

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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January 1997

## **JANUARY PROGRAM**

### **GIRLS IN THE MIDDLE: Working to Succeed in School**

A Close-up Look at How Adolescent Girls  
Meet the Challenges of Middle School

**Saturday, January 25, 1997**

Time - 11:30

Luncheon at

**The Holiday Inn**  
1881 Niagara Falls Boulevard  
(just north of the Youngman Expressway)

Send reservations to Carolyn Iadovito by January 17th

See reservation form on page 9

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write to you in mid December, I find my mail filled with requests for end-of-year donations to many local and national charities and non-profit organizations. Should you be so inclined, the Winter issue of AAUW's *Outlook* provides opportunity for contributions to the AAUW Education Foundation, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund or you can consider the options of planned giving and include the Buffalo Branch in your will.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of past and current members the branch is able to support grants, fellowships and scholarships through the Chamberlin Loan Fund and Buffalo Branch Funds for Education. In the last few years, we have received generous gifts from the Campbell and Issac estates. We recently learned of the death of Velma Cooper, a branch member residing in Florida, and her bequest to the branch to support scholarships.

This next year, our branch will provide two new scholarships in memory of Michael Weidemann, son of Judy Weidemann, and Mollie Fleysner, a loyal supporter of AAUW and the Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale. Please send your contributions to the Loans Fund Treasurer, Maryalice Seagrave, 350 Warwick Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215.

Best Wished for a Wonderful holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Karen

## Dates to Remember ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 1997

Disneyland, Anaheim, California  
Saturday, June 21 to Tuesday, June 24  
1997  
Pre-convention Conference Thursday-  
Friday June 19 and 20  
Early-bird discount registration by  
May 1, 1997

### STATE CONVENTION 1997

Saratoga Springs May 2-4

### APPLICATION FOR BRANCH 5-STAR STATUS

Due April 20, 1997

Contact Barbara Carier for Convention  
Information for Anaheim and Saratoga  
Springs. 839-0933



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## December 1996 AAUW Board Meeting

### Members present:

Diane Silvestro	Maryalice Seagrave
Chris O'Connor	Ann Hicks
Barbara Carier	Mary Jo Evans
Bunny Blackstone	Stacey Johnson
Carolyn Day	Rita Cascia
Jane Riga	Judy Bratty
Diane Sina	Ann Bish
Carolyn Iadovito	Margit Spector

The December Board meeting of AAUW Buffalo Branch was called to order by President-elect Diane Silvestro on December 4, 1996 at the Snyder-Eggertsville Library at 7:00 PM.

The minutes are accepted as presented.

The following reports were made:

Diane Silvestro circulated correspondence. Silvestro announced that the January Board meeting will be held at her home. The meeting will focus on the future of the Buffalo Branch. Barbara Carier will present a workshop on strategic planning.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bunny Blackstone reports that we have \$8553 in our checking account and approximately \$3000 in savings. The amount in the general fund is unknown. Blackstone will organize a finance committee meeting to formulate a balance sheet and income statement for '95-'96 and bring it up to date for '96-'97 when all our material comes back from the accountant. Blackstone and

Maryalice Seagrave have been working on a budget. Voter service brought in \$201.60.

**Study Groups:** It is the policy of AAUW Buffalo Branch to allow a non-member to attend study groups 3 times without joining. It was suggested to have the leader of each group or the non-member's sponsor encourage the non-member to fill out an information sheet and be encouraged to join AAUW.

**LAF:** We have reached our goal for 5 - star status. Baskets prepared by Study Groups will continue to be raffled at monthly programs. Extra items will be used to make up baskets which will be raffled at the Book Sale. Any funds raised over our obligation this year, will be held by the Treasurer for next year's fund raising.

**CONVENTIONS:** New York State Convention will be held at Saratoga Springs May 2-4, 1997 and the Association Convention at Disneyland Anaheim, California June 21-24, 1997. Barbara Carier agreed to act as coordinator for both conventions.

A motion was made to purchase an 1/8 page ad in the New York State Convention Booklet for \$25.00 out of special projects fund to be used for advertising our Branch and our sale items. Ann Hicks agreed to submit the ad by the deadline.

**Nominating Committee:** Margit Spector asked for any candidates names for 1997-1998 be turned into the nominating committee.

**Theater Fund Raiser:** AAUW will offer tickets for Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" in March 1998.

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**Web Page:** At the February meeting more information will be available about the page at the State level.

**Fund Raiser:** Bunny Blackstone will be chairperson for the fund raiser. A motion was made to put money from the fund raiser into the general fund.

A motion was made to purchase the minimum amount of umbrellas and pens with color and logo to be chosen by chairperson Bunny Blackstone.

Stacey Johnson reports that the Chamberlin Loan received 33 requests for applications. Interviews will start in December.

Rita Cascia announced that a new member orientation will take place at Carol Jamieson's home in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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## BOARD POLICY ON NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING STUDY GROUPS

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to reiterate the policy on the attendance of our study groups by non-members. Our study groups have been organized by and for the benefit of our members. They are a prime reason for joining the Buffalo Branch of AAUW. Non-members are welcome to attend under certain conditions in an effort to attract eligible persons to join AAUW. Membership applications will

be made available to members bringing guests to study groups and these guests will be encouraged to join AAUW. If there is a pressing financial need which prevents non-members from joining our branch; the sponsoring member may contact a board member in confidence to present the non-member's case to the Board of Directors.

Board policy on the attendance of study groups by non-members is as follows:  
 \*Non-members may attend only with the member who invited them.  
 \*Non-members may only attend three study group meetings per year.  
 \*Non-members may not chair a study group  
 \*Non-members should be encouraged to join the Buffalo Branch.  
 \*Non-members may receive financial consideration from the board.

It is unfair for non-members to enjoy the benefits that members pay dues and spend their time to enjoy. Members should understand that while they are trying to be loyal to their friends, the policy for non-members is meant to protect members benefits and allay the resentment that members might feel when they see someone enjoy what they are paying for.

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## Changes in Membership

**Change of address:**  
 Patricia Brown  
 3754 Windover  
 Hamburg, NY 14075

**Moved out of town:**  
 Jan Erikson



## THE BOOK SALE HISTORY, Con't.

First, a correction. The October issue reported sales in 1973 of \$800, and in 1981 of \$26,000! Don't wish! However, it was only \$2,600. (apologies from the editor) and we were very pleased with that.

With two avid sports fans in my family, and my own interest as well, I was assigned to snare the elusive sports item. I went to Rich Stadium for signed footballs. Later Carol Battle did this for me on many occasions.

I went to the Aud for a Braves basketball, and to the Sabres office for signed hockey sticks and pucks. I was often able to get several of these, and Mollie and I played games with the buyers. In the newspaper publicity, I mentioned only one hockey stick. When we called the buyers to notify them of what they had "won" (WON? They were paying for the items!) we also asked the approximate time they might come in. In this way we could put one hockey sticker for each winner and hope that they didn't run into one another.

I visited Joe McCarthy in his Ellicott Creek Road home and had him sign baseballs and his Hall of Fame pictures. I wrote to Billie Jean King, who sent a blue suede shoe, and to Arnold Palmer, who sent a golf glove; to Buffalo Bob Smith for an autographed picture, and to Tom Toles for a signed original cartoon, which sold for \$100.

We had assists from other members.

Marion Elmer helped pick up paintings from the Pen Women; Carolyn Iadovito brought her electric typewriter and wrote letters to possible sports donors, and recognition should go to all the members who picked up books, and items for Mollie at the same time.

More about the "sports chase" next issue.

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## New Members

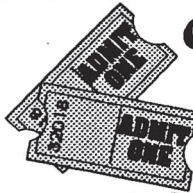
Welcome to our new members form November!

Amy F. Zebulske  
248 Rumbold Ave.  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Zebulske is a Meteorological Technician for the U.S. Air Force. She learned about AAUW at the June Booksale. Zebulske earned a Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY College at Oswego in 1984, in Meteorology. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems from SNUY College at Buffalo in December 1996.

Barbara Mathewson  
57 Puritan Place  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Mathewson is a remedial reading teacher, remedial math assistant and a classroom teacher. She learned about AAUW in the newspaper. Mathewson earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in education from SUNY at Cortland and both a Master's of Science and a Master's of Arts Degree in Reading Education at  
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## Cultural Events

The beginning of the New Year should give everyone time to recover from the busy and often stressful holiday season. The cultural scene, particularly, at the university level, is often quiet, but there are some suggestions for January.



If you haven't been to the Burchfield-Penny Art Center in a while, now might be a good time to go. Check on their hours during vacation. There, until January, is an exhibit entitled "New Territory: 11 Artists on Landscape" and until April 20, "Nancy Dwyer, Say What?". While in the neighborhood, cross the street to the Albright-Knox to see photographs of Forest Lawn Cemetery, hanging in the Clifton Hall Link until January 12.

The BPO presents two pops concerts this month. On the 10th and 11th, Doc's Big Band Hit Parade and on January 21 and February 1, the Great American Songbook, featuring Maureen McGovern. On January 18 and 19, soprano Edith Wiens will be featured in an all-Wagner concert. This month also, QRS Arts foundation begins its season with two concerts. Pianist Christopher O'Reilly will play at Kleinhans on January 17, and also at Kleinhans, soprano Harolyn Blackwell will perform on January 25.

On stage at Shea's will be "Carousel" from January 7-12. The Studio Arena will stage "Dead Guilty" a mystery thriller, beginning on January 10. Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days" will be presented by the Kavinoky from January 9 to February 9, and the Irish Classical Theater Company will open Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" on January 30.

Let's hope the weather allows us to enjoy all that there is to do.

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Canisius College. She has also has also taken graduate courses at SUNY at Buffalo.

Colleen B. Jansen  
217 Woodshire Court  
Getzville, NY 14068

Dr. Jansen is a Regional Development Officer with the University of Buffalo Foundation Office of Regional Development. She made an intriguing presentation for our AAUW November 16 meeting on "South African Women Then and Now: The Last Thirty Years and the Rights Guaranteed in the Constitution." Her areas of interest include a policy analysis of education and the law with a special interest in issues of education in power as they affect less powerful social groups, such as, minority race groups, women and the poor.

## Nomination Committee

The Nominations Committee, chaired by Margit Spector, is now working on the 1997-98 slate of officers. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair, please call Margit at 834-6731. Serving as an officer or committee chair is a great way to learn more about our branch and association, to work on projects which promote equity for women and girls and to develop your leadership skills.



## *Chinese New Year Celebration*

Su Fang Cui, a graduate student in economics, and Yu Feng Qian, a Chinese language instructor from Beijing University, entertained members and guests on Sunday, December 8th, as we celebrated the Year of the Ox and feasted on Dim Sum, appetizer sized dumplings, pot stickers and other goodies.

Dim Sum, Cantonese for "heart's delight", is a traditional Chinese brunch and can be enjoyed at several local restaurants including Rita's Crystal Palace (Amherst), New Spring Chinese Restaurant (Fort Erie) or Sui Sun Bakery (Niagara Falls, Ontario). Most items consist of two or three pieces and are meant to be enjoyed by a whole table, so invite your friends or family to join you and enjoy such delicacies as Ha Gow (steamed shrimp dumplings), Cha Siu Bau or Sui Mai (steamed buns or dumplings filled with meat), or shrimp toast, pot stickers (fried dumplings filled with vegetables), Jien Dui (sesame seed balls filled with red bean past), turnip cake or stuffed eggplant.

Local opportunities to take part in celebrating the Year of the Ox, which occurs February 7th, 1997, include traveling to Toronto, Ontario. Festivities will include the traditional dragon dance, firecrackers (which are used to chase away the evil spirits), visiting friends, good food and gifts of money in red tissue paper. We learned that the Beijing municipal government has now banned firecrackers in the city because of numerous accidents and the noise. This reminded many of us of our own

problems on the 4th of July. In addition, the students shared with us some of the stories associated with this Spring Festival and we all had a chance to learn more about ourselves as Yu Feng explained the Chinese Zodiac.

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## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUPS

**Tuesday-German Study Group** meets on an irregular basis. For information about dates and location, call Renny Ferber at (836 - 3977) or Gloria Beutner (838 - 1273) if you plan to attend.

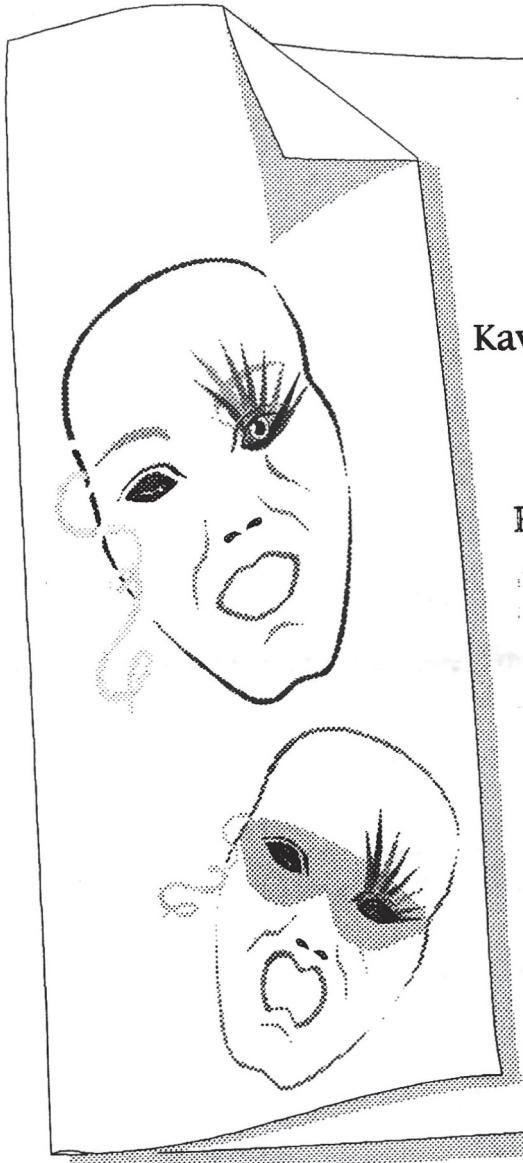
**1/9/97 Thursday-Crafts Group** will meet. Call Barbara Dascomb (685 - 2079) if you will attend.

**1/97 Sunday-Music Study Group** will not meet.

**1/21/97 Tuesday-Book Review Group** will meet at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Norma Millar, 128 Crosby Ave., Kenmore, NY. Pamela Haupt will review a biography of Nellie Bly. Call Norma (875 - 6091) if you plan to attend.

**1/15/97 Wednesday-Dinner by the Book** will meet at Elizabeth's, 4744 Maple Rd. Amherst, NY. Leona Barback will review "Dooms Day Book" by Connie Willis. Please call Mary Alice Seagrave (833 - 0437) for reservations.

**1/29/97 Saturday-Clueless Group (Mystery Book Club)** will attend the Studio Arena to see "Dead Guilty". Tickets are \$10.00. Advanced reservations are required. Call Judy Bratty (833 - 5995) if you plan to attend.



*AN EVENING AT THE  
KAVINOKY THEATER*

The Buffalo Branch of AAUW  
is organizing a fund raiser at:  
Kavinoky Theater - Friday, March 7, 1997  
Agatha Christie's  
"Witness For The Prosecution"  
Meet for dinner at  
Romanello's Roseland before the play

*RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY  
JANUARY 31, 1997*

*At LEAST 15 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD  
TO ENJOY THE GROUP RATE  
THE KAVINOKY REQUIRES 30 DAYS  
ADVANCE NOTICE FOR GROUPS*

Ticket prices are: 15 or more -  
\$18.00 less than 15 - \$21.00.  
Dinner is separate.  
Call Diane Silvestro at 631-3349

**Member News**

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to  
Phyllis Kelly's husband Jim, who had open  
heart surgery.

Get well soon to Carol Paskuly who is

recovering from surgery.

Jaqueline Trace and Jill Bradish Brown are  
members of the steering committee of the  
newly organized Book Collectors of West-  
ern New York. The committee will be  
planning lectures, demonstrations, shows,  
auctions, and tours.



## *JANUARY BRANCH MEETING*

**GIRLS IN THE MIDDLE:  
Working to Succeed in  
School**

**A Close-up Look at How Adoles-  
cent Girls  
Meet the Challenges of Middle  
School**

**VIDEO AND Discussion  
led by  
BARBARA CARIER  
Education rep.**

Since 1991 AAUW and the AAUW Educational Foundation have released groundbreaking research reports on the status of girls in our nation's public schools. The findings document the cost of gender bias in our schools and the disabling effect of sexual harassment on girls and boys alike. Since then a series of reports on school climate and gender equity has looked at the issues, and now we have proof that various educational reforms can really create an equitable environment. Come watch this new 20 minute AAUW video showing urban, suburban, and rural middle school girls trying to form their mature identities. We will be looking at the AAUW members of the future.

### **January Branch Meeting**

**GIRLS IN THE MIDDLE:  
Working to Succeed in School**

**Holiday Inn  
1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1997**

**MENU (check your preference)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Quiche DuJour and Fresh Fruit - \$9.25  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cashew Chicken Salad - \$10.00

Both include fresh rolls, coffee, tea, decaf and chocolate mouse for dessert

Send reservations and check to "Buffalo Branch AAUW" by January 17 to  
Carolyn Iadovito, 8689 Rebecca Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Name \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to bring \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

*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 possessive societal change.*



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

**Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Marion Fay (836-5660). This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on December 26, 1996**



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