



N BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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Centennial News

Our Gala Centennial Celebration is almost upon us after two years in planning. Please make sure to get your reservations in on time - **October 1st**; we are limited to 250 people.

Our event will begin at 10 a.m. with registration and time to look at our scrap book and historic time line which will be on display for a month in the Center for Tomorrow. At 11 a.m. a fashion show presented by the students of Fashion Design at Buffalo State College, under the direction of Ellen DeWind, will feature fashions from 1890 to 1990. At noon there will be a cash bar followed by a champagne toast at 12:30 p.m. Choices of the luncheon menu are chicken supreme, baked fish filet, and sauteed beef tips. Included in the lunch will be soup, salad, vegetable, rolls, dessert and a beverage. We are privileged to have Alice Ann Leidel, Vice President for Programs, AAUW Educational Foundation as our guest speaker. Closing our celebration, the "Village Singers" will entertain us with songs of the century.

Centennial souvenirs will be available at the Celebration as well as a booklet on our branch, researched and published by Valarie Bozarth, who also created our traveling kiosk and Time Line. The booklets will be free to all attending the celebration.

Hope to see you all there!

Bunny Blackstone

The American Association of University Women

Buffalo Branch

Cordially invite you to our

Gala 100th Anniversary Celebration

the thirteenth of October

nineteen hundred and ninety

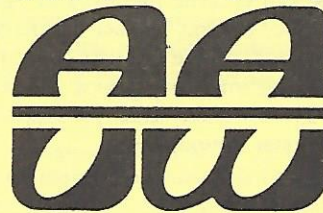
at ten o'clock in the morning

Center for Tomorrow

State University of New York at Buffalo

Amherst Campus

BUFFALO BRANCH
1890 - 1990



THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

President's Message

Saturday, October 13, is the Centennial Luncheon, the culmination of centennial activities for the Buffalo Branch. The day promises to be a full one, with a time line, a fashion show, music, and a talk by Alice Ann Leidel, Director of the Association's Educational Foundation Programs and a past president of the New York State Division. Please plan to attend. You may bring a guest to share in our celebration.

Bunny Blackstone and members of the Centennial Committee and sub-committees have been working for more than a year in planning the events and souvenirs and service projects that have made up our celebration. All who have contributed to the Centennial celebration deserve praise for the variety of the undertakings and their consistency with the mission of AAUW.

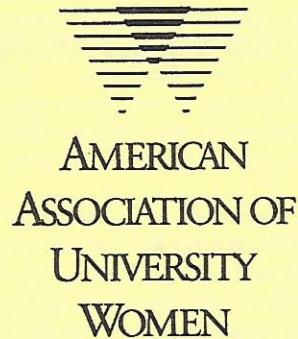
We can look back with justifiable pride at the last hundred years of the Buffalo BRanch, but we should also be looking forward. We can continue to "promote equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change." We can encourage others who share our view of the value of education to join us. Men and women with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college can become members of AAUW. Of course, beyond the act of joining the organization, people can take active part in branch programs, study groups, and projects, such as the book sale, to support the Educational Foundation.

From now on you will be seeing more and more of the new AAUW logo, overlapping triangles forming a W with the words American Association of University Women beneath it. The W is for women, reinforcing our focus on education and equity for women and girls.

The overlapping triangles represent the three collaborating corporations: the Association, the Educational Foundation, and the Legal Advocacy Fund. The triangles are made up of parallel lines, suggesting the concept of equality. While it may take a while for some of us to become used to the new logo, its shape provides "talking points" about our mission.

As we say Happy Birthday to ourselves, let's not just wish for another hundred years for the Buffalo Branch but take part in getting our second century off to a strong start.

Carol Jamieson



BUFFALO BRANCH 1890 - 1990



THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

District I Fall Conference

Theme: **Motivating Leadership**
 Location: AAUW Rochester Area Branch
 (Sponsor)
 494 East Avenue
 Rochester, New York 14607

Date/Time: Saturday, October 27, 1990
 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

- 9:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
 9:30 Welcome/Introduction - Doris Luckey
 9:45 Promoting Individual Liberties - Suzanne Grossman
 10:15 Choices for Tomorrow's Women - Eileen Hartman
 10:30 Break
 10:45 Diversity of Membership - Nancy Shah
 11:15 Educational Foundation Program (EFP) - Marlene Martin
 Introduction of Judy Resnick Fellow
 11:45 Luncheon/Focus Groups
 1:00 Motivating Leadership - Pat Hogeboom, President, NYS Division
 Division Project - Sue Oliver, Program Vice President, NYS Division
 2:30 Close

OPTIONAL

3:30-4:30 Tour: International Museum of Photography at the George Eastman House. \$3.00 (\$2.50 Seniors) collected at the Museum.

The cost is only \$15.00 for the conference, continental breakfast, and luncheon. Guests are welcome. Checks should be made payable to the ROCHESTER AREA BRANCH AAUW, c/o Pat Ratkowsky, 494 East Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607. If interested in attending, please contact Carol Jamieson (877-8569).

October 27



Legislative Briefs

As the November elections draw near it is important for AAUW members to take the time to research candidates positions on various issues and their voting records. Study candidate briefings, debates, and radio and TV interviews so you know where the candidate stands on those issues important to the AAUW and to you individually.

One issue to watch carefully on the national level is CRA90 which is an AAUW priority. This bill was designed to restore equal employment protection to the Civil Rights Act of 1990 which had been largely lost in recent Supreme Court cases and which made it extremely difficult for victims of race or sex discrimination in employment to achieve redress through the courts.

The AAUW is working to include a **voting record on CRA90** in the AAUW Voting Record - 101 Congress. If this is not possible, a complete copy of this and other recorded votes will be available by calling 1-800-821-4364.

Sharon Rich
 Public Policy Chair

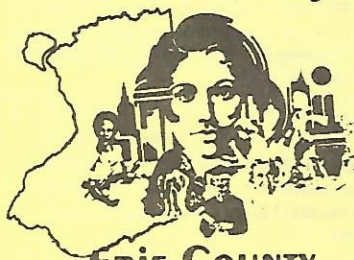
Women's Issues

We invite members of both AAUW and the Buffalo-Metro League of Women Voters to join this Women's Issues Study Group. Both of our national organizations have similar stands on many items of concern to women and families, and we should have greater resources for seeking solutions if we work together. Consider joining us! So far, we have members with interest and expertise in Pay Equity, Child Care, Reproductive Rights, Health Care and Finance, ERA, Home Care (the "Sandwich Generation" issues). Call Bertha Cutcher (AAUW) if you would like to meet with us at Bertha's home for the October meeting.

Did you read the Fall volume of OUTLOOK, which includes an insert of how our senators and congress-people voted on legislative issues in which AAUW has active interest? "Our guys" do not do very well! Read this article in our national magazine and pursue with your own representatives how you feel about their voting records! Fair Labor Standards (minimum wage); expanding Medicaid funding for abortion to cover cases of rape and incest; International Family Planning; and Vocational Education, including targeting of women and girls, displaced homemakers and bias-free education. Senator Moynihan deserves out thanks, as he voted 100% "with us"; Senator D'Amato, on the other hand, scored only 50%. For the House of Representatives, AAUW noted voting in seven key areas: Minimum wage, vocational education; medicaid funding for abortion; the DC appropriations bill (use of locally raised taxes in Washington, D.C. to fund abortions for poor women); international family planning; child care; and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Congressman Paxon voted "with us" only 14% of the time; LaFalce scored 29% and Nowak 43%.

Campaign finance reform is of course important not only to women but to all Americans. Join the League at our first dinner meeting of the year, on **Tuesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.** to hear speakers from Common Cause and other groups discuss this important matter. Call Margit Spector (834-6731) to make reservations and ask about dinner choice and restaurant.

Margit Spector



ERIE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE

Friday, October 19, 1990

Information

Bertha Cutcher, 633-6025

What's Happening to our Waterfront?

Saturday, November 17
12:00 p.m.

Branch program and luncheon will be held at the Little White House in Williamsville. Watch for details in next month's Newsletter.

New Branch Members

Since July 1, 1990, I have sent membership applications to 15 people referred by current members. Two people have sent their checks for 1990-1991 membership and two people contacted before July 1 have also joined:

Luchsinger, Anne, M. SUNY Potsdam, B.S.
104 Deer Run SUNY Buffalo, M.A.
Williamsville, NY 14221
689-6580

Rissel, Dorothy A. SUNY Buffalo, PhD
96 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Buffalo, NY 14214
835-8161

Ryan-Dudek, Patricia
28 Kenwood Road
Kenmore, NY 14217
877-5864

Stoll, Marsal P. D'Youville, B.S.N.
128 Woodshire North SUNY Buffalo, M.S.N.
Getzville, NY 14068

Send your names and addresses of prospective members to me at 310 Pryor Avenue, Tonawanda, NY 14150. I will mail a membership brochure and letter. If you can help the membership committee, please call me at 876-8769. Remember: **New Members -New Networks!!**

Suzanne Grossman, RD
Second Vice President

In Memorium

Friends were saddened to learn of the death of Jeanne B. Purdy on July 30, 1990, an honorary life member of AAUW Buffalo Branch.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Blind Association of Western New York is jointly sponsoring an area-wide Home Vision Screening Program called "The Eye Test" from October 15 to November 2, 1990. This valuable prevention of blindness program is being presented in conjunction with CVS Pharmacies and WKBW-TV.

The sponsors are expecting thousands of people to pick up the free eye test from CVS Pharmacies throughout the Channel 7 viewing area. The tests will be scored at the Blind Association of Western New York by trained volunteers. Each participant will receive a personal note with his or her results. Persons with abnormal test results will be asked to call their own eye doctor for follow-up care.

Volunteers are needed to score the tests, record the results and maintain the telephone hotline. A **mandatory** training session will be given **Monday, October 8th** from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Blind Association at 1170 Main Street.

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please indicate your interest and availability by calling Joan F. Simon at 882-1025.

Other events to note..

Distinguished Speakers Series, 1990-91 at UB
Sat., Oct. 13 Carl Sagan
Wed., Nov. 28 Patricia Schroeder
Thurs., April 11 Zbigniew Brzezinski

Film: "Weapons of the Spirit"
Wed., Oct. 24 10 a.m.
Maple Forest Theatre, Williamsville
Reservations call: 688-7020

"Inside China" Tea
Thurs., Nov. 8 2 p.m.
North Area YWCA
Hangli Shu, an editor of Children's books in China and a doctoral candidate at UB, will discuss women's lives in her country.
Reservations encouraged. Please call 875-3111.

STUDY AND INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

October

- 10/1 **Music Study Group.** The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. at Marie Moody's home, 119 Henning Orchard Park. Call Marie (662-9628) if you plan to attend. "Bach, Beethoven, and Romantic Piano Music" will be presented by Mary Mahoney and Marie Moody.
- 10/2 **Duplicate Bridge.** Bridge time is 7:45 p.m. at the home of Roz Berkovits, 273 Liston Rd, Kenmore. Please contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) if you plan to attend.
- 10/3 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Ernie Foster and Maryalice Seagrave. Wed Location to be announced.
- 10/8 **German Study Group.** Interested members are welcome. Call Gloria Beutner (838-1273) to confirm location. Time is 1:30 p.m.
- 10/13 **Gala Centennial Celebration.** Center for Tomorrow, UB. Registration and exhibits 10:00-11:00 Sat a.m. followed by program and luncheon.
- 10/15 **Great Decisions 1990.** Ruth Seitz will lead a discussion on "The United Nations: New Life for an Aging Institution." Members will provide their own sandwiches or salads and meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Bish, 5177 Willow Brook, Clarence. Please call Ann by 10/12 (741-3964) if you plan to attend.
- 10/16 **Book Review Group.** Nancy Arcara (877-2320) will be the hostess at Grace Kenline's home, 155 Westchester Blvd, Kenmore. Pam Haupt will review Personal Memoirs of Julia Dent Grant by John Y. Simon. The group meets at 1:00 p.m.
- 10/18 **Bridge: Thursday Evening.** Bridge commences at 7:45 p.m. Please call Margaret Haas (839-3701) to confirm location. Members welcome.
- 10/18 **French Study Group.** Parlez-vous francais? The group meets at 1:00 p.m. Please call Rolene Pozarny (839-3701) to confirm location. A Bientot!
- 10/19 **Literature: Afternoon.** The group will meet at Sarah Sterrett's home, 1088 Delaware Avenue, Apt. 9H, at 1:00 p.m. She will discuss Welsh Legends and serve a Welsh tea. Please call Sarah (883-2693) if you would like to attend.
- 10/20 **International Study Through Foods.** Dr. Russell Stone, professor of sociology at University at Buffalo, will speak on "Religious Factions and Sociological Aspects of the Middle East" at Elaine Kohn's home, 2 Devon Lane, Williamsville. There will be a tasting of Middle Eastern food at 7:30 p.m. \$2.00 per person. Please call Elaine (626-4181) for reservations by October 17. Spouses and guests are welcome.
- 10/22 **Literature: Evening Study Group.** The groups will meet at Maxine Walsh's home, 12 Heritage Farm Road, Buffalo at 7:30 p.m. Suzanne Grossman will facilitate the discussion of Thomas Friedman's From Beirut to Jerusalem. Please call Maxine (675-6198) if you plan to attend.
- 10/23 **German Study Group.** The group meets at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Gloria Beutner (838-1273) Tues for the location.
- 10/30 **Investment Club.** The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers' cafeteria at Amherst High School. Tues

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November

11/5 **Music Study Group.** Millie Geelan of 1337 East Robinson, North Tonawanda will be the hostess and will report on the World Harp Congress held in Paris in July 1990. The meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Call Mary Weppner (634-6636) if you would like to attend. Members welcome.

11/6 **Duplicate Bridge.** Please contact Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location. We begin at 7:45 p.m.
Tues

11/7 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.
Wed

Ann Bish
Coordinator



Buffalo Branch Centennial

Buffalo Branch Centennial Celebration Reservation

Saturday, October 13, 1990

Center for Tomorrow, UB

Name: _____ Cost is \$13 per person

Please indicate choice of menu:

Chicken Supreme Baked Fish Filet Sautéed Beef Tips

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

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

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