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November 1995

A Gala Celebration of the **75th Anniversary of the Passage of Women's Suffrage**

Speaker: Dr. Nancy Rosenbloom

Sunday, November 19, 1995

**The Roycroft Inn
40 South Grove Street
East Aurora, NY**

Registration: 11:30

Program: 12 noon

Cost: \$13.00

We will celebrate with a presentation by Dr. Rosenbloom on the history of the women's suffrage movement from The Declaration of Sentiments in Seneca Falls in 1848 until the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Dr. Rosenbloom is professor of history at Canisius College and Chair of the Women's Studies program there.

Lynn Marinelli will give a report on women in elective office based on the task force she chaired for the Committee on the Status of Women.

You will have the opportunity to dine in the beautifully restored Roycroft Inn. Special tours of the ScheideMantel House (the Elbert Hubbard Museum) have been arranged starting at 2 p.m.. The committee is planning a number of special celebration touches.

Guests are welcome.

See page 11 for a registration form.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

The attendance for our September meeting was overwhelming; there were 118 there! As usual, our members outdid themselves in preparing some luscious casseroles, salads, and desserts. We would like to thank the committee who worked so diligently to make our first program a success: Karen Noonan, Carolyn Iadovito, Carolyn Day, Judy Weidemann, Sharon Minklein, Barbara Carier, Diane Silvestro, Maryalice Seagrave, Diane Scina, Judy Bratty, Marlène Dick, Mary Ann Wiltshire, and Stacey Johnson.

Many wonderful gifts were donated for our "Luck of the Draw Auction," and we realized a profit of \$183 to be used for our program budget. Thank you to all for your generous donations.

Thanks also to Cindy Monacelli for accepting the Loan Funds treasurer position for the year and to Michelle Bancroft for accepting the position as treasurer. Welcome to the board!


Our November program celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment is especially important to AAUW as it also emphasizes that gaining the right to vote is really only the first step. Educating ourselves on the issues as well as supporting our chosen candidates, both philosophically and financially, must follow. Our national AAUW, in recognition of this, has set voter education as one of its primary goals for the year and our branch will work hard in the coming months to keep you informed on the issues.

The dissolution of the family and of society, communism, anarchy, juvenile delinquency, adultery and worst of all – the loss of femininity, and a wide range of other "social evils" have at

one time or another been blamed on the involvement of women in politics. Anti-suffragists long argued that there was no need for a wife to vote as she was represented by her husband and "showed her own inadequacies as a wife if she did not feel adequately represented." **However, women did vote when allowed.** The earliest case occurred in New Jersey where a "flaw" in the statue allowed women to vote between 1796 and 1807 before the "mistake" was repaired.

Women worked toward social reform forming groups such as the Daughters of Liberty, the Anti-Tea League, and the Association (all formed during the American Revolution), as well as political rallies, parades, and volunteer work long before the 19th amendment was approved.

See *Presidents* on page 6.



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FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

Beijing, September 1995

Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) J. Cappella and Dr. Geraldine E. Bard

Presentation to American Association of University Women
September 20, 1995

The Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, September 1995, set targets that go beyond basic needs to meet "strategic gender needs," focused on women's full participation in economic and political decision-making, examined inequality between the sexes as a human-rights issue, and intensified international efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

The Conference formulated a Platform for Action that reflected 12 main areas of concern. These areas are...

1. The persistent and increasing burden of poverty on women;
2. Unequal access to and inadequate educational opportunities;
3. Inequalities in health status, and unequal access to and inadequate health-care services;
4. Violence against women;
5. Effects of armed or other kinds of conflict on women;
6. Inequality in women's access to and participation in the definition of economic structures and policies and the production process itself;
7. Inequality between men and women in the sharing of power and decision-making at all levels;
8. Insufficient mechanisms at all levels to promote the advancement of women;
9. Lack of awareness of, and commitment to, internationally and nationally recognized women's human rights;
10. Insufficient mobilization of mass media to promote women's positive contribution to society;
11. Lack of adequate recognition and support for women's contribution to managing natural resources and safeguarding the environment;
12. The girl child.

PUBLIC POLICY

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Vocational Education/Job Training

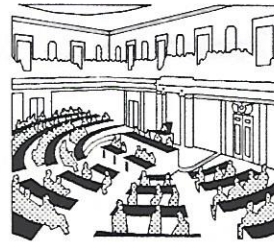
House. On September 19, the House passed (345-79) the **Consolidated and Reformed Education, Employment, and Rehabilitation Systems Act (CAREERS) (HR 1617)**, which overhauls the federal vocational education and job training systems. The Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act was due to be reauthorized during this Congress. Rather than reauthorize Perkins, the House repealed it and more than 90 other federal job training and education initiatives and replaced them with four block grants to the states – youth, adult training, vocational rehabilitation, and adult literacy – in the CAREERS Act. An amendment that removed the vocational rehabilitation block grant was approved on the floor.

The CAREERS Act eliminates the set-asides for sex equity and displaced homemakers and single parent programs. This means that states are no longer required to provide activities and programs designed to eliminate sex bias and stereotyping in vocational education. In addition, states are no longer required to provide funding for programs that specifically help displaced homemakers and single parents gain marketable skills, or to offer supportive services, such as child care, to women when they participate in such programs.



During the floor debate, Reps. Patsy Mink (D-HI) and Constance Morella (R-MD) introduced an amendment, approved by voice vote, that would require states to outline how displaced homemakers and single parents will be served. Rep. Morella was also instrumental in incorporating language into the bill that will help women and girls pursue nontraditional training. Despite these small victories, the changes in no way restore the sex equity set-asides that were crucial in providing vocational education, including nontraditional training, for women and girls.

Senate. In an agreement worked out with Senate Democrats, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R-KS) removed the **Workforce Development Act (S 143)**



from the welfare reform bill. S 143 also would repeal the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act and eliminate the sex equity set-asides to provide a block grant to the states. S 143

will be debated separately after the appropriations process is complete, most likely in late October.

ACTION: *Contact your Senators and urge them to support strengthening amendments regarding displaced homemakers and non-traditional training for women and girls. Thank Reps. Mink and Morella for their leadership on this issue.*

Senate Education Cuts

On September 15, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill (L/HHS), cutting

education funding by \$2.4B. Although the Senate education cuts were less harsh than those passed by the House, the Senate bill still reflects a diminishing national commitment to education and children. Among affected programs are Goals 2000, a program to help states develop consistent high standards in all core academic subject areas (cut by \$61M), vocational education (cut by \$83 M), and Safe and Drug-free Schools, a program to help schools reduce drug use and violence, including sexual harassment (cut by \$66M).

The Senate bill would eliminate the Women's Educational Equity Act Program (WEEA), which funds research and development of curriculum that focuses on girls. Title IV of the Civil Rights Act, which funds personnel in every state department of education to assist schools with gender and multicultural issues, was cut by one-third.

Unlike the House bill, the Senate L/HHS bill contains no restriction on funding for Title IX enforcement in athletics (see September *Action Alert (AA)*). Several Senators have promised to offer floor amendments restricting use of funds, but it is not yet known whether any will target Title IX.

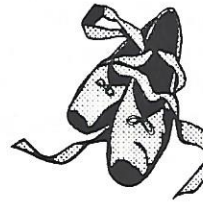
The bill was expected to reach the Senate floor the week of September 25. After Senate passage, a House-Senate conference committee will resolve differences between the two versions. Then each chamber must vote on the conference report. President Clinton has promised to veto this bill if substantial education funding is not restored.

ACTION: Urge your Member of Congress (MC) to oppose the conference report on Labor/HHS/Ed unless funding for the above education programs is substantially restored.

Barbara Olandt
Public Policy Chair

CULTURAL NEWS

By now, everyone should have seen at least one play or heard at least one concert of the new season, which began in style, if not in warmth, during Curtain Up! If you are looking for the new, why not try the Alleyway Theatre, which specializes in new plays? This month's offering is the winner of their competition, *Beyond the Pale*. If you prefer the nostalgic and well-loved, try *Camelot* at the Kavinoky



Theatre, playing until December 10, or *Fiddler on the Roof* at Shea's Buffalo Center from November 7-12. Also at Shea's, beginning November 30, the traditional, *The Nutcracker*, will be performed by the Pittsburgh Ballet with

help from some local young dancers.

November is also the month for the Ars Nova musicians to present their annual Viva Vivaldi series. Watch for announcements of their Sunday evening concerts, which are usually in local places of worship. The Buffalo Phil-harmonic Orchestra spotlights Beethoven in concerts November 3-5 and The Castellani-Andriaccio guitar duo on November 25 and 26. If vocal music is what you prefer, QRS will present tenor Jerry Hadley on November 12.

If you have children, grandchildren, or know any, you will want to check out the annual Children's Extravaganza at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery this year which runs from November 1-13.

Let me know if I am not spotlighting your favorite cultural organization, and I will try to do so.

Judy Summer
Cultural Representative

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Public sentiment was anonymously expressed in a 1791 paper which proclaimed...

"What we read, in days of yore,
the women's occupation, was to direct the nation.
This narrow minded policy by us hath met detection;
While woman's bound, man can't be free,
nor have a free election."

But, even as late as 1972, surveys revealed 71 percent of the population felt women should stay home and run the family. 66 percent felt men were better suited emotionally for politics!

The passion for justice did, however, propel many conventional women out of the house. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Belva Lockwood (the first woman admitted to practice before the Supreme Court), the Grimke sisters (who fought slavery), Mary Wallstonecroft, Susan Anthony, Victoria Woodhull (ran for president before the right to vote), and Abigail Adams are joined today with leaders such as Sandra O'Connor, Dianne Feinstein, Nancy Kassebaum, Christine Todd Whitman, Pat Schroeder and many others.

Most modern women can see the inequities and unfair treatment women have had in political affairs and are successfully making changes. They are energized by the social issues which have long been ignored by male politicians, but they also acknowledge the need to be involved with economic and government reform issues. Women have determined that it is time to exhibit "women clout"; it is time to move the mountain!

We hope to see you at our November meeting and DON'T FORGET TO VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS!

Sharon Rich
Bunny Blackstone



Housing Needed for *School Secrets* Authors

A special request: Lolly Yacker-Winderbaum and Arlene Gross of the State Education and Equity Committee and authors of *School Secrets* will be presenting *School Secrets* at the State PTA Convention in Buffalo on November 12, 1995. They would like to stay with one of our members to defray costs. Is there a member who is willing to extend hospitality to them on the night of November 11, 1995? Call Judy Weidemann at 652-2100 (W) or 649-0975 (H) if you can accept them as guests.



BRANCH NOTES

Thank You...

Maryalice Seagrave and her committee of Ruth Ochs, Marie Barker, Irma Bagdy, deserve a thank you for folding, labeling, and mailing the newsletter for October and November.

Condolences...

The Buffalo Branch members extend their sympathy to member Bertha Boston on the death of her son.

May Luncheon

May 18, 1996

**12 noon
at
Daffodil's**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

We welcome the following new members to the Buffalo Branch:

Helene Siller
1770 Woodard Road
Elma, NY 14059
655-4710

Siller received a bachelor's degree from SUNY College at Buffalo and a master's degree in business administration from Canisius College.

Deborah Deiboldt
6255 Sheridan Drive, Suite 410
Williamsville, NY 14221
833-3822

Deiboldt earned a master's degree from SUNY at Buffalo and is currently a doctoral candidate there. She was recruited by Rita Cascia.

Lori Ann Dotson
788 Potomac Avenue, Apt. 16
Buffalo, NY 14209
883-3250
Dotson earned a bachelor's degree in social science/gender studies at Bennington College in Vermont.

Elizabeth Higgins
537 West Ferry Street #4
Buffalo, NY 14222
884-7623
Higgins received a master's degree in library science from SUNY at Buffalo. She learned about AAUW through the newspaper.

Michelle Bancroft
45 Oakmont Court
Amherst, NY 14051
689-8421

Bancroft has a master's degree from Syracuse University. She was recruited by Ernie Foster.

Marlene Dick
Vice-President for Membership Recruitment

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Are you a member of AAUW? You are if your dues for the 1995-1996 year are paid.

If you are not a member, **Renew Now** for the upcoming programs and all the exciting study groups that are available. Please call Carolyn Day (634-6340) to check your status if you are unsure.

Carolyn Day
Vice-President for Membership Retention

October Board Meeting

The October meeting of the Buffalo Branch Board of Directors was called to order at 7:50 p.m. on October 4, 1995, by Co-President Bunny Blackstone at the Original Pancake House, Williamsville. The minutes were accepted as corrected. The following reports were given.

President's Report – Bunny Blackstone reported the resignation of the Treasurer, Joan Allison. Blackstone asked for suggestions for filling the position. Blackstone asked the board if it would like to be a sponsor for the YWCA luncheon. It was decided not to sponsor the luncheon. Sharon Rich thanked everyone involved in September's program. Rich reported

that \$267.65 was realized at the door, the auction, and the "Share the Wealth" raffle. The money from the "Luck of the Draw" auction will be put into the program budget. Rich also reminded members of the October 14 program. Dr. Barbara Tedlock, program speaker, will have her books for sale at the meeting.

First Vice-President for Program Report – Carolyn Iadovito reported that our holiday program plans are complete.

Second Vice-President for Membership Recruitment Report – Marlene Dick reported that the branch has five new members.

Third Vice-President for Membership Retention Report – Carolyn Day reminded the board that there are still members with outstanding dues.

Loan Funds Treasurer's Report – Cindy Monacelli submitted her report showing \$25,414.21 in the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$4,124.14 in Funds for Education as of September 30, 1995. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Education and Equity Report – Judy Weidemann read a letter, which she suggested be submitted to the Association, which explains some of the problems she encountered as past-president. Weidemann reminded the board of the following: (1) the District 1 Conference at the White Inn, Fredonia, New York, on October 28, 1995; (2) the East Aurora Players will appear in *School Secrets* on November 12, 1995, at the New York State PTA Convention at the Convention Center in Buffalo – Arlene Gross, one of the authors, will be present; and (3) the program for November 19, 1995, at the Roycroft Inn is progressing well.

Public Policy Report – Barbara Olandt reported on a congressional report. Every two weeks reports are sent in e-mail and fax from Washington. Olandt is looking for someone to

receive these reports.

Bylaws Report – A copy of the bylaws will be given to the board members by Carol Jamieson.

Chamberlin Loan Report – Maryalice Seagrave reported that there has been good response to the awards application notice in the newsletter. The ad-hoc committee will meet in October or November.

Legal Advocacy Fund Report – Diane Sina reported that the "Share the Wealth" raffle at the September meeting realized a profit of \$61. Sina donated the tickets.

Finance/Budget Report – Sharon Rich thanked Diane Silvestro for arranging the presentation by Mark Gutt before our meeting. Silvestro will send a thank-you letter to Gutt.

Public Relations Report – Rita McDonald has sent 15 articles to community papers. McDonald needs any information that we wish to publish about four weeks prior to publication. McDonald also asked that board members clip articles from their local papers for her files. McDonald reported that the *Buffalo News* will only print the names of our grant recipients.

College/University Relations Report – Ann Hicks is drafting a letter for the colleges in the area.

May Luncheon Report – Linda Fusco reported that plans are going well. The luncheon will be May 18, 1996, at Daffodils.

New Business – Linda Fusco reported on a college and university symposium which she attended in Orlando, Florida, prior to the Association Convention. It focused on "Gender Equity Beyond the Year 2000."

The November meeting will be held at the Snyder-Eggertsville Library on November 1, 1995, at 7 p.m.

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 11/1 Wednesday – The **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Snyder-Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main Street, Amherst
- 11/7 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 Marie Moody, 119 Henning Drive, Orchard Park at 1 p.m. Jo Herman will introduce a speaker from Opera Buffs. Call Moody (662-9628) for reservations.
- 11/8 Wednesday – The **Book Collecting Group** will meet at the Millard Fillmore Hospital Library to see antique medical books. Call Jill Brown (832-8601) for the time and reservations.
- 11/9 Thursday – The **Craft Group** will demonstrate candy making. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) for details.
- 11/14 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.
- 11/15 Wednesday – The **Dinner by the Book Group** will meet at 6 p.m. at The Café in the Square, Main and Harlem, Snyder. Elizabeth Smith will review *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. Call Rita Green (632-0014) for reservations.
- 11/21 Tuesday – The **Book Review Group** will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Molly Fleysher, 67 Admiral Road, Buffalo. Renny Ferber will review *Housekeeper's Diary: Charles and Diana Before the Breakup* by Wendy Berry. Call Fleysher (836-1745) for reservations.
- 11/27 Monday – The **Investment Interest Group** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenhaven Library, 350 Greenhaven Road, Tonawanda. The topic will be decided at a later date. Call Eve Stoklosa (695-3606) or Judy Bratty (833-5995) for more information. Guests are welcome.
- 11/28 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

FEATURING STUDY GROUPS:

GERMAN STUDY GROUP

The German Study Group has a native German teacher who helps with reading and conversation in German. The purpose of the group is to increase knowledge of the language and the culture. New members are welcome.

Reservation Form for the Branch Meeting on November 19, 1995

The Roycroft Inn
40 South Grove Street
East Aurora, NY
Cost \$13.00

Menu: Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Pasta Primavera with creamy cheese sauce, Celebration Cake, Coffee & Tea

Name _____

Guests _____ Name/s of Guest/s _____

Tour of the ScheideMantel House

Name _____

Guest/s _____ Name/s of Guests _____

Amount enclosed _____

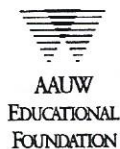
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Please send reservations by **November 14** to Diane Silvestro
6 Belvoir Road
Buffalo, NY 14221-3614

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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).
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