

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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WOMEN

NYS District I

October 1994

ESTATE PLANNING FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

October 22, 1994
9 a.m. - Noon
University Inn & Conference Center
2401 North Forest Road
Amherst, NY

Speaker: Gayle Eagan, Esq.
of Jaeckle, Fleischman & Mugel



An Executive Continental Brunch will be served--Cost \$6.50

Reservation deadline is October 17.
Send reservations to Barbara Olandt; see page 11.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members of AAUW Buffalo Branch,

The annual potluck dinner held on September 13, 1994, was an auspicious start for our membership year. It has often been said that the study groups are the heart of the branch. Our varied and dynamic groups can be thought of as the heart of the Buffalo Branch. Here learning and enjoyment take place and fine friendships are formed. Jan Vine has done an outstanding job for the past few years and now Judy Bratty is taking over with great enthusiasm. Bunny Blackstone, Sharon Rich, and I will be visiting all of the study groups and are looking forward to that task.

Bunny Blackstone and her committee have already put much time into plans for the Luck of the Draw Auction on November 19, 1994. This is a new Educational Foundation fundraising venture for us, and we need the support of all members to make it a success.

We continue to meet our EF obligations through the tremendous success of the AAUW Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale. I'm delighted that Betty Loucks has taken on the responsibility of coordinating the book sale. She will act as facilitator with strong committee chairs working with her. There is a committee composed of Diane Silvestro, Jill Brown, Bunny Blackstone, and Sharon Rich working on establishing guidelines for the used book sale to make it even more productive.

In summary we are at the beginning of an excellent AAUW year. I welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Yours truly,
Judy Weidemann

5-Star Award Is Official

The Association 5-star award letter was received early in August 1994. The first two paragraphs say all we want to hear:



"Dear Ms. Grossman:

Congratulations on becoming the newest star in the AAUW galaxy!

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that the Buffalo, Inc. Branch has earned a 5-star branch award for 1993-94. Your branch demonstrates AAUW members' tremendous commitment to promoting our mission of education equity for all women and girls."

See 5-Star on page 3

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AAUW promotes equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change.

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Deadline for November issue is October 5.

TARGET EQUITY

Education and Equity

Where do we go from here? Planning is underway for a major community event on March 25, 1995, focusing on issues of equity at all levels of education and in the workplace. Members are encouraged to become involved and/or watch for developments and help promote what promises to be an informative, stimulating, and significant western New York event. Suzanne Grossman, former Buffalo Branch president, and Sue Oliver, from the East Aurora-Southtowns Branch, are providing the leadership for this activity, which is being sponsored by the Tri-County Interbranch Council.

In addition to this, Buffalo Branch members have expressed an interest and willingness to be involved in a greater outreach to the western New York community through special presentations on sexual harassment and equity issues. Barbara Carrier, Education Representative, and Ann Hicks, Equity Coordinator, would like to continue to explore ways (along with the presentations) to effectively disseminate a message to help prevent and curtail sexual harassment or help meet the needs of those who are dealing with it. Equity in our schools would continue to be an area of study and action. We would like to meet with interested members on Saturday, October 8 at Barbara's home, 295 Lakewood Parkway, from 10 to 11:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to call Ann Hicks (741-3964) who will be preparing handouts for the meeting.

Update on Gender Equity Bills

The Senate approved the Gender Equity in Education Package as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization (S 1513) The ESEA, the federal government's largest K-12 education funding program, included provisions on teacher equity training, sexual harassment, math and science education for girls, dropout prevention for pregnant and parenting teens, and more, thanks to the efforts of AAUW members across the country.

The House has already passed its own version of ESEA. Differences between the House and Senate versions will be worked out by a conference committee in mid-September. During that time AAUW will be working to preserve all the gender equity provisions in both bills. After the conference, the bill will return to both chambers for final approval and then go to the President for signature, probably in October.

Information taken from *Action Alert*, September 1994

Ann Hicks
Equity Coordinator

5-Star continued from page 2.

Congratulations to all branch members! Now we must concentrate on 5-star status (II) for 1994-95. The March 25, 1995, conference-- "Equity Beginning Now"-- will need member support to win one of the next 5-stars. Planning for the March 1995 conference will continue on September 27 at the Original Pancake House on Main Street in Williamsville. Come at 5:30 p.m. for supper or at 6:45 p.m. for the meeting.

Suzanne Grossman, RD

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It's Membership Recruitment Month

If you attended the September potluck, you were present as we kicked off our **membership recruitment drive**. We are asking every member to make an effort to pass information about AAUW and the benefits of belonging along to others.

To help you do this, you will find several additional pages with this newsletter. One page lists 12 ways you can spread the work and recruit members, and we hope you will take a little time each month and use some of the suggestions.

A second page is a form you can fill out and return to the Membership Committee to have us send information to prospective members for you, or to have us send you brochures and posters that you can distribute. A third page is a poster that you can copy and post in lots of places. We can also send you as many copies as you would like of the poster on colored paper.

If you feel your energy fade a little when you think of making the effort to recruit new members, just think of all the benefits you are offering to your friends and colleagues as potential members: stimulating ideas and programs, new friendships, and support--all the things you have gained from belonging to AAUW. Aren't you glad someone gave you information about our branch and asked you to join? Give others that same opportunity!

In other news, we have two new members, and we would like to welcome them to AAUW Buffalo Branch:

Dr. Fay Friedman
9319 Hunting Valley North
Clarence, NY 14031
741-2498
Ph.D. - University at Buffalo

Roberta Ross
6237 S. Transit Road #1092
Lockport, NY 14094
433-0567
B.A. - D'Youville College

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We would also like to invite members to attend the October Membership Committee meeting. It will be from 10 a.m. to noon on October 1 at Marlene Dick's home at

576 Longmeadow Road, Eggertsville. We will be making plans for member recruitment for the next year, and we welcome old and new member input at this meeting. Call Marlene at 837-3458 if you can join us. Remember: It's Membership Recruitment Month!

Marlene Dick
Vice President for Membership Recruitment

Condolences

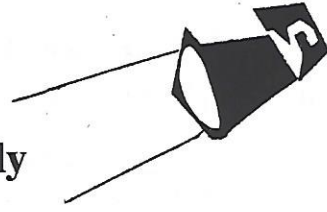
The branch members extend their condolences...

...to **Ruthe Sicherman** on the death of her husband on September 8;

...to the family of long-time member **Alice Weinmann**, who died on August 28;

...and to **Judy Clare** on the death of her mother-in-law.

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE



Phyllis Kelly

Have you ever stopped and seriously thought about what your AAUW membership means to you? I had the distinct pleasure of talking with Phyllis Kelly, one of our distinguished members, and these are some of her thoughts regarding her membership in AAUW:

Phyllis informed me that she has been a member of AAUW for over 25 years. Right after college she joined as many new members do. Then Phyllis took time to raise her family. Once they were independent enough, she rejoined AAUW Buffalo Branch in the late 1960's.

Phyllis makes it clear that she "believes in the aims of AAUW from the national level to the state level and to our own individual Buffalo Branch level." These aims are important for all women to understand, and she would like all members "to become familiar with these aims so that the members can associate themselves with the programs of AAUW" that are a direct result of these aims.

Phyllis has some very good advice for new members, "You can't beat the networking that goes on in our AAUW organization." Part of the reason new members join AAUW is for the networking.

She adds, "Most AAUW members are so willing to share. The camaraderie and advice shared by members is so helpful. More mature members can act as mentors, and young aspiring career women can communicate with each other." Seeing that mentors and "other contemporaries have been successful is inspirational. These are the powerful and positive factors of AAUW networking. These are the factors that help a woman advance herself in her position or to help herself stay successful in her career and in her endeavors of life."

Phyllis notes that times are changing. The old AAUW of the 60s was one of educated homemakers intellectualizing about current and provocative issues that concerned them. The AAUW of today is for the modern, university-educated woman. Today it is an organization of shared decision-making steeped with problem solving issues and strong career networking avenues. The national level of AAUW is in tune with contemporary times with documentation and research on topics such as sexual equity and sexual harassment.

She says, "AAUW meant an awful lot to me years ago, and it still means a lot to me today."

Eve Stoklosa

Vice-President for Membership Retention

Congratulations!

Member Karen Noonan was promoted to Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education at the University at Buffalo. We are proud of her accomplishment.

USED BOOK SALE NEWS

Clarine Radt Wins Draw for Painting

Now that the sale is over for yet another year, it's time to give heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked on the sale. Without the support of our members (and their friends and relatives) we could not have a book sale because there is a tremendous amount of work that must be done. We also need to be reminded of the positive results that greatly overshadow the enormous task. We not only raise money for education, which is stated in our mission, but we also provide a community service and an opportunity for our members to socialize and to participate in a project that involves the entire branch. The individuals who helped on a daily basis are too numerous to list, but that doesn't mean that every hour they worked wasn't appreciated. Thank you!

In addition, the following people contributed to the table fund to help defray the cost of table rental: Ann Bish, Ann Hicks, Jackie Trace, Carolyn Day, Sharon Minklein, Suzanne Grossman, Suzanne Oliver, Stacey Johnson, Ruthe Sicherman, Judy Clare, Suella Bowman. We also received donations in lieu of work from Virginia Troy and Joan Eschner. And, of course, Lorna Berlin donated her lovely painting of gladiolus which was awarded to Clarine Radt at the September potluck dinner. Members (excluding coordinators) earned one chance for the drawing for every five hours they worked.

I hope that everyone will accept a thank you on behalf of the committee as if it had been extended personally because that is exactly the feeling behind it.

Diane Silvestro

CULTURAL NEWS

There's Much to Do Around Here

October usually marks the beginning of the cultural season everywhere, including western New York. Here are some notable events for this month. As the newsletter goes to press, the Philharmonic is planning to begin its regularly scheduled season on October 1 with the return of notable local flautist Carol Wincenc. At the end of the month, the SUNYAB Center for the Arts opens with the flourish of The Canadian Brass, sponsored by the QRS Arts Foundation. In between, take in *HMS Pinafore*, presented by the Greater Buffalo Opera company at Shea's Buffalo on October 20. On local stages, you still have a chance to see Lanford Wilson's *Redwood Curtain* at the Kavinoky, *The Playboy of the Western World* at the Irish Classical Theatre Company, and *Harvey* at the Studio Arena. At the end of the month, Carol Channing recreates her starring role in *Hello, Dolly!* at the Shea's.



If books or lectures are your thing, consider attending the Bistro Bookers October 3 meeting, during which authors Elizabeth Kennedy and Madeline Davis discuss their award-winning book *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold*. Or, you might take in the SUNYAB Distinguished Speaker Series on October 5 to hear the entire McLaughlin Group recreate their PBS show "on the road." Finally, if you have not made plans to visit the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto to see the Barnes Collection, you still have time. It will be there through mid-December. This is just a sampling of the cultural riches in our area this month.

Judy Summer

BUFFALO BRANCH PROGRAMS

- October: District I - Fall Conference
Date: Saturday, October 15, 1994, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Dr., Rochester, NY
Host: Greece Area Branch
- October: Estate Planning for Women of All Ages
Date: Saturday, October 22, 1994, 9 a.m. - noon
Place: University Inn & Conference Center, 2401 North Forest Rd., Amherst
Speaker: Gayle L. Eagan, Esq.-- Jaackle, Fleischman & Mugal
Chairs: Claudia Kania and Barbara Olandt
- November: WNED Tour and "Buffalo: Origins and Prospects," slide and lecture presentation
Date: Saturday, November 5, 1994, 9 a.m.
Place: WNED Building (Channel 17 & 23)
Speaker: John Conlin, director of the Landmark Society of Niagara Frontier, member of the City of Buffalo Preservation Board, Professor in the School of Architecture at the University at Buffalo.
Chairs: Lynn McClive and Maryalice Seagrave
- November: Luck of the Draw Auction
Date: Saturday, November 19, 1994, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Thruway Mall
Chair: Bunny Blackstone
- December: Holiday Festival
Date: Sunday, December 4, 1994
Place: Temple Beth Am, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Amherst
Chairs: Bertha Cutcher and Elaine Kohn
- January: Saturday, January 21, 1995, 11:30 a.m.
Place: TBA
Speaker: Alice Sullivan, Director of Sexuality Center, Student Health Services, SUNY College at Buffalo
Chair: Marlene Dick

See Program on page 12.

September Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Buffalo Branch Board of Directors was called to order by President Judy Weidemann at 7:05 p.m. on September 7, 1994, in the Eggertsville-Snyder Library. The minutes from the June 1994 meeting were circulated and approved as written.

President's Report - Judy gave an update on the status of appointments to board positions for 1994-95. The only addition to what appeared in the September newsletter was the used book sale facilitator. Betty Loucks has agreed to serve in this capacity for the next sale.

Judy informed the board that she had met with Sharon Rich and Bunny Blackstone to discuss plans for the year. Among other things, they have agreed to share the responsibility for attending various organizational and committee meetings as well as study groups.

She circulated the letter from the Association congratulating the Buffalo Branch on achieving 5-star status last year. The letter was turned over to the historian, Jane Riga.

Judy reported on the most recent meeting and action of the Women's Action Coalition. They are developing a position statement which would urge the inclusion of reproductive rights, including the choice of abortion in health care legislation. They would like member organizations to endorse and affix their names to the document which will be released to the press and circulated to legislators. Judy chose to bring the proposed statement to the board to be reviewed before indicating our position as a branch on the statement. She will provide copies, and we will discuss it at the October meeting.

Board members were encouraged to attend the NYS District I Fall Conference on Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Roberts

Wesleyan College. Registration information appeared in the September newsletter.

Past President's Report - Suzanne Grossman reported that she had submitted a grant proposal to the Education Foundation for the equity conference, Equity Beginning Now, being planned in cooperation with the Tri-County Interbranch Council for March 1995. She is in the process of making arrangements to hold the program at Erie Community College North or at Medaille. Suzanne Oliver is trying to secure Peggy Orenstein, author of *School Girls*, as the keynote speaker. The next meeting of the planning committee is September 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Original Pancake House. Anyone interested in helping with the implementation of this project is welcome to attend.

President-Elect's Report - Bunny Blackstone informed the board that Sharon Rich, Judy Weidemann, Eve Stoklosa, and she had prepared a telephone survey to be conducted between now and October 5. Board members were asked and agreed to assist. Discussion then focused on the auction scheduled on November 19 at the Thruway Mall. They need and are seeking donations. It was suggested and agreed that we change the name to Luck of the Draw Auction.

Bunny then reported on the potluck dinner. She has received only 15 reservations. Board members assured her more would come in by the weekend. She requested volunteers to help with set up and clean up.

Bunny told the board that Sharon Rich, Diane Silvestro, Jill Brown, and she have been working on developing and/or revising job descriptions for the various book sale positions. In addition, they are developing a project time line and written policies to help provide direction

and consistency in running the book sale.

Suzanne Grossman read the letter Ruth Sicherman had sent to the Education Foundation describing her disappointment and frustration in securing publicity for the AAUW Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale. She explained that area newspapers will not carry or will limit coverage of stories for Buffalo organizations. This practice has had a negative impact on our effort to promote the book sale and raise money for the Educational Foundation. In view of this, she urged EF to allow us to change our name to the Greater Buffalo Branch. The answering letter from the Foundation's branch liaison recommended that we try again to change our branch's name and begin by requesting the change through NYS-AAUW.

Vice President for Program - Carolyn Iadovito reviewed the complete schedule of branch programs for the year. Printed copies will be available at the potluck dinner.

Vice President for Membership Recruitment - Marlene Dick reported that we have 10 new members since June. She is launching a membership kick-off next week. She has redesigned the membership brochure and has prepared 3 pages of information to be distributed to all members in the next newsletter. The information includes 12 ways to recruit members, so she is looking for assistance from all branch members in this effort to build our membership. The next meeting of the Membership Committee is Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at her home.

Loans Fund Treasurer - Cindy Monacelli circulated printed reports for July and August 1994. The balance in the Chamberlin Loan account as of August 31 was \$31,212.33, while

Loans for Education had \$2,141.46.

Educational Foundation Chair - Stacey Johnson reported that the balance in the EF account is \$15,412.61. After some discussion it was agreed that \$3,000 should be kept in the account for unpaid expenses and start up expenses for the next sale. The income from the first day admissions, \$1,595, will be evenly divided between Loans for Education and branch special projects.

Chamberlin Loan Fund - Maryalice Seagrave told the board that 10 awards were given over the summer.

Legal Advocacy Fund - Carolyn Day reported that the goal for the contributions in 1994-95 would be \$1.14 per member.

Study Groups Coordinator - Judy Bratty has received suggestions to start a computer support group or club and a skiing group.

News Election Service has contacted the branch to request our assistance in monitoring election results November 8. It is a good fundraiser, so Judy will try to find someone to coordinate volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. The next meeting will be held at The Cafe in the Square, Main and Harlem, beginning at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to come at 5:30 if they would like to have dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hicks
Acting Secretary

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH CALENDAR

10/4 Tuesday - **Duplicate Bridge** should call Mary O'Connor (831-9227) for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:30 p.m.

The **Music Study Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Alice Glace, 95 Thorn Avenue, Orchard Park. Mollie Fleysher will present the program on Franz Liszt. Please call Alice (662-2302) if you plan to attend.

10/5 Wednesday - The **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Cafe in the Square, 4476 Main Street, Amherst; the board meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

10/11 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).

The **Women's Issues Group** will meet at the home of Rita Nowak, 40 Condon Avenue, Buffalo, at 7 p.m. Call Rita (874-9725) if you plan to attend.

10/18 Tuesday - The **Book Review Group** will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Joyce Kopf, 68 Majestic Circle, Amherst. Joyce will review the book *Forgotten* by Peggy Say. Call Joyce (832-6858) for reservations.

10/19 Wednesday - The **Crafts Club** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Call Barbara Dascomb (833-0904) for reservations.

The **Book Collecting Group** will meet at 5:45 p.m. for a BYO dinner. The meeting will follow at 6:45 p.m. Call Jill Brown (836-8601) for location.

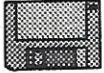
The **Dinner By the Book** group will dine from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Little White House, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville. Maryalice Seagrave will lead a discussion of *"I" is for Innocent* by Sue Grafton from 7 to 8 p.m. If you plan to attend, call Suzanne Grossman (837-8769) by October 14.

10/25 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.

10/26 Wednesday - **Investment Group 2** will meet at 7 p.m. The site is yet to be determined. Contact Eve Stoklosa (695-3606) for further information.

10/27 Thursday - The **Thursday Bridge Group** is scheduled at 1 p.m. Contact Margaret Haas (839-3701) for further information.

10/29 Saturday - The **International Study Through Foods** group will meet. Hold this date open. Suzanne Grossman (837-8769) will be making arrangements.



Marlene Dick is interested in a **Computer Club**. Those interested in further information should contact Marlene (837-3458).



Sundays in the winter, A **Skiers' Club** is being suggested by Eve Stoklosa (695-3606). Both downhill and cross-country skiing are proposed. Skiers with any level of competence are encouraged to participate. Lessons, lunch, and apres ski activities will be available.

Judy Bratty
Study and Interest Groups Coordinator



RESERVATION FORM

See page 1.

Name _____

#Guests _____ Name Guest/s _____

Amount enclosed @ \$6.50 per person _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch

Mail reservations by October 17 to Barbara Olandt
131 Wendover Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14223

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February: The Global Changes Affecting Women
Date: Saturday, February 25, 1995, 11:30 a.m.
Place: TBA
Speaker: Barber B. Conable, Jr., retired president of the World Bank and former congressman
Chair: Karen Stephenson


March: Equity Conference
Date: Saturday, March 25, 1995
Place: Erie Community College North
Chairs: Suzanne Grossman and Suzanne Oliver

April: Mark Twain Room
Date: Saturday, April 22, 1995, 10 a.m. to noon
Place: Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Lafayette Square
Speaker: William Loos, Curator of the Rare Book Room
Chair: Jill B. Brown

May: Luncheon and Installation of Officers

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

This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on September 26.

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