

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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Roycroft Experience

Tuesday, October 23 - 7 p.m.

Speaker:
Donald Dayer

Topic
The Roycroft Renaissance

To be held at
The Roycroft Inn
40 South Grove Street
East Aurora

(Exit Rte. 400 at Maple Street. Proceed to Main St. - Maple ends at Main - turn left onto Main. At the next light turn right onto Grove Street.)

A docent will be provided for a tour at 6:30 with dessert, coffee and program at 7 pm

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TOURS - AMHERST MUSEUM

December 9, 2001

Tours begin at 2:00 PM and last about 1
1/2 hours.

Refreshments follow.
Amherst Museum

3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst
(at the corner of New Road)

Cost - \$6 Members, \$8 Adult non-members,
\$7 Young people

More information can be found on page 3.
Reservation Form is on page 7.

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OCTOBER 24, 2001**

President's Message

Pay equity for women is a complex issue. Pay equity for women is not a women's issue. Pay equity is a societal issue.

Women have strongly embraced care giving for their children, their families, their parents and aging relatives. For some women, this results in smaller pensions and smaller social security checks. The lower salaries earned because of lower expectations for education and the avoidance of non-traditional careers means women work longer hours for less reward and lower job satisfaction. Their children receive smaller social security checks if they become disabled or die.

High quality child care is an essential ingredient for the empowerment equation for society. The following is a breakdown of needed funds:

- An increase of \$1 billion in the Child Care and Development Block Grant in order to help an additional 246,000 children.
- An increase of \$1 billion in Head Start to expand the number of children served to nearly one million, a total of \$150 million for the Early Learning Opportunities Act so that communities can improve the quality of early childhood education.
- A total of \$1.5 billion for the 21st Century Learning Centers after school program.
- \$10 million for the Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program in H.R. 1.

Deadline for the November issue is October 12. 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.

- \$25 million for the Child Care Access Means Parents in School program so that parents who seek a higher degree have access to child care.
- An increase to \$10 million for the loan forgiveness for child care providers program so these individuals will have affordable opportunities to enhance their education and professional development.
- Restoration of the \$2.5 million for technical support to improve technical assistance for child care facilities and a total of \$75 million for the Early Reading First initiative.

AAUW has two manuals for your use entitled *Yes, We Can Latinas in School* and a *Community Coalitions Manual* from the Educational Foundation. You may borrow or order these two publications.

I encourage you to call me if you are interested in serving on the Strategic planning committee.

Rita Clement



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Roycroft Renaissance



The Roycroft Inn in East Aurora was the home of the Roycrofters who were part of the Arts and Crafts movement that flourished here and originated in England. This movement believed in quality and simplicity. The inn is furnished in authentic Roycroft furniture and beautiful Stickley reproductions. Roycroft lamps and wall sconces and wallpaper are in the artistic style of William Morris. The inn is a National Historic Landmark. If you arrive at 6:30 you will be given a tour and an explanation of the history of the movement and its' leader Elbert Hubbard.

Donald Dayer, a long time member of the Historical Society will talk to us about the present Roycrofters who are part of the Roycroft Renaissance.



Victorian Holiday

What better way to get in the Holiday Spirit than to participate in the Victorian Christmas Tours at the Amherst Museum! Join your fellow AAUW members, bring your friends, and enjoy the ambience of times past and present as we tour beautifully and authentically decorated homes, schools, and a church, learn about Victorian holiday traditions from costumed interpreters (including youth interpreters), be entertained by Victorian dancers, youth demonstrations, and musical groups. Our tours will begin at 2 PM - groups of 10-15 will go out on tour at a time, and our group should all be out on tour by 3 PM. The tours take about 1 1/2

hours, after which we will return to the Main Building to join the others for refreshments provided by the Museum - delicious holiday cookies and mulled cider. Please note that the complete tour requires walking outside for about 1/2 mile on the Museum grounds. The walkways and steps into the buildings are kept clear of snow and ice, but it may be quite cold, so please plan to dress appropriately. Also note that the outer buildings do not have central heat, because they are historically correct. The Main Building is toasty warm, however. Any of our members or guests who may prefer to stay in the Main Building and view the wonderful exhibits there while others are out on tour, are free to make that choice. You will be quite impressed with the displays, and will be able to enjoy the beautiful decorations, musical entertainment, and refreshments, and be there to greet others and enjoy their company when they return from their tours.

As you form your party and send in your reservations, please remember that babies in strollers and toddlers are discouraged at this event. It really isn't appropriate for these little ones.

REMEMBER - we must have your paid reservations by October 24th! We have to submit them to the Museum in order to secure our block of tours before they open reservations to the general public.

The Chair of this event is Marilyn Kihl. Please call her with any questions at 691-8299.



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: 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, October 24, at 6:00 PM

Where: Cameo's Restaurant
Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda

Topic: *Aunt Dimity's Death*
by Nancy Atherton

Reviewer: Suzanne Grossman

Contact: Suzanne (837-8769) for reservations



Group: Dinner by the Book

When: Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 PM

Where: Plaka Restaurant
2904 Delaware Ave., Kenmore

Topic: *The Red Tent*
by Anita Diamant

Reviewer: Leona Barback

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



Group: Film Group

When: Tuesday, October 2, November 6

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: Great Decisions

When: Thursday, October 4 at 1:30 PM

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

Topic: European Integration: Past,
Present and Future

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: Human Rights for Women – Global Issues

When: Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 PM

Where: Williamsville Branch of Amherst
Public Library 55 N. Main St.,
Williamsville (between Cayuga &
Mill Sts. next to Amherst Town Hall)

Topic: Syrian Women – power point
presentation by Sawsan Tabbaa

Discussion Leader: Rita Clement

Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)

Group: Out on the Town

When: Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 PM

What: Challenging The Maize - A profession-
ally designed cornfield maize

Where: Niagara Falls Blvd, Wheatfield
3 miles north of Youngman Hwy.
at Erie/Niagara County border

Contact: Marilyn Kihl (691-8299) for
details and directions



Group: Travel Group

When: Thursday, October 18 at 5:30 PM
6:15 PM if you do not wish to
have dinner

Where: Original Pancake House
5479 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: Discuss ideas for spring trip.

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

RSVP- No meeting if not enough response



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Legal Advocacy Fund

In June, the LAF Board adopted 5 new cases. Among the visionary women they supported were Lucinda Miller and Elaine King-Miller (no relation), of *Miller et al. v. Texas Tech Health Sciences Center*. Lucinda Miller, a former Professor of Pharmacy Practice, and Elaine King-Miller, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and former Associate Dean for Outcome Assessment, filed suit against Texas Tech for sex discrimination in the denial of tenure in November 2000.

Upon arrival at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, both women discovered that the professional climate was less than equitable. Assured that they would be considered for early tenure during the hiring process, both women were informed of caps on their salaries though their colleagues were paid more. Although they both had authored numerous publications, chaired and served on various committees and established campus programs, they were both denied tenure in 1998.

When they brought the alleged procedural irregularities, which occurred during the tenure process, to the administration's attention, they experienced a hostile work environment and negative performance evaluations. Distraught, Miller resigned in 1999. King-Miller was determined to continue her teaching and administrative duties even though denied tenure. She was demoted from Associate Dean to Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, an appointment that terminated in July 2001. The LAF Board has awarded \$5,000 in support of their case.

When you give to the Legal Advocacy Fund, you help women such as these to achieve equality in higher education. Your gift helps

AAUW carry out its mission of equity for all women and girls in creating positive societal change. When a case we support is successful, we help to build a body of law which will create a more equitable world for our daughters and granddaughters.

Wear the new 2001 LAF pin with pride for a contribution of \$100 or more. Join with other AAUW members across the country who are "Women Helping Women." Isn't this one of the important reasons we belong to AAUW in today's world?

Evelyn M. Currie, Director, AAUW NYS
Legal Advocacy Fund

On a local note, we successfully raised \$147 at the Potluck Dinner on September 12. Thank you to all of the attendees who bid on the 7 baskets. This money goes toward the Buffalo Branch's goal of \$1,333.50 for 2001. I will have more baskets at upcoming events.

Thank you also to all of the members who made a voluntary contribution to LAF with their membership dues.

Freddie Cheek

A Note to Our Non-Christian Members and Friends

Since the first non-Christian family moved to Amherst in 1902, our December meeting is appropriately titled "Victorian Christmas Tours" as given to us by the Amherst Museum. We are sensitive to non-Christian beliefs and concerns. Please consider how we might highlight other cultures, ethnicities and religions for next year's program. Contact me with your ideas.

Betty J. Krist V. P. (Program)

A Coalition for Women's Appointments ACWA

Maureen Melcher represented Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker at the AAUW Board meeting on September 5, 2001. Clotilde Dedecker is the Executive Director of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women. Maureen described the launch of the on-line Talent Bank in April, 2001. There are currently five hundred women registered in the Talent Bank. Women represent 54% of the population of Erie County. ACWA is a pilot project launched in Amherst to educate and create awareness among women and men about the process used to serve on for profit and non profit boards in Erie County. There will be a presentation made at the Amherst Museum on October 25 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm which is in the planning stages. Sharon Minklein encourages all AAUW members to call her at 839-3309 for updates and information. AAUW Buffalo branch has joined this coalition as an organization and has donated \$100.00 toward this women's equity project.

Patricia Swift MacClennen, Journalist to be Honored

Patricia Swift MacClennen will be honored on October 1, 2001 with the presentation of the William B. Hoyt Advocacy for Choice Award. The presentation is being made at the Annual Celebration 2001 with special guest speaker Frances Kissling who is President of Catholics for Free Choice. The luncheon is taking place at 12 noon at the Hyatt Regency 2 Fountain Plaza in downtown Buffalo. Reservations may be made by calling 831-2200 ext 305 by September 26. Cost to attend is \$35.00.

Congratulations to Patricia Swift MacClennen for this well deserved and prestigious recognition.

March Against Family Violence

The 9th annual march against family violence is October 5, 2001 from 11:30 am to 12:30 am. We will begin at 11:30 am at Lafayette Square and march to the steps of City Hall where a rally will be held to speak out against family violence.

For more information, please contact Jessica Pirro-Benigni at 834-2310 ext 150 or Bridgett Hallock at 884-6002.

Reservation form for Roycroft Meeting

Name: _____ # of guests: _____
(\$10.00 per person)

Phone #: _____

Enclose check payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch.

Clip and send to : Suzanne Oliver, 120 Deepwood Dr., East Aurora, NY 14052
by Oct. 15

If you need transportation or assistance, Contact Betty Krist (675-4059)



Victorian Holiday Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Guest's Name(s) Adults _____

Youths _____

Please circle your name or any guest's name above who is **NOT** going out on a tour,
but remaining inside the Main Building.

Amount enclosed - please make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch.

- ___ AAUW Members @ \$6.00
- ___ Adult Non-members (Guests) @ \$8.00
- ___ Youths @ 7.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Clip and send to: Marilyn C. Kihl, 27 Deepwood Ct., Amherst, NY 14228

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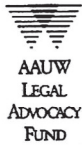
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



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



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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 13,

District Conference

Tuesday, October 23,

"Roycroft Renaissance"

Monday, November 19,

"Autoimmune Diseases and Women"

Sunday, December 9,

"Victorian Christmas Tour at the Amherst Museum"

(Reservations due this month)

Saturday, January 26

Continental Breakfast

"Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder"

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 September 24, 2001.



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