American Association of University Women



Buffalo Branch Editor: Valarie Bozarth

FEBRUARY 1992 NEWSLETTER

WHEN THE PARTY'S OVER...

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

THE LITTLE WHITE HOUSE 5877 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE

LUNCHEON SERVED PROMPTLY AT NOON.

PROGRAM AT ONE.

COST FOR EACH MEAL IS \$8.75.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.

CHOICE OF ENTREE MUST BE MARKED ON RESERVATION.

Speakers

Helju Bennett, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Department of History, University at Buffalo and Estonian born American

John Thomas, J.D., Ph.D.

Associate Dean of International Studies and Programs, School of Management, University at Buffalo

In the last several months, the world has witnessed many historical events—the downfall of the Communist Party, the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the emergence of the newly formed commonwealth of independent states. The knowledgeable speakers will examine the historical, political, and economic factors being played out in these complex situations. Join AAUW friends and guests for an informative and discerning update on the undercurrents and developments in this part of the world and its impact on other nations.

HOSTESSES: THE GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUP COORDINATORS: ANN HICKS AND CAROL PASKULY

American Association of University Women promotes equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change.

Dear Members,

I am pleased to announce that Val Bozarth will be the 1992 Book Sale Chair. Diane Silvestro—the chair for the past two years, Val, and I have already met to begin planning the branch's major fundraiser in support of our AAUW mission of financial assistance to those seeking a university education. She will need the support of each member. There is a place for everyone. For example, if you have a baby or small child, you might like to volunteer for a four hour shift in the hospitality room. Everything will be ready for you; you just keep the coffee perking and lemonade flowing. For a number of years Mary Weppner has served as chair of the hospitality room; she has relinquished this job for health reasons. Thanks, Mary, for providing a respite from the book sale floor. Temporary dates for the sale are July 23rd, 24th, and 25th—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Sorting will begin on Monday, July 6th. If you have expertise in a certain field and a day between July 16th and the 21st to price books on that topic, please take the initiative and call Val (633-2130). If you are unable to work beside us or if you are out of town in July, promise a batch of cookies or donate a dollar or two for coffee or lemonade for the hostess room; your support will remind us that this annual event is a total branch effort and that together (even in a recession) the sale can continue to grow bigger and better. Valarie will soon begin the book sale season with her own announcements, but I could not resist crowing about this early start.

Want to chase the winter blahs away? Again, we are on the cutting edge of current events with the topic for the February branch meeting. When the party's over..., the Communist Party per se and its dissolution in the Soviet Union, is the topic. Ann Hicks and Carol Paskuly have secured two outstanding speakers. Come early to chat with friends.

Special thanks to Jill Bradish and Eve Stoklosa for coordinating a fine January branch program.

And a final and most important note. During the coming months many of the principles that AAUW stands for may be brought to the front in Western New York. Both as individuals and as a group, we must be ready to support our position.

—Barbara Olandt, President

LEADERS FOR A NEW CENTURY 1991 ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

On Sunday evening of the Portland Convention, the Legal Advocacy fund held a fundraiser at the Portland Zoo. A picnic supper of charcoal broiled salmon and chicken was served, and several hundred people wandered around the Zoo on the only sunny and warm evening of the entire Convention. (A reward for goodness?) The LAF raised more than \$45,000 that evening from donations by individuals and corporations. These monies will help AAUW offer more and better services to women experiencing gender bias in higher education. The Legal Advocacy Fund is celebrating its 10th birthday, having been established in Boston in 1981 when we celebrated our 100th anniversary. Many women from across the USA, including some from New York State and from Buffalo, have been helped by support from the fund.

The Monday morning Issues Breakfast introduced everyone to the new Issue, the AAUW Initiative for Educational Equity. Pat Schroeder, congresswoman, was called to Washington and couldn't speak as scheduled, but others ably filled her place. The purpose of the new issue is to promote systemic change in situations which limit women and girls and to make everyone aware of both the inadequate preparation of girls in our schools and of the systemic bias against girls in our society. Every state and local branch is urged to replicate the Equity Roundtable at which school, industry, and community leaders discuss how to end the shortchanging of girls in our schools.

-Barbara Carier

The January Board Meeting, in keeping with past years, was an executive meeting; therefore, no minutes appear in this issue.

The FEBRUARY 1992 NEWSLETTER (a single sheet issue) was mailed at the William Street post office on Saturday, January 18th. If you receive your newsletter later than February 1st, please leave a message of your street and city address with the date of the newsletter delivery at 633-2130. The general deadline for submitting items for the MARCH 1992 NEWSLETTER is Wednesday, February 5th.

No new members. Remember, RECRUITMENT is the responsibility of every member!

SIX MONTHS MEMBERSHIP: If a new member pays dues by March 1, only half the dues is required and will last through June 30th. Dues paid after January 1st by a new member allows up to six months of membership for \$22.25.

FIFTEEN MONTHS MEMBERSHIP: If a new member pays dues by April 1, the \$44.50 will last through June 30th of the next year, a fifteen-month good deal.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Eight branch members are working on a recruitment brochure specific to Buffalo Branch, a recruitment letter to be sent to individuals (and later one for groups), and a community wide program with emphasis on topics that might appeal to young mothers whether they are working outside the home or not. Any ideas would be gratefully appreciated.

—Suzanne Grossman, R.D. Membership Recruitment Vice-President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 14,1992: The branch meeting, coordinated by Judy Weidemann, will be speaker pr. Margaret Andrews discussing equity for women. Location is the Sheraton East on Walden Avenue (next to Galleria Mall) at 10 a.m.

BRANCH CALENDAR

2/3-Mon.

Music Study Group will not meet in February according to its chair, Mary Weppner.

2/3—Mon.

British Study Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 159 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville. Reserve with V. Bozarth (633-2130). Discussion will focus on William Wordsworth, his poetry, and the English Lakes. The topic will be continued in March.

2/4—Tues.

Duplicate Bridge players should call Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.

2/5---Weds.

Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. at The Four Seasons Restaurant, corner of Sheridan Drive and Sweethome, Amherst. Those wishing to eat dinner together should plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. All board members are expected to attend the meeting; if you cannot, please call Barbara Olandt (683-6822).

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Reservation for FEBRUARY 22ND	BRANCH MEETING
PLEASE CIRCLE CHOICE OF ENTREE—lemon chicken or stuffed flounder. The meal includes chef salad, oven-roasted potatoes, vegetable, rolls and beverage.	
Member:	CHICKEN/FLOUNDER
Guest:	CHICKEN/FLOUNDER
Amount (\$8.75 for each meal which includes tax	and gratuity):
If attending the program only, reserve at \$2.00 p	
Make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch. Mail to Kathryn Callahan, 3310 Millersport Hwy. Apt. A, Getzville 14068-1122. Deadline is Friday, February 14.	

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2/10-Mon.

Great Decisions will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Emie Foster, 245 Ransom Oaks Drive, East Amherst. The topic will be "Break-up of the Soviet Union." Facilitators are Ann Bish and Ann Hicks. Call the hostess at 688-6393 if you plan to attend.

2/11—Tues.

German Study Group members should contact Renny Ferber (836-3277) for time and place.

2/18-Tues.

Book Review Group will be hosted by Nancy Acara at the home of Mary Jane Orcutt, 62 Kenwood Road, Kenmore. Mary Jane will review *One More Time—A Memoir* by Carol Burnett. Phone Mary (875-9896) if you plan to attend.

2/20—Thurs.

Thursday Night Bridge Group will meet at 7:45 p.m. Contact Lorraine Schank (634-4648) for the location of the meeting.

2/21-Fri.

Literature: Friday Afternoon will not meet in February.

2/22-Sat.

The February Branch Meeting will be a luncheon at The Little White House. Reservations are due by Friday, February 14th.

2/24---Mon.

Evening Literature Study Group will discuss Roxana Robinson's Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life. Alice Mason will facilitate the discussion. Karen Stephenson (835-6271) will host in her home at 52 Bondcroft, Amherst, assisted by Beverly Graham.

2/25--Tues.

Investment Club will meet at 7 p.m. sharp at Amherst High School on Main Street. Contact Kelly McCurdy (439-8739) if you plan to attend. Guests are always welcome. 3/14—Sat.

The March Branch Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Sheraton East, 2040 Walden Avenue (next to Galleria Mall), Cheektowaga. The guest speaker will be Dr. Margaret Andrews, Director of Career Development at Daemen College. Her topic is equity for women. Chairing the event is Judy Weidemann. Hostesses are Music Study Group and Book Review Group.

—Jan Vine, Coordinator Study and Interest Groups

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