

BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



NYS District 1

Correction

"Women in American Film"

Will be held on **October 4.**

Not October 11

October 2002

October's Meetings

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How Reading and Writing Changes your Life, Guest speaker Rebecca Cale Camhi.

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President's Message

Kudos for the Buffalo Branch AAUW!

A certificate of congratulations was received from the National Office for becoming a 2002 AAUW Platinum Winner, Nancy Rustad, President, writes, "your branch is to be commended for advancing AAUW's mission and call to action through such great local programs. I am excited and pleased with the outstanding work reflected in your application. It is evident that the new 21st Century Recognition Program was a challenge. However, it is equally true that the program motivated branches to think differently, try new strategies, and become more inclusive."

Let it not be said that we will rest on our laurels. Indeed, plans for the 2002-03 year promise to be just as exciting. Co-chairs, Janet Fowler and Linda Suchocki have done an outstanding job to organize our first Transitions Conference. Proceeds from the Book Sale made it possible for our branch to sponsor this important project for the women in our community. A special thank you to all the members who worked to make the Book Sale such a great success!

I along with Teresa Gessner, was glad to witness the discussion group at Buffalo State College on September 17th. The topic, Women in Morocco, commenced the Human Rights for Women Program for this year.

Deadline for the November issue is October 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 November issue.

October Program

This will be a busy month!

Saturday, October 5,

District One Conference - Hamburg Holiday Inn 8:30 a.m.. Registration is \$20.

Featured speaker: Donna Seymour, Director of Communications, NYS AAUW, will speak on the "AAUW Website and How To Use It." Eleanor Filburn, Director, Branch Councils will also speak.

Contact: Marguerite Collesano 853-6480 for reservations.

Friday, October 11,

"Women in American Film" Hoover Elementary School, Kenmore, 7:30 p.m. \$4.

Featured film: Lillian Gish in *Way Down East*
Contact: Maria Ceraulo 881-0729. No preregistration is necessary. See pages 3 and 4.

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Thursday, October 24,

"Toytown and More"

Fisher-Price Museum and Factory, Explore & More Museum, East Aurora, \$8

Tours, dessert and coffee

Contact: Joan Eschner 655-1322, see enclosed reservation form

Sunday, October 27

Tea with Greater Rochester AAUW 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Rochester Branch Club house "their mansion", 494 East Avenue, Rochester 14618. Reservations must be made by October 20th to Bev Schwiegerling - 652-7182, schwieg@adelphia.net

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

Toytown and More

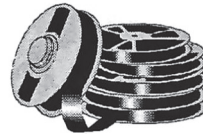
Starting at the Fisher-Price Museum (www.toytownusa.com) at 6:30 p.m. we'll divide into tour sized groups. While some see how toys are made, from concept to distribution, others will view the special Teddy Bear exhibit at the Museum. This visit will promote the importance and pleasure of games and toys in our modern leisure-oriented society while celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Teddy Bear. The association of "Teddy" Roosevelt and the bear was established when TR refused to shoot a bear provided for his entertainment on a hunting trip to Mississippi. The bear was chained to a tree. When the incident was recreated by political cartoonist, Clifford Berryman, in the *Washington Post*, "teddy bear mania" swept the nation. The museum is located on Girard Avenue adjacent

to the Fisher-Price factory in East Aurora and is easily accessible from Routes 16 or 400. Of course, the gift shop will be open.

We will then reconvene at Explore & More (www.exploreandmore.org) for a tour, dessert and coffee. As Western New York's first children's museum, kids experience the fun of learning through exhibits designed to encourage creativity curiosity and imagination. You will love the museum's international and historic exhibits. The museum is located on 300 Gleed Avenue.

You might consider starting your visit in East Aurora earlier in the day. Be aware that the new Knox Farm State Park closes at dusk and Vidler's 5&10 is only open until 5:30. But, there are many charming restaurants in the vicinity and the foliage will be spectacular.

AAUW Buffalo Branch Co-Sponsors Women Film Series



The AAUW Buffalo Branch, with the Old Chestnut Film Society and Ken-Ton Community Education invites you to attend an eight month film series, "Look to the Ladies" that will feature some of Hollywood's leading actresses. We begin with the 1920 silent film *Way Down East* with Lillian Gish. County girl Gish gets seduced by city slicker Richard Barthelmess, and must pay the price. Ms. Gish and director D.W. Griffith give heart and conviction to this old melodrama, which climaxes with a famous, thrilling ice floes sequence on the

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Connecticut River. Pianist Ivan Docenki will provide us with his own live accompaniment.

Tickets are \$4 each or \$24 for the entire 8 film series. All screenings are at the Community Room of Hoover Elementary School located off Sheridan Drive between Colvin and Delaware (turn directly under the overpass and keep to the left.) Showings are at 7:30 p.m.

There will be door prizes and light refreshments on opening night.

For more information, please call Maria Ceraulo at 881-0729.

Transitions Conference

The Buffalo Branch AAUW is planning WNY's first annual **Transitions Conference** on **Thursday, November 14, 2002** at Erie Community College North Campus. Women comprise the majority of college students today with students over age 40 representing the fastest growing age group in post secondary education.

However, completing or even beginning a course of study can be challenging at best, and many women face significant barriers to their educational success, often having to balance job and family responsibilities against their academic work.

To address the needs of women returning to school and even girls who are not on the "college track" and to provide many of the tools they need to begin or complete a course of study, the conference will present a series of workshops. Topics include financing your education; non-traditional careers; how to cope with being a non-traditional student; the college application process; course selection; and managing work, family and school. In addition, campus reps from the 16 accredited colleges and universities in Erie and Niagara counties will attend the conference to provide information about their schools and the degree programs offered.

Co-chairs for the conference are Janet Fowler and Linda Suchocki. If you are interested in participating or know of someone who might want to attend this conference, please call Janet at 716 884-8698 or Linda at 716 551-3053. Participant cost for registering at the conference is \$10 and registration deadline is November 7, 2002.

Linda Suchocki

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: Tuesday, October 22 at 1:30 PM

Where: Williamsville Library
5571 Main St.

(between Town Hall & Village Hall)

Topic: *Founding Brothers*
by Joseph Ellis

Facilitator: Nancy Ryther
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: Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 PM

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

Topic: *Every Breath You Take* by Ann Rule
Reviewer: Frances Witnauer
Contact: Fran (837-5887) for reservations

Group: **Dinner by the Book**

When: Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30 PM

Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904
Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore

Topic: *Katherine Graham, a Personal History*
by Katherine Graham

Reviewer: Annette Stein

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

Space is limited. Call early!

Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, October 1

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, October 3 at 1:30 PM

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

Topic: *Russia Reexamined* by Allen Lynch
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

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

When: Tuesday, October 15 at 12:15 PM
(bring lunch)

Where: Buffalo State College,
1300 Elmwood Ave.

Butler Library Room 210 on Iroquois Dr-
2nd bldg. behind Rockwell Hall close to
Rte. 198

Campus map p.36 Talking Phone Book

Topic: Women of Cuba

Presenter: *Dr. Rosa Gonzalez*

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

All are welcome!

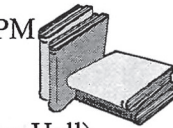
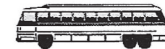
Group: **Travel Group**

When: Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 PM
for dinner

Where: To be determined

Topic: Discuss plans for spring trip.

Contact: Bunny Blackstone (655-4519)
Call if interested in attending.



**AAUW Buffalo Branch
November Meeting**

***HOW READING & WRITING CHANGES
YOUR LIFE***

Hostesses
Dinner by the Book

Saturday, November 2, 2002 11:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Classics V Banquet Facility

ANTHONY ROOM

2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. In Amherst
691-6000

- 11:00 a.m. Arrival and registration. Bring a new or used book to donate toward the Annual Book Sale for AAUW.
- 11:30 a.m. Tabletop introductions and discussion
- 11:45 a.m. Buffet Luncheon
- 12:45 p.m. Guest speaker, Rebecca Cale Camhi
Rebecca is the author of *DEEPWATER MOUNTAIN*
Copies of her novel will be available for purchase & signing for 20.00 . Also her published book of poetry will be available at the registration table for 10.00
- 1:15 p.m. Question and Answer Session
- 1:30 p.m. Closure

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Dinner By the Book Reading list for 2002-2003

Dinner by the Book group would like to share the list of books they will be studying during the rest of the year in case you are looking for a good book to read.

- September - *In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden*
by Kathleen Cambor
- October - *Katherine Graham, a Personal History*
by Katherine Graham
- November - *Empire Falls*
by Richard Russo
- December - *Stuffed: Adventures of a Restaurant Family*
by Patricia Volk
- January - *Too Close to the Falls*
by Catherine Gildener
- February - *Postville: A Clash of Cultures*
by Stephen Bloom
- March - *A Bend in the Road*
by Nicholas Sparks
- April - *Empress of the Splendid Season*
by Oscar Hijuelos
- June - *Seabiscuit*
by Laura Hillenbrand

Member News

Congratulations to Linda Drajem on receiving her Ph.D. in American Studies from SUNY Buffalo.

Congratulations to Dr. Ruth Auer and her husband Dick who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

HELP NEEDED FOR KIDS VOTING

Volunteers are again needed to man two hour shifts for Kids Voting on Election Day, November 5, 2002. The site will be at School 81 at 140 Tacoma Ave in Buffalo.

This is a marvelous opportunity to do a Civic Service and AAUW Buffalo Branch receives credit in the Buffalo News for participating.

Please call Judy Weidemann at 655-36-49 by November 1, 2002, if you are able to give two hours of your time on that day.

June Board Highlights for Newsletter:

The June booksale grossed over \$25,000, thanks to Bunny Blackstone and her hard-working committee.

Janet Fowler is working on developing 501C3 status for a foundation which would be a separate entity within the branch so that some activities could benefit from a tax-free status.

Janet and Linda Suchocki are putting together a Transitions Conference in the fall aimed at assisting women who are considering returning to school.

Teresa Gessner proposed holding the International Relations meetings at Buff State and involving the students there in that program. The board enthusiastically endorsed the proposal.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
BUFFALO BRANCH**

in collaboration with

**The Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Unit Minor Program at
Buffalo State College**

co-sponsor

**Human Rights for Women
Discussion Group**

on the Buffalo State College campus, 1300 Elmwood Ave.

focusing on

**Human rights in critical areas of the world
Issues that affect women and girls in various countries
Opportunities and barriers to education and advancement**

*Join us for this lunchtime (Bengal Pause) Fall 2002 series
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

Bring your lunch. Cold beverages will be provided

Tuesday, September 17 **Butler Library, Room 210**
Women of Morocco
Presenter: Dr. Rafika Merini

Tuesday, October 15 **Butler Library, Room 210**
Women of Cuba
Presenter: Dr. Rosa Gonzalez

Tuesday, November 19 **Classroom Bldg., 4th flr Rm**
Women of Argentina
Presenter: Sylvia DeRosas

For more information contact: Dr. Amitra Hodge (716-878-3542 or
hodgeaa@bscmail.buffalostate.edu) or Dr. T. Gessner (tgessner@acsu.buffalo.edu)

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH 2002-2003 PROPOSED BUDGET

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		Actual 01-02	Proposed 02-03
101	Treasurer	65.80	75.00
102	Liability Ins. Bonding	220.00	225.00
103	Stationery/Supplies	0.00	150.00
104	Accounting	295.00	300.00
105	Pres. Expense	155.36	175.00
106	Brd Mem Expense	0.00	50.00
201	General Meetings	156.17	500.00
202	Ed/Equity/Public Policy		
203	Sister to Sister		
301	Membership/Recruitment Retention	148.19	175.00
302	Newsletter	1407.39	1600.00
303	Roster	193.50	200.00
304	Publicity	0.00	50.00
305	Website	215.70	300.00
401	Awards/Gifts	30.22	100.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
601	State Convention: Delegates	400.00	400.00
602	Ass Convention: Delegates		950.00
603	MAR: Delegates		350.00
701	Special Projects	744.00	500.00
EXPENSES TOTAL		4031.33	6100.00
INCOME			
701	Special Projects	1666.00	1000.00
804	Branch Dues	3220.00	3220.00
805	Interest-moneymarket acct	192.74	100.00
807	Other Income		
	Theatre Fundraiser	45.89	0.00
	Accumulated Funds	350.00	155.00
	Roll-over funds	825.00	825.00
	Voter News Service	0.00	800.00
	Berlin Watercolor Raffle	281.00	0.00
INCOME TOTAL		6580.63	6100.00
		2001-2002	2002-2003
701	Special Projects	4856.73	
702	Accumulated Funds	259.58	
801	Association Dues	3042.00	
802	State Dues	880.00	
803	LAF	636.45	
804	Branch Dues	1705.00	
807	Other-roll over	825.00	
811	District I Conference	96.59	
		12301.35	
	SSB money market account	12300.55	
	Mutual Funds (25k Cobb; 5k Branch Accumulated Fund)		22,905.09
	Cobb-SSB money market account		6883.82

Rebecca Cale Camhi - Featured Author for November Meeting

Rebecca Cale Camhi, author of *Deepwater Mountain*, grew up in West Virginia. She holds a B.A. in English from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, and an M.L.S. from SUNY at Buffalo. A Library Media Specialist, she has worked in school districts in Western New York for over twenty years, winning recognition in teaching and librarianship. In 1991, *Learning Magazine* awarded her honorary mention in their Professional Best Leadership Awards. She was a presenter three years later at the New York State Whole Language Conference and has presented a writing workshop at the Summer Institute for Chautauqua Institution. Her library program was featured in *Curriculum Partner: Redefining the Role of the Library Media Specialist* by Carol A. Kearney (Greenwood Press, c. 2000). Rebecca has been named to *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who of American Women*, and *2,000 Notable American Women*. She is a former Fellow of the Summer Institute for the Western New York Writing Project and serves on their Steering Committee.

Rebecca has also published a chapbook of poetry entitled *Still Lifes*. Two of the poems in the collection have been published in national poetry anthologies. "Mornings At Sundance", which appeared in *The Gleaming Path*, won the Editor's Choice Award and "Gypsy Song", published in *Best Poems and Poets of 2001*, was awarded third place in an international poetry competition. Rebecca was also awarded a trophy for "Gypsy Song" which honors her as an International Poet of Merit. The International Society of Poets has already asked Rebecca to submit a poem for their upcoming *Best Poems and Poets of 2002*.

Rebecca's novel, *Deepwater Mountain*, has sold nearly a thousand copies. She has done reading appearances and book signings locally and throughout southern West Virginia where the novel is set. This summer, the novel was reviewed in *The Marietta Times* where it was hailed as "a juggernaut of a tale". Two reviews -- a four- and a five-star -- have appeared on Amazon.com where the book is available. To read more about *Deepwater Mountain* and hear what other readers have to say about it, you can visit Rebecca's web site:
<http://www.deepwatermntn.com>.

Rebecca lives in Williamsville with her husband and two children, Liza and Jonathan. Her hobbies include quilting, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and travel. Although she has traveled to Greece, Ireland, France, and Israel, her favorite vacation spot is Sundance, Utah, which she visits as often as possible. She is presently revising a second novel, a mystery entitled, *Deadly Legacy* and her poetry is often published online at Poetry.com.

In Memoriam

Joe Yelich, husband of Angie Yelich, died suddenly on September 15, 2002. The Book Sale workers as the tall, smiling man who carried hundreds of boxes of books for us in the late May and June heat will remember him.

Joe has a distinguished career as an educator

His death leaves Angie, their children, his grandchildren, and is many friends and colleagues with a terrible loss.

Reservation Form for October Meeting, **Toytown & More Tours, Dessert and Coffee**

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest(s) _____

Cost \$8.00 per person Total included _____

Return reservations by **October 18, 2002** to

Joan Eschner, 30 Meadowbrook Drive, Elma, NY 14059

Make checks payable to **AAUW Buffalo Branch**.

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

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.ny.us

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.

District One Conference Registration

Name _____ Phone _____

Cost \$20.00 per person Total included _____

Return reservations by **September 28, 2002** to

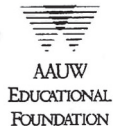
Marguerite Collesano, 120 Rivermist Drive, Buffalo, NY 14202

Make checks payable to **AAUW Buffalo Branch**.

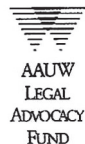
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



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, October 5 - District One Conference

Friday, October 11 - Women in American Film

Thursday, October 24 - Toytown and More

Sunday, October 27 - A tea with Greater Rochester AAUW

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

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 September 22, 2002.



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**American Association of University Women (AAUW) Buffalo Branch Travel Study
Group
Holly Home Tour and Christmas Craft Fair Trip
Westfield, NY
Sunday, November 24, 2002**

Travel with us to Westfield for a delightful day. The trip features a Craft Fair, the "Holly Home Tour" and dinner at the White Inn in Fredonia.

The Craft Fair has achieved a reputation as an excellent craft show and promises to serve some excellent food for lunch (which will be on your own). Approximately 35 vendors will provide a variety of crafts. In addition, many shops in town will be open for browsing.

The Holly Home Tour consists of five homes decorated for the holidays. It is a popular attraction in Westfield that includes refreshments and entertainment in one of the churches during the afternoon.

At the historic White Inn, we will be able to tour the rooms, visit the gift shop and become immersed in the tales of the Inn's "haunting."

Itinerary:

7:45 a.m. Bus leaves the Boulevard Mall (near the "B" sign).
8:15 a.m. Bus leaves from the parking lot of the East Aurora Plaza (near the Goodyear tire store)
10:00 a.m. Arrive at the Craft Fair at the Firemen's Exempt Hall and have lunch on your own.
12:45 p.m. Leave the Hall for the Holly Tour
1:00 p.m. Holly Tour begins
5:00 p.m. (approximately) Bus will leave for Fredonia
5:30 p.m. Arrive at the White Inn
7:00 p.m. Bus departs for Buffalo
8:30 p.m. Bus arrives at the East Aurora Plaza
9:00 p.m. Bus arrives at the Boulevard Mall

Responsibility: The Buffalo Branch of the American Association of Women and its Board acts as promoter and agent only and disclaims any and all liability of property lost or damaged and/or any and all damages or irregularity of any vehicles, restaurant, or otherwise or whether caused by failure or delay or by any transportation company due to any cause whatsoever occurring during this tour. All tickets are furnished and issued subject in all respects to these terms and conditions. The Buffalo Branch of AAUW acts solely as agent and reserves the right to make any changes in established itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if it is deemed necessary to the comfort, convenience or safety of the passengers, and may refuse to accept or retain as a member of the tour any person at any time and to pass on to our members any expenditures caused by delays or events beyond its control. The transportation company is not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or events during the time passengers are on board their transportation. The passage contract in use, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the purchaser of the tour or the passengers.

Our 'seating on the bus' policy:

To assure fairness and comfort for all, seats will be assigned by the date you register for the trip. If you want to sit with friends on the bus, please register together if possible. For a group, seats will be assigned in front of or in back of each other.

Please

1. Make checks payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch Travel Group."
2. Mail check for \$49 to Bunny Blackstone, 11478 Tomarsue Drive, Marilla, NY 14102. (655-4519)
3. Registration is due Tuesday, **October 15, 2002.**
4. Detach and send the form below with your check.

Please circle one entrée.

Roast Breast of Turkey
Atlantic Whitefish

Sliced Sirloin of Beef

Broiled