

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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## QUESTIONING THE PREMISE: WOMEN'S ROLES AS DOCTORS AND PRIESTS

**SPEAKER: DR. BARBARA TEDLOCK**

**Saturday, October 14**  
**Rigoletto's Restaurant**  
**Maple Ridge Plaza, Amherst**  
**11:30 registration**  
**12:00 program**  
**cost: \$12.00**

Barbara Tedlock Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology at the University of Buffalo and best selling author, will discuss the research she is studying in preparation for her forthcoming new book. Using archaeological and ethnographic data, she will present her case that refutes male dominance in the traditional careers of priests and doctors and establishes the centrality of women's roles as the primary medicinal and spiritual caregivers of their communities.

Dr. Tedlock was recently featured in a full-page article in the Sunday magazine of *The Buffalo News* for her previous research.

Copies of her previous books will be available for purchase.

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME FOR THIS INTERESTING PROGRAM**

*See page 11 for a reservation form and more information.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

Your co-presidents, Sharon Rich and Bunny Blackstone, and Judy Weidemann were honored to accept an invitation from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to participate in the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the 19th Amendment Suffrage Rally in Seneca Falls on August 26.

Arriving in Seneca Falls early Saturday morning, we checked in at the Gould Hotel, a beautiful old building in the center of town, where we were greeted by the mayor of Seneca Falls, Robert Freeland, and were given official sashes marking us as VIP's. We enjoyed talking with the many local and visiting dignitaries, who also congregated for the opening brunch. Festivities officially began with the arrival of New York State Lt. Gov. Betsy McCaughey.

After a few brief official comments and the ceremonial cutting of the anniversary cake, we walked to the town park where we were lined up to march. Many of the participants came in costume, and Judy, always prepared, brought along period hats for the parade. We marched straight through the town to People's Park, waving at the people lined up along the way and smiling for the television cameras. Many speakers, including Sharon, who was there representing Senator Rath, spoke about the importance and significance of the day. Lt. Gov. McCaughey talked about the advances made by women. She remembered when, as a child, "Help Wanted" ads were divided into women's and men's sections and commented that her children, like most others, take women's rights for granted; even the historical significance of their mother's becoming lieutenant governor is sometimes

unappreciated. She urged us all to stay active and involved in the political process. Evelyn Stock, president of the NYS League of Women Voters, commented on the importance of using our right to vote as well. Descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Sentiments, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Amy Post, talked about their grandmothers' roles in history and the kind of women they really were. Each speaker was asked to sign the Declaration of Sentiments after her speech and was given a pen to commemorate the event. It really was exciting to know that this document would be a part of women's history and that our names were on it.

The keynote speaker, Helen Thomas of the Washington Press Corps, regaled everyone with  
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**Deadline for the November issue is  
October 4.**

## Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale Supports EF

**N**ow that our major fundraiser – the annual used book sale – is complete, the report is excellent. Through the efforts of Jackie Trace, chair of the sale, and all who helped, the net proceeds from the sale were over \$11,000. Of this amount, the entrance fees were \$1,720. These fees are returned to the branch for the Loans for Education and Special Projects. Last year the entrance fees were \$1,495.

Ten thousand dollars has been put into a certificate of deposit for six months. I sought out the bank with the highest interest-bearing CDs. In March we send our contribution to the New York State Division to be submitted with all of New York State Branch contributions to the Educational Foundation. Our contribution is toward the completion of the Buffalo Branch Centennial American Fellowship. In 1994 our endowment was at \$74,826. In Spring 1995, we sent our 1994-1995 contribution of \$9,000, bringing our endowment to almost \$85,000. We pledged \$100,000 to set up this fellowship. After our 1995-1996 contribution we will be within \$5,000 of our pledge. When our Buffalo Branch Fellowship is complete, a recipient will be chosen annually to receive a stipend named in honor of our 100th Anniversary. This endowment helps ensure a lasting, stable financial base for AAUW Educational Foundation fellowships. These grants assist women and men pursuing academic study, research, and community service.

In addition to the American Fellowship, our branch has a named research and project endowment which was established with the completion of a \$35,000 pledge in 1977-1978. These endowments provide women and men with an opportunity to promote educational equity

through community action projects, individual research, and academic study.

Needless to say, this has been possible because of our members' work throughout the year collecting books, storing them, sorting them, and preparing the book sale site for our successful sales. The community looks forward to the AAUW book sale. It is the most educated assortment of books to be seen at any sale in the Western New York region. And, in addition, there is always the possibility of a special "find," no matter what that means to you.

On behalf of the Buffalo Branch and the Educational Foundation, thanks to all of our members, and especially Jackie Trace, who picked up the reins and led us to one of our most successful sales. She was creative in arranging for major contributions by local businesses. Her organizational abilities were invaluable in setting up a system of sorting, pricing and decision-making which facilitated greatly the movement of the books from our possession to the community at large. (Congratulations, Jackie. We appreciate your contribution to AAUW and hope you will continue to give us the benefit of your talents.)

Stacey Johnson  
Educational Foundation Chair

### EF Contributes Locally

The Educational Foundation has contributed substantially to special projects that Buffalo Branch has sponsored. Awards were granted to help sponsor:

- 1983-84 – The Buffalo Day Care Directory
- 1986 – Women's Health Symposium
- 1990 – Changing Tomorrow:  
A Leadership Symposium for Women
- 1992 – Women's Sports Symposium

## Sponsors Keep Costs Down for Used Book Sale

**L**ocal businesses contributed to the success of the used book sale. Following is a list of our sponsors who made it possible for us to keep costs down during the used book sale in July:

- TRI-MAIN DEVELOPMENT L.P., who generously donated a room on the mezzanine of their building;
- ADVANCED GRAPHICS AND PRINTING, who supplied us with 16,000 bookmarks at no charge;
- TOPS MARKET AT GRANT AND AMHERST, who loaned us eight of their carts to facilitate book sorting, as well as many bags;
- TRENCH MANUFACTURING COMPANY, who let us borrow six of their tables; and
- REPROGRAPHICS, who designed two professional signs used at the site entrance, which will be reusable in future years.

I should also mention that the *Buffalo Board of Elections* and *Great Arrow Graphics* helped us out with tables and a folding screen to section off the Collectibles area. It is amazing how people will pitch in if they are only asked.

In return for their help, our sponsors were sent complimentary passes to opening day, as well as many thanks, of course.

I have agreed to search for a site for next year's sale. Of course, it is not possible to do this until spring, when developers and owners of buildings know what their rental situation will be for the summer. Meanwhile, I will be happy to follow up on any ideas that come my way. If you know of a potential site, please find out how many square feet are available (we need at least 7,000) and the name and telephone number of the OWNER of the property. I will be glad to follow

up on the lead once I have this information.

And, if anyone has a thought about how we can save \$33 a month (which we are presently paying to store dollies and loading equipment), let us know.

Jackie Trace  
Book Sale Coordinator for 1995

## \$15,000 Awarded by Loans Committee

**A**pplicants for financial aid from the branch's Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education were interviewed on June 7 and 29 by members Stacey Johnson, Ruth Seitz, Diane Silvestro, and Judy Weidemann. Cindy Monacelli, funds' treasurer, and Maryalice Seagrave, funds' chair, as well as Rita Nowak, newly elected funds' treasurer, were also in attendance.

The nine successful candidates will receive a total of \$15,000 in loans and grants from the two funds. Four of these have been assisted earlier in their academic pursuits by the branch's funds. Their current academic status ranges from junior to second year Ph.D. candidate. The recipients are Margaret DiCarlo, Saint Louis University; Susan Falsone, Daemen College; Mary Hoffman, certification course for network engineer; Margaret Nesslin, Medaille College; Diane Oddy, SUNY College at Buffalo; Dora Stadler, Cornell University; Zsofia Stadler, Cornell University; Lisa Walk, SUNY at Buffalo, School of Medicine; and March Weed, Clinical

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numerous stories of her days covering the White House. Her witty comments about notable figures had everyone in stitches. We walked around the park looking at the exhibits and buying souvenirs of the day. Although the festivities went into the evening, a tired but happy threesome decided they had enough and left in the late afternoon.

In November Buffalo Branch will have its own celebration of the 19th Amendment at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora. We

brought back some of the official sashes from Seneca Falls to give to the first members arriving at our program and will also have other mementos available. It will be an exciting and different AAUW event. Don't miss it.

In case you wondered: 8 U.S. Senate seats out of 100 are held by women (3 Republicans and 5 Democrats); of the 435 U.S. House seats, 47 are held by women (17 Republicans and 30 Democrats); in New York, there currently are 6 House seats (19 percent) held by women (2 Republicans and 4 Democrats). Other states with a significant percentage of House seats held by women include California (16 percent),

Connecticut (50 percent), Florida (22 percent, North Carolina 17 percent), and Washington (22 percent). While there is currently only one female governor (Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey), there are 17 lieutenant governors, including such states as Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, New York and Ohio. Women currently hold 20 percent of state legislative seats

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nationally, with a partisan breakdown of 675 Republicans and 845 Democrats. States with the highest percentage of female legislators include Washington (40 percent),

Nevada (35 percent), and Colorado (31 percent). States with the lowest percentage of female legislators include Alabama (4 percent), Kentucky (8 percent), and Louisiana (10 percent). New York at 18 percent is in the middle of the pack and breaks down to 15 percent in the Senate (9 out of 61) and 19 percent in the Assembly (29 out of 150).

Sharon Rich  
Bunny Blackstone

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Social program at Yale University Child Study Center.

These allotments, together with the awards made in December 1994, total \$23,900 from Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$4000 from Funds for Education.

Maryalice Seagrave  
Chamberlin Loan Chair

**Awards Applications Available**

Applications for financial assistance during the spring semester are available now from Maryalice Seagrave, 833-0437. The deadline for their return is December 10, 1995, and interviews will be held December 27-30. Members willing to conduct interviews should also call Seagrave at 833-0437.

## CULTURAL NEWS

**A**utumn is a beautiful time in Western New York. Now is the time to travel south or west to Letchworth State Park to view the foliage, to buy your Halloween pumpkins, and to enjoy the other pleasures of our area. By this time, the cultural season is in full swing. I hope you will enjoy this month's suggestions.

The exhibit, *Norman Rockwell: Drawing the American Dream*, can be seen at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society until November 5. Following the well-attended Paley exhibit at the Albright-Knox will be *Arshile Grouchy. The Breakthrough Years*, which opens on October 14. The Anderson Gallery is highlighting The Charles Rand Penney Collection of African Art in its exhibit entitled *Spirits, Rituals, Ceremonies*.

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra has two classical concerts in October. Charles Haupt, the concertmaster, is the soloist on the 6th and 7th, highlighting American music and the Sibelius Symphony #3. The concerts on October 21 and 22 feature Czeck and Russian music. On October 29, QRS will present pianist Garrick Ohlsson at Kleinhans Music Hall. Pick of the Crop Dance Company offers two performances on October 7 and 8. On October 20, QRS and Shea's will co-sponsor the Ballet Nacional de Caracas.



The theater scene this month is primarily a continuation of that noted in September. With the spoken word in mind, the Distinguished Speaker Series at the University at Buffalo opens on October 11 with Rita Dove, the 7th Poet Laureate of the United States.

Judy Summer  
Cultural Representative

## Ombudsman Needed

Reach out to people in need through the Red Cross and become a certified volunteer ombudsman. You could have an opportunity to assist residents in nursing and adult homes who need your support.

Regularly scheduled trainings are provided. Call Carol Armao at 886-7500, ext. 248 for further information now.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

**A** Candidates' Forum, sponsored by The YWCA of Western New York and the League of Women Voters of the Greater Buffalo Area, is being held on October 23, 1995, at the YWCA, 190 Franklin Street, Buffalo. There will be a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m., introductions at 6:20 p.m., and at 6:30 p.m. statements by the candidates followed by questions.

All candidates running for election (County Executive, County Legislature, Buffalo Common Council, City Comptroller) in the November elections will be invited to speak and answer questions. City Court, County Court, and Supreme Court candidates will be asked to present statements.

Attend on October 23 to hear the positions of potential public officials on issues of importance. This is your opportunity to ask questions before going to the polls on November 7.

For reservations contact Donna Kranitz, YWCA of WNY, 190 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome the following new members to our Buffalo Branch:

Linda Fusco  
29 Wellington Court  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
626-5530

Dr. Fusco received her doctorate in education from SUNY at Buffalo in 1988 and was recruited to our branch by Sharon Rich.

Mary Haberman  
40 Stonecroft Lane  
Egbertsville, NY 14226  
832-0631

Haberman earned a bachelor's degree from Rosary Hill College.

Linda Dean  
31 Rosewood Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
639-0921

Dean received her bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota.

Barbara Fatta  
89 Brinton Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
834-6188

Fatta has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from State University College at Buffalo.

Mary Sundeen  
136 Fowler Avenue  
Kenmore, NY 14217-1504  
874-2457

Sundeen received a bachelor's degree in English and philosophy from SUNY College at Fredonia and was recruited by Jackie Trace.

Catherine Dyke  
115 Lyndale Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
834-3557

Dyke earned a bachelor's degree from Canisius College and a master's degree in library science from SUNY at Buffalo. She learned about our branch at the used book sale.

Marlene Dick  
Vice-President for Membership recruitment

## **Name Change:**

Judith A. Earl. (formerly Lowowski)  
225 Delaware Ave, Apt. 3 C  
Buffalo, NY 14216

## **Name Correction:**

Mahala L. Stewart

## **Telephone Changes:**

Joan Allison – 838-5933  
Barbara Olandt – 832-5143

**Membership dues are now payable for the year 1995-1996. Please remit to**  
**Joan Allison**  
**170 Greenaway Road**  
**Amherst, NY 14226**

## September Board Meeting

The Buffalo Branch Board of Directors met on September 6, 1995, at 7 p.m. at 5854 Main Street, Williamsville. Co-President Bunny Blackstone called the meeting to order. The minutes were accepted as corrected. The following reports were given.

**President's Report** – Blackstone announced the resignation of Rita Nowak as Loans Fund Treasurer and said that Cindy Monacelli was willing to take over the position. Co-President Sharon Rich reported on the trip to Seneca Falls on August 26, 1995, for the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. Representing Buffalo Branch were Rich, Blackstone, and Judy Weidemann. Rich also explained how she and Blackstone will share the duties of co-presidents.

**Past-President's Report** – Judy Weidemann reported that our Buffalo Branch AAUW has not only achieved 5-star status at the State level, but has also attained it at the Association level.

**First Vice-President for Program Report** – Carolyn Iadovito reviewed the programs for 1995-1996. They will be published in the newsletter.

**Second Vice-President for Membership Recruitment** – Marlene Dick reported that we have sixteen new members from June to August. Dick also states that as many as eighteen members are not listed with the state and the Association. Dick has tried to find out the reason but has reached an impasse. Barbara Carier will oversee the drafting of a letter to the state and the Association regarding membership and why some of our members are not on their mailing lists. Ann Bish showed the board AAUW brochures that had been presented to new members in the past. Dick will purchase some of these brochures and make up packets for new members. Blackstone suggested to Dick that new members be given a

choice of three committees or study groups to work on in order to get them immediately interested and involved in the working of the branch.

**Third Vice-President for Membership Retention Report** – Carolyn Day reminded all members to pay their dues and assured the board that accurate records are being kept.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Mary Ann Wiltshire asked all members to inform her of deaths or illnesses of members and their families so that she can send appropriate cards as soon as possible.

**Loan Funds Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Monacelli presented her report showing a balance of \$31,544.21 in the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$6,594.14 in Funds for Education as of August 31, 1995. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Educational Foundation Report** – Stacey Johnson circulated her report showing a checking account balance of \$1,357.03, a savings account balance of \$2,435.78, and a CD for \$10,000. The used book sale entrance fees for 1994 and 1995 have been satisfied.

**Education and Equity Report** – Judy Weidemann reported that the New York State PTA Convention will be held in Buffalo on November 12, 1995. The chair of the New York State Education and Equity Committee has specifically asked for the presentation of *School Secrets* written by two AAUW members. The drama coach at East Aurora has accepted the assignment and will present the program. Clotilde Dedecker will chair a round table for women's organizations sponsored by the Junior League on October 19, 1995. On November 19, 1995, Weidemann and Sharon Rich will co-chair



a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage luncheon at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora. The cost will be approximately \$12.50. The ScheideMantel Museum will be open with the opportunity to tour. This luncheon will honor all elected women in Western New York.

**Public Policy Report** – Barbara Olandt continues her work and will combine her effort with the Education Chair.

**Community Representative Report** – Phyllis Kelly is waiting for a report of the Beijing conference.

**Newsletter Report** – Betty Loucks is still asking for more help sorting, folding, and mailing the newsletter. Marlene Dick, Diane Silvestro, and Mary Ann Wiltshire volunteered to help.

**Chamberlin Loan Report** – Maryalice Seagrave stated that nine people received loans as a result of the interviews in June. The branch gave \$15,000 in loans in June. The total for the year is \$23,900 from the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$4,000 from the Funds for Education. There has been trouble getting the checks out because of the change in officers. Interviewing will begin again soon, and volunteers are needed to conduct the interviews.

**Finance/Budget Report** – Diane Silvestro will clarify the unrestricted funds in the treasurer's report. Silvestro reminded the board that income tax material must be in by November 15, 1995.

**Legal Advocacy Report** – Diane Sina proposed a raffle as a new fundraiser for LAF. It will be tried at the next branch meeting.

**Public Relations Report** – Rita McDonald commented on an article in *The Buffalo News* written by Pat Swift. Swift will be invited to our September meeting. McDonald will also publicize events in the local community papers.

**Study/Interest Groups Report** – Judy Bratty reported that a list of study groups are in

the newsletter, and that anyone who is interested may contact her.

**College/University Relations Report** – Ann Hicks and Karen Noonan will confer regarding recruiting college/university members.

**Old Business** – Ann Bish reported that since 1977, Buffalo Branch AAUW has contributed \$110,000 to the Educational Foundation. Our Research and Projects pledge still needs to be fulfilled. Bish thinks we need more publicity on what the used book sale money is funding, for example, where the money has gone and who is receiving it. Bish also thinks this information should be published in *The Buffalo News*, the branch newsletter, and be made available to the used book sale chair. Phyllis Kelly suggested that we publish the amount of the loans we give with the picture of the recipient. The suggestion was tabled until the next meeting.

**New Business** – Blackstone appointed an ad hoc committee to review the guidelines for the Chamberlin Loan Fund. The committee will consist of Diane Silvestro, Stacey Johnson, Maryalice Seagrave, and Cindy Monacelli.

A motion was made and passed to bring in an auditor to meet with the board to explain what is needed to provide material for the end of the year audit and what we can do to resolve our financial problems.

The next meeting will be held at the Original Pancake House on October 4, 1995, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in dinner may meet there at 6 p.m.

**District I Conference**  
**Saturday, October 28, 1995**  
**Women's Network for Change**  
**The White Inn**  
**Fredonia**

## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH CALENDAR

- 10/3 Tuesday – The **Duplicate Bridge Group** should call Mary O'Connor (631-9227) for location and reservations. Bridge time is 7:30 p.m.
- 10/4 Wednesday – The **Buffalo Branch Board** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Original Pancake House, 5479 Main Street, Williamsville. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. for those who are interested.
- 10/10 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.
- Tuesday – The **Music Study Group** will meet at the home of Marie Moody, 119 Henning Drive, Orchard Park at 1 p.m. Moody will discuss her European trip and perform some piano selections. Call Moody (662-9628) for reservations.
- 10/11 Wednesday – The **Book Collecting Group** will meet at 5:45 p.m. at the home of Carol Paskuly, 142 Rumsey Road, Buffalo. Tim Conroy will speak on book collecting. Call Paskuly (881-4358) for reservations.
- 10/12 Thursday – The **Craft Group** will be doing macramé. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) for details.
- 10/17 Tuesday – The **Book Review Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Haas, 230 Hamilton Avenue, Snyder. Haas will review *Silican Snakeoil* by Clifford Tully. Call Haas (839-3701) for reservations.
- 10/18 Wednesday – The **Dinner by the Book Group** will meet at the Café in the Square, Main and Harlem, Snyder. Joyce Swartney will review *Tunnel Vision* by Sarah Paretsky. Call Karen Stephenson (835-6271) for reservations.
- 10/23 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.
- 10/28 Saturday – The **District 1 Fall Conference** will be held at The White Inn, Fredonia. Arrangements are being made by the Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch.
- 10/31 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:**

***BOOK COLLECTING GROUP***

The Book Collecting Group meets to discuss various aspects of book collecting, such as, first editions, bindings, and publishing houses. Members share their own collections and expertise. Local dealers and collectors are invited to talk to the group about their special interests.



**Reservation Form for Branch Meeting on October 14  
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**RIGOLETTO'S RESTAURANT**

Maple Ridge Plaza, Maple & Sweet Home Roads, Amherst

**Cost: \$12**

**MENU:**

Rigoletto's Famous Bread

Choice of \_\_\_ Minestrone Soup **OR** \_\_\_ Small Caesar Salad

**Entree Choices:**

\_\_\_ Penne Catherine, (Penne Pasta with Basil, Garlic, Tomatoes, and Cheese)

\_\_\_ Lasagna with Meat Sauce

\_\_\_ Chicken Parmigiana

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest/s \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed @ \$12.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch

Please send reservations by **October 10** to

Sharon Rich  
5854 Main Street, Suite 306  
Williamsville, NY 14221.