

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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HUCK FINN REUNION

Saturday, April 22, 1995
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Lafayette Square, Buffalo

10⁰⁰ AM - NOON

Mr. William Loos, Curator of Rare Books at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, will tell of the discovery of the missing manuscript and how it made its way back to Buffalo.

Cost – \$2.50 for Refreshments
Chair: Jill Brown

See page 7 for a reservation form.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear AAUW Buffalo Branch Members,

Last month I prepared the application for Five-Star recognition from the State. One of the "stars" required demonstrating our community involvement. Once again I felt pride in membership as I described and documented our work in the community. One of the highlights of the year would have been the March 25 Equity Conference, but we have been active in the community in other ways also. We belong to the Women's Action Coalition (WAC) of Erie County. Representatives from our branch attend monthly meetings, and several other members are active on WAC committees. A number of our members participated in the Voter News Service on Election Night. Several of our members are on the Advisory Board of the Women's Health Initiative at the SUNY Buffalo Medical School. Phyllis Kelly has been recruiting members to take part in the Initiative. She is also asking members to volunteer at the Junior League Showhouse on May 6, 1995.

Pride in membership continues as I observe the spirit in which members have helped to take over some of Betty Louck's responsibilities while she is recuperating from open heart surgery. Barbara Carier and Delores Bowker are helping to bring this newsletter to you. Members of the Book Sale Committee are continuing to search for a location and to work on other activities connected with the sale.

I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting on April 22, 1995.

Yours truly,
Judy Weidemann

Member Reappointed to EC⁵F

Buffalo Branch past-president **Barbara Carier** has been reappointed by County Legislator Frederick J. Marshall to a second two-year term as a member of the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families. She will again serve as a representative of "a local charitable/community-based organization." The Commission is chaired by Susan Curran Hoyt and deals with coordinating the many programs which are aimed at improving conditions for children in Erie County.

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Deadline for the May issue is April 5.

Condolences...

We are saddened to learn of the January death of former New York State AAUW president Lois Waldorf. She was a gracious, lovely lady who served us well for many years. Her five-year battle against cancer was heroic and inspiring, but she is finally free of its unrelenting presence.



Above is a picture of Lois (second from right) in a happier time with some faces familiar to us. This was taken during cocktail hour at the 1988 State Convention. From left, Barbara Carier, current NYS Director of Administration and former Buffalo president; Carolyn Day, current chair of the Buffalo Legal Advocacy Fund and former Buffalo president; Alice Ann Leidel, former NYS president and current president of the AAUW Educational Foundation; Lois Waldorf of the Mid-Island Branch; and Vicki Marshall, former president of the Niagara Area Branch and current NYS president.



* Best wishes to **Betty Loucks**, our *
* newsletter editor, who surprised herself and *
* everyone else with open-heart surgery on *
* March 3. The newsletter has appeared by *
* magic because of her good influences. *

CULTURAL NEWS

Spring is here! The better weather should make it easier for all of us to take advantage of more of what's offered in Western New York. The University at Buffalo sponsors a lecture and film series called "Wednesdays at 4 Plus." The featured speaker on April 19 will be Booker Prize-winning novelist and poet Michael Ondaatje (*The English Patient*). Also at UB, the journalist Garry Wills will speak on April 27 as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series. The biennial Junior League Decorator Showhouse opens on April 29. This year the house is an E. B. Green house designed for Robert Donner, the president of Donner Steel. Also opening in April is the exhibit *Anne Frank in the World*, located at Williamsville South High School.

A group tour of the *Anne Frank in the World* exhibit for AAUW members has been scheduled on Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Touring the exhibit will take approximately 90 minutes. You are welcome to stay for the 7:30 talk by Judy Doneson on "The Holocaust in American Film." If you are interested, please contact Judy Summer at 634-3608. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for the tour at the April 22 branch meeting.

On a musical note, the Amherst Symphony's April 2 concert features Thomas Halpin, violinist. The Amherst Saxophone Quartet plays its fourth concert set of the season on April 24, 27, and 30 at three different venues. On April 1 and 2 the BPO and the BPO Chorus present Brahms' *German Requiem*. Turning from the sublime to jazz, the BPO's concert on April 21 and 22 is entitled *Big Bands and All That Jazz*. For dance fans, QRS will present *Ballet Hispanico* at the SUNYAB Fine Arts Center on April 9.

April brings *Crazy for You* to Shea's Buffalo.

Watch the newspaper for specific dates. Also at Shea's on April 7 and 9, the Greater Buffalo Opera Company features baritone Sherrill Milnes in an opera recital.

Enjoy all of this and much more in April!

Judy Summer
Cultural Representative

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome the following new members:

Linda Krempa
1406 Lexington Ave. W.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
695-7427

Krempa received her bachelor's and master's in education from SUNY at Buffalo. She was recruited by Karen Stephenson.

Ann Weronski
4128 Jarvis Street
Blasdell, NY 14219
825-7321

Weronski received her bachelor of science in management from D'Youville College and master's degree in general education from Canisius College.

Melissa Anne Newton
270 Tremont Avenue
Kenmore, NY 14217
873-3453

Newton received her bachelor of arts degree from Canisius College and is currently pursuing graduate work.

Marlene Dick
Vice-President for Membership Recruitment

March Board Meeting

The Buffalo Branch Board of Directors met on March 1, 1995, at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library. The business conducted included the following items:

President Judy Weidemann informed the Board about newsletter editor Betty Loucks' hospitalization and surgical procedure. Everyone wishes her well. Weidemann also encouraged everyone to attend the NY State Convention on Long Island at the end of April. Applications for both state and Association Five Star Branch status were discussed.

Past-President Suzanne Grossman reported that the Equity Conference planned for March 23, 1995, has all its speakers in place. Funding from a local foundation is still being sought. Grossman also reported that the Nominating Committee has a slate prepared for all positions except one. They are still accepting suggestions for this post.

Following President-Elect Bunny Blackstone's query, a motion was made and carried to utilize the proceeds from next fall's auction (being held in conjunction with the pot luck supper) to benefit both Funds for Education and our program budget. The percentage for each will be determined later.

Program Vice-President Carolyn Iadovito stated that the Program Committee will meet again on March 29, 1995, at 5:30pm at Cafe-in-the-Square to finalize program plans for the coming year.

Membership Recruitment Vice-President Marlene Dick was congratulated for her work this year. Two Chamberlin Loan recipients have become members.

Treasurer Lois Meyer circulated the February report, which was explained and filed for audit. Loan Funds Treasurer Cindy Monacelli reported balances of \$26,066.76 in the Chamberlin Fund

and \$6558.45 in the Funds for Education account.

It was decided to honor the following with a Named Gift to the Educational Foundation: Grace K. Blackstone, Marlene A. Dick, Marion Schwaneflugel Fay, Hope Issacs (deceased), Anastasia Kozar Johnson, Anne Levy, Lester Loucks, Alice Doty Tallmadge Mason, Lynn McClive, Barbara Olandt, Carol Paskuly, Steven Paskuly, Sharon Rich, Bernard Sicherman (deceased), Diane Silvestro, Lois Waldorf (deceased), and Alice W. Weinmann.

Education and Equity Chair Ann Hicks circulated a catalog of workshops from the Erie-Catt Teacher Center in Orchard Park, which lists for Southtowns educators two activities involving Buffalo Branch: the Equity Conference in March and a Current Issues dinner program with a presentation by former Buffalo president, Barbara Carier, on Sexual Harassment in School.

Community Chair Phyllis Kelly presented a sign-up sheet for those interested in serving as guides for the Junior League's Decorator Showcase.

There was a discussion of the recommendations made by the Finance/Budget Committee last month. A motion not to give donations as mentioned in Recommendation No. 4 was defeated, but a motion that any donations come from the Special Projects Fund if the branch is running a deficit was passed. The remainder of the recommendations were accepted. President Weidemann thanked committee chair Diane Silvestro and her committee members for their work.

Historian Jane Riga is compiling a five-year history of our branch.

May Luncheon chair Alice Mason reported on plans and reminded everyone of the May 20, 1995, luncheon at the Brookfield Country Club.

NINE STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FROM BRANCH FUNDS

By the December 10 deadline, dossiers were complete for 14 applicants for assistance from the Chamberlin Loan Fund and/or Funds for Education. Eleven made appointments to be interviewed, and nine were recommended to receive assistance.

The recipients are: Lisa Dalfonso, Lynda Francis, Michelle Goetz, Deborah Graf, Sandra Lindsay, Katherine Netzel, Melissa Newton, Alice Scarpace, and Philip Slaiman. Their awards total \$12,900, of which \$10,900 is from the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$2,000 is from Funds for Education. Dalfonso, Francis, Goetz, and Graf received awards from Buffalo Branch in previous years. Slaiman is the first male recipient

of a financial award. Lisa Dalfonso received the annual Ruthe Sicherman grant. The awardees are students in several different area colleges and universities--Canisius College, D'Youville College, SUC at Buffalo, and SUNY at Buffalo.

Members who served as interviewers were Marlene Dick, Suzanne Grossman, Barbara Kadzik, Rita Nowak, Barbara Olandt, Louise Sapienza, Ruth Seitz, Diane Silvestro, and Judy Weidemann, as well as Cindy Monacelli, treasurer, and Maryalice Seagrave, chair. Seagrave will need volunteer interviewers during the period of June 28 through July 8. Please call her at 833-0437 if you are willing to help.

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH CALENDAR

- 4/3/95 Monday – The **Computer Group** will meet at the home of Judy Bratty, 2198 Colvin Boulevard, Tonawanda (near Eggert Road). The discussion will be "surfing the Internet." Please call Bratty (833-5995) for reservations.
- 4/4 Tuesday – The **Music Study Group** will meet at the home of Marie Moody, 119 Henning Drive, Orchard Park. The program will be piano selections by Scarlotti, Bach, and Beethoven. Please call Moody (662-9628) for reservations.
- Tuesday – The **Duplicate Bridge Group** should call Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:30 p.m.
- 4/5 Wednesday – The **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library, 4622 Main Street, Amherst.
- The **Craft Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Barbara Dascomb will continue to work on on-going projects. Call Dascomb (833-0904) for reservations.
- 4/11 The **German Study Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call Gloria Beutner (838-1273) or Renny Ferber (836-3277) for information about location.

4/18 Tuesday – The **Book Review Group** will meet at the home of Dorothy Payne, 93 Crosby Avenue, Kenmore. Please call Payne (876-6855) for reservations and information.

4/19 Wednesday – The **Book Collecting Group** will meet at the home of Carol Paskuly, 142 Rumsey Road, Buffalo. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m., and the review will begin at 7 p.m. Please call Paskuly (881-4358) for reservations.

The **Dinner by the Book Group** will not meet due to the holy days.

4/21 Friday – The **Literature Group** will meet at the home of Margaret Haas, 230 Hamilton Avenue, Snyder at 1 p.m. Molly Fleyscher will review a book by Buffalo Branch AAUW member Olga Murray Lindberg – *Family Life in Early Buffalo*. Please call Haas (839-3701) for reservations.

4/27 Monday – The **Investment Interest Group** will meet at 7 p.m. sharp at the Greenhaven Library, 350 Greenhaven Road, Tonawanda. We will review estate planning considerations. Contact Eve Stoklosa (695-3606) or Judy Bratty (833-5995) for more information. Guests are welcome.

4/28 Tuesday – The **Investment Club** will meet at 7 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.

Please note the **Computer Group** is moving to the first Monday of the month.

Judy Bratty, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups



Reservation Form for April Meeting at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
See page 1.

Name _____

#Guests _____ Name of Guest/s _____

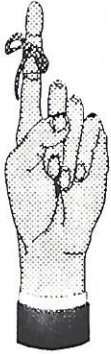
Amount enclosed @ \$2.50 per person _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch

Mail reservations by **April 19** to Jill Brown
821 Tacoma Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216

Volunteers Needed for Anne Frank in the World Exhibit

The *Anne Frank in the World* exhibit is still in need of volunteers. AAUW member Jane Fischman is in charge of the bookstore. There will be minimal training involved, probably on April 23, the day the exhibit opens. Flexible volunteer times are available. If you can help, please call Fischman (873-6356).



REMEMBER:

AAUW Annual Luncheon
Saturday, May 20, 1995
11:30 a.m.
at
Brookfield Country Club
Shimerville Road
Clarence, NY

Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Marion Fay (835-5660).

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