

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY
WOMEN

NYSD District 1

October 1996

OCTOBER MEETING

October 19, 1996

Romanello's South Restaurant
5793 South Park Avenue
Hamburg, New York

Hospitality - Cash Bar - 11:30 A.M.
Luncheon - 12:00 noon

Speaker: Dr. Nancy McGlen, Professor of History, Niagara University
Topic: "Women and Men in the 1996 Election"

Reservations are to be made by October 10th mailed to
Judy Weidemann

See reservation form on page 15

*1. Will more women be elected? yes but major increases
2. Women's roles in election? - gender gap? about 10%
3.*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are all looking forward to this month's meeting October 19, featuring Dr. Nancy McGlen of Niagara University. Dr. McGlen's presentation concludes our voter education campaign, which was initiated in November 1995 as we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the passage of Women's Suffrage. Just as AAUW has joined forces with over 40 national organizations in an attempt to provide voter education on issues of importance to women. Locally, your branch is collaborating with the Women's Action Coalition (composed of over 100 women's organization in Western New York), working to increase the number of women registered to vote and the total number of women who vote on November 5, 1996.

Looking over some materials from Kids Voting, another project our branch is supporting this fall, I was reminded of how important one vote can be. Did you know that in 1645 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England, or that in 1868 one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment, while in 1923 one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

Before you vote this fall, be sure you are informed about the issues and the candidates. Three sources of information include the annual Meet the Candidates Night, our AAUW "Get the Facts" releases, and the Fall *AAUW Outlook*. The annual "Meet the Candidates Night" sponsored by the YWCA of Western New York and the League of Women Votes of the Greater Buffalo Area will be held on October 24, 1996 at 6:20 P.M., at the Y.W.C.A., 190 Franklin Street, Buffalo, N.Y. Here's an opportunity to hear the local candidates speak and your chance to ask them some questions. Copies of "Get the Facts" are distributed at each branch meeting. The Fall issue of the *AAUW Outlook* provides information

on the positions that our senators and representatives have taken on the Association's federal legislative priorities. The priorities for the 104th Congress included: education, reproductive choice, welfare reform, affirmative action, and health care. How did they do? According to the *Outlook*: "During the 103rd Congress, 205 House members and 47 senators supported AAUW issues 80% of the time. In the 104th Congress, only 154 representatives and 41 senators supported our issues more than 80 percent of the time". The article goes on to note that instead of promoting legislative initiatives, this past year the Association has been defending attacks on the gains women made over the last 30 years. For more detail and the New York voting record see the Fall 1996 *Outlook*, pages 17-32.

Making your plans for the fall, please remember that election day is only a month away and we need you. We need you to help drive members to
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the polls, to work on the Kids Voting Project, and to collect information for the Voter's News Service. As Julie Rindfleisch Granville wrote in an op ed piece in the July 8, 1996 of *Newsweek*: "In my various volunteer groups, I see the same few people over and over again. Where is everyone else? ... have we become so obsessed with our personal health and well being that we are neglecting the health of the community around us?" She describes the many volunteers who limit their commitment to a one-time-only assignment as well as those who lead busy, complicated lives, but still find the time to make a longer term commitment to the causes that improve our communities. If a one-time-only assignment is all you can give, then November is your month. Read the various articles in this month's newsletter asking for your help and then step forward and volunteer. Call Karen Stephenson at 835-6271 if you are willing to help drive someone to the polls, call Judy Weidemann at 649-0975 if you are willing to help with the Kids Voting project, or call Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519 if you are willing to help report the results once the polls are closed on November 9, 1996.

Interested in a longer term commitment? Look over the help wanted column in this month's issue or volunteer to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee. In addition to a chair for the Finance Committee, we also need a chair for the Public Relations Committee and International Relation Interest Area.

Finally, our special thanks to Rita McDonald who came forward last year and chaired the Public Relations Committee and made an outstanding contribution to the branch Visibility Campaign, which helped the branch achieve Five Star Status for the second year in a row.

NOVEMBER 5, 1996
ELECTION DAY

We want to do all we can to guarantee that every member has an opportunity to vote on November 9, 1996. If for some reason you are unable to get to the polls, call Karen Stephenson at 835-6271 before November 1, 1996. If you need a ride to your local poll, Karen will arrange for a member to pick you up and drop you off. Willing to pick someone up? Let Karen Stephenson know.

Help Wanted

Finance Committee Chair:

Excellent opportunity for someone to learn about branch finances while completing a one year term of office. Responsibility includes chairing committee which includes President, President-Elect, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and two non-board members; developing balanced budget; providing for yearly audit. Great chance to improve financial management skills. Experience with spreadsheets and accounting practices helpful. For more information call Karen Noonan at 688-0987.

Publicity Chair:

duties include furnishing the press and other news media with monthly notices and press releases. No experience required, only an interest in writing about the branch's programs and activities. Term: 1 year.

International Relations Chair: duties include serving as a member of the Program Development Committee and keeping members informed of international affairs. Term: 2 years.

For further information contact Karen Noonan at 688-0987.

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Kids Voting is a very special program of civic education started in Arizona several years ago. Western New York is piloting the New York State program. Simply put, students learn about the voting process through an excellent Kids Voting curriculum taught in the schools. They are then encouraged to accompany their parents to the polls and cast their own Kids Vote. The percentage of adults voting has risen everywhere that Kids Voting has taken place. The results of the Kids Vote will be tabulated and broadcast along with regular election news.

Thousands of volunteers are needed to man the polls to collect the Kids Vote. If you are willing to help at a polling place near you on Election Day, November 5, 1996, fill out the form below and send it to me, Judy Weidemann. You may also call me at 652-2100(w) or 649-0975(h) to volunteer.

Send to: Judy Weidemann, 50 Boxwood Circle,
Hamburg, NY 14075 by October 15, 1996.

Name _____

Address _____

Time preferred: 6:00 - 10:00 A.M. or
4:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Lost: Branch copy of AAUW Education Foundation's Growing Smart: *What's Working for Girls in School*, released in the fall of 1995. If you have the branch's copy of this national review which analyzes more than 500 reports and studies on girls in public school grades K-12, please call Barbara Carrier at 839-0933.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION?

If not call 688-0987 by October 5th and leave your name. Karen Noonan will send a Voter Registration Form to you.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

With elections coming soon, here are some actions you can take to make a difference.

1. Call friends until you find one who didn't vote in the last election. Tell her you'll send her some "Get the Facts" alerts about election issues important to women. Arrange to pick her up and go together to vote on Election Day.
2. Think about who the newest family on your street is. Call them and ask if they have re-registered yet. Give them forms you picked up at an AAUW meeting. (Can be mailed or delivered to County Board of Elections at 134 W. Eagle St., 14202 until early October, 25 business days before Election Day on Nov. 5, 1996.) Check that they know where the proper polling place is.
3. Do you remember the last wedding you attended, even if it was out of town? Call the bride and ask her if she has re-registered to vote using her new name.
4. Do you have a friend or relative living in a nursing home or other residential facility? Will someone in your circle of loved ones be a hospital patient on Election Day? Will someone be on a cruise or wintering in Florida? You can arrange for an absentee ballot, which not only lets another person's views be known, but also helps keep shut-in's aware of the world around them.

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September 1996 AAUW Board Meeting Buffalo Branch

Members present:

Barbara Carier	Carolyn Day
Judy Weidemann	Maryalice Seagrave
Marget Spector	Diane Silvestro
Jane Riga	Rita Cascia
Phyllis Kelly	Deborah J. Robinson
Sharon Rich	Elaine Cusker
Mary Jo Evans	Judy Bratty
Ann Hicks	Carol Paskuly
Carolyn Iadovito	Fay Friedman
Stacey Johnson	Joan Eschner
Marian Fay	Chris O'Connor
Bunny Blackstone	

The September 1996 AAUW Board Meeting Buffalo Branch was called to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library by President Karen Noonan.

The minutes for June and August were presented. The June minutes were accepted as read and the August minutes were accepted as corrected.

The following reports were given:

President's Report: Karen Noonan reported that the District Conference will be held October 26 at the Roycroft Inn. It will highlight various branches which have achieved 5 star status.

The New York State Division of Women will meet September 12 at the Statler. Speaker Elaine Conway, New York State Director, will be honoring women in the Western New York area for their various achievements. These winners will form a committee to aid women around the state.

The Association is now offering liability insurance, which we are interested in getting

Our branch has achieved 5 Star Status for the past two years. It will be more difficult this coming year because a community action star will be required. It must be related to education and equity for girls and be completed prior to April 20, 1997. A suggestion was made by Judy Weidemann for this project. Weidemann will report at the next meeting.

Noonan is looking for two lost videos. One on LAF and the other titled, "Growing Smart". Noonan would also like our regular board meetings and study groups to be videoed for membership recruitment. A volunteer is needed.

Old Business: Bunny Blackstone and Maryalice Seagrave have set up guidelines for the Fleysher and Weidemann Scholarships and will present them at the next meeting.

Blackstone also circulated a tote bag which could be used as a possible fund raiser. Other suggestions were made and will be reported on at the next meeting. A basket will be made up to raffle at the September Pot Luck. The theme will be Italian Dinner. The committee will meet after the regular meeting to finalize plans.

Strategic Plan and Leadership Development Program: Diane Silvestro explained why we should have a Strategic Plan. If the Board adopts a Strategic Plan, the decisions of the Board will be within the guidelines. Other points made by Silvestro are to have new members on her committee)to set up a "buddy program" for new members, and to think in terms of short term and long term objectives.

Leadership Training: Silvestro will receive material on VOLT (Volunteer Leadership Training) program. Barb Carier and Ann Hicks will help with the program.

Program Report: Carolyn Iadovito reported the
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September Pot Luck on September 18 went well. Bunny Blackstone is in charge of the program. The October 19 program is also progressing well. The scheduled speaker is Nancy McGlynn. It will be held at Romenello's in Hamburg. Diane Silvestro has made up a cost work sheet for program expenses.

New Business: October Board Meeting will be changed to 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday October 2, 1996. A site at the University of Buffalo will be announced.

Diane Silvestro requested working expenses for materials for her strategic planning. A motion was made to take \$50 from special projects.

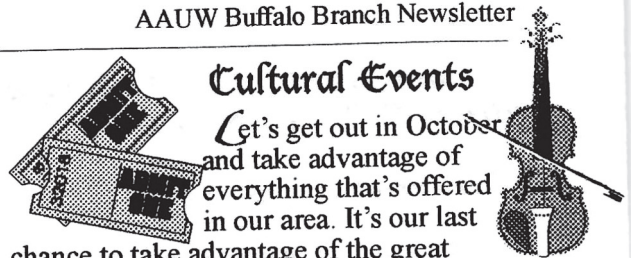
Judy Bratty would like members to collect their postage stamps to aid a program, Canadian Dogs for the Blind.

Rita Cascia asks members to complete the data bank form, if they have not already done so. Cascia also asked members to take membership applications to have with them at all times and take membership flyers to post at appropriate places.

Bunny Blackstone would like vouchers filled out for any expenses.

Joan Eschner, Newsletter Editor, thanked all members for their articles and asked that they be typed when they are submitted to her in the future. Eschner would like to look into other facilities to do the printing of the Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M..
Recording Secretary
Christine O'Connor



Cultural Events

Let's get out in October and take advantage of everything that's offered in our area. It's our last chance to take advantage of the great visual show fall presents for us, and after a drive to see the foliage, dinner and a play or concert complete a perfect day. Among the productions still running in October are: "Peer", a musical based on "Peer Gynt", at the Alleyway Theater, "Man of La Mancha", at the Kavinoky, and Summerfare's "Cabaret" at Daemen Theater. New productions include: "Les Miserables" at Shea's from October 15 -20, Shakespeare in the Park's "Murder in the Cathedral", indoors at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Main Street, beginning on October 24, and opening on the same date, "Blithe Spirit" at the Irish Classical Theater. The Studio Arena Theater will open "Mud, River, Stone" on October 25. Pandora's Box Theater Company will present "A Piece of My Heart" about female Vietnam vets, at the New Phoenix Theater on the Park on North Johnson Park. Two productions open at the Niagara University Theater in October: "Olympus on My Mind: The Musical Comedy" and "Antigone: The Tragedy".

Two touring dance companies stop in Buffalo in October: Parsons Dance Company and Billy Taylor Trio at the UB Center for the Arts on October 4 and Feld Ballets/NY at Rockwell Hall on October 24. Pianist Louis Lortie and violinist Charles Haupt solo with the Buffalo Philharmonic in October, as does vocalist Aretha Franklin on the Pops series. QRS presents soprano Renee Fleming at the Center for the Arts on October 20. The Guarneri String Quartet visits Buffalo on October 23, courtesy of the Buffalo Chamber Music Society. The Amherst Symphony opens its season on October 27 with Ronald Richards as Guest Conductor. That should be enough to keep everyone busy during October.

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5. Offer to baby-sit for a neighbor's children so she can go vote.

6. Pick up a younger woman near you and take her to the voting place with you. Young women who aren't active in the community are the ones less likely to have voted in 1994.

The 104th Congress has been harmful to women. They have been voting against women's concerns and we must do what we can to stop this erosion of rights we won with our hard work. Although 62% of women voted in the 1992 presidential election, only 44.9% of eligible women voted in 1994, and the results were disastrous! The perspective which women bring to legislative issues is really different from that which men hold. We need to be sure to elect senators and members of Congress who share our focus on the issues which protect women, children, and families. These are the real human rights! The things women care about are the central issues of our society, not some unimportant drivel. The women who didn't vote are those who didn't realize how they would be impacted by Congressional decisions. Now we know!

In the new Fall 1996 issue of AAUW OUT-LOOK, there is a pull-out section (pp. 17-32) which tells of every senator's and MC's vote on the critical issues which AAUW monitor. You will be able to decide for yourself if your MC deserves your vote. Don't forget to share your opinion with someone. Personal influence is an honorable way to spread your faith and beliefs. It is responsible political action available to all citizens.

**THIS IS THE YEAR TO GET OUT
THE VOTE!**

Barbara Carrier, Education Representative

History of the Used Book Sale

AAUW's Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale has been a successful endeavor for forty two years. It, however, went through some evolutionary steps. One addition, the sealed bid auction, was established in 1964 when Dr. Margaret McCullough suggested to Ruth Sicherman that a few notable people be contacted who might contribute bid items which could be used for this purpose.

The first donations included an autographed steel engraving of the White House from Mrs. Lyndon B Johnson, a Monterey bowl sent by Mrs. Berry Goldwater, wife of the Arizona Senator, *The Future of Federalism* signed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. A copy of *Argentina and the United States, 1910-1960* which was signed by Dr. Harold Peterson, Buffalo State College Professor was also donated along with a copy of Ruth M. Rasey's book of poems, *Out of the Saltbox*. A few other items were added.

The bids were very low and the auction was abandoned until 1970, when, with the invaluable help of Penwomen of Western New York and Patteran artists, Sicherman assembled a large collection of art, crafts and books.

As the sale grew, it became impossible for one person to collect all the sealed bid items. At this point, Mollie Fleyscher volunteers to take over soliciting everything except sports items. It was then that the "sealed bid sale" really took off!

To be continued in the November issue.

Submitted by Ruthe Sicherman

STRATEGIC PLAN

As part of the five star challenge last year, we were asked to formulate a strategic plan for our branch. The Association has followed a strategic plan for some time and their success has made us aware of its value. Last year's plan is the starting point for us to formulate a plan with long and short term goals for the Buffalo Branch. A strategic plan assures continuity, responsiveness, flexibility, balance, and focus for any organization. The goals stated in our mission can be achieved more economically, both in terms of resources and time, by making decisions within its framework. Our branch plan will fit into the guidelines of both the Association and state strategic plan. This will magnify the efforts of AAUW. Periodically analyzing the effectiveness of our progress is also an integral part of the process, keeping the organization headed toward its stated objectives. Therefore, feedback is absolutely necessary not only from the board of directors but also from the membership.

The background information needed has been collected and formulating a plan for the Buffalo Branch will be started during the last few weeks of September. While much work will be accomplished at this time, the plan won't be in final form. So, I am asking for input from any interested member. This can be accomplished by joining the committee, sharing thoughts about the organization, offering opinions, or allowing access to copying facilities. In other words, please participate in any way you can, whether a little or a lot.

Contact Diane Silvestro at 631-3349 with your ideas about what you feel is the main role of the Buffalo Branch and how we can position ourselves in the community to achieve that role. What do you feel are the goals that we want to accomplish. The branch cannot be successful without the participation and support of its members. This is your chance to help us find a direction and a way to get there. Please call or write to me.

BUFFALO (NY) BRANCH of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNI- VERSITY WOMEN STRATEGIC PLAN

Submitted April 1996

Statement of Principles

The Buffalo Branch has a long and proud tradition of service to the women and girls of the Niagara Frontier. Established in 1890, we have a wealth of past experiences which demonstrate our commitment to the historical goals and concerns of AAUW. In recent years we have carried out in this tradition as the main focus of activities has narrowed to "education and equity for women and girls." We believe wholeheartedly that AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. We believe the Association, the Educational Foundation, and the Legal Advocacy Fund to be excellent vehicles to fulfill our mission.

Statement of Planning Policy

The Buffalo Branch believes that a long-range statement of objectives and goals is necessary if we are to begin measuring annual progress towards those goals. We find that in the year 2001, there are certain positions in which we would like to find ourselves. By delineating those positions, and by developing intermediary steps toward achieving those positions, we will be able to assess periodically if we are moving in the direction which seems appropriate to us at this point.

Method of Achieving Goals

The basic long-range goals of the Buffalo Branch were developed by a volunteer committee of Board members, presented to the Board for adoption, and then presented to the membership for discussion and adoption. The President-Elect each year was suggested as the "guardian"

of the plan and charged with bringing it to the attention of the Board periodically to discuss whether progress is being made toward the goals. In any case, the plan is to be presented annually to the June Board Meeting, at which both incoming and outgoing Board members meet for a transitional discussion of Branch activities. It is further suggested that specific strategies for a certain year always be written in measurable/quantifiable terms, i.e. that an n% increase in xyz be achieved by the date of abc.

committees for program development, membership recruitment and retention, Educational Foundation, educational equity, public policy, diversity, and communications, such committees to meet regularly (or at least six times a year) to plan or carry out their activities;

2. increased movement into the community with the program concerns of the above mentioned committees, evidenced by at least two public meetings a year on issues of importance to both the Association and the Western New York area.

**OUR GOALS FOR
July 1, 1996 June 30, 2001**

A Five-Year Plan for Buffalo Branch

By June 30, 2001, the Buffalo Branch will have achieved:

In MEMBERSHIP...

- 1. a 20% increase in the total number of members;
- 2. a 20% increase in the average number of members attending both general meetings and interest groups;
- 3. a 20% increase in the number of minority members (diverse ethnic groups, men, all age-encompassing) reflecting the AAUW-eligible community.

In LEADERSHIP...

increased participation of members in the leadership of the branch through use of the Leadership Development Program, evidence by a 10% annual increase in the number of new Board members who have not previously served on a branch board of directors.

In ACTUALIZATION OF AAUW GOALS...

- 1. revitalization or creation of working

**Directions to the Roycroft
from I-90:**

• From the north:

take exit 54 (rt. 400) east to East Aurora. Take the rt. 20A exit and turn right (west). In about the center of town, turn left (south) on South Grove St.

• From the south:

Take exit 57 (rt. 75) west to rt. 20 (traffic light). Turn right, go to rt. 20A (six-way intersection, Tops Grocery on the right). Turn slightly right (NOT hard right) onto rt. 20A east. Follow that through Orchard Park and on to East Aurora. Turn right on South Grove St.

OR

Take rt. 219 north to rt. 20A. Follow that through Orchard Park and on to East Aurora. Turn right on South Grove St.

From the east:

Come in on rt. 20A to the center of town. Turn left on South Grove St.

The Roycroft is on the left, with a parking lot on the right across the street.

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUPS

10/8/96 **Tuesday-German Study Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M. For information about location, call Renny Ferber (836-3277) or Gloria Beutner (8381273) if you plan to attend.

10/9/96 **Wednesday-Low Cal and Herb Cooking**, a new interest group to share recipes, research and perhaps meals, will hold an organizational meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Lynn McClive, 50 Anderson Pl., Buffalo (885-3299). Please call if interested.

10/11/96 **Thursday-Crafts Group** will meet. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) if you will attend.

10/15/96 **Tuesday-Music Study Group** will meet at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Ruthe Sickerman 116 Hartwell Road, Buffalo. She will show a video of excerpts from opera. Please call Ruthe 873-4498 if you plan to attend.

10/15/96 **Tuesday-Book Review Group** will meet at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Nancy Arcara, 267 Lowell Rd., Kenmore, NY. She will review *The Stupid Things Women Do to Mess up Their Lives*, by Dr. Laura Schlessinger. If you plan to attend, please call Nancy at 877 2320.

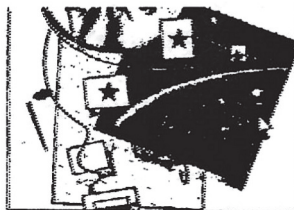
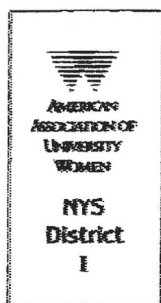
10/16/96 **Wednesday-Dinner by the Book** will meet at the Country Kitchen, 2075 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, (691 8007). Julia Piquette with review *The Horse Whispered* by Nicholas Evans. If you plan to attend call Nan Scinta 634-5374 for reservations.

10/23/96 **Wednesday-Clueless Group** (Mystery Book Club) will meet at the Original Pancake House on Main St. in Williamsville at 6:00 P.M. for dinner. If you prefer not to come for dinner, please arrive at 6:40 P.M. Freddie Cheek will review a book by Thomas Perry who is a Western New York writer. Members will read any book by Mr. Perry and discuss the development of his style. If they wish, members may bring a book to exchange with another member. Call Ann Hicks (741 3964) if you plan to attend.

10/29/96 **Tuesday-Investment Club** will meet at 7:00 P.M. sharp at the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main St., Williamsville, NY. All members are encouraged to be in attendance to transact business. Contact Jan Vine (636 6182) for more information. Guests are welcome. We have been asked to save canceled stamps for Barbara Hazen, who is a blind friend in Canada. She will forward them to the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind located outside of Ottawa, Ont. This is a money making project for the Guide Dog School. Please leave the perforated edge around the stamp. Judy Bratty will be responsible for collecting the stamps.

Important Dates to Remember

October 11, 1996	Last Day to Register to Vote
October 19, 1996	Branch Meeting
October 24, 1996	Meet the Candidates Night
October 26, 1996	District 1 Conference
November 8, 1996	Election Day
November ?? 1996	Branch meeting
December 1, 1996	Holiday Party



**TAKE FLIGHT
for the
FUTURE**

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**Saturday
October
26**
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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Host Branch: East Aurora/Southtowns

Location: Roycroft Inn, East Aurora

Saturday, October 26, 1996

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Registration at 9:00

Registration fee: \$18.00

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 18, 1996

\$18.00 payable to East Aurora/Southtowns AAUW

Mail to Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker Road, Orchard Park, NY 14227

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Name _____ Phone _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Board Position _____ Display/Sales Area: Yes No

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS 1995-1996

<u>GROUP and MEETING TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
BOOK REVIEW Group 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 P.M.	Grace Kenline	877-0734
CLUELESS (MYSTERY BOOK GROUP) 4th Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.	Ann Hicks	741-3964
CRAFT CLUB 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.	Barbara Dascom	685-2079
DINNER BY THE BOOK 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.	Marilyn Carmichael	875-6817
GERMAN STUDY GROUP 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30 P.M.	Renny Ferber Gloria Beutner	836-3277 838-1273
INVESTMENT CLUB Last Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.	Jan Vine	636-6182
INVESTMENT GROUP 1st Tuesday at 1:00 P.M.	Marie Moody	662-9628

Study groups are an excellent way to network, to form friendships, and to have fun! New ideas for study groups are always welcome. If you have any suggestions, please collect Judy Bratty, Coordinator of Study and Interest Groups at 833-5995.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy is extended to Mary Huestis and her family on the death of her husband, Thomas D Huestis Jr. in August. Mr. Huestis was a mathematics supervisor in the Niagara Falls School System and assistant to the president of D'Youville College for special projects. Mary is a past president of AAUW. She served as such from 1974-1976.

Congratulations

(a bit late)

We would like to congratulate Lorna Berlin for placing second in the Abstract Watercolor division at the Allentown Art Festival in June. Mrs. Berlin also received the M & T Award at the 46th Western New York Exhibition, held at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in May.



Meet the Candidates Night

Sponsored by the YWCA of Western New York
and the League of Women Voters of Greater Buffalo

Tuesday, October 24, 1996

YWCA of Western New York

190 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

Wine and Cheese Reception, 5:30 P.M.

Introductions: 6:20 P.M.

Statements begin followed by questions to candidates: 6:30

**District I Fall Conference
October 26, 1996
East Aurora, NY**

The Fall District Conferences are a very important line of communication between the state AAUW and the branches. The conference this year is going to be an important tool for stimulating branch interest and activity in AAUW's programs.

The Roycroft Inn is the setting for our conference this year. Everyone will want to visit this historic and lovely inn for a day of stimulation for meeting our goals this year, renewing friendships, and having fun. (See "Directions to the Roycroft" on pg. 9)

The title for this year's conference is "Take Flight for the Future." A presentation with helpful hints for becoming, and in our case, remaining, a 5-Star Branch will be given by our committee representatives in District I. All members attending will participate in small group brainstorming sessions on Strategic Planning covering the areas of Leadership, Diversity, Equity, and Technology. Barbara Carier from our Branch will facilitate these sessions. Ann Bish, our Public Policy Chairperson for District I, will give last-minute strategies for Voter Education which each branch can do.

Our afternoon keynote speaker will be Teresa Nigro-Lawrence from Erie County BOCES who will give us information on better utilization of the technology we have including our AAUW web sites. Judy Wiedemann, Equity and Education Chairperson for District I and

Principal of Parkdale Elementary School, has graciously offered use of her school where computers will be available to us for the afternoon session.

This year, it is requested that each branch to bring a printed "branch brag" sheet to give to each branch in the district. There are 12 branches in our district with which to share your successes.

Several tables will be provided for fundraising projects or exhibits from the branches. If you have any questions regarding these or any other concerns, please call me at 716-225-0455.

We look forward to seeing you on October 26!
(see page 11 for registration information)

New Members

Welcome to our new members from August
Jennifer Bulger
36 Thorndale Ave. Apt. 2
West Seneca, NY 14224
Phone 822-9308

Bulger earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in computer science from SUNY College at Buffalo.

Christine Melchiorre
628 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Kenmore, NY 14223
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Melchiorre earned a bachelor's degree in Drama, Art, Humanities and Theater from SNUY Geneseo. She is pursuing her Master's in Liberal Studies and is employed as a research coordinator.

Rita Cascia (Vice President for Membership Recruitment)
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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN BUFFALO, NEW YORK
BRANCH DATA BANK FORM 1996-1997**

The purpose of this data bank is to provide current membership information to the Board members and committee chairs so that when they are soliciting help, they can match members with interests and abilities. In this way, the goals of our organization can be met more effectively. Please fill in this form, indicating the areas in which you would be willing to be of service to AAUW if asked.

I would like to:

- WORK ON THE 1997 BOOK SALE
- Help with fundraising projects for the Educational Foundation
- Participate in sexual harassment presentations
- Chair a committee Serve on a committee
- Use my computer and software for databank, newsletter or directory
- Represent AAUW in a community organization
- Telephone tree phoning
- Offer home for new member orientation
- Serve on the board of directors
- Participate in leadership development committees and programs
- Type or do clerical work
- Prepare artwork or flyers for special occasions
- Start a new study group
- Serve on a new member recruitment committee
- Help with the mailing of the newsletter
- Bake or provide a fruit cheese plate for special meetings and events

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax: _____

The 1996-1997 AAUW directory will include profession and job title and work phone number for those members who indicate this on the sheet.

Professional Job Title: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Please return this completed sheet to:

Rita Cascia
6925 Campbell Blvd. #6, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Any Questions? Call 625-4031

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

JULY 1, 1996 - JUNE 30, 1997

Amount:	\$48.50 (Includes Branch, State, and Association dues)
Educational Foundation Donation	__2.00 (optional)
Total	\$50.50

Association Life Members pay	\$19.50 (Includes branch and state)
Educational Foundation Donation	__2.00 (optional)
	\$21.50

Dual Members: Buffalo Branch, 1st branch - \$48.50, Buffalo Branch 2nd branch - \$14.50
AAUW Student Affiliate - \$ 24.25

Make renewal check payable to AAUW , Buffalo Branch and mail to Bunny Blackstone,
11478 Tomarsue Drive, Marilla, NY 14102-9704

Name _____ Type of Membership _____

Amount enclosed _____

OCTOBER MEETING

October 19, 1996

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Number of reservations _____

Guest/s names _____

Menu:

Minestrone Soup

Choice of : (indicate choice by writing your name and those of your guest (s))

_____ **Fresh fruit in a Pineapple Boat with Cottage Cheese**

_____ **Chicken Salad**

Coffe, Tea

Ice cream with topping

Cost: \$11:00

Please make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch and mail by **October 10th** to:
Judy Weidemann, 50 Boxwood Circle, Hamburg, NY 14075

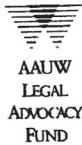
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



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 (835-5660). This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on September 25, 1996



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