarded to women.
- Women tend to complete their doctoral degrees more slowly than men.

ACE's Division of Policy Analysis and Research reports that doctorates awarded to women historically have been concentrated in the field of education. "While this is not necessarily bad in and of itself, it perpetuates the underrepresentation of women in other fields, most notably the physical sciences, engineering and professional fields," to quote directly from the study.

*These excerpts were taken from the December 1990/January 1991 issue of On Campus (AFT publication)

MOVING? Save AAUW postage. Please notify Marion Fay (836-5660). Help us keep you informed of Branch activities.

Membership News

New Members:

Nancy Harris BS, SUNYAB
130 Cottonwood Dr. Interests: Health
Williamsville, NY 14221 issues, Child dependent
689-9676 care, education

Jane Lapi BS & MS, SUNYCAB
1608 Abbott Rd. Interests: Education,
Lackawanna, NY 14218 equal rights
825-6835

Mary Roseberry BS, Catholic U. Amer.
44 1/2 St. James Place M.Ed., SUNYAB
Buffalo, NY 14222
885-8347

Welcome to Buffalo Branch!

Special Membership Reminder:

Open House for New Members
and Prospective Members
on
Sunday, March 10
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theodore Roosevelt Historic Inaugural Site
Wilcox Mansion, 641 Delaware Avenue.

The open house will feature information about the study and interest groups plus a few new features and tours.

If you wish to have an invitation sent, please send name and address to me by February 26, 1991.

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

Newsletter Deadline

Please send your announcements and articles for the March newsletter to Ann Hicks by February 5.

Study & Interest Groups Calendar

January 1991

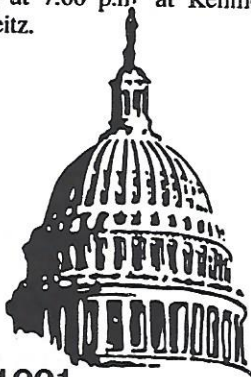
- 1/29 **Investment Club.** The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Amherst High School. Please call Kelly Tues McCurdy (439-8739) if you would like to attend.
- 1/29 **Government Study Group.** "How Congress and the Executive Branch work together" is the topic for Tues discussion at Gloria Stulberg's, 76 Morgan Parkway at 7:00 p.m. Contact Gloria (634-5446) if you plan to attend.
- 1/30 **Literature: Friday Afternoon.** We will serve as hostesses at the Lillian Fairchild Travel Talk at the Wed Buffalo Museum of Science. Call Marion Elmer (633-7873) to confirm time.

February 1991

- 2/4 **Music Study Group** will not meet this month.
Mon
- Women's Issues.** Call Bertha Cutcher (633-6025) for meeting details.
- 2/5 **Duplicate Bridge.** Please contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.
Tues
- 2/6 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at Kenmore East Senior High School. Hostesses are Nancy Wed Acara and Ann Hicks.
- 2/9 **International Study Through Foods.** Ann Haskell, Ph.D., will speak on "The Life of Medieval Women Sat in France" at the home of Ann Hicks, 5177 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence at 7:30 p.m. Spouses and friends are welcome. For reservations call Ann (741-3964).
- 2/11 **Great Decisions 1991.** We will begin our study and discussion of the 1991 topics by focusing on the Mon Middle East situation. Mary Dienst will be the discussion leader at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Jamieson, 125 Chatham Ave., Buffalo. To order a study book (\$10), please call Ruth Seitz (633-2473). New members are welcome. Call Carol if you plan to attend (877-8569).
- 2/12 **German Study Group.** The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Noye, 645 Sheridan Tues Drive, Tonawanda (873-3400). Please join us!
- 2/15 **Literature: Friday Afternoon.** Jo Herman will discuss the Chautauqua Experience at 1 p.m. at the Fri home of Rita Green, 334 Reist Street, Williamsville. Please call Rita (632-0014) if you plan to attend.
- 2/19 **Book Review.** Nancy Acara will review Chesapeake by James Michener and point out examples of Tues tolerance and intolerance from the 1600's to 1960's. The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lillian Riggs, 255 Grimsby Road, Kenmore. Please call Lillian (875-7965) if you are attending.
- 2/21 **Bridge: Thursday.** Due to possible inclement weather in February, the group will meet at 1:00 p.m. Thurs Call Margaret Haas (839-3701) to confirm location.
- 2/21 **French Study Group.** The group meets at 1:00 p.m. Call Rolene Pozarny (839-0070) to confirm Thurs location.
- 2/23 **Monthly Branch Meeting and Program** at Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road, Sat Snyder. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. See reservation form, page 7.
- 2/25 **Literature: Evening Study Group.** To group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Grossman, 310 Pryor Mon Avenue, Tonawanda. Jo Herman will facilitate the discussion of Grass Roots by Stuart Woods. Please call Suzanne if you plan to attend (837-8769).
- 2/26 **Investment Club.** The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Amherst High School. Please call Kelly Tues McCurdy (439-8739) if you are attending.

March 1991

- 3/4 **Music Study Group.** Call Mary Weppner (634-6636) for details. Meeting time is 1:00 p.m.
 Mon
 3/5 **Duplicate Bridge.** Contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.
 Tues
 3/6 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at Kenmore East Senior High School. Hostesses are
 Wed Barbara Olandt and Ruth Seitz.



Ann Bish
 Study & Interest Groups Coordinator

Great Decisions 1991

NEW Government Study Group

If you enjoy reading and discussing foreign policy issues, why not join the Great Decisions 1991 Study Group? The group meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second **Monday** (occasionally the third) for "bring your own sandwich or salad" followed by discussion. We try to adjourn by 7:45 p.m. Topics for 1991:

The Middle East: New Friction, New Alignments
The New Europe: What Role for the U.S.?
Nationalism's Revival: The Soviet Republics and Eastern Europe
Japanese-U.S. Trade: Teapot Tempest or Showdown
Rethinking Foreign Aid: What kind? How much? For whom?
Women, Population & Environment: The Relationship, the Challenges
Cuba: What Future for Castro & Communism?
Media's Role in Shaping Foreign Policy

If you are interested and would like the book, please call Ruth Seitz at 633-2473. Please see Study and Interest Groups Calendar for February meeting details.

The Government Study Group will meet at Gloria Stulberg's home, 76 Morgan Parkway, Williamsville, on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. How Congress and the Executive Branch work together will be the focus of this first meeting. Topics for future discussions will also be determined. Since the workings of our government are now paramount in our minds, this group offers members opportunities to examine the myths and the realities of a democratic government.

If you cannot attend the first meeting and would like to be involved in the development of this new group call Gloria at 634-5446.

In Memoriam

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret M. Morris, 94, who died January 5, 1991. She was a 58-year member of AAUW.

AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

In the 19th century Ida Street was awarded the Educational Foundation's first fellowship. This was the beginning of over a hundred years of AAUW members committing themselves to promoting and supporting education and equity for women and girls worldwide. As we head into the last decade of the 20th Century it is obvious that there is still much work to be done. Pregnancy rates among teenagers are growing, commercials and advertisements promote women as sex objects, many families headed by women live below the poverty level, the percentage of women and girls in the sciences is still very low, etc.

The funds that we raise both as a group (book sale) and individually (Equity Shares, Century Club, etc) are an affirmation of our commitment to the goals of AAUW. These funds are used for grants and fellowships that allow individuals to continue their education and groups to sponsor special projects. One American Fellow for 1990-91 is Tamar Schlick of New York City who is doing postdoctoral work on the application of recently developed mathematical tools to an investigation of sequence-dependent bending pathways of supercoiled DNA. One of her goals is to train and support young women scientists. The Tucker County Branch in West Virginia received a Projects Grant to hold workshops on Pregnancy Prevention to address the region's high rate of teen pregnancy. The workshops will promote the development of decision-making skills and self-esteem through question and answer sessions and role-playing. This Projects Grant is sponsored by our Buffalo Branch Endowment.

If you have any questions about grants and fellowships or making a donation to EFP please call Carolyn Iadovito at 634-0927.

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or a higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be not barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. Membership is not by invitation.

AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowships and Grants Awarded for 1990-91

American Fellowships	
8 Postdoctoral -	\$174,000
50 Dissertation -	\$625,000
44 Selected Professions Fellowships -	\$285,950
39 International Fellowships -	\$507,000
94 R & P Grants -	\$355,305
 Total 1989 to Date	
22 Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships -	\$132,703

For more information on fellowships and grants, see
The 1990 Fall Preview AAUW Outlook.

In 1990 EQUITY FUTURES was established to help support the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls. The minimum contribution is \$25.00. Each donation can be used to honor or memorialize a special friend, relative, or public figure. I think this is a perfect way to recognize special persons in our lives, raise monies for a Fund that is creating more equitable educational opportunities for girls, and receive credit for our branch. To start I am sending \$25 to the NYSD AAUW EQUITY FUTURES and will honor my daughter Cecelia who is close to reaching her goal of becoming an electrical engineer. I would enjoy mentioning those people that any of you would like to honor or memorialize. You may send a check made out to NYSD AAUW EQUITY FUTURES to me (address below), include the name, address, and phone number of the person you wish to honor (the honoree will receive a certificate). If you have any questions please call me at 634-0927.

1991 Buffalo Branch PROGRAM

Sunday, March 10 2-4 p.m.
AAUW Buffalo Branch Open House. Begin now to invite prospective members. Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Historic Site, Wilcox Mansion, 641 Delaware Avenue.

Saturday, April 6
Symposium the "Sandwich Generation". Watch for details in the next newsletter.

April 26-28
New York State Division Convention.
Sagamore Hotel, Bolton Landing.

Saturday, May 18
Annual Luncheon & Installation of Officers.
Transit Valley Country Club.

June 22-25
AAUW 36th Biennial Convention. Theme: "Leaders for a New Century." Portland, Oregon. Check your AAUW Outlook (pg. 32) for details.

July
AAUW Used Book Sale.
Medaille College Recreation Center.

Branch Board Openings

There will be several board positions open for 1991-92. If you or anyone you know in the branch would like to serve on the Executive Board and be more actively involved in the planning and decision-making process of the Executive Board, the Nominating Committee is anxious to hear from you.

The elected positions we need to fill are president-elect, treasurer, assistant treasurer, corresponding secretary, vice-president for program, vice-president for membership (retention) and the nominating committee (5 members).

Don't be shy! Call Norma Millar (875-6091), Nominating Committee Chairman.

December Program

Many thanks to all our AAUW members who took the time to wrap and bring the gifts for the Friends of Night People to the holiday program on December 16. Thanks also to all of you who brought cookies to help make "Time for Teddy Bear" the success that it was. We do care!

Carolyn Day
Vice President for Program

Buffalo Branch February Luncheon Meeting Reservation

Saturday, February 23, 1991, at Christ United Methodist Church

Name _____ Telephone _____

Guest(s) _____

___ My check, payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch, is enclosed for ___ luncheon reservations at \$6 per person.

If you will not be attending the luncheon but plan to attend the program beginning at 12:45 p.m., please call in a reservation (634-6636) so we can arrange adequate seating.

Please mail to: Mary Weppner, 5403 Main Street, Apt. 110, Williamsville, NY 14221

Deadline: February 14

In the Planning Stages College/Career Infomat

We are exploring the possibility of staffing an information table at the College Fairs April 30- May 2. There will be a planning meeting on February 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Suzanne Grossman's home (837-8769). Call Suzanne if you would like to attend. However, if you are interested in being a resource person but cannot the planning meeting, an orientation for volunteers will also be held. Call Carol Jamieson (877-8569) if you would be interested in developing this service for college bound students and participating in the required orientation for volunteers.

Channel 17 Member\$hip Drive

AAUW telephone volunteers helped raise \$1,500,000.00 for Channel 17, the largest amount ever pledged in a Holiday Festival Drive. Eleven of our branch members and two friends took membership pledges during this drive. They were: Nancy Acara, Ann Bish, Jill Bradish, Carol Ehinger, Alberta Ford, Ann Hicks, Alica Mason, Nancy Ryther, Maryalice Seagrave, Ruth Samuel and Judy Weidermann. The membership drive will be February 27-March 21. If you are interested in participating, please call Maryalice Seagrave at 833-0437.

Association 1990 Every Member Survey Results

Most important issue to address in area of:

- Education - Adequate and equitable education funding.
- Equity for women & girls - Pay equity. Removing barriers to opportunity - dependent care.

Most critical issue for AAUW action:

- Reproductive choice

Most critical areas requiring public policy action:

- Responsible funding for quality education
- Reproductive choice
- Pay equity

The Governance Task Force will be presenting the following proposals to the delegates at the June 1991 Convention in Portland:

- Broaden and diversify membership, but not by opening membership to those with 2 or 3 year degrees.
- Remove the long list of mandated positions and allow a more flexible structure for divisions and branches.
- Identify and develop quality training for member leaders.
- Improve communication throughout the Association. It will be recommended to use state instead of division for clarity.

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