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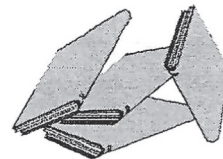
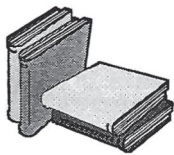
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June 2002

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**Don't Forget the  
Buffalo Branch AAUW  
Book Sale  
June 5 - 9  
Steinmart Premier Plaza  
Transit Road,  
Amherst**



## President's Message

The NYS President of AAUW awarded our Buffalo Branch the Platinum Award of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Recognition program at the NYS Convention in Lake Placid on May 4, 2002. We won this highest award based on our "Portrayal of Women in the Media" program and the presentations made throughout the year in the Human Rights for Women International Study Discussion group. We also received this award based on our donations to the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Congratulations to the members of our branch.

Our branch will be sponsoring a Transitions Conference in October or November, 2002. This is a new national AAUW program designed to encourage women to return to college to pursue higher educational goals. We will be contacting colleges and speakers to participate in the conference. Please contact Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or Linda Suchocki at 823-4154 if you are interested in working on our first Transitions Conference. You are also encouraged to visit [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) in the Take Action section for more information.

Have a safe and happy summer

Rita Clement

Deadline for the September issue is August 12  
Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail to [jimeschner@att.net](mailto:jimeschner@att.net). Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the June issue.

## Don't Forget the Book Sale



The Buffalo Branch's biggest fund-raiser is coming soon. Don't forget to mark your calendars with the following dates:

May 28 - June 4 - Table set up

June 5 - 9 The Book Sale

June 10 and 11 - Clean up

See the insert from the April issue of the *Newsletter* for more exact information and times or call Bunny at (655-4519) to arrange for times to help. Many hands make light work. We can use all the help we can get.



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## AAUW NYS Convention in Lake Placid

One by law change and two resolutions were presented to the voting members of AAUW who attended the NYS Convention at Lake Placid on May 3, 4, and 5.

The by laws change was a proposal to elect an LAF VP on the NYS Board of Directors. This would bring the NYS Board in line with the Association Board with VPs for both the EF and the LAF. Currently, the LAF board member is appointed by the president. This was passed unanimously.

Next a resolution from the NYS board to revise the criteria for membership was proposed. The resolution proposed that the Association revise its membership regulations to give full membership to all women and men who support equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. This resolution, if passed, was to be presented at the Association convention in Providence next June. This resolution was debated vigorously and was then defeated. In my opinion this was a good thing. If we are going to give up all requirements for membership, how can we retain our name and our dedication to higher education for women?

The next resolution was presented by Hortensia Stoyan from Queens branch that proposed a membership category for community college graduates. This was also defeated. This issue will be hotly debated at the next convention. The Association already has a Committee on Alternative Ways to Affiliate that will be reporting at the convention. We are certainly looking at our membership qualifications and it will be interesting to see what the results will be for the organization.  
Sue Oliver



*Allison DeForges  
recipient of the  
Buffalo Branch  
AAUW  
Achievement  
Award*



*2002 Velma Cobb Scholarships recipients,  
Ashley Poelma, Andrea Chinyere Ezie, and  
Anna Quider*

*President elect,  
Marguerite  
Collesano  
addresses the  
distinguished  
gathering at the  
Spring Award  
Luncheon and  
installation of  
officers.*





*Networking at the Spring Award Luncheon. Those recognized in the foreground are Rita Clement and Reverend Sara Buxton-Smith.*



*More networking - from left to right are Maryalice Seagrave, Florence Rembold, Jante Fowler and Betty Loucks*

## Buffalo Branch Board Notes

### April 3, 2002

**Call to Order:** President Rita Clement

**Treasurer's Report:** Bunny Blackstone reported expenses of \$2542.31, and income of \$4840.70, year to date. Mutual Funds have \$24,900, and the Educational Foundation has \$1,305.00.

**Chamberlin Loan:** Janet Fowler reported a balance of \$41,306.00 and in the Funds for Education \$10,7900. Two loans were paid in full.

**Velma Cobb Scholarship:** Maria Ceraulo reported the selection committee chose three students, and two alternates, who will be honored at the April Awards Luncheon.

**Film Series:** Maria Ceraulo proposed the Branch cosponsor a film series with the Old Chestnut Film society. Motion Passed.

**Book Sale:** Bunny Blackstone reported a successful sale of a collectible book on E-Bay and the preparations for the June Book sale are progressing.

**Awards Luncheon, April 24th:**

Linda Suchocki reported plans are complete.

**Sister to Sister:** Sue Oliver and Ann Bish reported a successful program with 130 girls attending.

**Membership Orientation, April 14th:**

Margarite Collesano reported the program will be at her home, and membership and Branch activities will be presented. Clarine Radt

## GIVE A GRAD A GIFT ... A FREE AAUW At-Large MEMBERSHIP!

As an AAUW member, you can now give a recent grad—a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece—a free AAUW membership. All at no cost to you or her!

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of 150,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

As an At-Large member as she receives *AAUW in Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, *Get the Facts* alerts, and more including access to discount health and dental insurance, AAUW Research Reports, a low-interest rate credit card, and other members-only benefits.

This is a one-year member-at-large enrollment that must be completed online at <http://www.AAUW.org>. You will need your membership number to access the member only section of the website. Your gift recipient can join a branch at any time, but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues. You might want to forward the names of local gift recipients to membership VP, Bev Schwiegerling, [schwieg@adelphia.net](mailto:schwieg@adelphia.net).

The deadline for spring/summer graduates is Aug. 30, 2002.

### Faith Hoffman recognized for her Outstanding Service to Women

Faith Hoffman will be presented with the Joan A. Levine award in recognition of her Outstanding Service to Women. Faith will be honored during a dinner at Salvatore's Italian Gardens on June 20, 2002. This award was created in memory of Joan A. Levine, former Executive Director of

Preventionfocus. Recipients of this award are professional women who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for women in Western New York through their work and volunteer service. Faith is the Women Veterans Coordinator of the VA WNY Healthcare System and established the Ken-Ton Hopegivers, an organization that assists victims of domestic abuse. Congratulations to Faith on this well deserved recognition!

## Buffalo Branch Study Interest Groups

### Group Leaders

Please send study group information to:

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

### Group: **American Biographies (NEW)**

When: Wednesday, May 29 at 1:30 PM

Where: Greenhaven Branch Library  
350 Greenhaven Terr.,  
Town of Tonawanda

Topic: *Edison Inventing the Century*  
by Neil Baldwin

Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

### Group: **American Biographies (2nd mtg.)**

When: Tuesday, June 18 at 1:30 PM

Where: Clarence Town Library  
Old Goodrich Rd, Clarence

(East on Main St., past Sheridan, turn left at signal onto Goodrich. At 1<sup>st</sup> signal, turn left onto

Greiner. Take 1<sup>st</sup> right turn onto Old Goodrich Red Brick Library a mile around curve.)

Topic: *Life on the Mississippi*  
by Samuel Clemens

Welcome even if haven't read books!

### 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, June 26 at 6:00 PM

Where: Cameo's Restaurant



Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda

Topic: *Players Come Again* by Amanda Cross

Reviewer: Stacy Johnson

Contact: Stacy (885-2486) for reservations

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

When: Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 PM

Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904

Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore

Topic: *Hawke's Cove* by Susan Wilson

Reviewer: Julia Piquette

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

*Space is limited. Call early.*



### Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, June 4

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



### Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, June 6 at 1:30 PM

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

Topic: *South Asia: Focus on India*  
by Dennis Kux

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

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

There will be no meeting this month

### Group: **Travel Group**

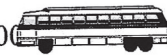
When: Thursday, June 29 at 6:00 PM

Where: Original Pancake House  
5479 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: Discuss plans for fall and winter trips.

Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519)

Call if you plan to attend.



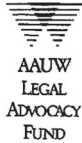
*In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.*



*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

June, 5-9

Book Sale - Steinmart -  
Premier

Plaza, Amherst

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 May 24, 2002.



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