

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



NYS District 1

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Spirit of the City: Imagining the Pan-American Exposition

Tuesday October 17, 2000

5:30 p.m. High Tea

6:30 p.m. Linda Ray, Senior Director of
Development and Communications
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society
25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo, NY 14216

110th Anniversary

reservations are due by
October 27th. See page
10 for information and
page 11 for reservation
form.

More information can be found on page 3.

Reservation Form is on page 11.

Reservations are due **October 10.**

Presidents' Message

We are making good progress on plans for involving more members in committee work. The membership committee has met and has begun discussion on ways to retain members and involve newer members.

On October 27 and 28 Branch board members will meet together to learn techniques of boardmanship and ways to strengthen our branch. This retreat will be held at the Youngston Yacht Club. Thank you to Karen Noonan for arranging the meeting place. Gretchen Stringer, well-known trainer for Non-Profit boards will conduct the sessions. The cost for the trainer will be taken out of special projects. Individual board members will pay for the cost of the overnight stay and meals. This event will surely help develop leadership skills among our board members and we should continue to see the benefit of this training far into the future.

We continue to see our influence felt in the community. The Buffalo Branch was asked to give support to the Canal Conference organized by Kevin Gaughan and held on September 11 and 12, 2000. We were listed among other community groups as a supporter. A number of our members attended the Conference.

Deadline for the November issue is October 13, 2000.

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 October issue.

You should soon be receiving your very special invitation to our 110th anniversary luncheon. We are hoping to have a large turnout from our own organization as well as from our other WNY and Canada branches. We would like also to encourage you to bring any of your friends who might be interested and, of course, prospective members. Invitations are being sent to the members of the Women's Action Coalition (WAC). Hope to see you November 11 at the Canisius College Student Center.

Planning continues on our Woman to Woman Summit on Daycare. A great partnership of women's organizations, lead by AAUW Buffalo Branch (Rita Clement-President-Elect), will host this meeting on November 4. (see p. 9) for more information.

Judy Weidemann and Cathy Weiss



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***High Tea, an evening meal
Spirit of the City:
Imagining the
Pan-American Exposition***

A Presentation by Linda Ray
Senior Director of Development and
Communications
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society

Spirit of the City — actually two related exhibits — is about the sights and sounds, the people, and the exotic experiences that together made the 1901 Pan-American Exposition one of the most memorable events in Buffalo's history. In the Pan-Am Building visitors will have the experience of looking at the Pan-Am from the outside in: the story of planning and building the Pan-Am. At the Resource Center visitors will enter an exhibition space that resembles the interior of some of the Pan-Am's own exposition buildings. Ms. Ray will discuss what made the Pan-American Exposition one of the greatest events in Buffalo's past and why it has become one of the community's most powerful present-day memories.

Wanted:
**Silver Tea Service(s) for the
October Meeting.**
**Contact Suzanne Grossman
(837-8769)**

Legal Advocacy

The Legal Advocacy Fund provides financial and moral support for women who are fighting discrimination in higher education through the courts. Our branch raises money for the Fund in several ways: contributions with dues, raffles of baskets, and individual contributions.

There will be an LAF raffle at the October meeting.

Anyone who contributes \$100 or more by December 31 will receive the new LAF pin as well as becoming a member of LAF Amicus (which will be listed in the 2001 Convention LAF Luncheon Program and in the Association publications).

Thanks.

Carol Jamieson

Note from Ruthe Sicherman

I wish to thank all my AAUW friends for their many expressions of encouragement and good wishes during my recent surgery. They were much appreciated.

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders please send study group information to: Mary Kellner, 8470 Lakemont Dr., East Amherst, NY 14051 or phone 741-8127
minkel@aol.com

Group: **Bridge Biddies**

When: Once per month
Topic: Casual bridge playing
Contact: Margaret Haas (839-3701) or Valerie Marvin (833-5506)



Group: **Clueless Mystery Book Club**

When: Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00PM (review at 6:45)
Where: Original Pancake House 5479 Main St. Williamsville
Topic: *Reinhart Red Lamp* by Mary Roberts
Contact: RSVP Norma Millar (875-6091) for dinner reservations



Group: **Dinner by the Book**

When: Wednesday, October 18 at 5:30 PM
Where: Plaka Restaurant 2904 Delaware Ave., Kenmore
Topic: *Resistance* by Anita Schreve Reviewed by Marilyn Todd
Contact: RSVP Fran Witnauer (H 837-5887 or W 856-3150) for reservations



Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, October 3. and November 7
Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, October 5 at 1:30 PM
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church on Main St. near ECC North,
Topic: The Euro's Challenge to the Dollar: King Kong vs. Godzilla?
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)
November 2: African Prospects for the Future

Group: **Travel Group**

When: Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m.
Topic: Discuss final plans for spring and summer trips
Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519) Space is available on the waiting list for Lion King in Toronto on November 4, price \$130. A spring trip is planned to the Philadelphia Flower Show March 3- 4, 2001. Call for a reservation. Because of flying, tickets cannot be held. Call if interested in a summer trip to Quebec. The group going will decide the date: etc.



Keep the Corresponding Secretary Informed

As I am not always aware of happenings among our membership, I would appreciate a call or e-mail to offer congratulations, kudos, sympathy, etc. Please let me know of any pertinent happenings. Send to: Chris O'Connor, Corresponding Secretary, 3797 Lynn Road, Orchard Park, NY 14227-4019 or phone 649-0637 If you have e-mail, you can connect with me at: soco253297@aol.com

Celebrating 110 Years of Service

The War Years

The Buffalo Branch's service to the community that began in 1890 was highly visible during World War II as members organized campaigns, sold war bonds, and promoted plans for post-war education.

In August 1942, the international relations group of the Buffalo Branch held an I-Am-an-American Day. In the winter of 1942, the branch sponsored a radio program with the theme of Winning the War on the Home Front. It continued every second and fourth Wednesday throughout the winter over station WEBR.

Selling war bonds was a major project for the branch. The first booth of the War Savings Committee opened in the Hotel Statler on April 19, 1942. The American Association of University Women under the chairmanship of Mrs. George E. Symons operated it that first day. Twenty members of AAUW alternated working the first day. Three years later on April 20, 1945, members of the Buffalo Branch were honored on the third anniversary of their bond selling activities by the hotel management at a tea in the Iroquois Room.

At the tea, Miss Grace R. Smith, chairman of the women's division of the Erie County War Finance Committee, outlined plans for the Seventh War Loan Drive. Buffalo Branch members also sold bonds one day each week at the Cape Cod cottage in Lafayette Square for that drive.

Buffalo Branch won first prize for the largest bond sales for the Victory Drive held at Buffalo Public Library, State Teachers College, and the Twentieth Century and Garret Clubs. Authors Carl Van Doren, Lillian Hellman, John Dickson Carr, and Mary Margaret McBride provided the stimuli for the sale. The AAUW group won the privilege of presenting two original manuscripts, Thomas Bailey's *Woodrow Wilson: The Lost Peace* and Louis Untermeyer's *Sherlock Homes — A Study in Survival* to the library.

On March 8, 1945, to promote intelligent planning for the postwar education of the civilian and veteran, the Buffalo Branch held a conference in the Niagara Room of the Hotel Statler. This conference included city and suburban clubs, church and school organizations, and AAUW branches in Rochester, Jamestown and Dunkirk. Dr. Lewis A. Wilson, deputy commissioner of education for New York State, was one of the speakers.

We can be proud of our heritage as we continue to fulfill our mission in the community.

Betty Loucks

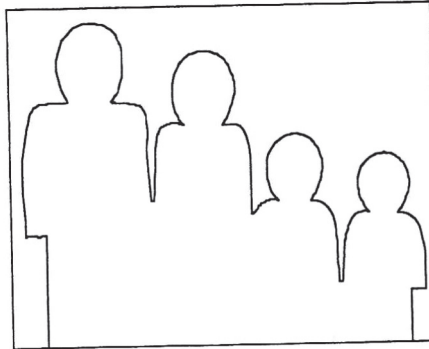
*Come and Celebrate
The 110th Anniversary of the
American Association of
University Women
Buffalo Branch
1890-2000
Saturday, November 11, 2000*

Protect International Family Planning

On July 13, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2001 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill (HR 4811), banning non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) in other countries from receiving U.S. international family planning funds if they use their own money to perform abortions or engage in discussion about abortion laws. This ban, commonly referred to as the "global gag rule," effectively punishes family planning organizations that provide legal abortion services.

International family planning reduces the number of unintended pregnancies and improves the overall health of women and families worldwide.

✧ According to a 1996 report from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), almost 600,000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth each year; 75,000 of these women die attempting to abort an unwanted pregnancy by themselves or with the help of an unsafe provider. Access to contraception reduces the number of unplanned pregnancies and therefore reduces the need for abortion.



✧ Family planning overseas allows women to time and space births, which reduces the incidence of low birth weight and improves overall child health and survival rates.

✧ International family planning helps to foster self-sufficiency, promote preventive health care, and educate people on how to protect themselves and their families from the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

HERE S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

✧ Help spread the word; work with friends and family to distribute this alert in your community.

✧ Call your members of Congress at 202-224-3121 and urge them to oppose restrictions on international family planning.

For more information on these alerts, call: The AAUW Voter Education Hot line at 1- 800/608-5286



Cultural Events and Interests

Buffalo Philharmonic

Kleinhaus 885-5000 Special Events
Itzak Perlman, Violinist,
October 12, 7:30 PM
Andre Watts, Pianist, October 21, 8:00 p.m.
Vienna Boys Choir, November 6, 7:30 p.m

Irish Classical Theatre (Andrews Theatre) 853-1282

Waiting for Godot through October 15 *The
Importance of Being Earnest* is the next
production.

Albright Knox Art Gallery 882-8700

The Art of Jazz series, Bill Frisells Trio
October 21, 7:00 p.m. and
October 22, 2:00 p.m.
Latino Prints and Drawings from El Museo del
Barrio, through November 5
Rembrandt to Rauschenberg, September 28 to
December 31

Kenan Center 433 Main St. Lockport 433-2617

Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society Exhibit
October 15 - November 12

Burchfield Penny Art Center 878-6011

Craft Art in Western NY 2000
Works in clay, wood fiber glass, metal
through November 6

Castellani Art Museum Niagara University 286-8200

Beadwork in Iroquois Life through
November 19

Theodore Roosevelt Historical Site (Wilcox Mansion) 884-0095

"The Women of the Wilcox Family - Let Deeds
Tell" A discussion of Elite Women in Buffalo 1880
-1910 ; November 2, 5:30 p.m

Beginning October 2 reservations may be made
for "Victorian Christmas in the City of Light, a
Holiday Experience at the Wilcox Mansion"
December 1 - 9 Call for schedules of events,
lunches, and dinners.

Lancaster Opera House 683 - 1776 Midway Matinees- Brown Bag Lunch- 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

(\$3.00 nonmembers/\$2.00 members)
Broadway Celebration, September 27
Swing Time Celebration, October 24
Mark Twain Live, October 21 8:00 PM

Buffalo Museum of Science 896-5200

Fairchild Travel Talks
Papua, New Guinea, "When Masks Still Dance"
Sylvia Coles October 18
"Poland: a Family's Story" Judy Krauza
October 25

El Museo Francesco 91 Allen Street 884-9693

Pappas: A Retrospective, Works of James Pappas
Through October 20 12 noon - 5:00 p.m Tuesday
through Saturday

Cleveland Opera, Cleveland, Ohio (216) 575 1918

Samson and Delilah October 20 and 21
8:00 p.m October 22 2:00 p.m

Erwin H. Johnson Memorial Fund Annual Fall Musical 885-2486

Opera Selections by Carrie Hooper October 1
3:00 p.m

QRS. Music Rolls Inc. 1026 Niagara Street
Lois Dabney

September Board Meeting

The Board of Buffalo Branch, AAUW, met on September 6, 2000 at the Heathwood Medical Center. It was called to order by Co-presidents Judy Weidmann and Cathy Weiss.

Treasurer Bunny Blackstone reported 185 paid memberships. The Finance Committee recommended that excess funds in the Cobb Money Market Account, \$30,000, be placed in a mutual fund for long-term investment. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

Donna Sina, Treasurer of the Chamberlain Loan Fund, reported \$29,672.00 in the fund. In the Fund for Education, \$8,850.00. Repayments of loans are being made, and loans to this year's awardees are being dispensed.

The Board will have a weekend retreat on October 27 and 28 at the Youngstown Yacht Club. This is board training in order to strengthen leadership abilities, develop board bonding, and skill building for future AAUW projects.

Plans have been completed for the AAUW -110 TH ANNIVERSARY, on November 11, to be held at Canisius College.

Rita Clement, Chair of the Woman to Woman Conference, reported it will be held at the United Way Building, Buffalo. The theme is: "Child Care— the First Critical Years." The Keynote speaker will be Senator Mary Lou Rath. This is a national AAUW program and Buffalo Branch's major project for the year.

Ann Bish reported that the annual AAUW District Conference will be held on October 14, at the Holiday Inn in Hamburg.

Bunny Blackstone reported on the Women's Leadership Conference to be held in May 2001. Its purpose is to promote the economic and political

empowerment of women. The Buffalo Branch has contributed \$3,000 to help fund this conference.

The October Program will be held at the Buffalo Historical Building on October 17th. There will be High Tea, and a program on Buffalo Memorabilia.

Bunny Blackstone is seeking volunteers to work on Election Night to go to an assigned polling place for election results. This is an easy way to raise funds for the Branch.

Chamberlain Loan Chair, Janet Fowler, requested the Board approval of 2 loans of \$1200.00 each to be awarded to deserving candidates. Motion approved.

Clarine Radt

Next Board meeting will be on October 4, 2000 at 6:45 PM, at the Heathwood Health Center.

LAF Awards \$54,000 in Case Support; Annual Total Tops \$120,000

At its June 2000 meeting, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Board of Directors awarded \$48,000 to six ongoing cases and three newly adopted cases: Dosanjh v. Stanford University, Vuolo v. University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, and Lavin-McEleney v. Marist College.

Also in June, the Rawalt Fund trustees made \$6,000 in awards. The Marguerite Rawalt Legal Defense Fund is a \$250,000 trust that provides funding only to LAF-supported cases.

Total case support awarded in FY 1999-00 by the LAF board and the Rawalt Fund trustees exceeded \$120,500.

WOMAN-TO-WOMAN DIALOGUE

**United Way
742 Delaware Ave
Buffalo, NY**

**November 4, 2000
8:30 am to Noon**

Senator Mary Lou Rath - 9 am to 9:30 am

Tamar Jacobson, Ph.D.
University at Buffalo Child Care Center, Inc.

The Anti-Bias Curriculum Revisited: Thinking
Back and Looking Forward

Description:

Twelve years have passed since the National Association for the Education of Young Children endorsed an Anti-Bias Curriculum for early childhood programs. Where are we now? Let's take a look at how far we have come. This includes designing environments and reflecting about our personal tolerance for diversity.

Lavonne Ansari, Special Assistant to the
President for Equity and Diversity
Niagara County Community College

Title: Starting Early: Parent Advocacy in our
Schools

Description: A discussion on how parents can become involved in the school system and stay involved throughout their child's education.

There will also be a third breakout session dealing with legislative advocacy.

The Creative Education Foundation will be guiding the discussion throughout the morning.

1. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has formed a coalition with other organizations to promote pay equity for child care workers because of the shortage of educated child care providers. AAUW advocates equitable access and advancement in employment, including pay equity. AAUW also encourages support of housing and public assistance programs that empower women, including competent and affordable child care.
2. Two longterm research studies : The Abecedarian Project begun in 1972 and the High/Scope at Perry Preschool begun in the 1960's both show that participants were arrested less often, were more likely to be married with children born in wedlock. Participants tended to do slightly better academically. This offers proof that strong high quality child care has long term positive effects. Our coalition of groups will involve a diverse group of low and moderate income parents, as well as employers and educators and elected officials in this dialogue.

This is an opportunity for AAUW members to contribute to the well being of our community's children while showing our support for pay equity for child care workers.

Please make your reservation today.

Rita Clement
434-2639

*110th Anniversary of the
American Association of
University Women
Buffalo Branch 1890-2000
Luncheon*

Saturday, November 11, 2000

✧ *11:30 a.m. Networking*
✧ *12:00 p.m. Gala Anniversary
Luncheon*

*The Keynote speaker:
Maryann Saccomando Freedman,
who was elected and served as the first woman
president of both the Erie County Bar
Association and the NYS Bar Association.
Currently she serves as president of the
New York Bar Foundation.*

*Grupp Fireside Lounge, in the
Student Center
Canisius College, 2001 Main St.*

Cost: \$15.00 Information and Reservations:
Barbara Ciepiela 625-8308

Free, nearby parking is available.

Make reservations by **October 27.**
See reservation form on page 11

Amherst Branch

2000-2001 Agenda

October 19, 2000: Kids Vote and
upcoming presidential election At
Amherst Fire Hall. No charge.

November 5, 2000: International
Dinner for EF to celebrate Mexico.
Dinner and entertainment Gramma
Moras, 1465 Hertel Ave.

December 7, 2000: Give A Gift of
Life: presentation by members of
TRIO - Transplant Recipients
International Organ Donations; Caf
in the Square, Snyder Square,
Harlem and Main.

January 18, 2001: Katherine Lucas,
R.N., Beauty Consultant, Looking
Good After 45 at Cafe in the
Square.

February 7, 2001: Gospel Singing at
Senior Citizen Center, Amherst.

March 24, 2001: Speaker from
IFUW - International Federation of
University Women at Park Lane
Restaurant .

April 24, 2001: Subject: LAF
Challenge and Update. Dessert and
coffee served at Higher Grounds
Coffeehouse, 3622 Sheridan Dr.
Williamsville.

May 7, 2001: Pathfinder Award.
All details to be announced.

For more information contact Margit
Spector at 834-6731 or e-mail at
Margit1234@aol.com

Reservation form:

Spirit of the City: Imagining the Pan-American Exposition

October 17, 2000

High Tea, an evening meal **Cost \$7.00.**

Specials Needs, Presentation only, contact Suzanne (837-8769)

Make check payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch. Send reservation by **October 10, 2000**

to Suzanne S. Grossman, 310 Pryor Avenue, Tonawanda, NY 14150-7431

Printed Name _____ Guest's Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Amount of check _____

I need some assistance (ride, etc.), please specify _____

I can provide assistance, please specify _____

Reservation Form for Women to Women Networking Dialogue

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest _____

Menu: coffee, tea and orange juice, bagels, muffins, yogurt, and fruit.

Cost \$10.00

Make check payable to Buffalo Branch AAUW

Return by **October 16th 2000**

To Rita Clement, 38 Pennsylvania Ave., Lockport, NY 14094

Phone 434-2639

AAUW Buffalo Branch 100th Anniversary Luncheon Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Guest's names _____

Luncheon includes champagne toast, choice of entree, vegetable, potato, salad, rolls, and muffins, coffee or tea, and dessert.

Please indicate choice of entree for each luncheon reservation.

___ Grilled Chicken @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

___ Vegetable Lasagna @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

___ Open Prime Rib Beef Sandwich @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

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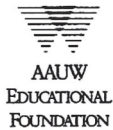
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Make checks payable to Buffalo Branch AAUW and send to Barbara Ciepiela, 4456 Beach Ridge Road, Lockport, NY 14094-9619

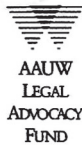
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



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 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

- October 4 Board Meeting
October 14 District Conference
Holiday Inn Hamburg
October 17 Reception at
Buffalo and Erie County
Historical Society
November 4 Women to Women
November 11 110th Anniversary
Luncheon
December 3 Scottish Holiday
Celebration

Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Marion Fay (836-5660). This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on September 27, 2000.



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AAUW NYS 2000: A Renaissance

Saturday, October 14, 2000

Holiday Inn, 5440 Camp Road, Hamburg, NY

8:30 a.m.	Registration and Express Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>B. Dolores Thompson, Co-President Jamestown Branch, NYS Public Policy Group</i>
9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Keynote Address: "The Vital Role of Women in Election 2000" <i>Speaker: Judith Clare, Family Court Judge, Chautauqua County</i>
10:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	The Power of One Vote: Gearing Up for November 7 th <i>Ann Bish, AAUW NYS Public Policy Director</i>
10:20 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.	The Membership-Program Connection in AAUW <i>Suzanne Oliver, Former AAUW NYS President and MAR Director</i>
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	A Dialogue on District 1 <i>Janet Forbes, Co-President Jamestown Branch, NYS Education and Equity Committee</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:50 p.m.	Closing Remarks: Our Legacy and Challenges for the Future
1:15 p.m.	Adjournment

Members are asked to register by October 5.

The cost of \$15.00 includes an express breakfast, light lunch and resource materials.

Directions: The Holiday Inn is located on Route 75 (5440 Camp Road) near Exit 57 off the NY State Thruway (I-90). Drivers also have convenient access via Routes 5, 20 and 62.

Registration Form

AAUW NYS District 1 Meeting
Holiday Inn, 5440 Camp Road, Hamburg

Saturday, October 14, 2000
8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail address _____ Branch position _____

I will attend the AAUW District 1 meeting on October 14.

Other leaders from my branch who will be attending are:

Total registrations _____ X \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Jamestown Branch.

Send registration and payment by October 5 to:

B. Dolores Thompson, 13 Lamont Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 (716/484-8289)