

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

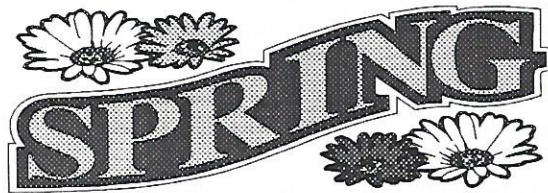


AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN

NYS District 1

April 1996

**CELEBRATE**



**Albright-Knox Art Gallery Tour  
and  
High Tea at Marcy Casino  
in  
Delaware Park**

**Saturday, April 20**

**11 a.m.**

See page 2 for more information.  
A reservation form is on page 11.

## CELEBRATE SPRING at the Albright-Knox

**T**our the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and have high tea at the Marcy Casino in Delaware Park. A special exhibition of Alexander Calder (the inventor of the mobile) is currently at the gallery. Meet at the main entrance to the gallery (1285 Elmwood Avenue) between 11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. where docents will lead groups of 15 – 20 persons on a guided tour of 45 minutes to an hour. **Please be prompt.**

Afterward, walk to Marcy Casino for early high tea at 12:15 p.m. The tea will include a scone with raisins, butter and preserves; 6 pieces per person of four types of finger sandwiches: cucumber and cream cheese, salmon salad, ham, and turkey breast; 2 – 3 pastries per person; and 18 – 20 flavors of tea.

The casino is in Delaware Park directly across Lincoln Parkway from the back of the gallery. Parking in the gallery lot is \$1.50 for the first hour and \$.75 for each additional hour. Street parking is available on Lincoln Parkway. There is some outdoor walking required.

The cost is \$9 per person, and reservations are to be sent to Diane Silvestro by April 15. A registration form is on page 11.

Diane Silvestro

## BOOK SALE

**I** was hoping that by this date we would have a site to report in the newsletter. We are forging ahead with our plans, so we will be ready to move into our site in May. Please call Rosemary Darby at 634-8357 to volunteer your services to help with the book sale. We will not be calling our membership for help at the sale.


We have a new method of sorting that is much faster. We have many shopping carts to

transport the loose books to their appropriate spots. You will not be required to lift any boxes. If you are unable to contribute working time, you may contribute money towards the rental of tables for the sale. Please make the check payable to *AAUW Educational Foundation, Buffalo Branch* (tax deductible) and send it to Bunny Blackstone.

Our first sorting day will be on May 11. Please see the enclosed calendar for dates and times. We will be open evenings, Monday through Thursday, **ONLY** on the days that there are three or more members signed up to work, so please call Darby to check before coming to the site.

Please come and join us. Many of our members have worked on the book sale for years and developed lasting friendships with their co-workers. It is a time for socializing and having some fun, as well as working. I look forward to seeing you at the sale.

Bunny Blackstone  
Book Sale Coordinator

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## New Report on Women's Poverty and Welfare Reform Challenges Popular Assumptions

**A** new report *Back to Basics: Women's Poverty and Welfare Reform* by Dorothy Seavey, issued in November 1995 by the Center for Research on Women, Wellesley College, addresses the unique vulnerability of women and children in America to poverty. The report refutes popular myths about welfare recipients and challenges policy makers to think more broadly and deeply about the underlying causes of women's poverty in this country.

*The report highlights:*

- The extent to which current welfare policy-making is based on inaccurate stereotypes about welfare recipients and the role of welfare in the lives of families receiving Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

- The ways in which the welfare reform debate is shackled by recurrent themes that have dominated public assistance policy debates over the course of the century, including assigning blame for poverty to individuals, separating the deserving from the undeserving poor, establishing inadequate monetary assistance levels for impoverished single-mother families, adopting punitive paternalistic attitudes toward poor women, and injecting racist images of dependency and class-based messages about work, family, and the value of children.

*For example:*

- The majority of recipients are not "dependent" on welfare as a "way of life," but rather use it as a temporary safety net and income stabilizer in their efforts to make ends meet. In fact, AFDC serves many functions that for other Americans are served by entitlement programs specifically designed for particular social insurance needs and contingencies, such as unemployment insurance, child support, and temporary disability insurance.

- For the majority of AFDC recipients, the "inescapable trap" is not public assistance, but rather the hardships they encounter in low-wage labor markets and the fact that they have primary, if not sole, financial and domestic responsibility for their children and households.

"Welfare policy prescriptions have never been more divorced from social science research than they are today. And, inaccurate conceptions about welfare recipients obscure the true dimensions of women's poverty in the U.S." says Seavey.

The report concludes that recent legislative initiatives will not succeed in lifting single-mother families out of poverty because they do not change the barriers to economic self-sufficiency faced by low-income women.

"The current popular emphasis on quick job placement and strict time-limited welfare benefits is completely divorced from any understanding of the relationship between women's poverty and women's employment," says Seavey. "These prescriptions are based on incorrect premises about poor single mothers' actual labor market involvement as well as spurious assumptions about the availability and nature of jobs in low-wage labor markets."

Taken from the *Wellesley College Center for Research on Women*.

## News from the Voter Education Committee

**T**ake note of the purple insert, *Get the Facts*, in each issue of the newsletter between now and Election Day. An article, "Getting out the Facts," in the Spring 1996 issue of *Outlook*, the American Association of University Women magazine, explains in detail the AAUW Voter Education Campaign. Read it to understand the scope of the initiative.

Judy Weidemann  
Branch Voter Education Committee Chair

## The Book Sale History

### Part 2

**B**y today's standards, the first sale was a poor thing. A few hundred books hurriedly collected, a few dedicated members to "make it go." However, it set an important precedent when the Park Hall realty firm donated the site. For the next 25 years the branch held sales in the downtown area and never paid a rental fee.

As the sales grew, and grow they did, it became increasingly difficult to find adequate space. "We need at least 7,500 square feet of space," we boldly told building managers, "and we've always had it donated."

Finally, in 1981 we succumbed. We rented space in the Convention Center, since downtown Buffalo was in a state of renewal and space was at a premium.

Here we had all the amenities formerly lacking, such as, adequate washrooms, an outdoor lighted sign advertising the sale, a separate room

for the sealed bid sale (to be explained later), and many tables supplied by the center. Tables for the books had to be rented and have always been an expensive item.

But all this was costly, and as the costs continued to grow, our profits fell. Obviously, we needed cheaper quarters, and after much searching by a committee, in 1988 we moved into the Medaille College recreation center.

(to be continued)

Ruthe Sicherman

## Thank You Letter

**T**he following letter was sent to Suzanne Grossman from Amherst Councilmember Jane S. Woodard, who was a panel member for *Who's Right?*, *Whose Rights?* at the February branch meeting:

Dear Suzanne:

Thank you so very much for inviting me to speak at the AAUW meeting last weekend. I enjoyed the morning immensely and appreciated the opportunity to share some information about planning, growth and development with those AAUW members who were present.

I especially enjoyed the give-and-take of the question and answer period. It's always a pleasure to have a healthy discussion with people who care enough to ask questions and also listen to the answers.

It was a pleasure meeting new friends and seeing some old friends, too. If there is any way I can assist any of you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

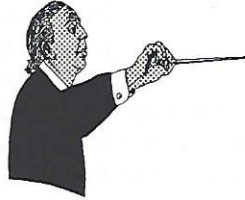
Very truly yours,  
Jane S. Woodward  
Amherst Councilmember



## CULTURAL NEWS

**A**pril this year includes both Easter and Passover and hopefully will also celebrate spring, which is most welcome after the past winter. Also celebrating will be the Amherst Symphony. The last concert in its Fiftieth Anniversary season will take place on April 28, and it will honor the founder, music director and conductor of the orchestra, Dr. Joseph Wincenc. The soloist will be violinist David Kim.

On April 15, 24, and 25, the Amherst Saxophone Quartet will perform an *All Ragtime, All Jazz* concert at three different venues. The North American New Music Festival, a long-time Buffalo institution, will showcase its 1996 edition



at the Center for the Arts at the University at Buffalo April 12 – 14 and April 26 – 28. Also at the Center for the Arts, Pick of the Crop Dance will stage a modern dance version of *Hansel and Gretel*, entertainment for the entire family.

The QRS Arts Foundation will present two concerts during this month: Lynn Harrell, cellist, on April 16, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on April 30. Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra soloists during April will be Leila Josefowicz on April 13 and 14 and local favorite Claudia Hoca, pianist, on April 26 and 27.

On stage during April will be *West Side Story* at Shea's, *The Pajama Game* at Niagara University Theatre, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Judy Summer  
Cultural Representative

## RECOMMENDED READING

### Natural Foods, Herbs, and Women's Health

Prepared by Maryann Bolles, School for Creative Cuisine

*Women's Bodies, Women's Health*, by Christiane Northrup, M.D.

*Chinese Herbal Medicine*, Daniel P. Reid.

*Between Heaven and Earth: A Guide to Chinese Medicine*, by Harriet Beinfield and Efreim Knorngold.

*Pakruti*, by Robert Svaboda.

*A Life of Balance*, by Maya Tiwari.

*Traditional Foods Are Your Best Medicine*, by Dr. Ronald F. Schmid.

*Diet and Nutrition: A Holistic Approach*, by Rudolph Ballentine, M.D.

*Transition to Vegetarianism*, by Rudolph Ballentine.

*Menopausal Years* and other books by Susan Weed.

*Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs*

*The Complete Book of Herbs: A Practical Guide to Growing and Using Herbs*, by Lesley Bremness.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Buffalo Branch welcomes the following new members for February:

Edith Murray Chutkow  
9875 Hollingson Road  
Clarence, NY 14031  
759-6176

Chutkow earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. She earned a master's in social work degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Edna M. Lindermann  
52 Behm Road  
West Falls, NY 14170-9741  
652-5774

Lindermann earned a doctoral degree in education from Columbia University and is director emeritus at Burchfield Art Center. She is a fine arts consultant and appraiser.

Joan Gunther  
Daemen College  
4380 Main Street  
Amherst, NY 14226-3592  
839-8554

or

283 Ransom Oaks Drive  
East Amherst, NY 14051

Gunther earned a doctoral degree in physical therapy from the University of California at Los Angeles. She was recruited by Michelle Bancroft.

Rita Cascia  
Vice-President for Membership Recruitment

## An Important Reminder

The branch *Books for Kids* project needs your valued help. The committee would appreciate your bringing a child's book or books for needy 2 to 12-year-olds to the branch meeting at the Park Lane on Saturday, March 30. If you have books to give and can not attend, please call Phyllis Kelly (839-1952).

The books will go to youngsters 2 to 12 in the Western New York area to increase literacy in our community. Many of the children have never had a book of their own. The *Books for Kids* project is based on the belief that a child who develops a love for books and reading develops a major foundation for success.

Our community and Buffalo Branch really need your help to make this book drive a success.

Phyllis Kelly  
Community Representative

## MARCH BOARD MEETING

The Buffalo Branch Board meeting was called to order by Co-President Sharon Rich on March 6, 1996, at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library. The minutes were circulated and accepted as corrected. The following reports were given:

**President's Report** – Sharon Rich reported that the state convention will be held April 12 – 14 in Syracuse. Diane Silvestro volunteered to be a delegate. Rich asked for nominees for the achievement award. A program highlighting Women's History Month will be held at Moot Hall, Buffalo State College, on March 29, 1996, at 12 noon. Featured speaker will be Elaine Conway, New York Division of Women. Rich thanked Maryalice Seagrave and her committee for the February program. Rich reported that the Buffalo Board received an unrestricted donation of \$500 from the will of Marilyn Campbell.

See *Board* on page 8.





## BRANCH NOTES

### Congratulations

Member Marjorie Milius has been selected for the fourth year to exhibit one of her water colors in the Sixth Annual 1996 New York Association of Homes and Services for Aging (NYAHSA) and the Alliance of New York State Arts Councils *Homes for the Aging* Art Exhibit. Her artwork, *Splendor of the First Snowfall*, will be exhibited along with 62 other pieces selected. The show will open with a legislative reception at the Empire State Plaza in Albany on March 5. Her work was chosen out of 148 entries from New York State. Milius will be attending the awards ceremony in the capital with fellow exhibitors.

### Condolences

Buffalo Branch members extend their sympathy to...

...the family of member **Sparkle Furnas**. Furnas was a past-president of Buffalo Branch, serving from 1950-1952.

...to member **Lorey Repicci** on the death of her mother in February.

### Roster Change

Kohn, Elaine P. (Mrs. Edward J.)  
2 Devon Lane  
Williamsville 14221-4912

626-4181  
SUNY/Bflo.  
(Social Welfare)

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**First Vice-President for Program Report** – Carolyn Iadovito stated that all is going well for the March program, *Notes of a White Black Woman* by Judy Scales-Trent, to be held at the Park Lane on March 30, 1996. The April program will be a tour of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. The May luncheon is May 18, 1996, at Daffodil's, and Chair Linda Fusco explained the choices and expenses. Fusco recruited volunteers for sign-up, reservations, and program. A program planning meeting will be held at The Original Pancake House, March 28, 1996, at 6 p.m.

**Public Policy Report** – Diane Silvestro asked for 500 copies of *Public Policy for AAUW*. A motion was made to take \$25 out of special projects for 500 copies of the brochure to circulate to prospective members. The motion passed unanimously.

**Second Vice-President for Membership Recruitment Report** – Rita Cascia reported that the branch gained 25 new members in January and 3 in February.

**Third Vice-President for Membership Retention Report** – Carolyn Day reported that the state received the branch reports and will send her an accurate membership count next week.

**Treasurer's Report** – Michelle Bancroft circulated the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$7,255.71 in the checking account and \$3,081.42 in the savings account. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Loan Funds Treasurer's Report** – Maryalice Seagrave presented Cindy Monacelli's report showing \$28,150.35 in the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$5,808.53 in Funds for Education. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**By-Laws Report** – Ann Bish reported that the By-Laws Committee will meet on March 18, 1996, at 5:30 p.m. at 5500 Main Street in Williamsville.

**Community Representative's Report** – Phyllis Kelly reported on the *Books for Kids* project. Rita McDonald will send out publicity about our involvement. A motion was made to donate the children's books that have been collected for our book sale to this program. The motion passed unanimously.

**Educational Foundation Report** – Stacey Johnson reported that we will send \$9,000 from our book sale proceeds to the Buffalo Branch Centennial American Fellowship and \$125 for five Equity Tree shares and the remainder of the funds will go for the next book sale's seed money and other Educational Foundation expenses.

**Public Policy Report** – Judy Weidemann reported that the copies of the public policy brochure will be inserted in the newsletter. Weidemann will comment on the articles in *Outlook*. Weidemann and Sharon Rich are part of a program, *Kids Vote, USA*, sponsored by *The Buffalo News*, which encourages children to get their parents to vote.

**Chamberlin Loan Report** - Maryalice Seagrave reported that applications for grants are still being accepted. Interviews will be held June 25 and 29.

**Nominating Committee Report** – Sharon Minklein presented the 1996 slate of officers recruited by Ernie Foster and her committee.

**Old Business** – Linda Fusco would like a leadership development committee formed to recruit new members for working committees.

**New Business** – Rich asked for ideas for a Legal Advocacy Fund basket for the state convention. A suggestion was made to contact the Craft Group.

Carolyn Day agreed to take phone calls for book sale collections from April 13 to April 28.

The April meeting will be at the Original Pancake House on April 3, 1996, 6 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for the meeting.



## FEATURING STUDY GROUPS:

### *INVESTMENT INTEREST GROUP*

The Investment Interest Group members would like to update the branch members regarding their group. The interest group has been meeting for the past two years. It has been an enlightening experience for the members involved; many individuals have made intelligent and profitable investments. They are actively soliciting new members for the monthly meetings, which are held the last Monday of each month at the Greenhaven Library, 350 Greenhaven Toad, Tonawanda. In the past they have had guest speakers discussing estate planning, investments and the law, and they went on-line at the Common Grounds Internet Cafe Inc., 1420 Millersport Highway (<http://www.cgicafe.com>).

The continuing goal of intelligently approaching the world of investing becomes more exciting with each new technological advancement. The group looks forward eagerly this year to the stimulating meetings and to making plans for next year. They hope to see new members at the opening meeting on September 30, 1996.

### *MUSIC STUDY GROUP*

The focus for the Music Study Group is to increase musical knowledge and appreciation. Members who wish to perform are encouraged to present programs; those who are involved in musical organizations may present speakers to discuss local programs or out-of-town performances; those interested in music history contribute programs.

They would like to encourage the study of women musicians: composers, conductors, instrumentalists, and singers.

## COMING EVENTS

### **New Interest Group Is Forming**

**Healthy Foods/Herb Seasonings**, a new interest group to share recipes, research, and perhaps meals, will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday, May 8, 1996, at 7 p.m. at the home of Lynn McClive, 50 Anderson Place, Buffalo (885-3299). Please call if you are interested.



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## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH CALENDAR

- 4/2 Tuesday – The **Duplicate Bridge Group** should call Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:30 p.m.
- The **Music Study Group** will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Florence DaLuiso, 2660 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna. She will discuss Chopin's waltzes with some piano interpretations of her own. She will be assisted by piano performances by Mary Mahoney. Call DaLuiso (828-0373) if you plan to attend.
- 4/3 Wednesday – The **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet at the Original Pancake House, 5479 Main Street, Williamsville for dinner at 6 p.m. and a meeting at 7 p.m.
- 4/9 Tuesday – 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.
- 4/11 Thursday – The **Crafts Group** will demonstrate rubber stamping. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) for details.
- 4/16 Tuesday – The **Book Review Group** will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Payne, 93 Crosby Avenue, Kenmore. Hostess will be Mary Jane Orcutt. Payne will review a book. Call Payne (876-6855) for reservations.
- 4/17 Wednesday – The **Dinner by the Book Group** will meet at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth's Gourmet Coffee and Tea Shoppe in the Maple-Ridge Plaza at Maple and Sweet Home. *The Life and Times of Rose F. Kennedy* will be reviewed by Nan Scinta. Call Elizabeth Smith (836-2316) for reservations.
- 4/24 Wednesday – The **Clueless Group** (Mystery Book Club) will meet at 6 p.m. at the Original Pancake House, 5479 Main Street, Williamsville, for dinner; discussion of favorite authors and mystery books will follow at 6:45 p.m. A short presentation of how you became interested in mysteries will be given. Please call Ann Hicks (741-3964) for reservations.
- 4/29 Monday – The **Investment Interest Group** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenhaven Library, 350 Greenhaven Road, Tonawanda. The topic will be "Global Investing." Call Eve Stoklosa (695-3606) or Judy Bratty (833-5995) for more information. Guests are welcome. See article on page 9.
- 4/30 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 Jan Vine (839-2559) for more information. Guests are always welcome.

Judy Bratty, Coordinator  
Study and Interest Groups





**AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

**JULY 1, 1996 – JUNE 30, 1997**

Amount:	\$48.50 (Includes branch, state, and Association dues)
Educational Foundation Donation	<u>2.00 (optional)</u>
Total	\$50.50
Branch Life Membership	\$19.50 (Includes branch and state)
Educational Foundation Donation	<u>2.00 (optional)</u>
	\$21.50
Dual Member: Buffalo Branch, 1st branch – \$48.50, Buffalo Branch 2nd branch – \$14.50	
AAUW Student Affiliate	\$ 24.25

Make renewal check payable to *AAUW – Buffalo Branch* and mail to Michelle Bancroft, 45 Oakmont Court, East Amherst, NY 14052-2417. **Renewals will be accepted at the May Luncheon.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**Registration Form for April Branch Meeting**

**Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.**

**Albright-Knox Art Gallery Tour and High Tea at Marcy Casino**

Tea will include a scone with raisins, butter and preserves; 6 pieces per person of four types of finger sandwiches: cucumber and cream cheese, salmon salad, ham, turkey breast; 2 - 3 pastries per person; and 18-20 flavors of tea.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$9 Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to *AAUW Buffalo Branch*.

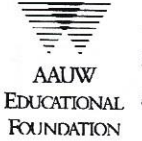
Please send reservations by **April 15** to Diane Silvestro, 6 Belvoir Road, Buffalo, NY 14221

**No reservations will be accepted at the door.**

*In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.*



*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.*



*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*



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

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

This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on March 27.



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