



# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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April 2003

## Upcoming Programs

### *Spring Breakfast at the Ball Park* (Pettibone's Restaurant)

Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m.

“Long-term Health Care, Estate Planning & Elder Law”

Speakers: Maryann Saccomando Freedman and Daniel Caro

### *Buffalo Branch Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon*

Saturday, May 3, 2003

Registration and Networking – 11:30 am

Luncheon – 12:00 noon

Tiddleybinks at the Niagara Club, 24 Buffalo Ave.,  
Niagara Falls, NY

See page 3 and last month's issue for more information

## President's Message

Spring is just around the bend and I'm thinking ahead to May. I urge members to plan to attend the Annual Achievement and Awards Luncheon. Linda Suchocki and Sue Oliver will be installed as Co-Presidents for 2003-2004. In addition to the usual festivities, we have an important item of business to vote on. With the legal assistance of the SUNY Law School Clinic, our branch is applying for a 501C3 not-for-profit status to manage our educational and charitable activities. Further in this newsletter you will read in detail all that is involved about the proposition. Janet Fowler has worked diligently with the lawyers to gather all the information for this process. Please be sure you understand the proposition and plan to attend the luncheon to vote. Please note that the travel time from downtown Buffalo to the Niagara Club is approximately 20 minutes. So link up with a fellow member or call if you need a ride.

Congratulations to Chairwoman, Teresa Gessner for planning the exciting conference, "Women Count: Conversations About Equity," held to celebrate International Women's Day, on March 8. I was gratified that the audience included many students. In addition 10 local women's organizations co-sponsored the event. NY State President, Evelyn M. Currie writes in a letter, "It is with great pride I award the Buffalo Branch an AAUW-NYS Living the Mission Recognition Award for your Women Count event. The Buffalo Branch is a role model for other NYS branches."

Deadline for the May issue is April 14. Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail at [jmeschner@att.net](mailto:jmeschner@att.net). Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the May issue.

And of course, May is the month of our preparation for the June Book Sale. This project is not only the source of the revenues that make our endeavors possible but it provides an opportunity to meet and greet the general Public and let them know what we are about. SEE YOU THERE! (Vix Plaza)

Marguerite Collesano

### To Honor Homer Fay

Marion Fay and family invite you to a Musical Tribute and Reception on Sunday May 4, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Brookfield Country Club  
5120 Shimerville Road, Clarence, NY

**Piano and Violin -**

**Steven and Martha Thomas**

**Brantwood Brass Ensemble -**

**Don Montalto**

**Brompton Trombone Quartet -**

**Barry Wood**

**Guitar - Jerry Revzin**

**The Buffalo Silver Band - Pim Liebmann**

If you plan to attend call Barbara Paulson at 685-6316 by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks you.



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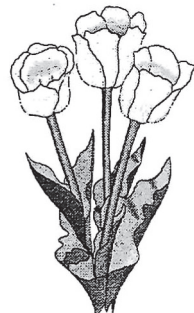
**Spring Breakfast  
at the Ball Park**  
“Longterm Health Care,  
Estate Planning & Elder Law”  
**Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.**

Don't let the winter blues get you down! What better way to rejuvenate your spirit than a good breakfast, the company of friends and essential education? While some concepts have select audiences, we all need to deal with the legal and medical issues of aging.

At 10 a.m. the breakfast buffet (assorted muffins, pastries and bagels, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage links, bacon, sliced ham, assorted juice, coffee tea and decaf) gives us the chance to chat with friends and feed body and spirit. Then, Maryann Saccomando Freedman and her colleague, Daniel Caro, from Cohen & Lombardo PC attorneys will help us understand the complexities of the laws that affect all of us. You will recall that Maryann was the speaker at our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon, so we know she will bring knowledge, clarity and good humor to a serious subject. She is also a member of the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame.

Parking is free at Pettibone's parking lot on Exchange Street. See you at the Ballpark!

Betty Krist



**Buffalo Branch Annual  
Achievement And Award  
Luncheon**  
**Saturday, May 3, 2003**

Please join us for presentation of the Annual Achievement Award, announcement of Velma Cobb scholarship winners and celebration of our honorary and long-time members, election of new officers, and voting for the 501C3 not-for-profit corporation

**-Luncheon Menu-**

**Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad served  
with Escarole Soup**

**Or**

**Vegetarian Substitute: Grilled  
Vegetable Strudel with Escarole Soup**

**Assorted Warm Rolls**

**Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Mousse**

**Directions to the Niagara Club** from Buffalo and the North Grand Island Bridge: before you exit the bridge, stay in the right lane and take the exit for the Robert Moses Pkwy. Drive 3.5 miles to the “City Traffic” exit, stay in the left lane on this ramp and turn left onto Buffalo Ave. at the first traffic signal. The Club is .6 mile from the exit at the corner of Buffalo Ave and First St. The entrance faces Buffalo Ave. A public parking lot is directly across from the Club on First St. If familiar with The Red Coach Inn on Main St., the Niagara Club is behind it.

**(More information on page 4)**

## Call for Public Policy Participants

Please consider becoming part of the branch Public Policy Committee. We look at and recommend action on items which affect women and children on the local, state and national level. The next meeting will be a stimulating discussion of Title IX, the State Budget Crisis and other current issues. The meeting will be held at Spillio's Restaurant 5175 Transit Road near Maple in Williamsville at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 14, 2003. Call Cathy Weiss at 688-6181 or Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 if you will be coming.

## Buffalo Branch Announces Achievement Award Winner and Installs Officers

AAUW, Buffalo Branch will hold their annual May luncheon on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. at Tiddlybinks restaurant located in the lovely Niagara Club, 24 Buffalo Avenue in Niagara Falls, NY.

This year's Achievement Award winner to be presented at the luncheon is Esther Sans Takeuchi, Ph.D. Dr. Takeuchi, Vice-President of Research and Development at Wilson Greatbatch Technologies holds 78 patents, nearly half of the active patents at that company. She developed the battery used in

implantable cardiac defibrillators. This technology powers more than 90% of those devices worldwide which impacts the lives of over 200,000 people who bear cardiac implants powered by Wilson Greatbatch's tiny batteries.

She came from a family of refugees from World War II. She grew up speaking Latvian and had to learn English when she started school. Her family was of modest means and she put herself through high school and college by summer jobs and work study. She is a mentor to chemistry students and has published extensively.

Dr. Takeuchi, who was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame in 1998, is a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and holds a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from The Ohio State University.

The registration form appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Linda Suchocki and Suzanne Oliver head a slate of officers to be installed by Eileen Hartman, New York State AAUW College and University Representative. Other officers are: President-Elect Janet Fowler, First Vice-President (Program) Teresa Gessner, Third Vice-President (Membership Retention) Janet Trinkwalder, Treasurer Adrienne Kotler, Loans Fund Treasurer Marilyn Kihl, Nominating Committee Chair  
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Marguerite Collesano and Nominating Committee Members Carol Battle, Bertha Boston, Lois Dabney and Marie Jansen.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, there will be a brief meeting at the May luncheon to vote on a proposition to move Chamberlin loan funds to the new Not-for-Profit corporation of the AAUW, Buffalo Branch. Please refer to the article in this newsletter on this topic.

In addition, honorary and long-time members will be honored. The two recipients of the 2003 Velma Cobb Scholarship will also be recognized.

Maria Ceraulo

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## Board Minutes February

Leona Barback reported that Chamberlin loan committee had nine applicants. The committee recommended that two be deferred and the other seven be granted various awards. The board approved the recommendations.

The board voted to approve branch sponsorship of the Dr. Mae Jemison speech at UB on February 27. This is part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative lecture series. Dr. Jemison is an engineer, physician and astronaut and was also a keynote speaker at the association convention in 2002.

It was brought to the attention of the board

that branch program speakers often elect to waive a fee. It was decided that speakers who do so should be offered a one-year complimentary membership in AAUW.

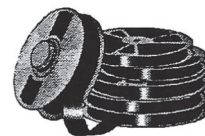
Members interested in attending either the NYS AAUW convention on Long Island in April or the association convention in Rhode Island in June should contact the president. Credentials forms must be completed for those who wish to attend as branch delegates.

Betty Preble

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## *I Can Get It For You Wholesale Plays Friday, April 11 in Film Series*

*I Can Get It For You Wholesale* (1951) is the seventh film in the Women in Film series,



“Look to the Ladies”, co-sponsored by AAUW, Buffalo Branch, the Old Chestnut Film Society and Ken-Ton Community Education. It will be shown on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Hayward stars as a former fashion model turned designer, attempting to claw her way to the top of the NYC garment industry. Dan Dailey, Sam Jaffee and George Sanders costar in this fine adaptation of Jerome Weidman’s flavorful novel.

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The film will be shown at the Community Room of Hoover Elementary School on Sheridan Drive (between Colvin and Delaware Avenue). The entrance is directly under the walking overpass. Admission is \$4. For more information, please call Maria Ceraulo at 881-0729.

Maria Ceraulo

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## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH NOT-FOR- PROFIT CORPORATION

After two years of work with the University of Buffalo Law Clinic, the committee to form a "Not-for-Profit Corporation for the AAUW Buffalo Branch has completed their project and will be presenting the proposition to move the Chamberlin Funds to the new Not-for-Profit Corporation at the May Luncheon and meeting. The proposition is stated further below for your review.

The new corporation, named **Education Accounts and Charitable Projects, American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch Inc.**, will enable all of the Buffalo Branch's education and charitable project activities to operate as a 501C3 corporation with tax exempt status,

not only in its operation, but also in its receipt of tax deductible donations.

All regular monthly activities such as monthly meetings, newsletter and programs will remain with the regular Buffalo Branch Corporation. The AAUW Buffalo Branch is a 501C4 corporation, which does not allow for tax exempt status due to the lobby efforts carried on by AAUW at the local, state and national levels for women's rights issues. The new corporation will operate under the education and charitable activity tax laws, similar to the National Educational Foundation.

To the AAUW Buffalo Branch members this move will be transparent, as the same Board of Directors will govern both corporations. All members of the Buffalo Branch will be members of the new corporation with no additional dues, and the added benefit that all donations to educational funds and activities will be tax deductible.

The AAUW Buffalo Branch Inc. membership will be asked to vote on this proposition at the May Luncheon. A "Frequently Asked Questions" section regarding this proposition will appear in the next newsletter, prior to the luncheon. If you have any questions, please call Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or email her at [JANALANF@aol.com](mailto:JANALANF@aol.com).

The Proposition is as follows:

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To the Members of the American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch Inc.:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the members of the American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch, Inc. will be held at Tiddlybinks in the City of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, immediately prior to the annual member's meeting to take action on a proposition to transfer and convey the assets of the corporation in accordance with the enclosed resolution which has been presented to and authorized by the board. Dated, March 7, 2003 .

Janet Fowler, Chair

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the affirmative votes of the members entitled to vote thereon:

RESOLVED, that the American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch Inc. transfer and convey to the Educational Accounts and Charitable Projects American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch, Inc. the Chamberlin Loan Fund, to be transferred and conveyed in such manner and on such terms as the board of directors of the American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch Inc. recommended in its resolution of March 7, 2003 , and be it further RESOLVED, that the board of

directors of the American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch Inc. and the officers thereof be and they hereby are directed and authorized to take the necessary steps and execute the necessary documents to effectuate the transfer herein consented to and authorized.

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## 49th Used Book Sale To Be Held at New Site

We have a new site for our book sale. It is located in the **Vix Plaza** on Transit Rd., Clarence, between Main St. and Wehrle Ave. We will have signs in the windows. Our moving day is April 29th and we will begin sorting books on April 30th. Check the enclosed May and June calendars for dates and times we are open. You don't have to sign up to sort, just show up. We will be calling to request members to work at the sale for one or more shifts. Depending on the day, we need 10-18 members working each shift to run the sale. Please help us out. If you are unable to sort or work at the sale, you may help us in the following:

- 1. Save large brown paper grocery bags or plastic grocery bags for our sale.
- 2. Donate books for the sale.
- 3. Inform your friends of the sale.
- 4. Donate \$10 (or more) to help defray the cost of table rental. Make your check out to the Educational Foundation and

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send it to: Tamara Brown, 707 Kelly Drive, East Aurora, NY 14052.

- 5. Volunteer to assist with book delivery. We need many volunteers throughout the year to pick up numerous donations of books. Husbands and friends are welcome to help us!
- 6. Donate space for storing books until the sale. A dry small space in a garage is all we need.
- 7. Donate goodies for our working crew at the site.

Last year was a very successful year. Please help us continue to improve in our net proceeds. Our funds are used for the Educational Foundation, Funds for Education, and other charitable or educational endeavors.

If you have any questions, please call Bunny (655-4519).

Bunny Blackstone

## Buffalo Branch AAUW Cosponsors M.L.K., Jr. Commemorative Event



The U.B. Distinguished Speaker Series this year featured Mae Jamison, astronaut, doctor, scientist, and inductee into the Woman's and Medical Halls of Fame as their M.L.K. Jr. speaker. Two students in the U.B. Gifted Math program were our guests at this Lecture. Pictured, from left to right are Sara Jablonske, Mae Jamison and Ruchi Mathur

## AAUW Buffalo Branch welcomes the follow new members who have joined us since November 2002.

Marilyn Bush	107 Patrice Terrace	Williamsville	14221	632-2708
Colette Drews	325 Jersey Street	Buffalo	14201	886-5392
Yvonne B. Evans	98 Proctor Ave.	Buffalo	14215	893-2370
Janet Howard	5484 Tonawanda Creek Rd	North Tonawanda	14120	625-8190
Louise Kreiner	48 Lexington Avenue	Buffalo	14222	883-2233
Kathleen McGlenn Harris	135 Sargent Drive	Snyder	14226	839-2803
Emily Skrzyniarz	400 Sanders Road	Buffalo	14216	874 1176
Rita Smyth-McDonald	222 North Park Avenue	Buffalo	14216	876 2153
Judith Torrico	101 Nicholson St	Buffalo	14214	833-6280
Jaylan Turkkan PhD	72 Middlesex Road	Buffalo	14216	874-8878



## Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

### Group Leaders:

Please send study group information to:  
Mary Kellner, 8470 Lakemont Dr., East Amherst, NY 14051  
741-8127, mkellner39@aol.com

**Note:** *If you are interested in forming a new study group, please send the purpose and expectations of the group to Mary.*

### Group: **American Biographies**

When: Tuesday, April 15th, at 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Eggertsville Library  
4622 Main St. (east of Harlem at  
Burroughs. Parking lot off Burroughs)

Topic: *Portrait of an Artist, a Biography of  
Georgia O'Keefe* by Laurie Lisle

Facilitator: Ann Hicks

Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

All are welcome whether you have  
read the book or not.

### 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 23 at 6 p.m.  
Where: Original Pancake House  
2075 Niagara Falls Blvd. just past  
Home Depot/Walmart Plaza  
Topic: *Fatal Voyage*  
by Kathy Reichs

Reviewer: Stacy Johnson

Contact: Stacy (885-2486) for reservations

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

When: Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904  
Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore  
Topic: *Empress of the Splendid Season*  
by Oscar Hijuelos

Reviewer: Ingrid Wetherbee  
Contact: RSVP to Fran (H 837-5887  
or W 856-3150)

*Space is limited. Call early.*



### Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, April 1  
Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)

### Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, April 3  
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church  
Main St. East of Youngs Rd.,  
Williamsville

Topic: *The Uneasy U.S. – Saudi Alliance*

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

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

When: Tuesday, April 8 at 12:15 to 1:30PM  
(bring your lunch)

Where: Buffalo State College  
1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo NY 14222,  
Room 115, Bacon Hall  
Campus - Map - p.46 Talking Phone Book)

Topic: 'Women of India'

Presenter: Harsha Acharya

Discussion Moderator: Marguerite Collesano

Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)  
tgessner@acsu.buffalo.edu

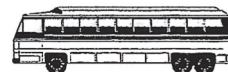
**Public Policy Meeting** - Monday, April 14, 2003,  
at 6:00 PM at Spillio's Restaurant. Spillio's is  
located at 5175 Transit Road near Maple Road in  
Williamsville. Call Cathy Weiss 688-6181 or Judy  
Weidemann 655-3649 if interested.

### Group: **Travel Group**

Topic: Make plans for future trips.  
Contact: Bev Schwiegerling (652-7182)  
to put item on the agenda and for date, time and  
location

[schwieg@adelphia.net](mailto:schwieg@adelphia.net)

*All are welcome!*



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday March 29** - Sister to Sister

**Wednesday April 2,** - Board Meeting

**Saturday April 12** - Brunch, Longterm Health Care, Estate Planning and Elder Law

**Friday - Sunday April 25 - 27** - State Convention, Long Island

**Saturday - May 3** - Annual Awards Luncheon

Reservation form for Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon

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

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Menu selection \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Return reservations by **April 23, 2003** to:

Joan Trinchera, 84 Pleasant Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075

**If you need assistance call Betty Krist at 675-4059**

Reservation Form for April Meeting,  
**Longterm Health Care, Estate Planning & Elder Law**  
Breakfast Buffet, Pettibone's at Dunn Tire Park

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

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$13.00 per person                      Total included \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Buffalo Branch AAUW.*

Return reservations by **April 7** to:

**Barb Carier**, 295 Lakewood Parkway, Amherst, NY 14226-4072

**If you need assistance, contact Barb at 839-0933.**