



BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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May 2003

Buffalo Branch Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon

Saturday, May 3, 2003

If you haven't already made your reservations, you
must call Joan Trinchera (649-1944) by April 25th



Athena Award Luncheon

(honoring Linda Suchocki, AAUW President Elect and Gretchen Stringer)

(see page 6)

Date: May 1, 2003

Sponsoring organization: WNY Women's Fund and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Location: Hyatt Regency Buffalo

Time: 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Price: \$45 per person

To register contact: Judy Weidemann at 655-3649
or e-mail to: JWeide7170@aol.com



President's Message

"For years I've been aspiring to be a writer..I believe in the power of words against ignorance and violence. Through varied and exciting writing experiences with journalism, from my school yearbook to my local newspaper to a woman's magazine circulated worldwide, I have fallen in love with this field... I hope to eventually attain an editorial position, perhaps of my own women's magazine, and to write a book on women's civil rights." Ryan Rose Weaver, a senior at Sweet Home High School, wrote these sentiments. She and her classmate, Heather Rice are the AAUW, Buffalo Branch, 2003, Velma A. Cobb Scholarship Awardees. These two young women are role models for a younger generation who will be our voice in the future. The committee, chaired by Maria Cerulo, had a difficult time narrowing the field of nominees because all were articulate, scholarly and dedicated to their educational and career goals. They are all winners! Equally impressive was their record of community service, recognizing that in the future they will need to make contributions to their community, to share their talents, and to make a better world. I congratulate the teachers and counselors, who guide these students. Interviewing these young women made me realize that our Association's most important goal is to encourage young women to

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realize their goals. Finally, I want to remember the generosity of Velma Cobb, who left such a wonderful legacy. You will have an opportunity to meet these young women at the Annual Awards Luncheon, May 4. SEE YOU THERE .

Marguerite Collesano

Save the Date

On Friday June 6th 2003 Bunny Blackstone will be honored at the YWCA 25th Annual Leader Luncheon at the Buffalo Convention Center. She will be honored for her volunteer activities, particularly for her work on the AAUW Buffalo Branch Used Book Sale. The cost per person is \$40. Contact Judy Weidemann at 655 3649 or Jweide7170@aol.com to make a reservation.



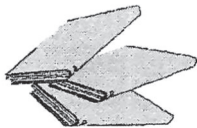
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USED BOOK SALE 2003

Just a reminder— we will open the doors on April 29th for sorting our books. Remember we have a new site, the Vix Plaza on Transit Rd. between Main and Wehrle. There will be a large sign in the front window. We are located next to a children's store. Check your calendar from the April newsletter for the days and times we will be open. One correction: on Friday 16 and 23 the store will close at 5 p.m. Sorry, my mistake. You don't have to sign up to come and sort.

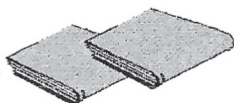
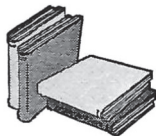
Our committee will be calling in May to solicit members to work the sale. We need between 10-18 per shift each day (more are needed on the first day when the dealers shop). Please help us out.

If you have any books that you can part with, we would love to take them (excluding text books, encyclopedias, and Reader's Digest condensed books).

This year we will have thousands of brand new books with over 100 different titles in all categories. They are priced from \$2-\$5. These make great gifts.

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

Bunny Blackstone



Buffalo Branch Establishes Relationship with Branch in Bilbao, Spain

At its April 2 meeting, the Board of Buffalo Branch of AAUW voted to establish a sister relationship with the International Federation of University Women [IFUW] branch in Bilbao, Spain, effective immediately. All members of AAUW are automatically members of IFUW.

The group in Bilbao was established by Maria Elisa Zorriqueta, who learned about IFUW when she, as a visitor, attended meetings of the Buffalo Branch. This new group, one of the first in Spain, is interested in learning from us about ways to support our mission effectively.

Purposes

The purposes of the relationship will be to

- 1) communicate organizational experience (such as by-laws and job descriptions) to the recently established branch in Bilbao,
- 2) to share ideas for programs and projects,
- 3) other mutually-agreed upon goals.

Carol Jamieson

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

As mentioned in the April newsletter, further information on the new Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization appears in this newsletter, answering member questions.

Q. In the past I donated to the Education Foundation at the National level as a charitable donation. Why do we need to have a 501c3 organization at the Buffalo Branch level?

A. By establishing a 501c3 Corporation at the Buffalo Branch level, our members will have the ability to make charitable donations at the local level, keeping the money in Western New York for our own educational programs. It will be a tax exempt organization.

Q. Why are we moving Chamberlin Loan to the new organization? It is a Trust Account. It also cannot accept donations.

A. The Chamberlin Trust account will remain where it is at HSBC Bank. The income from the Trust Account funds Chamberlin Loans and Grants. The checking account where this income is deposited will be moved/reclassified to the "EducationAccounts and Charitable Projects" side of the organization, under the new 501c3 corporation. All of the EducationAccounts and Charitable Projects are moving to the new 501c3 organization.

Yes, it is correct that Chamberlin Loan cannot receive donations, and it will not in the new organization. The operation of Chamberlin Loan Fund will not be altered; it will remain as is, except it will be classified in the Not-for-Profit organization of the Buffalo Branch. Think of it as moving it to a different line in the organization.

The following is a summary to clarify how the Buffalo Branch will be structured.

Business as Usual Buffalo Branch

Branch Monthly Meetings
Newsletter
Buffalo Branch Study Groups
Special Interest Groups
Legal Advocacy Fund
Public Policy
Membership
Public Relations
Theater Fund Raiser
Special Projects (non-ed)

501c3 Buffalo Branch

Chamberlin Loan Fund
Funds for Education
Velma Cobb Scholarship
Educational Foundation
Book Sale
Charitable Projects
Educational Projects including
Transitions Conference
International Women Lectures
Special Projects (educational)

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. All activities will be tax-exempt.

The AAUW Buffalo Branch Inc. membership will be asked to vote on this proposition at the May Luncheon. A ballot slip will be handed to you at registration for your vote. You will also be given a copy of the proposition and a brief summary of the purpose of the proposition If you have any questions please call Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or email her at janalanf@aol.com.

The Proposition is as follows:

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

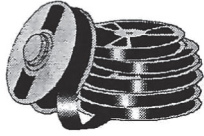
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the members of the American Association of University Women, Buffalo Branch, Inc. will be held at Tiddlybinks in the City of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on the 3rd day of May, immediately prior to the annual members meeting to take action on a proposition to transfer 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
Chairperson

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.”

Rachel, Rachel
Plays Friday, May 9, as
Final Film in Series



Rachel, Rachel (1968) is the eighth and final 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, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Can schoolmarm Joanne Woodward get out from under the suffocating influence of her widowed mom, and have a life? OK, sometimes the issues don't change that much! Paul Newman's first film as director, this provides a sweet and sensitive ending to our year with the ladies-in glorious Technicolor.

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

Thanks to Well Wishers

Carol Jamieson wishes to thank all members who sent cards and notes after her recent surgery.

Please Welcome our New Members

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Professor

What is the Athena Award?

The ATHENA Award honors a member of the community who personifies the highest level of professional excellence and demonstrates a strong commitment to promoting leadership opportunities for women. This award has brought prestige, recognition and respect to all recipients locally, nationally and internationally. It is dedicated to promoting and honoring the valuable contributions being made to advance the status of women in the Buffalo Niagara area.

Net proceeds of this event will be donated the WNY Women's Fund. The Fund supports innovative solutions to the issues and needs of women and girls in WNY and proceeds will be used to fund significant issues through an established grant making process.

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Group

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, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Eggertsville Library
4622 Main St. (east of Harlem at

Burroughs. Parking lot off Burroughs)

Topic: *Grover Cleveland, a Study in Character* by Alan Brodsky

Facilitator & 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, May 28 at 6 p.m.

Where: Original Pancake House
2075 Niagara Falls Blvd. just past
Home Depot/Walmart Plaza

Topic: *Book Selections for 2003-2004*

Contact: Judy Bratty (833-5995) for
reservations

Group: **Dinner by the Book**

When: Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Marilyn Todd's home
107 North Brier Rd., Amherst

Program: *Annual Potluck Dinner*

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



Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, May 6

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church
Main St. East of Youngs Rd.,
Williamsville

Topic: *US and Nigeria*

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

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

Topic: Business Meeting

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

to put items on agenda & for
date, time & location

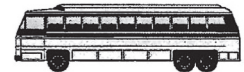
Group: **Travel Group**

Topic: Make plans for future trips.

Contact: Bev Schwiegerling (652-7182)
to put item on the agenda

and for date, time and location
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All are welcome!





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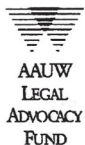
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



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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

May 1 - Athena Award Luncheon

May 3 - Annual Achievement Luncheon

Tuesday, April 29 - Move books to site

**Tuesdays - Saturdays, -April 30 -
 May 23 - Sort books. No
 sorting on Fri. May 16 and 23.**

Tuesday, May 27- June 3 -table set-up

**Wednesday, June 4 - Sunday, June 8
 Book Sale**

Friday, June 6 - YWCA Leadership Luncheon

**Monday, June 16 - Farewell Tea for
 Ann Bish and Ann Hicks**

June 9 - 10 Clean up

Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Betty Preble at 662-0608. This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on April 19, 2003.