

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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## Annual Achievement & Award Luncheon



Award celebration of our honorary and long-time members,  
Woman of Achievement Award, and election of new officers.

Luncheon cost is \$20

**Saturday, April 27, 2002**

**Networking - 11:30 am**

**Luncheon - 12:00 noon**

at

**THE MANSION**

**ON DELAWARE AVENUE**

**414 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY**



More information can be found on page 5. The menu  
and reservation form can be found on page 11. Reservations  
must be received by April 17, 2002.

## President's Message

I encourage you to write your elected representatives about AAUW action priorities. I also welcome you to our Public Policy committee meetings at the Amherst Main Library located on John James Audubon Parkway. Our next meeting is Monday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. AAUW promotes three priorities public policy:

- To support a strong system of public education in New York State that advocates for gender fairness, equity and diversity.
- To achieve women's economic self-sufficiency.
- To ensure commitment to equality and individual rights while respecting diversity.

We will need your support while we pursue passage of the pay equity bill being considered by the New York State Assembly and Senate. This bill challenges the tradition of different, gender based, pay scales for comparable work.

Please call Marguerite Collesano at 853-6480 if you know a prospective member who would like to attend a membership orientation on Sunday April 14 at 1:30 p.m. If you have joined AAUW Buffalo Branch in the last two years, we strongly encourage your attendance at our membership orientation on April 14! Come and learn more about your role in our branch activities.

Rita Clement

Deadline for the May issue is April 12

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 May issue.

## Have You Contacted Your Legislators?

Legislative Advocacy Group  
(Public Policy)

will meet on

Monday

April 8, at 5:30 P.M.

At the Audubon Public Library

All interested are welcome

The enclosed **AAUW Public Policy Action Directory** gives you your legislators' addresses and phone numbers so that you may express your concerns about pending legislation or applaud the actions they have taken. **Keep this sheet of information in your phone book or AAUW roster for a quick and easy reference.**

Build a relationship with your elected representatives. Write, call, or e-mail them whenever there is legislation affecting women and children on the state or federal level. They need to know what you think!



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## Annual Award Luncheon to Take Place at The Mansion

This year's Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon will take place on Saturday, April 27th at the former Charles F. Sternberg House at 414 Delaware Avenue. Some of you may remember this building as the former Victor Hugo Wine Cellar Restaurant. Now a luxury hotel, this beautiful Second Empire Style mansion, built around 1870, has recently reopened after undergoing a \$2.7 million renovation. The owner saved nearly all of the original wood moldings, doors and fireplaces, and has exquisitely furnished the rooms with stylish modern pieces of elegance and sophistication.

The Mansion, as it is now named, is not open to the general public as a restaurant or nightclub, but is a luxury hotel, with onsite chefs preparing gourmet cuisine for private banquets like our annual award luncheon. Please be certain to reserve April 27th for this special AAUW luncheon for presentation of the Annual Award Luncheon at The Mansion.

**Luncheon Menu -  
Blackened Chicken Breast  
over Baby Greens  
Herb & Infused bread  
Queen of Sheeba dessert  
Coffee, Tea  
Cash Bar**



## Buffalo Branch Nominating Committee Report Officers 2002 - 2004

This report is submitted by Betty Loucks, chair; Bunny Blackstone, Barbara Engler, Linda Suchocki, Cathy Weiss.

The officers to be considered for the 2002-2003 year are as follows:

Presidents-Elect: Suzanne Oliver and Linda Suchocki.

Second Vice-President (Membership): Beverly Schwiergerling

Recording Secretary: Betty Preble

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Trinchera

Educational Foundation Chair: Linda Drajem

Public Policy Chair: Catherine Weiss, Judy Weidemann

Nominating Chair: Rita Clement

Nominating Committee Members:

Bertha Boston

Anastasia Johnson

Marilyn Kihl

Maryalice Seagrave

Voting for the slate will take place at the Annual Awards Luncheon.



## Buffalo Branch Study Interest Groups

### Group Leaders

Please send study group information to: Mary Kellner,  
8470 Lakemont Dr., East Amherst, NY 14051  
phone: 741-8127 e-mail: mlknel@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, April 24 at 6:00 PM

Where: Cameo's Restaurant

Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda

Topic: *Havana Heat* by Caroline Garcia-Aguilera

Reviewer: Joyce Swartney

Contact: Joyce (688-2239) for reservations



### Group: **Dinner by the Book**

When: Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 PM

Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904

Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore

Topic: *Deepwater Mountain*

by Rebecca Cale Carmhi

Reviewer: Lynne Tauriello

Contact: RSVP to Fran Witnauer (H 837-5887 or  
W 856-3150.)

*Because space is limited, call early for  
reservations. When capacity is reached, a  
waiting list will be maintained.*



### Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, April 2

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



### Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, April 4 at 1:30 PM

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church  
6520 Mam St. near ECC North

Topic: *Middle East Peace Process* by

Augustus Richard Norton

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: **Legislative Advocacy** (Public Policy)

When: Monday, April 8, at 5:30 P.M.

Where: the Audubon Public Library

Topic: See page 2

**All interested are welcome**

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

When: Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM

Where: Literacy Room of Amherst Public  
Library at Audubon, 350 Audubon  
Pkwy, Amherst, Near UB North  
Campus, East of N. Forest.

*Library is next to*

*Amherst Senior Center.*

Topic: Business meeting of International  
Relations Committee – plan program  
of discussions for coming year.

Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)

### Group: **Out on the Town**

When: Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 PM

Where: Shea's Buffalo Performing Arts Center  
646 Main St.

Event: *West Side Story* (free movie)

Contact: Marie Jansen (875-1740)

*Enjoy this classic movie after AAUW Annual  
Awards luncheon. You must get a ticket at  
Media Play or Galleria Mall office.*



### Group: **Travel Group**

When: Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 PM

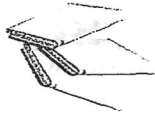
Where: Original Pancake House  
5479 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: Discuss Montreal trip in July and  
plans for fall and December trips.

Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519) for  
reservation.







## BOOK SALE 2002

The net profit from our book sale last year was \$19,413.61. The board voted to designate \$6,000 of the total to our local "Funds for Education" and \$1,500 for Special Projects. We are hoping to do better this year, but we need the cooperation from our members. We are looking for some additional help for the following dates:

1. April 30, (rain date—May 1) -moving books from the depots to the site.
2. May 28, - setting up tables at the site.
3. June 10 and 11, - breaking down tables, clean-up, trucking left over books to the recycling depot.

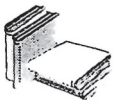
Lifting boxes and tables is much easier when we have a lot of people working together. The burden is not that great, but when there are only a few of us—we get tired! Husbands or other family members are very welcome to help out.

Just a reminder—the calendar for the book sorting and sale dates will be in the April newsletter. Someone from our committee will be calling you.

Again, we are also looking for book depots- dry basement or garage, not much space needed.

We are in need of a utility cart to use during our book sorting.

If you can help with any of the above, please call **Bunny Blackstone (655-4519)**.



Thanks.



## Legislative Advocacy Group (Public Policy)

What Is the "Dignity for All Students Act"?

### The Dignity for All Students Act (A2634 - S1628)

- requires establishing teacher and administrative training guidelines on dealing with and responding to harassment and hate violence;
- ensures that diversity and human relations education is included in the curriculum so that there is a clear message to all that bullying and sexual harassment in the schools is unacceptable;
- provides a staff member trained in human relations education on-site.

This bill would apply to all public schools in New York State, grades K - 12, but it exempts private and religious schools. This bill also amends the New York Education Law to prohibit discrimination and harassment in schools based on **real and perceived** race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Students should be able to concentrate on learning and personal growth in the schools and not have to cope with taunting and violence.

AAUW NYS supports DASA and encourages members to call or write their state legislators, urging support for this bill.

Note: To get up-to-date information check [www.northnet.org/nysaaaw](http://www.northnet.org/nysaaaw). Go to "public policy" and click on "bills." Look under "Education."

April 2002



## Western New York appropriately honors Catharine M. Weiss

Well-noted and respected community volunteer, former president of Girl Scouts, and member of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women and presiding officer of the Women's Action Coalition and valued leader, past president and friend of our branch of AAUW was inducted into the **Western New York Women's Hall of Fame**.

When there is a job to be done, Catherine Weiss is usually the first person you'll see. She is everywhere women want to be: the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, a Girl Scout meeting, a Women's History celebration, a Hall of Fame luncheon. The convener of the Women's Action Coalition is a woman of action. In Amherst, they know her as a citizen adviser, a community worker and planner, a conscientious member of many boards. She is energized by the women and girls she works with and in return she empowers them and their organizations, leaving her community a far richer place.

Congratulations Cathy!

### 2002-2003 Program Meeting

Interested in planning our 2002-2003 program? Please come to the Original Pancake House, 5479 Main Street, Williamsville on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner or 6:15 p.m. if you choose not to eat with us. Call Betty Krist (675-4059) to make a dinner reservation. Bring your ideas or call or send email to [kristb@adelphia.net](mailto:kristb@adelphia.net). Your influence is important!

### Board Highlights February 6, 2002

- Treasurer's Report: Income was \$4869.29, and expenses were \$2850.00, year to date. In mutual funds, we have \$25,377.00, and in the Educational Foundation has \$11,500.00.
- Chamberlin Loans: January loan payments were \$2371.00. Total loan funds are \$25,377.00, and funds in Educational Foundation are \$11,500.00
- Chamberlin Loan Interviews: The Board accepted the 7 recommended candidates for loans in 2002-03.
- International Celebration: It will be held on March 8, with 10 co-sponsors.
- New York State Convention: Will be held at Lake Placid, May 3-5, 2002.
- Task Force for the Future: A survey was sent to all branches. Results will be presented at the state convention.
- Transition Conference: A joint program with ECC is being planned, in order to address the needs of women, moving from one life stage to another.

Clarine Radt

### Support the Buffalo Public Schools

Within the next few weeks there will be news about how organizations and individuals can help the students, teachers, and programs of the Buffalo Public Schools. Some things we might do include: adopt a school or a grade or a class, provide materials for a library, provide teaching materials, organize a mentor group, be tutors. Several of us want to get a committee together with a specific focus. Contact Sharon Minklein (839-3309), Carol Jamieson (877-8569) or Betty Krist (675-4059) to express your interest in working on this potential project. Go to [www.buffaloalliance.org](http://www.buffaloalliance.org) for some ideas on what we might do.

## aauwbuffalo.org

Have you looked at our website?  
 What do you think?  
 What is the role of the web to us?  
 What should be on our website?  
 What links do we want?  
 How should search engines find us?  
 What are we willing to pay for?  
 We need a committee to examine all issues related to our website. If you can help, please send an email to our webmaster at [kristb@adelphia.net](mailto:kristb@adelphia.net) or call me at 675-4059. I'll set-up a meeting time and place for this group.

Betty Krist

## New Study Group American biographies

Would you be interested in joining other AAUW members to form a new Study Group to read and discuss American biographies? We could choose from the recent books about John and Abigail Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Edith Wharton, Emily Dickinson, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and others you may like to suggest. We will start with a planning meeting in April or May at which we will determine the date, time and place of monthly, daytime meetings. We will also select books we'll read individually and discuss together for the next few months. If you are interested, please call Nancy Ryther at 884-8324 as soon as possible.

Nancy Ryther

### Reservation Form for Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon April 27, 2002

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guests(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$20 per person. Make checks payable to "Buffalo Branch AAUW"

#### Luncheon Menu -

Blackened Chicken Breast over Baby Greens  
 Herb & Infused bread  
 Queen of Sheeba dessert  
 Coffee, Tea  
 Cash Bar

Please furnish any dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Need assistance? Contact Betty Krist (675-4059)

**Return reservations by April 17, 2002 to:**

Linda Suchocki  
 207 Fenton Street  
 Buffalo, NY 14206



*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

Wednesday, April 3

Buffalo Branch Board Meeting  
6:00 Amherst Sr. Citizen Center

Saturday, April 27

Luncheon  
Annual Awards

May, 3-5

The NYS AAUW Convention at  
the Hilton Lake Placid Resort

June, 5-9

Book Sale

September, 18

Potluck Dinner

**Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Jean Hubbard, (832-0349).** This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on March 22, 2001.



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Jean Hubbard  
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**AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH TRAVEL GROUP  
ROCHESTER HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR AND HIGH FALLS DISTRICT  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2002**

**Rochester House and Garden Tour:** Join us for a stroll through the homes and gardens of 12 historic properties in the Browncroft neighborhood. This area is an outstanding early twentieth-century residential neighborhood that is in the process of being nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This subdivision was created out of former nursery grounds owned by the Brown Brothers Nursery. Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival house predominate the neighborhood of well-tended yards and public spaces. Guides will be located at each tour stop. Tour booklets will describe the history and architectural features of each site and contain a map of the tour area.

Following the tour we will **visit the High Falls District of Rochester.** See the Genesee River rushing over a 96-foot cliff! Visit shops. Walk through Rochester's past, and future! Learn all about the famous people who lived in Rochester! Spend a relaxing afternoon in the park at Granite Mills Commons or on the 858-foot long Pont-de-Rennes bridge! Stand in Triphammer Forge and see actual 1816 factory ruins! Walk across historic footbridges and peek beneath the street at a replicated 240-foot section of the original raceway used to power mill wheels!

**Itinerary:**

- 8:45 a.m.--Depart from Boulevard Mall near the "B" sign (Niagara Falls Blvd. entrance).
- 9:15 a.m.--Depart from "Park & Ride"(entrance of the Thruway exit 49 on Transit Rd)
- 10:45 a.m.--Arrive at Browncroft neighborhood.
- 3:00 p.m.-- (possibly earlier!) Depart Browncroft neighborhood.
- 3:20 p.m.--Arrive High Falls District of Rochester
- 5:30 p.m.--Depart High Falls District of Rochester
- 5:45 p.m.-- Dinner at the Spring House Landmark Restaurant
- 7:00 p.m.--Depart for Buffalo
- 8:30 p.m.--Arrive Thruway exit 49
- 9:00 p.m.--Arrive Boulevard Mall

**Seating on the bus:**

To assure fairness and comfort for all, seats will be assigned by the date you register for the trip. If you want to sit with friends on the bus, please register together. For a group, seats will be assigned in front of or in back of each other.

**Responsibility:** The Buffalo Branch of the American Association of Women and its Board acts as promoter and agent only and disclaims any and all liability of property lost or damaged and/or any and all damages or irregularity of any vehicles, restaurant, or otherwise or whether caused by failure or delay or by any transportation company due to any cause whatsoever occurring during this tour. All tickets are furnished and issued subject in all respects to these terms and conditions. The Buffalo Branch of AAUW acts solely as agent and reserves the right to make any changes in established itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if it is deemed necessary to the comfort, convenience or safety of the passengers, and may refuse to accept or retain as a member of the tour any person at any time and to pass on to our members any expenditures caused by delays or events beyond its control. The transportation company is not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or events during the time passengers are on board their transportation. The passage contract in use, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the purchaser of the tour or the passengers.

**Tour price:** \$63 includes the bus, tip, tour and dinner.

**Please:**

- 1) Bring a lunch that you can eat on the bus at your leisure during the time of our tour. We will provide cold drinks.
- 2) Fill out the form below completely and send to:
  - 3) Bunny Blackstone,
  - 4) 11478 Tomarsue Drive,
  - 5) Marilla, NY 14102.
  - 6) Please mail before May 12, 2002. Questions: call 655-4519.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sitting with \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner** includes fresh bread, house salad, choice of potato or rice, fresh seasonal vegetables and dessert.

\_\_\_\_\_ Marinated flank steak with sautéed onions, feta and blue cheese

\_\_\_\_\_ Marinated chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Broiled salmon with lemon, white wine and dill butter