

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



AMERICAN  
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UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN

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June 1997

## DON'T FORGET THE BOOK SALE

**JUNE 5-8, 1997**

**CLARENCE MALL**

**MAIN AND TRANSIT**

**Friday, June 6 9:00AM - 8:00 PM**

**Saturday, June 7 9:00AM - 8:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 8 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM**

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\$13,428  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This will be my last column as President so here's a test. Taken from Believing in Ourselves, The Wisdom of Women, Ariel Books, 1992, see if you can match the author to the quote. The answers are on page 4.

1. Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.
  2. One can never be too thin or too rich.
  3. If you want a thing done well, get a couple of old broads to do it.
  4. People call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute.
  5. The only thing I regret is that I will never have time to read all the books I want to read.
- a. Rebecca West
  - b. Bette Davis
  - c. Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor
  - d. Janis Joplin
  - e. Françoise Sagan

## Our Representatives at the New York State Conference



(Diane Silvestro, Bertha Boston, Rita Casia)



(Betty Loucks, Karen Noonan, Judy Weidemann, Diane Silvestro, and Ann Bish)



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## May 1997 AAUW Board Meeting

### Members present:

Karen Noonan	Margit Spector
Chris O'Connor	Joan Richmond
Bunny	Marian Fay
Blackstone	Diane Silvestro
Carol Paskuly	Rita Cascia
Ann Hicks	Carolyn Day
Ann Bish	Maryalice
Mary Jo Evans	Seagrave
Judy Bratty	Stacey Johnson
Maria Capolla	

The May Board Meeting of AAUW Buffalo Branch was called to order by President Karen Noonan at 7:05PM on May 7, 1997 at the Book Sale Site in the Clarence Mall.

The April minutes were accepted as corrected.

### The following reports were made:

Karen Noonan reported on the State Convention. Our branch achieved 5-Star Status. Next year's convention will be held in Niagara Falls and our branch will help by doing the registration.

The Association conference will be held in California. Barbara Carier will be our representative. Noonan presented resolutions, public policy, by-laws and election issues which will be addressed at the conference. The Board read the proposed issues and briefly discussed them. Noonan

encouraged all present to contact Carier if they had opinions on any of the issues.

Old Business--Joan Richmond, May Luncheon Chair reported that there were approximately 60 reservations for the May Luncheon. Musicians from Amherst High School will perform at the luncheon. Tables will be set up for Habitat for Humanity, Book Sale, and sale of pens and umbrellas.

Book Sale -Bunny Blackstone circulated sign-up sheets for sorting of books. AmeriCorps is picking up books at the depots and Buffalo State College. Storyteller Eileen Hanna will be at the Book Sale to entertain the children attending. Hanna will also sign books with profit going to Education Funds. Letters have been sent to PTA's and school principals informing them of the Book Sale and the storyteller.

Maria Capolla suggested we play classical music during the Book Sale and she will take charge of providing the music.

Maryalice Seagrave presented the report for Chamberlin Loan Fund showing a final balance of \$31,252.82 as on April 30, 1997 and funds for Education showing a final balance of \$10,400.38 as of April 30, 1997.

Stacey Johnson will need volunteers for Chamberlin Loan interviews on June 18-19 at the Reinstein Library between 5:00 and 7:30.

Blackstone reported on the progress of purchasing T-shirts with AAUW logo for the

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members working on the Book Sale and Habitat for Humanity.

Working together with other branches, i.e., Sister Branches, has been discussed at previous meetings. The issue was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Betty Loucks, newly appointed branch council representative asked our branch to look for a site for the fall district conference. Karen Noonan volunteered herself to look into the possibility of a site in Buffalo, if no other branch volunteers.

Diane Silvestro circulated the Strategic Plan which had been presented at the State Convention. Noonan congratulated Silvestro and her committee for all their work. Ann Bish suggested that the plan be passed on to incoming Board members.

Noonan will arrange and announce a June Board meeting on June 11, 1997.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Recording secretary,  
Christine O'Connor

Answers to president's "test"  
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- 2-c
- 3-b
- 4-a
- 5-e

## "PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE"

Strategic planning sounds like a daunting process, but planning for the future is an activity that most of us do throughout our lives. Both the State and Association have developed and distributed to branch leaders, strategic plans which include guidelines for branch participation. The 5 - Star Status Awards from State and Association also provide an impetus toward specific goals by awarding stars for: Community Action; Public Policy; Membership; Education Foundation; Legal Advocacy Fund; Visibility; and Leadership. The Leadership Star requires that a branch must demonstrate leadership development efforts by achieving at least three of the following four: a strategic plan; an annual goal setting system; a plan to continually educate members about AAUW priorities; and an ongoing plan to develop new leaders. We have satisfied all but the last requirement. While the 5 - Star Awards drive our branch, there are other reasons to plan. We know that the world is changing; the Buffalo Branch must respond to these changes so we can continue our long history of service to women and girls. Women today have less time and more pressure; many feel the government has let them down, the work place is not secure, and communities are falling apart. We need to entice them with a new approach to relinquish some of their precious time to our branch, and a structured organization to use that time efficiently. We not only need to advance our mission but also to protect our hard-won position as world competition increases and some

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**AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN  
BUFFALO BRANCH  
Programs 1997-1998**

**SEPTEMBER: ANNUAL  
POTLUCK DINNER**  
Date: Wednesday, September  
17, 1997 5:30 PM  
Place: Christ United Method-  
ist Church

**OCTOBER: DISTRICT  
MINI-CONVENTION**

**NOVEMBER: ACHIEVE-  
MENT OF AFRICAN-  
AMERICAN WOMEN HIS-  
TORIAN** Speaker: Jeanette  
Jones, PH.D. Candidate In  
History, University at Buffalo

**DECEMBER: THE VIL-  
LAGE RINGERS AND AN  
ENGLISH TEA**  
Date: Sunday, December 14,  
1997, 2 PM

**JANUARY: THE BRAIN**

**FEBRUARY: UNDER-  
GROUND RAILROAD**  
Date: Sunday, February 22,  
1998, 2 PM  
Speaker: Kevin Cottrell  
Place: Unitarian  
Universalist Church of  
Amherst

**MARCH: WOMEN IN ART**

**APRIL: NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE**  
Dates: April 24, 25, 26, 1998  
Place: Niagara Falls

**MAY: ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
Date: May 9, 1998  
Place: Fanny's

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1996 - 1997  
ELECTED OFFICERS**

President	Karen Noonan	688-0987
President-Elect	Diane Silvestro	631-3349
U-P Program	Carolyn Iadovito	634-0927
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U-P Membership Retention	Carolyn Day	634-6340
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Nominating Committee	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519
	Jane Riga	837-7924
	Judy Bratty	833-5995
	Marion Fay	836-5660

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Bylaws Chair	Sharon Rich	631-9777
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Community	Judy Summer	634-3608
Cultural	Barbara Carrier	839-0933
Education		
International Relations	Joan Eschner	674-5837
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Chamberlin Loan		
Finance/Budget	Ruthe Sichertman	873-4498
Historian	Mary Jo Evans	699-8901
LAF Project	Rita McDonald	876-2153
Public Relations	Judy Bratty	833-5995
Study Group Coordinator	Elaine Cusker	
College/University Relations	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519
E.F. Book Sale Facilitator	Joan Richmond	689-6362
May Luncheon		
Tri-County Interbranch Council	Diane Silvestro	631-3349

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legislators work to undermine our freedoms.

The Buffalo Branch has been working since January on a plan for the future, using the previous year's plan to start from. Two planning workshops were held in January to discuss the need for a plan, determine areas to focus upon, and secure the involvement of branch leaders. Our mission statement, "AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change" provided the framework within which we worked.

Commitment to the mission is what brought us together and what keeps us working together. The group decided to form task groups for: Program; Community; Membership; and Internal Communication. Each task group submitted a report with suggestions for action. While these are not in a quantifiable form, they provide a blue print for structuring the branch so we can explore our choices, bring vitality to the branch, open healthy dialogue between members, increase effectiveness through organization, provide direction, and encourage members to work as a team.

The suggestions from each group are as follows:

### Program

1. Reduce the number of regularly scheduled monthly meetings and make them more significant and special.
2. Invite other area AAUW branches to attend meetings or jointly sponsor a program or project.
3. Encourage members to bring guests to meetings.
4. Inform members they may attend meetings for a nominal fee without

ordering a meal.

5. Vary location of meetings to include churches, community centers, corporate or cultural facilities to stimulate interest in the community.
6. Hold more meetings in member's homes to build cohesiveness.
7. Be aware of public holidays while planning meetings to avoid time conflicts.
8. Encourage study group involvement for hospitality at meetings, suggestions for programs, and by keeping them informed about Board matters and actions.
9. Introduce fun, variety, and spontaneity into programming.
10. Introduce officers and guests at meetings.
11. Promote meetings one to two months in advance.
12. Encourage formation of new study groups.

### Membership

#### **Recruitment:**

1. Present for discussion at Board meetings the proposal to waive dues for students.
2. Solicit a list of guests attending meetings from program chairs and study group chairs.
3. Assemble "recruitment package" with: President's welcome letter; list of available AAUW videos; application for membership; current newsletter and program schedule; list of committees and study groups with sign up sheet; brand brag sheet (5-Star accomplishment).
4. Regularly recruit members through schools; PTA's; posting

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- flyers at restaurants where programs are held, travel agencies, relocation services, real estate agencies, books stores, hospitals, libraries, professional women's groups.
5. Collaborate with University Relations chair to meet with student groups at local colleges and universities.
  6. Assemble telephone tree.
  7. Make flyers and applications available at annual fund raising event.
  8. Have sign-up sheets available at meetings for branch community projects.
  9. Recruit a member to be a reporter for the newsletter.

#### Retention:

1. Set up a mentor program for newer members. *Rita*
2. Assign greeters for monthly programs.
3. Develop policy for dues collection encompassing newsletter, reminder post cards, and telephoning delinquent members.
4. Recognize accomplishments of members with:
  - Thank-you notes
  - Certificates for 25 and 50 year members.
  - Print thank-you notes with AAUW logo.
  - Ask members to write accomplishments on 3 X 5 card at annual luncheon and September pot luck.
5. Phone study groups for a list of their members.
6. Send dues reminders to study

groups.

7. Develop "Zip-code Clubs" by having gatherings of members from the same and nearby zip-code areas.
8. Co-ordinate membership lists between person who prints labels for newsletter and roster, treasurer, membership recruitment, and membership retention.

#### Community:

1. Provide support for women and girls consistent with AAUW public policy by:

- Presenting books on women's issues and copies of AAUW studies to public libraries with book plate promoting our branch.
- Publicizing past and present recipients of Educational Foundation grants both local persons and famous national awardees such as Donna Shalala.

- Publicizing ongoing Legal Advocacy Fund cases to members and the public.

2. Promote the image of the Buffalo Branch as a speaker for education and equity for women and girls by:

- Revising booklet developed for Centennial celebration, distributing it to libraries and other places where information on women's organizations is needed and will benefit us.

- Targeting educators for education about what we do because of our focus on education and equity.

- Targeting community leaders for education about what we do so they can support us in various ways.

3. Increase public awareness about our mission and accomplishments so people with similar interests can join or support

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## **TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

Dear Members,

This year we will be conducting a magazine subscription fund-raiser to raise money for programs and activities that will benefit all of us. The campaign is being sponsored by QSP, Inc., a subsidiary of The Reader's Digest.

How can you help?

**\* If you have subscriptions that need to be renewed, or would like to order a subscription to a new magazine, please SAVE your subscriptions for our fund-raiser.**

\* Plan on giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year.

\* Let your friends and relatives know about our fund-raiser and ask them to save their subscriptions for our program as well.

**Renewal orders will simply extend the current subscription, regardless of its expiration date. Be sure to copy the name and address EXACTLY as it is printed on a current mailing label.**

**40% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED WILL STAY with OUR ORGANIZATION. If everyone would renew just 2 subscriptions, we would realize approximately \$3,600 PROFIT!**

Also available: BMG Music Selections, Reader's Digest Books & Videos.

***PAY NO MONEY AT THIS TIME YOU WILL BE BILLED WITHIN 2 WEEKS, QSP AT THAT TIME YOU MAY PAY, BY CREDIT CARD OR CHECK***

Thank you in advance for your support! We are looking forward to your participation.

Sincerely,  
Bunny Blackstone



# Hear Ye!

# Hear Ye!

Work on the first women-built house in **Erie County is soon to begin**. The ground breaking is scheduled for Thursday, June 5th at 589 Sycamore Street. Construction will then get underway immediately.

Buffalo Branch members will be among 275 women working during the summer and fall months. At this particular time, we have been assigned two days, Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26, with the possibility of other days. If you want to be on the branch construction crew--experience is not necessary---call 741-3964 to request a volunteer application form.

Remember, too, that *money donations* are greatly appreciated! Checks are made out to **NAWBO** (National Association of Women Business Owners} which is working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity/Buffalo. Send checks to me at 5177 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence, NY 14031.

Ann Bish  
NAWBO/Habitat Committee

## AAUW Educational Foundation: UPDATE!

The **story of EF** in the Buffalo Branch is **impressive**.

It reflects remarkable, long-term commitment to promoting opportunities for higher education and career advancement for women.

It demonstrates exceptional resourcefulness, dedication, loyalty and leadership as well as team work within our branch.

It represents **42 years** during which members organized and ran the same successful fund-raiser — a used book sale- in order to donate money to help finance higher education for deserving women, both nationally and internationally. It has yielded well over \$160,000 which the branch contributed to the Educational Foundation! What a fine tradition!

- The funds first were designated to establish a \$35,000.00 Research & Projects grant.
- Then in 1982-83 the branch took on the challenge of raising \$100,000.00 to establish the Buffalo Branch Centennial American Fellowship.

We will complete that commitment with this year's book sale. We have about \$5000.00 to raise to achieve our goal. We invite all members to volunteer some time to help sort books, assist with sales or participate in post-sale  
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us.

- Use annual book sale to educate community about what we stand for and what we do.
- Develop and maintain a file of branch accomplishments so they can be publicized.
- Use media to publicize branch projects (AM Buffalo, Community Bulletin Board).
- Develop and provide maintenance for home page linked with Association's web- site.
- 4. Participate in projects with other organizations (such as current project with Habitat for Humanity).
  - Formulate specific ways we can cooperate with other organizations and ways they can reciprocate.
  - Circulate news of other organizations to our members.

#### **Internal Communication:**

1. Develop a committee structure to train members for positions, familiarize them with our organization, and foster team work.
2. Find ways for members to gain a fuller understanding of AAUW at all levels.
3. Establish professional goals for newsletter to involve members, comply with guidelines for awards, establish a schedule for expected articles from branch leaders, and recruit a reporter.
4. Establish a branch library with information on branch/state/association programs, copies

of AAUW videos and studies, copies of presentations made by members, and recordings of particularly interesting meetings.

Please contact Diane Silvestro at 631-3349 with any comments or suggestions.

## **Notes from the State Convention**

Here are some highlights of from the state convention. Nine of us (Ann Bish, Bertha Boston, Barb Carier, Rita Cascia, Ann Hicks, Betty Loucks, Karen Noonan, Nan Scinta, Diane Silvestro, & Judy Weidemann) traveled to Saratoga Springs May 2, 1997 and took part in the annual state convention "On Track To The Future". After a lovely drive across the state, we arrived for dinner Friday evening and opening remarks by Mary Purcell, Leader on Loan from the Association and the Association and International Federation of University Women's UN Representative in New York, as well, as the co-chair for the Working Group on Girls, NGO Committee for UNICEF. Mary, who has served as president of both AAUW and the AAUW Educational Foundation, gave a stirring presentation on "Responding to Women's & Girls' Issues Worldwide". Following dinner we met in District Caucus, where Buffalo's Betty Loucks was elected district representative and Judy Weidemann, district representative to the Nominating Committee.

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Saturday's LAF breakfast featured a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Fisher, Associate Professor of Biology at Vassar College and a LAF litigant. The US District Court found Vassar College liable for discrimination in Dr. Fisher's tenure denial and she was reinstated in 1994. The rest of the morning was spent in the business meeting (elections, treasurer's report, etc.) and workshops which covered everything from parliamentary procedure and strategic leadership to coalition building and how to protect children from gender bias.

The afternoon was spent learning about our "True Colors". Mine's green, which means that I value answers, resolutions, intelligence, and explanations; dislike injustice and unfairness; respect knowledge and capability and dream of truth & accuracy. (I may dream of accuracy, but those of you have spotted my grammatical errors and typing mistakes know better.) Other choices include: "Oranges", who have a zest for life and desire to test the limits; "Golds", who are generous and parental by nature, value order and cherish traditions of home and family; and "Blues", who value close relationships with those they love and possess a strong spirituality. The point is of course, that despite our different "colors" we all have something valuable to contribute and no organization could get along without all of us.

Saturday evening featured an EF Banquet where Buffalo received recognition as one of the Top Ten Branches for total contributions, one of the Top Ten Branches for per capita giving, and the generosity of two of our members, Ruth Geiger and Ann Hicks, was also acknowledged.

Sunday morning's program focused on Internet Technology and we all got to see the proposed New York State AAUW website. The convention concluded with lunch and presentation of the Five Star Awards. Yes! we completed our five stars and received the award for the third year in a row.

It was a great weekend, fabulous hotel, delicious food and I am only sorry that more of you couldn't join us.

Submitted by Karen Noonan

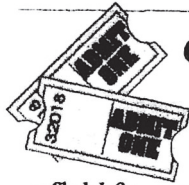
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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

June 23 is the anniversary date of Title IX. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded educational institutions and ensures equal educational opportunity for all in areas such as career development, student financial aid and athletics. Attempts were made last year to weaken Title IX and funding was reduced for the office that requires compliance.

In *Cohen v. Brown University* the First Circuit ruled that Brown violated Title IX by failing to provide female students with an

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## Cultural Events

June. Winding down the winter-spring season. Moving farther a field for summer cultural events.

The last musical of the season at Shea's Performing Arts Center will be "Cats" from June 6-8. By now, the Shaw Festival and Stratford have opened many of their productions. Artpark will present three mainstage musicals: "Barnum," "Always . . . Patsy Cline", and "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Onstage at Artpark at the Church will be "Smoke on the Mountain" and "Mass Appeal." Shakespeare in Delaware Park will stage "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Richard II". The Chautauqua Institution has a complete schedule of opera, theater and music.

The Roycroft Chamber Music Festival will take place at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in East Aurora on two weekends in June: the 14th and 15th and 21st and 22nd. For those who love to eat, try the Taste of Buffalo on July 12 and 13.

If you like the outdoors, the Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy offers two Breakfast Club Tours and one Twilight Tour of three Buffalo Parks.

If books are your "thing", the last Bistro Bookers meeting of the season will take place on Tuesday, June 10 at the King's Court on Delaware Avenue.

Brandon M. Stickney will discuss his book, "All-American Monster: The Unauthorized Biography of Timothy McVeigh".

Whatever your pleasure, enjoy the season! See you in the fall.



## FORTY THREE YEARS AND COUNTING

The big lament of all former chairs, coordinators and facilitators of book sales has been the he number of non-members who wander into the site before the sale starts, and want to "help" sort the books. That means they want first crack at buying them, and we've always discouraged the practice.

Some of the sales had names, not just numbers. There was the Lucky 13th, The Silver Anniversary Sale, Book Sale 19 and 27 (I'm not sure why they had special designations) and the Centennial Sale in 1990.

Not everyone bought books for their contents. One woman wanted almost three feet of bright red covers to fit in with her decor, and a male customer was in the market for any sets bound in Morocco. Another was interested in books which contained silhouettes.

At the close of the sale in 1981, in the Convention Center, the remaining tables of books were auctioned off. Instead of taking them home for sale, one enterprising bidder, immediately after making his purchase, began selling books from his table to those remaining customers who had not bought tables. Don't miss the first day of the sale. The customers line up outside as much as an hour before opening time, they dash in with their money shouting "where's this?", "where's that?" and often stay all day while they fill carton after carton.

Join the fun!

## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUPS

**Tuesday-German Study Group** will no longer meet.

**6/10/97 Tuesday-Mollie Fleysher Memorial Music Study Group** will meet at 1:30 P.M. in the home of Florence DaLuiso, 2660 South Park Ave., Lackawanna, NY. The postponed May meeting will take place in June. Piano Duets by Florence and Katherine Mikulsky will be presented and planning for the following year. Call Florence (828 0373) if you plan to attend

**6/12/97 Thursday-Crafts Group** will meet. Call Barbara Dascomb (685 2079) if you will attend.

**6/24/97 Tuesday- Book Review Group** will meet at 12:30 P.M. at Classics V Restaurant, Niagara Falls Blvd. A luncheon and planning meeting will be the subject of the meeting. Please Grace Kenline (877 0734) if you plan to attend.

**6/18/97 Wednesday-Dinner by the Book** will meet at 6:00 P.M. at the Country Kitchen on Niagara Falls Blvd. Judy Bratty will review "The Haunted Mesa" by Louis L'Amour. Please call Nan Scinta (634 5374) for reservations.

**6/25/97 Wednesday-Clueless Group** (Mystery Book Club) will meet to explore

ideas and plan the 1997-98 books/programs on Wednesday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Ann Bish and Ann Hicks, 5177 Willow Brook Drive, Clarence. Old and new members are invited to attend and contribute ideas and participate in the decision making process for next year's program. A book exchange will also be conducted. Dessert and coffee will be served. Please call (741-3964) if you are attending.

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activities. Bunny Blackstone is the sale coordinator. You may call her or call me (741-3964) if you would like to volunteer.

**Congratulations to the Buffalo Branch** on being second in the state in total contribution to EF for 1996-97. The branch contributed **\$9,315.00**. Based on a membership of 236, we contributed **\$39.47 per member**. This helped us achieve our 5-star branch status for NYS.

Many, many thanks to each member who contributed to this important fund raising endeavor in years past. We value and appreciate the very special support each of you demonstrated which helped us succeed in our branch activities. Thank you for your commitment and on-going support in keeping this branch project alive and profitable.

Submitted by  
Ann S. Hicks, Vice President for EF

## COMMUNITY PROJECT DECORATORS SHOW HOUSE ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Thirty one members of our branch, the largest ever, served as hostesses at the 1997 Decorator Show House from April 26 through May 18.

Proceeds from this Ninth Annual Show House, which was held at the Buffalo State College President's house at 152 Lincoln Parkway, will be used to fund a project of major community impact - the project to be chosen this summer.

The home was designed in 1912 and built in 1918. It is a magnificent example of eclectic architecture, a style that combines the best dominant architectural theme of that period. The main house features Greek and Roman influences.

Dr. Murial Moore, the first female president of the State University College at Buffalo, took residence of the house about a year ago and generously agreed to share the house and gardens of this magnificent home to the thousands of people who came to visit.

Phyllis Kelly was chairman of the project for AAUW. Assisting her were Delores Bowker, Carol Battle, Marion Elmer, Barbara Mathewson and Bertha Boston.

Hostesses participating were Judith Bratty, Ann Bish, Alberta Ford, Marion Fay, Suzanne Grosman, Ann Hicks, Stacey Johnson, Carol Jamieson, Alice Mason, Milli Marks, Marie Moody, Karen Noonan, Christine O'Connor, Barbara Paulson, Patricia Van Remmen, Joan Richmond, Diane Sina, and Diane Silvestro.

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equal opportunity to participate in athletics. As cases such as this continue to favor women, backlash against Title IX is expected to increase. AAUW anticipates attacks on Title IX in HEA reauthorization and the appropriations process.

Members are requested to write members of Congress to urge their support of keeping Title IX a strong legislative statute because it is crucial to women and girls. Additional information may be obtained from the May issue of *Get the Facts*.

Submitted by Diane Sina  
Public Policy Chair

## Awardees and Officers at the May Luncheon



*Ann Hicks, Valerie Bradley, Katey Joyce, and Karen Noonan*



*1997-1998 OFFICERS: Carolyn Day, Bunny Blackstone, Karen Noonan, and Diane Silvestro, President*

### Chamberlin Loan Fund and Funds for Education

The deadline for the Chamberlin Loan applications is June 10. After that date, we will be interviewing candidates for the next round of loans and grants. The Community Room at the Reinstein Library on Harlem Road has been reserved for the following dates: Wednesday *June 18 - 5:00-7:30 PM*; and Thursday *June 19 - 5:00-7:30 PM*

The Chair of Chamberlin loan, and the Assistant Treasurer, Maryalice Seagrave, will be present.

Volunteers are needed to help interview applicants. We ask each applicant to come for an interview before making the final decisions on loans and grants.

If you are interested in participating in this process, and are available on any of the above dates, please send in the form below with your name next to the time to P.O. Box 397, Williamsville, NY 14226, or call Stacey Johnson at 885-2486 (home) .

Stacey Johnson, Chair

Wednesday June 18th - 5:00-7:30 PM	_____
Thursday June 19th - 5:00-7:30 PM	_____
Telephone #:	_____

## AAUW Buffalo Branch Membership Renewal Date Is Now!

If you didn't pay your dues at the May Annual Luncheon, you can mail them in as soon as possible to Bunny Blackstone Treasurer.

The enclosed insert in your Newsletter gives a listing of the amount due for the 1997-1998 year.

We need the dues in order to put the Roster together and to help other members to reach you when it's desirable.

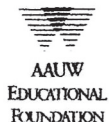
Make this Number One on your priority list.

Thank you for your cooperation. Any questions call Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519.

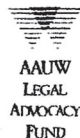
*In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.*



*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.*

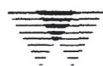


*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and possessive societal change.*



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# AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Our membership dues for the upcoming year (July 1, 1997- June 30, 1998) are due by July 1, 1997. State dues have gone up \$3.00 this year. You may mail your dues to the treasurer. Please renew by the due date as there is much more paperwork for the treasurer and membership chairperson if dues are sent into the Association and State at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation.

<b>Branch Members</b>	\$51.50 (includes branch, state and Association dues)
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2.00 (optional)	
	\$53.50 total

Association Life Members	\$22.50
Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)	2.00

	\$24.50 total
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**Dual Members:**

Buffalo Primary Branch	\$51.50
Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)	2.00 (optional)

	\$53.50 total
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Buffalo Secondary Branch	\$ 14.50
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**Student Affiliate**

(working on an undergraduate degree)	\$24.75
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Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)	\$2.00 (optional)
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	\$26.75 total
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Other organizations to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one:** • Member of Branch • Association Life Member • Dual Member (Buffalo Primary Buffalo Secondary) • Student Affiliate

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_ payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch

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