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THE 38TH ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

JULY 16, 17 & 18

10 A.M. - 8 P.M.

MEDAILLE COLLEGE

Doors open at 9 a.m. on July 16th only.
For patrons a \$5 admission will be charged
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only on the 16th.

**FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THE SALE BEGINS
SUNDAY JUNE 28TH WITH SORTING.**

Sorters are needed! If you have a few minutes or a few hours, PLEASE help. It is very simple! Just come down to Medaille College beginning June 28th.

An urgent request is also being made for strong backs to help on Friday, June 26th and Saturday June 27th to pick up from depots. If you, your spouse, or your child is available, call V. Bozarth at 633-2130.

Save the enclosed calendar. It is your key to the book sale.

FOR THREE WEEKS THE BRANCH IS DEDICATED TO THIS FUND RAISER.

**JOIN THE TRADITION!
IT IS A GREAT ONE BECOMING EVEN GREATER!**

**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,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plaque. I have already put it on my wall at work; I will always remember this special year.

I want to thank all the people who have supported and worked so hard for AAUW this year. Without you this organization could not begin to do all the things it does.

I hope you all enjoyed the May luncheon as much as I did. Over ninety attended. A special thanks to Ann Bish for all her hard work and planning. If you were unable to make the luncheon, I hope you saw the Buffalo News article about the Buffalo Branch Achievement Award winners. Molly Bethel and Olga Lownie, founders of the MollyOlga Neighborhood Art School at 138 Locust Street in Buffalo, are two of the area's most outstanding women. For the last thirty-two years these women have brought harmony and beauty to Buffalo. They have provided free of charge art lessons to anyone with a desire to pursue the visual arts. They have provided an outlet for emotions and visions that might otherwise have withered away. The current issue of Spree magazine has a full article on these remarkable women. Please read it. If you would like to visit the school or help out in any manner both Molly and Olga would be glad to hear from you.

In late April eight members from Buffalo Branch attended the NYS Convention in Binghamton. The convention is a terrific time to get a larger picture of AAUW and this year it was especially true. Ann Bryant, Executive Director for the Association, was there for the entire weekend. She both listened and presented ideas. We will all be hearing more about equity on the Association level. AAUW is the leader for equity in education.

The book sale is quickly approaching. Your help is vitally important. Keep the tradition. The old saying many hands make light work has never been truer. See you there.

Is your dues paid? A record number of you have. If not, please do so before July 1st. The Association, the national level of the AAUW organization, has very strict guidelines and dates for forwarding membership lists and dues. If you're late with your dues, it becomes a computer

nightmare and extra work for our branch volunteers.

In closing I want to say how much I enjoyed being president this year. I met so many people and learned so much. Thank you all for this honor. Please give Carolyn the same support. She will be a wonderful president.

—Barbara Olandt
President

THANK YOU, BARB

The presidency is, for the most part, a thankless job. From this exalted position, a unique vision of the branch's work must be revealed. Required to deal with the mundane, mechanical necessities of any organization, a president must feel, when agreeing to be nominated, some personal vision of the importance and potential impact this branch plays in the lives and history of women.

Barbara, thank you for sharing your vision. Like the AAUW motto, your personal vision was an all inclusive one that brought energy to the branch from new members and new contacts. Your work on the World Games has been a model for every member on networking within the community. Your sincerity, friendliness, and thoughtfulness encouraged full participation and a positive atmosphere. Your prior activities in another branch provided valuable experience which benefited the Buffalo Branch.

Having attended all your board meetings, having relied on your guidance and judgment, and having shared a room at the state convention, I complement you on the selfless way in which you conducted the work of the branch. Good luck with the March branch meeting in conjunction with the World Games.

—Valarie Bozarth
Newsletter Editor

DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE

The *JUNE/JULY 1992 NEWSLETTER*, the tenth and final newsletter for 1991-92, was mailed at the William Street post office on Monday, June 8th. Submissions for the *SEPTEMBER 1992 NEWSLETTER* are due by July 21st.

HISTORIAN REQUESTS INFO

Barb Carier, branch historian, mailed each board member a request for information on the new forms for standardizing data each year. The success of this project depends on the cooperation of many board members. Updates were due at the June 3rd board meeting. Many board members have not completed their final activities; please remember to provide a written account of the work accomplished during the year. This historical link is very important.

The usual procedure of submitting a report to the president and to a board member's successor will continue. The information on those reports will provide the basis for the standardized reporting on the new annual update. Barb will place the updates in the branch archives at University at Buffalo and the state archives at the University of Rochester.

THIRD ANNUAL PICNIC SET FOR AUGUST 17TH

The date is Monday evening, August 17th. The time is 5:30. The place is Diane Silvestro's home at 6 Belvoir Road, Amherst. (Belvoir Road is off Sheridan Drive, east of the Hopkins/Evans intersection. Belvoir Road only goes to the north of Sheridan Road, directly beside the AAA headquarters—the automobile club—on International Drive.) Families are most welcome.

Bring your own lawn chair, your own food and drink, and your own plates and utensils. A grill will be provided.

R.S.V.P. to Kathryn Callahan, organizer, by calling 689-2988 before Friday, August 14th.

This strictly social evening provides a great opportunity to meet members and their families. Plan to attend. Mark your calendar now for the third annual picnic.

DUES ARE DUE

Your \$47.50 (or \$21.50 for life members) is now due. Dues must be paid by September 1, 1992, if your name is to be included in the roster. If there are any questions, please call me at 631-3349.

—Diane Silvestro
Treasurer



EXPENSES DUE

The budget year ends June 30th. All expenses with receipts are past due. If you had a budget line for the past year be sure to contact Diane Silvestro. Maryalice Seagrave has distributed budget requests for next year; please return them quickly so next year's budget can be readied during the summer months.

**POST THE BOOK SALE CALENDAR
IN A CONVENIENT SPOT.
FIND A SPARE MOMENT
AND JOIN THE FUN.**

Ph.D. TO CATHY CARTER

Aided by an American Fellowship from the Association, Cathy Carter received her Ph.D. from University at Buffalo at ceremonies May 14. Cathy's dissertation is "The Effects of Linguistic Complexity and Social Support on Children's Reports." Her work was completed within the Department of Psychology.

During the past year Cathy spoke to four AAUW branches—Fredonia, Niagara/Lewiston, Batavia, and Corning—about her research and her experiences as an award recipient. Dr. Carter, we congratulate you on your academic and professional success and welcome you to the Buffalo Branch.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1992-1993

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***Congratulations!
And thank you!***

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 Educational Foundation Program Book Sale
 Coordinator Valarie Bozarth
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 Tri-County Interbranch Suzanne Grossman
 World University Games '93 ... Barbara Olandt

Leaders for the Future



SERVICE IN ALL ITS FORMS

To those of you whose names appear on the facing page, you have stepped forward to continue the one hundred two years of traditions of the Buffalo Branch. You follow in the footprints of hundreds of women who since October of 1889 have answered that original call from Mrs. George Townsend inviting assistance from college women. The response from five Buffalonians—Harriet Ransom Milinowski, Lena Hill Severance, Mary M. Wardwell, Maude Austin, Ella C. Lapham—began a history of alumnae working for educational opportunity and social betterment. Within one year by October 1890, these five with eight other members became the charter members of the Buffalo Branch. Although life-long friendships have developed and book sales and holiday events have provided the perfect atmosphere for socializing, the work of this branch is still as serious as the day it was founded. The tremendous opportunities open to women in 1992 are a direct result of the countless hours invested by Marion Talbot and women like you.

Congratulations! You have elected to step forward, to be counted, and to offer to other women the tradition that has been offered to you. Each member of this branch believes in your efforts; each pays dues to continue this important work. Although each of you has chosen this time to serve the branch, never, never forget that every member is concerned with the causes and the platform addressed by AAUW. Within our branch are those who "have paid their dues" with years of service and those, who inundated with the obligations of careers, families, and other commitments, have postponed a more active role in the branch. Among our branch members are shut-ins; and although they have very limited access to any branch events, they have discovered unique ways to support the branch's efforts. Some members have chosen to work more directly within other organizations to stimulate change and to insure equity for women within their professional fields or through their direct financial efforts to provide opportunities for younger women within their own families; they come to the branch for nourishment and camaraderie in their solitary efforts. Watching you from outside the branch and without the benefit of

a college education are women like Sara Drake Chamberlin, who while admiring the efforts of those just like you entrusted thousands of dollars to your care to help educate young women with the Chamberlin Loan Fund. Each has identified with AAUW.

Although the efforts of each member may not be as visible as the role you have accepted as officers, they are as real. As a board member frequently caught with tunnel vision of the actual workings of our branch, always remember you are not alone. Every member voluntarily wrote a check to support the Buffalo Branch and AAUW. This is an enormous service in itself and speaks to the confidence each member places in the Buffalo Branch's Board of Directors. "They also serve who only stand and wait" as John Milton so aptly reflected in *On His Blindness*. Together each, in a unique way and in her own time, serves.

- Accept with humility the tradition that comes before you,
- work with integrity and enthusiasm to promote equity for women, education and self-development over the lifespan, and positive societal change, and
- visualize within our lifetimes a world without prejudice—a world where being born a woman does not close even one door.

—Valarie Bozarth
Newsletter Editor

*See you at the book sale.
Can't work?
Out of commission or out of town?
Think extra positive thoughts during July.
Each of us serves in our unique way.
And it takes all of us to bring success.*

NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME

Ruth L. Smiley BA: Wells College, NY
 101 Los Robles MA: Columbia University
 Williamsville 14221 MAOT: University of
 631-0484 Nebraska

*Interests—Equal education for women/girls,
 Equal Rights Amendment, pay equity, and health
 issues*

Catherine Cerulli BA: St. Mary's College,
 334 Joe McCarthy N.D.
 Amherst 14228 JD: SUNYAB

*Interests—Human/civil rights, work/family issues,
 domestic violence intervention*

WELCOME BACK, NARIS

Naris Anne Montes BSN: SUNYAB
 2316 Shadigee Road MSN: SUNYAB
 Eden 14057
 627-9825

*Interests—Health issues, reproductive rights,
 censorship*

It is a pleasure to welcome two new members
 and a special welcome back to a former member.

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



WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Welcome, Peter Otto Pressprich. Member
 Sybil Pressprich with husband Mark became first-
 time parents on May 1st. Although still limited in
 his branch participation, rumor has it that Peter
 may be up to entertaining in the hostess room at
 the book sale. Congratulations, Sybil and Mark.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION DURING THE BOOK SALE

TO CONFIRM WHEN MEDAILLE
 COLLEGE WILL BE OPEN FOR BOOK SALE
 WORKERS ANYTIME FROM JUNE 28TH
 THROUGH JULY 15TH, CALL 633-2130. A
 MESSAGE WILL INDICATE ANY CHANGES
 OR ADDITIONS TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

*For security reasons
 avoid bringing purses to the sale.*

NEW RECRUITMENT BROCHURE

Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the
 new Buffalo Branch member recruitment
 brochure. Use it for a gift membership to a new
 graduate or to a newly promoted colleague, for
 membership information to a returned relative or
 friend, or for that unexpected inquiry about the
 branch. If you enjoy Buffalo Branch activities,
 share the pleasure with a new member. Be sure to
 sign the membership form to receive credit for the
 referral.

As outgoing Recruitment Vice-President, I
 want to send a very big thank you to all of the
 branch members who made referrals of
 prospective members. This year, twenty-eight of
 your friends/relatives/colleagues joined Buffalo
 Branch. I want to especially thank the members of
 the Membership Committee for their ideas, for
 their very hard work in accomplishing three
 special recruitment projects, and for their smiling
 enthusiasm and willingness to meet until the work
 was done.

Here's my thanks to Jill Bradish, Kathryn
 Callahan, Carolyn Day, Ann Hicks, Jan Mutchler,
 Barbara Olandt, Sybil Pressprich, and Joan Ward.

—Suzanne Grossman, RD
 Membership Recruitment Vice President
 1990-92

SPECIAL THANKS

Being a newsletter editor can be a tedious, lonely, boring job. During the past year I have found it almost the opposite. And the ten issues have not been a solitary effort by any means! An enormous thanks to **Marion Fay** for her efforts every month in supplying mailing labels. She is efficient, meticulous, and extremely accommodating. Also I owe thanks to **Sandra DePalmo** for teaching me the ropes of bulk mailing and for her assistance and moral support in helping me "to see it through" each month. But this newsletter would not have been possible without another branch member who took my Desk Top Publishing disk each month and handed me back camera-ready copy on each article. Just when the end always looked beyond hope, **Michael Bozarth** put us over the top for the downhill slide to the post office each month. His continued assistance and support of AAUW activities makes my job easier.

Many contributed to the content of the newsletter. **Jan Vine** provided copy (and always ahead of the deadline) for the branch calendar each month which is no small task. Her efforts as Study and Interest Group Coordinator are very much appreciated and she simplified my job enormously. Coordinators for branch meetings provided the front page information long before members had attended a preceding meeting. To each of you who submitted items for the newsletter, a giant thanks. To **Barb Olandt**, **Barbara Carier**, **Suzanne Grossman**, **Margit Spector**, **Bertha Cutcher**, **Carolyn Iadovito**, **Carol Jamieson**, **Sharon Rich**, **Millie Sherrets** and all the branch members who supplied articles, the branch thanks you for keeping all of us in touch.

—Valarie Bozarth
Newsletter Editor

**PAY DUES BY 9-1-92
FOR INCLUSION IN ROSTER**

STUDY/ACTION IS FOCUS

In April **Marcy Stoll**, a member of our branch who's a registered nurse as well as a doctoral candidate in higher education administration, made a presentation about living wills and health care proxies. Although the group was small, the amount of information provided was immense. **Marcy** was kind enough to distill the ideas for the newsletter. The basic information which stimulated discussion is presented on the following page. **Marcy Stoll** is extremely knowledgeable about health care topics and provided an enormous amount of information and clarification of the issues at stake.

The Women's Issues Study Group will have a combined study/action focus in 1992-93. Our intent is to become knowledgeable about selected concerns of women and to pinpoint specific, small actions we as women can take to make a difference.

At the first meeting on September 21, the group will discuss *Backlash* by **Susan Faludi**. This book recently drew one of the largest crowds ever at its review at **Bistro Books**. The Honorable **M. Dolores Denman**, an Achievement Award winner from the Buffalo Branch, reviewed it and considered it a must read. The book deals with the treatment of women in many fields from movies to political office. It gives an enlightened account of the perils faced by women political candidates by recounting the experiences of **Geraldine Ferraro** in her bid as vice-presidential candidate. Anyone interested in participating in the group is encouraged to read the book during the summer, but all members of the branch are welcome to attend even if they have not read the book.

The meeting will be held at the home of **Lynn McClive**, 50 Anderson Place, Buffalo. Discussion will begin at 7 p.m. You are welcome anytime after 5 p.m. Bring your own supper; a microwave is available. Please call **Lynn** by September 18 if you plan to attend.

—Carol Jamieson
Women's Issue Chair

WILLS AND PROXIES

A living will is a document in which a *competent adult* sets forth directions regarding medical/surgical treatment in the event of his/her future incapacitation. However, living wills suffer from four major limitations:

1. They are applicable only to those who are terminally ill.
2. The type of treatments you can refuse are limited, usually to artificial or extraordinary therapies.
3. No provision exists for you to designate another person to make decisions on your behalf or to set forth the criteria for such decisions.
4. No penalty exists if health care professionals do not honor the document.

The proposed solution to these problems is not to modify the living will but to replace it with another document; this document would appoint a health care proxy which designates someone to make medical/surgical decisions if one becomes incapacitated. A health care proxy

1. is a more flexible document,
2. *establishes a decision making process* rather than requiring specified treatment decisions in advance,
3. covers all decisions about health care, not just decisions about life sustaining treatment, and
4. is valuable if treatment is continuous by protecting the right to refuse or discontinue treatment.

In New York state *competent adults* have the right to refuse medical/surgical treatment including treatment necessary to save or to sustain life. *Life sustaining treatment may be withdrawn* once implemented or withheld. The law is not intended to permit or promote suicide, assisted suicide or euthanasia. New York state law specifically

1. encourages discussion of medical/surgical treatment with the patient's agent—all contingencies can never be anticipated,
2. does not require living wills, but in conjunction with a health care proxy is strong evidence of a patient's desires,
3. allows revocation of the health care proxy by informing the agent or health care professional orally or in writing, by executing a subsequent

proxy, or by another act evidencing your intent to revoke, and

4. states that such documents are completely voluntary—by law a health care facility or professional cannot require a health care proxy as a condition of receiving care.

You may limit the authority of the agent; however, the more limitations placed on the agent the more likely a dispute may arise about the parameters of the restrictions and their interpretations.

The limits of a health care proxy in New York state are

1. only *competent adults* may name a health care agent,
2. it is completely inapplicable to minors, the mentally retarded, or others unable to understand the nature and consequences of their decisions,
3. it has limited use in an emergency situation because the agent is rarely available within the time constraints necessary for medical intervention, and
4. the physician retains the right not to offer treatment that is contradictory, useless, or futile.

The benefits in designating a proxy are many; most importantly, consideration can be given to whom health care decisions should be designated. It is not a document for "seniors only." The United States Supreme Court has held that states are not constitutionally required to allow family members of any incompetent patient to discontinue treatment on the patient's behalf. Consult an attorney to insure that the living will and the health care proxy or power of attorney are correctly executed.

—Marcy Stoll
Branch member and Registered Nurse

**MARK THE PICNIC DATE
ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY.
RESERVE WITH KATHRYN CALLAHAN.
(689-2988)**

MAY BOARD MEETING

The monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Kenmore. Kelly McCurdy presented the minutes which were approved; Diane Silvestro presented the treasurer's report which was also approved. Corresponding secretary Jill Bradish announced two congratulatory cards were being sent; the first card is to Eve Stoklasa in recognition of being named Teacher of the Year in the Ken-Ton School District and the other is to Phyllis Kelly who was recognized as SUNY Alumna of the Day on WBFO radio. Phyllis recently chaired the fiftieth reunion of her UB class.

An invitation is extended to both outgoing and incoming board members to attend the June board meeting. Jill Bradish will send reminders to the incoming board members.

Nancy Ryther, publicity chair, discussed the publicity for the Achievement Award winners.

Jan Vine, study & interest group chair, announced that two new study groups are forming. Dinner by the Book, chaired by Marilyn Carmichael, will meet monthly to share dinner and to discuss a literary selection. Carol Jamieson is forming another book group which will focus on books by women addressing women's issues.

The board directed Valarie Bozarth to hold the June issue of the newsletter until after the June board meeting on the third. Plans for the summer picnic need to be publicized in this last issue.

Jane Fischman presented information about the Chamberlin Loan Fund and the Funds for Education. Recipients will now sign a release for publicity purposes. The deadline for the summer awards is June 10th. Members interested in interviewing applicants should contact Jane.

Lucille Peterson, as representative to the Buffalo Council of World Affairs, announced upcoming events.

Suzanne Grossman, membership recruitment chair, announced one new member and one returning member have joined during the month. One national student affiliate has been identified; an invitation to the May luncheon will be sent to her. A new membership brochure has been printed for \$50; three hundred copies are now available. Copies of the brochure will be included in the final

newsletter issued this year. During the recent state convention, Suzanne accepted an award for the most new members under thirty-five years old.

The finance/budget chair, Maryalice Seagrave, requested all bills be turned in immediately. Bills must be paid from the current budget which ends June 30th. Outgoing board members should assist their replacements in their financial requests for the upcoming year.

Carol Jamieson, chair of women's issues, reported on a successful health proxy meeting held in her home.

Carolyn Day announced a program committee meeting in her home for Tuesday, May 26th. (This meeting was changed to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 30th.)

Public policy chair, Sharon Rich, reported on the public policy meeting held at the state convention. Sharon had also recently attended the "Faces of Homelessness" meeting presented as a county-wide crisis coalition. She has also attended medicare/medicaid meetings recently where discussions concerning the lack of health care for women were in the forefront.

Ernie Foster, cultural chair, encouraged members to support the Greek Festival.

The book sale chair, Valarie Bozarth, confirmed that all books have been removed from the YWCA at their request; all book sale storage sites are now being provided by members. This will result in a \$900 savings annually. Rental storage space is available elsewhere if it becomes necessary to purchase it again. Members acting as depots are making an enormous contribution to the financial bottom line of the book sale. Materials to advertise the book sale will be available at the May luncheon. These include buttons, car signs, community signs, bookmarks, and new donation slips. Decorations for the May luncheon will be provided by the book sale as a promotional effort. Five dozen helium balloons attached to gondolas holding "gifts" of book sale advertising will decorate each table. The expenses for the decorations have been donated by a member. Personnel for the sale is now complete; there was an overwhelming response by members. Very few phone calls have been made to secure personnel.

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Hopefully, members will understand that every effort is being made to avoid disturbing them with numerous calls; members have responded to the requests for help in the newsletter. Community advertisements are scheduled for the *Buffalo News* on May 3, 7, 10, and 31, the *Metro Community News* on May 10, and the *Bee Group Newspapers* on May 6. These ads have been placed to encourage book donations. Each paper will carry advertisements again closer to the sale.

Barbara Olandt reported on the meetings of the World Games committee. The final formal meeting of the group is scheduled for May 19th at Stacy Johnson's home. Formally scheduled meetings will resume in the fall.

Lynn McClive is continuing to work on the telephone membership survey which is to be completed by the next board meeting.

Branch adds to \$820 from state

The final action of the evening was in response to the generosity of members across the state attending the state convention. Many individual members at the state convention voiced concern about Operation Rescue in Buffalo. Quite spontaneously, state members began donating money for the Buffalo delegates to direct to the pro-choice effort in Buffalo. Approximately \$820 was given to Barb Carier for this purpose and was divided about equally between the Pro-Choice Network and Freedom for Choice. The Buffalo Branch voted to donate \$100 to the Pro-Choice Network from the Special Projects budget.

With the increase in tuition, with fewer sources for financial assistance, and with fewer alternatives, a student needs you. She needs a few hours of your time during the book sale. Because without your efforts, the Buffalo Branch cannot raise the money to award educational dollars to help her.

*Medaille College is the place to be in July.
See you there!*

JUNE BOARD MEETING

The June third board meeting was held at the Benjamin Franklin Middle School. Outgoing and incoming board members were present. The recording secretary and treasurer presented reports; both were approved. Diane Silvestro reported 239 paid members and 10 honorary members as the official total for the 1991-92 year. This compared to 258 paid members in 1990-91.

Jane Fischman announced June 10th was the deadline for applications to the Chamberlin Fund and Funds for Education; twelve applicants have completed the process to date. Interviews will be held near the end of June or the first week in July. Hopefully, the interviews will be held at Medaille College to facilitate members also working on the book sale.

Phyllis Kelly, community chair, reported she had recently attended the Interclub Luncheon representing the Buffalo Branch.

Suzanne Grossman reported one new member during the month.

Board members reported seeing a newly named national award winner in local papers. An effort will be made to identify her and send her an invitation to join the Buffalo Branch.

Nancy Ryther was successful in placing an article and a picture about the Achievement Award winners in the *Buffalo News*. *Spree* also ran a complete advertisement on the branch including dates for the Used Book Sale; an entire article on MollyOlga was in the recent edition of the *Spree*.

Judy Weidemann, education and equity chair, announced that a committee will be forming during the summer to plan the direction of next year's activities.

Jan Vine, study and interest group chair, reported on the two new study groups. She encouraged members to become leaders of other groups. Joan Ward expressed an interest in a social group to play board games—Scrabble, Chess—or card games.

Barb Olandt requested annual reports from all outgoing board members. A copy should be given to her, a second copy to Barb Carier as historian, and a final copy to the incoming person in that board position.

Book sale chair, Valarie Bozarth, reported a successful launch for the sale at the May luncheon. The newspaper advertisements have resulted in increased book donations. Bookmarks will be placed in libraries after the second week in June. After speaking with library personnel, Valarie discovered that many branches have their own book sales during the first two weeks in June. Hesitating to place the branch bookmarks out directly before their own sales, library personnel withheld the bookmarks frequently until after their sales. The library suggested distributing our bookmarks after the library sales and more closely to the actual date of our sale. Mailings to about 400 potential customers are ready to be sent on June 15th. Book sale personnel will receive a mailing about the same time; this correspondence will clarify the actual duties of each job. The main concern now is fulfilling the tremendous need for sorters.

Some board members voiced concern about the progress of the membership survey being conducted by Lynn McClive; its status is unknown.

During the state convention it became apparent that the Association produces a list of all members in the state including members-at-large. Although the list does not isolate this group, the information would hopefully target potential members who have already identified with the national platform. Ann Bish will contact the Association and try to obtain this list.

After thanking the 1991-92 board, Barbara Olandt concluded the old business and turned the gavel over to Carolyn Day, incoming president, for the new business. Carolyn distributed a directory of elected and appointed officers.

As the first order of new business it was agreed that the branch would participate in the News Election Service in November of 1992. Congressional District 33 in Lancaster has been assigned to the branch. In 1990-91 the branch earned \$261 from the efforts of the few members who volunteered to participate in this service; in 1991-92 the branch did not participate.

Carolyn will also hold a by-laws meeting in her home in June. Members interested in this area should contact her. A number of board members expressed interest.

Bunny Blackstone, program chair, gave an overview of next year's programs. On September 16th the monthly branch meeting will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road at Harlem, Snyder. It will be the annual potluck with study groups presenting their plans for the year. The program will be a travelogue on Tibet. On October 17th the program will focus on the 500th anniversary of Columbus. The YWCA's Candidate School will be the agenda for the November 14th meeting. The holiday gala will be held on December 6th as a Scandinavian celebration. The January and February branch meetings will address the women's issues of harassment/advocacy and health care. The March 27th meeting is the sports conference the branch will sponsor at SUNY in conjunction with the World Games. The topic of abuse from cradle to grave will be discussed at the April meeting. And the 1992-93 programs will conclude with a May luncheon honoring the Achievement Award winner, presenting the slate of officers, and kicking off the book sale.

At the state convention, Barb Carier was named the state Director of Communications and Barb Olandt was elected as District I representative.

The District Meeting in the fall is scheduled for October 24th for the Dunkirk-Fredonia area.

Carolyn Day adjourned the final board meeting for the 1991-92 year.

ASK WOMEN

An update on the new edition of *Ask Women* is necessary. Unfortunately, it was still at the printer's on May 16th, the date of the May luncheon. But it is now available and will be in the hostess room at the book sale. Please pick up your free copy. With the East Aurora and the Niagara branches, the Buffalo Branch has placed a display advertisement with an accompanying list identifying membership and program chairs for each branch.

BOOK SALE UPDATE

The Educational Foundation Program Chair, Carolyn Iadovito, has been of invaluable assistance. On her desk should be the old Truman motto—"the buck stops here." Carolyn pays all the bills approved by the book sale chair. *And* she balances the budget. (I haven't asked her to do windows yet!) Dr. Joyce Swartney will take over these reins as the July 1st fiscal year approaches. Thanks, Carolyn, for doing a perfect job graciously.

To update the membership on where we stand, I have included this informal report of the incurred and anticipated expenses for the 1992 sale. The bottom line is, after all, one of the major reasons we all work so hard.

The following checks have been issued towards the anticipated income of this year's sale:

DATE	CHECK TO:	AMOUNT:
11/12/91	Marcus Silvestro (picking up books)	\$ 45.00
3/2/92	State Insurance Fund (workmen's compensation for 1991 paid workers)	357.00
4/6/92	McKinley High School (printing bookmarks)	250.00
4/11/92	Ar-Line Productions (deposit on 100 ad buttons)	50.00
4/28/92	Buffalo News (\$17.08 credit to be refunded)	174.44
4/28/92	Metro Community News	80.75
4/28/92	Bee Group Newspapers	48.00
5/27/92	Ar-Line Productions (Balance on ad buttons)	53.00
5/27/92	Taylor Rental (deposit on 125 tables)	145.00
	Total:	\$1,203.19

An enormous effort has been made to reduce costs. But with anticipated expenses, the total cost is approaching \$4,000. The actual total currently is \$3,848.19. A final report will be published in the fall.

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Medaille College	\$900.00
Clinton Disposal Service Inc. (dumpster; cost based on 4 tons)	390.00
State Insurance Fund (1 worker)	30.00
One paid worker for 25 hrs.	125.00
Truck rental & gas (2 days)	100.00
Balance to Taylor Rental	1,000.00
Postage (400 mailings)	100.00
Total:	\$2,645.00

The May luncheon decorations, miscellaneous printing expenses, and hostess room supplies have been donated by a friend of the sale.

On Sunday, June 28th sorting begins! Your participation will make the difference. As Barb Olandt warned earlier this year, for three weeks it is "down and dirty." But the reward is great!

—Valarie Bozarth
Book Sale Chair

*Remember the tagged item sale.
Items valued over \$10 are needed.
Check around your house
for that potential tax deduction.*

FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI

Computer generated advertising calls are a nuisance, sometimes even tying up a telephone line. To remove your name from calling lists, write to

Telephone Preference Service
Direct Marketing Association
6 East 43rd Street
New York City, New York 10017

Also protest to the Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3377.

Good luck!

—Suzanne Grossman

BRANCH CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: During the coming year chairs of study groups should notify Jan Vine for inclusion in the Branch Calendar. Coordinators for branch meetings or persons scheduling any events should notify Valarie Bozarth. General deadlines for newsletter publication are usually the date of the board meeting the preceding month (i.e., The *OCTOBER 1992 NEWSLETTER*'s deadline is the date of the September board meeting, September 2.). **DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE *SEPTEMBER 1992 NEWSLETTER* WHICH WILL BE MAILED BY THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST IS JULY 21ST.** It is very important that all activities are included.

6/1—Mon.

Music Study Group met at the Lord Amherst for lunch to plan the 1992-93 programs.

6/1—Mon.

British Studies held its final meeting of the year.

6/3—Weds.

Board of Directors held its final board meeting for the 1991-92 year with the 1991-92 and the 1992-93 board members present.

6/8—Mon.

Great Decisions discussed Topic 2, "Middle East after Desert Storm," led by facilitator Jane Riga at the home of Ann Bish and Ann Hicks, 5177 Willow Brook, Clarence.

6/9—Tues.

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

6/10—Weds.

Dinner by the Book will meet at Greenhaven Library, 350 Greenhaven Terrace, Town of Tonawanda, at 7 p.m. Next year's agenda is the topic. The group plans to meet on the third Wednesday of each month for dinner at 6 p.m. and book discussion at 7 p.m. The group's discussion will end each time by 8:30 or 9 p.m. Guests are most welcome to help plan the year ahead. Call Marilyn Carmichael (875-6817) for additional details.

6/16—Tues.

Book Review Interest Group will have a luncheon and planning meeting. Anyone who is interested in joining is welcome to attend. Phone Grace Kenline (877- 0734) for details.

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PAYMENT SLIP FOR 1992/93 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

NAME: _____

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR \$ _____ **(\$47.50 or \$21.50 for life members).**

Dues paid by September 1, 1992, guarantees a listing in the 1992/93 roster.

Make check payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch.

Mail to Diane Silvestro, Treasurer, 6 Belvoir Road, Williamsville, 14221-3614.

6/18—Thurs.

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

6/19—Fri.

Afternoon Literature Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. for the Annual Luncheon at the Lord Amherst in Amherst. Contact hostess Joan Langley (634-3382) if you plan to attend.

6/22—Mon.

Evening Literature Group will have a potluck and organizational meeting for 1992-93 at the home of Peg Wahlgren, 57 Brookside Drive, Williamsville. Those attending should prepare a dish to serve eight people. The potluck begins at 6 p.m. Reserve with Peg at 632-0963.

6/28—Sun.

Sorting begins for the book sale.

6/30—Tues.

Investment Club will meet at 7 p.m. sharp at the Williamsville Public Library, 5571 Main Street, Williamsville. Contact Kelly McCurdy (439-8739) for more information. Guests are always welcome.

7/10—Fri.

Pricing begins for the book sale.

7/16, 17, & 18—Thurs., Fri., & Sat.

The 38th Annual Used Book Sale.

8/17—Mon.

The **Buffalo Branch Third Annual Picnic** will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Diane Silvestro's home at 6 Belvoir Road, Amherst. Families are most welcome. Bring lawn chair, your own food and beverage, your own table setting (A grill will be provided.) for a purely social evening. See article in this newsletter.

—Jan Vine, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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