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BUFFALO: ORIGINS AND PROSPECTS

Slides and Lecture

by

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TOUR OF WNE D FACILITES

Date: November 5, 1994

Place: WNE D Building

Horizons Plaza

(next to Hilton Hotel at Lower Terrace and Charles Street)

Time: 9:00 Registration

9:30 Tour of WNE D

10:15 Coffee Hour

10:45: Program

Cost \$2.50

Reservation deadline is October 29.

Directions for parking and reservation form are on page 11.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members of AAUW Buffalo Branch,

The influence and prestige of AAUW should make all of us very proud to be members. The studies on gender equity and sexual harassment are often referred to in current publications. My professional field is education, and I find frequent references to these reports in the professional publications I receive. The gender equity/sexual harassment conference, "Equity Beginning Now," that Suzanne Grossman and her committee are planning for March 25, 1995, will add to our pride in the organization.

We have had two outstanding general programs, study groups are moving along, and several committees have met. The book sale committee has begun work. While we have concerns over the location, the fine committee Betty Loucks has assembled and the support of everyone in the organization will make another successful fundraising event for the Educational Foundation. Marlene Dick has given excellent "sales pitches" for membership at our general meetings, and her committee has met to talk about ways to attract new members.

You will read of other events and activities in other parts of the newsletter. Participate to enjoy "pride in membership."

Yours truly,
Judy Weidemann

Buffalo Branch Gives Financial Aid to Nine Students

During the first six months of 1994, 13 applications for financial assistance were received. Of this number, 10 were interviewed over the summer. Loans and/or grants were recommended for all 10. Since then, one recipient has had to delay her graduate education until next semester, and her award is being held. In all, awards from the Chamberlin Loan Fund total \$11,500, and those from Funds for Education total \$1,685. Buffalo Branch has assisted 23 students through grants and loans totaling \$33,185 in the last nine months.

See Financial Aid page 5

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BRANCH NOTES

Branch Has New Treasurer

The executive board appointed Gloria Aquila as branch treasurer to fill the term of Kelly McCurdy, who has moved.

Dues should be sent to Gloria Aquila, 232 Wedgewood Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Auction Postponed

The Luck of the Draw Auction has been postponed until further notice due to the sale of the Thruway Mall. Donations will be held until a later date or will be returned upon request.

Congratulations Members!

Bertha Boston was promoted to Senior Staff Assistant in the Department of African American Studies.

Carol Jamieson was elected president of the Faculty Senate at Niagara Community College.

Robertta Richeal is the president of the Women's Council of Realtors.

Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed to assist with the mailing of the newsletter. If you are willing to help, please call Betty Loucks (632-3157) or Ann Hicks (741-3964).

Our Best Wishes...

...for a continuing recovery to **Bertha Cutcher**, who had heart surgery recently.

Buffalo Branch Community Project

YOUR OPPORTUNITY to participate in this nationwide project on women and their health problems. It's simple...it's free...its benefits will be long-lasting.



Promoting health for you and future generations

As our community project, our branch is asking members between 50 and 70 years of age to join in a study focused on health concerns unique to women.

Being part of this important project will not only help doctors develop better ways to treat all women but will also help you learn more about your own health. It may also help us learn how better to prevent the major causes of death and poor health in women - heart diseases, cancer, and bone fractures - through diet, hormone therapy, calcium, and vitamin D.

Participation in this study is an exciting opportunity for you to help the community - and women in particular - not only today but for generations to come.

The study will be conducted at the University at Buffalo's Clinical Center located conveniently at the university's Main Street campus.

Please fill in the form below and mail it to Phyllis Kelly, 38 Roycroft Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14226. Upon receipt of your form, one of the committee members - Delores Bowker, Lois Dabney, Marion Elmer, Violet Gordon, Jean McFarren, or Myra Menti - will call you with further information and answer any questions you may have.

Won't you help?

Phyllis Kelly
Community Representative

**BE PART
OF THE
ANSWER**

**YES! PLEASE CALL ME ABOUT JOINING
THE WOMEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE!**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # (____) _____

Financial Aid *continued*

The last group of recipients and their schools are Amy Berlin, Utah State University; Margaret DiCarlo, Saint Louis University; Susan Ann Falsone, Daemen College; Kim Grabowski, Cleveland Institute of Art; Julie Lefler, Buffalo State College; Marlene Merriweather, University at Buffalo; Dora Stadler, Cornell University; Michelle Schnell, University at Buffalo; and Kimberly Swalm, Geneseo State College.

Members may help the financial assistance process in three ways:

- refer candidates to Maryalice Seagrave;
- make tax-deductible donations to Funds for Education, which has very limited money but is our only source of grants; and
- volunteer to serve as an interviewer during late December.

Members who served this summer were Barbara Carier, Bertha Cutcher, Marlene Dick, Suzanne Grossman, Ann Hicks, Lynn McClive, Carol Paskuly, Ruth Seitz, Diane Silvestro, and Judy Weidemann - as well as, Cindy Monacelli, treasurer, and Maryalice Seagrave, Chamberlin Loan chair.

Maryalice Seagrave
Chamberlin Loan Chair

Recommended Reading***Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap***

"A riveting book by journalist Peggy Orenstein in association with AAUW shows how girls in two racially and economically diverse California communities suffer the painful plunge in self-esteem documented in *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*." - *Outlook*, Fall 1994.
Available from the AAUW Sales Office (800/225-9998 ext. 310).
\$18.95 members, \$21.95 nonmembers.

Funds Needed for LAF

The Buffalo (NY) Branch has collected \$90 for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund - over 1/3 of its goal of \$1.14 per member - toward fulfilling one of the criteria for 5-star status for 1995.

Last year through the generosity of members, the branch succeeded in reaching the goal set by the state.

The \$90 was a result of a collection taken at the potluck dinner. Collections will be continued at future branch meetings. If you cannot attend the monthly programs, you may send checks to Carolyn Day at 127 Meadowview Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221, and she will forward them to the state AAUW LAF chair to receive credit.

Please make checks payable to AAUW - NYS - LAF and designate Buffalo Branch on the check.

Thank you for your support.



Carolyn Day
LAF Chair

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have several new members, and we would like to welcome them to the AAUW Buffalo (NY) Branch:

Jane Duffy
2347 Bush Road
Grand Island, NY 14072-2570
773-5963

Jane received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Buffalo State College. She was recruited by Jan Vine.

Lorraine Racle
84 Wendover Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14223
835-6201

Lorraine has bachelor's and master's degrees from Buffalo State College. She is a teacher and learned about AAUW from Claudia Kania.

Shirley Ruehl
50 Woodcreek Lane
Grand Island, NY 14072
773-6013

Shirley received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University at Buffalo. She is a home economics teacher and was recruited by Jan Vine.

Sherry Wark
50 Claudette Court
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
681-4657

Sherry received her bachelor's degree in business from the University at Buffalo. She learned about AAUW from Diane Silvestro.

Patricia Haven
197 Ramsdell
Buffalo, NY 14216
876-4790

Patricia has both a bachelor's degree from Ithaca College and a master's degree from the

University at Buffalo in economics. Suzanne Grossman introduced her to AAUW.

Jan Erikson
31 1/2 Nottingham Terrace
Buffalo, NY 14216
871-9632

Jan has bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Ohio State University. She was recruited by Barbara Olandt.

Remember, if you know of individuals you think might like to join AAUW, send their names and addresses to me, and I will be glad to mail them a prospective member packet. If you would like to distribute Buffalo (NY) Branch brochures or posters, just contact me, Marlene Dick, 576 Longmeadow Road, Amherst, NY 14226, (837-3458), and I will send as many as you need to your home.

Marlene Dick
Vice President for Membership Recruitment

1995 Used Book Sale Committee Appointed

A committee will make decisions for the management of the Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale for 1995. Betty Loucks, coordinator, has appointed the following chairs to work with her in planning, organizing and running the sale: Rosemary Darbee, staffing; Carolyn Day, pick-up; Carol Paskuly, sorting; Anne Montes, pricing; and Jackie Trace, collectibles.

Bunny Blackstone, Jill Brown, Sharon Rich, and Diane Silvestro are working on a time line and general guidelines for used book sales. They expect to have information available in December for the 1995 committee.