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IN CRISIS

Our Elderly! Our Children!

***Physical Neglect *Psychological Abuse *Violating Personal Rights**

What you need to know: information provided is essential for your future and that of your loved ones.

Positive Solutions: the latest data on what is being recommended to help alleviate the problems

Speakers:

Judge Sharon Townsend and Kirsten Milbrath

Question and Answer Period Will Follow the Speakers

Thursday Evening, April 22, 1993 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Harlem Road Community Center, (Formerly Harlem Road School)

4255 Harlem Road (2 blocks south of Main Street)

Snyder, NY 14226

FREE ADMISSION - GUESTS WELCOME

Come and bring your family and friends

CHAIR: Phyllis Kelly

CO-CHAIR: Delores Bowker

**Hostesses: Dr. Julia Piquette, Josephine Herman, Sharon Rich,
Jean McFarren, Margaret Madej, Lois Dabney and Ruth Penman**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

At the end of this month, on the 27th, we have a program called *Sports Equity*. I hope by this time you have all registered for the Conference.

Meanwhile we have speakers going out in the community and in schools from Judy Weidemann's *Educational Equity*. If you know of any groups who might be interested in having our speakers present a program, contact Judy. This event will be going on into our next school year and also over the summer if needed.

Remember, after March 15 new members may join at the price of one year but receive membership for fifteen months. Call Sharon Rich with your list.

I expect to see you on April 22. Check the newsletter for details.

On April 30, May 1, and May 2, the AAUW State Convention is being held in Rochester. In your copy of *Focus* you will find more details. If you could only come for a day, evening, or a particular workshop, you will come away with new ideas and new "Focus." Since we are so close it would speak well for the Buffalo Branch to be well represented.

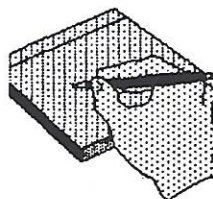
Do not forget the book sale depot is open on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of this month. Plan to bring your books and stay to help sort. Call Jill Brown or Ann Montes for more information.

Now all the "Marketing" is done, we still have our goal of Equity, and these are some of the targets we can aim for.

Thank you,
Carolyn Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRANCH

Dear Carolyn:



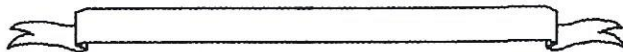
On behalf of the members of our New York State AAUW, I would like to congratulate the Buffalo Branch for having been selected to receive one of the Educational Foundation's Community Action Grants.

I received my flyer of the Sports Equity Conference and it looks like it will be a winner! As Sue Oliver says, it has all the bells and whistles necessary.

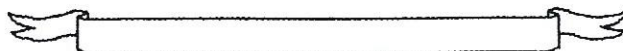
I am enclosing an article which was on the front page of our morning newspaper, "New Battle of the Sexes." Donna Lopiano is quoted. That follows an article on the same topic which was in our winter issue of the Syracuse University alumnae bulletin. It certainly is a hot topic.

With all good wishes for an inspiring day on March 27th, I am
Sincerely yours,

Barbara S. Brown, Chair
NYS AAUW Educational Foundation Committee



AAUW promotes equity for women, education, and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is in full gear in its efforts to recruit new members. After March 15, new members can receive up to fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve! New members who pay full dues under this offer receive membership through June 1994.

Please don't forget that you are our best recruiters! Carry our brochures with you everywhere--to the supermarket, other meetings, or to the concert. Prospective members are often people you know but haven't asked. If you don't have a brochure, call Sharon Rich (631-9777) and ask to have some sent to you or give the names of potential members to her.

Special thanks to our Branch members who have called about prospects. We appreciate your efforts!

An extremely successful new member orientation program was held at Lynn McClive's home. Rita Nowak served as Chair of the event. The consensus of those present was that the informal, but informative meeting made everyone feel comfortable and more involved in the Branch.

The Committee will host another orientation in early June at Rita's home for all the new members we know will be joining to take advantage of the extended membership.

Sharon Rich

GUEST BOOK

The Membership Committee will have a guest book at all Branch meetings. Please make sure that your guests sign it. Guests are prospective members, and the Committee will extend an invitation to them.

**BOOK SALE
THRUWAY MALL
JUNE 24, 25, 26
THE BOOK SALE NEEDS YOU!!**

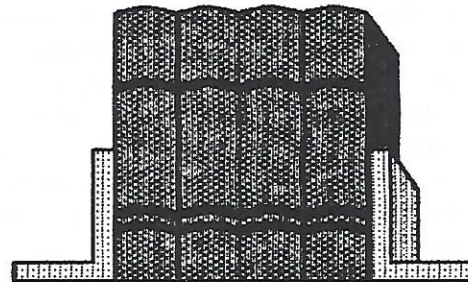
Sorters - Needed Wednesdays from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 p.m. and first and third Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you could bring a box or two from one of the depots, it would be great. Call Margit Spector, 834-6731.

Pricers - If you priced a category last year and would be willing to do so again, please call Anne Montes, 627-9825.

Checkers & Cashiers - Needed for each day of the sale. Please call Betty Loucks, 632-3157.

Clean-up Crew - Needed for Sunday, June 27 from 9:00 a.m. - ?. Please call Joan Ward, 689-6568.

Books--no texts or popular magazines--can be dropped off at the Mall any time sorting is in progress, or call Margit for pick-up information.



MEDICAL INTERVENTION DURING PREGNANCY: DOCTOR/PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

Dr. White represents one of the newest medical specialties, Perinatology, which deals with both maternal and fetal health during pregnancy. Dr. White presented a summary of the history of maternal medical care from the first use of forceps to the decision to stitch the uterus following C Section (not till the late 1800's) and development of World War II sonar techniques to the ultrasound imaging used today.

Ultrasound showed physicians and pregnant women that the fetus was a "person" versus a "thing." This has resulted in earlier bonding and improved adherence to recommendations for maternal care of self. After the Thalidomide(R) scare, Wilson's *Principles of Teratology* placed emphasis on medication therapy and the effects on the fetus too. However, even with all of the teratology, ultrasound, etc., pre-term delivery remains close to the ten percent of the 1970's.

For perinatologists, moral and ethical dilemmas intensify because they are physicians for both maternal host and fetus. A further complication to full and open discussion between patient and doctor is a direct result of the 1946 federal law that allowed damages if there is proof that the fetus was harmed in utero and not just in the birthing procedure. Later, courts began to deal with the concept of the mother's responsibility toward the health and safety of the fetus in utero. For instance, pregnant women cannot be tested involuntarily for use of drugs, but fetal blood can be tested.

Dr. White responded to questions and comments regarding patient rights, physician responsibilities, hospital involvement, ethical exchange of ideas, beliefs, and practices of a physician relating to C Section rate, family planning and abortion concepts, use of

medications, and so on. Hospital policy and concern over avoidance of legal suits can alter the course of maternal care, right to the point of delivery. Dr. White noted that Millard Fillmore Suburban does not allow termination of a pregnancy even when it is absolutely proven that the fetus is already dead in utero. This statement led to further questions and a few anonymous case histories that raised the level of indignation of all present.

Through the Branch Women's Issues Committee, this breach of rights of the woman and the fetus will be researched for the largest hospitals in the area. Further action is contemplated. If you can assist in any way, please contact Carol Jamieson, the Issue Chair.

Suzanne Grossman, RD



WOMEN'S ISSUES STUDY GROUP

Periodically, the Women's Issues study group would like to share with the membership some facts about the health and well-being of women, specifically pressures that work against health and well-being. Some information is disturbing.

In *The Beauty Myth* Naomi Wolf reports the American Anorexia and Bulimia Association as stating that anorexia and bulimia strike a million American women every year. The Association also claims that 150,000 American women die of anorexia every year. Wolf indicates 90-95% of anorexic and bulimics are women and suggests if a disease were infecting such numbers of young men more action would be taken to try to stop it.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN

- April 1 - *Dress for Success*, Women's Center, ECC North, Call 851-1475.
- April 13 - *Woman's Action for New Direction*, WCC Church, Call 856-2100.
- April 19 - Buffalo Business and Professional Women, Installation of Officers, Call 836-0078.
- April 20 - Clarence Business and Professional Women, Call 759-6268.
- April 21 - Grand Island Business and Professional Women, *Violence/Abuse of Women*, 7:00 P.M. Buffalo Launch Club.
- April 22 - AAUW: *In Crisis...Our Elderly, Our Children*, Call 634-6340.
- April 22 - Orchard Park Business and Professional Women, *Women on the Media*, J. Walker, Call 662-2605.
- April 23 - ACE/NIP, Church Women United, Call 882-4973.
- April 26 - *Color Analysis*, Women's Center, ECC North, Call 851-1475.
- April 27 - Financial Women International: Associates Night
- April 28 - *Sexual Harassment*, ECMC Women's Task Force.
- April 29 - *Aids Awareness/Prevention*, Women's Center, ECC North, Call 851-1475.
- April 29 - *Speakers Series* Planned Parenthood, Temple Beth Zion Auditorium, Call 853-1799.

interested in and/or add some ideas of your own. Send your list to one of the following:

Karen Stephenson Marilyn Carmichael
 52 Bondcroft Drive 39 W. Grimsby
 Amherst, NY 14226 Kenmore, NY 14223,
 or call Diane Silvestro, 631-3349, after April 20 to express your opinions.

We need your input to narrow this broad subject.

- _____ Portfolio Management
- _____ Evaluating Stocks
- _____ Retirement Planning
- _____ Estate Planning
- _____ Stocks? Bonds? Mutual Funds?
- _____ Stock Market Terms
- _____ Reading Stock Tables
- _____ Researching Investments
- _____ Investing for (Grand)Children
- _____ Budgeting
- _____ Taxes--How to Avoid Them

FINANCE PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

Our Branch will be presenting a program on finances next year in November and would like to tailor it to suit the interests of our members. Listed below are a number of areas in finance. Please look it over and check the items you are

MARCH BOARD MEETING

The monthly board meeting, held at the Pancake House in Williamsville, was called to order by President Carolyn Day.

Secretary Kelly McCurdy presented the minutes of the February Board meeting. They were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer, Diane Silvestro reported that the balance as of February 28 was \$7649.64 with \$1204.43 in unrestricted funds. Total membership is 244 members including eight honorary life members. Dues notices will be sent out in April, and members are requested to please pay them by the May luncheon.

President, Carolyn Day announced that the Branch received a thank you note from Global Ministries for the \$200 that was sent for the Hurricane Andrew victims.

Applications are still being accepted for the Achievement Award. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee to choose the recipient should call Carolyn.

Suzanne Grossman asked that suggestions for changing the Branch name be sent to her. Responses will be discussed at the April Board meeting.

Jill Brown, Book Sale Chair, reported that everything is going well. Publicity will be going out at approximately the end of March. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., at the Thruway Mall location. Workers are needed to help in sorting. In May hours will be expanded.

Judy Weidemann reported that the final meeting for the Equity program is on March 4. The group already has bookings and is still accepting suggestions for locations to present programs.

Bunny Blackstone, Program Committee Chair, reported that the program schedule for the 1993/94 year is underway. Plans include the following: September 22, Potluck Supper; October 23, Dr. Ewing; November 13, Program on Financial Planning for Women;

December 5, Holiday Party. Other possible ideas are the court's response to violence against women, women's health issues, and volunteerism. The next Program Committee meeting is April 28.

Phyllis Kelly announced that April's program has been changed to Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Harlem Road Community Center. The topic is *In Crisis: Our Elderly and Our Children*, and the cost is \$1.00.

Volunteers are still needed for the Junior League Decorators' Show House in May. If you would like to help, contact Phyllis for details.

Cindy Monacelli, Chamberlain Loan Fund Chair, reported that the February balance was \$18,327.13. The fund for the Education balance (including CD) was \$6851.39.

Maryalice Seagrave, Budget and Finance Chair, said that a small group went to Channel 17 on February 28 to answer phones. She thanked all those who attended. She requested that vouchers be gotten in for bills as soon as possible. There will be another committee meeting in May.

Sharon Rich, Membership Recruitment Chair, reported that the Committee held a new member orientation on January 14. Those who attended liked the format. The Committee will possibly be having another one in June. Volunteers are needed to "mentor" new members. New members joining by March 15 will get fifteen months membership for the price of twelve months.

Joyce Swartney, Education Foundation Chair, reported that the current balance is \$17,432.21 including \$14,362.52 in savings and \$2,069.69 in checking. Joyce made a motion to send \$8000 to the New York State Educational Foundation. It was seconded by Sharon Rich. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by President Carolyn Day.

BRANCH NEWSLETTER

April 5 - Monday

Music Study Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Marie Moody, 119 Henning Drive, Orchard Park. The program will focus on the *Life and Music of Edward McDowell*. Phone 833-1886 if you plan to attend.

April 6 - Tuesday

Duplicate Bridge should call Mary O'Connor at 831-9227 for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.

April 7 - Wednesday

Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, 500 Parkhurst, Kenmore. All board members are expected to attend. If you cannot, call Carolyn Day (634-6340) before the meeting.

April 8 - Thursday

Crafts Study Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Call Barbara Dascomb (833-0904) for details.

April 12 - Monday

Great Decisions will meet at the home of Suzanne Grossman, 310 Pryor Avenue, Tonawanda at 5:30 p.m. for supper (BYO). The topic will be #3, *Germany's Role*, led by Myra Menti, facilitator. Call Suzanne (837-8769) if you plan to attend. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Meeting adjourns at 8:00 p.m.

April 13 - Tuesday

German Study Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. For information about location, call Gloria Beutner (838-1273) or Remy Ferber (836-3277)

April 14 - Wednesday

Creative Writing will be at 12:00 noon at the home of Margaret Haas, 230 Hamilton Avenue, Snyder. Bring a sandwich, plus a work in progress. All interested "writers" please phone Margaret at 939-3701.

April 14 - Wednesday

Dinner By the Book will dine from 6:00 - 7:00 at the Eagle House Restaurant, 5578 Main Street, Williamsville. Joan Ward will lead a discussion of *Waiting to Exhale* by Terry McMillan from 7:00 - 8:00. If you plan to attend, call Suzanne Grossman (837-8769) by April 9. You can order off the menu.

April 15 - Thursday

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

April 16 - Friday

Afternoon Literature Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Molly Fleysler, 69 Admiral Road, Buffalo. Molly will review *Women's Roots* by Dr. June Stephenson. Phone Molly (836-1745) if you plan to attend.

April 19 - Monday

Women's Issues Study Group will meet at Carol Jamieson's house, 125 Chatham Avenue, Buffalo to discuss equity for women in sports. Join the group any time after 5 p.m. for a BYO supper (microwave available). Call Carol at 877-8569 if you plan to attend. New members are always welcome.

April 20 - Tuesday

Afternoon Book Review Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. Phone Grace Kenline (877-0734) for details.

April 26 - Monday

Evening Literature Study Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Maxine Walsh, 23 Heritage Farm Road, Buffalo. Alice Mason will facilitate a discussion of *Rising Sun* by Michael Crichton. Phone Maxine at 675-6198 if you plan to attend.

April 27 - Tuesday

Investment Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. sharp at the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main Street, Williamsville. Contact Carolyn Iadovito (634-0927) for more information. Guests are always welcome.

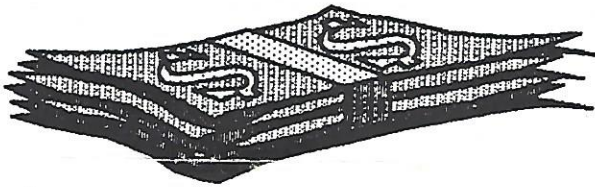
Jan Vine,
Coordinator Study and Interest Groups

DUES DUES DUES

Well, it's time to think about dues again. Notices will be going out around the end of April. The amount will be the same as last year, \$47.50 which includes a \$2.00 donation to the Education Foundation. Remember that two-thirds of your dues is paid to National and State AAUW, and we retain only \$14.50 for our Branch. Of the amount, the majority is spent on member services.

When you think about your dues, please recall the wonderful programs of the past year: our annual potluck in September where we renewed acquaintances; the program on sexual harassment at Fanny's attended by over one hundred people; the talk in October on Columbus and the impact on American Indians, also well attended. These are only a taste. And think about the various study groups: bridge, literature, foreign language, investment, crafts, music, writing, women's issues, current events. Our branch has also received a grant from the Education Foundation to present the March conference titled *Sports Equity for Women in the 90s*.

Supporting the AAUW with your dues not only brings personal pleasure but supports an organization promoting equity for women. We need all the support we can get. Thank you.



Diane Silvestro,
Treasurer Buffalo Branch

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