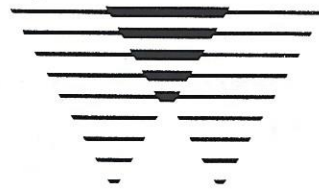


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Enjoy the company of AAUW friends and guests by attending our
Buffalo Branch Holiday

Scandinavian Tea

Erie Community College - North Campus

Spring Student Center Student Lounge

Youngs Road and Wehrle Drive

Williamsville, NY



Sunday, December 13, 1992



3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Hostess: International Study through Foods Group

Reservations are required by December 7th

Guests are most welcome at \$2.00



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

On October 22 Susan Gaska, Chair of the Erie County Commission on Status of Women invited Presidents, Chairs and Directors of various Women's organizations in Buffalo and Erie County to a meeting downtown for the purpose of enhancing networking between representatives of local women's organizations and to further the agenda of each member organization and positively impact the status of women.

Discussion of Potential Activities: Joint calendar of events to maximize timing of events and eliminate duplication of effort. To permit joint planning and ease of co-sponsorships. To share printing dates of Newsletters and enhance ability to cross publicize events of interest to members.

To permit collective efforts towards the passage or defeat of legislative items of particular relevance to our members. Consider adoption of one primary public policy item each year to be mutually worked upon.

To consider publication of public policy items and also to consider an annual joint publication highlighting the work and achievements of all participation organizations.

To consider an annual public relations or fund raising event to benefit all.

To consider formation of a Women's' Issues Speakers Group.

To consider opportunities to "socialize" with one another and learn about the work of other organizations.

To consider joint training opportunities for our members on the critical issues facing women today.

To solicit and consider from our members all other useful and productive ways to benefit from a network of Women's Organizations.

There were 22 representatives there and 22 others who showed interest but could not attend. Buffalo has needed this for a long time and our Buffalo Branch will support this endeavor.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

Carolyn Day

Gem of the Day

The first woman was created from the rib of a man. She was not made from his head to top him, nor from his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal to him, under his arm to be protected, near his heart to be loved.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting was called to order by Carolyn Day at 7:10 on November 4. Diane Silvestro, Treasurer, reported \$8611.91 as the balance on 10/31/92. Diane also reported that she has filed for an audit.

Barb Carrier reported on her contact with Florida and Louisiana AAUW groups regarding Hurricane Andrew relief and recommended that

funds collected be sent to United Methodist Church Committee on Relief.

Sybil Pressprich asked for feedback regarding the November Newsletter .

Jane Fischman reported a record number of Chamberlain Loan applicants (30) and needs volunteers to interview on December 26. Jane also brought to the Board's attention that there may be a male applicant for Funds for Education. It was suggested that Bertha Cutcher be consulted regarding this possibility. The financial report for Chamberlain Loan as of 10/31/92 was \$17730.92 and Funds for Education was \$8065.74.

Ann Bish discussed the Holiday Tea to be held on December 13 at Erie Community College North at 3 PM. She passed around Scandinavian recipes for those interested in baking for the tea. Costs for guests will be \$2.00. Ann asked if anyone received their newsletter late. No one reported this problem.

Barb Olandt reported on the November 14 program at the YWCA. She also presented information about the World University Games - Equity in Sports Conference. There will be spaces for 400 participants. Registration will be \$25. The program will be held at ECC City Campus.

Suzanne Grossman reported for Lucille Peterson about the Buffalo Council on World Affairs program, November 20. The Ukrainian Ambassador will be the guest speaker. Suzanne reported that membership brochures will be included in the December Newsletter.

New members will receive an extra 6 months if they pay their dues by March 1 or an extra 3 months if they pay by April 1. Other

members were encouraged to put the brochure into other organizations newsletters.

Carolyn Day reported that the Welcome Wagon has agreed to distribute AAUW brochures with welcome packets.

Jill Bradish Brown reported on plans for the Annual Book Sale which will be held June 24, 25, 26, at the Thruway Mall. Chairs will be Jill Bradish Brown and Ann Montes.

Carol Jamieson reported on the By-laws changes. Maryalice Seagrave brought up a possible correction of changing the Chamberlain Loan Fund and Buffalo Branch Loans for Education to Funds for Education. Carol Jamieson recommends leaving the by-laws as they are until an official change is made with the IRS. Cindy Monacelli will check with the auditor regarding this matter.

Ann Bish reported that the Commission on the Status of Women could be cut from the Erie County budget. Carol Jamieson motioned that a letter be sent to each county legislator in support of the commission. Ernie Foster seconded the motion which passed.

Maryalice Seagrave needs volunteers to work at Channel 17, November 21 in the afternoon from 1:30-6:30, and November 28 in the evening from 6:30-11:30.

Cindy Monacelli recommended that a committee be set up to make decisions regarding outstanding Chamberlain Loan accounts. Committee members are Jane Fischman, Maryalice Seagrave, Suzanne Grossman and Cindy Monacelli. Carolyn Day will attend ex-officio.

OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING:

The Branch enjoyed two speakers at the October meeting held at the North Presbyterian Church in Williamsville, Dr. Alfredo Matilla, Chair of the American Studies program at University at Buffalo, and Joanne Weinholtz.

Tuscarora teacher, Joanne Weinholtz, shared her native beliefs and discussed the importance of educating Native American children about their own culture. Ms. Weinholtz displayed a table of artifacts and told about the symbolism of some of the pieces. She also wore her Native costume decorated with "Turtle" emblems designating her clan. Ms. Weinholtz also stated that the desire of Europeans to own land in North America caused some philosophical problems with Native Americans, since their belief was that people did not own the land but used it and cared for it.

Dr. Matilla clarified the relationship between "discovery" and "encounter," stating that Columbus encountered the Americans since discovery implies finding the land first. According to Dr. Matilla, Columbus' men were typical of the times and were eager to leave Spain and the controlling influence of the Catholic Church. However, the presence of the church was carried to the new world and brutality toward the natives was permitted in the name of God and the church.

The lunch consisted of Spanish tapas and Native American foods. "Indian Flutes" and Spanish guitar music were played as background entertainment during lunch.

Ernie Foster
International Relations

DONATION BEING GATHERED FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Donations will be solicited at the next few general meetings to aid in the massive cleanup of recent hurricanes. This project, which was announced in last month's "Newsletter," was originally intended to demonstrate the concern we feel for those who will need years to put their lives back together following Hurricane Andrew. Since then, Hawaii has been hit.

If you prefer to send some assistance immediately, Mrs. Nancy Knaus, President of the Louisiana AAUW, has suggested that donations be sent to United Methodist Relief, care of Ms. Ruth Oates, 208 Tunica, Duson, LA 70529. Mrs. Knaus stressed that this group is coordinating an ecumenical effort of self-help and outside volunteers. We are awaiting word of a similar group in Florida. In the meantime, we will "pass the hat" at our meetings. Please be generous!

LUNCHEON HONORING OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Several members of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW assisted at the State University of New York at Buffalo's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at their 1992 Recognition Luncheon Honoring Outstanding Women of Western New York, November 5, at the Hyatt

Regency Hotel. Sharon Rich served as co-chair of the Hospitality committee. Also serving on the committee were: Ann Bish, Bertha Cutcher, Phyllis Kelly (who is a past recipient of the award), Ruth Penman, Diane Silvestro and Jean McFarren. All are members of the CAC which seeks to form a link between the University and the Community.

Our branch members were pleased to support the community Advisory Committee by taking a table for our members. Sue Oliver, New York State President, attended along with Joan Ward, Suzanne Grossman, and Julia Weidemann.

MEMBERSHIP, DISTRICT I

During the Summer State Board Meeting, sessions with other District Membership Representatives proved District I experiences with recruitment sources to be unanimous. An average of 75% of new members are recruited by ongoing members. Branch programs, study/interest groups generate about 15% new members with the rest coming through newspaper mention and "other" sources.

The new AAUW year is well underway. 'Tis time to launch recruitment efforts in earnest. Members should carry, at all times, at least one application form (included in this newsletter).

With thoughts of Christmas, Channukah, December graduations, birthdays, and/or promotions, consider giving the gift of an AAUW membership. If the payment for a new member is made between January 1 and March

30, 1993, the cost is just half-price (\$22.75), plus \$2.00 for the Education Foundation, for January 1 through June 30, 1993. This gift could be a start on a lifetime of long lasting benefits.

Share the Pride - Share the Power - Impact on Equity!

Suzanne Grossman, RD
District I Membership Representative

NEW MEMBERS

*LET'S WELCOME THE FOLLOWING
WOMEN WHO RECENTLY JOINED US!*

- **Lynne Beller**, is a graduate of Cornell University where she received her BS. Lynne, who lives in Amherst, received her MS. at Buffalo State College.
- **Rhonda Martens** received her BS. at Kent State and her MS. from North Western. Rhonda lives in Orchard Park.

-Sharon Rich
VP Membership

WANTED

*Members to help interview for loans from Funds for Education and the Chamberlain Loan Fund, Saturday, December 26, 1992, from 10-1 and 1-3. Please call Jane Fischman at 873-6356 if you can assist.

*This year the New York State Nominating Committee is selecting the most highly qualified candidates for the positions of:

Membership Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

See or call Carolyn Day for more details.

Congratulations to Evelynne Bates Stoklosa who was named Teacher of the Year by New York State Home Economics Teachers Association - NW in recognition of her contribution to the field of home economics education through effectiveness as a classroom teacher and dedication to the profession. Eve teaches at Kenmore Middle School.

REMINDERS/DEADLINES

- Submissions for the **JANUARY 1992 NEWSLETTER** are due by **Wednesday, DECEMBER 2, 1992**. Information should be mailed to: Sybil Pressprich, 301 Highgate Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215-1025. We welcome and encourage articles, comments or information you would like to submit for publication.
- Ads for the **January Newsletter** are due **December 4, 1992**. Please mail them to Sybil Pressprich.
- Reservations for the **December Branch Meeting** are due December 7 to Ann Hicks.

THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome Ann Montes as co-chair with Jill Brown for the '93 Book Sale. Carol Golyski will be Publicity Chair.

Thanks to Kathryn Cailahan for chairing the News Election Service on Election Day. Also thanks to all who volunteered their time on November 3.

BRANCH CALENDAR

December 1 - Tuesday

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

December 2 - Wednesday

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

December 7 - Monday

Music Study Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mollie Fleysler, 67 Admiral Road, Buffalo. The program will feature the music of Hanukkah and Christmas.

British Studies will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 159 Fairways Blvd., Williamsville. Call Valarie Bozarth at 633-2130 for details.

December 8 - 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 Renny Ferber (836-3277).

December 9 - Wednesday

Creative Writing will meet at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Haas, 230 Hamilton Avenue, Snyder. Bring a sandwich, plus the poem, article, story, family history or book you are writing to share. Time, place and date are subject to change to accommodate anyone interested. Call Margaret (839-3701) if you are interested in attending.

December 10 - Thursday

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

December 14 - Monday

Great Decisions will meet at 5:30 p.m. for supper (bring your own) at the home of Joyce Kopf, 68 Majestic Circle, Amherst. Ruth Seitz will present a summary of the book and collect ballots. Please call Joyce (832-6858) if you plan to attend. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Meeting adjourns at 8:00 p.m. To order books for 1993, call Ruth Seitz (834-4973) before January 1.

RESERVATION FOR SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY TEA

Member's Name (no charge): _____

Please print name exactly as it should appear on name tag

Guests (\$2.00 each): _____

Total Attending: _____

Mail Reservation by December 7th to:

**Ann Hicks
5177 Willow Brook Drive
Clarence, NY 14031**

Enclose check made payable to AAUW - Buffalo Branch for guests

December 15 - Tuesday

Afternoon Book Review Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Rennie Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo. Carol Brasure will review *The Fragile Species*, by Lewis Thomas. Call Rennie at 836-3277 if you plan to attend.

December 16 - Wednesday

Dinner by the Book will dine from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Michael's Plum, 7700 Transit Road, Williamsville. Suzanne Grossman will lead a discussion of *Parliament of Whores*, by J. O'Rourke from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, contact Judy Summer (634-3608) by December 11. You can order off the menu.

December 17 - Thursday

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

December 18 - Friday

Friday Afternoon Literature Group - Special function to be announced. Call Rita Green (632-0014) for details.

December 21 - Monday

Women's Issues Study Group will not meet. Next month the group will discuss *The Tyranny of the Beauty Myth* by Naomi Wolf. Tentative plans for February and March focus on the issue of sports equity as a lead-up to our conference on sports equity. March and April will deal with women's health issues.

December 28 - Monday

Evening Literature Group will not meet in December.

December 29 - 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.

January 4, 1993 - Monday

Music Study Group will not meet this month.

If anyone else has an idea for a study group and would like to start one, call me evenings at 839-2559 or drop me a note.

Jan Vine, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups

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