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## **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LUNCHEON Election and Installation of Officers**

Saturday, May 22, 1993  
11:30 AM Non-Alcoholic Punch  
12:00 Noon Luncheon  
Park Country Club  
4949 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville

Choice of Grilled Breast of Chicken over Romaine with sesame soy dressing, fresh fruit side plate  
or  
Pineapple filled with Chicken Salad, Fresh Fruit Garnish,  
Dessert, Rolls and Beverage

Hostesses: Duplicate Bridge Study Group

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1993 - SEE FORM INSIDE

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

Congratulations to Barb Olandt and her committee for the excellent Sports Equity program last month. I also want to congratulate Judy Weidemann and her committee for presenting to outside groups the program on Education Equity that highlights our *Shortchanging Girls, Short-changing America*. As you can see, we are still striving for equity wherever we find the need. Judy's group is available for future dates. Please contact her for information.

I want to thank the ladies who did the phone tree for March.

The Women's Action Coalition (formerly the President's Group) continues to make strides toward equality in our American society. For the first time Western New York women's organizations have come together in a bipartisan effort to promote women's leadership roles in our community and in our businesses.

Organized by the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women and composed of over 100 women's organizations in Western New York, the W.A.C. will sponsor a conference, *The Next Step: Western New York Women Leading in the '90s...Community, Government, Politics*. It will be held Thursday, May 27, 1993, at Erie Community College City Campus from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

The seminar will focus on women's roles in community, government, and politics. Lynn Yeakel, who ran for the United States Senate for Pennsylvania last year, will be the keynote

speaker following three workshops on women as candidates, women on boards, and women as advocates. The cost is \$25.00. Please read page 9 for more details.

Remember THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1993 - 7:00 p.m. Harlem Road School. Please bring guests to this general meeting.

CONVENTION -- April 30, May 1 and 2 in Rochester.

Attend the programs and get involved in our goal of "Equity" in all phases of our lives.

Quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Day

## BRANCH NAME CHANGE

At the May meeting members will vote on a proposal to change the name of the branch from Buffalo to Greater Buffalo. A vote in favor of the name change will constitute approval of a change in the by-laws and authority to make any changes necessary relative to branch incorporation.

A name change has been discussed periodically by the Board of Directors, for example, when suburban newspapers were reluctant to publish notices about meetings or the book sale, incorrectly assuming the organization is limited to the city.

The recent mail-in survey was overwhelmingly in favor of the change to Greater Buffalo as the name of the branch.

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

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

An \$8,000 gift to the Educational Foundation National has been voted by the board from last year's book sale. CONGRATULATIONS!

### BRANCH NAMED GIFTS BUFFALO BRANCH 1993

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Buffalo, NY 14222-1770

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Julia Ann Weidemann  
50 Boxwood Circle  
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## ASPIRING HIGHER SPORTS EQUITY FOR WOMEN IN THE '90S

After a year and a half of planning, the day had finally arrived. On Saturday, March 27, 1993, the Tri-County Equity Conference took place. It turned out to be everything the committee had hoped. Over 200 people gathered to find out how equity affects women and girls in sports. What did the group look like? About one third of the audience was men, almost 100 were college students, over 10 came from area high schools and 3 girls came from Benjamin Franklin Middle School. The rest of the audience was made up of women of all ages and backgrounds. The audience member who came the furthest was from Washington D.C. A number of people came from the Canadian Bureau of Sports and Recreation and another group came from as far away as Oswego. A major publisher of sports information has asked to let him speak next year.

The day started off with our keynote speaker, Donna Lopiano. She told the group why it is so important for the self esteem of young women that they be allowed equal access to sports. Why is it, she challenged the group, that many people who would never tolerate racial bias just shrug their shoulders at gender bias? After 20 years, the issue of gender equity in sports is finally moving forward again.

After Donna's outstanding speech, the day just raced. There were 11 more speakers and people just couldn't seem to network enough. Everywhere the committee looked people were comparing stories, asking questions, seeking advice. One of the groups of women from a state college took the phone number for the LAF fund. They said they finally have the courage to challenge the inequities at their school. We wish them success and hope that AAUW can help.

Finally I want to add my personal thanks to all the wonderful people who made the

conference such a success. A special word of thanks to Nan Scinta, Ann Hicks, Judy Harris, Sue Oliver, Joan Ward, Barbara Carier, Carolyn Day, Stacy Johnson, Vicki Marshall, Lynn McClive, Diane Silvestro, and Judy Weidemann. These members have worked for over a year on the program. I would also like to thank Don Sabo who is very active in helping women all over the world achieve equity. Finally I would like to thank the National Education Foundation who made this conference possible. If you would like to borrow any of the speeches to show at a study group, please contact me at 683-6822. Also a full set of the videos will be sent to National AAUW and also to Erie I BOCES. The BOCES set will make this conference available to all schools in Erie County.

Yours truly,  
Barbara Olandt

An extra bonus was a resolution from Dennis Gorski's office presented by Lynn Marinelli, Executive Director on the Commission of the Status of Women. It declared Saturday, April 27 AAUW Day in Erie County.

### 1993-94 Slate of Officers Election: May 22 Meeting

President Elect	Judy Weidemann
1st V-P Program	Carolyn Iadovito
3rd V- P Membership Retention	Eve Stoklosa
Treasurer	Kelly McCurdy
Loans Fund Treasurer	Cynthia Monacelli
Issues Chair	Ann Hicks
Nominating Committee Chair	Bunny Blackstone
Nominating Committee	Stacy Johnson
	Carolyn Day
	Ann Bish
	Bertha Cutcher

## TARGET EQUITY

Starting last August, a "Target Equity" Committee has been meeting to plan a program to increase awareness of the issue of equity in education for girls and women. This program will be presented to "key groups" in the area.

The committee--Barbara Carier, Carolyn Day, Joan Eschner, Suzanne Grossman, Carol Jamieson, Betty Krist, Suzanne Oliver, Pat Seaver, and Judy Weidemann--met five times. They have produced and "Equity Notebook." This notebook is designed to be a resource for presenters. It contains much information on the issue of equity. There are publications from the AAUW National office, press clippings, and overhead transparencies. There is also a narrative which could be used after showing the AAUW tape, *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*.

Several presentations have been given. Suzanne Oliver spoke before the New York State Conference of Women in Administration on March 12, 1993 and at the Sports Equity Conference on March 27, 1993. Suzanne and Pat Seaver spoke to administrators and teachers at the Fairport, NY Teacher Center on March 22, 1993. Betty Krist will speak to area guidance counselors on April 22, 1993. Pat Seaver will do a presentation for the Smallwood PTA on April 26 at the Western and Regional Conference of Delta Kappa Gamma, the international honor society for women in education on October 9, 1993.

Now that the presentation has been planned and we have had several successful presentations, we are anxious to further awareness of the issue of equity in education. Please consider a group you know of which could benefit from the "Target Equity" presentation.

To schedule a presentation you may call Judy Weidemann at 652-2100 (Parkdale School) or at 649-0975 (home). There are several members of our committee who are willing to do the presentations.

Judy Weidemann  
Chairman, "Target Equity"



The Erie County Department of senior services is sponsoring its fourth "Ability is Ageless" 55+ Job Fair to present options, ideas and information about employment opportunities for the fifty-five and older population.

The Job Fair will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center on Tuesday, May 18, 1993 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

During this free, one-day event, job seekers have the opportunity to meet with local employers, as well as, participate in valuable workshops on resume writing, interviewing, and job search skills and strategies.

This successful format had over 1,200 people attending the Job Fair with sixty exhibitors. Job seekers are encouraged to bring a supply of resumes, if available, to present to representatives of businesses participating in the Job Fair.

For Job Fair information, please call 858-8081.

## TWENTY BRANCH MEMBERS SHOW HOUSE HOSTESSES

Phyllis Kelly, Branch Community Relations chair and chair of our participation in the Junior League of Buffalo's Decorators' Show House, reports that 20 branch members have signed up to serve as hostesses.

The Show House, co-sponsored by the Buffalo News, is the seventh to be held. It will be at "The Birches," 149 Middlesex Road, Buffalo, and will be open to the public from May 1 to May 28. Each room will be decorated by a different major designer.

Proceeds will be used for a project of major community impact.

Members who will serve as hostesses are President Carolyn Day, Ann Bish, Delores Bowker, Jill Brown, Carol Ehinger, Marion Fay, Ernestine Foster, Suzanne Grossman, Ann Hicks, Carolyn Iadovito, Carol Jamieson, Alice Mason, Kelly McCurdy, Margaret Madej, Milli Marks, Barbara Olandt, Lucille Peterson, Sharon Rich, Maryalice Seagrave, Diane Silvestro, and Judy Weidemann.

### DEADLINE

Submissions for the June 1993 Newsletter are due by Wednesday May 5, 1993.

Information should be mailed to:

Betty Loucks

43 Jenawood Lane

Williamsville, NY 14221-3863

We welcome and encourage articles, comments or information submitted for publication.

## BIENNIAL ACTION PRIORITIES

Biennial action priorities for federal action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contributions.

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates:

- A focus on the needs of women and girls in the education restructuring agenda.
- Adequate and equitable funding for quality education for all students.
- Increased student financial aid with attention to the special needs of women students.
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX.
- Opposition to use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education.

To achieve women's economic self-sufficiency, AAUW advocates:

- Equitable access and advancement in employment.
- Vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes.
- Pay equity.
- Access to quality, affordable dependent care.
- Job-protected family and medical leave.

To guarantee equality and individual rights for a diverse society, AAUW advocates:

- Vigorous defense and expansion of civil and constitutional rights.

Women's health rights.

Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.

Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.

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## CLINIC ACCESS

On January 13, 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Operation Rescue in the Bray decision by saying that the federal civil rights laws do not protect women seeking access to reproductive health care from mob violence. The Court ruled 6-3 that the 1871 Ku Klux Klan Act, enacted to prohibit the Klan from obstructing the rights of blacks, cannot be interpreted to give federal courts the jurisdiction to bar anti-choice demonstrators from blockading abortion clinics and obstructing the rights of women. Without a federal law prohibiting their actions, anti-choice demonstrators now have greater impetus and immunity to deprive women of their right to make their own reproductive health decisions.

You should be aware that in our community Judge Arcara's injunction is presently protecting clinics, staff, and patients. However, two weeks after the Bray decision, the defendants in the injunction filed a motion in federal court asking Judge Arcara to dismiss the case and remove the injunction that has protected women and clinics for two and a half years. To dismiss the case and remove the injunction could result in havoc at the clinics.

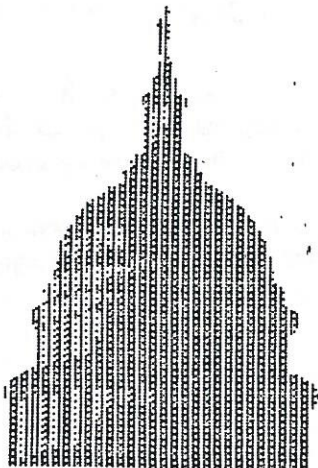
Reps. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Connie Morella (R-MD) have introduced the Freedom

of Access to Clinic entrances bill (HR 796), which would provide federal protection for women entering reproductive health clinics. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) is expected to introduce a companion bill.

Without a federal law, women will not be ensured access to reproductive health clinics free from harassment and violence.

Therefore, you are urged to write Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato and your Representative. (See the AAUW Public Policy action Directory for addresses.) Encourage them to give a clinic access bill their support so that women and staff are not subject to harassment and violence.

At our state capitol, Sam Hoyt is co-sponsoring the Health Care Facility Access bill to increase the penalties for blockading or obstructing people entering or leaving any health care facility in New York State. Senator Charles Cook will introduce the bill into the State Senate. This state bill is an endeavor to compensate for the loss of protection as a result of the Supreme Court decision on Bray. A note of support to Sam Hoyt and your state senator would be appropriate at this time.



## REASON FOR CELEBRATION

For 8 years an AAUW public policy priority has been the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). As you know, the Senate and House passed the bill, and President Clinton signed the FMLA into law. The bill (up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family or medical emergencies, with job security, for workers in firms with 50 or more employees) will take effect in August 1993.

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## A PROMINENT POSITION

Did you know that Attorney General Janet Reno has been a member of AAUW Miami (FL) branch for 22 years? She has our best wishes as the first woman to hold this position of leadership and responsibility.

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Ann Bish  
Public Policy Chair

(Information was taken from *Action Alert* and *Speak Out*.)

**This issue contains a quick reference, the AAUW Public Policy Action Directory, which should be filed with your AAUW roster for future use.**

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

With the time for local school board elections upon us, it would be wise for us to become aware of the candidates who are running in each of our districts. There are candidates in some districts who have "Hidden agendas" as ultra-conservatives, and we need to be alert that the general public good is not subverted by those who espouse a minority philosophy.

Usually there are "Candidates' Night" meetings at which concerned citizens can meet and question those who hope to be elected to a school board. Specific questions about issues on which AAUW has a stated policy might be:

How do you feel about school vouchers?

(AAUW is opposed to the use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education)

What is your policy on textbook and library book selection?

(AAUW advocates protection from censorship.)

Are you in favor of sex education and family life classes?

(AAUW is a proponent of academic freedom.)

How do you feel about the girls' sports program?

(AAUW favors vigorous enforcement of Title IX.)

AAUW is committed to public education as the foundation of a democratic society. Challenges to that democracy cannot be ignored, thinking someone else will "stand up for our rights." If a candidate favors a position which is opposed to the basic policies above, it would behoove us to work now to support an opponent than to try to remove that person later from office.

Call a friend (or several) in your school district, explain why you care so strongly about these matters, and urge your friend to vote. Ask that friend to call two other friends, urging them to vote, also. It's easy to stop paying attention to school board elections after our children leave school, but this is one area where we really can make a difference.

Barbar Carrier

### NEW MEMBERS

Andrea Rebeck  
2 Foxpoint Drive West  
BA Sociology - Goucher  
MA Architecture - Columbia University

Joan Clark  
235 Hendrix  
BS Business Education

Michelle Renay  
51 Walnut Street  
Lackawanna, NY 14218  
BS Business - SUNY at Buffalo

Lorey Repicci  
120 Deer Run  
Williamsville, NY  
BA Biology - University of Buffalo



<b>WNY WOMEN LEADING IN THE 90s</b>
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May 27, 1993

**Schedule:**

2:00 - 2:30 Registration  
 2:30 - 3:45 3 Workshops  
 3:35 - 4:00 Break  
 4:00 - 5:15 Repeat 3 Workshops  
 5:30 Networking hour  
*Hors d'oeuvres and  
 beverages provided*  
 6:30 Keynote Speaker  
 Lynn Yeakel

**Workshop #1:**

*Yes, You Can 'Right' City Hall!*

- advocating for effective government
- responding to the community

**Workshop #2:**

*The Powers That Be... Could Be You*  
 - community leadership through activities  
 on corporate boards and business  
 organizations

**Workshop #3:**

*So You Want to Run for Office*  
 - what it's like to run for office from the  
 women who have been there  
 - what happens once the votes are counted.

For more information, contact Lynn Marinelli  
 at the Erie County Commission on the Status of  
 Women, 858-8307.

### WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION CALENDAR

<p>May 1 - 28</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>11</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Junior League Decorators' Show House</p> <p>Everywoman Opportunity Center: awards</p> <p>Church Women United: May Fellowship Day</p> <p>Women's Action for New Direction</p> <p>Clarence Business and Professional Women:          Program 6:00 p.m., Coachman's Inn</p> <p>Planned Parenthood</p> <p>Grand Island Business and Professional Women:          Buffalo Launch Club, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Enterprising Women, Sheraton Inn, Walden Ave.          Orchard Park Business and Professional Women,          Orchard Downs</p> <p>AAUW: annual luncheon          Women for Downtown          Zonta Club of Aurora: officer installation          Haven House: women's 5K race, benefit Haven House</p>	<p>884-8865</p> <p>847-1120</p> <p>882-4973</p> <p>876-4096</p> <p>853-1779</p> <p>885-4292</p> <p>662-2605</p> <p>634-6340</p> <p>854-5934</p> <p>652-7998</p>
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**Book Sale****Thruway Mall****June 24, 25, 26****BRAINS AND BRAUN**

If you can provide either or both--strong family members and friends welcome--please don't wait for us to call you. VOLUNTEER TODAY!!!

Pick-up and deliver to Thruway Mall	Margit Spector	834-6731
Sorting - now through June	Anne Montes	627-9825
Set-up - June 18-20	Jill Brown	832-8601
Pricing - June 20-23	Anne Montes	627-9825
Cashier - June 24-26	Betty Loucks	632-3157
Clean-up (Brawn)	Joan Ward	689-6568
Mostly needed June 27 - 28		

Donations of used books will be regularly accepted at the Mall Wednesday evenings from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call Anne Montes (627-9825) to arrange other times. Pick-up can be arranged, if necessary, by calling Margit Spector(834-6731).

**OH THEM BONES**

The body of any organization is structured from four kinds of bones:

<b><u>WISHBONES</u></b>	spend all their time wishing someone would do the work.
<b><u>JAWBONES</u></b>	do all the talking but little else.
<b><u>KNUCKLEBONES</u></b>	knock everything anybody else tries to do.
<b><u>BACKBONES</u></b>	get under the load and do most of the work.

**Which bone are you?**

## BRANCH CALENDAR

May 3, 1993 - Monday..... Music Study Group - No May meeting

May 3, 1993 - Monday..... British Studies Group - will have dinner as usual at 6:30 pm at the home of Valerie Bozarth, 159 Fairways Blvd, Williamsville. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The topic is "In Search of the Perfect English Village." Discussion of video will follow.

May 4, 1993 - Tuesday..... Duplicate Bridge - Please call Mary O'Connor at 831-9227 for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:45 pm.

May 8, 1993 - Saturday..... International Study Through Foods Group - will meet at 5177 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence, at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Alison Des Forges, Ph.D. who will speak on the struggle toward democratization in Rwanda, an over-populated country in Africa undergoing a civil war. Dr. Des Forges, who received her doctorate in African history from Yale University, serves on the Board of Africa Watch and Co-chairs the International Commission on Human Rights Abuses in Rwanda. Participants are asked to bring a favorite international dessert to share. Beverage will be provided. New members are welcome. Reservations requested by May 5. Call Ann Bish or Ann Hicks at 741-3964.

May 10, 1993 - Monday..... Great Decisions - will meet at the home of Ann Bish and Ann Hicks, 5177 Willow Brook, Clarence at 5:30 pm for supper (BYO). The topic will be #4, "China," led by Carol Jamieson, facilitator. Call either Ann at 741-3964 if you plan to attend. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Meeting adjourns at 8:00 pm.

May 11, 1993 - Tuesday..... German Studies Group - meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. For information about location, call Gloria Beutner at 838-1273, or Renny Ferber at 836-3277.

May 12, 1993 - Wednesday.. Creative Writing - will be at 12:00 noon at the home of Louise Sapienza, 387 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo. Call Margaret Haas at 839-3701 if you plan to attend.

### Registration Form ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LUNCHEON

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your meal preference(s):

Grilled Breast of Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pineapple with Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Full payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (\$13.00 per person, guests welcome). Please make check payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch and mail with form to:

Rosemary Darbee  
8690 Sheridan Hill Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1993

**May 13, 1993 - Thursday .....** Crafts Study Group - will meet at 7:30 pm. Call Barbara Dascomb at 833-0904 for details.

**May 17, 1993 - Monday .....** Women's Issues Study Group - will meet at Carol Jamieson's, 125 Chatham Avenue, Buffalo at 7:30 pm to continue discussion of health related issues. Call Carol at 877-8569 if you plan to attend. New members are always welcome.

**May 18, 1993 - Tuesday .....** Book Review Group - will meet at 1:00 pm at the home of Grace Kenline, 155 Westchester Blvd., Kenmore. Renny Ferber will review Eleanor Roosevelt.

**May 19, 1993 - Wednesday ..** Dinner by the Book - will dine from 6:00-7:00 pm at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Road, Depew. Joyce Swartney will lead a discussion of The Last Tsar, the Life and Death of Nicholas II by Edvard Radzinsky, from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you plan to attend, call Betty Loucks at 632-3157 by May 14. You can order off the menu.

**May 20, 1993 - Thursday .....** Thursday Night Bridge Group - will meet at 7:45 pm. Contact Lorraine Schank at 634-4648 for meeting location.

**May 21, 1993 - Friday .....** Afternoon Literature Group - will meet at 1:00 pm at the home of Jo Herman, 258 LaSalle, Buffalo. Molly Fleysler will review Women's Roots, by Dr. June Stephenson. Phone Jo at 833-1886 if you plan to attend.

**May 24, 1993 - Monday .....** Evening Literature Study Group - will meet at 7:30 pm at the home of Jo Herman, 258 LaSalle, Buffalo. Valerie Bozarth will lead a discussion of Brazaville Beach, by William Boyd. Phone Jo at 833-1886 if you plan to attend.

**May 25, 1993 - Tuesday .....** Investment Club - will meet at 7:00 pm sharp at University of Buffalo Lockwood Library, in the Document Room. Contact Carolyn Iadovito at 634-0927 for more information. Guests are always welcome.

**June 7, 1993 - Monday .....** Music Group - To be announced.

**June 7, 1993 - Monday .....** British Studies - will meet at the home of Alice Mason, 5205 Brookfield, Clarence. Reserve with Alice at 634-2684. Supper will be an "Afternoon Tea."

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