

November Board Meeting

The November meeting of the Buffalo Branch Board of Directors was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on November 1, 1995, by Co-President Bunny Blackstone at the Snyder-Eggersville Library. The minutes were read and accepted. The new treasurer, Michelle Bancroft, was introduced. The following reports were given:

President's Report - Vice-President for Membership Recruitment Marlene Dick will be moving in December. A replacement is needed to fill her unexpired term.

Blackstone asked Stacey Johnson, Educational Foundation Chair, for information on the New York State Equity Futures Donor Club. Branches and individuals may recognize, memorialize, or honor persons with a minimum donation of \$25. A certificate is sent to the honoree, and the state, branch and individual receive credit for the donation. Contributions go to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls: International Partnerships.

A request was received from the Syracuse Branch to take an ad in the program for the state convention. A motion was made by Karen Noonan, seconded by Barb Olandt, to purchase a quarter-page ad at a cost of \$60. The motion passed (8-7).

The Association Board revised the Association policy to allow a dual member to serve as any officer except president in the dual branch.

Co-President Sharon Rich thanked those who helped with last month's program. Program speaker Dr. Barbara Tedlock has indicated an interest in joining the branch.

Past-President's Report - Rich reported for Past-President Judy Weidemann that a \$1 donation would be required for the museum tour

at the November branch meeting in addition to the cost printed in the newsletter. Weidemann also sent invitations to the other three area branches and to officers of other women's organizations.

President-Elect's Report - Karen Noonan reported on the Women's Action Coalition meeting. They are in the process of updating the information on women in education in the report, *Status of Women in Erie County*. They would like assistance from the branch in updating this report.

First Vice-President for Program Report - Carolyn Iadovito reported that the guest speaker for the December branch Holiday Celebration is Carolina Márquez, a Ph.D. candidate in Spanish linguistics at the University at Buffalo. This will be a social meeting with a video and recorded music, and Márquez will speak on Mexican foods.

Second Vice-President for Membership Recruitment Report - Marlene Dick reported that the branch has one new member since the last meeting. The Member-at-Large list was received, and letters will be sent to MALs in our area.

Loan Funds Treasurer's Report - Cindy Monacelli submitted her report showing a balance of \$29,844.46 in the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$4,184.18 in Funds for Education as of October 31, 1995. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Educational Foundation Report - Stacey Johnson reported a total balance in all accounts of \$13,591.40.

Public Policy Report - Barbara Olandt reported that the Education and Equity and Public Policy Chairs and the Education Representative are working together to develop plans for Voter Education. They will meet next Monday night at the Hoover Middle School. She stated that the District 1 Conference was very helpful in clarifying direction.

For a fee of \$12, all information from the Association will be faxed in for a year. A number of members have indicated an interest in this. Olandt is trying to find a central terminal to receive information.

Community Representative's Report - Phyllis Kelly reported that she had asked Dr. Geraldine Bard and Dr. Elizabeth Cappella, delegates to the United Nation Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues who spoke at the September branch meeting, what we could do in the community to be of help.

International Relations/Diversity Representative's Report - Barbara Burke reported that she had received a thank you for the gift to the Sierra Leone Fund. Burke distributed the following information: *Holiday/Festival Explanatory Notes* (a list of various ethnic and religious celebrations) and *Branch Networking Checklist* (to discover ways to expand branch contacts and gain greater access to diverse allies). There is a need to encourage diversity in our membership.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Betty Loucks stated that the newsletter needs more coverage of AAUW issues. Loucks will make a schedule for articles to be submitted by the chairs. Loucks also said that members were not respecting the newsletter deadline, which is the first Wednesday of the month. No information will be accepted after the Sunday night following the board meeting.

Chamberlin Loan Report - Maryalice Seagrave reported that the ad hoc committee revised the guidelines for loans. The final revision will be presented to the board in December. They also revised two forms: the promissory note and the public relations release.

Members are needed to answer phones for Channel 17. Five workers are needed in order to

receive recognition for the branch.

Finance/Budget Report - Diane Silvestro reported that the budget has been finalized. There was a surplus from last year because the programs became self-supporting. Two non-board members are needed to serve on the committee.

Public Relations Report - An article and a picture of Dr. Nancy Rosenbloom, speaker for the November branch meeting, will be in the *Buffalo News*. Dr. Rosenbloom is professor of history at Canisius College and Chair of the Women's Studies program there.

Study/Interest Groups Report - Rich reported for Judy Bratty that she will contact the study groups for information on who is attending and what they are doing. Bratty will ask for more complete information on the study groups for the feature in the newsletter. There is a need to assess which groups are functioning and then add more groups. Study groups are a vital part of the branch; they need more emphasis.

May Luncheon Report - Rich reported for Linda Fusco that there will be three entree choices for the luncheon at Daffodil's Restaurant: Vegetable/Cheese Quiche, Salmon, and Chicken Marsala. The cost will be about \$14 or \$15. A deposit has been made.

Old Business - Karen Noonan reported on the District 1 Conference, which emphasized the Voter Education Campaign. Seven Buffalo Branch members attended the conference at The White Inn in Fredonia. Noonan reported that we are one of the more active branches in the district. The excellent program featured a presentation by State Assemblywoman Pat McGee on *Women in Politics in New York State*. Women from other groups also presented information on national issues affecting women and children.

The December meeting will be held at the Snyder-Eggertsville Library on December 6, 1995,

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/5 Tuesday – The **Duplicate Bridge Group** should call Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday – The **Music Study Group** will meet at the home of Mary Mahoney, 751 W. Ferry Street, #8CD, Buffalo. Mahoney will present songs of the holiday season. Call Mahoney (882-3841) for reservations.

12/6 Wednesday – The **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Eggerstville Snyder Library, 4622 Main Street, Amherst.

12/12 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.

The **Book Collecting Group** will not meet.

12/14 Thursday – The **Craft Group** will demonstrate candy making. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) for details.

11/21 Tuesday – The **Book Review Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Grace Kenline, 155 Westchester Blvd., Kenmore. Mollie Fleyscher will review *Charles Kuralt's America* by Charles Kuralt. Call Kenline (877-0734) for reservations.

The **Dinner by the Book Group** will not meet.

The **Investment Interest Group** will not meet.

The **Investment Club** will not meet.

Following are some suggestions for study groups, some of which were reprinted from *Vision*, the Schenectady (NY) Branch newsletter:

Art Appreciation	Book Exchange	Couples Gourmet
Science Topics	World Travel	Role of the Latino Woman in Buffalo
Women's Interests	Diversity	Futurist
Studio Music		Harassment of Girls and Women

Many of these are self-explanatory; others could be developed in various ways. If anyone is interested in starting one of the above groups or one of their own, please contact Judy Bratty (833-5995) to put a notice in the newsletter.

Judy Bratty, Coordinator
Study and Interest Groups

**FEATURING STUDY GROUPS:
*INVESTMENT INTEREST GROUP***

The Investment Interest Group's purpose is to educate them in all aspects of investments and finances. They have in-depth discussions led by members and guest speakers. All are invited to attend.

Mexican Holiday Celebration Information:

Location: Medaille College
Agassiz Circle, Buffalo
Alumni Room and Foyer (Main Building)

The building is handicapped accessible from the left side (facing the front).



**Reservation Form for una Navidad mexicana
December 3, 1995
No charge**

Name _____

#Guest/s _____ Name of Guest/s _____

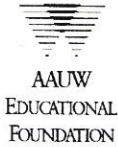
Chair: Dr. Patricia Seaver

Send reservations by **November 29** to Carolyn Iadovito
8689 Rebecca Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

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.

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