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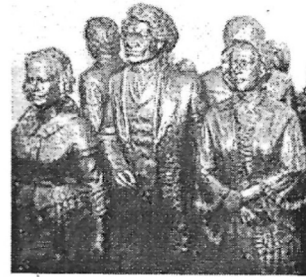
Living
the Mission



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District One Conference

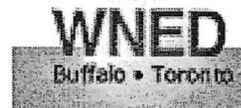
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Saturday, October 25,
Women's Rights Historic
Luncheon



Saturday, November 15,
Transitions Conference

Tuesday, November 18,
Lifelong Digital Learning
Service



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President's Message

This June marks the 50th anniversary of our Annual Book Sale and the book sale committee has already been busy planning for this landmark event. You can help now by volunteering space in your home, garage or business for storage of donated books. As we're all feeling the aches and pains of aging, sites that don't involve climbing stairs are appreciated. We also have lots of nearly new best-selling books that we're offering at bargain prices. You'll see many of these books for sale at our general monthly programs. If you'd like a book list of some of the great works we have for sale now please contact Mary Kellner or any other member of the book sale committee.

This month, our Travel Study Group has planned an incredible tour on October 4th of some of our city's unique architectural treasures. Please plan on joining us as we walk through centuries past, exploring our city's rich history when Buffalo was known as the "Gateway to the West." For information, call Marilyn Kihl at 691-8299.

On November 15th we are sponsoring our 2nd annual Transitions Conference for Women Returning to School. We have expanded this conference to a day-long program and will feature workshops on everything needed to get started on your degree and succeed in your educational and career goals.

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.

New this year is a session on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, a tool that provides uncanny insight into your individual personality type and strengths. Other workshop sessions include: Strategies for Success on Campus, Wonder Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore, Financing your Degree, Picking a College that Meets your Needs, and Where the Jobs Are. If you or a woman you know is planning to return to college, or is already in a degree program and feeling the stress of balancing work, family and school, please plan on attending this conference. Cost is only \$15 and includes lunch! We are also looking for sponsors to help other women who have financial need attend this conference on a fee waiver. Your \$15 contribution or sponsorship in any amount is greatly needed. For more information, call Transitions at (716) 559-3037.



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November Program WNED Lifelong Digital Learning Service

Television as we currently know it, is going to disappear. It's not just a good idea whose time has come technologically – it's the law. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has regulated that all broadcasters must be transmitting in digital by 2003. As soon as 2006, the analog TV of today may be gone.

What this means to all of us is that we benefit by the advance of this new form of information transfer. Digital TV will bring a new way to watch TV, offering a wider screen with a more finely detailed picture and enhances sound (called High Definition Television of HDTV). Simply watching television at home will engage viewers with the same sensory experience as sitting in a movie theater. The greatest opportunities for public broadcasting come through features called Multicasting and Enhanced Television.

Multicasting makes it possible to broadcast four signals into a television receiver instead of the customary one. Therefore, viewers can select from a choice of programming offered on separate channels within a station.

Enhanced television will turn television into an interactive device, offering layers of supplemental information within the programming. Using their remote controls, viewers can probe deeper into program's subject matter, pose questions, and see things from a different perspective. For example, people watching a documentary on heart disease on the Lifelong Learning Channel will be able to go to the

Online Site for informative modules such as "Preparing Healthy Foods" or "Assessing Your Personal Health Profile."

As television and computer technology converge, the Online Service and the Life-



long Learning Channel will merge to provide people with truly Enhanced, Interactive Television, where a wealth of information will be accessible with a TV remote control.

Come to our **Tuesday, November 18 program** at WNED (Horizon's Plaza across the street from the Adam's Mark Hotel downtown) to learn more about this all. At 5:30 pm we'll have a light dinner (speciality sandwiches, assorted drinks and dessert) followed by a demonstration of this new technology. You'll have a chance to learn about local content initiatives, collaborations, and outreach.

KIDS VOTING

Once again, AAUW Buffalo Branch, will be participating in **Kids Voting**. **Kids Voting** is a remarkable civics lesson for school children in that they are invited to come to the polls and participate in their own election.

AAUW Buffalo Branch has been a sponsor since the inception of **Kids Voting**. This year we will again have the opportunity to help with the project on Election Day, November 4, 2003. We will be manning the **Kids Voting** polls at School 81, 140 Tacoma in Buffalo. Call Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 to volunteer.

Living the Mission

AAUW NYS NEEDS YOUR HELP !

AAUW is composed of 3 equal corporations, unified by a single name and purpose. Those corporations are the Association, the Educational Foundation, and the Legal Advocacy Fund. They are all committed to gender equity and positive societal change. They work together, and help each other in helping women. They are in coalition, NOT competition. YOU can help AAUW NYS in spreading these facts to all members and non-members alike. You also can help by contributing equally to EF and LAF, which are both tax deductible 501(c)(3) organizations. It would be wonderful if AAUW NYS could be listed in the top 10 states in the country, for giving to both corporations in 2003!

Membership in AAUW countrywide has fallen to 100,000 members and 1,300 branches. In New York State, our membership fell from 3,352 members and 48 branches in 2002 to 2,865 members and 46 branches in August 27, 2003. YOU can help AAUW NYS by actively looking for members who are interested in our mission of helping women and girls. Prospective members can be of any gender, race, creed, age, sexual organization, national origin, disability, or class. What an exciting prospect to share your enthusiasm for "Living the Mission" with others !

The AAUW NYS Board and its Teams work very hard to produce "AAUW-101 (and fun!)" in July to help branch leaders in planning programs, which

reflect the Association priorities and the AAUW NYS theme "Living the Mission". They also contribute their time to the 7 District Fall meetings to help members understand the importance of being a member of AAUW. And, last but not least, they plan an AAUW NYS Convention at the end of April to elect the state officers, give informative workshops, and present inspiring speakers. YOU can help AAUW NYS by attending these meetings and helping to strengthen our activities in NYS.

Borrowing from an old adage, "the AAUW NYS is only as strong as its weakest branch." "Living the Mission" programming strengthens a Branch; which in turn strengthens a District; which in turn strengthens the State; which in turn strengthens the Association. YOU can be actively involved in creating this exciting AAUW of today and tomorrow.

AAUW NEEDS ALL OF OUR HELP NOW !

Evelyn M. Currie
AAUW NYS President

New Member Tea

The Buffalo Branch is pleased to welcome our many new members that have joined in 2002 and 2003. If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend a new member tea, please join us on Sunday, November 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm to meet our Buffalo Branch president and other new and active members. There are so many opportunities for involvement in the Buffalo Branch and we welcome your enthusiasm and ideas! Jayne Harnisch will be hosting the tea at her home at 8310 Vernon Circle in Clarence. Please call her at 565-2076 if you are interested in attending.

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders

Please send study group information to:
Mary Kellner, 8470 Lakemont Dr., East Amherst,
NY 14051 phone 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, October 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Eggertsville Library

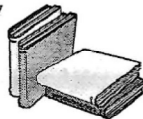
4622 Main St. (north of Harlem at
Burroughs. Parking lot off Burroughs)

Topic: *Susan B. Anthony, a Biography of a
Singular Feminist* by Kathleen Barry

Presenter: Sue Oliver

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, October 22 at 6 p.m.

Where: Loughran's Restaurant

4543 Main St., Snyder near Harlem Rd.

Topic: *Mrs. Pargeter's Point of Honour*
by Simon Brett

Reviewer: Fran Witnauer

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

for reservations

Parking available in rear lot and you can enter
by rear door.



Group: **Dinner by the Book**

When: Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904

Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore

Topic: *The White* by Deborah Lawson

Reviewer: Lynn Tauriello

Contact: RSVP to Fran Witnauer

(H 837-5887 or W 856-3150)



Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, October 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church

Main St. just East of Youngs Rd.

Topic: *Europe: State of the Union*

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, October 14

(Notice change from usually day)

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



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

When: Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Where: Williamsville Branch Library

5571 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: Speaker's series will begin

Contact: Marguerite Collesano (853-6480)

All welcome to join committee.

Group: **Travel Group**

Mission: To organize 1 or 2 trips per year to
benefit existing and prospective

members of AAUW Buffalo

Contact: Bev Schwiegerling (652-7182)

for date, time and location

schwieg@adelphia.net



REMINDER

**Buffalo Branch Travel Study
Group
Holiday Shopping in Grove City
PA**

Saturday, November 1, 2003

Join us for a day of shopping at Prime Outlets in Grove City, PA where over 140 of the country's best manufacturer's outlets are located. **The total cost is \$20** which includes snack, bus and driver's tip. Registration is due on Saturday, October 11, 2003. Friends are invited. Please refer to the September newsletter for details or contact Marilyn Kihl (691-8299) kihlmc@iopener.net or Bev Schwiegerling (schwieg@adelphia.net)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Special Holiday Programs at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site from December 6 through December 13, 2003. Hostesses, Coffee and Tea Servers, and Waitresses are needed for lunches and dinners during that time. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Herb and Craft Shops and in the Gift Shop. Call Judy Weidemann (655-3649) if interested.

STILL WANTED

Above-ground space for storing books for the 50th Annual AAUW Booksale. No basements or attics please. Contact Janet Vine at 636-6182.

New Books Available Now

The Book Sale Committee has the following **NEW** books for sale at terrific prices. Several committee members have sample boxes of these books in their possession. If you wish to purchase any, contact a committee member or Mary Kellner (741-8127 or mkellner39@aol.com). Feel free to ask friends and family, too. Think about doing your Christmas shopping with AAUW. A new list will be printed each month.

Clark, Mary Higgins - *Second Time Around* \$3

Coben, Harlen - *No Second Chance* \$3

Colson, Charles - *Being the Body* \$2

Evanovich, Janet - *To the Nines* \$3

Gardner, Lisa - *The Killing Hour* \$3

Henderson, Dee - *The Rescuer* \$3

Johansen, Iris - *Dead Aim* \$3

Kellerman, Jonathan - *Cold Heart* \$4

Kincade, Thomas - *Gathering Place* \$3

Koontz, Dean - *The Face* \$3

LaHaye, Tim - *Armageddon* \$2

Meyer, Joyce - *Knowing God Intimately* \$2

Miller, Dawn - *Promise and the Other*

Side of Jordan \$3

Moriarty, Laura - *The Center of Everything* \$3

Patterson, James - *Lake House* \$4

Price, Eugenia - *The Burden is Light* \$3

Reichs, Kathy - *Bare Bones* \$4

Rivers, Francine - *And the Shofar Blew* \$3

Sanford, John - *Naked Prey* \$3

Scottoline, Lisa - *Dead Ringer* \$3

Educational Foundation

The Buffalo branch has a strong tradition of contributing to the AAUW Educational Foundation. The tangible results of these contributions are readily apparent.

The AAUW Educational Foundation is the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. Since 1888 AAUW has awarded 7,800 fellowships to women in the U.S. and over 100 other countries. In the upcoming year, AAUW expects to receive over 3,000 applications. Due to the competitive nature of the awards and the availability, approximately 10% of eligible applicants receive support from the Foundation.

This year, applications for seven fellowships and grant awards are available. We are extremely happy that after a year of dormancy funding for Career Development Grants and Community Action Grants is available for the 2004-2005 award year.

American Fellowships support non-AAUW women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Women completing dissertations for doctoral degrees or seeking funding for postdoctoral research are eligible to apply. Publication grants are also available.

Career Development Grants are open to women pursuing coursework after completion of a bachelor's degree. Doctoral study is not eligible for funding; however, those pursuing technical or professional training may apply. AAUW members and women of color are given special consideration.

Community Action Grants support projects that further community development in the United States. Grants are open to AAUW

branches and members, other individual women, and non-profit community organizations.

Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships provide professional development opportunities to female public school instructors. Instructors must have taught for a minimum of three years and must be interested in continuing in the teaching profession.

International Fellowships are open to non-citizens and non-permanent residents of the U.S. Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree and must be pursuing graduate or post-graduate studies. AAUW members are not eligible; however, certain awards are available for IFUW affiliate organizations.

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to U.S. residents pursuing advanced degrees in underrepresented professions including architecture, computer/information sciences, engineering, and mathematics/statistics. Women of color pursuing degrees in business administration, law or medicine are also eligible for these fellowships.

The University Scholar-in-Residence Award supports funding of up to \$100,000 for research on gender issues and equity for women and girls.

Applications for these fellowships and awards are now available and must be Submitted over the next few months. We would enjoy increasing applications from eligible individuals and organizations in the Western New York area. If you are interested in more information please contact Tamara Brown (655-9871) for specific award criteria and applications.

Tamara Brown

In Memoriam

The Branch sends its sympathy to the family of Aletha Barker who died on September 8, 2003. Aletha had been a member of the Branch for many years.

TRANSITIONS

A Conference for Women Returning to School

Saturday, November 15, 2003
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost \$15

Registration deadline is November 1, 2003

Student Center (Wehrle Drive entrance)
Erie Community College North Campus
6205 Main Street
Williamsville, New York 14221

For information call (716) 559-3037

June 18 Board Highlights

Bunny Blackstone reported that the Book Sale had brought in a record-setting \$39,533.

Janet Fowler reported that the 501c(3) application had been approved on May 28, retroactive to November 2002. The certification will be a temporary one, to be reviewed around June 30, 2007. If all is in order at that time it will be made permanent.

Marguerite Collesano reported that the Olga Lindberg Bequest funds had been deposited in a Money Market account at HSBC. A committee consisting of Marguerite Collesano, Janet Fowler, Diane Bishop, Marilyn Kihl, Linda Suchocki, Jan Vine, Adrienne Kotler and Maria Ceraulo will interview three banks which may act as custodian and three financial advisors who may act as the fund manager. The board will vote on the final investment proposal later. Others may join the committee later when the focus switches to an actual scholarship plan.

The board took positions on some of the items which were to be brought to a vote at the Association Convention in June:

- We went on record as supporting the keeping of the baccalaureate degree as a requirement for

membership

- We do not support the concept of corporate memberships

- We do not support either of the two dues proposals (\$2/year ongoing or \$4 at this time). The sense of the board was that we would support some type of regular increase tied to the cost of living, but not a fixed annual increase.

The board authorized a white page listing for the branch in the "Talking Phone Book". This will allow advertisement of our phone number and P.O. Box to the general public.

Notes from Chamberlin Loans and Funds for Education

This fall, 14 women and men from Western New York will receive loans and scholarships from the Chamberlin Loans-Funds for Education. Leona Barback, Chamberlin Chair, convened a committee of branch members to review the applications and conduct interviews with each candidate applying for support to pursue their degree programs and studies. The candidates were all outstanding in their scholastic achievements, dedication to our community, and willingness to take on challenges. They are pursuing degrees in a cross section of majors, from accounting to psychology to journalism to education. Based on committee recommendation, a total of \$33,700 in grants and interest free loans was provided to help these women and men pursue their degrees and courses of study. If you are interested in serving on the interview committee for the spring applicants, please contact Leona.

A large percentage of the funds available for scholarships and loans comes from bequests made by our branch members. If you are considering leaving a bequest to the branch to establish scholarships in your name or for other uses, please contact Linda Suchocki at 716 823-4154.

Pizza Party for Our Helpers

For many years the students of Claudia Kania's class at P.S. 84 have been folding and labeling our Newsletter. Last June, the Buffalo Branch AAUW voted to give these students, who have helped us so much, a pizza party. Here are pictures.



Reservation Form for District One Fall Conference October 11, 2003 8:30 a.m.

Make checks for \$20 per person to: Chautauqua-Westfield AAUW
Send Reservations with checks to: Barbara Schmitt, PO Box 534, Chautauqua, NY 14722
(753-2949)

Reservation Deadline; October 4th

Branch _____

Members Attending: _____

Reservation Form for November Program, WNED Lifelong Digital Learning Service

Light Dinner (speciality sandwiches, assorted beverages, desserts) 5:30 pm
WNED, One Horizons Plaza (across from Adam's Mark Hotel downtown)

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest(s) _____

Cost \$14.00 per person Total included _____

Return reservations by November 10 to

Betty Krist, 116 Iris Avenue, West Seneca, NY 14224-2747

Make checks payable to Buffalo Branch AAUW.
Contact Betty at 675-4059 if you need assistance.

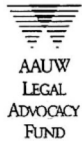
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



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

Wednesday, October 1, -
Board Meeting

Saturday, October 4, -
Walking Tour

Saturday, October 11, -
District One Conference



Saturday, October 25, -
Women's Rights Historic Luncheon

Saturday, November 15, -
Transitions Conference

Tuesday, November 18, -
Lifelong Digital Learning Service

Friday, December 12, -
Holiday Event

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, 2003.

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