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GLOBAL CHANGES AFFECTING WOMEN

**Saturday, February 25, 1995
11:30 a.m.**

**Shannon Pub
at the Lord Amherst Motor Hotel**

Speaker: Barber B. Conable, Jr.

Barber B. Conable, Jr. retired in 1991 from a five-year term as president of the World Bank. The World Bank promotes economic growth in order to improve the quality of life for people in developing countries.

Mr. Conable served in the House of Representatives from 1965 - 1985. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Law School.

See page 9 for a reservation form and more information.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear AAUW Branch Members,

Before assuming the branch presidency, I was chair of the task force on Equity and Education. My pride in the organization grew as I frequently found references to *The AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls*. *Education Week* publications frequently refer to the study. An article, "The Forgotten Half" in the April 1994 issue of the *American School Board Journal* praises the study.

Margaret Sullivan, reviewer for the *Buffalo News* called *The Difference*, by Judy Mann, "the kind of book that, like *The Feminine Mystique*, could actually change the way Americans think and live." Mann uses the AAUW studies in her book.

For journalist Peggy Orenstein, the AAUW study was the start of her book, *School Girls*.

The work of AAUW in raising public awareness of the inequity in education for girls and women and the problems of sexual harassment continue. This work is a matter of pride for us all.

The Nominating Committee, with Suzanne Grossman as chair, will begin work soon. Suggestions for next year's slate of officers are welcome.

Make plans to attend the March 25, 1995, Equity Conference at Medaille College. You will be receiving detailed information soon. We need support from our branch to make the conference a success.

I look forward to seeing you at the many exciting branch events of 1995.

Yours truly,
Judy Weidemann

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year the AAUW Buffalo Branch presents an Achievement Award to a woman who merits recognition because of her achievements. The recipient of the award should reflect the goals of AAUW by promoting equity for women and positive societal change. The award will be given this year at the annual luncheon, May 20, 1994.

Please consider nominating a worthy candidate. The candidate is not required to be a member of AAUW. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling Judy Weidemann at 652-2100 (W) or 649-0975 (H). Forms must be submitted by February 6, 1995.

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Deadline for the March issue is February 1.

Sexual Stereotyping Begins in Kindergarten

CHART OF KINDERGARTEN AWARDS

BOYS' AWARDS

Very Best Thinker
 Most Eager Learner
 Most Imaginative
 Most Enthusiastic
 Most Scientific
 Best Friend
 Mr. Personality
 Hardest Worker
 Best Sense of Humor

GIRLS' AWARDS

All-Around Sweetheart
 Sweetest Personality
 Cutest Personality
 Best Sharer
 Best Artist
 Biggest Heart
 Best Manners
 Best Helper
 Most Creative

At a ceremony marking his daughter's graduation from kindergarten last June, T. Gary Mitchell, 42 years old, noticed something about the awards conferred on every student in the class.

The boys got pats on the back for analytical skills and intellectual ability; girls were acknowledged primarily for their pleasing personalities. "I thought to myself, 'This is the year 19...what?'," Mr. Mitchell says.

Mr. Mitchell, an attorney with Epstein, Becker & Green in Newark, NJ says he was particularly surprised because he and his wife like the school and consider their New Jersey community, a suburb of New York City, to be quite progressive.

Mr. Mitchell and his wife wrote a letter to the school about the awards, which, he says, will probably result in changes in next year's graduation ceremony. And his fight against gender-stereotyping continues. Mr. Mitchell is about to buy new readers that include female characters for everyone in his daughter's first-grade class.

by Kathleen Deveny, as printed in the *Wall Street Journal*, December 6, 1994.



AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Buffalo Branch has donated \$277 to date to LAF for the 1994-95 year.

Book Sale: Pick-ups and Depots

Coordinator: Carolyn Day (634-6340)

Buffalo:

Dr. Carol Jamieson	125 Chatham Ave.	877-8569	Depot
Amelis Sherrets	141 University Ave.	832-2928	Depot
Maryalice Seagrave	350 Warwick Ave.	833-0437	Depot
Leslie McCain	228 Hoyt Street	882-5860	Pick-up
Jill Bradish Brown	821 Tacoma Ave.	832-8601	Pick-up

Kenmore, Town of Tonawanda:

Barbara Olandt	131 Wendover Ave.	832-5143	Pick-up
Barbara A. Smith	348 Everett Place	835-2541	Pick-up

Amherst, Snyder, Eggertsville:

Marion Fay	347 Brantwood Rd.	836-5660	Pick-up
Sally Jost	195 Park Ledge Dr.	839-5249	Pick-up

Williamsville:

Carolyn Day	127 Meadowview Lane	634-6340	Depot
Mary O'Connor	30 Fairways Blvd.	631-9227	Pick-up
Rosemary Darbee	8690 Sheridan Hill Dr.	634-8357	Pick-up (Transit Rd. area)
Diane Silvestro	6 Belvoir Road	631-3349	Depot

Clarence:

Ann Bish, Ann Hicks	5177 Willow Brook	741-3964	Pick-up
Alice Mason	5205 Brookfield Lane	634-2684	Pick-up

Depew, Lancaster:

Nan Scinta	4175 James Court	634-5374	Pick-up, Depot
Barbara Paulson	91 Northwood Drive	685-6316	Pick-up (Until May 1995)

Cheektowaga:

Ruth Seitz	19-B Wayne Terrace	834-4973	Pick-up
Sherry Wark	50 Claudette Court	681-4657	Pick-up, Depot

Hamburg, West Seneca:

Julia Weidemann	50 Boxwood Circle	649-0975	Pick-up, Depot
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Orchard Park, East Aurora, Other Southtowns:

Chris O'Connor	3797 Lynn Road	649-0637	Pick-up, Depot
Carol Battle	114 Henning Dr. (OP)	662-6056	Depot
Claudia Kania	2 Quaker Lake Terrace	662-1992	Pickup
Bunny Blackstone	11478 Tomarsue Dr. (Marilla)	655-4519	Pick-up
Ann Montes	2316 Shadagee Rd. (Eden)	627-9825	Pick-up

Colden:

Nancy Garver	8363 Tower East Hill Rd.	941-3150	Depot, Pick-up
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Volunteers with Vans:

.Bunny Blackstone, Ann Montes – Southtowns; Barb Olandt – Kenmore; Carolyn Day, Karen Noonan – Williamsville, Clarence

Book Sale Personnel:

Facilitator	Betty Loucks	632-3157
Sorting	Carol Paskuly	881-4358
Pricing	Ann Montes	627-9825
Collectibles	Jackie Trace	883-1906
Staffing	Rosemary Darbee	634-8357
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BRANCH NOTES

Condolences

The branch members extend their condolences to **Joan Richmond** on the death of her sister, Mary Clare Kessel.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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6610 Rice Hill Road
Boston, NY 14025

Sybil T. Pressprich
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome the following new members:

Ellen Dickinson
1275 Delaware Avenue, Suite 208
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885-7766

Dickinson received her doctor of medicine degree from the University of Indiana.

Patricia Brown, CHE
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Brown has a master's degree in education from SUNY College at Buffalo.

Sandra Beach
PO Box 197
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Beach has a bachelor's degree from SUNY at Buffalo and a master's degree from Niagara University.

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Wyrick received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, a master's degree from Appalachian State, and a doctoral degree in art education from Penn State.

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Cozzarin has a bachelor's degree from SUNY at Buffalo.

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Gessner received bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of London, England.

Regina Reed
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662-7329

Reed received a bachelor's degree and a doctoral degree from SUNY at Buffalo.

Gretchen Duling
146 Mt. Vernon
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839-0682

Duling has a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University, a master's degree from SUNY College at Buffalo, and a doctoral degree from SUNY at Buffalo.

Natalie Bialy
126 Legion Drive
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Bialy has bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY College at Buffalo.

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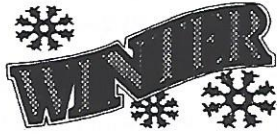
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CULTURAL NEWS

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One way to deal with winter is to enjoy it. The Buffalo Friends of Olmstead Parks are celebrating Buffalo's Olmstead Parks at a Winter Festival from February 10-20. Events include ice skating, snow sculpting, storytelling, lectures, and trolley rides.

There is still time to catch two productions by Summerfare: *Falsettos* at the Pfeifer Theatre and *Broadway 1960!* at Daemen Theatre. Opening later in the month at Niagara University is *Can't Stop Dancin'*, *The New Musical Revue* by Charles Strouse. *Jelly's Last Jam*, at Shea's Buffalo Center for the Performing Arts, will keep you warm on a cold winter's night. If you're in the mood for comedy, try Neil Simon's *Rumors* at the Lancaster Opera House. If mystery is your thing, attend *Dial M for Murder* at the Studio Arena.

For music lovers, February has many great concerts. The Buffalo Chamber Music Society is sponsoring the Prazak Quartet on February 7. The



Quartet will be playing works by Rossini, Smetana, and Dvorak. The Buffalo Philharmonic is also featuring Dvorak on February 3 and 4 and Bach

on February 25 and 26. Pianist Ruth Laredo's concert is a valentine gift from the QRS Arts Foundation. Under the sponsorship of the Greater Buffalo Opera Company, *The Barber of Seville* will be performed by the New York City National Tour on February 19.

Judy Summer
Cultural Representative

Member Teaches in Russia

Norma Millar contributed to living history recently as a member of a team of 18 North Americans who volunteered for three-week teaching assignments in Tver, Russia, a city of 250,000 on the Volga River. Tver is northwest of Moscow.

She taught English to primary and secondary school children and advised teachers.

The trip was sponsored by Global Volunteers, a Minnesota-based, private, non-profit volunteer organization with an objective of teaching practical English skills.

Volunteers pay their own way, but all trip-related costs are tax-deductible. Global was established in 1984 and sends teams of volunteers to project sites in six developing countries, two emerging democracies, southern Spain and the southern United States.

Reprinted from the *Buffalo News*, December 23, 1994.

New Interest Group Offered to Members

A new group, the Investment Interest Group, that will study financial terminology, do fact-finding, learn how to read the financial pages in the *Buffalo News* and the *Wall Street Journal*, and learn methods of preparing one's personal portfolio is forming. The group will meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at the Greenhaven Branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Library, 350 Greenhaven Road, Tonawanda. Call Judy Bratty (833-5995) for more information. Guests are welcome.

Judy Bratty
Study and Interest Group Coordinator

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH CALENDAR

2/1/95 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 work with plastic canvas or tissue box covers. Call Dascomb (833-0904) for reservations.

2/7 Tuesday - The **Music Study Group** will meet at the home of Carolyn Day, 127 Meadowview Lane, Williamsville. The program will be potpourri. Members will present short pieces of favorite music. Call Jo Herman (833-1886) for reservations.

2/14 Tuesday - The **Duplicate Bridge Group** should call Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:30 p.m.

The **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).

The **Women's Issues Group** will meet at the home of Lynn McClive, 50 Anderson Place, Buffalo, at 7 p.m. Because of the apparent lack of interest in the Women's Issues Group, this meeting will be devoted to a discussion on the future of this interest group. If anyone would like to see the group continue but would like to see a different direction taken, please call Rita Nowak (874-9725) or Lynn McClive (885-3299).

2/15 Wednesday - The **Book Collecting Group** will meet at the home of Jackie Trace, 184 St. James, Buffalo, at 5:45 p.m. Bring your own dinner. At 6:45 p.m. Kevin Ransom, a local book dealer, will speak. Please call Trace (883-1906) for reservations.

The **Dinner By the Book Group** will dine from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jimricky's, 3131 Sheridan Drive, (Northtown Plaza), Amherst. For directions call 832-2729. Nan Scinta will lead the discussion on *Princess* by Jean Sasson from 7 - 8 p.m. Please call Betty Loucks (632-3157) for reservations.

The **Computer Support Group** will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Judy Bratty, 2198 Colvin Boulevard (near Eggert). Call Bratty (833-5995) for directions.

2/17 Friday - The **Literature Group** will meet at the home of Molly Fleysher, 67 Admiral Road, Buffalo, at 1 p.m. Margaret Haas will review *Shadows on the Wall*, *Tales of New York State* by Arch Merrill. Call Fleysher (836-1745) for reservations.

Certified Ombudsmen Needed

The Amherst Ombudsman Program will offer New York State Office for the Aging training sessions in April 1995.

Ombudsmen advocate for residents of nursing and adult homes and handle problems and complaints with confidentiality.

Training consists of 36 hours' instruction in Medicaid, Medicare, communication skills, elderly issues, regulations, health problems, etc.

For information or assistance please call the AMHERST OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM, 839-2969 (Buffalo Area Red Cross Program, 885-7600).



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

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