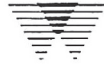


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ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday

September 12, 2001

5:30 p.m.

Speaker:
Dr. Lois Weis,

Topic:
Urban Girls and AAUW Research

to be held at

Christ United Methodist Church
350 Saratoga Road
Snyder, NY 14226
(Corner of Harlem)

See more information on page 3, and reservation
form on page 9

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**Celebrate Buffalo's History in
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When:

Sat. Sept. 29, 2001, 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where:

*Meet at **Hemingway's Restaurant** 492
Pearl St. (behind Studio Arena) at noon*

(See page 4 for more information and
reservation form)

President's Message

Strategic planning is taking place with your help July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The AAUW Buffalo Branch board is working on a plan for the next five years. We are asking for your ideas and encourage phone calls to any board member, as well as, letters and e-mail. We encourage you to write any ideas you may have on the white paper attached to the walls during our September Potluck dinner.

The four priority issues for AAUW are promoting equity for women and girls, promoting education, self-development over the life span and promoting positive societal change. What do you need as a member of the AAUW Buffalo Branch? What needs can we fill in our community? What problems do you see in our branch? What goals do you want us to reach? What specific steps do we need to take to reach these goals? We will also be developing an action plan. You are welcome to attend board meetings of the AAUW Buffalo Branch. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 pm at the Amherst Senior Center on John James Audobon Parkway in Amherst.

We encourage all members to attend the District I convention which is being held at the Holiday Inn in Hamburg, NY in October. I believe it is important to exchange ideas with other AAUW members

Deadline for the October issue is September 10. 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.

in our area. This meeting will involve discussions which took place in Ottawa during the convention in August with the International Federation of University Women.

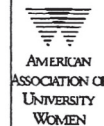
Ease of communication and creativity are essential for strategic planning initiatives. All your ideas will be considered and reviewed.

I hope to see you at the September Potluck.

Rita Clement

In Memoriam

Members of AAUW mourn the passing of two of its senior members. Marion Napper Winans died on June 16 at the age of 95 and Sarah T. Sterrett passed away on July 15 at the age of 96.



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Annual Potluck Dinner

Our Annual Potluck Dinner is Wednesday, September 12, 2002, at Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road, (corner of Harlem) Snyder. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. members and friends can survey exhibits created by Buffalo Branch Study Groups and find out more about how these popular interest groups operate and what they do. Members will be able to answer your questions and tell you how you might expand your participation and enjoyment in AAUW.

After a tasty repast, our speaker will be Dr. Lois Weis, Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy at UB, whose work focuses on race, class and gender in American schools. She has used much of AAUW research in her own work and recently spearheaded the "Urban Girls: Entering the New Millennium" conference in Buffalo that brought speakers and participants from across the country and Canada. Dr. Weis is Past President of the American Educational Studies Association and is on the editorial boards of several journals. Her most recent publications include *Beyond Silenced Voices* and *The Unknown City: The Lives of Poor and Working Class Young Adults*.

We may also have the opportunity to learn more about ACWA, the pilot project whose goal is to increase the percentage of women serving on municipal boards in Erie County.

Invite a friend to attend this kick-off event with you!

Betty Krist

Looking Ahead -

Victorian Christmas Tours at the Amherst Museum

AAUW-Buffalo Branch will be celebrating the Christmas Season by participating in the Victorian Christmas Tours at the Amherst Museum on Sunday afternoon, December 9th.

Enjoy tours of authentically decorated homes, schools, and a church on the grounds, costumed interpreters presenting Victorian holiday traditions, entertainment, and holiday refreshments, plus an opportunity to view the main museum displays. Guests of members and young people are invited, but toddlers and babies in strollers are discouraged. Because we have to submit paid reservations to the museum in October to secure our block of tours before they open reservations to the general public, please plan ahead and be forming your groups very soon! There will be more details and a reservation form in the October Newsletter.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 691-8299.

Marilyn Kihl

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Seating is limited for this groups-only event, reservations will be honored in the order in which they are received.

When: Sat. Sept. 29, 2001, 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: Meet at **Hemingway's Restaurant** 492 Pearl St. (behind Studio Arena) at noon

What:

- Brunch (including soup or salad, coffee, and chocolate mousse dessert) at 11:30 a.m.
- Architecture Tour departing Studio Arena at 2:00 p.m.
- Studio Arena Play *City of Light* at 4:00 p.m.

Brunch is choice of steak and greens, shrimp stir-fry or pasta primavera; Buffalo Architecture tour by UB School of Architecture Staff and Play based on Lauren Belfer's acclaimed novel about Buffalo

Cost: \$64.00 for full package only (includes brunch, tour and play in B area seating, taxes & gratuity)

Questions: Call Sandra Ceraulo at 716-633-1280

Clip and send to: Sandra Ceraulo, 209 Palmdale Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221 before Sept. 10, 2001

Brunch (self): ___ Steak ___ Chicken Stir-fry ___ Pasta Primavera **Total # Packages@**

\$64.00 per package: ___

Brunch (guest, if any): ___ Steak ___ Chicken Stir-fry ___ Pasta Primavera

Member's Name: _____

Guest's Name (if any): _____

Phone: _____

Enclose check payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch for \$64.00 per person; use additional sheets if necessary.

BOOK SALE 2001

They said it couldn't be done——make more money with fewer books, BUT we did it! Yes indeed, we did have fewer books. However, our collection in the Collectibles Room was the largest and most profitable to date, thanks to a dedicated committee getting better at detecting books of value. Congratulations to the Buffalo Branch for raising \$21,272.95. Thanks to an "all-out effort" by our members, we were successful again. We need everyone's help, even if it is just in donating books, informing your friends and neighbors about the sale, or making phone calls. Each "spoke of the wheel" is necessary to make the wheel turn. This year there were 101 people working at the site for a total of 1846 hours (an increase from last year). The breakdown follows:

34 members worked 1-5 hours
17 members worked 5-10 hours
32 members worked 10-25 hours
9 members worked 25-50 hours
6 members worked 50-100 hours
3 members worked 100+ hours.

This does not include those members behind the scene making calls, typing labels, working on publicity, etc. Thank you one and all.

I can't say enough about our committee. They are very dedicated, hard working, and flexible (they have to be, little remains the same from one year to the next, except- luckily our site for the last three years). This year AmeriCorps informed us that their policy had changed and they were now charging for their services. Their fees were much too high to continue so we went with an alternative plan and rented a U-Haul to pick up the books from the depots. The committee came to the rescue with many husbands to help, and we also received some assistance from the "YES" program. Thanks to Jill Brown and Bobbie Ross (Collectibles); Barbara Engler and Marguerite Collesano (Collections); Maria Ceraulo and Ann Hicks (Publicity); Ruth Auer (signs); Betty Loucks and Janet Trinkwalder (Treasurers); Karen Noonan (Set-up); Ann Hicks and Ann Bish (Post Sale); Anne Allan, Rita Clement, Suzanne Grossman, Jean Hubbard, Mary Kellner, Marilyn Kihl, Chris O'Connor, Suzanne Oliver, Jane Riga, Maryalice Seagrave, Joyce Swartney, Rose Tarzia, Janet Vine, Judy Weidemann, Cathy Weiss, Phyllis Wray, Barbara Smith (Sorting Supervisors).

If we didn't have our depots and members who pick up books, we couldn't continue. Many thanks to them: Barbara Engler, Marguerite Collesano, Marilyn Kihl, Mary Kellner, Elaine Cusker, Jean Hubbard, Karen Noonan, Leslie McCain, Ann Hicks, Anne Allan, Ruth Auer, Judy Weidemann, Ann Montes, Kathy Basher, Rita Clement, Chris O'Connor, Claudia Kania, Alice Glace, Marion Fay, Bev Mooney, Margaret Haas, Barbara Smith, Betty Loucks.

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

We are grateful to our non-members who helped us tremendously: Benderson Corporation for donating our book sale site; George Iannello, Advanced Graphics and Printing, who donated our bookmarks; Able Table Party Rental for reduced table and truck rental prices; Amherst and Cheektowaga "Youth Engaged in Service" (YES program) who helped in the transportation of books and set-up; Bob Burgash, Shield Sports, who donated the use of his truck for removing left-over books and our supplies from the site. With the aid of these community members we were able to save thousands of dollars in expenses.

We can't forget those husbands who assisted us- Stanley Collesano, Don Engler, Charles Jamieson, Ron Kellner, Tom Malamas, Doug McClive, Frank Riga, Jim Stephenson, Vince Tarzia, Charles Weiss, Joe Yelich: **A BIG THANK YOU.**

Lastly we would like to thank the members who helped defray the cost of table rental, supplies, goodies: Gloria Beutner, Janet Fowler, Yvette Goodloe, Judith Bratty, Beverly Mooney, Ann Bish, Betty Krist, Lucille Peterson, Florence Rembold, Ann Killian, Ruth Seitz, Julia Piquette, Ruth Sichernan, Marianne Motyka, Jeanne McKown, Marguerite Collesano, Anne Allan, Ruth Himmele, Joan Eschner, Jacqueline Trace, Janet Vine.

Proceeds from the sale are designated for the Association's Educational Foundation (used for educational, research, and community grants); Loans for Education (local scholarships, grants and loans for education); and Branch Special Projects.

Thanks again to all who helped in any way. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, please call Bunny (655-4519). We do enjoy ourselves while working for a good cause.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Admissions	1775.00	Table rental	1382.50
Presale	434.20	Postage, printing, labels	264.73
Collectibles	4345.55	Supplies	91.40
Sales	14718.20	Truck rental, insurance, gas	113.14
		Site insurance	25.00
Sub-total	21272.95	Cheektowaga YES	20.00
Table donations	675.00	Niagara Mohawk	351.57
Gross Income	21947.95	Sponsor gift certificates	150.00
		Branch roster (1/2 cost)	136.00
Net Income	19413.61	Total Expenses	2534.34

Bunny Blackstone, Book Sale Coordinator

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

No meeting this month

(See page 8 for reading list)



Group: Dinner by the Book

When: Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30 PM
Where: Plaka Restaurant
2904 Delaware Ave., Kenmore
Topic: *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
by Tracy Chevalier
Reviewer: Jan Vine
Contact: RSVP to Fran Witnauer (H 837-5887



or W 856-3150) for reservations

(See page 8 for reading list)

Group: Film Group

When: Tuesday, September 4, October 2
Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: Great Decisions

When: Thursday, September 6 at 1:30 PM
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church
6320 Main St. near ECC North
Topic: *Prospect for Mexico: New Path in the 21st Century*
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: Human Rights for Women – Global Issues

When: Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM
Where: Harlem Road Community Center (meeting room) 4255 Harlem Rd., Amherst (one block south of Main St. intersection)
Topic: Report from August 2001 conference of International Federation of University Women on “Globalization: Connections Through Education” Discussion leader: Teresa Gessner. All are welcome!
Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)

Group: Out on the Town

When: Saturday, September 29 at 11:30 AM
What: *City of Light*
Where: Studio Arena Theater
Support AAUW fundraiser
Contact: Marilyn Kihl (691-8299)



Group: Travel Group

When: Thursday, September 20 at 5:30 PM
6:15 PM if you do not wish to have dinner
Where: Original Pancake House
5479 Main St., Williamsville
Topic: Finalize December trip. Discuss possibilities for spring trip.
Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519)
RSVP- No meeting if not enough response



Gourmet Group Reunion

Did you belong to the Gourmet Group in the 70's and 80's? Please read on.

At the Book Sale Helen Morrison, Marion Elmer and I were talking about the fun we all had with the Gourmet Group of years ago. Helen said, "How about a reunion?" To be sure, some of those members have moved—Carol Stull and Jean Lavid to name just two of them. Some of the members have died—Florence Church and Bertha Cutcher, for example. However, there are still a bunch of us that are in the Branch.

How about a reunion? Late this September or early October might be a good time. If you are at all interested, please call me at 873-1076 or email me at lowjar@aol.com. We'd be delighted to have any members who were not part of the original Gourmet Group and would like to join us if we do have a reunion. Please contact me.

Lois Jarrett

Congratulations!

Julia Piquette, Ph.D

Dr. Julia Piquette has been a volunteer at the Blocher Homes for over 15 years. She was President of the AAUW Buffalo branch from 1981-1982. She was a member of the former Women's Committee and presently a member of the Blocher Services Guild. Dr. Piquette holds regular book reviews for residents where she shares her expertise and knowledge. She also volunteers to fill in as receptionist for the front desk where residents love to stop by and chat with her.

Study Group Book Lists for 2001-2002

The **Dinner by the Book Group** will be reviewing the following books this coming year:

Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende

Death in Holy Orders by P.D. James

We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates

Ladies With Options by Cynthia Hartwick

Bee Season by Myla Goldberg

Deepwater Mountain by Rebecca Cale Camhi

Hawke's Cove by Susan Wilson

The **Mystery Clueless Book Group** will be including the following books in their discussions:

Aunt Dimity's Death by Nancy Atherton

9 Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers

Death in Holy Orders by P.D. James

Havana Heat by Caroline Garcia-Aguilera

Search the Dark by Charles Todd

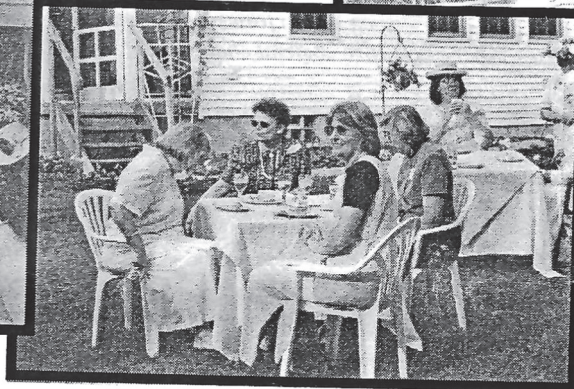
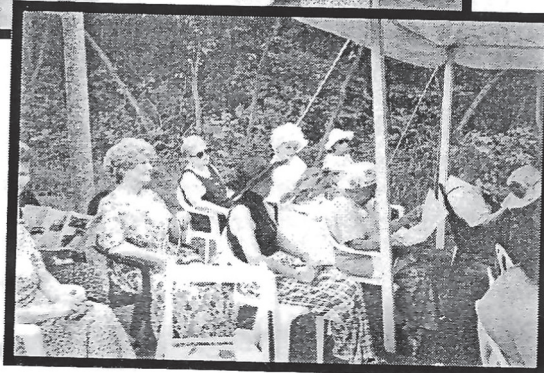
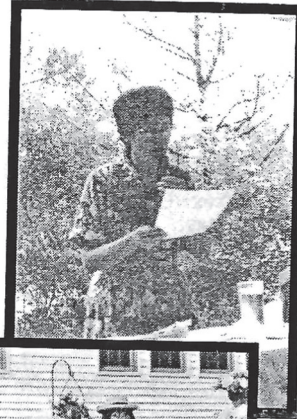
Buried Bones by Carolyn Haines

Players Come Again by Amanda Cross

Murder at Monticello by Rita Mae & Sneaky Pie Brown



August Tea and Poetry at home of Judy Wiedemann



POT LUCK DINNER Reservation Form
September 12, 2001 at 5:30 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road, Snyder

Name _____ Phone _____

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 dessert for 8-10 people
- _____ \$2.00 and a salad for 8-10 people

Send reservations and check payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch to: Bunny Blackstone, 11478 Tomarsue Dr., Marilla, NY 14102. Reservations must be received by 9/7/01.

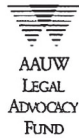
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



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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

Wednesday, September 12
Potluck Dinner

Saturday, September 29
City of Light Event

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"

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 August 23, 2001.



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