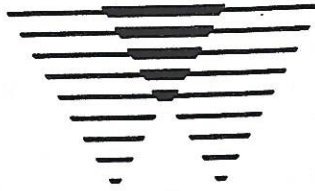


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Medical Intervention in Pregnancy Maternal-Physician Conflict

Speaker: Laurel M. White, M.D.

Dr. White is a consultant in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and clinical professor of medicine at the University of Buffalo.

As the field of Maternal-Fetal (or "Perinatal") Medicine becomes more complex, conflicts between pregnant women and physicians become more common. Our expanding abilities to diagnose minor as well as serious fetal abnormalities increase options during pregnancy. These abilities also impose ethical choices on both women and physicians. Ethical choices may be based on different moral or religious systems, however, all too often, conflicts arise because of different understandings of prenatal development and medical risk. Dr. White will explore this lack of communication and its potential for creating "pseudo-ethical" dilemmas for women and their doctors.

Saturday, February 13, 1993 - 9:30 a.m.

**St. John Lutheran Church of Amherst
6540 Main Street
Williamsville**

Brunch & Program: \$5.00 - Brunch begins at 9:45 a.m. and includes fruit, bagels, breads, juice, tea, coffee

Chair: Carolyn Iadovito Hostesses: Literature Evening Study Group

Guests are welcome!

Reservations by February 9th to Rosemary Darbee - See Page 7 for Reservation Form

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

I want to extend thanks to Jane Fischman and all the members who appeared to interview prospective loan and grant applicants. The Executive Board has accepted the recommendations and the amounts to be awarded to the candidates. I found it to be a very educational and exciting experience. When the opportunity arises again, grab the chance to sit in on one of these sessions and see why you work so hard and long on fund raisers. The potential of these candidates gives us hope for the future of women in this world.

What a wonderful Scandinavian Holiday Tea presented to the membership in December! Thanks go to Ann Bish and her committee.

Plan to attend the February meeting and bring a friend.

Carolyn Day

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to changes in circumstances, this will be my last issue as Editor of the Branch Newsletter. After a two year job search I have finally returned to the work force. This, combined with chasing an 8 month old child, and renovating our house, has left me with little extra time.

If anyone is interested in coordinating the newsletter contact Carolyn Day at 634-6340.

-Sybil Pressprich
editor

HELP - BE A BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MENTOR - WE NEED YOU

A SCANDINAVIAN TREAT

AAUW members celebrated the holiday season by having a Scandinavian tea. Thanks to Sharon and Dick Rich, the Branch enjoyed the pleasant ambiance of the campus and student lounge at ECC North. The lovely facilities with convenient parking certainly provided a delightful setting for relaxing and engaging in conversations with friends and prospective members.

Unusual Scandinavian collectibles of the holiday season were provided by Ernie Foster, Diane Silvestro, and Barbara Olandt. Diana Bower and Margit Spector offered recipes of Swedish cookies that were published in a "Scandinavian Cookie Book." Cookies from recipes included in this little booklet as well as from other sources were baked by Carol Jamieson, Ruth Seitz, Suzanne Grossman, Margit Spector, Nancy Ryther, Maryalice Seagrave, Diana Bower, Barbara Olandt, Bunny Blackstone, and Carolyn Day. Indeed, other members - Eve Stoklosa, Sharon Rich, Jeanne McKown, Bertha Cutcher, Barbara Carier, Lynn McClive, Jill Brown, Ann Hicks, and Karen Stephenson also participated in various helpful ways that made our holiday tea a pleasant event for all who attended.

-Ann Bish

In order to help newcomers feel welcome, the Membership Committee plans to pair each new or prospective member with a Branch member who lives in the same geographic area. Please help by volunteering to be a Branch Membership Mentor (BMM). After you are paired with a new member, your responsibility will be to call her, introduce yourself, offer to pick her up for or meet her at Branch meetings, and essentially be a friend she can ask about the organization if she needs to. You need not have all the answers, but you can make sure that an appropriate AAUW member responds. Let's extend our networking. Call Lynn McClive at 855-3299 if you will be a BMM.

BOOK SALE NEWS

Preparations are underway for the 1993 Used Book Sale, June 24, 25, & 26 at Thruway Mall. If you can help, please call the contact listed:

Book pickup/delivery to mall - Margit Spector, 834-6731

Sorters, pricers (February -June) - Anne Montes, 627-9825

Set-up (February - June) - Jill Brown, 832-8601

Cashiers (June) - Betty Loucks, 632-3157

Refreshment providers (February -June) - Anne Montes, 627-9825

Clean up (June) - Jill Bown, 832-8601

Publicity Contacts (air time, print space, printing costs) - Carol Golyski, 694-4386 or Diane Kane, 879-4613.

We are in need of the following items for the duration of this project:

- folding card or lawn chairs
- large capacity coffee maker
- small "dolly"

Please call Jill Brown , 832-8601, if you can provide any of these items.

A schedule for March, April and May work days will be included with the next newsletter. Please find time to help us out. This is your project and it takes a lot of work. Please volunteer or say "yes" when asked.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Joyce E. Fink, Director of Public Affairs at Buffalo State College, and a long-time member of the Buffalo Branch, retired in November after twenty years in public relations. She began her 38-year career at her alma mater, Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College), where she was Assistant to the President.

Joyce is active in the Catholic Diocese, serving on the development council at Stella Niagara, the board of directors of Our Lady of Victory, the diocese Communications Council, and aiding with recruitment at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

In the future she plans to establish a business as a public relations and fund -raising consultant.

Catherine Cerulli, branch member, received her law degree from UB in May, and has passed the bar. She is now an adjunct professor in the Legal Assistance Program at UB, a clinic which provides law students with specialized training in dealing with family violence.

Catherine is interested in joining a local firm where she would deal with family law. She did a study on battered women in the Buffalo area with a grant from AAUW.

One of our members, **Ruth Smiley**, is also a member of the Buffalo Unit, Women's Overseas Service League. This organization is seeking to recruit women who served overseas in the military, civilian and governmental agencies during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. The purpose of WOSL is to work for the welfare of those who served our country and to maintain the ties of comradeship born of that service. If you wish more information, please phone Ruth at 631-0484.

AAUW member, **Helga C. Castien** died December 31, 1992, in Williamsville. Helga received a Master's degree from Columbia University and was a graduate of the University of Buffalo and Buffalo Normal School. She served as principal of Schools 75, 77 and 49 over a period of 30 years. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: AN AMAZING OUTCOME

Contrary to what many of us might believe, letters to legislators clearly impact the decisions legislators make. The letter that AAUW Buffalo Branch sent to all the Erie County legislators obviously influenced the outcome of the 1993 Erie County budget vote regarding the Commission on the Status of Women. And what was the outcome of that vote? The commission will continue to be an independent department and will continue to have clerical help. The department will operate on a budget of \$74, 698.

In his December 17th reply to our letter, County Executive Dennis Gorski, who had initially planned to cut three jobs, states that "the Women's Commission will not be financially merged into the Office of Public Advocate along with the Equal Employment Opportunity, Veteran's, and Council on Children and Families departments but will function with its own budget and will move into adjoining offices on the 16th floor." He adds that he "will continue to work cooperatively with the Women's Commission and its many volunteers and supporters like you. Together, I believe, we can continue to support equality for women through strong advocacy, responsive policies and continuous dialogue."

Letters of appreciation for AAUW's support were also received and should be shared with you. In her letter, Susan Gaska, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, has written the following: "Given the difficult fiscal times facing the county, this (continuing the independence of the commission) was a great achievement. I know your letter helped make it happen." And Lynn Martinelli, Executive Director of the Commission, expresses her

appreciation in a very meaningful way. "Most people, I've found, complain, criticize or are clueless when the going gets tough. AAUW, on the other hand, takes action. You're part of the solution. No small feat!"

To participate in the democratic process requires not just a vote but an on-going dialogue with those in office who determine the funding of services and the laws that affect our lives. AAUW took a stand on this issue and, along with other women's groups in the community, our voices were heard and valued.

Finally, our thanks to Mary Lou Rath, Erie County legislator, who took that decisive step to have our letter placed on the agenda of the Erie County Legislature. Through this act, the legislature was directed to give its full consideration to our concerns for the life of a department whose charge is to focus on the interests and concerns of women.

-Ann Bish
Public Policy Chair

SPORTS EQUITY? THE MARCH 27, 1993 ASPIRING HIGHER - SPORTS EQUITY FOR WOMEN IN THE '90'S

Who me? Attend a conference on sports equity, you must be kidding. What do I have in common with all those athletic types that will be there? How did AAUW ever come to sponsor a conference like this one? Read on and I hope you will discover a number of reasons to attend one of the most exciting conferences the Tri-County AAUW has ever presented.

This conference is about equity for women and girls, the cornerstone of AAUW. Sports and education have always been closely associated and

equity in both arenas is vitally important for the well being of all peoples. When you come to this conference you will meet and hear women and men who care about equity as much as we do. This conference is truly significant because it is the first time that such a diverse group of national and local organizations will be coming together for the purpose of discussing sports and equity issues. The following organizations are cosponsors for the conference: AAUW Educational Foundation (We received a \$4550 grant from them), the Tri-County AAUW, the Women's Sports Foundation, Erie Community College Athletic Association, the World University Games Educational Committee, the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, and the YWCA of WNY.

Come to the conference on March 27th and you will meet 13 of the best speakers in the country on the topics of equity and sports. Each one is an expert with vital information to share about their field. Here is a very quick run through on who the speakers are:

Donna Lopiano, Ph.D. Executive Director of the Women's Sports Foundation. She was the first woman to head the athletic department of a major university.

Vivian Acosta, Ph.D. and Linda Carpenter, Ph.D., JD Brooklyn College. These two women are experts in the area of Title IX and successfully won their discrimination suit. They have done extensive research on sports equity.

Brenda Lee Brenon, Executive Sports Producer for Channel 7 News. Brenda will talk about women breaking into a non-traditional employment field for women.

Vivian Fuller, Ph.D. Northwestern University. She is the first minority woman to become the athletic director of a major university. She will talk about how important it is for women to mentor women.

Judith Harris, Ed.D. West Seneca Public Schools. Judith has worked with the committee almost from the beginning. She was one of the first women to direct a multi-high school athletic department. Judy will talk about many of the successes and challenges that face high school women in the '90s.

Suzanne Oliver, President, NYS AAUW. Suzanne will present the AAUW research and report on Equity in Education for Girls.

Donald Sabo, Ph.D. D'Youville College, President Elect of the National Society of Sports Sociologist. Don has worked with the Committee for over a year. He is internationally known for his research on sports equity.

Sandra E. Scott, Ph.D., Executive Director, NYSE Public High School Athletic Association. Dr. Scott is one of only two women in the US to head up a statewide athletic association.

Emily R. Ward, SUNY at Buffalo - Assistant to the Director of Athletics. Her topic will be how real is equity on today's college campuses.

Laura Watts, Assistant Manager for Sports, World University Games. Laura will be looking at the history of women and the world games.

Ellen Zavian, Esq., Attorney/ Agent for Sports Personalities. Ellen is one of only two women who are recognized by the NFL as an agent. She locally represents Frank Reich.

Now you've seen the full list of speakers, come and treat yourself to a day of expanding your horizons. On behalf of the whole committee (23 active members) I hope we will see you there. Complete registration packets are being mailed to each member.

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

REMINDERS/DEADLINES

- Submissions for the **MARCH 1993 NEWSLETTER** are due by **Wednesday, February 3, 1993**. Information should be mailed to: Carolyn Day. We welcome and encourage articles, comments or information you would like to submit for publication.
- Ads for the March Newsletter are due **February 3, 1992**. Please mail them to Carolyn Day.
- Reservations for the **February Branch Meeting** are due February 9 to Rosemary Darby, 8690 Sheridan Hill Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The American Red Cross Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteers who are interested in the care received by the elderly in area nursing homes. 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 to prepare for transfer or discharge and develop resident and family councils. Training is scheduled for April 20, 21, 22 and 27, 28, 29, from 9:15 am to 4:15 pm at the Hamburg Southtowns Service Center. Call Carol Armao, Health Specialist for the Ombudsman Program at 886-7500 ext. 248 for further information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee and the Retention Committee believe it would be extremely helpful for new members to have the assistance of more experienced members as mentors. The mentors would be responsible for contacting the new people, encouraging them to attend study groups and branch meetings, and perhaps offering to accompany them to meetings.

A new member orientation program has been scheduled for February 18th, 7:00 pm, at the home of Lynn McClive, 50 Anderson Place, Buffalo. Rita Nowak has offered to chair the program. New members from December of 1991 until February 1993 will be invited to attend.

At the January Membership committee meeting, recruitment efforts were discussed. It was again emphasized that the best avenue is still member referrals. Please carry membership applications with you or have interested persons call Sharon Rich at 631-9777. The committee will seek to have membership applications available in libraries and other central locations, and to notify Welcome Wagons, the Board of Realtors, Chambers of Commerce and the Central Referral Service of our programs. If you would like to help on our committee, please call Lynn McClive or Sharon Rich.

-Sharon Rich
Membership Chair

Marlene A. Dick
22B Foxberry Dr. South
Getzville, NY 14068
837-3458 (H) 645-3623 (W)
Marlene is a graduate of Kansas State University where she majored in Home Economics Education. She received an Education MA and her Doctorate in Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

New Members:

Judith C. Jankowski
9879 Shorecliff Road
Angola, NY 14006
549-5915 (H) 829-3029, 645-2599 (W)
Judith received her BS in Elementary Education from Medaille College and her Masters as a Reading Specialist from Canisius College.

BRANCH CALENDAR

February 1 - Monday

Music Study Group - no meeting this month.

February 2 - Tuesday

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

February 3 - Wednesday

Board of Directors - will meet at 7 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) before the meeting.

February 8 - Monday

Great Decisions - will meet at the home of Carol Jamieson, 125 Chatham, Buffalo at 5:30 p.m. The topic will be "U.S. in a New World," led by Jane Riga, facilitator. Call Carol at 877-8569 if you plan to attend.

February 9 - 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).

February 10 - Wednesday

Creative Writing - will be at 12 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 839-3701.

February 11 - Thursday

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

February 15 - Monday

Women's Issues Study Group - will meet at Carol Jamieson's house, 125 Chatham Avenue, Buffalo. 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.

RESERVATION: MEDICAL INTERVENTION IN PREGNANCY Saturday, February 13, 1993

Member's Name: _____
Please print name exactly as it should appear on name tag

Guests: _____

Total Attending: _____

Mail Reservation February 9th to:

**Rosemary Darbee
8690 Sheridan Hill Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221**

Enclose check made payable to AAUW - Buffalo Branch for guests

February 16 - Tuesday

Afternoon Book Review Group - no meeting this month

February 17 - Wednesday

Dinner by the Book - will dine from 6-7 p.m. at Angelina's Italian Gourmet, 952 Maple Road, Williamsville. Joyce Swartney will lead a discussion of Fried Green Tomatoes, by Fannie Flagg from 7-8:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, contact Diane Silvestro by Friday, February 12. You can order off the menu.

February 18 - Thursday

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

February 19 - Friday

Afternoon Literature Group - will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Rita Green, 334 Reist Street, Williamsville. Norma Millar will review Rus Kaya by Edward Rutherford. Phone Rita (632-0014) if you plan to attend.

February 22 - Monday

Evening Literature Study Group - will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Valerie Bozarth, 159 Fairways, Williamsville. Me, by Katherine Hepburn, Eleanor Roosevelt, by Blanche Wilson Cook, and Oliver, a Biography, by Donald Spoto will be discussed. Margit Spector, Jo Herman and Mary Weppner are the facilitators. Phone Valerie at 633-2130 if you plan to attend.

February 23 - Tuesday

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

March 1 - Monday

Music Study Group - will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Josephine Herman, 258 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo. Phone 833-1886 if you plan to attend.

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
Study Group Coordinator**

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February 6, 1993 - Saturday

International Study Through Foods will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Elaine Kohn, 2 Devon Lane, Williamsville, for a vegetarian potluck dinner. Joyce Swartney will tell of her Earthwatch experiences on "The Cliffs of Guernsey." Phone Elaine at 626-4181 if you plan to attend.