

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN

NYS District 1

September 1996

# ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

September 18, 1996

Christ United Methodist Church  
Harlem and Saratoga

6:00 p.m.

**Speaker: Mason C. Winfield**  
**Topic: Ghosts of Western New York**

Reservations are to be made by September 13th mailed to  
Bunny Blackstone

See reservation form on page 9

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**S**easonal changes: listening to the Canadian Geese as they fly overhead and enjoying all the fresh produce at roadside stands, reminds me that summer is drawing to a close and it's time to prepare for fall. Our first meeting of the year is the annual potlucksupper We hope to see you all there. Those who have heard Mason Winfield speak claim he's fantastic so why not invite a friend to join you on September 18th as we learn more about the paranormal and Western New York Ghosts?

We were all saddened by the tragic accident which took the life of one of our members. Mollie Fleysler died from injuries she received when struck by a truck while walking near her home. Your board is considering an appropriate memorial for someone who was well known for her efforts on behalf of AAUW and the annual book sale. Details will be provided in the next newsletter.

The forty second annual book sale was another success! Bunny Blackstone and her committee pulled it off again, with assistance from our members, their families and friends. If you weren't there, you don't know what great bargains were available. Volunteers are needed to store books and supplies. See Bunny's article in this Newsletter for more details.

With two political conventions completed and one to go, the Buffalo Branch of AAUW continues to work with the Women's Action Coalition (WAC) to develop voter education materials. If you haven't seen the "Get the Fact" flyers provided by AAUW, pick some up at the meeting September 18th and distribute them to your friends. Want to check on a candidate's voting record, call AAUW HELPLINE (800-821-4364). Plan now to vote in November. Are you registered? If not contact the Board of Elections. **Planning to be out of town in November? Call for your absentee ballot.**

If you read the latest *New York State Focus*, you know that state dues will increase by \$3 in July of 1997 and \$2 in July of 1999. Which reminds me have

you paid your current dues? Your payment of \$48.50 includes Branch, State, and Association dues and please remember to add something for the Educational Foundation. Buffalo Branch was ranked third in New York State for total money contributed to EF but only 8th in per capita giving this past year We were the largest branch in District I this past year with 226 members. We rank fourth in the state behind North Shore (266) Schnectady (261), and New York City (238).

Kudos to Betty Loucks our retiring Newsletter Editor. The Buffalo Branch Newsletter was one of two recognized by the state Communications Committee for Honorable Mention for the high quality and good AAUW coverage it provides. Congratulations Betty!

**Reminder: don't forget that the District I meeting will be held on October 26, 1996 at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora. Hope to see you there.**



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## USED BOOK SALE 1996

Dear Members,

Thank you once again for contributing to the success of our 42nd annual book sale by either sorting, working at the sale, transporting books, donating space for a depot, donating money for the tables, typing labels, or making phone calls. It was greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to the following members who made this sale possible: Rita McDonald and Ruthe Sicherman for the outstanding publicity; Cassie Trace for designing the bookmarks and slingers; Jackie Trace, who successfully negotiated another free space for our sale and spent many hours working at the site; Carol Paskuly for set-up and sorting coordination; Jill Brown for determining the "right price" for our collectibles; Chris O'Connor for coordinating pick-ups and deliveries; Rosemary Darbee for organizing our personnel; Judy Weidemann for phoning the "not for profit" agencies to pick up left over books; Ann Bish and Ann Hicks for the long days as financial managers; Ruth Auer for the book sale signs; Carolyn Day, MaryAnn Wiltshire and Karen Noonan for "filling in" as needed; Betty Loucks for typing hundreds of labels for our customers; and Bobbie Ross, Judy Bratty, and Barb Smith who donated many hours throughout the entire sale, including clean-up.

We are grateful for our non-members who helped us tremendously: Alex Drapanas for taking all our left-over books (saving many dollars in dumpster fees), George Iannello of Advanced Graphics and Printing who donated the bookmarks for the second year in a row; Gunner Tronolone of Stovroff & Herman Inc. who devoted many hours in finding and negotiating for our book sale site, Matthew Gian of Transitown Plaza for donating the site for our book sale, and the Americorp Volunteers for assisting with book transportation.

We also appreciate the help from friends and relatives of our members. Thanks to the husbands- Bruce Brown, Al Darbee, Joe Day, Chuck Jamieson,

Steve Paskuly, and Shamus O'Connor who traveled all over Western New York to pick up donated used books.

Thank you to the members who contributed money for tables- Lucille Peterson, Suzanne Grossman, Jeanne McKown, Karen Stephenson, Judy Bratty, Carolyn Day, Sharon Rich, Rita Green, Ruth Seitz and Marion Faye (who assisted with our bulk mail costs).

The Book Sale Committee pays special tribute to our past member, Mollie Fleysler, who worked at all 42 book sales and brought a "glitter of sunshine" into our long days of work at the sale. She will be greatly missed by all, including our customers.

As you know, the profits from our sale are used for loans, grants, and scholarships for the Educational Foundation (on a national level) and locally for students in higher education. Committees have been formed over the years to explore other possibilities for a fund raiser and have not come up with any ideas that generate as much money as our used book sale. The sale also promotes one of our purposes - that of education, which we feel is aided through making books available at a very reasonable price. Our committee also donated many of our children's books to Project F.L.I.G.H.T. We can continue the sale if we have your support and free space for our sale. If you have any suggestions for free space, please call Bunny Blackstone at 655-4519. We are also looking for more depots (dry garage or basement to store books). Please call Chris O'Connor at 649-0637. And we can eliminate our storage costs if someone can store our carts (approximate space needed is 5'x7', and this does not have to be completely dry).

Thanks again to all who assisted in any way to make this 42nd sale a success.

Bunny Blackstone  
1996 Book Sale Coordinator

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## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUPS

9/17/96 Tuesday-Music Study Group will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Mary Mahoney, 751 West Ferry St., #8CD, Buffalo. The program will be "A Little Afternoon Music" on the piano by Mary Mahoney and Marie Moody. Please contact Mary at 882-3841 if you plan to attend.

9/11/96 Wednesday-Low Cal and Herb Cooking, a new interest group to share recipes, research and perhaps meals, will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. at the home of Lynn McClive, 50 Anderson Pl., Buffalo (885-3299). Please call if interested.

9/12/96 Thursday-Crafts Group will meet to discuss craft plans for the coming year. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) if you will attend.

9/10/96 Tuesday-German Study Group meets in 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.

9/17/96 Wednesday-Dinner by the Book will meet at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth's, 4224 Maple Rd., Amherst, (836-6058). Betty Loucks will review "Snows Falling on the Cedars" by David Guterson. Please call Marilyn Carmichael (875-6817) for reservations.

9/18/96 Tuesday-Book Review Group will meet at the Pot Luck Dinner

9/18/96 Wednesday-Clueless Group (Mystery Book Club) will meet at the Pot Luck Dinner. Hope to see you there.

9/24/96 Tuesday-Investment Club will meet at 7 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.

## TEN WOMEN RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FROM BRANCH'S FUNDS

Ten women ranging in age from 20 to 49 from seven different institutions of higher learning have been awarded loans and grants worth a total of \$17,100. There were nine loans totaling \$14,600, and three grants totaling \$2500. The Chamberlin Loan Fund provided \$16,100. Grants totaling \$1000 were given from the Funds for Education. The total amount allocated from our financial aid funds during the 1995-96 fiscal year was \$27,850 including \$3000 in grants. The Chamberlin Loan Fund provided \$26,350 and Funds for Education provided \$1500. A total of 16 women received assistance.

The awardees are as follows:

Ann Marie Bauer - a graduate student at SUNY seeking a Master of Science in nursing;

Andrea Cascia - a junior at SUNY in psychology;

Heather Evans - a graduate student at Buffalo State College majoring in Elementary Education, pursuing certification then a Master's degree;

Jocelyn Fenelon - a junior at Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, SC is aiming for a bachelor's degree in Food Service Management;

Lois Karhinen - a senior at Buffalo State College seeking a bachelor's degree in General Studies;

Sr. Magdolna Kovari - a graduate student working on a MA in Counseling at Canisius College;

Sharon Markel - a sophomore at ECC South in Nursing, whose future goals include certification as a RN and a BS in Nursing;

Ruth Paoletta - a sophomore in architecture, planning to  
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## Several Honored At May Luncheon **Help Needed**

Many members and guests enjoyed a lovely luncheon at Daffodil's where new officers were installed and Betty Capella and Geraldine Bard were recognized for their achievements.



*Karen Noonan President & Diane Silvestro President-Elect looking forward to a wonderful and productive year.*



*Sharon Rich & Bunny Blackstone, Co-presidents at their last official function in that capacity.*



*Bunny Blackstone, Sharon Rich - Geraldine Bard & Betty Capella, award winners. Bard, Associate Professor, Dept. of English at State Univeristy College at Buffalo (SUCB) and Capella, Associate Professor, Dept. of Educational Foundations at SUCB are co-directors of Project F.L.I.G.H.T. (Family Literacy for Intergenerational Growth and Home Lite cy)*

### 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.

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continue part time working toward a BA at SUNY, Buffalo

Tracy Sadeghian - a graduate student at University of Missouri in Columbia where she will pursue a MA in Broadcast Journalism;

Suzanne Sullivan - a graduate student in a MBA program in Banking and Finance at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland;

Karhinen and Sullivan have received previous awards from the Buffalo Branch

Dr. Anastasia Johnson, the new Chamberlin chair, has been sending out applications for the December interviews. To receive an application packet contact Dr. Johnson or write to

Chamberlin Loan Fund  
P.O. Box 397  
Buffalo, NY 14226-0597

**Please make the following change of addresses in your roster.**

Judith A. Rucki  
182 Eastland Parkway  
Cheektowaga, N. Y. 14225-3113

Kimberly Mulawka  
483 Crescent Avenue  
Buffalo, N. Y. 14214-1929

## June Board Meeting

Members present: Michelle Bancroft, Bunny Blackstone, Rita Cascia, Carolyn Day, Linda Fusco, Stacey Johnson, Phyllis Kelly, Rita McDonald, Karen Noonan, Chris O' Connor, Sharon Rich, Jane Riga, Maryalice Seagrave.

The June Board meeting was held at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library on June 12, 1996. Co-president Bunny Blackstone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes were accepted as corrected. The following reports were presented.

**President's Report:** Bunny Blackstone thanked all the Veteran board members for their service and welcomed the incoming new board members.

**President Elect Report:** Karen Noonan announced that the Women's Action Coalition (WAC) annual dinner will be held on June 19, 1996. The Pay Equity Committee of WAC has developed a postcard to be used to support pay equity legislation. Copies will be available at branch meetings this fall.

**Program Report:** Karen Noonan circulated the 96/97 program developed by Carolyn Iadavito and the Program Committee.

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## BOOK SALE FINANCIAL REPORT

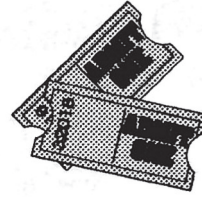
### INCOME:

Table donations	\$ 120.00
Pre Sale	310.00
Admissions	1275.00
Day 1	4511.50
Day 2	3443.65
Day 3 (40% off)	1863.85
Day 4 (\$1 a bag)	434.00

Total income	\$11,958.00
NET PROFIT	\$9,600.66

### EXPENSES:

Storage	\$385.00
Electric bill	467.00
Supplies	71.39
Trucking	69.40
Lock	91.69
Tables	947.70
Publicity	56.56
Sponsor gifts	97.59
Bulk Mail	171.01
Total expenses	\$2357.34



## Cultural Events

It can't be September already! But it is — and time for the fall cultural season to begin. Continuing from August at Artpark-at-the Church, is the musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes". Opening September 8 at the Studio Arena Theatre is the French farce "13 Rue De L'Amour". Shea's opens the season with the Broadway hit "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and around the corner, the Irish Classical Theatre Company presents Moliere's "Tartuffe". Check newspapers and TV for the full slate for the gala opening of the theater season, "Curtain Up!" on September 20. Fall is a beautiful time to drive around Western New York and southern Ontario. Both the Shaw and the Stratford Festivals operate well into October and are both well worth the drive. The Buffalo Philharmonic opens its season on September 21 and 22 with Verdi, Copland, and Beethoven's Symphony #3, the "Eroica". The following weekend the Pops series opens with a Night in Old Italy. Enjoy the weather and all there is to do around here.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1995 - 1996****ELECTED OFFICERS**

President	Karen Noonan	688-0987
President-Elect	Diane Silvestro	631-3349
V-P Program	Carolyn Iadovito	634-0927
V-P Membership	Rita Cascia	625-6957
V-P Membership Retention	Carolyn Day	634-6340
Recording Secretary	Christine O'Connor	649-0637
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Paskuly	881-4358
Branch Treasurer	Bunny Blackstone	655-4519
Loans Fund Treasurer	Maryalice Seagrave	833-0437
Educational Foundation Chair	Ann Hicks	741-3964
Education & Equity	Judy Weidemann	649-0975
Public Policy	Diane Sina	632-4188
Nominating Committee Chair	Margit Spector	834-6731
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
Interest Area Representatives	_____	
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Public Relations	Rita McDonald	876-2153
Study Group Coordinator	Judy Bratty	833-5995
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E.F. Book Sale Facilitator	_____	
May Luncheon	_____	
Tri-County Interbranch Council	Diane Silvestro	631-3349

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**Membership Report:** Rita Cascia will invite two new members to attend the board meeting each month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michelle Bancroft circulated the Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance of \$5916.17 and savings account balance of \$3115.79. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Loan Fund Treasurer's Report:** Maryalice Seagrave reported for Cindy Monacelli. The report included a balance of \$33,254.11 in the Chamberlin Loan Fund and \$7125.98 in Funds for Education. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Education Foundation Report:** Stacey Johnson circulated her report showing an overall balance of \$2515.59. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Education and Equity Report:** Karen Noonan reported for Judy Weidemann. Judy Weidemann represents the branch on the "Kids' Vote USA" and "Women's Voter Coalition" committees and will update the board on the activities planned for the November elections.

**Community Report:** On behalf of the Buffalo Branch, Phyllis Kelly delivered the children books remaining from the book sale to "Project F.L.I.G.H.T."

**Chamberlin Loan Report:** Maryalice Seagrave circulated copies of the 1995-96 Chamberlin Report which Stacey Johnson has presented at The May Luncheon. Maryalice also presented the committee's recommendations for three candidates for Chamberlin Loans. It was moved and seconded to accept the committee recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Relations Report:** Rita McDonald reported that two photographs and three articles on the

book sale appeared in the Buffalo News and local papers. Rita recommends the Book Sale Committee form a publicly subcommittee for next year's Book Sale.

**May Luncheon:** Bunny Blackstone thanked Linda Fusco and her committee for the successful May luncheon. Linda will present her report to the next chair.

**Old Business:** Bunny Blackstone reported that our Book Sale grossed over \$11,000 before expenses. Bunny thanked the committee and all branch members for their support.

Bunny Blackstone and Judy Weidemann will be setting up guidelines for the Michael Weidemann Scholarship.

Bunny reminded committee Chairs that their annual reports are due.

**New Business:** The Board discussed possible fund raisers for next year. Bunny Blackstone presented some examples of tote bags and jewelry for consideration. A committee will work with Bunny on the selection of appropriate items for sale to branch members and friends.

The meeting was turned over to Karen Noonan, newly elected President at 8:00 p.m. Karen thanked the past co-presidents and board members for their service. Karen is still working on filing several committee chairs, including the Finance Committee. Karen circulated the branch Strategic Plan, the Five Year Goals, a Leadership Development Program and draft schedule for next year. She asked for input on the strategic plan, goals, leadership program and schedule for the next year. Karen suggested a change from monthly to quarterly financial reports, shorter board meetings, more discussion of branch business at the monthly member meetings and announced that there would be a planning meeting at her home on August 14, 1996.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



**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	<u>  2.00</u> (optional)
Total	\$50.50

Association Life Members pay	\$19.50 (Includes branch and state)
Educational Foundation Donation	<u>  2.00</u> (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 \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER RESERVATION**

September 18, 1996

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/s names \_\_\_\_\_

I will contribute one of the following for myself: (Guests are free)

\$8.00

\$2.00 and a vegetable or meat casserole

\$2.00 and a salad

\$2.00 and a dessert

Please make checks payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch and mail by September 13th to:

Bunny Blackstone  
11478 Tomarsue Drive  
Marilla, NY 14102-9704

*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 August 26, 1996**



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