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WOMEN IN POLITICS

WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SPEAKERS

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forgot — **MARIANNE MORRIS** ISSUE ADVOCATE

DONNA KRANITZ YWCA, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Mayor of Jamestown
Marlies Wasolowski Campaign
Y Program

The program will feature speakers who participated in the YWCA Institute for Public Leadership, a training program for women who want to become involved in the political process. Come and learn how you can make that difference.

LET'S GET
POLITICAL!

I.P.L.

Saturday, November 14, 1992

9:30 AM

YWCA of Western New York

190 Franklin Street

Buffalo, NY 14202

Coffee, juice and danish COST: \$2.00

Reservations to Sandra DePalmo by Tuesday, Nov. 10

Program Co-Sponsored by the YWCA of Western New York

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

While attending a New York State Superintendent's Convention recently, and in the company of a few male superintendents, the name AAUW came up. One gentleman was very interested and listened to "what we are and why we are." I explained the goals we hope to reach in our lifetime and the purposes of our fund raisers. Of course "Target Equity" came into our conversation and we had quite a discussion about gender equity and how girls are being denied the opportunity to select math and science courses. He said the girls scored at the top in these fields outscoring the boys. I posed the question, "What percentage of girls were competing in those fields?," and he couldn't answer me. It would have been interesting to find out the percentage. Maybe I started him thinking a little along our goals. I certainly wasn't going to let this opportunity pass. Always take the advantage toward "Target Equity."

Keep aiming high,

Carolyn Day

NEWSLETTER TEAM

The newsletter is now being produced by a team of people. The cover is being designed by Lauri-Anne Hammond, the branch calendar by Jan Vine. Mailing is handled by Ann Hicks and Ann Bish. Word processing is done by Kathryn Callahan. Sybil Pressprich is editing and coordinating this team.

BRANCH MEETINGS SET

(* Note Changes)

- November 14th: "Women, Let's Get Political" YWCA, Franklin Street Buffalo
- *December 13th, 3-5:30: Scandinavian Holiday ECC North Student Lounge
- January 23rd: "Management in the Workplace" Fanny's Restaurant, Sheridan Road, Amherst
- February 13th: "Ethical Issues in Perinatal Medicine" 9:30 am St. John's Lutheran, Main street, Amherst
- March 27th: "Aspiring Higher" World Games Program 8:30 am to 4:40 pm Erie Community College
- April 21st, 7 pm: "In Crisis: Our Elderly, Our Children" Harlem Road Community Center
- May 22nd: May Luncheon Park Country Club, Sheridan Drive, Amherst

DEADLINES

Submissions for the **DECEMBER 1992 NEWSLETTER** are due by **Wednesday, November 4, 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.

Reservations for the **November Branch Meeting** are due November 10th to Sandra DePalmo.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership committee has been busy developing plans to recruit prospective members for 1993-94 to meet the national Association challenge to increase membership by 15% over last year's numbers.

To meet our goal, we need your help! In looking over our records, it has become obvious that most new members are referred by present members. Member prospects are everywhere. They're in your neighborhoods, in the supermarket, in other organizations you belong to and at your work. They're just waiting for you to ask them to join.

Carry a membership brochure with you. Tear one out of the Fall 1992 *OUTLOOK*, or call me with their names. Invite them today!

NEW MEMBERS

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

- **Lynn Marinelli**, Executive Director of E.C. Commission on the Status of Women. Lynn is a 1985 graduate of Daemen College. She is interested in health issues, equal rights and work/family issues.
- **Claudia Kania** is a graduate of Buffalo State where she received both her B.S. and M.S. Ed. She received a CAS at Brockport SUNY. Claudia is interested in health issues, work/family issues and pay equity.

-Sharon Rich
VP Membership

ELECTION TIME

Is our political system broken? Some folks would have you believe it. Some candidates say so. Many voters believe it. There's nothing new in this. The belief that government tells the truth, is fair and can change things has been eroding for years. People no longer trust government, and anger with the "system" is mounting. Maybe we are at the breaking point with this election.

Voter turnout in elections is often down to 50% or less, obviously indicating that something is seriously wrong with the process. It's the process that people are angry about; they feel impotent, things seem already set. It isn't that they care too little, they just feel left out! We need to feel there is some "give and take" in government, not just take. Still, most people know that not everyone in government is "on the take," in it for themselves, lie, don't care.

If we really are in the midst of a political revolution, decide for yourself which candidates are preferable, who at the very least have not proved themselves unworthy of your trust.

ONE VOTE DOES COUNT!

-Sharon Rich
VP Membership

THANKS!

Many thanks to Valarie Bozarth for her contribution as Newsletter Editor. Valarie did a great job creating an informative, attractive newsletter.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Voting on changes to the Bylaws will take place at the November general meeting. These changes conform to National directives and reflect current practices of the Buffalo Branch. Changes regard nominations, officer tenure, creation of a Chamberlain Loan Fund Committee, as well as other areas. If you did not receive a copy of the proposed changes to the Bylaws at the October general meeting, contact Carol Jamieson at 877-8569.

GET OUT AND VOTE!

Amendments giving women the right to vote were introduced in Congress one after another for more than 40 years before Amendment 19 of the Constitution was finally ratified on August 18, 1920. Some Buffalo Branch members might well remember the jubilation of American women when the right to vote would no longer be denied or abridged on account of sex. Today we, the recipients of that legacy, must continue to express our concerns and beliefs through our votes on November 3rd.

Crucial issues will be going before the 103rd Congress after it convenes in January. What will a few of these issues be in 1993?

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (S 5/HR 5)

This bill would provide 12 weeks of unpaid leave - with job security - for family or serious medical emergencies for workers in firms with more than 50 employees.

President Bush vetoed the FMLA, for the second time, on September 22. Although the Senate voted to override the veto on September 24, the House, on September 30, fell short of the 2/3 majority.

What can you do?

Find out where Congressional candidates stand on this issue. President Bush and Governor Clinton have clearly different positions.

EQUAL REMEDIES ACT (S 2062/HR 2975)

This bill (a top-level AAUW priority) would repeal the caps on monetary damages in cases of proven intentional discrimination based on gender, disability or religion - caps that were added to the Civil Rights Act (CRA) of 1991 prior to its enactment in November 1991. (The 1991 CRA is the only federal civil rights statute with capped damages).

What can you do?

Know the Congressional candidates position on the Equal Remedies Act and work to elect pro-women candidates.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (HR 25/S 25)

Debate on FOCA has been repeatedly postponed in both the House and Senate. Even some pro-choice legislators have found it politically expedient to avoid

discussing the bill. Anti-choice legislators have been determined to kill the bill with weakening and hostile amendments.

What can you do?

Find out where candidates stand on reproductive choice issues and vote for those who believe that women have the right to self-determination of their reproductive lives.

For 72 years American women have had this fundamental right to vote. November 3rd presents us with yet another opportunity to influence the course of events. Let's elect people who will work to correct existing inequities and who will share an interest in and will support AAUW public policy issues and priorities. You may want to refer to the New York State "Focus," Fall 1992 for a delineation of Public Policy Priorities developed by the Association Public Policy Committee as well as the Senate/House voting record information provided by the Association.

-Ann Bish
Public Policy Chair

Information taken from October 1992
AAUW "Action Alert"

SPEAK OUT FOR THE COMMISSION!

For the past five years Erie County has provided a Commission on the Status of Women. Specifically, some of the Commission's accomplishments include producing a sexuality education survey for public schools, establishing an Appointments for Women data bank, expanding child care opportunities by working with the economic development community, studying, educating and lobbying on state and federal legislation affecting women, and distributing information about eliminating gender bias in school classrooms.

A 10% reduction in the funding for the commission has been submitted for 1993, but it is possible that the future of the commission is in even greater jeopardy. They need to hear from us. What the commission is doing is in line with the Association's **initiative for equity**. Call or write your county legislator (858-7500) at 25 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202, to let him/her know that the Commission on the Status of Women must be preserved and fully funded!

-Ann Bish
Public Policy Chair

This newsletter was mailed from the William Street Post Office on October 19. If you did not receive this within ten working days, contact 834-1329 and leave your name, address and phone number.

CULTURAL EVENTS

The University at Buffalo 1992-93 Distinguished Speaker Series will continue November 11, 1992, with historian, Arthur Schlesinger. Ellen Goodman, newspaper columnist, will conclude the series, April 21, 1993. Call 645-2353 for ticket information.

NEWS ELECTION SERVICE

Thank you to all of the volunteers participating in the Election night reporting. Please remember to be at your polling site by 8:45 pm on November 3rd.

One Vote

- ★ DECIDED THAT AMERICANS SPEAK ENGLISH RATHER THAN GERMAN. (1776)
- ★ KEPT AARON BURR, LATER CHARGED WITH TREASON, FROM BECOMING PRESIDENT. (1800)
- ★ MADE TEXAS PART OF THE UNITED STATES. (1845)
- ★ SAVED PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON FROM IMPEACHMENT. (1868)
- ★ ADMITTED CALIFORNIA, IDAHO, WASHINGTON AND OREGON TO THE UNION. (1850, 1890, 1889, 1859)
- ★ ELECTED RUTHERFORD B. HAYES TO THE PRESIDENCY, AND THE MAN IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WHO CAST THAT VOTE WAS AN INDIANA CONGRESSMAN ELECTED BY ONE VOTE. (1876)

Does Count

BRANCH CALENDAR

Nov 2 Mon

MUSIC STUDY GROUP will meet at 1 p.m. at home of Ruth Seats, 19-B Wayne Terrace, Cheektowaga. Program will feature music of Christopher Columbus era. Call Mary Weppner at 886-1668 if you plan to attend.

Nov 2 Mon

BRITISH STUDY GROUP will meet at 6:30 p.m. Call Valarie Bozarth at 633-2130 for details.

Nov 3 Tues

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

Nov 4 Wed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, 500 Parkhurst, Kenmore. All board members are expected to attend. If you cannot, please call Carolyn Day at 634-6340.

Nov 7 Sat

INTERNATIONAL STUDY THROUGH FOODS will meet at 8 p.m. at home of Suzanne Grossman, 310 Pryor Avenue, Tonawanda. Learn all about the what, why, and wherefore of coffee and you'll get to enjoy "a cup of Java" with kuchen. If you plan to attend, call Suzanne at 837-8769. Donations accepted.

Nov 9 Mon

GREAT DECISIONS will meet at 5:30 p.m. at home of Kathryn Callahan, 3310 Millersport Highway, Apt. A, Getzville. Sybil Pressprich will facilitate a discussion on topic #7 the AIDS Pandemic. Please phone Kathryn at 689-2988 if you plan to attend.

Nov 10 Tues

GERMAN STUDY GROUP meets on second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. For information about location, call Gloria Beutner at 838-1273 or Renny Ferber at 836-3277.

Nov 11 Wed

CREATIVE WRITING will meet at 12 noon at home of Louise Sapienza, 387 Crescent Avenue, North Buffalo. Bring a sandwich, plus the poem, article, story, laundry list, or book you are writing or have written. We will read and discuss the great works in the writing. Louise and Margaret Haas are re-organizing this group. Meeting time and date are flexible. If interested, call Margaret at 839-3701.

Nov 12 Thurs

CRAFTS STUDY GROUP will meet at 7:30 p.m. Call Barbara Dascomb at 833-0904 for details.

Nov 16 Mon

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). Discussion begins at 7 p.m. Call Carol at 877-8569 if you plan to attend. New members are always welcome.

Nov 17 Tues

AFTERNOON BOOK REVIEW GROUP will meet at 1 p.m. at home of Alice Weinman, 286 Huntington Avenue, Buffalo. Nancy Acara will review Family by John Bradshaw. Call Alice at 649-0975 if you plan to attend.

RESERVATION FORM FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Member: _____

Guest(s) attending _____

Cost is \$2.00 per person. Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch. Please mail to Sandra DePalmo, 194 Kenville Rd., Apt C, Cheektowaga, 14215-2517, by November 10.

Nov 18 Wed

DINNER BY THE BOOK will dine from 6 to 7 at Lily Langtry's (upstairs), 6261 Transit Road, Amherst. Helen Morrison will lead a discussion of Me: Stories of My Life by Katherine Hepburn. Contact John Ward at 689-6568 by November 13 if you plan to attend. You can order off the menu.

Nov 19 Thurs

THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE GROUP will meet at 7:45 p.m. Contact Lorraine Schank at 634-4648 for meeting location.

Nov 20 Fri

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LITERATURE STUDY GROUP will meet at 1 p.m. at home of Marion Elmer, 110 Canterbury Manor, Williamsville. Margaret Haas will review King of the Confessors by Thomas Hobing. Call Marion at 633-7873 if you plan to attend.

Nov 23 Mon

EVENING LITERATURE STUDY GROUP will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Dienst, 3315 Baseline Road, Grand Island, for a discussion of I Is for Innocent by Sue Grafton. Mary Dienst will be the facilitator. Contact Mary at 773-7463 if you plan to attend.

Nov 24 Tues

INVESTMENT CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. sharp at the Williamsville Public Library, 5571 Main Street, Williamsville. Contact Kelly McCurdy at 439-8739 for more information. Guests are always welcome at this National Association of Investment Clubs affiliate. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Kelly McCurdy or Karen Stephenson. An opening is currently available. The monthly required investment is \$20.

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Dec 2 Wed

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