

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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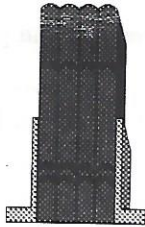
NYS District 1

June 1996

## USED BOOK SALE

June 6 – 9, 1996

Transitown Plaza  
Transit Road  
(between Main & Wehrle)



**Admission Charge**  
Thursday, June 6 only:  
9 a.m. – Noon \$10  
Noon – 8 p.m. \$5

**Admission Free**  
Friday, June 7, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Sunday, June 9, noon – 5 p.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**F**inally, a site for our book sale! Please look for information under *Book Sale* on page 4.

We would like to thank Diane Silvestro for chairing our April program at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the high tea at the Marcy Casino. Everyone enjoyed both.

Six of our members attended the State Convention in Syracuse. The convention was inspiring, and we left with many ideas.

We are proud to announce that we achieved the 5-star status again this year, came in third place for the largest contribution to the Educational Foundation, and won honorable mention for the newsletter.

The proposed bylaw regarding the state dues was amended to read: "Effective July 1, 1997, each branch shall pay annual state dues of \$8 for each member belonging to the branch. Effective July 1, 1999, each branch shall pay annual state dues of \$10 for each member." This was voted on and carried.

The District I meeting will be held on October 26, 1996, at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora. The Middle Atlantic Regional Conference will be held at the University of Delaware June 28 - 30, 1996. We hope some of you will be able to join us.


We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Judy Weidemann's son, Michael. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her. In memory of Michael, AAUW Buffalo Branch is setting up a scholarship fund for a young man. Look for the details in this newsletter.

Well, this year has certainly passed quickly!

This will be our last newsletter column as your co-presidents. We've enjoyed our term and were pleased that we were able to job share the president's position. Job sharing allowed us to function in our personal lives and work responsibilities while providing the leadership required as AAUW Buffalo Branch president. We hope that this will encourage others to use this kind of arrangement to fill positions that may require considerable time and effort and that may not be possible for someone to assume who has many other responsibilities.

The programs held this year were outstanding and attracted some of the largest attendance our branch has had. We thank everyone who worked so hard on these events. Thanks also to Judy Weidemann for her continued support and her guidance throughout the year, and to Karen Noonan who worked so hard right along

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is published monthly as a bulletin of events for members and as an update on AAUW issues and programs.

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**Deadline for the September issue is August 7.**

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**B**uffalo Branch has a fine history of contributing as a branch to the AAUW Educational Foundation. We completed the Buffalo Branch Endowment, which in 1995 sponsored Mary Turney, project director of Mentors in Flight.

The Mentors in Flight program is designed to encourage women to pursue careers in aviation. Project Director Mary Turney arranged mentoring relationships between local high school girls, college women, and professional women flight instructor pilots, and they train women from Dowling College, New York, to fly. The college women then share their experiences with high school girls. Dowling College is in Oakdale, New York. Farmington (MI) Branch Endowment also supported this project. The Foundation is able to put together these project grants through the resources which come from branches throughout the United States.

The Buffalo (NY) Branch American Fellowship will be completed when the \$100,000 goal is attained. We expect to reach this goal before the year 2000. Branch members have supported this goal each year with their contributions to the book sale, their labor, their leadership, and their monetary support.

For each \$500 the branch contributes to the Foundation, we may choose to honor a person we feel is worthy.

Named honorees for 1995 were Grace

Blackstone, Marlene Dick, Marion Fay, Hope Isaacs (in memoriam), Anastasia Johnson, Anne Levy (in memoriam), Lester Loucks, Alice Mason, Lynn McClive, Barbara Olandt, Carol Paskuly, Steven Paskuly, Sharon Rich, Bernard Sicherman (in memoriam), Diane Silvestro, Lois Waldorf (in memoriam), Alice Weinmann (in memoriam), and Judy Weidemann.

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

Named honorees for 1996 are Ann Bish, Bertha Boston, Jill Brown, Barbara Carier, Rita Cascia, Bertha Cutcher, Rosemary Darbee, Carolyn Day, Ernestine Foster, Sparkle Furnas (in memoriam), Josephine Herman, Ann Hicks, Carolyn Iadovito, Betty Loucks, Sharon Minklein, Maryalice Seagrave, Diane Sina, and Jacqueline Trace.

The work of this branch is exemplary and is well-recognized as such by the New York State AAUW and the Association.

Stacey Johnson  
Educational Foundation Chair

### AAUW Member HELPLINE

The AAUW Member HELPLINE staff stand by to respond to all your membership questions and needs. Just call 800/821-4364, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (e-mail: [helpline@mail.aauw.org](mailto:helpline@mail.aauw.org)). Members who are hearing-impaired can call the TDD number, 202/785-777.

## BOOK SALE

**A** site for our used book sale has been found, and we will begin sorting on May 11 as planned. The site is at the Transitown Plaza in a store front named "Book Sale" (how appropriate). The Transitown Plaza is at the corner of Transit Road and Main Street in Clarence. The store is behind T.J. Maxx, two doors away from Pleasures and Pastimes. We would like to thank Matthew Bian of Transitown Plaza, who donated the space, and Gunner Tronolone of Stovroff & Herman who worked with Jackie Trace in negotiating the site.

We would also like to thank another sponsor, Advanced Graphics and Printing, who for the second year has printed our book marks free of charge. We are also very fortunate this year to have the Americorps Volunteers help us with delivering books from our depots to the site.

### How can you help?

- Call Rosemary Darbee at 634-8357 if you can donate a few hours sorting or working at the sale. Bring a family member or friend.
- Donate \$10 to cover the cost of one table for the sale. Make your check out to AAUW Buffalo Branch Educational Foundation and send it to Stacey Johnson, 491 Ashland Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222-1501.
- Save your paper and plastic bags for the sale. Remember that all donations and expenses are a tax deduction on your federal return under Schedule A - Gifts to Charity. You may deduct nine cents a mile for your mileage deduction.

We hope to see you there!

Bunny Blackstone  
Book Sale Coordinator

## The Book Sale History

### Part 4

**I**n 1967, we discovered the Ellicott Square Building and spent five years there in various parts of the building.

Dr. Carol Collins, former fellowship awardee, chaired the sale in a back corner of the lobby. It was a large space, very plush, and it seemed to the workers that they had as many questions about the space as they had about the books. It was rented before we moved out, which may have made Mr. Palagrino consider us a good luck token.

In '68 we occupied a vault in the basement, but in '69 we were back on the first floor in a former flower shop. The glass cases were still on the walls when we set up, and we had difficulty avoiding them with the boxes of books. Luckily, nothing was broken.

In '70, Lois Jarrett was back in the basement in the former GOP Headquarters. The entrance was somewhat obscured, so Ruth Sicherman pasted yellow foot prints from the lobby to the sale site.

Jarrett appeared again as coordinator in '71; this time in the Dixie hat shop in the Liberty Bank building. Here the many support posts made excellent display spots for the pictures, maps, and other Sealed Bid items.

Jarrett was back in '72, this time on the sixth floor. We were worried that no one would find us there, so we took an ad in the *News* with a coupon for a free book. We didn't have to worry, because we had one of the biggest crowds ever.

(More of that anon, HONEST!)

Ruthe Sicherman

June 1996  
Monthly Planner

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## Highlights of AAUW Convention Workshop at Syracuse: Programmembership Link

### Membership Recruitment Tips:

- Send AAUW newsletter and brochures to all speakers and offer membership to those who are eligible to join;
- have interactive programs and publicize them in diverse places;
- put all branch projects in the newsletter;
- include the vice-president's name and means of contact in publicity; and
- analyze community needs and provide programming which meets those needs; publicize where you are sure the "target" audience will hear about the programs.

### Membership Retention Tips:

- Send a president's welcoming letter to all new members;
- ask new or less-active members to serve on a committee: Educational Foundation, book sale, any community project, etc.;
- offer rides to older or less active members;
- print fillers in the newsletter about AAUW history, structure, and facts so that new members learn about the organization;
- assign a mentor to each new member: someone who can provide information on AAUW, be a friendly face at a meeting, or involve the member in a special project;
- involve members in the Program Development Committee, find out what motivated them to join and remain in AAUW, what concerns they had, and address the concerns as a branch.
- make your organization user-friendly: vary meeting times and places so that members with diverse needs can attend, provide greeters so that no one feels isolated, and make sure that the role of board members is to mingle with all members.

Some of these tips are already being utilized by our branch, but there are others we can take advantage of. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Carolyn Day  
Vice-President for Membership Retention



## BRANCH NOTES

### Condolences

Buffalo Branch members extend their sympathy to Past President **Judy Weidemann** on the death of her son, Michael J. Weidemann, who died suddenly on April 27.

The Buffalo Branch Board of Directors has established a scholarship through Funds for Education in the name of Michael J. Weidemann. Those interested in making a donation may give it to Maryalice Seagrave or mail it to *Chamberlin Loan Fund AAUW, P.O. Box 397, Amherst, NY 14226*

### Congratulations ...

...to member **Sharon Minklein**, IDEAS teacher at Maple West, who is the elementary education chairperson for the Lille, France, sister city's first visit to Buffalo. The delegation of 80 will be led by Pierre Mauroy, former Prime Minister of France and the current Mayor of Lille.

...to member **Carol Paskuly**, assistant to chair and professor of English at Erie Community College, South, who has been nominated for a 1996 SUNY Chancellor's Award of Excellence Award for excellence in teaching.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to Buffalo Branch's newest member.

Geraldine E. Bard, Ph.D.  
153 Lancaster Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
886-3739

Bard earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a doctoral degree from SUNY at Buffalo. Dr. Bard, guest speaker at the September potluck dinner, was chair of the delegation from Buffalo and Erie County to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Rita Cascia  
Vice-President for Membership Recruitment

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side of us. She is well-prepared to take over as president. It was a pleasure working with the entire board. Everyone was always ready to pitch in to help us accomplish our goals and give us support. It was a memorable year which we will always remember with pride and affection. We wish next year's board success and hope that they will look back upon their term at this time next year with the same amount of enthusiasm and pleasure that we feel.

We offer our continued support to Karen and the newly installed board. Again, best wishes to everyone, and see you next fall!

Bunny Blackstone  
Sharon Rich

## MAY BOARD MEETING

The AAUW Buffalo Branch Board of Directors met at the home of Co-President Bunny Blackstone on May 1, 1996. Blackstone called the meeting to order. The minutes were distributed and accepted as corrected. The following reports were given:

**President's Report** – Blackstone changed the date of the June board meeting at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library to June 12. She will need a brief report from all officers and board members at this meeting. The New York State Advisory Council is seeking nominees for their achievement award by May 8. Blackstone expressed condolences to Judy Weidemann on the death of her son, Michael. The board suggested establishing a scholarship in his name. Blackstone will contact Weidemann to determine her preferences.

**President-Elect's Report** – Karen Noonan reported that a committee has written the strategic plan and leadership guidelines as part of the 5-star requirements. It will be presented to outgoing and incoming board members.

**1st Vice-President for Program Report**—Carolyn Iadovito discussed some of the programs for 1996-1997.

**Second Vice-President for Membership Recruitment Report** – Rita Cascia mailed postcards to all new members reminding them of the May luncheon, which will highlight interest groups and committees for them to join.

**Third Vice-President for Membership Retention** – Carolyn Day will have special name tags at the May luncheon to designate new members. Day will also put an article reporting on a State Convention workshop in the newsletter.



**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Mary Ann Wiltshire will send a note to Muriel Moore congratulating her on becoming president of Buffalo State College.

**Loan Funds Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Monacelli circulated the report showing a balance of \$32,222.61 in the Chamberlin Loan Fund and a balance of \$7,001.61 in Funds for Education. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Educational Foundation Report** – Stacey Johnson is preparing a report to be presented at the next meeting.

**Education and Equity Report** – Karen Noonan reported for Judy Weidemann. The Voter Education program is progressing well. A Voter Registration Coalition will be coordinated by the YWCA.

**Public Policy Report** – Karen Noonan is trying to coordinate with Education and Equity to place inserts in the newsletter. In May the public policy from the Association was included, and in June the state public policy will be inserted.

**Community Representative's Report** – Phyllis Kelly reported that the Buffalo Branch gave 500 children's books to the *Books for Kids* project.

**Newsletter Editor's Report** – Betty Loucks will publish information on the book sale.

**Chamberlin Loan Report** – Maryalice Seagrave circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers for interviewing candidates for grants. She also asked for volunteers for Channel 17.

**Legal Advocacy Fund Report** – Karen Noonan reported that \$14 was collected at the last branch meeting. The LAF 5- star status was met. The basket taken to the state convention netted \$30. It was suggested that each study group contribute something for next year's basket.

**Public Policy Report** – Rita MacDonald has contacted local newspapers about the book sale, the May luncheon, and the achievement award winners.

**Study Group Report** – Judy Bratty read letters from the study groups and their chairs. She gave copies to Blackstone.

**Old Business** – Blackstone reported that a site has been found for the book sale. It is the former site of a store called "Book Sale" on Transit Road near Main Street. AmeriCorps Volunteers will transport books from the depots to the sale site. May 11 will be the first sorting day. Anyone who can help in any way should call Rosemary Darbee at 634-8357.

Blackstone circulated the awards that were presented to us at the state convention in Syracuse. The branch achieved 5-star status. State membership dues will be increased next year.

Sue Oliver, Middle Atlantic Regional Director, will be able to present a leadership workshop for our branch.

**New Business** – Stacey Johnson made a motion to put \$860 from the 1995 book sale into the special projects fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Blackstone showed the board some buffalo figurines which she thought could be sold as a fundraiser. Suggestions were made for other items. Information on these items will be brought to the next board meeting.

Carolyn Iadovito made a motion at the request of the Investment Group that the Buffalo Branch ask the Association to identify qualified women who are available and willing to serve on boards of directors of corporations represented on the stock exchanges and that this information be disseminated to the corporations to let them know that these women are willing and available to serve.