

MAY 1991

ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING & LUNCHEON



Saturday, May 18

11:30 Open Bar 12:15 p.m. Luncheon

Transit Valley Country Club

Transit Road, East Amherst

Annual Meeting

Election of Officers

Installation of Officers conducted by Suzanne Oliver,

NYSD Program Vice President

Awards & Recognition of Accomplishments

Achievement Award

Educational Foundation Named Gifts

25 & 50 Year Members

Entertainment

Diane Poe Schroeder, pianist

Menu

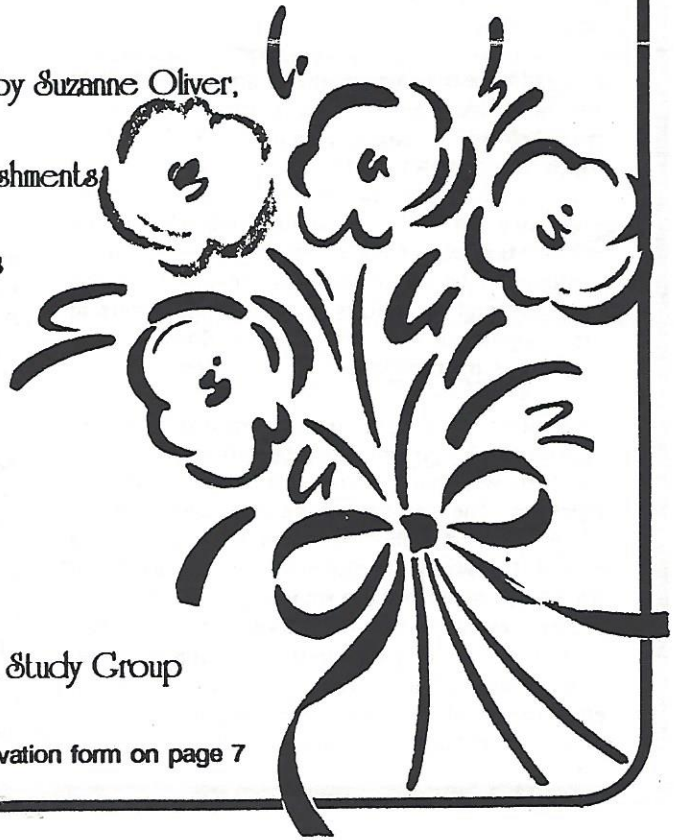
Vegetable soup

Chicken Salad & Fresh Fruit Plate

Chocolate Mousse

Cost - \$13.00

Hostesses: Great Decisions 1991 Study Group



Please use reservation form on page 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The time of planning for -- and looking forward to -- the May Luncheon and annual meeting is also a time of looking back over the past year, a time to recall what the Branch has accomplished and what we continue to work on.

Of course the long-planned and multi-faceted Centennial Celebration was a highlight, but the other general meetings have fulfilled their various purposes. I recall, for example, how Penny Wolfgang not only shared experiences as a lawyer and judge, making concrete the status of women in the legal system, but also discussed the problem of "children having children," the AAUW issue of teen pregnancy. As I recall the informative presentation on the Horizons Waterfront Commission, I still hope that our Branch will form a study group to consider local environmental issues. Whether the group considered one issue such as water quality or several (since solid waste disposal is of such concern in Western New York), the group could inform the rest of the Branch and the larger community about choices and consequences.

The teddy bear program was so appropriately light for the holiday season when so many of us seem overwhelmed. Passages in January helped us get in touch with ourselves and was a neat partner for the April Sandwich Generation program. The Latvian program was a bright spot in the winter, a wonderful combination of entertainment and information. I continue to be impressed with the quality of the programs and the efforts of so many members in arranging details like name tags and flowers so the occasion is memorable for all who attend.

The membership open house provided a perfect opportunity for potential members to find out about us. It showed that the Branch is more than general meetings. The displays and the enthusiasm of study group members reminded me that not only do study groups forward particular interests but also that friendships made in those smaller groups contribute to larger events such as the smooth-running general meetings or the major undertaking of the booksale. The network of study groups also undergirds the effectiveness of the nominating committee.

The July booksale means the Branch is active throughout the year. While some of us are away during the hectic week pricing, sorting, selling --and cleaning up, I hope that everyone who possibly can will find some way to be involved in the sale.

We choose to become members of AAUW. In some cases our activities may be primarily for our enjoyment. (The effort of reading a book is small compared with the pleasures of discussing it with other thoughtful readers.) In other cases our considerable efforts are for others. Across the board, we are acting on our commitment to "equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change." I am proud to be part of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW and honored to have represented you as President this year.

My best wishes to the incoming officers for a rewarding year in 1991-92.

Carol J. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

1991 Nominating Committee Report

The following slate of officers for 1991-92 has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the branch for consideration and approval of the general membership:

President	Barbara Olandt
President-elect	Carolyn Day
Vice President, Program	Grace Blackstone
Vice President, Membership Retention	Lynn McClive
Corresponding Secretary	Jill Bradish
Assistant Treasurer	Jean Moran
1992 Nominating Committee:	Judy Clare
Lois Dabney	Pat Seaver, Ph.D.
Amelia Sherrets, Chair	Karen Stephenson

Elections will be conducted at the annual luncheon meeting scheduled on Saturday, May 18, at the Transit Valley Country Club.

Norma Millar, Nominating Committee Chair	
Marion Fay	Grace Blackstone
Ann Hicks	Stacey Johnson, Ph.D.

Membership News

New Members:

Four women signed as new members during our March 10, 1991, Open House:

Joanne Aber-Leschuk
2697 Baseline Road
Grand Island, New York 14072
773-4135
Self-employed - Journalism
BS - Regents USNY

Mary Hayes
66 Pinewoods Avenue
Tonawanda, New York 14150
832-6910
Retired Teacher
BA & MS - UB
Interests: Censorship, ERA, Peace/Arms Control

Alice Maclose
249 Kenville Road #D
Buffalo, New York 14215
831-0426
Retired Teacher
BE - Oswego
ME - NYU

Jane Riga
26 Summit Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14214
837-7924
Self-employed
BA - Daemen
Interests: Human Rights, Peace/Arms Control, Work/Family

Missed Last Fall:

Frances Bagdol Kaye
1021 Klein
Williamsville, New York 14221
688-2428
Professional Violinist
BM - Wayne State University
Interest: Health, Peace/Arms Control

Open House

March 10, 1991, dawned bright, sunny, and cool. My weather jinx of three years was finally broken - no ice, no sleet, no snow, no deep slush!! The Open House went very well thanks to the 40 members who worked the booths, exhibits, kitchen, registration, hospitality, and in many other ways. My very special thanks go to all 40, and especially to the members of the Planning Committee:

- Loretta Quenneville - Membership Retention and Refreshments
- Carolyn Iodavito - Educational Foundation and Refreshments
- Jane Fischman - Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds of Education
- Valarie Bozarth - Pamphlets and Centennial**
- Ann Bish - Organized the Study & Interest Groups and finalized a floor plan
- Ann Hicks - Table and floor signs, Educational Foundation R & P Grants Display
- Barbara Carier - Leadership Training Display
- Bunny Blackstone - Centennial Display
- Cindy Monacelli - Greeters/Facilitators
- Carolyn Day - Registration Table
- Gretchen Schwinger - Registration Table
- Ruth Samuel - Registration Table
- Diane Silvestro - Registration Table
- Jean McKown - Refreshments
- Jean Moran - Helped me put ideas into action

The Wilcox Mansion staff certainly added to the smooth flow of people. Four of the 29 guests signed as members that day. Their names, addresses etc., appear above.

Suzanne Grossman, RD
VP - Membership Recruitment



Study & Interest Groups Calendar

MAY 1991

- 5/1 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. Kenmore East Senior High School. Hostesses are Norma Wed Millar and Ann Bish.
- 5/4 **International Study Through Foods.** Grace Lawrence will speak on "Reflections on Mongolia by an Incidental Traveler." Participants are asked to bring their favorite international dish for an international potluck. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ernie Foster, 245 Ransom Oaks Drive, East Amherst. Please call Ernie by May 1 if you plan to attend (688-6393).
- 5/6 **Music Study Group.** Members will meet at the home of Sara Sterrett, 1088 Delaware Avenue, Apt. Mon 9H. The program is the annual potpourri discussion of new experiences in the world of music by various members of the group. If there are questions, call Mary Weppner at 634-6636.
- 5/7 **Duplicate Bridge.** Contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.
Tues
- 5/13 **Great Decisions 1991.** Suzanne Grossman will facilitate the group discussion on "Rethinking Foreign Aid: What Kind? How Much? For Whom?" Members will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Bish, 5177 Willow Brook, Clarence. Please call Ann (741-3964) if you plan to attend.
- 5/14 **German Study Group.** The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Gloria Beutner, 22 Tues Brantwood Road, Snyder (838-1273).
- 5/17 **Literature: Friday Afternoon.** Jo Herman will talk on the Chautauqua experience at her home, 258 Fri LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo. Please call Jo (833-1886) if you are attending.
- 5/18 **Annual Branch Meeting and Luncheon** at Transit Valley Country Club.
Sat
- 5/20 **Literature: Evening Study Group.** Myra Menti will facilitate the discussion on The Good Provider Mon by Jessica Sterling. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Evelyn Wolf's home, 70 Hiler Avenue, Kenmore. Please call Evelyn (877-2155) if you plan to attend.
- 5/21 **Book Review Group.** Lillian Riggs will review The Ginger Tree by Oswald Wynd. Members will Tues meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Brasure, 64 Woodgate Road, Tonawanda. Please call Carol (634-6171) if you are attending.
- 5/28 **Investment Club.** The group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Amherst High School. If there is sufficient Tues interest in starting a second investment club, either contact Kelly McCurdy (439-8739) or plan to attend this meeting.

JUNE 1991

- 6/2 **International Study Through Foods.** You are welcome to attend the planning meeting for 1991-92 Sun at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Bish, 5177 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence. Please call Ann (741-3964) if you are planning to attend.
- 6/3 **Music Study Group** members will meet at the Lord Amherst Restaurant at Main Street and

Mon Kensington Avenue at 1:00 p.m. to plan next year's meetings. Call Mary Weppner (634-6636) if you need further information.

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6/5 Board of Directors Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Kenmore East Senior High School. Hostesses are Ann Wed Hicks and Barbara Carier.

A special thank you to all the study and interest group chairs who have kept us up to date on information during 1990-91.

Ann Bish
Study & Interest Groups Coordinator



Recognition of 25-Year Members

At the Buffalo Branch annual meeting and luncheon, the branch recognizes those women who have been members for 25 years and 50 years. Please contact Suzanne Grossman (837-8769) or Carol Jamieson (877-8569) with specific information regarding your membership. We do not want to overlook anyone who should be included.

Congratulations!

Sharon Rich has been appointed to the Board of the Women's Center at Erie Community College North.

Grace Blackstone has been appointed chair of the Observer Corps for the Erie County Commission on the Statue of Women! The group is charged to observe those E.C. Legislative Committee meetings which might be involved in issues that have impact on women. She is seeking volunteers that can give on hour or two once a month.

Care Givers for Adults Support Group

Would you be interested in participating in a support group for women who are care givers for adults at home or in some sort of residential setting? If you are, please call Ann Bish (741-3964).

Coming Events

Friday, May 3
His Excellency Zhu Qizhen
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China
to the United States
Hyatt Regency Buffalo, 12 p.m., Luncheon

Friday, May 3
Conversations with Cicely Tyson
Rockwell Hall Auditorium, Buffalo State
College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue
Tickets: 878-3005

Wednesday, May 15
Caregiving Across the Generations: A State of the Art Conference
Sheraton East, Cheektowaga
Participant fee \$65; Information: 690-2271

Educational Foundation

As chair of the local Educational Foundation, I have the privilege of announcing to you that this year we have contributed \$5,611.00 to the Buffalo Branch Centennial American Fellowship Endowment. \$5,400.00 are funds raised through out annual booksale and \$211.00 are direct donations from our branch members. My sincere thank you to all of you who have made this contribution possible.

For each \$500 that we contribute, our branch may honor an individual or group. This year we have decided to honor the following individuals:

Ann Bish
Grace (Bunny) Blackstone
Barbara Carier
Carolyn Day
Sandra DePalmo
Suzanne Grossman
Carol Jamieson, Ph.D.
Alice Mason
Lucille Peterson
Maryalice Seagrave
Diane Silvestro

Congratulations! Your dedication and time are very much appreciated.

It would be wonderful if we could raise the same amount (or more) for next year's contribution. Our book sale chairpeople have been busy all year getting ready for July. When you receive a call for help, please say yes; every yes can mean more dollars raised for education. If you have not been called, just give Diane Silvestro a call at 631-3349 and volunteer your time and talent.

If you have any questions about fellowships or grants, please call me at 634-0927.



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Carolyn Iadovito
Educational Foundation Chair

Legislative Briefs

Civil Rights Act of 1991

Hopefully, by mid-April, the Civil Rights Act of 1991 (HR 1) will have reached the floor of Congress and will this time be passed without additional amendments to weaken it.

H.R. 1 overturns a number of Supreme Court decisions, the most important of which, *Wards Cove Packing v. Antonio*, made it more difficult for minorities and women to challenge employment practices that have the effect of excluding them from being hired or promoted. This bill allows women who are victims of employment discrimination to sue for compensatory and punitive damages. Current law only allows women to receive back pay and job reinstatement.

This is a top priority of the AAUW and it is hoped that you will call or write your Congressional Legislators to indicate that you support the bill and want it passed.

NYS Proposed Fiscal Year 1991-92 Budget

Some of the proposed cuts in the 1991-92 state budget would have a devastating effect on women and children. As of January '91, Governor Cuomo eliminated the New York State Commission on Child Support which meant that our community's Court Advocacy Program also ended.

The New York State Division for Women, Displaced Homemaker Programs, Rape Crisis Programs, Domestic Violence Programs, EDS Screening and Breast Cancer Screening have also been cut or eliminated.

Women Campaigners - How Did They Fare in 1990?

Three women governors were elected - Ann Richards of Texas, Barbara Roberts of Oregon, Joan Finney of Kansas.

85 women were nominated for statewide offices. A record 47 were elected!

There will be 31 women serving in the 102 Congress - 29 in the House and 2 in the Senate.

Material taken from: March '91 Erie County Status of Women Newsletter and Update February 28, 1991.

Sharon Rich
Public Policy Chair

1991 Buffalo Branch Program

Sealed Bid Sale Donations Needed

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

Items for the sealed bid sale, a fund raiser for local Loans for Education -- are being requested. Please call Molly Fleysler for information (836-1745). This sale is run in conjunction with the used book sale in July.

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The Sandwich Generation

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

The April 6 Buffalo Branch conference on the Sandwich Generation: Dilemmas of Care Giving was well received and highly rated by those who attended. The Branch was fortunate, indeed, to have such an exceptional group of qualified and effective presenters. The planning committee is to be commended for the insight, forethought and skill they exhibited in developing such a timely and substantive program. Participants identified four topics they would like to have addressed in more depth. They are: elder care, financial planning, emotional aspects (guilt, grief, frustration) and future action. In the participant evaluations the suggestion was made to use the newsletter to inform members about resources in the community and report changes in medicare, proxy law and living wills.

July
AAUW Used Book Sale.
Medaille College Recreation Center.

Carolyn Day
Vice President for Program



MAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION

May 18, 1991 Transit Valley Country Club

Name _____

Phone _____

Please make _____ reservations at \$13.00 per person for the luncheon on May 18 at the Transit Valley Country Club. A check for _____ payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch is enclosed.

Deadline: May 10, 1991

Send to: Nan Summers Scinta, 4175 James Court, Williamsville, New York 14221