

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY
WOMEN

NYS District 1

March 1997

MARCH PROGRAM

Family Violence

Saturday, March 15, 1997

Time - 11:30

Luncheon at

Hirsch's Restaurant
8445 Main Street, Williamsville

(Approximately one mile east of Transit Road)

Send reservations to Carolyn Iadovito
by March 8th

See reservation form on page 15

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I can't believe that it will soon be time to start thinking about the end of winter, beginning of spring, making plans for summer vacations and planting gardens. In the midst of winter,

March is a busy month for the Buffalo branch, many of our members are working to further the Association's goals to promote equity for women and girls, fund education, research and self development and support for women seeking judicial redress.

Several of our members are currently working on the branch's "5-Star Applications" for both New York State (due April 10th) and the Association (due April 20th). Ann Hicks, Mary Jo Evans, Judy Weidemann, Diana Sina, Diane Silvestro and others are concentrating on meeting the following objectives: raising funds for the AAUW Educational Foundation (\$25 donation per member) and Legal Advocacy Fund (\$2 donation per member); planning a community action (gender equity presentation for early child care providers) or public policy advocacy project (Get Out the Vote Initiative), and promoting leadership activities.

The Nominating Committee, under the guidance of Margit Spector, is busy contacting members who are willing to serve as officers for the 1997-98 proposed Board. President-elect Diane

Silvestro, is coordinating the four subcommittees on Program, Membership, Community and Communication which are working on updating our Branch Strategic Plan. Meanwhile, Bunny Blackstone and her committee are making plans for the annual used book sale. Once they have a location you can expect they will be asking for your help.

Finally, we have been asked to work on a project with Womanfocus, a program of Preventionfocus, Inc., to help young girls in grades 7 and 8 from the Buffalo Public Schools venture beyond the confines of their neighborhoods and work on career awareness and work place issues. This spring Womenfocus is looking for women to act as chaperons for UB's "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" on April 24th 1997. Are you free on April 24th? Would



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you like to chaperon several girls and take part in the activities planned at the University? If this first attempt is a success, next year's plans will include workshops conducted by Every women's Opportunity Center and Preventionfocus. Our role could expand to include worksite visits as well as the UB Take Your Daughter to Work Day. If you are free April 24th please call either Bunny Blackstone 655-4519 or Elaine Cusker at 741-4885.

If you are interested in any of these projects and need more information, please give Karen Noonan a call at 688-0987. The branch can use your help!

February 1997 AAUW Board Meeting

Members present:

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| Carolyn Iadovito | Mary Jo Evans |
| Joan Eschner | Maryalice Seagrave |
| Diane Silvestro | Bunny Blackstone |
| Stacey Johnson | Phyllis Kelly |
| Elaine Cusker | Margit Spector |
| Rita Cascia | Ann Bish |
| Ann Hicks | Carolyn Day |
| Jane Riga | Karen Noonan |
| Chris O'Connor | |

The February Board Meeting of AAUW Buffalo Branch was called to order by President Karen Noonan on February 5, 1997 at the Snyder-Eggertsville Library at 7:05 P.M.

The minutes for December were accepted as presented. The minutes for January were accepted as corrected. Noonan would like the minutes to reflect that the by-laws revisions were

approved by motion. Noonan circulated copies of the revised by-laws to members of the Board.

Noonan circulated a letter from Bobbe Fortunato which announced a roast in Washington, D.C. on April 11, 1997 for Alice Ann Leidel, who had been AAUW Education President from 1993-1997. The letter suggested each branch purchase an equity share in Alice's name and send local postcards from our area to the committee for the roast. The hat was passed and our Board collected enough for 2 equity shares.

A motion was made to empower Ann Hicks to send \$250.00 from Educational Funds to the Eleanore Roosevelt Fund.

Noonan read a letter from the Velma C. Cobb Trust Fund concerning our inheritance in her estate.

Noonan also circulated a brochure from Womanfocus. Laura Meyers Rogersmith, Coordinator of the project "Take our Daughters to Work" has asked for our help to act as guides at the University of Buffalo on April 26, 1997 and later in the year to help girls tour different work sites. Bunny Blackstone and Elaine Cusker have agreed to work with the coordinator.

Diane Silvestro asked for anyone interested in the fund raiser theater night to sign-up for March 7, 1997.

The March program will feature Katy Joyce who will speak and show slides on the topic "Children Involved in Domestic Violence." It will be held at Hersh's on March 15, 1997 at 11:30 P.M.

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Silvestro also presented the synopsis of the Strategic Plan Workshops and asked for volunteers in the four areas which are highlighted in the plan.

Stacey Johnson suggested that when we speak to anyone about AAUW Buffalo Branch that we use our entire name instead of just our initials.

Bunny Blackstone presented the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$14,142.98 as of 11/14/96. Blackstone also presented the budget for 1996-1997. The budget was approved.

A motion was made to have the delegates present written reports to be published in the Newsletter regarding the highlights and decisive motions at the State and Association Conventions.

A motion was made to have a magazine and music club renewal available as a fund raiser at our annual luncheon and pot luck dinner.

Nominating Committee Chair Margit Spector told the Board about the progress of the committee. Many positions need to be filled.

Elaine Cusker, College and University Relation Chair, circulated lists of institutions that are members of AAUW. Cusker also had a list of some local institutions who are not members and she asked for names of AAUW members who are either on the faculty or are active alumni members to bring to their attention that we would like them to be members.

Phyllis Kelly reminded the Board that she

would like volunteers for the Junior League Show House. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting.

Carolyn Iadovito would like to have a program planning meeting on February 20, 1997 at the Pancake House at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Plans for the 1997 Book Sale

The AAUW, Buffalo Branch Annual Used Book Sale will be held in June. Tentative dates are June 5-8, from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Thursday and Friday; 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Sorting will take place in May.

WE HAVE NEEDS! Chris O'Connor needs another van and driver to help with book collection.

Beside collecting books for the sale, this year, we are also collecting games and puzzles.

We need a location for the sale. 7500 square feet is optimal, but we can use less.

Want your name prominently displayed over a table at the sale? A donation of \$20.00 will assure that.

We could also use a dumpster, but so few people have them. **SIGN UP NOW.** You can collect or store books, sort, price, telephone, sell - it's all fun. Call Bunny Blackstone (9655-4519) and let her know what you want to do.

Leadership-A Good Year to Join the NYS Leadership Team

It's a good year to try out leadership. The State Board is supporting leadership programs throughout this year and next. Leaders are given a valuable role on AAUW committees as well as a chance to grow personally. Often job sharing is possible. Age is not a factor in leadership. As a leader you help decide how to direct energy to advance AAUW's goals, and help lead and work with others. A vast background in AAUW is NOT necessary, just some time to give and enthusiasm about the organization. Call Karen Noonan at 688-0987 for an appointment form and say yes to AAUW leadership this year. (President's Portfolio-NYS AAUW Newsline-Spring 1997)

International Relations

Did you know that NYS AAUW is paired with Sierra Leone by the Association? Over the past few years NYS AAUW has been collecting \$5 from branches to help pay Sierra Leone's dues to the IFUW. This allows the local organization to have some extra money to spend

in Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone is a republic in western Africa, bordered by Guinea on the north and east, Liberia on the southeast and the Atlantic Ocean on the southwest. Sierra Leone gained its independence from Great Britain in 1961. The economy is predominantly agricultural. With a per capita income of \$330 in Sierra Leone, the Sierra Leone Federation of University Women can use all the help we can provide. (President's Portfolio-NYS AAUW Newsline-Spring 1997)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1995 - 1996 ELECTED OFFICERS

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Nominating Committee	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519
	Jane Riga	837-7924
	Judy Bratty	833-5995
	Marion Fay	836-5660

APPOINTED OFFICERS

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E.F. Book Sale Facilitator	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519
May Luncheon	Joan Richmond	689-6362
Tri-County Interbranch Council	Diane Silvestro	631-3349

AAUW Educational Foundation

In the fiscal year 1995-96, the AAUW Educational Foundation received over \$3.5 million in contributions. During 1995-96, the Buffalo Branch contributed \$10,105.00 and New York State contributed over \$152,000 to EF. These are remarkable financial contributions for which we can all take pride. Such sums reflect the exceptional leadership, commitment, ingenuity, expertise and teamwork of numerous members individually and collectively.

Your gifts (e.g., time, money, expertise, resources) enable the AAUW Educational Foundation to carry on the tradition of empowering women to make tomorrow's world a better place. EF funds further professional careers, sponsor ground-breaking research, mentor younger women and girls, and foster broad-scale social change here and abroad. In fact, Foundation fellowships have helped more than 6500 women earn degrees.

Through the named fellowship endowments the Foundation is able to award nationally coveted grants and fellowships year after year to the best women scholars in the United States and worldwide. These awards assist women pursuing academic study, research, and community service. Our branch is close to completing its commitment to contribute a total of \$100,000 to establish a named American Fellowship Endowment, i.e., the Buffalo (NY) Branch Centennial Fellowship. The current balance stands at \$86,238.50. It was started in 1982-83 and has grown

steadily as a result of our annual Used Book Sale and individual contributions. We will contribute an amount this spring from the 1996 sale. Profits from the 1997 sale should allow us to complete the endowment.

Named American fellowships and endowments provide financial support to women conducting doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research or pursuing research during the summer months. American Fellowship endowments also fund Selected Profession Fellowships, supporting women who pursue graduate study in fields in which women have not traditionally participated. Selected Professions Fellowships also fund women of color pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, law, and business.

Submitted by Ann Hicks

AAUW Convention Grants

AAUW is committed to increasing its multicultural representation and leadership to better address the education and equity of all women and girls. To encourage involvement and attendance by a cross section of the membership, AAUW offers Leadership for Diversity grants up to \$1000. Members from underrepresented groups in terms of race, creed, age (under forty), sexual orientation, national origin, or disability who demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply. Grant applications are available through the HELPLINE (1-800-821-4364). Completed forms must be received at the national office by March 14, 1997

**WOMEN'S ACTION
COALITION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

FEBRUARY, 1997

**28th A FORUM ON DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE - Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church,**

1080 Main Street, Buffalo, NY

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Susan Urban, MSW -

Cost including lunch - \$6.00

Sponsored by Church Women
United

For reservations and informa-
tion, call 882-4793

MARCH, 1997

**1st American Diabetes
Association's Women of Valor
Awards Program**

Luncheon and Chinese Auction
- 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Uni-
versity Inn and Conference
Center,

Cost - \$25.00 per person.

Women of Valor is a
community-based awards
program recognizing women of
outstanding achievement in the
local community. Nominations
were solicited from the commu-
nity and selection was based
upon personal achievement,
volunteer and leadership activi-
ties, and the impact the nomi-
nee has had on the quality of
life of Western New York.

Honorees: *Sister Mary Joel
Schimscheiner*, RSM, Chief
Executive Officer, Kenmore

Mercy Hospital, and *Cindy Vastola*
-Lancaster, President and Chief
Financial Officer, Vastola Heating &
Air Conditioning. FOR MORE INFOR-
MATION, contact the American
Diabetes Association office at
835-02749

**2nd Albright-Knox Art Gallery
Feminism and Art History lecture
series -**

2:00 P.M. - * Gallery Auditorium -
"Matter" of Fact: Alice Neels
Pregnant Nudes. Designed to
provide a forum for questioning
biases, faulty premises and omis-
sions in the history of art, as well as
raising issues about women, gender
and representation in art, this
annual lecture series is always
provocative and unpredictable. In
addition, two lectures on current
issues and research in the field of
anthropology/archeology will be
added, and a concert of works by
women composers is included as
the fourth program. * All talks and
the concert will take place in the
Gallery Auditorium and are free
with Gallery admission. Guided
tours on related topics will follow
each program.

**3rd Albright-Knox Art Gallery
Feminism and Art History lecture
series -**

2:00 P.M. - Gallery Auditorium -
Bad. Badder. Baddest: Reflec-
tions on Feminism.

**7th Church Women United -
World Day of Prayer. Various loca-
tions and times throughout Erie
County. Theme: Like a Seed
Which Grows into a Tree,**

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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Hall of Fame Luncheon, Friday, March 7, 1997 at the Harbour Club at the Marine Midland Arena at noon. The first Inductees into the Women's Hall of Fame will be introduced at this new event. Table and individual tickets are available. Buffalo State College will permanently install inductees in the new

WNY Women's Hall of Fame. Call 878-5732 for information.

Networking Luncheon, Friday, March 21, 1997 at noon at the Sports Arena complex at Buffalo State College. Call 878-5732 for information.

Trip to Seneca Falls Women's Hall of Fame: a bus tour for women's organizations to Seneca Falls on Saturday, March 15, is scheduled. Lunch will be available.

Directory: information and contact people at the associations and organizations serving women in WNY are listed in a directory. Call 878-5732 for information.

Calendar of over 100 events and meetings hosted by a wide variety of community and women's groups during the month of March will be included in a special insert in Business First.

Submitted by: Diane Silvestro

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUPS

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

3/16/97 Sunday-Mollie Fleysher Memorial Music-Study Group will attend the QRS Concert: Alex Slobodyanik pianist. It will take place at 8:00 P.M. at Slee Hall on the SUNY Amherst Campus. Please call Marie Moody, (662-9628) for tickets. The tickets are \$15.00 each.

3/13/97 Thursday-Crafts Group will meet. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) if you will attend.

3/18/97 Tuesday-Book Review Group will meet at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Dorothy Payne; 93 Crosby Ave., Kenmore, N.Y., Mary Jane Orcutt will give a book report. Please call Dorothy (876-6855) if you plan to attend.

3/19/97 Wednesday-Dinner by the Book will meet at The Italian Village, 804 Wherle Drive, Amherst, NY. Myra Menti will review *The Magnificent Spinster* by May Sarton. Please call Rita Green at 632-0014 for reservations.

3/26/97 Wednesday-Clueless Group (A Mystery Book Club) will meet at the Original Pancake House, Main St., Williamsville, NY. Myra Menti will present a biography of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. You are asked to read any Sherlock Holmes work. Please call Ann Hicks at 741-3964 if you plan to attend.

Keep Up with the Issues

Education, safety, health care and economic security are issues about which women voters showed their concern in the 1996 election.

President Clinton reiterated in his State of the Union Address that education, specifically higher education and funding issues, is at the top of the agenda. According to a poll conducted by Greenberg Research and Lake Research, 75 percent of women said education was the most important issue influencing their vote.

The next Congress could very well attempt to cut back on federal affirmative action programs. AAUW continues to oppose the elimination of affirmative action programs, as qualified women and minorities must have education and workplace opportunities.

The new welfare law lacks adequate education and job training provisions to help women move from welfare to work. Congress should address some of these flaws.

Members are encouraged to call or write members of Congress to let them know these issues are important to you.

Submitted by Ann Bish Material taken from *(Tet the Facts, December 12, 1996.*

Branch to Serve as Hostesses at 1997 Decorator's Show House

Members of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW have been invited to serve as hostesses at the exciting 1997 Decorators' Show House from April 26th through May 18th.

Phyllis Kelly will serve as Chair of the branch's participation in this Ninth Show House which will be held at the Buffalo State College President's House at 152 Lincoln Parkway. Buffalo Branch has participated in these show houses since their inception. Proceeds are used for projects of major community impact.

Serving on the committee this year, are: Delores Bowker, Dr. Bonnie Flickinger, Carol Battle, Marion Elmer, Barbara Mathewson, and Bertha Boston.

The Buffalo News is co-sponsoring the project with the Junior League of Buffalo. Thousands of local residents as well as many visitors to the Niagara Frontier always attend.

In previous years, twenty-five or more members have participated with a large sign at the door acknowledging our contribution.

A hostess shift lasts approximately four hours and involves explaining features of the rooms to guests. Information is provided by the decorators. Rooms will be decorated by different interior decorators.

In addition to the house and carriage house tour, an exclusive gift boutique, cafe and guest lecture series will be offered.

Volunteers will be treated to a light buffet donated by local restaurants.

Sheets to sign up to serve as a volunteer will be available at our March general meetings.

Thanks so much,
Phyllis Kelly

March Program Family Violence

The March 15, 1997 meeting will be held at Hirsch's Restaurant, 8445 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14221 (on the right side 8/10 of a mile East of Transit Road, before Harris Hill Road) Registration will be at 11:30 A.M.

Katey Joyce, MSW, CSW, Director of Haven House will present a visual portrayal of the impact that parental conflict has on the emotional health of children and their view on violence.



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Which Grows into a Tree, written by Church Women of South Korea. For information call 882-4793.

16th Albright-Knox Art Gallery Feminism and Art History lecture series - 2:00

P.M. *Gallery Auditorium - And then she wrote...

18th "The Sandwich Generation" - Women's Health Series program - 7:00 -9:00 P.M.

Expressly for Women With Laura Meyers-Rogerson and Jo Osborne, Womanfocus. Middle-agers caring for children and older parents can feel like they're caught in the middle. Explore strategies for taking care of

yourself despite all the caretaking you do for others. For reservations or information on location call 862-1945.

19th "The Sandwich Generation" Legal Options for Women Caregivers Caught Between Two Generations - 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. at Moot Hall, Buffalo State College. Speakers: Shari Jo Reich, President of WBASNY, will facilitate panel. With support from the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY). Presented in conjunction with Women's History Month. Title sponsor: Expressly for Women

APRIL, 1997

22nd "Women and Investing" Women's Health Series program - Expressly for Women -

7:00 - 9:00 P.M. With Christine Mathieu, Mutual of New York - Up to 90 percent of today's women will be responsible for their own financial well-being at some time of their lives. Learn to get involved in your household's investment decisions and plan ahead for your successful financial future. Location: Marillac Room, Sisters Hospital. For reservations or more information, call 862-1945.

WOMEN'S "TAP" FUND - Scholarship for participant(s) in YWCA's IPL

April, 1997. Letter requesting application for scholarship should be sent to: Women's "TAP" Fund, PO Box S4, Buffalo, NY 14201-0054 before March 31, 1997. Call Bette Blum at 884-1617 for more information.

USED BOOK SALE, CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY ISSUE

I wish I had taken my camera!

When the News sports pages said Mickey Mantle would be at Kobackers at the Boulevard Mall in 1980, I was there and second in line to meet him. I gave him a letter explaining the reason for our fund-raiser, AND HANDED HIM TWO BASEBALLS TO SIGN.

A guard standing beside him said, "you can't have two," and the Mick said, "Oh, yes, she can," and signed them both. The sealed bid buyer snapped them up for \$25, and today they're worth at least \$300. When the Russian hockey team came to play the Buffalo Sabres in 1976, I was able to get a program for the game, but how to get it signed? In desperation I called Chuck Healy, sports announcer at WBEN, and he told me the Russians would be practicing at an obscure YWCA in Hamburg.

I had a friend whose daughters had taken tumbling lessons at that "Y" and I persuaded her to take me there. When we arrived, the practice was already in progress. When the practice ended I dashed out to the bus which had brought the team from the Hotel Statler and mimed my desire to have them sign

the program. They all seemed pleased to comply.

I was more than half way down the aisle when the driver closed the door and started back to Buffalo. "Wait, wait," I shouted, "my car's back there!" In the rush to get off the bus, I neglected to get the autograph of the outstanding Soviet goalie, Tretiak. After all this exertion, the highest bid price was \$25.25.

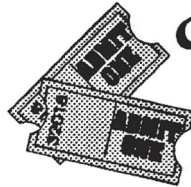
A recent Buffalo News article said most autographed baseballs today are fakes) but in all the times we sold them, there was only one person who asked me to write a letter stating that I had witnessed the signature. The list was impressive, and all authentic- Ernie Banks, Joe McCarthy, Willie Stargell, and a group of Kansas City Royals, among others.

By 1990 Mollie had ceased to stock the sale, and we called our effort that year "A Sale Within a Sale." We took bids on a few special items, but most objects were sold outright. We did this again in 1991.

The last sale was held in 1992 with donations from the members, and Mollie grumbled, "It looks like a flea market." She was right.

And thus ended the sealed bid sales.

Submitted by Ruthe Sicherman



Cultural Events

Begin March in the right spirit by attending the Rockwell Hall concert of

"Cherish the Ladies", a Celtic band, on the 1st at 8:00 p.m. And, if you missed "Forever Plaid", either here or in Toronto, it returns to Artpark-at-the Church, beginning March 12. The touring production of "Singin' in the Rain" makes a stop at Shea's Buffalo from March 18-23. The Irish Classical Theater brings back Brian LaTulip, so brilliant as "Da" in "Juno and the Paycock", starting March 20. On the Theaterloft stage, Ujima presents the comedy "Middle-Aged White Guys".



The Amherst Libraries are presenting two interesting programs. At the Audubon Library, a monthly book discussion group, called "Burrowing Bookworms," meets once a month. The March 25 book selection is *Paddy Clark, Ha Ha Ha*, by Roddy Doyle. The Williamsville Branch is sponsoring five programs which focus on current issues around the world. On March 4, Claude E Welch, a SUNY professor, and Aimable Twagilimana, a Rwandan author, discuss Africa. Call either library for information about registration and other programs in each series. If your local library is sponsoring any similar programs, please let me know.

A March musical highlight will be the appearance on the QRS series of Quartetto Gelato on March 4. During the month the BPO will play Barber, Beethoven and Dvorak on March 8 and 9 and highlight the Bach "St. Matthew

Passion" on March 22 and 23. Comedian Robert Klein headlines the March 14 and 15 Pops concerts. At the University at Buffalo, the faculty recital series features pianist Stephen Manes on March 1 and clarinetist John Fullam with pianist Nancy Townsend on March 10. The Sleet Visiting Artists series presents the Meridian Arts Ensemble on March 7.

Farewell Celebration for Alice Ann Leidel

Alice Ann Leidel will complete her tenure as president at the AAUW Educational Foundation in June 1997. As we know from her earlier involvement in the NYS Board, she brings exceptional vision and leadership to any position or assignment she accepts. There have been noticeable improvements made in the scope, focus and quality of the programs and resources emanating from the foundation since she became an integral part of the organization.

A gala dinner celebration is being planned in her honor on April 11 in Washington, D.C. Members have been invited to attend (at our own expense) as well as to contribute to the festivities in one of several different ways. The Board voted not only to contribute to EF the sum of \$250.00 to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund in Alice Ann's name but also to send at least two Equity Futures and one Equity Leaf in her honor. For the latter donation, the hat was passed among the board members. If any member would like to contribute additional funds in her honor, please let me know ASAP. The money has to be in the hands of Bobbe Fortunato, NYS EF Chair, by March 1.

Submitted by Ann Hicks

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

At the two planning workshops in January at which, Barb Carier presided, it was pointed out that our branch has had goals but these haven't been formally defined. We have presented programs that are consistent with AAUW's mission and complied with the requirements of the 5 Star Program but adopting a formal plan with clear-cut goals is encouraged by both the State and Association. Members who attended the planning workshops participated with enthusiasm. The group decided that four task groups should be formed for the following areas: Program, Community, Membership, Communication. Goals were suggested for each task group and a number of members have been recruited, but more people are needed to provide input. New members and those who haven't served on the board are especially needed for a fresh perspective. The task groups will be coordinated by Diane Silvestro. The groups and some of their goals are:

Program:

Increase numbers attending meetings. Recruit new members for planning committee. Public outreach. Diversify topics. Possibly adopt theme combining program/community/short term study groups.

Community:

Develop visibility for branch as "speaker" for and provide support for education/equity for women and girls. Work with other organizations on specific projects such as Habitat for Humanity's all woman built house, the Junior League Show House, and Channel 17's telethon.

Membership:

Identify target groups for recruitment, learn what interests them, what they want, and how to reach them. Achieve diversity by attracting women interested in our issues. Develop demographic profile of members. Use committees to acquaint new members with organization.

Communication:

Update members about branch business at general meetings. Develop goals for newsletter. Gain fuller understanding of AAUW at all levels using publications and state speakers. Improve system of internal communication.

The community task group is especially in need of members. If any member has an interest in publicizing the work of AAUW or promoting community awareness of our organization, you can call me at 631-3349. But all groups are open to any member.

Submitted by: Diane Silvestro

AAUW Buffalo Branch 1996-97 Budget Proposal

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:	Requested
100 Administration	
101 Treasurer	80.00
102 Liability Insurance/Bonding	140.00
103 Stationery/Supplies	150.00
104 Accounting	180.00
105 President Expense	200.00
106 Diverse Administrative Expense 125.00 (extra for By-law copies)	
Total Administration	<u>875.00</u>
200 Program Development	
201 General Meetings	300.00
202 Education/Equity/Public Policy	25.00
Total Program	<u>325.00</u>
300 Membership Services	
301 Membership/Recruitment/ Retention	355.00
302 Newsletter	1350.00
303 Roster	80.00
304 Publicity	50.00
Total Membership Services	<u>1835.00</u>
400 Honoraria	
401 Awards/Gifts	100.00
Total Honoraria	<u>100.00</u>
900 Miscellaneous	
900 Miscellaneous	0.00
901 Transfers to Restricted Fund	750.00
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<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>3885.00</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS:	
600 Conventions/Travel	
601 Delegates State Convention	300.00
602 Delegates Association Conventions	850.00
(400.00 carry over from '95-'96)	
Total Conventions/Travel	<u>1150.00</u>

700 Designated Funds	
701 Special Projects/Events	0.00 Bal. 2769.32
702 Accumulated Fund	0.00 Bal. 4057.21

INCOME	
Dues (based on 224 pd. members)	3248.00
Voter Service	201.60
Interest	72.00
Total income	<u>3521.60</u>
Deficit	<u>363.40</u>

ZIP CODE

Do you live in the zip Code Area 14031, 14051, 14026, 14094, or on the fringe of any of those zip codes? If so, you are Cordially invited to an "Open House" at the home of Alice Mason, 5205 Brookfield Lane, Clarence, 14031, phone 634-2684
Time 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
Date - Wednesday, April 9th 1997
The purpose of this meeting is to get aquatinted with your AAUW Buffalo Branch neighbors. This will be strictly a social gathering to become familiar with those members in your area with whom you can enjoy the benefits of our organization. Call Carolyn Day if you have any questions at 634-6340.

The Red Cross Needs Your Help!



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 training is provided. Call Carol Armao at 878-2385 for further information now. Thank you.

January 1997 AAUW Board Meeting

Members present:

Carolyn Day	Jane Riga
Karen Noonan	Ann Bish
Stacey Johnson	Judy Bratty
Barbara Carrier	Diane Silvestro
Judy Weidemann	Mary Jo Evans
Ann Hicks	Rita Cascia
Maryalice Seagrave	Chris O'Connor

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the Chamberlin Loan Committee of candidates for loans or grants. The motion passed unanimously.

Maryalice Seagrave presented the Chamberlin Loan Report showing a balance of \$33,512.73 in Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$9,160.56 in Funds for Education as of 12/31/96.

Barbara Carrier presented a Strategic Plan Work Shop for Buffalo Branch AAUW which will be highlighted in the newsletter.

The January Board meeting of AAUW Buffalo Branch was called to order by President Karen Noonan on January 8, 1997 at 7:00 PM at the home of Diane Silvestro in Williamsville.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Recording Secretary
Christine O'Connor

The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

March Branch Meeting
Family Violence
March 15, 1997
Hirsch's Restaurant

8445 Main Street, Williamsville

Menu (check your preference)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Quiche of the Day	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Breast stuffed with broccoli and cheddar served with potato	\$11.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Broiled Orange Roughy with vegetable and potato	\$12.15

All include rolls, salad, coffee, tea, and sundae

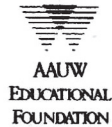
Send reservations and check By March 8th to
Carolyn Iadovito, 8689 Rebecca Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221
Write checks payable to "Buffalo Branch AAUW"

Name Barbara Carrier 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.

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