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# JANUARY 1992 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY BRANCH MEETING ON

**HUMAN SEXUALITY**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1992

AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN  
4600 GENESSEE STREET  
CHEEKTOWAGA

9:30 REGISTRATION  
10:00 PRESENTATION BY DR. ANSUINI  
11:00 BRUNCH—QUICHE LORRAINE, CROISSANT,  
FRUIT SALAD, & BEVERAGE  
11:45 QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

COST FOR EACH MEAL IS \$7.50.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

What is the health-related importance of ACTIVE SEXUALITY THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN?  
How reliable are MAMMOGRAMS and PAP TESTS?  
Is AIDS primarily a health issue or is it a political and social issue?  
What is the legal status of a SURROGATE mother?  
Who should teach SEX EDUCATION and what should be taught?

These and other areas of women's health, human growth and development, sex education, and related legal ramifications will be discussed by Dr. Catherine Ansuini. Dr. Ansuini is from the Physical Education Department of Buffalo State College and a well known spokeswoman for health and wellness issues in the Buffalo area.

All members are encouraged to invite a guest for this informative and timely program.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: JILL BRADISH

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear Members,

The new year is here and with it the election of a U.S. President. As members of AAUW it is very important that we follow the campaigns both locally and nationally, making sure we understand what our candidates really represent. If you are not sure of AAUW's position on issues please call me or the 1-800-821-4364 number to get a brochure on our stand. The theme AAUW will use during this major campaign year is "Men—their rights and nothing more; Women—their rights and nothing less." Let's make sure our rights are protected by knowing and supporting the candidates who support women and families. January is not too early to cover the campaigns.

We are moving ahead with the World Games Committee. The next meeting will be on January 14th at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Clearfield Branch Library, 770 Hopkins Road, Williamsville. Everyone is welcome. The committee is still in its formative stages and will require 100% branch support by July of 1993. If you would like to be there from the beginning, please join us.

During the month of November a number of members spoke with Dr. Donald Sabo, a sociologist at D'Youville College. His area of study is women and sports equity. It was a very fruitful meeting and the results will be discussed at the January meeting. This committee is also meeting with the representatives from the Tri County Branches. The more folk involved in this undertaking the better.

A special thanks to Val Bozarth and the British Study Group for a lovely tea. It was wonderful to see so many people!

Please take a look at the upcoming winter and spring programs; then mark your calendars. The topics represent a variety of interests. I invite you to come and sample a topic you may not have thought much about as well as those close to your heart. See you at the January meeting.

—Barbara Olandt, President

## LEADERS FOR A NEW CENTURY 1991 ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

At the Portland Convention, there was lively discussion about the Public Policies of the Association. A two-year slate of Action Priorities was adopted which promotes gender fairness, women's economic self-sufficiency, equality, and individual rights.

At the top of the list is support for a strong system of quality public education with a focus on the special needs of women and girls in the educational reform agenda. Other priorities are support for reproductive choice; pay equity; access to quality, affordable dependent care; vigorous defense of constitutional rights; job-protected family and medical leave; and public assistance programs that empower women.

An amendment calling for AAUW to stop advocating abortion rights was resoundingly defeated. Some delegates said that AAUW should take a neutral position on the issue so as to avoid alienating members who are anti-abortion. Many felt, however, that a *pro-choice stand is a neutral position*, allowing each woman to choose for herself. Members who favor anti-abortion positions were urged not to leave AAUW, but to concentrate on the goals that bring AAUW members together—those of improving education for women and girls. An amendment that would have put AAUW on record as opposing federal monies for private preschool education was defeated because of concerns that it could limit day-care services.

—Barbara Carier

The *JANUARY 1992 NEWSLETTER* was mailed at the William Street post office on Saturday, December 14th. If you receive your newsletter later than December 26th, 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 *FEBRUARY 1992 NEWSLETTER* is Friday, January 10th. This does not include study group chairs who report directly to Jan Vine, Study Group Coordinator.

## ENGLISH TEA BEGINS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR MANY

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December eighth, a bright spring-like Sunday, was a great day for the Buffalo Branch of AAUW. Over ninety members and thirty paid guests arrived at Park School from three until six to share friendships, to enjoy English foods catered by Barbara Major of Major Taste, Inc., and to listen to harpists Shannon Curley, Amy Leach, Carrie Smith, and Gretchen Thiemecke. Their co-ordinator, Ms. Vivian Johnston, spoke with many guests about the Orchard Park Central School Harp Program. The harpists provided background music during the entire afternoon rotating on an exquisite pedal harp. Ms. Johnston and the harpists were presented with an AAUW mug filled with holiday candies. A donation of \$25 will also be made to the Orchard Park Central School Harp Program pedal fund.

Upon entry each person was presented with a tea card and a holiday corsage/nametag made and donated by the members of the British Study Group who hosted the event. Guests placed over 200 wrapped gifts around the fireplace—hung with blue and white AAUW stockings—and on the mantel which held a train engine pulling cars A, A, U, and W. The gifts go to the Friends of the Night People for distribution to needy children.

The tea table held candles and a huge arrangement of white fuji mums accented with blue ribbon and blue crystal picks.

Barbara Olandt, president, announced that the profit from the centennial souvenir money, \$700, would be given to the Western New York Food Bank as the final centennial project. This contribution meets the commitment made last year to help the homeless.

The following members of the British Study Group donated both time and funding: Sandie DePalmo, Mary Dienst, Bev Graham, Jo Herman, Dorothy Kayne, Alice Mason, Jeanne McKown, Myra Menti, Norma Millar, Cynthia Monacelli, Mary O'Connor, Barb Olandt, Loretta Quenneville, Sarah Sterrett, Jan Vine, and Valarie Bozarth, Chair.

The host committee reported to the president and treasurer total expenses of \$471.25 for the caterer (to be offset by \$121 on account with the treasurer from paid guests) and the \$25 donation to the harp fund. All other expenses were donated.

The British Study Group would like to thank each person who attended; it was a wonderful afternoon of sharing friendships and enjoying the real blessings of the holiday season.

### EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

As we start the new year it is good to look back at 1991 with pride at our fund raising efforts. Buffalo Branch ranked third for highest contributions in the state and our state ranked sixth nationally. Over \$2.3 million nationwide was raised to fund education for women.

This year the NYS Educational Foundation has a very special fund raiser. A quilt created by the joint effort of branches from around the state and the NYS Cultural Interest Committee will be the prize in a raffle. A book of chances are 3 for \$5.00; the branch receives EFP credit. Last year, Ruth Seitz won the beautiful hand blown bowl.

I will have raffle tickets with me at board and branch meetings. All funds raised are used for furthering the education of women and girls.

Any questions, please call me at 634-0927.

—Carolyn Iadovito, Chair  
Educational Foundation Program

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT NEWS

Introduce new members to AAUW through the "Half-year Dues" plan. When a new member joins during January/February, they may choose to pay only half the yearly dues, \$22.25, or \$24.25 with a \$2.00 donation to EFP. This plan is a wonderful gift to introduce recent graduates or new arrivals to our city to AAUW. An application form can be found in the winter 1992 *AAUW Outlook*. For as little as \$22.25, you open a lifetime of gifts..

Another recruitment plus is the "15 Months for 12" plan. When a new member joins in March and/or April, the usual annual fee of \$44.50 (or \$46.50 with a \$2.00 EFP donation) will cover membership to June 30th of the following year! A bargain, a good business deal, and a very sound investment.

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

## STUDENT AFFILIATES

*Who is eligible to join AAUW as a student affiliate?*

An individual who is an undergraduate student enrolled at a regionally accredited two- or four-year institution, and who does not otherwise qualify for AAUW membership.

*What fee(s) does the student affiliate pay?*

The Association fee for a student affiliate is \$15; branches and states may set their respective fees. Branches and states are encouraged to establish minimal fees to cover costs, or waive fees altogether. New York State fee is \$3.00 and Buffalo Branch fee is \$2.00 for a total of \$20.00.

*What services are provided to the student affiliate?*

Student affiliates are added to the Association mailing list to receive *AAUW Outlook* magazine and are entitled to all member discounts on AAUW products and services. Through their affiliation, students can take action on vital issues for women in education. In addition, they can learn about AAUW Educational Foundation fellowship and grant opportunities, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund support of women battling sex discrimination in higher education, and other AAUW projects that make a positive impact in women's lives. Branches and states add student affiliates to their mailing lists to receive bulletins, publications, and meeting notices. The student affiliate may neither vote nor hold elected office.

*Does enrollment in a masters, doctoral, or other post-graduate program qualify one for student affiliate?*

No. Anyone who is eligible for AAUW membership, by virtue of having obtained a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, must join as a regular member.

## AAUW STUDY SPOTLIGHTED

The December 1991/January 1992 issue of *On Campus*, the official publication of American Federation of Teachers AFL-CIO, has a lengthy article on AAUW's *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*. Information about the availability of the AAUW study (address and cost) is stated within the text. The page two article entitled "Test Your Egalitarian I.Q." asks specific questions:

*Do you call on male students more often than females?*

*Do you tend to hear out male students' lengthy comments but interrupt or cut off the females?*

*Do you grade male students' papers for the substance of the thought, but grade female students' work on the basis of their form?*

One doesn't have to teach to find these questions relevant. Observe our own interactions with both sexes at the next conference or dinner party. Are your expectations for stimulating conversation and logical thought processes the same for each sex? Is one sex more entertaining than the other? Does a prescribed but unjustified mental agenda set higher expectations for some skills and performances based on sex? Do you expect female companions to help with the dishes while excusing the men to the other room? Are men and women equally expected to type, to answer the phone or the door, to make the coffee, to send the thank you note or the holiday cards, to shovel the walk or mow the lawn, to prepare the taxes, or to service the car? For those of you who do it all, congratulations! But the consideration is in mixed company do you set expectations based on gender. Become an observer of your own behavior for the next few days. Unfortunately, it may surprise you!

## U.S. LABOR DEPT. STATISTIC

An average worker has at least three career changes and 10.5 jobs in a 40-year span.

## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

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On Wednesday, the fourth, at 7:05 p.m. eleven board members came to order for the December board meeting at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Kenmore. Barb Olandt, president, presided over the meeting. Although one other member attended briefly to give a report and her proxy on the issues pending board action, the necessary quorum for board action was not present for the second month in a row. The issue of board members' attendance was briefly discussed. A decision was made to telephone poll executive members not in attendance so necessary board action, postponed from last month, could be taken.

Numerous reports were made. Diane Silvestro, treasurer, reported \$9,217.48 in the general treasury and \$729.15 in the centennial fund.

Jane Fischman, chair of the Chamberlin Fund and Funds for Education, announced plans to interview applicants December 27th and 28th. Interviewers should plan on a full day each day with almost thirty applications now pending for the committee to examine. If anyone in the branch would like to participate in this process, please contact Jane at 873-6356.

Sue Grossman announced a membership committee meeting for January 15th at Kathryn Callahan's home. The committee is planning a community meeting directed towards potential AAUW members. This informational meeting will distribute materials about the Buffalo branch produced by this committee.

Carolyn Iadovito, Educational Foundation Program chair, reported funds in savings of \$9,017.26 and checking \$2,630.43.

The only other financial report of the evening was the Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education. No totals were available for these funds; a message from Jean Moran, assistant treasurer, indicated these reports would be mailed to the necessary persons.

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*May the happiest days of your past  
be the very saddest days in your future.*

## ADDENDUM TO ROSTER

(PLEASE CLIP AND ADD TO ROSTER.)

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Carolyn Iadovita, EFP chair, announced a New York state raffle is in progress. New York branches submitted quilt squares (Ours was made by Ruth Seitz.) and the finished quilt was on display in the spring of 1990 at the state convention at the Buffalo Hyatt Regency. The winner of the raffle will be announced April 26th at the state convention. The branch receives credit in our EFP fund for all tickets sold; the cost is three chances for \$5.

Maryalice Seagrave discussed the progress of the finance committee meetings. A major topic under discussion is next year's dues.

Old business was concluded with the decision to give \$700 from the Centennial Fund to the Western New York Food Bank. This money was raised from the sale of centennial souvenirs and was marked from the beginning to support the national theme—the year of the homeless. Bunny Blackstone supervised this project as gala chair.

The February board meeting will be held at The Four Seasons Restaurant at the corner of Sheridan and Sweethome at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th. Those wishing to eat dinner together should plan to arrive at 5:30 p.m. A strong reminder was issued that those who accepted the responsibility of board membership should be present at board meetings.

Under new business Barb Olandt discussed the progress of the World Games Committee. Donald Sabo, D'Youville sociologist and internationally known advocate for women and sports equity, met with the committee and was very pleased about the direction the committee has planned for itself. New members are welcome; eventually the entire branch will be asked to work on the project during the World Games in July of 1993.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Wishing you the happiest of holidays*

*with peace and prosperity in 1992.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22:** *When the party's over...* was chosen to be the focus of the February branch meeting. In addition to the downfall of the Communist Party, the world is now witnessing the dissolution of the Soviet Union itself. Please join us for an informative update and analysis of the events unfolding in eastern Europe. The featured speaker will be Helju Bennett, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of History, University at Buffalo.

The luncheon meeting will be held at The Little White House, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville, at noon. The cost is \$8.75. Baked stuffed flounder or lemon chicken will be the choice for the main course. Kathryn Callahan will be in charge of reservations which are due February 14. Hostesses for the luncheon will be the Great Decisions Study Group.

## SPORTS FANS, HELP!

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Sports items get big bids in the sealed bid sale, a part of our annual used book sale. Olympic, baseball, football, hockey and other sport collectibles of all kinds will boost our profits, which are added to the local scholarship funds.

Can you help? Needed are Bills items—anything from a pennant to a Jim Kelly jersey. Bells, Tops, Super-Duper, Wegmans and AM&A's will be contacted.

Going south in late February or March? Major league baseball teams have training camps on both Florida coasts. Admission is free, and an autographed baseball can bring \$200 or more. (The cost of the original ball will be reimbursed.)

Do you have other ideas? Call me please at 873-4498.

—Ruthe Sichernan, Chair  
Sealed Bid Sale

## BRANCH CALENDAR

1/6—Mon.

Music Study Group should phone Mary Weppner (634-6636) for time, place, and program.

1/6—Mon.

British Study Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 159 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville. Please reserve with V. Bozarth at 633-2130.

1/7—Tues.

Duplicate Bridge should call Mary O'Connor at 631-9227 for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.

1/8—Wed.

The general board of the Board of Directors does not meet in the month of January.

1/13—Mon.

Great Decisions will not meet. Call Ruth Seitz (834-4973) before January 3 if you wish to order the 1992 book.

1/14—Tue.

World Games Committee will meet at 7 p.m., Clearfield Library, 770 Hopkins Road, Williamsville. Everyone is welcome.

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## Reservation for JANUARY 25TH BRANCH MEETING

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount (\$7.50 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch.

Deadline is January 17th.

Send to Jill Bradish, 821 Tacoma, Buffalo, N.Y. 14216.

1/14—Tues.

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

1/16—Thurs.

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

1/21—Tues.

Book Review Group will meet at the home of Grace Kenline, 155 Westchester Boulevard, Kenmore. Nancy Acara will review *The Kitchen's God Wife* by Amy Tan. Please call Grace (877-0734) for the time and a reservation.

1/22—Fri.

Literature: Friday Afternoon will meet at 1:45 p.m. at the Buffalo Museum of Science to act as hosts for the Lillian Fairchild talk entitled "England in the Spring." Rita Green (632-0014) is the new coordinator of the Friday Afternoon Literature Group.

1/25—Sat.

The January Branch Meeting will be a brunch at the Holiday Inn, 4600 Genessee Street, from 9:30 to 12:30. Reservations are required by January 17th.

1/27—Mon.

Evening Literature Study Group will discuss *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. Margit Spector will facilitate the discussion. Hostess is Suzanne Grossman, 310 Pryor, Town of Tonawanda. Co-hostess is Evelyn Wolf. Please call Suzanne at 837-8769 for reservations.

1/28—Tues.

Investment Club will meet at 7 p.m. sharp at the Williamsville Branch of the Amherst Public Libraries, 5571 Main Street, Williamsville. Contact Kelly McCurdy (439-8739) if you need more information. Guests are always welcome.

2/22—Sat.

The February Branch Meeting will be a noon luncheon at The Little White House, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville. A reservation form will appear in the next newsletter and will be due by February 14th to Kathryn Callahan. See *MARK YOUR CALENDAR* on page seven.

—Jan Vine, Coordinator  
Study and Interest Groups

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