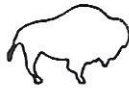


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of University Women



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Buffalo Branch

Editor: Valarie Bozarth

SEPTEMBER 1991 NEWSLETTER

You and your guests are cordially invited to the

Annual Potluck Supper

Wednesday, September 11, 1991

at six o'clock

Christ United Methodist Church

350 Saratoga Road at Harlem Road, Snyder.

Plan to attend. The evening's program committee, chaired by Barbara Carier, has planned a wonderful retrospective of our gala centennial year. Joan Eschner will present the video taken during 1990-1991 which reviews many of the gala activities. Representatives from each study group will be available to present their programs for the coming year. A short, new video from the Association will also be viewed. This fall social will also serve as our membership outreach; plan to bring a guest to share in our past and to join our future.

Members may bring a salad, dessert, vegetable, or meat dish and pay one dollar **OR** pay seven dollars per person. Your dish should serve eight. For each guest attending, increase your servings by four.

Please return your reservation to Bunny Blackstone by September 5, 1991. Any questions should be directed to Bunny at 655-2334. The coupon is mailed to Bunny at 11478 Tomarsue Drive, Marilla, NY 14102.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to the 1991/92 Buffalo Area AAUW program year. The program committee has met and planned an exciting and informative series of programs. The first meeting will be our popular potluck supper featuring a look at the 1991 national convention. Also, each of the study groups will have a display to let you know what's happening this year. At the center of this newsletter you will find an invitation you can pass along to a friend or acquaintance for this meeting. This is a wonderful time to invite someone to join AAUW or reactivate yourself.

The 1991 Book Sale was a major success. A special thank you to Diane Silvestro, her committee chairs and all of you who donated time throughout the past year. Without your dedication we would not be able to carry out this worthwhile project. Have we helped women over the years? You bet we have. Just recently I was passing out bookmarks at work and inviting people to come to the book sale when one of the women said she had gone to UB over 20 years ago on one of our national scholarships. We make a difference!

As I write this article for the newsletter I am looking forward to a new event for the Buffalo Branch, a summer picnic in the park. What a nice way to tie the AAUW year together. I hope it will become an annual event.

Finally, as the new year begins we are looking to fill two major spots on the Board. The first is that of By-Laws Chair. This person will be updating our by-laws to match those of the national Association. Second, we need one, two or three people to head up the 1992 Book Sale. This is a big job. I can't deny that. But I can tell you that you will have lots of support. If you are interested in either of these spots or if you know someone who would do a great job, please give me a call.

Barb Olandt, President
Buffalo Branch

AND NEWS FROM PORTLAND IS...

The Association's national meeting was held June 21-25 in Portland, Oregon. Barbara Carier, representing the Buffalo Branch, attended and will contribute to the newsletter each month comments from this meeting. Major bylaw changes were passed; some will have long-term effects at the local level. For example, local boards will have more flexibility in determining their own structures. The convention passed numerous resolutions; for instance, the public policy program, after much discussion, will continue its traditionally strong stance on pro choice. The New York State Division was awarded various prizes. And the only contested position, the office of executive vice-president, was won by Sandy Bernard of the Victor, New York Branch. Sandy is a former New York state president.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Buffalo Branch has agreed to co-sponsor with the YWCA. an evening for political candidates to meet the public. The date has been set for October 28th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Watch for further information in the October newsletter.

The October Branch meeting has been tentatively set for Wednesday evening, October 16th. The general topic will be the World University Games.

LEST WE FORGET

On May 5, 1971, Lois Jarrett, book sale chairman, reported gross income for the annual book sale as \$3,640.27. Expenses were \$967.71, which resulted in a net income of \$2,672.56.

"Social need exists. The fact of its existence frowns at us from every street of our large cities; the consciousness of its existence plays through our philosophy.... What is the actual relation which we, as college women, should bear to that need? We cannot refrain from this question, for it is part of the great question of our day."

—Vida D. Scudder, paper presented to Association of Collegiate Alumnae, 1890.

HATS OFF! WE DID IT AGAIN.

The Book Sale was a tremendous success thanks to the splendid planning of Diane Silvestro, chair, and to the many hands of dedicated members and their families. Diane's full report will appear next month, but the estimated gross is over \$14,000 which is consistent with last year's sale also chaired by Diane. A conservative estimate of the net proceeds is \$6,000 to \$7,000. A gallant effort was made to cut costs this year by eliminating older textbooks. This allowed sorting and pricing to be completed in record time. (Diane actually suspended work the week of August 19th.) An enormous thank you to Diane, Margit Spector (collections), Alice Mason and Loretta Quenneville (co-treasurers and cashier chairs), Bunny Blackstone (sorting and pricing chair), Mary Dienst (sale week chair), Ann Hicks and Cindy Monacelli (paid workers co-chairs), Carolyn Day, Carol Jamieson, and Valarie Bozarth (volunteer personnel co-chairs), Mary Weppner (hostesses), Ruthe Sicherman (publicity), Ann Bish (post sale chair), Mollie Fleysler and Ruthe Sicherman (sealed bids), Myra Menti, Clarine Radt, Lynn McClive (collectibles), and Carolyn Iadovito (EFP chair). Hats off to each of you and to every member whether you chaired a committee, donated books, displayed the sale date on the window of your car, or simply wished us well. As heard often in the hostess room, "We'd have to bake alot of cookies to raise this kind of money." And if you didn't make it down to Medaille College, plan now for next year. It is extremely rewarding to see so many books recycled so cheaply, to see the faces of those discovering the sale for the first time, or to talk with those who make the pilgrimage a family event. A chair is needed for next year's sale. Think about it! Talk to a friend and volunteer to co-chair. It's a great event!

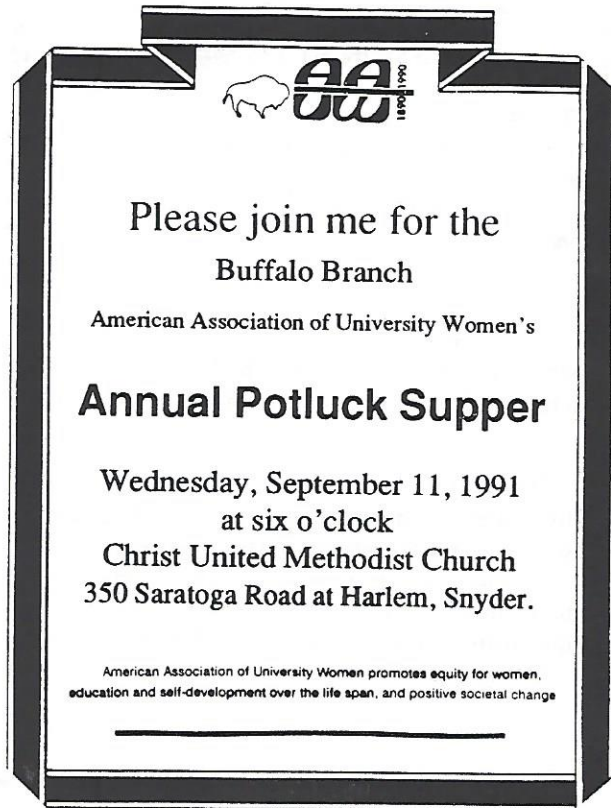
**THANK YOU, DIANE SILVESTRO,
FOR A JOB WELL DONE.**

MEMBER IS ROOSEVELT FELLOW

Do you wonder where the money goes after we send it to the Association in Washington, D.C.? Buffalonians continue to see it returned to this area and with great pride the Buffalo Branch has learned one of its members is a recipient. Carolyn Iadovito, EFP chair, is proud to report that Jane Lapi of Lackawanna, a Buffalo Branch member, has been named an Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellow. Only eleven teacher fellowships were granted this year and Jane is one of them. There are only two in New York state. This is great news! Congratulations, Jane! We wish you the very best.

**BRING A FRIEND
TO THE POTLUCK.
HERE'S THE INVITATION.**

Cut along dotted line.



The Erie County Commission on the Status of Women needs our help. This is a task that requires very little time, but it may make a huge difference in the lives of many women. Action Alert, a publication of the commission, reports "immediate action is needed for the adoption of legislation to overturn the federal 'gag rules' which prohibit family planning clinics receiving federal funds from providing any information about, or making medically appropriate referrals for, abortion." In May the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the "gag rules" in the Rust vs. Sullivan decision. The commission feels "these regulations violate the First Amendment right to free speech of health care providers." Poor and low-income women are denied the right to full information and counseling regarding pregnancy, including prenatal care and delivery, infant care, foster care, adoption and termination of pregnancy. The House of

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Association of University Women promotes equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. Membership is not by invitation.

NOT ENOUGH TIME TO FULLY PARTICIPATE?

A FEW MINUTES CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

Representatives has taken a stand. On June 26th the House voted to de-fund the "gag rules" for 1991-92 as a part of the Health & Human Services Bill. Congressmen need to support the passage of the Title X Pregnancy Counseling Act, which will offer complete counseling information to women. The support must be sufficient to override a possible Bush veto.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS AN AAUW MEMBER.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

A CALL OR VISIT IS EFFECTIVE.

Action needed:

1. Ask your congressman to vote for H.R.392 with no weakening amendments.
2. Thank Congressmen John LaFalce and Henry Nowak for voting in favor of the Health and Human Services Appropriation Bill.
3. Urge Senator D'Amato for passage of S.323.
4. Thank Senator Moynihan for co-sponsoring S.323.
5. Write President Bush asking that he *not* veto the legislation.

"Do not our college graduates represent a force which should be a more active factor in the support of American institutions, civic and social...and the fostering of a spirit of patriotism, by which alone we can stand as a free people?"

—Marian Talbot, AAUW founder, 1888.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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Buffalo, N.Y. 14202
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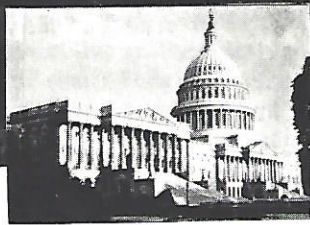
32nd District:
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111 W. Huron Street, Rm. 1304
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202
854-4056

Senator Alfonse D'Amato
111 W. Huron Street, Rm. 620
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202
846-4111

31st District:
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5500 Main Street
Williamsville, N.Y. 14221
634-2324

33rd District:
Representative Henry Nowak
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Buffalo, N.Y. 14202
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Keep an eye
on Congress.



PROBLEM WITH DELIVERY?

This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo, N.Y. on Tuesday, August 6, 1991. Bulk mail normally takes 4—5 days to deliver locally. If you have received your newsletter later than August 16th, please leave a message at 633-2130. Your specific case will be brought to the attention of the Postmaster.

PLAN TO MOVE?

Contact Marion Fay in writing. Her address is the return address on this newsletter.

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM?

SUMMER 1944 OR SUMMER 1991?

“If down the ages, after each war, women had been hailed before a judgment bar and asked: ‘What have you done to make an enduring peace?’—they could have said: ‘We had no vote, we had no money, we had no strength after the day’s work was done, we could only do our daily tasks and hope and pray. There is no guilt upon us.’ If after this war that same question were to be asked, would we have to answer: ‘We could vote, we could hold office, we were rich in money and goods, our bodies were strong, our minds trained, well informed, we could speak with voices reaching to every land, yet we did nothing to cure this world sickness?’”

—Lucy Somerville Howorth, member of AAUW Committee on the Economic and Legal Status of Women, summer 1944.

—from AAUW’s *Historic Principles 1881—1989*, page 19 (1989).

The Calendar for Study & Interest Groups

- 8/14 **British Study Group's** organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Valarie Bozarth's home, 159 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville. The regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. Discussions will include British culture, geography, food, architecture, and literature as well as sources for the independent traveler. Preparation of study materials requires a reservation by calling 633-2130.
Wed.
- 9/3 **Duplicate Bridge** will meet at Mary O'Connor's home, 30 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville. Call 631-9227 for a reservation. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.
Tues.
- 9/3 **British Study Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Valarie Bozarth's home, 159 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville. R.S.V.P. at 633-2130.
Tues.
- 9/4 **Board of Directors Meeting** at 6 p.m. for dinner and planning meeting at Homestyle Buffet, 3337 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Call Barbara Olandt at 683-6822 for reservations.
Wed.
- 9/10 **German Study Group** will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Renny Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo. R.S.V.P. at 836-3277.
Tues.
- 9/10 **Music Study Group** will tour the Kazoo Factory in Eden at 10:30 a.m. as planned by Carol Ehinger. Lunch at Daniel's Restaurant in Hamburg will be followed by a visit to Griffis Sculpture Park in Ashford Hollow. Call Mary Weppner at 634-6636 to be included.
Tues.
- 9/16 **Great Decisions 1991** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Loucks, 43 Jenawood Lane, Williamsville. Myra Menti will facilitate the group discussion on "Women, population and Environment." R.S.V.P. 632-3157.
Mon.
- 9/17 **Afternoon Book Review Group** will begin the year with a picnic and planning meeting at 1 p.m. at the home of Joyce Kopf, 68 Majestic Circle, Amherst. Please call Joyce (832-6858) if you plan to attend. Come with book selections you've read or heard about which you'd like to review.
Tues.
- 9/19 **Thursday Night Bridge Group** will meet at 7:45 p.m. at Lorraine Schank's home, 33 Dogwood Lane, Williamsville. R.S.V.P. 634-4648.
Thurs.
- 9/20 **Literature: Friday Afternoon** will meet at the home of Rita Dielman, 76 Koenig Road, Tonawanda. Rita Green will speak. Please call 833-2379 for the time if interested in attending.
Fri.
- 9/23 **Evening Literature Study Group** will meet at Alice Mason's home, 5205 Brookfield Lane, Clarence. V. Bozarth will facilitate the discussion of Dorris and Erdrich's *The Crown of Columbus*. Alice and Margaret Haas are co-hostesses. R.S.V.P. with Alice at 634-2684.
Mon.

9/24 **Investment Club** will meet at 7 p.m. The location of the monthly meetings is to be decided at the
Tues. August meeting. Contact Kelly McCurdy (439- 8739) for specifics. Although participation requires a
monetary contribution in this National Association of Investment Clubs affiliate, guests are always
welcome.

9/28 **International Study Through Foods** will meet at the home of Ann Hicks, 5177 Willow Brook,
Sat. Clarence at 7:30 p.m. "China from an American Professor's Perspective" will be discussed by Dr. San-
ford Gunn and his wife Fay. There will be just a taste of Chinese food. We suggest you read
"China's Youth Wait for Tomorrow' in the July issue of National Geographic which elaborates on
the unresolved conflict between the Maoists' legacy and the democracy movement. If you plan to
attend, please phone Ann (741-3964) for a reservation. Inquire with the hostess about a fee for
tasting.

10/1 **Duplicate Bridge** will meet with bridge time at 7:45 p.m. Call Mary O'Connor at 631-9227 to
Tues. check for location.

10/2 **Board of Directors Meeting** will begin at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, 500
Wed. Parkhurst, Kenmore.

10/7 **Music Study Group** members will meet at 1 p.m. at Millie Geelan's home, 1337 East Robinson,
Mon. North Tonawanda. Millie will present the program "Famous Familiar Opera Works." R.S.V.P. to
Mary Weppner (634-6636).

The study groups are off to a flying start with a host of interesting programs for the year. Most groups are ac-
tively looking for new members, so do call the contact persons listed above to join in the social life and stimulat-
ing discussions Perhaps you're interested in forming a Mystery Writers' Group or Learning a Foreign
Language Group (We might need this for the upcoming World Games in 1993!). If so, just call me at home
(839-2559) or leave a message with the switchboard operator at Kenmore East High School (874-8402) where
I work, and I'll get back to you. Any new ideas are welcome. Let's make this the best year yet!

Jan Vine, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups

RESERVATION FOR POTLUCK

Please print name as it should appear on the name tag.

Member's name: _____

Guests: _____

Total attending: _____

Circle your choice of salad, dessert, vegetable, or meat AND enclose \$1.00 per person or
enclose \$7.00 per person.

Mail by September 5th to B. Blackstone, 11478 Tomarsue Drive, Marilla, NY 14102.

Information for the Newsletter?

Do you have information to share with the membership through the newsletter? Would you like to voice a minority opinion? Or perhaps you would like to second a stated viewpoint? A section of the newsletter will be reserved each month for your concerns. This editorial section will be in addition to information about members and their activities. Send your additions to the newsletter to V. Bozarth, 159 Fairways Boulevard, Williamsville 14221. Deadlines for the individual newsletters will vary according to the dates of the monthly branch meetings (The September branch potluck on the eleventh required an earlier mailing than usual.); however, a good rule of thumb is general copy will be set for any month about six weeks before that month's branch meeting.

Buffalo Branch Summer Picnic

A reminder from the July Newsletter that the picnic at Williamsville Isle Park (behind Williamsville Public Library) is Monday, August 12th. This is an informal BYO (bring your own food, including beverage, dishes, and silverware) for members, families, and friends beginning at 5:15 p.m. The planning committee will provide dessert. Kathryn Callahan (689-2988) is taking reservations. The committee asks for \$1 per person to cover the shelter fee. Bulk mail delivery of the newsletter will not guarantee that this reminder will arrive before the date of the picnic.

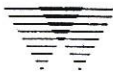
OMBUDSMEN PROGRAM ASSISTING ELDERLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Carol M. Armao, health specialist for The American Red Cross, has notified the Buffalo Branch about an innovative volunteer program that concerns itself with the care received by the elderly in area nursing homes. The program is titled the American Red Cross Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. Ms. Armao states "Ombudsmen attempt to resolve residents' complaints, including those made on behalf of the residents, assist in protection of their rights, provide education for residents about facilities and facility rules, help residents if there is no close relative to prepare for transfer or discharge and develop resident and family councils." Forty-two volunteers currently cover thirty-nine local facilities. A minimum of 4-6 hours per week is required as well as attendance at monthly meetings. Ombudsmen must be 21, must be interested in and capable of fulfilling the role of advocate, and be physically capable of meeting the demands of the job. Training is scheduled for October 9, 10, 11, and 22, 23, and 24 from 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Further information about the program is available from Carol Armao directly at 886-7500, extension 248.

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