

# Buffalo Branch Newsletter



AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY  
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NYS District 1

September 2000

## Annual Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, September 13, 2000,  
5:30 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church  
350 Saratoga Road Snyder, NY 14226

(corner of Harlem)

**Program: Women and the Pan Am 1901/2001**

**Speaker: Sandra Gutowski,  
Executive Director,**

**Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001**

More information can be found on page 3. Reservation Form is on page 11  
due September 8.

## Presidents' Message

A part of our thrust for growth and continuing improvement of the Buffalo branch of AAUW is the LEADERSHIP PLAN. This plan was written and approved by the 1999-2000 board. Now it is the task of all of us to implement the plan. One of the key components of the plan is to involve more members through committee work. We will be making a great effort to involve new members in the committees.

We are bursting with pride over the success of the 46th Annual AAUW Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale. You will see the final report elsewhere in the Newsletter. The Book Sale was enormously successful financially. It was also very successful in that more than half of our members worked on the sale in some capacity. Together we can accomplish a great deal!

We hope you will all save November 11 to celebrate the AAUW-Buffalo Branch 110th Anniversary. Our theme is our long and distinguished history of service to the community. Maryann Saccomando Freedman will be our key note speaker for this Gala luncheon to be held at Canisius College. A brief biography of Maryann and a few of the milestones in her outstanding career can be found in this newsletter. Historical Branch highlights are also included.

Maryalice Seagrave and Donna Biro are co-chairing this special event. We are inviting community organizations who are celebrating their history, and those who share our mission of promoting education and equity for women and girls, to share this special occasion with us.

Judy Weidemann and Cathy Weiss

Deadline for the October issue is September 13, 2000.

Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail to [jmeschner@att.net](mailto:jmeschner@att.net). Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the October issue.

## Buffalo Branch Plans 110th Anniversary Luncheon

The AAUW Buffalo Branch will celebrate its 110th anniversary of service to the community with a luncheon on Saturday, November 11 at Grupp Fireside Lounge, Canisius College. The guest speaker is Maryann Saccomando Freedman, who is considered an expert on early Buffalo history and women in the legal profession. She is the first woman president of both the Erie County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. She is also a former Assistant New York State Attorney General and currently heads the matrimonial and family law practice with the Buffalo law firm of Cohen and Lombardo.

Free, nearby parking is available. More details will be available in the next issue of the newsletter.

Maria Ceraulo



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Relive Buffalo in its glory. Eight million people came to Buffalo over the summer and early fall of 1901 until the unfortunate shooting of President McKinley at the Exposition. Our program will include a short film presentation of the Pan American Exposition, explaining the history involved and displaying a breathtaking wonderland of ornate temples, gardens, and waterways. Sandra will discuss the accomplishments of the first Women's Pavilion of 1901 and what the present Women's Pavilion plans to achieve. The Historical Society, Theodore Roosevelt Site and the Women's Pavilion PanAm 2001 have formed an alliance to market the PanAm celebration. Join us to hear the exciting plans with many organizations and citizens in-

### Notes

Members join in wishing Ruthe Sicherman a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. We will look forward to seeing her at our branch meetings in the fall.

## July Board Minutes

The Board of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW met on July 17, 2000 at the home of CoPresident Cathy Weiss for a Pot Luck Supper and planning meeting.

Co-President Judy Weidmann, and Cathy Weiss welcomed the board members to a new year of activity. Folders for each member were given out and the contents were reviewed with emphasis on the responsibilities of each board member.

Discussion was held on finding a suitable place and time for a weekend retreat for board training. Judy Weidmann and Cathy Weiss will coordinate plans.

Bunny Blackstone reported on the gross returns of the Book Sale of \$20,611.49; with expenses of about \$2,376.00. A committee will be formed to decide on the dispersal of these book sale funds. Bunny reported on the treasurer's report ending the year of 1999-2000, with actual expenses less than proposed, and actual income greater than proposed. In the Cobb Account is \$35,705.29, and in the money market account \$19,358.60.

Joyce Swartney presented the proposed budget for 2000-2001. It was accepted and passed.

Betty Krist presented the proposed program for 2000-2001. The programs are complete for the fall beginning with the Pot Luck Supper on September 13.

Janet Fowler reported on the Chamberlin Loan Candidates, 17 have been interviewed and accepted, 6 more are pending. Due to the large number of requests, each candidate will receive a pro-rated amount of their request.

Judy Weidmann presented the Leadership Plan for the coming year. The plan recommends that each committee formed recruit both from the ranks of new and old members. A study group will be formed to formulate strategies to accomplish this plan, in order to increase membership, community involvement, and leadership skills.

Next board meeting will be at Heath Wood Care Facility, starting at 6:45, September 6.

Clarine Radt

## Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

### Group Leaders

Please send study group information to:

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

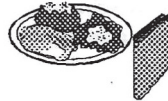
Group: Bridge Biddies  
When: Once per month  
Topic: Casual bridge playing  
Contact: Margaret Haas (839-3701) or Valerie Marvin (833-8506)



Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club  
When: Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00PM (review at 6:45)  
Where: Original Pancake House  
5479 Main St.  
Williamsville  
Topic: Anything Goes by Jill Churchill  
Contact: RSVP Suzanne Grossman (837-8769) for dinner reservations



Group: Dinner by the Book  
When: Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 PM  
Where: Plaka Restaurant  
2904 Delaware Ave.,  
Kenmore  
Topic: *The Poisonwood Bible*  
Contact: RSVP Fran Witnauer (H 837-5887 or W 856-3150) for reservations



Group: Film Group  
When: Tuesday, September 5, and October 3  
Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: Great Decisions  
When: Thursday, September 7 at 1:30 PM  
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church on Main St near ECC Norrth  
Topic: Middle East Realignment: New Directions for the Next Millennium  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)  
October 5: The Euro's Challenge to the Dollar: King Kong vs. Godzilla?

Group: Travel Group  
When: Thursday, September 21, at 7:00PM  
Topic: Discuss final plans for December trip and plans for Spring and Summer  
Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519) for location if you plan to attend September 21.  
A trip to Quebec is being planned for summer, 2001  
Contact: Bunny Blackstone if you are interested.



### NEW INTEREST GROUPS

Do you have a particular interest you share with a few other AAUW women? Why not begin a new Interest Group?



# Celebrating 110 Years of Service

## Part 1: The Early Years

As the Buffalo Branch plans its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, members can look back with pride at the many years of service to women, the community, and the nation. They have benefited from the branch's involvement in the areas of education, culture, politics, and social welfare. From 1890 to the present, the branch has made significant contributions.

The following excerpt from the program of the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary reports the branch's origin: "On a sunny October afternoon in 1890 a stylishly dressed young woman stepped from her carriage and gathering her skirts in one hand, hurried up the walk to a home on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mrs. Lena Hill Severance was hostess, and five college women met in her living room to form a Buffalo Chapter of the Collegiate Alumnae – the 11<sup>th</sup> branch in the United States – later to become the American Association of University Women.

Their goal was to establish a \$500 fellowship 'For the purpose of enabling young women to continue their studies at European Universities.' As recorded in the minutes... 'Women have shown that they can take a college course without injury to their health and with great benefit to their intellectual powers. It remains to be proved that a college course will produce its natural fruits in at least a handful of women who shall take a proper share in the intellectual activity of their countrymen.'"

The women of the branch were soon exerting their influence in education. The Buffalo Board of Education was established through their efforts, and in 1918 they campaigned for higher salaries for women teachers. An article in the February 24, 1933, *Buffalo Evening News* states, "One of the distinct contributions which university women of Buffalo and vicinity make to the community life is their maintenance of scholarships, permitting students of Buffalo and nearby schools to achieve a higher education. Their annual card party for the scholarship fund occurs Saturday in Hotel Statler, and for that one afternoon, Buffalo's university women will lay aside problems of international relations and home affairs and match wits over the bridge tables...under the sponsorship of Buffalo Branch American Association of University Women."

Similar articles can be found throughout the archives describing the branch's involvement in issues of importance to women. The next article will report on the branch's activities during World War II and the post-war era.

Betty Loucks

**KUDOS** to Donna Biro of the US Postal Service! Donna was selected as Federal Woman of the Year, GS9 and above category, for her many accomplishments and contributions to the advancement of women. She will be honored at an awards luncheon sponsored by the Federal Women's Program Network at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo on August 24, 2000.

## **Pan American Women's Leadership Conference Call For Papers**

The Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001 in Buffalo, New York is holding an international conference in May 2001 and would like to disseminate the conference information as widely as possible. General information and a call for papers follow below, and are also available from the Women's Pavilion website at <http://www.womenspavilion2001.org>

### **PAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS FOR WOMEN: A PAN AMERICAN DIALOGUE**

MAY 18-20, 2001

Adams' Mark Hotel  
Buffalo, New York, USA

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

How are women in South, Central, and North America and in Caribbean nations implementing programs that address women's human rights? How do we make decisions, lead organizations, or states, or nations? How do we gain economic security for our families and ourselves? How do we combat the many threats to our health and lives?

Beyond Beijing and Beijing + 5, human rights for women continue to be advanced and contested. This international conference will focus on women's human rights in the areas of leadership, the economy, and health. Models for the empowerment of women, leadership development methods, measures to assure equal access to economic security, continuing trends in the feminization of poverty, elements of health policies and practices that assure health through the life cycle, and effective educational initiatives on women's human rights will be presented during a three-day series of panels, plenary sessions, and workshops. Internationally renowned leaders, scholars, and activists from throughout the Americas and indigenous and island nations will provide keynote addresses.

Papers and workshop proposals are invited from nongovernmental organizations, human rights advocates, economic experts, businesswomen, legislators and policy makers, health care professionals, faith community members, elders, youth leaders, and activists.

Submissions are invited to address aspects of successful efforts, evolving challenges, and needed initiatives to secure human rights for women in attaining leadership and decision making positions, economic empowerment, and health through the life cycle. Research and innovative projects should relate to the following series of topics:

#### **WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP**

- Grassroots organizing in North, Central, South America & Caribbean
- Funding Women's Political Campaigns
- Staying in Power/Moving Up
- Coalition Building
- Balancing the Personal & Political
- Women Supporting Women in Politics
- Nurturing the Political Aspirations of Tomorrow's Women Leaders
- Voting Rights/Access to the Political Process
- Women Who Have Made a Difference in the 20th Century
- Future Trends for Women in Politics
- Party Politics/Obtaining Appointed Offices
- Penetrating the Circle of Power
- Building Women's Networks
- Young Women - Tomorrow's Leaders
- Women in the Military - Moving Up the Ranks
- Women Leading the Way in Social and Issue Advocacy
- Women Leading the Way in Public Policy Creation
- Women and the Peace Process; A Place at the Peace Talks Table
- Women of Faith Taking the Lead
- Doubly Barred; When Race & Gender Combine to Obstruct Human Rights

#### **WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY**

- Entrepreneurial Initiatives
- Economic Revitalization



- Emergence of Women in Under Represented Occupations
- The Challenge of Job Creation
- Long Term Economic Self Sufficiency
- Women Coming Out of Poverty
- Evolution from Employee to Employer
- History of Women In the Workplace
- Gender Roles in Managerial Styles
- Access to Capital
- Working from the Home
- Migration of Capital: Impact on Women's Labor
- Breadmaker to Breadwinner
- Technology and the Emerging Marketplace
- E-Commerce and Economic Empowerment
- Economic Barriers: What Holds Us Back/What Moves Us Forward
- The Effect of Women in the Media on Economic Issues
- Young Entrepreneurs
- Controlling Your Own Finances
- Our Changing Economic Needs
- Self Sufficiency through the Life Span
- Women's Leadership and The Economy
- The Emotions of Money
- Society's Influence on the Female Economy
- Entitlement: Do We Deserve More
- The Effect of War on the Working Woman
- Is There Still a Glass Ceiling?
- Women in Charge: Foreman to CEO
- Looking Back: 100 Years of Women and Money
- Economy of Women in the Computer Age

#### **WOMEN AND HEALTH**

- Wellness Empowers Women
- Research Initiatives in Women's Health
- Updates on Breast Cancer, Osteoporosis and Heart Disease
- Alternative Health Care/Holistic Approaches
- Violence Against Women as a Health Issue
- Early Detection and Screening of Disease
- Intercultural Strategies for Women's Health
- Women of Color and Access to Health Care
- Environmental Issues and Women's Health
- Cross Cultural Perspectives on Women and Aging
- Access to Health Care as a Human Rights Issue for Women
- Lesbian Women's Health Concerns

- Cultural Differences with Menopause and Menarche
- Impact of Smoking on Women's Health
- Socio-economic Status and Access to Health Care
- Impact of Genetic Screening on Women's Health Care; Potential for

#### **DISCRIMINATION**

- Women and AIDS
- How Does Public Funding Affect Women's Health?
- Women as Caregivers
- Reproductive Rights as a Women's Health Issue
- How Do Different Cultures Address Stress Management

**ABSTRACTS:** We are accepting abstracts on any of these topics from faculty, students, writers and activists. Proposals are not limited to the topics listed but should fit into one of the three conference tracks.

**DEADLINE:** Submissions must be received not later than October 1, 2000 and should be sent to the address below. The conference committee will meet to evaluate each abstract and proposal. Evaluation will be based on originality and relevance to the conference theme. Notification of acceptance will be mailed or e-mailed to you by December 2000. Conference registration and additional information will follow. Information about the conference will also be posted on <http://www.womenspavilion.org>.

**REQUIREMENTS:** 250-word abstract should include your name, the title of your paper, your mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number and fax and any other contact information.

Please send abstract to:  
Pan American Women's Leadership Conference  
c/o Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001  
205 Bidwell Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14222 USA

Abstracts may also be e-mailed to the conference e-mail address: [WHRC2001@aol.com](mailto:WHRC2001@aol.com)

Conference Co-Chairs:  
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**AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH 1999-00**  
**BUDGET- JULY (YEAR END)**

| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>                      | <b>PROPOSED</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>  |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| 101 Treasurer                                   | 80.00           | 81.55          |
| 102 Liability Insurance/Bonding                 | 200.00          | 145.00         |
| 103 Stationery/Supplies                         | 200.00          | 0.00           |
| 104 Accounting                                  | 255.00          | 260.00         |
| 105 President's Expense                         | 250.00          | 157.16         |
| 106 Board Member's Expense                      | 50.00           | 0.00           |
| 201 General Meetings                            | 1000.00         | 545.03         |
| 202 Education/Equity/Public Policy              | 100.00          | 20.00          |
| 301 Membership/Recruitment/Retention            | 530.00          | 236.45         |
| 302 Newsletter                                  | 1500.00         | 1234.12        |
| 303 Roster                                      | 50.00           | 103.66         |
| 304 Publicity                                   | 50.00           | 25.00          |
| 305 Website                                     | 75.00           | 93.00          |
| 401 Awards/Gifts                                | 200.00          | 114.26         |
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>                        |                 |                |
| 601 Delegates State Convention                  | 400.00          | 400.00         |
| 602 Delegates Association Convention            | 475.00          | 0.00           |
| 603 Delegates MAR                               | 75.00           | 0.00           |
| <b>EXPENSES TOTAL:</b>                          | <b>5790.00</b>  | <b>3415.23</b> |
| <b>INCOME:</b>                                  |                 |                |
| 804 Branch dues                                 | 3450.00         | 3228.50        |
| 805 Interest-checking account                   | 84.00           | 36.56          |
| 806 Interest-CD/money market                    | 250.00          | 523.75         |
| 810 Interest from Accumulated Fund              | 20.00           | 54.54          |
| 807 Other Income                                |                 |                |
| Theatre fundraiser                              | 200.00          | 76.92          |
| Special Projects/Door Receipts                  | 850.00          | 859.50         |
| Roll-over funds                                 | 936.00          | 936.00         |
| Voter News Service                              | 0.00            | 224.40         |
| <b>INCOME TOTAL:</b>                            | <b>5790.00</b>  | <b>5940.17</b> |
| 701 Special Projects                            |                 | 2016.99        |
| 702 Accumulated Funds                           |                 | 6116.41        |
| 803 LAF   |                 | 163.45         |
| 811 District I Conference                       |                 | 239.84         |
| Cobb--Salomon Smith Barney-money market account |                 | 35705.29       |
| Salomon Smith Barney-money market account       |                 | 19358.60       |



## *Immigrant Women*

This project will give a voice to women in a people's history of Western New York. We will produce a documentary of women sharing stories about women in their families who came to this country during the wave of immigration that ended in the 1920's. The obstacles they overcame and the contributions they have made to our area are a part of our heritage that needs to be recorded and remembered. The economic benefit will be derived from the sales of the video to educators, residents and tourists, as well as, businesses interested in diversity training and interest in the richness of our regional multiculturalism. The social benefit will be knowledge provided by shared experiences of our diverse residents and their ancestors. We also encourage contemporary immigrants to share their experiences. We will illustrate through recording voice and images the successful accomplishments of immigrant women. With this project, we will highlight the dreams, goals and contributions of current and past immigrants to Western New York.

We strongly encourage women who have a story to share about their ancestors to e-mail [rcascia@hotmail.com](mailto:rcascia@hotmail.com) to schedule a taping for the documentary. You may indicate the date you prefer. The taping will occur during the first two weeks of September, 2000. You may also call to order a copy of this documentary for holiday gifts.

Rita Clement 434-2639

## **2000 Velma Cobb Scholarship Winners Announced**

The two recipients of the 2000 Velma Cobb scholarships are Elizabeth Rose Bailey of Buffalo (City Honors) and Alicia Sim of Hamburg (Frontier Central). Each winner will receive \$1,000 for a total of \$2,000.

Elizabeth's college plans include going to Princeton and majoring in Comparative Romantic Literature, concentrating on the English, French and Spanish languages. After college, she would like to teach either English language/literature or a foreign language. She is also considering law school. She has a grade point average of 4.76, which equals 100%+.

Alicia plans to attend Cornell University and major in biotechnology and then attend law school. After college, she wants to be a lawyer specializing in genetics cases. Alicia has maintained a grade point average of 99.83, and was ranked #1 in a graduating class of 398 students.

The scholarship honors two high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, community service, student activities, an essay question, references and a personal interview. Over 85 applications were received this year, which is the first year the scholarship has been awarded. Velma Cobb was a local teacher and the money she left in her will to the Buffalo Branch has been used to establish this scholarship.

Congratulations to both students and we wish much success to all those who applied. Also, a big thank you to all those who served on the Velma Cobb Scholarship Committee.

Maria Ceraulo

## Board Approvals for the Chamberlin Loan Recipients

The July 17th Board of Directors approved Chamberlin Loan committee recommendations for 16 Chamberlin Loan, Chamberlin grants and Funds for Education awards. All three named awards (Molly Fleysher, Ruthe Sicherman and Michael Weidemann) were granted. Five students remain to be interviewed in August and will be presented to the September Board. Recipients are: SHARON COMERFORD, senior at Canisius College; KATHERINE O'MARA, junior at Buffalo State College; CINDY ESPOSITO, graduate student at Canisius College; KATHERINE STUART, junior at D'Youville College; JACQUELINE WYPIJ, graduate student at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine; RACHEL St. LAURENT, sophomore at Marietta College; ROSEMARIE BURNS, junior at Niagara University; TAMMY HECKE, junior at Hilbert College; ROBIN RASP, junior at D'Youville College; JOYCE BUDELLE, junior at Medaille College; MEGAN KUHRE, graduate student at Connecticut State University; LEAH BOUQUARD, sophomore at Canisius College; KALI QUINN, sophomore at New York University; AMY McMAHON, sophomore at Canisius College; KATIE BREIDENSTEIN, junior at Hilbert College; and MARIE THERESA CARONE, a graduate student at University of Buffalo.

Janet Fowler

## AAUW Buffalo Branch Budget 2000-20001

At the July meeting of the AAUW Buffalo Branch the following budget was approved. If any member would like additional information, please contact Joyce Swartney, Finance/Budget Chair, and she will provide you with information or explanation.

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>                 | Proposed       |
| 101 Treasurer                              | 80.00          |
| 102 Liability Insurance/Bonding            | 200.00         |
| 103 Stationery/Supplies                    | 200.00         |
| 104 Accounting                             | 260.00         |
| 105 President's Expense                    | 200.00         |
| 106 Board Member's Expenses                | 50.00          |
| 201 General Meetings                       | 1500.00        |
| 202 Education/Equity/Public Policy         | 600.00         |
| 203 Sister to Sister                       | 200.00         |
| 301 Membership/Recruitment/Retention       | 300.00         |
| 302 Newsletter                             | 1500.00        |
| 303 Roster                                 | 150.00         |
| 304 Publicity                              | 50.00          |
| 305 Web Site                               | 200.00         |
| 401 Awards/Gifts                           | 200.00         |
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>                   |                |
| 601 Delegates State Convention             | 400.00         |
| 602 Delegates Association Convention       | 475.00         |
| 603 MAR                                    | 175.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>6740.00</b> |
| <b>INCOME</b>                              |                |
| 804 Branch Dues                            | 3200.00        |
| 805 Interest on Money Mkt at SSB           | 675.00         |
| 807 Other Income                           |                |
| Voter News Service                         | 225.00         |
| Theater Fund Raiser                        | 200.00         |
| Roll Over Funds                            | 1480.00        |
| Accumulated Funds                          | 760.00         |
| Berlin Watercolor raffle                   | 200.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>6740.00</b> |
| 701 Special Projects                       | 3441.49        |
| 702 Accumulated fund                       | 5356.41        |
| 803 LAF (total)                            | 427.95         |
| 811 District Conference                    | 239.84         |
| Cobb--Salomon Smith Barney Money Market    | 35705.29       |
| Branch--Salomon Smith Barney Money Market. | 19358.60       |
| Budget accepted by Board on July 17,2000.  |                |



# Public Policy on the Move

The Public Policy Committee chose to learn more about legislative issues related to improving access and quality of child care in the WNY region this past year. After meeting with Dr. Valerie Cooley from the Child Care Coalition of the Niagara Frontier and Ann Ryan from Success by 6, the committee recommended to the branch board (which was approved) that we lend financial support to Success by 6, i.e., \$100 per year for the next five years. This pledge is to help support the WNY Early Childhood Legislative Breakfast organized each year to encourage advocacy on legislation critical to women and children.

This action addresses one of the AAUW NYS resolutions passed at the state convention. All AAUW members are urged to work for improved child care in the state by supporting:

- the Child Care that Works Campaign
- endorsing various child care initiatives (necessary training, inspection of centers, personnel checks) being sought by child care agencies throughout the state
- lobbying locally state-wide and nationally for funding and legislation to improve the access and quality of child care.

Anyone interested in being informed and taking a more active role in AAUW NYS legislative matters can sign up by e-mail for the NYS public policy listserv. Contact [Betsy\\_Forkas@compuserve.com](mailto:Betsy_Forkas@compuserve.com).

In addition to the commitment to work to improve the quality of child care, the Public Policy Committee agreed to co-sponsor of the YWCA Candidates' Forum on November 1 at the YWCA located at 190 Franklin Street. This will be just one of several Voter Education Campaign activities undertaken by the branch for Election 2000. The Voter Education Campaign is nonpartisan and issue-based. AAUW has worked for educational issues for women and girls for more than 100 years. The campaign is another way AAUW can advocate for equity in education and the workplace, for women's rights, and for other aspects of the lives of women and girls.

The Public Policy Committee of the Buffalo Branch is open to any member who wishes to take a more active role in legislation affecting our community. Our thanks to Bertha Boston for her leadership, commitment and encouragement while directing and overseeing legislative activities for the branch these past two years. Jennifer Stoll is serving as the newly elected director of public policy. To indicate your interest in working with this committee, contact Jennifer at 433-6714(O) or 439-8939(H).

## POT LUCK DINNER

September 13, 2000 Christ United Methodist Church 350 Saratoga Road, Snyder, NY 14226

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 (for 8-10 people),  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 and a salad (for 8-10 people), \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 and a dessert (for 8-10 people)

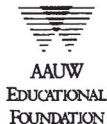
Send reservations and check by **September 8, 2000** to: Bunny Blackstone, 11478 Tomarsue Dr., Marilla, NY 14102. Checks are payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch.



*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

September 6 Board Meeting  
September 13 Pot Luck Supper  
October 4 Board Meeting  
October 14 District Conference - Dunkirk  
October 17 Reception at Buffalo Historical Society  
November 4 Women to Women  
November 11 110<sup>th</sup> 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 August 17, 2000.



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*A gala dinner featuring an internationally-known speaker*

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# 46th Annual Used Book Sale June 2000

Congratulations Buffalo Branch, we topped the \$20,000 mark in gross sales this year! We were fortunate to receive an excellent donation of books from the community; good publicity; and many members donating their time at the site. We were also fortunate to have volunteers picking up books and storing them in their basements or garages, donations for tables or goodies for our sale workers; and many behind the scene volunteers making phone calls, typing labels, mailings, making signs, flyers, etc. This year 84 members, friends, and family members worked at the sale for a total of 1676 hours at the site. Many hands make light work, and a successful sale! Thank you, thank you.

Our hats go off to our knowledgeable book sale committee: Jill Brown, Jackie Trace and Bobbie Ross (Collectibles); Barbara Engler (Collections Chair); Maria Ceraulo and Ann Hicks (Publicity), Ruth Auer (signs), Betty Loucks and Janet Trinkwalder (Treasurer); Karen Noonan (Post Sale); Ann Bish, Barbara Smith, Rita Cascia, Jan Vine, Joyce Swartney, Anne Allan, Christine O'Connor, Cathy Weiss, Suzanne Grossman, Mary Kellner (Sorting Supervisors) We also want to thank our members who donated 25 hours or more at the site: Marguerite Collesano, Myra Menti, Teresa Gessner, Phyllis Wray, Angeline Yelich and Rose Tarzia.

Our sale would not exist without our depots and pick-ups. Many thanks to them: Karen Noonan, Mary Kellner, Elaine Cusker, Millie Sherrets, Carol Jamieson, Barbara Wolff-Reichert, Leslie McCain, Ruth Seitz, Alice Gray, Ann Hicks, Ann Allan, Mary Hurley, Ann Montes, Christine O'Connor, Marion Fay, Bev Mooney, Margaret Haas, Barb Smith, Betty Loucks, Bev Tomasi, Rita Clement, Kathy Basher, Marilyn Kihl.

We are looking for more depots and pick-ups. If you have a dry basement or garage and room to store at least 20 or more boxes, please call Barbara Engler at 674-3462 or Marguerite Collesano at 881-3436 (Collections Co-chairs). If you can pick up books in your area and deliver them to a depot, call Barb or Marguerite.

We are grateful for our non-members who helped us tremendously: George Iannello, Advanced Graphics and Printing, who donated our bookmarks; Barnes and Noble for donating some of their sale books; Able Table Party Rental for reduced table prices; Benderson Corporation for donating the book sale site; and AmeriCorps volunteers for assisting with book transportation and table setup. With the aid of these community members we were able to save thousands of dollars in expenses.

We would like to recognize the members who helped defray the cost of table rental, supplies, goodies: Lorna Berlin, Ann Bish, Cathleen Bowen, Carol Brasure, Judy Bratty, Marguerite Collesano, Carolyn Day, Joan Eschner, Jane Fischman, Janet Fowler, Teresa Gessner, Suzanne Grossman, Delores Hakes, Ruth Himmele, Grace Kammerer, Betty Krist, Jeanne McKown, Sharon Minklein, Beverly Mooney, Karen Noonan, Lucille Peterson, Julia Piquette, Florence Rembold, Ruth Seitz, Ruthe Sichertman, Yvonne Smith, Margit Spector, Jacqueline Trace, Catherine Weiss.

Proceeds from the door receipts are divided equally between Loans for Education (local scholarships, grants and loans) and Branch Special Projects. The remainder of our net proceeds are designated for the Association's Educational Foundation, used for educational, research, and community grants.

Thanks again to all who helped in any way. We worked hard, laughed a lot, and enjoyed the comradeship of our fellow members. Join us next year.

Bunny Blackstone and Judy Weidemann, Book Sale Co-coordinators

## Financial Report

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Income:                  | Expenses:                           |                  |
| Admissions \$1,525.00    | Table rental                        | \$1,382.00       |
| Presale 576.00           | Niagara Mohawk                      | 505.13           |
| Sales 17,990.49          | Liability insurance                 | 25.00            |
| Table & Food 520.00      | Postcards                           | 146.50           |
| <b>Total \$20,611.49</b> | Postage                             | 219.99           |
|                          | Photocopies                         | 68.60            |
|                          | Supplies                            | 169.60           |
|                          | License for outdoor sign            | 35.00            |
|                          | Gift Certificates                   | 100.00           |
|                          | Branch membership roster (1/2 cost) | 103.66           |
|                          | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$2755.48</b> |