

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY
WOMEN

May 1994

Achievement Award Luncheon and Annual Meeting



Saturday, May 21
Fanny's Restaurant
3500 Sheridan Drive
Amherst, New York

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration
12:00 - 2:00 Lunch and Program



Delmont Room - Parking in rear of restaurant, enter through rear door.

Join us in this spring meeting featuring reports and awards and election of officers. Attractive setting with music provided by harpist Cristin Kalinowski.

Entree choices: Chicken Pieri (boneless breast sauteed in Bordelaise sauce with almonds and mushrooms, \$12.50); Scallops in Phyllo pastry (sauteed in champagne sauce served in a phyllo shell cup, \$13.50). Served with salad, Fanny's fresh bread, potato Anna, medley of vegetables, beverage, and special Fanny's glace for dessert. Price includes tax and gratuity. If any dietary requirements are needed, please notify well in advance.

Chairman: Sally Jost

Reservations are due by May 9.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By the time you read this article, the application for New York State's Five-Star Recognition Program will have been received by the State Membership Vice-President, Burchenal Green. Thanks to the hard work of so many branch members, we have exceeded suggested levels in five of the seven criteria: two or more members attending State and/or Association meetings; donations to the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund; and equity and public policy activities.

We have a good start on adding community involvement as number six for 1994-95. Thank you all! Whether we win Five-Star status or not, many people in this area know that Buffalo Branch has a lot of Five-Star members!

Ann Hicks has submitted a branch application for the state equity award. Describing the activities of the Education and Equity Committee took a lot of time, but it still cannot convey the number of hours put in by Ann Hicks, Barbara Carier, Judy Weidemann, and other committee members. Please say, "Great Job!" whenever you see them.

Now, the branch has to seriously plan for the October 15, 1994, day of workshops on gender equity and sexual harassment. Contact Ann, Barbara, Judy, or me with your ideas for program topics, speakers, locations, and individuals or groups to invite for planning and for invitations to attend. We will also need assistance with development of materials, publicity, registration, and site arrangements. Buffalo Branch has a reputation for "putting on" fantastic workshops. There must be branch member involvement to meet, and maybe exceed, the reputation that we have already built up.

If you missed the last branch program,

Women and the Law, you missed over an hour and a half of useful, surprising, pertinent, shocking, and very interesting information. I hope you won't miss the discussion on the *Troubled Partnership* between the United States and Europe. Dr. Holoman will try to clarify questions raised in recent media articles and then answer our questions as well. Bring a guest too.

Mark your calendars now for the annual luncheon on May 21, 1994, in the Delmont Room at Fanny's. If it's a nice day, we can step out on the terrace and enjoy fresh air as we greet friends. We will honor a wonderful woman with our annual Achievement Award. When you meet her, you will be as proud as I am to have assisted in choosing her as our awardee. Remember to bring a guest or two, at least. See you on April 23 and on May 21.

Suzanne Grossman, RD

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Deadline for June issue is May 4.

Fourteen Students Receive Financial Assistance from Branch Funds

Last December, 17 students applied for financial aid from Buffalo Branch's two sources, Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education. Fifteen were interviewed and fourteen received awards for a total of \$20,000. The recipients are Lisa Dalfonso, Barbara DiCarlo, Dawn Marie Falsone, Lynda Francis, Lynn Gorman, Deborah Graf, Julie Light, Sherry Pfohl, Melissa Rycroft, Loraine Silvestro, Laurie Smith, Sharon Stewart, Nicole Sutcliffe, and Barbara Werbowksi. Deborah Graf was awarded the Ruthe E. Sicherman named grant from Funds for Education.

June 10 is the deadline for the return of applications for the next awards. Twenty applications have been mailed out. Interviews will begin June 29, and funds awarded will be available for the fall semester.

Members who conducted the interview included Jill Brown, Barbara Carier, Bertha Cutcher, Suzanne Grossman, Carol Jamieson, Ruth Seitz, Ruthe Sicherman, Diane Silvestro, and Judy Weidemann as well as Cindy Monacelli and Maryalice Seagrave, Chamberlin Fund treasurer and chair respectively.

Interviewers Needed

Personal interviews are an important part of the selection process for applicants for awards from the Chamberlin Loan Fund and the branch's Funds for Education. Two tentative times have been set for the summer interviews, and I need at least three persons in each time slot. The times are Wednesday, June 29, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The site will be the book sale facility at the Thruway Mall.

Call Maryalice Seagrave at 833-0437 to volunteer or to receive more details.

"Ability is Ageless"

55+ JOB FAIR

This annual event sponsored by the Erie County Department of Senior Services, free of charge, is designed for county residents 55 and older looking for part time or full time employment.

Day: Thursday, May 19, 1994

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Buffalo Convention Center

Plan to Attend This Special Event!

For Job Fair information, please call 858-7799.

PUBLIC POLICY

Watch the Voting of Legislators on Environment

How supportive are members of Congress of our environment? If you haven't seen the records of New York Lawmakers in Washington, provided by the League of Conservation Voters, here they are!

Senator Alfonse D'Amato opposed virtually every environmentally sensitive measure before the Senate last year. He had a 19% rating while Congressman Bill Paxon, according to the survey, had a 20% rating. Congressman Jack Quinn's environmental score was just 35%. On the other hand, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan had a 75% approval rating. Incidentally, one of the high scorers from New York was Louise Slaughter with a score of 90%.

Ratings were based on such things as mining reform, livestock grazing, hydropower, wetlands, endangered species, logging roads, wildlife refuges, and private property rights.

Dr. Charles Ebert, Distinguished Teaching Professor in Geography at the University at Buffalo, spoke to the International Study Through Foods group and encouraged everyone to continue to support environmentally sound practices and decisions, as human abuse--individually and corporately--profoundly impacts the survival of life on the planet.

Call or write one of these legislators to express your approval or disapproval of how he or she voted last year. Ask him to support environmental legislation in the 1994 legislative session.

Ann Bish
Public Policy Chair

Book Group Receives Letter from Anna Quindlen

The Dinner by the Book group recently read Anna Quindlen's *Thinking Out Loud* as their selection. Marilyn Carmichael, facilitator for the discussion, wrote to Quindlen, op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*, prior to the discussion and received the following letter in response:

Dear Marilyn,

I love book clubs so much that I put one in my new novel, albeit a book club of two. So give my best to yours and tell them the following:

I choose topics more or less the way you would, usually based on a subject that is in the news or, failing that, in the zeitgeist, something all my friends are gossiping about. But on the back burner I constantly have an array of sources and stories on those things I consider my personal issues. If you've read "Thinking Out Loud," you probably already know what they are--gay rights, the homeless, abortion, and race. The defense budget is never going to be my area of expertise, or, for that matter, particular interest. Writing a column is so hard that I can never manage to do it on anything that doesn't really get me lit up.

What I hope to engender from the reader is very, very simple. I don't particularly care if you think like me, so long as you think. In fact one of the greatest compliments I get is when someone (usually a man) will say, "I disagree with almost everything you say, but I never miss your column." If a reader finishes my column and thinks, well, I never quite thought of it that way before, I am a happy woman.

I think I'm supposed to say that feminist

journalism is mainstream journalism, but I don't believe it for a minute. Since the way you write has so much to do with the way you talk and think, I simply believe women who do what I do are more open to process and less interested in product. Men want to get to the point; women want to tell the story. And, in telling it, we feel freer than our male counterparts to use our private lives to illuminate public issues. (Hence the title of my column as it appears in the Times.) I think the difference between male columnists and female columnists is like the difference between men on the phone and women on the phone. And I don't have to explain what I mean by that, because every woman in your book club will get it instantly.

I hate to give people tips on writing because I find it so excruciating and wish at least once a day that I'd fulfilled my bio-sci requirement and gone to med school. (I love having written; it's writing that makes me crazy!) But I always tell students the same thing: every great story has been written. Every big theme has been explored a hundred times. The only thing you bring to the table that no one else has ever brought before is your personality, which translates on the page as your voice. If you try to sanitize or homogenize it, pretty it up or imitate, you're wasting your time. The only reason to write is yourself, warts and all. Leave out the warts and, in the not-too-distance future, a computer will be able to write your journal. And Lord knows none of us want that!

My very best,



Fund-Raiser Update

Books keep coming...and coming...and coming! Saturday, April 9, was the first run through on sorting. Nine members sorted, laughed, lunched, and made suggestions. Layout is successful; lights are bright; and the atmosphere is cheerful. Starting in May, we will also sort every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. And we will continue to take in books whenever we are open until July 1.

Study groups can call Jill Brown (832-8601) to arrange other times for sorting. Women's Issues, Crafts, and Book Collecting groups have already scheduled. We also encourage groups to use the space for meetings during non-sorting hours. We have a clean kitchen for heating water and setting out food.

Buffalo Branch is participating in "Lifestyles '94," a senior expo at the Thruway Mall, April 28, 29, and 30. We will sell a selected number of books for \$1.00 or less every day between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. You can also sort on these days. Chiavetta's barbecue chicken dinner will sell for \$2.00 these days. Reservation forms are in the April *Senior Beacon*.

New bookmarks will be available at the mall and at the May meeting. Please post in your local stores, banks, churches, etc.

We need three or four card or folding tables for eating, coffee klatching, etc. Bring empty boxes (liquor size is ideal) when you come and start saving plastic and paper bags for the sale.

Come join the fun!

Lynn McClive
for Elisabeth Helman and Diane Silvestro

Buffalo Branch Welcomes New Member

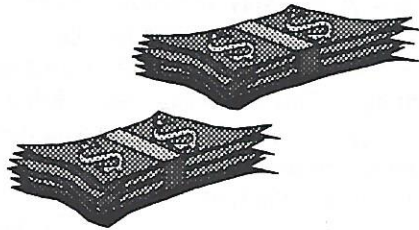
Buffalo Branch members extend a welcome to our newest member, Mitzi R. Markfield. Mitzi received a B. Ed. from the University at Buffalo. She was recruited by Joan Clark.

Mitzi R. Markfield
26 Hickory Hill Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

DUES

Dues for the 1994-95 membership year are to be paid by June 1, 1994. Please make your payment as early as possible. Dues paid by September 1, 1994, guarantee a listing in the 1994-95 roster.

Association	\$29.00
Division	5.00
Branch	<u>14.50</u>
	\$48.50
EFP Donation	<u>2.00</u>
Total	\$50.50



Please include the payment form on page 9 with your dues.

Treasurer's Report March 31, 1994

Balance Sheet

<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Cash:	
M & T Trust Co.	\$4,081.95
Lockport Savings Bank	<u>2,797.45</u>
	<u>\$6,879.40</u>
<u>EQUITY:</u>	
Fund Balances:	
Unrestricted Funds	344.93
Special Projects	2,160.82
Accumulated Fund	2,797.45
Designated Funds:	
1994 State Convention	200.00
1994 National Convention	400.00
1994 MAR Convention	200.00
1993 District I Convention	0.20
Special Events	164.00
Dues 93/94	
National	208.00
Division	40.00
EFP	349.50
Dues 94/95	
Branch	<u>14.50</u>
	<u>\$6,879.40</u>

April Board Meeting

Membership Report

Renewals - Branch Members	161
Life Members	24
Student Affiliates	2
New Branch Members	<u>31</u>
	218
Dual Members	<u>9</u>
Total Paid Membership	227
Honorary Life Members	<u>9</u>
Total Membership 93/94	<u><u>236</u></u>

Income Statement

<u>INCOME:</u>	
Branch Dues 93/94	3,235.00
Branch Dues 94/95	14.50
Interest Income:	
Checking Account	74.01
Savings Account	0.00
Other Income	26.00
Advertising	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>\$3,349.51</u></u>
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
Unrestricted Fund	<u>2,924.84</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>\$2,924.84</u></u>
TOTAL PROFIT/(LOSS)	<u><u>\$424.67</u></u>

AAUW Member HELPLINE is available 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST to respond to members' inquiries and requests for materials (800) 821-4364.

The April Buffalo Branch Board meeting held on April 6 at the Thruway Mall book sale site was opened by President Suzanne Grossman.

October Auction: Bunny Blackstone reported on the possibility of having an auction in the fall to raise funds for the Educational Foundation--possibly at the Thruway Mall.

Program: Carolyn Iadovita presented the programs for next year. She also urged members to attend the April 23 meeting on the *Troubled Partnership*.

Education and Equity Committee: Ann Hicks, Barbara Carier, and Judy Weidemann reported on their work. A number of activities are scheduled: a workshop on April 20 in Albion; a planning session for the Equity Day tentatively set for October 15 for those who are interested; and a presentation for either Erie Community College North or Amherst Middle School.

Chamberlin Fund: Maryalice Seagrave reported on the plans to interview loan candidates.

President's Report: Suzanne Grossman reported on the success of events held for Women's History Month and the Opportunity Center's annual awards dinner. She stated that the YWCA Annual Awards luncheon will be held on June 3 at the Hyatt.

She also reported that Educational Foundation Chair Alice Mason has sent our branch's contribution of \$9,000 to the state EF chair.

Suzanne read her proposed application for the Five-Star branch award and accepted some additions to it.

All reports from board members are due in triplicate at the May board meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on May 4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Thruway Mall site.

AAUW Buffalo Branch Calendar

5/3 Tuesday - **Duplicate Bridge** should call Mary O'Connor at 831-9227 for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday - The **Music Study Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jo Herman, 258 LaSalle Street, Buffalo. The program will be "Opera Once over Lightly" presented by Carolyn Day. Contact Jo (833-1886) if you plan to attend.

5/4 Wednesday - **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the book sale site in the Thruway Mall.

5/10 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).

5/12 Thursday - **Crafts Study Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Call Barbara Dascomb (833-0904) for details.

5/17 Tuesday The **Book Review Interest Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Renny Ferber, 24 Linden Avenue, Buffalo. Grace Kenline will be the reviewer. Call Renny (836-3277), if you plan to attend.

5/18 Wednesday - **Dinner By the Book** will dine from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Coachman's Inn, 10350 Main street, Clarence. Jeanne McKown will lead a discussion of *The Bridges of Madison County* by Robert Waller from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, call Elizabeth Smith (836-2316) by May 13.

5/19 Thursday - **Book Collecting** will meet at 6:30 in the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Rare Book Room for a presentation from Bill Loos, librarian. Call Jill Brown (832-8601) if you plan to attend.

5/20 Friday - The **Friday Afternoon Literature Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jo Herman, 258 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo. Jo will review *Great Safari* by George and Joy Adamson. Call Jo (833-1886) if you plan to attend.

5/31 Tuesday - The **Investment Club** will meet at 7:00 p.m. sharp at the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main Street, Williamsville,. All members are encouraged to be in attendance to transact business. Contact Carolyn Iadovito (634-0927) for more information. Guests are always welcome.

Jan Vine, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups

Book Sale Site Schedule

The Thruway Mall site will be open to receive and sort books on the following days:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday	May 5,12,19,26	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 7,14,21,28	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PAYMENT FORM FOR 1994-95 DUES

Name _____

Address _____

Enclosed is check for \$ _____

Make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch

Mail to Kelly McCurdy, 6119D Strauss Rd., Lockport, NY 14094

Name _____

#Guests _____ Name Guest/s _____

Luncheon choice: _____ Chicken (12.50) _____ Scallops (13.50)

Amount enclosed (@ per person cost listed above) _____

Make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch

Mail reservations by May 9 to
Sally C. Jost
155 Parkledge
Snyder, NY 14226

Erie County Fair Volunteers Needed for

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Human Ecology/Home Economics Program Exhibit

Volunteers are needed to staff the Human Ecology/Home Economics exhibit at the Erie County Fair August 11 - 21. You will be asked to select at least one four hour period and be required to attend one training session on the exhibit. A background in food/nutrition or home economics is helpful but not necessary. Call Joan Ward (652-1170) for more information.

**ENJOY A DAY AT THE FAIR
AND HELP COOPERATIVE EXTENSION!**

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