

# Buffalo Branch Newsletter



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## September Branch Program

### *Potluck Dinner*

September 15, 2003, 5:30 p.m.  
Christ United Methodist  
Church

360 Saratoga Road Snyder,  
NY 14226

Speakers: **Clotilde Dedecker**, Executive  
Director of the Erie County Commission  
on the Status of Women  
and **Joan Bozer** former Erie County Legislator

**Reservation deadline is September 12th.**

## October Branch Program

*Walking Tour  
of Significant  
Downtown  
Buildings and  
Lunch*

See page 3 for more information and page 13 for reservation forms.

## President's Message

What a glorious summer this was—and still is! I know, like me, you are all looking forward to our Branch's 2003-2004 program of events, beginning with our Annual Potluck Dinner on September 15th.

I invite you all to attend our **Potluck Dinner on Monday, September 15th** at 5:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Snyder. This is our showcase event where current and prospective members learn about our many enriching and fun Study Interest Groups, and our upcoming programs and activities for the year ahead. Please also invite a friend or two to join us, and bring a dish to pass. We are delighted to have special guests Joan Bozer and Clotilde Dedecker who will talk about the exciting new Buffalo Chapter of the Friends of the Women's Rights National Park. Please plan on attending. Many thanks to Karen Noonan who is chairing the Potluck this year. For reservations or to volunteer to help, please call Karen at (716) 745-1283.

This summer we said good-bye to three outstanding Buffalo Branch members: Bunny Blackstone, Ann Bish and Ann Hicks, as they move to new cities and new adventures. They were all past Branch Presidents and their generosity of spirit, skilled leadership, and innumerable contributions to our Branch's growth and success are superb. They will be dearly missed and we wish them the

Deadline for the October issue is September 10. 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 October issue.

best of luck. Thanks much to Gretchen Stringer and Judy Weidemann who so kindly hosted farewell teas for our friends.

This summer, Teresa Gessner was our Branch delegate to the National AAUW Convention. In this newsletter, she'll share with us some of the important changes to our by-laws that were considered at the Convention.

Mark your calendars to attend our AAUW District One Conference on Saturday, October 11th. Meet AAUW New York State President Evvie Currie who will provide updates on Association and State initiatives. Workshop sessions include Best Practices from our Branches and Living and Sharing the Mission program ideas.

I am looking forward to the coming months and know I can count on your support as I begin my term as our Branch President.

Linda Suchocki



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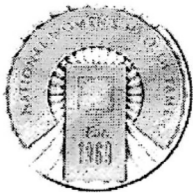
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## Annual Potluck Dinner

Our Annual Potluck Dinner is Monday, September 15, 2003, at Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road, (corner of Harlem) Snyder. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. members and friends can survey exhibits created by Buffalo Branch Study Groups and find out more about how these popular interest groups operate and what they do. Members will be able to answer your questions and tell you how you might participate and expand your enjoyment in AAUW.

After a tasty repast, we will welcome two outstanding women leaders from our Western NY community. Our speakers will be Clotilde Dedecker, Executive Director of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women and former Erie County Legislator Joan Bozer



Clotilde will speak about The National Women's Hall Of Fame. She is the current president of their Board of Directors. Joan is spearheading a new group called the "Buffalo/Niagara Friends of the Women's Rights National Historical Park." Both organizations are located in Seneca Falls. It should be an informative and interesting evening.

(Please note that the Monday date is a variation from past practice. This schedule change is necessary to better accommodate our members and church activities.)

Invite a friend to attend this kick-off event with you!

**(See page 13 for reservation form)**

## October 4th Branch Program: Walking Tour of Significant Downtown Buildings and Lunch

150 Years of Architectural Excellence will be explored during a walking tour of downtown Buffalo. Everyone will get to view the architectural genius of Louis Sullivan, Daniel Burnham, Richard Upjohn and local great E. B. Green. Our focus will be on the distinctive features of architectural styles from Gothic to Deco to Modern and their influences on our urban environment. The social and economic importance of Buffalo as the "Queen City" and "Gateway to the West" will be highlighted. Each and every participant will see first hand the artistic beauty, craftsmanship and investment our rich heritage provides.

Tour leaders Alex Herlovitch and Peter Filim have been providing tours for more than 20 years. They are respected experts in the field of heritage preservation and architectural history. Both have conducted and developed architectural tours within Erie and Niagara Counties. Our speakers are enthusiastic about Buffalo's rich architecture and promise an informative and entertaining experience!

Our tour will include the Guaranty Bldg, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Ellicott Square, Old County Hall, City Hall, Niagara Square/McKinley Monument, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Lafayette Hotel and others.

**(Continued information on page 4)**

**Information for  
Saturday, October 4, 2003  
Walking Tour of Significant  
Downtown  
Buildings and Lunch**

- 9:15 am: meet and park free behind the Pearl Street Grille and Brewery, 76 Pearl Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, phone 856-2337
- 9:30 am: first tour group leaves
- 9:45 am: second tour group leaves
- 11:30am: lunch at the Pearl Street Grille and Brewery
- Cost for the tour, sit-down lunch, tax and gratuity: \$17
- **Lunch** includes coffee/tea/soda, tax and gratuity.
- Pot roast with mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy and vegetables
- Beer battered Atlantic cod with pub fries and coleslaw
- Char grilled chicken breast on mixed greens with bacon, jack cheese and tomato with choice of dressing
- Bow tie pasta, with six-cheese sauce with caramelized onion, tomato fresh basil, and toasted pine nuts

**Notice!**

**Use of AAUW Directory**

Members are reminded: "Do not use the AAUW Roster for any commercial purposes, or for promotional mailing of any kind."

**District One Conference  
Living and Sharing the  
Mission**

Join us at AAUW District One Conference  
Saturday, October 11, 2003  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
YWCA 58 South Portage (Rt. 394)  
Westfield, NY

Buffalo is the largest AAUW Branch in District One. Come share your thoughts and ideas with members from our sister AAUW branches including Amherst, Dunkirk-Fredonia and Jamestown. Special guest speakers include NYS AAUW President, Evvie Currie, Jane Smith, AAUW NYS Program Vice-President and Linda Brodsky, Legal Advocacy Fund litigant, University of Buffalo. There will also be breakout sessions.

**Cost:** \$20, Make checks to Chautauqua-Westfield AAUW

**Contact Person:** Candice Courtney (672-8321)

8:30 - Registration and light refreshment

9:00 – Evvie Currie, "Living and Sharing the Mission"

9:30 – Loreen Ginnitti—AAUW Updates

10:00-10:15 – Break

10:15— Jane Smith, Program Challenge

11:00— Branch Program Best Practices Panel  
Branches will receive handouts of Best Practices

12:00 – Lunch – Catered by Triana

Dessert and Keynote Presentation: Linda Brodsky, LAF Litigant

(See page 6 for information about Linda Brodsky, LAF Litigant)



## 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**

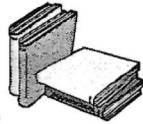
When: Tuesday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Eggertsville Library  
4622 Main St. (east of Harlem at Burroughs. Parking lot off Burroughs)

Topic: *John Adams* by David McCullough

Facilitator: Jean Sylvester

Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. Feel free to bring suggestions of biographies to read and discuss next spring.



### 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, September 24 at 6 p.m.

Where: Loughran's Restaurant  
4543 Main St., Snyder near Harlem Rd.

Topic: *The Poet and the Murderer*  
by Simon Worrall

Reviewer: Margaret Haas



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, September 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Plaka Restaurant, 2904

Delaware Ave. at Victoria, Kenmore

Topic: *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Reviewer: Marilyn Todd

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



### Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Thursday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Topic: *China in Transition: Is Real Change Imminent?*

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

### Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, September 2

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



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

When: Tuesday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

Where: Williamsville Branch Library  
5571 Main St., Williamsville

Topic: *Business Meeting* – Update on International Women's Rights Day Celebration

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](mailto:schwieg@adelphia.net)



## Local LAF Litigant to Speak at District One Conference

Dr. Linda Brodsky, a Professor of Otolaryngology and Associate Professor, Otolaryngology and Pediatrics Surgery, will be keynote speaker at the District One Conference on Saturday, October 11, 2003. The Conference, an annual meeting of the branches in District One of New York State, will take place at the YWCA in Westfield, NY. District One includes Amherst, Buffalo, Jamestown, and Dunkirk-Fredonia AAUW Branches.

Dr. Brodsky has a suit pending against SUNY Buffalo for pay inequity and retaliation. Based on the merits of her claim, she received AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) support for her case and will discuss her experiences at the District One Conference. Don't pass on this opportunity to learn about LAF and its support of this landmark local case.

## Title IX Remains Intact

The landmark legislation known as "Title IX" which provides women and girls equal opportunity in education and athletics will remain intact. Many thanks for your letters and phone calls, letting our lawmakers know the important impact Title IX has had on the lives of so many women and girls. There was much uncertainty over this past year when a Commission was established to study Title IX to make recommendations for changes of this law as it relates to athletics. The Commission's suggestions would have greatly altered and weakened the provisions of Title IX. The vast public outcry against such changes persuaded lawmakers on all sides to continue their support of Title IX with no changes made to the

law. AAUW has been very involved in leading the efforts to support Title IX. To read more about this, please go to the following site: ["http://www.aauw.org/about/newsroom/press\\_releases/030711.cfm"](http://www.aauw.org/about/newsroom/press_releases/030711.cfm)

## AAUW CO-SPONSORS YWCA CANDIDATES NIGHT

AAUW Buffalo Branch will once again be a co-sponsor for the YWCA of Western New York's "Meet the Candidates Night" set for Thursday, September 4, 2003. This event is presented as a public service by the YWCA to encourage its members and friends to become better informed voters. Candidates for Erie County Executive, Erie County Legislature, Buffalo City Comptroller, Buffalo Common Council and judicial seats have been invited to attend and answer questions from a panel of volunteers. This is an informational forum and not a debate. The event begins with a reception at 5:00 p.m., followed by the forum itself at 5:30 p.m. and will take place in the third floor ballroom of the Downtown YWCA, 190 Franklin Street. YWCA "Meet the Candidates Night" is free and open to the public. For more information, please call or Susan Clements at 852-6120 ext. 227 or email [clementsywca@aol.com](mailto:clementsywca@aol.com).

## WANTED

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

## USED AND NEW BOOK SALE 2003 FINAL REPORT

**\$39,824.85—YES, THIS IS NOT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR—THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED, TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS!** What a fantastic sale! I seem to be repeating myself each year writing the final report, and we keep doing better each year. Our gross sales were up \$13,544.89 from last year. We attribute our large increase in sales to our anonymous donation of thousands of new books, an increase in the number of people attending the sale, a great selection of collectibles/general sales, and possibly the location of our site. Our figures were up in pre-sale, admissions, general sales, collectibles/specially priced, and post-sale receipts. We increased the number of people working at the site by 3, number of total hours at the site increased by 157 from last year (this does not include the many hours of phoning, typing, mailings, pick-ups, sorting at depots, and computer hours looking up the collectibles). Next year we will try to calculate those hours. My warmest thanks go out to all those who have helped in this endeavor. We couldn't have done as well without the support of all of you—Teamwork is our key to success. The breakdown of the 2357 on-site hours 154 members worked is:

- 86 members worked 1-5 hours
- 24 members worked 6-10 hours
- 21 members worked 11-25 hours
- 8 members worked 26-50 hours
- 10 members worked 51-100 hours
- 3 members worked over 100 hours

Each year we are faced with a new challenge

(sometimes more than one) and this year was no exception. We lost our site that had been our home for four years. Benderson Corporation generously donated the site in the Vix Plaza. With that came a price of many hours of removing debris and cleaning the building, which took four days. We had many electrical problems and wired up our own spot lights in the back room to give us ample light to sort books. We had a couple of floods in the back room and some boxes got wet, but all in all it turned out to be a good site for us. Our second challenge was "what to do with thousands of new books". Our answer—committee members became "trunk saleswomen", carrying their books in the trunks of their cars, ready to display them at all meetings, programs, and study groups they attended. We were very successful with that idea and plan to bring out a new "sample pack" each month.

I can't say enough about our booksale committee. They are very dedicated to our sale, they show up even if they are sick or disabled, they are extremely flexible in adjusting schedules if the need arises, and they will do just about anything asked of them (and all for free!). Many thanks to Anne Allan, Ruth Auer, Lynn Beller, Jill Brown, Maria Ceraulo, Judy Clare, Marguerite Collesano, Barbara Engler, Janet Fowler, Suzanne Grossman, Ann Hicks, Jean Hubbard, Mary Kellner, Adrienne Kotler, Betty Loucks, Judy Malamus, Karen Noonan, Chris O'Connor, Suzanne Oliver, Roberta Ross, Maryalice Seagrave, Barbara Smith, Mary Stanton, Joyce Swartney, Rose Tarzia, Janet Trinkwalder, Janet Vine, Judy Weidemann, Cathy Weiss, Angeline Yelich.

Our booksale wouldn't be possible without the aid of our depots and pick-ups. Many thanks to Barbara Engler and Marguerite Collesano (Collec-

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**American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
Buffalo Branch Travel Study Group  
Christmas Shopping in Grove City PA  
Saturday, November 1, 2003**

of University Women (AAUW) promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.

g at Prime Outlets in Grove City, PA where over 140 of the country's best  
cated. Stores include Coldwater Creek, Vanity Fair, Crabtree & Evelyn, Springmaid  
r Factory Store, Waterford Wedgewood, Izod, Tommy Hilfiger and Rug Decor.  
<http://www.primeoutlets.com/cntrdefault.asp?cntrid=1024> then click on store

or crowd-free Christmas shopping! As of this writing, there is no sales tax on most  
tax!

includes snack, bus and driver's tip.

**least 15 minutes before bus departure time from Boulevard and McKinley**

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McKinley Mall on the inner road around the mall, between Penney's and Firestone.  
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ill make one brief restroom stop each way.  
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r are on your own. This gives us more time to shop! Suggestion: Buy your take-out

ark. They have a big breakfast and lunch buffet which should satisfy anyone. Also, t menu to order from if you don't want the buffet. They have great baked goods, and business - so we can get something to take on the bus for dinner. e trolley service: Hours of operation are from Noon to 6:00 p.m. ive a classic video for the way there and back--Bob Hope? Audrey Hepburn? The r quickly!

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: McKinley Mall or Boulevard Mall

have a preference.) \_\_\_\_\_

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s payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch Travel Group. \$20 includes snack, bus and

o Marilyn Kihl (691-8299), 27 Deepwood Court, Amherst, NY 14228.

is due on Saturday, October 11, 2003.

Marilyn Kihl (691-8299) kihlmc@iopener.net or Bev-- schwieg@adelphia.net

of the AAUW Buffalo Branch Travel Study Group are volunteers who act only as portation, lodging, sightseeing and other tour features, and are not responsible for ger injury or default of any company carrying out travel.

AAUW Buffalo Branch, please consider joining our group!

Bev ☺

(updated August 9, 2003 Bev Schwiegerling)

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tions Co-chairs), who put in many miles traveling all over Western New York to pick up books, and their committee: Mary Kellner, Cathy Weiss, Judy Weidemann, Leslie McCain, Ann Hicks, Ann Allan, Ann Montes, Kathy Basher, Chris O'Connor, Claudia Kania, Alice Glace, Angeline Yelich, Marion Fay, Bev Mooney, Jean Hubbard, Barb Smith, Betty Loucks, Karen Noonan, Adrienne Kotler. We do need more depots and pick-ups. If you can help, please call Barbara Engler at 674-3462.

We must also thank our community sponsors and volunteers for their assistance. The Benderson Corporation has been most generous and kind to donate free space and attend to problems at our sites. Able Table Party Rental has provided us with over a hundred tables for years with much reduced rates. Advanced Graphics and Printing has donated our book marks. The "YES" (Youth Engaged in Service) Organizations of Cheektowaga, Tonawanda and Amherst assisted with delivering books to the site and during the set-up days. Once again, our "old stand-bys" saved us many thousands of dollars in expenses. Lastly, our anonymous donor donated over 8,000 new books, which made the sale very profitable. We are extremely grateful for this assistance.

We are so happy to hear when another member's husband retires—so many of them have become a great help to us. Ed Eschner has been a "never ending help" with picking up books with his large, covered pick-up truck (he did ask for the summer off to go sailing on his boat). Other husbands who have helped with deliveries, sorting, set-up, the sale and clean-up are Allan Fowler, Don Engler, Charles Jamieson, Ron Kellner, Doug McClive, Jim Stevenson, Vince Tarzia and Charles Weiss. Thank you all.

Some of our members have donated money to help defray the cost of renting tables: Leona Barback, Karen Stephenson, Ruth Himmele, Anne Allan, Tamara Brown, Suzanne Grossman, Jean McGown, Carolyn Day, Florence Remboldt, and Cathy Weiss. Thank you for your generosity.

We added something new this year—we donated baskets of new books to some non-for-profit organizations to assist in their fund raisers. The recipients were: Channel 17 Auction, Girl Scouts of America, Children's Heart Research Fund. If you have any suggestions for additional groups, contact Jan Vine (636-6182).

Proceeds from the sale are designated for the Association's Educational Foundation (used for educational, research, and community grants); Loans for Education (local scholarships, grants and interest-free loans for education); and Branch Special Projects. Last year Buffalo Branch placed first in the state for the amount of money donated to the Association's Educational Foundation. Keep marching forward, Buffalo Branch, you have much to be proud of.

This will be my last book sale report since I will be moving to Philadelphia soon. I have enjoyed working at the book sale and intend to come back next year to celebrate our 50th anniversary. The coordination of the sale is left in the very able hands of Marguerite Collesano, Mary Kellner, Janet Vine, Judy Weidemann and Cathy Weiss. I am confident that you will all back them up to make next year an even better sale than this year.

Bunny Blackstone



## BOOK SALE FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME

Pre-sale	2773.00
Admissions	2245.00
Collectibles/ Specially priced	17778.00
General sales	16674.60
Post sale	104.25
Table donations	250.00

Total Gross Income 39,824.85

### EXPENSES

Printing/Copies	226.52
Postage	304.66
Supplies	247.35
Tables	1867.50
Gift Certificates	100.00
Electric	503.94
Truck rental/Gas	103.20
Food	78.37
Shirts	152.08
Total Expenses	3583.52

**GRAND TOTAL NET INCOME \$36,241.33**

### In Memoriam

Buffalo Branch mourns the death of Carol Stull, one time prominent member of our branch

On Wed. July 16, 2003, Carol Stull died from a very fast developing cancer She was a good friend of many of us and a dedicated member of AAUW. She leaves her husband Robert, three sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren.

Carol was a long-time member of the Buffalo Branch and was currently serving as the President of the Ithaca Branch. She held many offices including that of Buffalo Branch president, as well as offices in the state and national organization.

She will be missed.

### AAUW Buffalo Branch Welcomes New Member

Dr. Cheryl A . St. Pierre

### Visit Our Website

**<http://aauw.buffalo.edu>**

Thanks to the creativity, effort, and talent of Progyamita Banerjee ("Reema") our website is not only well designed but filled with information members will want to know. Reema, a graduate student at UB, has included many links of interest. Visit the site and pass on to her your comments, concerns and most certainly accolades!

## Report from AAUW National Convention of June 20 - 23, 2003

The convention was held in charming Providence, RI, the home town of Brown University, a co-sponsor of the convention, and of AAUW's National Conference for Women Student Leaders.

With high-powered businesswoman, Nancy Rustad, at the helm of AAUW, a business atmosphere permeated the convention, that was rich in sessions on a wide range of topics and intensely focused on empowerment. Nancy ran a tight ship. She streamlined much of the executive operation and its supporting services, cut some staff because of a financial crises since 9/11, but is loath to cut any of the important services or activities of AAUW. Her dedicated staff has been selflessly doing more with less but they cannot keep going without an increase in resources. Hence the problem of a raise in membership dues (which have not kept up with inflation) had to be resolved by the convention. After lengthy discussions and consideration an automatic yearly \$2 increase in dues (until the convention of 2009, the expected catch up time with inflation) was approved by 1222 yes vs. 402 no votes.

Another issue covered was the reconsideration of a university degree requirement for eligibility to AAUW. The motion to open up AAUW membership to any individual who merely supports the mission and goals of AAUW was argued by some as being required by our non-discrimination policy. This 'reasoning' ignored the fact that such a stance would make a mockery of any professional or other qualifier requirement of any organization. The proposal was soundly defeated

(369 yes vs. 1069 no).

An alternative proposal to open up the membership to persons with two-year associate degrees, as a way to grow AAUW membership and rejuvenate it was debated at length and various amendments were considered. The final version of the proposal narrowly missed (only by 122 votes) to reach two-thirds majority needed to become a bylaw amendment. At the end, a resolution was passed which called for a continuation of the discourse in order to resolve some expressed concerns. The concerns are namely (a) how to distinguish a meritorious applicant with a high quality associate degree from one with a piece of paper from a diploma mill; (b) how to regard someone who has completed two years of university studies out of a four year degree program. A lack of clearly defined criteria also led to failure of an amendment proposing to add a membership category for businesses and organizations. "What happens if Hooters wanted to join?" asked one delegate "If we don't have criteria set, we could be accused of discrimination".

The plenary session on Title IX - the Civil Rights law that prohibits gender discrimination in all aspects of education, including sports, issued a most compelling call for action on behalf of girls and women. Although there is severe under-funding of female athletics in comparison to lavish expenditures on male athletics, females are being now unjustly attacked as undeservedly diverting resources from males. One of the panelists, professor of recreation and sports, Mary Jo Kane, pointed out that the University of

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Minnesota, like too many other schools nationally, still favors its male athletes and teams over their female counterparts, but, "Girls have gone from hoping there is a team to hoping they make the team. There is a world of difference in that measure of hope." Moreover, she pointed out that now there is a critical mass of girls playing sports, therefore girls have a sense of entitlement to sports and this must not be allowed to diminish. Clearly, there is a real need for Title IX based equity and justice for girls and women.

Teresa Gessner

## **We're in the Phone Book!**

Look in the latest edition of The Talking Phone Book for our listing:

American Association of University Women - Buffalo Branch  
P.O. Box 311, Buffalo, NY 14201-0311  
(716) 559-3037

We are presently using this phone number for inquiries about our Chamberlin Loans and Funds for Education, and in the fall will use it for our Transitions Conference. We are pleased to have this listing. In the coming weeks all Branch Members will be receiving our Membership Roster. If you have any changes in your contact information, please immediately call Betty Preble at: [betty6935@adelphia.net](mailto:betty6935@adelphia.net)

## **Please Join The Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of the Friends of the Women's Rights**

At Its Inaugural Membership Brunch

Saturday, October 25, 2003  
Theodore Roosevelt  
National Historic Site  
641 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York  
10:00am-Noon

Our speakers will be  
The Honorable Louise Slaughter,  
Congresswoman (invited)  
Nan Johnson- President, Friends of the  
Women's Rights National Park  
Josie Fernandez, Superintendent of the  
Park

Reservations are necessary as space is limited and must be made before October 18

Please call  
Cathy Weiss 688-6181 or  
Judy Weidemann 655-3649

There is no charge for this event

## Clueless Mystery Group Reading List

The Clueless Mystery study group will be reading and discussing the following books in the coming year. All AAUW members are welcome to join the group.

- The Poet and the Murderer* by Simon Worrall – September  
*Mrs. Pargeter's Point of Honour* by Simon Brett – October  
*The Hearse You Came In* by Tim Cockey – November  
*The #1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith – December  
*The Corpse at the Haworth Tandori* by Robert Bernard – January  
*Close to Home* by Peter Robinson – February  
*Brat Farrar* by Josephine Tey – March  
*The Crewel World* by Monica Ferris – April  
*Two for the Show* by Janet Evanovich - June

## Dinner by the Book Reading List

The **Dinner by the Book** study group will be reading and discussing the following books in the coming year. Study groups are open to all AAUW members.

- The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd – September  
*The White* by Deborah Lawson – October  
*Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett – October  
*The #1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith – December

- Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Sijie Dai – January  
*John Adams* by David McCullough – February  
*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold – March  
*Jonah's Gourd Vine* by Zora Neale Hurston – April  
*The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown - June

## American Biographies Study Group Books for the Coming Year

**September:** *John Adams* by David McCullough

**October:** *Susam B. Anthony: A Biography of a Feminist* by Kathleen Barry

**November:** *Lyndon Johnson, Master of the Senate* by Robert Caro

**January:** *Helen Hunt Jackson: A Literary Life* by Kate Phillips

## Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee will meet at Spillio's Restaurant, 5175 Transit Rd, Williamsville, NY at 6:00 PM on September 8, 2003. All branch members are welcome. Call Cathy Weiss (688-6181) or Judy Weidemann (655-3649) for more information.

**POTLUCK DINNER****September 15, 2003, 5:30 p.m.****Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga Road, Snyder, NY 14226**

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

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/s names \_\_\_\_\_

I will contribute one of the following for myself: (guests are free)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 and a dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 and a salad \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 and a vegetable or meat casserole

Each dish should feed 8-10 people.

Send this reservation form and check to:

Karen Noonan, 123 Main Street, Youngstown, NY 14174-1010

Checks are payable to AAUW, Buffalo Branch.

**Deadline is September 12th.****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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form for****Saturday, October 4, 2003****Walking Tour of Significant Downtown Buildings and Lunch**

- **Please print; Circle Menu choice**
- Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pot roast—Cod—Chicken—Pasta
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
- Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Pot roast—Cod—Chicken—Pasta
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**Please send the reservation form and check payable to:**

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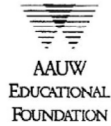
Marilyn Kihl, (691-8299), 27 Deepwood Court, Amherst, NY 14228

**We need to receive your reservation(s) by Wednesday, September 17, 2003 Thank you!**

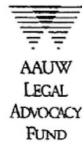
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*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*



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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, September 3, -  
Board Meeting**

**Monday, September 8, -  
Public Policy Meeting**

**Monday, September 15, -  
Potluck dinner**

**Saturday, October 4, -  
Walking Tour**

**Saturday, October 11, -  
District One Conference**

**Saturday, October 25, 2003 -  
Women's Rights Historic  
Luncheon**

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