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# Buffalo Branch Newsletter

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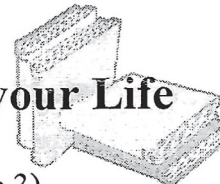
## November Meetings

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## President's Message

**M**embers of the AAUW District 1 Branches met on October 5 in Hamburg, New York. The annual meeting provided opportunities to share and spark new ideas. Donna Seymour, Representative of the New York State Board of Directors addressed the conference on the theme, "Living the Mission" through the Internet.

Attracting new members was of course a key issue discussed at length. Promoting our mission and projects is always a challenge. Coalitions with various women's organizations with similar goals will go a long way to attract new members. I am certain that the Transitions Conference in November, our Human Rights Programs, and the Sister to Sister Conference are consistent with achieving these goals. These projects continue to bring together women leaders of various organizations in our Buffalo community.

Our dear friend Rita Clement, former President 2001- 2002, has left the Buffalo area to make a new home in California. She will be missed for her excellent leadership, her gentle encouragement, and her kind humanity. We wish her much happiness in her new adventure.

Marguerite Collesano

Deadline for the November issue is November 11. Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail to [jmeschner@att.net](mailto:jmeschner@att.net). Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the November issue.

## November Program

Another busy month!

Saturday, November 2, "How Reading and Writing Changes Your Life"  
Classics V Banquet Facility, Niagara Falls Blvd.  
Buffet Luncheon, \$16, 11a.m. – 1:30p.m.

Guest Speaker, Rebecca Cale Camhi  
Contact: Marilyn Carmichael 875-6817

**Make reservations immediately**

Friday, November 8, "Women in American Film"

Hoover Elementary School, Kenmore, 7:30p.m.

Featured film: Jean Harlow in *Red Dust*

Contact: Maria Ceraulo 881-0729. No preregistration is necessary. \$4

Thursday, November 14, Transitions Conference (for women returning to school)

ECC, North Campus, noon to 5p.m.

Registration \$10, **deadline November 7**

Contact: Janet Fowler 884-8698 or Linda Suchocki 551-3053

Bring a friend and participate in any or all of our events!



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## *Red Dust* 2nd of Women in Film Series



### Friday, November 8

The second 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 will be shown on Friday, November 8 at 7:30p.m. Jean Harlow, Clark Gable and Mary Astor star in *Red Dust* (1932). It's a sizzling romance in the jungles of Indochina. Bad girl (with a heart of gold) Harlow and good girl (but sorely tempted) Astor both have a thing for Clark Gable, but can you blame them? Directed by Victor Fleming (*Gone With the Wind*, *Wizard of Oz*).

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

## Transitions Conference

Make sure you make a special effort to invite women interested in returning to school to participate in this conference. As a major AAUW national initiative and with our significant local support this will surely be among those special events of the year with which we can be especially proud. **Your \$10 contribution will sponsor a woman attending this event, but any contribution is appreciated.** Contact Janet Fowler (884-8698) or Linda Suchocki (551-3053) for additional details. The conference, at Erie County Community North Campus is from noon to 5p.m. on Thursday, November 14.

## How Reading & Writing Changes Your Life

This year is the first in the second decade of the Dinner by the Book Interest Group. To celebrate, they are hostesses for our November 2nd luncheon at Classics V Restaurant, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. at 11a.m. As one of the most popular and successful of our interest groups, its meetings are so well attended members need to make reservations! We are very pleased they have invited Rebecca Cale Camhi to be our guest speaker. Her experiences as an author will surely help us all to recognize the importance of reading and writing throughout our lives.

If you have not already made your reservation for the buffet luncheon (roast turkey breast with stuffing, served with cranberry sauce, cream of broccoli soup, green beans almondine and oven roasted potatoes, crème de menthe sundaes and beverages) contact Marilyn Carmichael (875-6817) immediately.

Don't forget to bring a new or used book to donate to the booksale.

## Plan Ahead for Our December Meeting

Get ready to watch Irish dancers kick up their heels and be part of an Irish Holiday celebration on Sunday, December 8 at 2p.m. Could there be a better setting than the Irish Club on Abbott Road in South Buffalo? As always, friends, family and children are invited.

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Commission on the Status of Women needs volunteer support to continue its work to assure that the women of Erie County have full participation on the issues that impact their lives. You can call 858-8307 if you're interested in the following committees:

<u>Municipal Boards</u>	A Coalition for Women's Appointments (ACWA) Municipal report follow-up
<u>TALENT BANK</u>	Outreach to women of color Develop mentoring concept Outreach marketing to organizations of TALENT BANK Awards Program for Community Boards
<u>Health</u>	Distribution of health cards Networking @ Noon Women and Heart Disease Conference and Community Initiative
<u>Communications</u>	Evaluation of TALENT BANK Communications and marketing support to other committees Plan Annual Meeting
<u>Women's Action Coalition (WAC)</u>	Convene leaders of women's organizations for networking and advocacy
<u>"Young Women's"</u>	Explore concept of young women's commission
<u>Legislative</u>	Legislative advocacy
<u>Constituency</u>	Conduct public outreach on Commission's outcomes
<u>Speaker's Bureau</u>	Give presentations on TALENT BANK and ACWA to community groups



## 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

When: Thursday, November 21 at 1:30p.m.

Where: Eggertsville Library

4622 Main St.

(between Harlem & Burroughs)

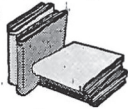
Topic: *Edith Wharton: an Extraordinary Life*

by Eleanor Dwight

Facilitator: Ann Bish

Contact: Nancy (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: Thursday, November 21 at 6:00p.m.

Where: Original Pancake House

2075 Niagara Falls Blvd. just past

Home Depot/Walmart Plaza

Topic: *Too Many Clients* by Rex Stout

Reviewer: Norma Millar

Contact: Norma (743-1571) for

reservations



### Group: Dinner by the Book

When: Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30p.m.

Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904

Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore



Topic: *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo

Reviewer: Judy Malamas

Contact: RSVP to Fran Witnauer (H 837-5887

or W 856-3150)

*Space is limited. Call early*

### Group: Film Group

When: Tuesday, November 5

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)

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### Group: Great Decisions

When: Thursday, November 7 at 1:30p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church

6320 Main St. near ECC North

Topic: *Energy & Environment*

by Bill Sweet

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

### Group: Human Rights for Women –

Global Issues

When: Tuesday, November 19 at 12:15p.m.

(bring lunch)

Where: *Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave.*

Classroom Bldg. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room

See BSC Campus map p.36 Talking

Phone Book

Topic: Women of Argentina

Presenter: *Silvia De Roses*

Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)

*tgessner@acsu.buffalo.edu*

All are welcome!

### Group: Travel Group

When: Thursday, November 21 at 5:30p.m.

for dinner

Where: Call for location

Topic: Discuss plans for spring trip.

Bring suggestions for summer plans.

Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519)

Call if interested in attending.



## Board Minutes from September Meeting

Plans to create a separate foundation within the branch are proceeding. This will bring two benefits - the ability of members to take a tax deduction for contributions to some of our activities and the elimination of sales tax on expenses for some of our projects.

The Chamberlin Fund committee proposed eight recipients of loans and grants. The board approved them.

Janet Fowler and Linda Suchocki presented plans for the Transitions Conference, to be held November 14, 12:30-5pm, at the ECC North campus. There will be six workshops dealing with the issues faced by women considering returning to school. They showed copies of the posters and brochures that will be used for publicity and registration for the conference. This looks to be a great project for our branch.

Bunny Blackstone reported on the book sale - a huge success with increased membership participation, increased participation by other people, more books and more dollars (profits of over \$23,000). A portion of the monies will be sent to the AAUW Educational Foundation and will be designated for projects honoring Alice Ann Leidel. Alice Ann, a past NYS president and past Educational Foundation president, passed away in August. She will be sorely missed by her many AAUW friends.

## Welcome New Members

The Buffalo Branch of AAUW extends a hearty welcome to the following new members.

Pat Baker  
Diane Bishop  
Gloria Eastman  
Arlene Jacus  
Lyn McDonald  
Sue Pfister  
Marilyn Bell  
Jayne Harnjisch  
Judith Johannsen  
Adrienne Kotler  
Peggy Meinel  
Sharon Pilarski  
Sara Simmons  
Rosalie Sottile  
Bella Stoll  
Gretchen Szymanski

## Membership Committee

Congratulations to the Membership Committee for their excellent work in attracting and signing up 16 new member to the Buffalo Branch of AAUW. Many women took advantage of the Annual Potluck Dinner to learn about the various study groups and programs in which our branch is involved. We hope to welcome our new members personally at our upcoming events.



## Reading List from the Clueless Study Group

For those of you who are interested in reading ahead or just finding a recommended mystery the Clueless Group provides the following list of titles for the months December - June. Enjoy!

*Stuffed* by Patricia Wolk - December  
*Clue for the Puzzle Lady* by Parnell Hall -  
 January  
*Death of a Winter Shaker* by  
 Deborah Woodworth - February  
*Gone for Good* by Harlan Coben - March  
*Friends & Enemies* by Susan Oleksiw -  
 June

## Tea with Rochester Branch Postponed

We will have tea with the Greater Rochester Branch of AAUW this spring at their "mansion" club house, 494 East Avenue in Rochester. Details will follow as plans evolve.

# Happy Thanksgiving



## Registration for November Luncheon Meeting

Return reservations to Marilyn G. Carmichael, 39 West Grimsby Rd., Buffalo NY 14223 (875-6817). Questions? Call or E-mail [Marilyn\\_Carmichael@kenton.k12.nyus](mailto:Marilyn_Carmichael@kenton.k12.nyus)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total included \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **AAUW Buffalo Branch** for \$16.00 as soon as possible.

The luncheon cost of \$16.00 includes a meal of Roast Turkey Breast with stuffing, served with cranberry sauce, cream of broccoli soup, green beans almondine and oven roasted potatoes. Dessert will be crème de menthe sundaes. Coffee, decaf, tea included.

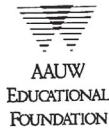
If you need assistance, contact Betty Krist at 675-4059.



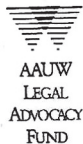
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*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.*



*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

**Saturday, November 2** - How Reading and Writing Changes Your Life

**Wednesday, November 6** - Board Meeting

**Friday, November 8** - Women in Film Series

**Thursday, November 14** - Transitions Conference

**Wednesday, December 4** - Board Meeting

**Sunday December 8** - Irish Holiday

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