

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear AAUW Buffalo Branch Members,

I was delighted to receive the news from Kela Wilson, Director of Communications for New York State AAUW, that the Buffalo Branch Newsletter will receive a Noteworthy Newsletter Award at the New York State Convention. I will feel great pride in accepting that award for Betty Loucks and the Buffalo Branch. Those of us who read the newsletter monthly can attest to its quality.

Speaking of newsletters, magic (in the persons of Barbara Carier and Diane Silvestro along with Betty Loucks) again is responsible for this newsletter. Betty Loucks continues to recuperate at home.

Yes, there will be a Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale this year. Dr. Jackie Trace has agreed to act as facilitator since Betty Loucks was forced to resign because of her health problems. Information on location and dates will be coming to you soon. Since we are a bit behind schedule in our book sale efforts, we will need the concentrated efforts of all members to make the 1995 AAUW Used Book Sale (the 41st) successful.

I look forward to representing the Buffalo Branch at the State Convention from April 28 through April 30, 1995. The Convention will be held at the Marriott Windwatch Hotel, Hauppauge, Long Island. Barbara Carier will also be a delegate. The presidency of the Buffalo Branch has given me the opportunity to learn more about AAUW. The State Convention will give me another opportunity. I look forward to it.

The annual luncheon with election and installation of new officers will be held on May

20, 1995. The event promises to be very special. Alice Mason and her committee have put much effort into planning the event. See you at the Brookfield Country Club!

Yours truly
Judy Weidemann

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1995-96

The Nominating Committee hereby presents the following slate of officers to the membership of the Buffalo Branch. This meets the Bylaws requirement of publication in the newsletter at least fourteen days before the annual meeting in May, at which the election will take place.

Co-Presidents	Grace (Bunny) Blackstone and Sharon Rich
President-Elect	Dr. Karen Noonan
First Vice-President	Carolyn Iadovito
Third Vice-President	Carolyn Day
Treasurer	Joan Allison
Loan Funds Treasurer	Rita Novak
Education and Equity	Judy Weidemann
Nominating Committee Chair	Ernestine Foster
Nominating Committee Members	Bertha Boston
	Jill Brown
	Lynn McClive
	Sharon Minklein

Suzanne Grossman, RD
Nominating Committee Chair

"Equity Beginning Now" Conference Cancelled

The March 25 conference, "Equity Beginning Now," was canceled after the registration deadline had passed and many fewer people had registered than were needed and expected. Medaille College was very considerate by returning half of the deposit. Their staff was exceptionally helpful in all phases of the planning process. A sincere thank you is extended to Jennifer Rey, Conference Planner for Medaille College, and to her co-workers. My personal thanks are offered to the AAUW

members who gave so many hours of their time to plan and organize the conference. Their dedication, drive, enthusiasm, efficiency, and wonderful sense of humor made the hours in meetings and in my home office interesting, uplifting, and as pleasant as "work" on a Saturday, Sunday, and weekday evening can be. Thank you all!

Suzanne Grossman, RD
Conference Chair

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Ann Hicks
Education and Equity Chair

Luck of the Draw Auction to Be Held in September

We will hold our "Luck of the Draw" Auction as part of the program for our September meeting. All proceeds of this silent auction will benefit our branch-administered Fund for Education and our program budget. We already have some items (including a \$40.00 gift certificate from Shannon Pub) and are in need of more donations for the auction. The following list of categories is suggested for donations:

Crafts	Gift Certificates
Paintings	Tickets - theater, opera, Bills, Sabres, movies, etc.
Plants	Gift of "services offered"
Liquor, wine	Holiday decorations
Candy	Dried flower arrangements
Baked goods	Household items
Note paper	Perfume, cologne
Toys	Framed photographs
Tutoring	Table linens

This is also the perfect opportunity to find a new home for a gift you can't use (no "white elephants" please). Call Bunny Blackstone (655-4519) to donate an item. Except for baked goods, all items must be donated before the September meeting. Thank you for your support!

Bunny Blackstone

Dues May Be Paid at May Luncheon

Although 1995/96 dues are not due until July 1, many people bring their checks to the May Luncheon. Dues are \$48.50 plus an optional \$2.00 (\$50.50) for the Educational Foundation. Life members subtract \$29.00 since they have already paid Association dues. Honorary members don't owe any dues after paying for 50 years. Please pay at the May Luncheon, if possible, or send payment to the branch treasurer.

Branch treasurer until June 30 is Lois Meyer, 731 West Ferry Street, Apt 1-KL, Buffalo NY 14222. After June 30, the treasurer will be Joan Allison, 170 Greenaway Road, Amherst NY 14226.



Twenty Members to Participate in Decorators' Show House 95

Our branch is providing a record number of members - twenty - to serve as volunteer hostesses at the Eighth Annual Decorators' Show House on Saturday, May 6. The Show House, sponsored by the Junior League and the Buffalo News, is located in E. B. Green's Robert Donner home at 121 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo. Proceeds will benefit a project of major community impact. Past recipients include Hospice Education Center, Buffalo Zoo, Waterfront Concert Series, and the Nature Preserve Education Center.

Phyllis Kelly is chair of Buffalo Branch's participation. Members who will serve as hostesses are: Judy Weidemann, Ann Hicks, Suzanne Grossman, Marion Fay, Diane Silvestro, Bunny Blackstone, Carolyn Day, Karen Stephenson, Christine O'Connor, Barbara Olandt, Jane Riga, Delores Bowker, Maryalice Seagrave, Lois Meyer, Barbara Paulson, Alice Mason, Joan Hamilton, Barbara Engler, and Milli Marks.

The Donner home is an exquisitely appointed French Provincial residence designed by noted architect E. B. Green. Each of its eighteen rooms will be decorated by a different, talented interior designer. The Show House is open from April 29 to May 21 and will attract visitors from all over the Niagara Frontier. For additional information, please call 635-8975.

Phyllis Kelly
Community Representative

CULTURAL NEWS

May is always such a busy month: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, college graduations, and many other events. It is also the time for several special events. The Junior League Show House on Nottingham Terrace will be open Tuesday to Sunday until May 21. A favorite of many Western New Yorkers is the annual Hellenic Festival, which will take place from May 19 to 21. The "Anne Frank in the World Exhibit" also remains open until May 21. There will be a talk, a dramatic presentation, or some other event almost each evening of the exhibit. Don't forget the AAUW tour of this exhibit on Monday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Williamsville South High School. Plan to stay for the talk on "The Holocaust in Film" at 7:30 p.m.

The Burchfield-Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College is presenting an exhibit to mark the 20th anniversary of the Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center. There are also anniversary events going on at Hallwalls itself. The Albright-Knox Art Gallery has two exhibits worth seeing: "Master Prints from Upstate New York Collections" and "Outside the Dream: Child Poverty in America". At the Anderson Gallery, the exhibit "Essence and Persuasion: the power of Black and White" will be on view until May 13.

Shea's Buffalo houses two great shows this month. The "new" version of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" plays from the 2 - 7 and the Alvin Ailey Dance Company performs on May 9.

There is still time to see "I Hate Hamlet" at the Studio Arena or "The Mousetrap" at the Kavinoky.

Judy Summer
Cultural Representative



BRANCH NOTES

Members Chosen as Pathfinders

Three members of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW, Lea Bendes, Barbara Olandt, and Marilyn Carmichael, have been chosen as 1995 Pathfinders. The 1995 Pathfinders is a joint effort by Buffalo Alliance for Education, Business First, Independent Health, and the Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council.

The award honors 100 area educators and business people who have forged partnerships that benefit students across Western New York. Recipients will be honored at a breakfast on Thursday, May 11 at the Buffalo Convention Center.

Appreciation Expressed

I was touched to learn that the board had honored my husband with a Named Gift to the Educational Foundation. He often helped me with books in the early days of the sale, and later picked up sealed bid donations from Pilot Field near his office. His most valued contribution may have been the hours he spent waiting for Molly Fleysher and me to finish making lists of sealed bid items for the telephone committee so he could drive us home. I'm deeply grateful for this special remembrance.

Ruthe Sicherman

Condolences

The branch members extend their condolences to the family of member **Virginia Russell** who died on March 22.

Her many contributions to the community included numerous programs for senior citizens.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome our two newest members:

Grace M. Hickok
605 Richmond Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222-1320
884-3141

Hickok has a bachelor's degree in history from SUNY at Buffalo. She heard about our branch through the Girl Scouts.

Moira E. Martineau
18 Northwood Drive
Depew, NY 14043
681-6332

Martineau earned a bachelor's degree in English from SUNY College at Geneseo. She was recruited for membership by Cindy Primus.

I also want to thank all the members who have spread the word about AAUW and our branch. Members have sent me names of 41 individuals and 22 have joined!

Now is an opportune time to tell others about our branch. Members who join from June 1 on will benefit from a full year of membership and activities. If you know of someone who might like to receive membership information, call me at 837-3458.

Marlene Dick
Vice-President for Membership Recruitment

"ABILITY IS AGELESS" 55+ JOB FAIR

The Erie County Department of Senior Services is sponsoring its sixth "Ability is Ageless" 55+ Job Fair to present options, ideas and information about employment opportunities for the 55 and older population.

The Job Fair will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center on Wednesday, May 17 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 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 and 60 exhibitors last year. 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 858-7799.



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5/23 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.

Judy Bratty, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups



Registration Form for Annual May Luncheon

Name _____

Guest/s _____ Name Guest/s _____

Entree Choices: Cost \$16.00 (Includes tax and gratuity)

_____ **Grilled Chicken** served over romaine, with red onion, feta cheese, and a red wine vinaigrette

_____ **Seafood Quiche**, a blend of fresh eggs and cream with seafood – shrimp and crab – baked in a flaky pie crust, served with a house salad with vinaigrette dressing

All lunches served with homemade mini-muffins, rolls, coffee or tea, and a strawberry mousse for dessert. If any dietary requirements are needed, please notify well in advance.

Amount enclosed @ \$16.00 per person _____

Make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch

Mail reservations by May 8 to Barbara Paulson, 91 Northwood Drive, Depew, NY 14043-4554



AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH USED BOOK SALE

JULY 7 - 10

The Used Book Sale Committee was unable to secure a long-term facility for the book sale. Several sites are available for a three week period. One of these will be selected soon.

With three weeks for the preparation, the sale, and clean-up, an intense effort on the part of all members will be needed. **Mark your calendars now, and plan to be there.**

Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Marion Fay (835-5660).
This newsletter was delivered to the Williams Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on April 27.



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