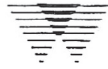


Buffalo Branch Newsletter



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February 2001

February Meeting

AAUW Buffalo Branch Fund Raiser

Lunch at Hemmingways

See *Breaking Legs*
at Studio Arena

February 4

More information on page 3

Presidents'

A AUW Legal Advocacy Fund published a new report in December 2000 entitled, "A License for Bias: Sex Discrimination, Schools, and Title IX." There is a public misconception that Title IX applies only to sports but it has a much broader mandate. It is meant to eliminate discrimination in all areas of publicly funded education. It guarantees girls and women access to higher education, better employment opportunities, increased opportunities in math and science, protection against sexual harassment, testing free of gender bias and fair treatment of pregnant and parenting students. To determine the effectiveness of Title IX, LAF has embarked on a research project to analyze the enforcement of Title IX in non-sports related cases. It is an interesting and provocative document and one we are sure many of you will want to read. The cost is \$11.95 for members. To order: call 800-225-9998 ext. 530 or order on-line at www.aauw.org.

The AAUW State Convention promises to be an event where we can deepen our understanding and involvement in AAUW. It is particularly convenient since the convention will be held at the Marriott Thruway Hotel in Rochester. It will be held from April 27 - 29, 2001. More detailed information can be found in the January newsletter.

The National Convention will be held from June 22 - June 25, 2001 in Austin Texas. A number of members have had the opportunity to attend AAUW national conventions. They are very well planned and executed with many inspiring speakers. Here you also have the opportunity to

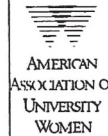
meet with the leaders of the organization. Diversity is the top priority for AAUW. Austin Texas is a perfect setting for the future implementing of that goal. Think about attending.

Take Notice!!

The January issue of EVE magazine carries a story celebrating AAUW Buffalo Branch's 110 years of service to the community. Be sure to look for a copy.

Deadline for the March issue is February 9, 2001.

Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail to jmeschner@att.net. Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the March issue.



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Branch Fund Raiser at Studio Arena!

Don't forget the lunch & theater fundraiser at The Studio Arena Theater, 710 Main St. in Downtown Buffalo - **Sunday February 4, 2001 2:00 p.m.** See **Breaking Legs**, a hilarious comedy about a desperate playwright trying to recruit investors so his play (that was a hit in Buffalo!) can have a Broadway opening.

Reservations should have been made but if you have questions, contact Sandy Ceraulo

An Invitation from the League of Women Voters

LWV Buffalo/Niagara
(formerly Greater Buffalo Area)

In response to last November's contested presidential election, the League of Women Voters is appealing for ELECTION REFORM. The Buffalo/Niagara League invites you to participate in a community discussion that will focus on VOTING RIGHTS issues. The discussion will take place on February 21, 2001 at 7:30pm at Buffalo State College Buckham Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For further information, please call Janet Massaro at the League Office at 884-3550 or use their new email address: LWVBN@juno.com

David Loucks Memorial Gift to Funds for Education Established

A memorial fund has been established in memory of David Loucks, son of Lester and Betty Loucks, former Buffalo Branch president. David died recently and unexpectedly. If you would like to donate, please send a check payable to AAUW Funds for Education and designate the David Loucks Memorial Fund, and **mail to Diane Sina, Funds for Education, P.O. Box 397, Amherst, NY 14226-0397**. If you have any questions, please call Diane Sina at 632-4188.

Maria Ceraulo

Member Honored

Branch member, Belle Montree was honored at the Annual Black Achievers Banquet. Belle is program administrator for Child and Family Services. She is also the administrative team leader of the agency's After Hours Child Protective Program. She is a founder of the Career Women Organization and Career Women Organization Phase II, which promote women's education, career development, business ownership and community services. Congratulations Belle. You are another AAUW Achiever as well.

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders

Please send study group information to:

Mary Kellner
8470 Lakemont Dr.
East Amherst, NY 14051
741-8127
minkel@aol.com

Group: **Bridge Biddies**

When: Once per month

Topic: Casual bridge playing

Contact: Margaret Haas (839-3701) or
Valerie Marvin (833-8506)



Group: **Clueless Mystery Book Club**

When: Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 PM

Where: Original Pancake House
5479 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: *The Ballad of Frankie Silvie*

by Sharon McCrumb

Reviewed by Judy Bratty

Contact: RSVP Norma Millar (875-6091)
for dinner reservations



Group: **Dinner by the Book**

When: Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 PM

Where: Plaka Restaurant
2904 Delaware Ave., Kenmore

Topic: *1000 Chestnut Trees: A Novel of Korea*

by Mira Stout

Reviewed by Pat Keller

Contact: RSVP Fran Witnauer
(H 837-5887 or W 856-3150)
for reservations



Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, February 6, March 6

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, February 1 at 1:30 PM

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church
6320 Main St. near ECC North

Topic: *Trade and Globalization*

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

March 1: China and Taiwan

Group: **Human Rights for Women – Global Issues**

When: Thursday, March 15 at 7:00

Where: Williamsville Branch Amherst Public
Library 5571 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: Continuation of the 1995 Fourth
World Conference on Women in
Beijing and progress reported at the
“Beijing+5” UN conference of June
2000, New York Discussion

Leaders: Ann Bish and Rita Clement

Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)

Group: **Out on the Town**

When: Sunday, February 4 from 2-4:30 PM

Where: Support the AAUW Fundraiser at
Studio Arena

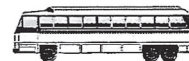


Group: **Travel Group**

When: Thursday, February 15 at 5:30 PM

Meeting at 6:30 PM if you do not
wish to have dinner.

Where: Original Pancake House
5479 Main St.,
Williamsville



Topic: Quebec trip

Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-1519)

RSVP – No meeting if not enough response.

Minutes from the January Board Meeting

The Board of the Buffalo Branch met on January 3, 2001, at the Heathwood Health Center. Called to order by Co-president Cathy Weiss.

- Treasurer Bunny Blackstone reported expenses to date are: \$2,498.33. The income is \$5,892.45. Donna Sina, Treasurer of Chamberlin Loan reported the Chamberlin Loan has \$22,674.93, and the Funds for Education has \$8,916.69.
- Request for Annexation:
- Sue Oliver reported that the East Aurora Branch has voted to disband, and they request to be a satellite of the Buffalo Branch. The Board approved this request, pending State Board approval.
- The Buffalo Branch's nomination to the Women's Hall of Fame is Mary Ann Sacomundo Freedman.
- Memorial Gifts in honor of David Loucks can be designated to the Funds for Education.
- Alice Seagrave, Chair gave the Final Report on the 110th Anniversary. High commendation was given to recognize the excellent job of Mary Alice and her committee.
- Rita Clement gave the "Woman to Woman" Conference report. Future programs are in the planning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- International Relations Group has decided to focus future study on education and violence against women.
- Membership reported 5 new members, and

- a new membership brochure has been completed.
- Program Committee will meet January 20th. New Ideas for future programs are welcomed.
- Book Sale will be June 6 to 10, 2001.
- LAF- (Legal Advocacy Fund) needs donations of money or goods for gift baskets to be used for fund raising.
- The State Convention will be from April 27-29, in Rochester, N. Y. members should plan to attend.
- The Velma Cobb Committee has developed guidelines for loan applications.
- The Nominating Committee has appointed Sandy Ceraulo as a replacement for a resigned member.
- Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 6:45 PM at Heathwood Health Center

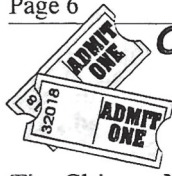
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Women's History Month

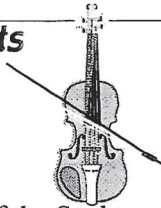
March is Women's History Month. Help us celebrate by joining us on March 8 (International Women's Day) at 7 p.m. to hear a talk by State University of New York at Buffalo's Professor Isabel Marcus, who will speak on "Violence Targetted at Women in Peace and War." The meeting will be held in the Harlem Road Community Center auditorium, 4255 Harlem Road, in Snyder. Professor Marcus is a professor in the School of Law and is Chair of the Department of Women's Studies. In addition, she is codirector of U.B.'s Institute for Research and Education on Women and Gender. She has lectured extensively abroad, including China, Russia and India.

The event is free and open to the public and no advance registration is needed. For more information, please call Teresa Gessner at 634-5053.

Maria Ceraulo



Cultural Events and Interests



The Chinese New Year starts on January 24. It will be the Year of the Snake, 4699.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on February 14. Edna St. Vincent Millay, a famous woman poet was born in February. Her poetry often celebrated "love". Miss Millay was an ardent believer in women's rights. This is reflected in her work.

February is Black History Month.

EVENTS

Paul Robeson Theater - Black History Month production - "The State of Mississippi Vs. Emmett Till" February 9, 2001 - March 4, 2001

Ujima Theater 883-0380 "The Story of the Blind Pig" a play set around the start of the Civil Rights movement - February 2 - 25, 2001

Studio Arena "A Lesson before Dying," February 11, 2001 - March 11, 2001

Burchfield Penny Art Center The opening of the works of sculptor, George Smith will take place at the Burchfield Penny Art Center on February 10, 2001. The opening will be in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the African Studies Department at SUNY Buffalo. Professor Smith grew up in Buffalo and was greatly influenced by his visits to the Albright Knox Art Gallery. He left Buffalo after high school to attend the San Francisco Art Institute. He taught at UB for a time and created the sculpture for the Buffalo West Utica Transit Station. Professor Smith is presently a professor of art at Rice University

in Houston, Texas. His sculptures will be on exhibit through April 8, 2001.

Also on view at Burchfield Penny will be, "Charles Burchfield and the Cleveland Connection" February 17, 2001 through April 22, 2001..

UB Center for the Arts "Zodiaque Spring Dance Concert" February 15 - 18 and 22 - 25, 2001

Buffalo Chamber Music Society Mary Seaton Room - Kleinhans "Folger Consort", the resident music ensemble of the Folger Shakespeare Library Washington DC February 13, 2001

Rockwell Hall Buffalo State College Young Americans: National Outreach Tour Performance of this Academy Award group 8 PM February 3, 2001

Amherst Symphony Orchestra (Amherst Middle School) "Land of the Midnight Sun" pianist Barry Snyder Sunday, February 18, 2001 at 7:00 PM

Shea's Performing Arts 852-500 "Annie" February 9 - 11, 2001 "Ragtime" March 13 - 18, 2001

Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland Opera "LaBoheme" by Giacanno Puccini February 16 and 17, 2001, at 8:00 PM February 18, 2001 at 2:00 PM.

The Shaw Festival brochure for the 2001 Spring/Summer/Fall program is now available. Call 1-800-511-7429 for the brochure.

The Winter Garden in Toronto, Ontario 1-800-461333 "Stones in His Pockets" now through February 25, 2001.

Smithsonian Arts and Industry Building in Washington DC An exhibition that explores the inspiration of the Central and West African beat and movements in American Square Dance, Tap Dance and Jitterbug. The exhibition is entitled, "When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art."

Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra (Orchard Park Middle School) Youth Concert featuring the Women's Committee Scholarship winners

Congressional Outlook for the Year 2001: Issues to Watch

In 2001 Congress will address many issues important to women and families. It is expected that Congress will continue to try to reduce access to reproductive health, enact reforms to the Social Security system that would endanger guaranteed benefits, and dismantle the federal role in education.

Reproductive Choice: This year, attempts will be made to restrict and reduce funds for international and domestic family planning, ban so-called "partial-birth abortion," and limit or overturn the FDA approval of RU-486. If Congress approves any of these attacks on women's access to safe and comprehensive reproductive health services, then President Bush is likely to sign them into law.

Social Security: Currently, lawmakers are considering individual retirement accounts (IRAs) as part of Social Security reform, which would mean taking part or all of Social Security benefits and investing them in the stock market. A system that replaces part of Social Security with individual retirement accounts is unstable and over time is likely to lead to the further reduction of guaranteed benefits and the unraveling of the existing Social Security system. Women would be disproportionately harmed because they earn less money, spend less time in the workforce, live longer, and depend more on Social Security income than their male counterparts.

Education: Attempts to eliminate federal education policy by sending federal dollars to the states with no strings attached will undercut the federal government's ability to improve public education. Thus, there will be no guarantee that the most disadvantaged students will receive the tools and support they need to

achieve high academic standards, that funds will be used for school-based drug and violence prevention programs, and that schools will be encouraged to promote education equity for girls.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- Help spread the word. Work with friends and family to distribute this alert in your community.
- Call your senators and representatives at 202/224-3121, and let them know these issues are important to you.

VOTER NEWS SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the following volunteers who reported the voting results in the Tonawanda, Lancaster, Delaware and Niagara Districts of Buffalo:

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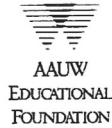
With each member spending no more than one hour of their time at the closing of the polls, we raised \$831.60. We hope to obtain more polling districts in the future, if our members are able to follow through with the reporting. Thank you for your dedication to our organization.

Bunny Blackstone

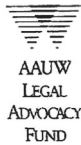
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The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.



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

Upcoming Events

February 4 - Buffalo Branch Fund Raiser at Studio Arena

February 21 - community discussion on voting rights issues.

March 15 - Dessert and Tea/Coffee
Karen Little as Maria Love

April 27-29 - State Convention

May 5 - Annual Awards Luncheon at the Buffalo Museum of Science

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