

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.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 6, 5:15 p.m.
Board Meeting - United Way Bldg.

Saturday, April 9, - 10:30 Brunch at Park Lane - Topic: *Olmsted Parks*

Saturday, May 7, - Annual Awards Luncheon

June 1-5 - *The Fabulous 51st Book Sale*
Sheridan Plaza
3248 Sheridan Drive
(Same location as last year)



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Buffalo Branch Home Page
<http://aauw.buffalo.edu>

April 9th Brunch Program Topic: The Olmsted Park System

**Speaker:
*Deborah Ann Trimble***

**Networking
begins at
10:30 a.m.**

Locaton: the Park Lane Restaurant
33 Gates Circle
Buffalo, NY 14209

May Program *Annual Luncheon and Awards Meeting*

**Saturday,
May 7, 2005,
12 noon**
(registration,
networking at 11:30)

Shanghai Red's
(on the waterfront, site of
the old
Crawdaddy's)
2 Templeton
Terrace, Buffalo

For more information on April and May events see pages 3, 4, and 5. Reservations on page 11.

President's Message

Volunteerism is the act or practice of doing volunteer work in community service. Volunteerism is the mainstay of Buffalo Branch AAUW. We have no paid members. We are all volunteers giving our time for what we believe is beneficial for women and girls in our community.

We are "Sharing the AAUW Vision" of promoting equity for all women and girls by promoting life-long education and learning through our education programs. We offer various scholarship and loans programs and Sister-to-Sister and Transitions Conferences. Through our public policy endeavors we create positive societal change by understanding the full meaning of diversity and community in our programs – International Women's Day, Title IX awareness, Great Decisions and Human Rights for Women Global Study Groups.

Our Branch also has many committees all working for the betterment of our community by fostering new ideas for involvement and working together with partner organizations.

One of our largest volunteer efforts is the annual Used Book Sale, now in its 51st year, where countless hours are spent ALL YEAR LONG picking up and sorting books for the big event. Beginning six weeks before the sale, an extraordinary amount of work/hours is further put in at the book sale site sorting, stacking and preparing for the big event. At last, there is the

Deadline for the May issue is April 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 May issue.


five day book sale is where nearly all of the branch members work selling books of which the proceeds go to EF and our local Scholarship Programs. Thousands of volunteer hours are devoted to the book sale every year.

If you, add all the hours spent planning our monthly programs and running special events, participating on the numerous committees and lastly, hours spent being a board member, then you have the essence of what it is to be an AAUW Buffalo Branch member.

If anyone were to ask you what is AAUW all about, you could answer that it is an organization of women who devote countless tireless volunteer hours to promote equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change – the AAUW mission. We surely do share this vision. We know what volunteerism is all about.

Applause to all of our hard working members! Be proud of your Branch and the AAUW mission. Promote both as often as you can.

Janet Fowler



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Olmsted Park Brunch Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

Cost \$17.50 per person for full Buffet

Amount enclosed _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch and mail to Teresa Gessner, P.O. Box 56, Williamsville NY 14231. All reservations must be received by **April 2.**

Annual Luncheon and Awards Meeting Registration

Please provide the registration information below:

Name (1): _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Enclosed is a check for (\$24 per person)

Names of others included (for nametags):

(2) _____ (5) _____

(3) _____ (6) _____

(4) _____ (7) _____

Dietary requirements? – Please specify which person (by number) and requirement below:

Please complete form and send with check made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch to: Betty Preble, 6935 East Quaker, Orchard Park, NY 14127


by April 25


Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: **Please send study group information to Barbara Carier, 295 Lakewood Pkwy, Amherst 14226, 839-0933 (h), 858-7040 (w), or bcarier@adelphia.net.**

Note: If you are interested in forming a new study group, please send the purpose and expectations for the group to Barbara. Recent suggestions are being studied.

Group: **Great Decisions** Discussion Group
When: Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 1:30 pm
Topic: **Outsourcing Jobs**
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church,
Main Street, east of Youngs Rd.
Contact: Suzanne Grossman 837-8769


Group: **American Biographies**
When: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.
Topic: **John James Audubon:
The Making of an American** 
by Richard Rhodes
Where: Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St.
Facilitator: Jean Sylvester
For May, read **Woman's Voice, Woman's Place:** Lucy Stone and the **Birth of the Women's Rights Movement** by Joelle Million
Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

Group: **Dinner by the Book** Discussion Group
When: Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Plaka Restaurant,
2904 Delaware Ave. in
Kenmore 
Topic: **Pompeii** by Robert Harris


Reviewer: Irene Clark
Reservations: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or 856-3150) fwitnauer@buffaloplac.com

Group: **Knitting** Group
When: Tuesday, April 26 from 7-9 p.m.
Where: Clubhouse, 4100 Stonegate Ln.,
Williamsville,

behind Wehrle Golf Dome
Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)
aikotler@earthlink.net
Project: Afghan for Haven House

Group: **Clueless Mystery Book Club**
When: April 27, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. 
Where: Loughran's, Main St. near
Harlem
Topic: **Mrs. Mallory and the
Silent Killer** by Hazel Holt

Reviewer: Norma Millar
Contact: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or 856-3150) Sue Grossman (837-8769)

Group: **Travel Group** 
Mission: To organize 1 or 2 trips per year that interest existing and prospective members of AAUW Buffalo
Contact: Bev Schwiegerling (652-7182) schwieg@adelphia.net and watch Newsletter for announcements.

Support a
Study Group



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) BUFFALO BRANCH

PRESENTS AN EVENT FEATURING



Brunch Program about the Buffalo Olmsted Park System

Deborah Ann Trimble, executive director of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy will give an illustrated talk on the Buffalo's historic Olmsted Park System. Designed by the world renowned landscape architect, Frederick L. Olmsted, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and puts Buffalo on the world's map. Olmsted's other works include New York's Central Park and The Mall in Washington, D.C.

**Saturday, April 9, 2005, 10:30 a.m.,
Park Lane Restaurant, 33 Gates Circle, Buffalo, NY 14209.**

(Registration - 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.; buffet brunch and program - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; networking 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.)
Cost is \$17.50 each for members and guests

Reservations with checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch should be mailed to Teresa Gessner, P.O. Box 56, Williamsville NY 14231 by April 2

See page 4 for more information on Olmsted parks and about our speaker

Buffalo Olmsted Park System Featured in *National Geographic Magazine*

Two photographs featuring the Buffalo Olmsted Park System appear in the March 2005 issue of National Geographic magazine. "Passion for Parks" is a 10-page article that features, a wintertime photograph of the stately Oak Tree which sits in the grand meadow of Delaware Park; and an overhead shot of Gates Circle looking down on rows of trees along beautiful Chapin Parkway. Also featured are photos of Central Park and Prospect Park in New York City, Yosemite National Park in California and Mount Royal Park in Montreal.

"Buffalo's Olmsted Parks stand among the most scenic in the world and this article about the Olmsted legacy is a testament to that," said Deborah Ann Trimble, executive director of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. "Frederick Law Olmsted is considered America's greatest landscape architect and Buffalo is so fortunate to have these important, interesting and historic cultural attractions right in our own backyard. In fact, Olmsted was so impressed with the radial street design already in place in Buffalo that he designed an entire system of parks and adjoining parkways and circles – the first in the nation, a plan later copied in cities across the country," stated Trimble.

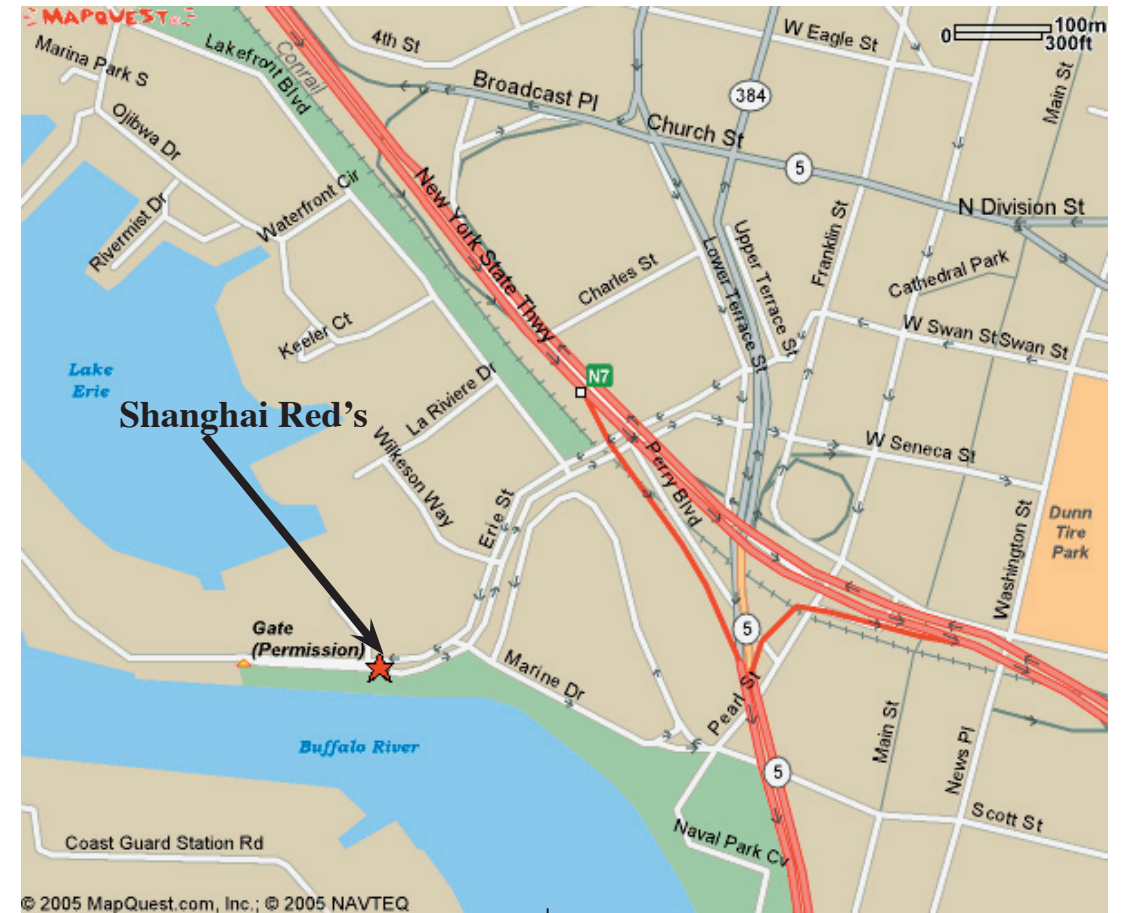
The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, now in its 27th year, maintains Buffalo's historic, Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Park System, the first of its kind in the nation. In partnership with Erie County, the City of Buffalo and the community, the Conservancy works to revitalize Delaware, Cazenovia, Front, Martin Luther King, Jr., Riverside and South Parks and their connecting parkways, circles and other spaces. World-renowned as the "Father of Landscape Architecture", Olmsted also designed the Parkside neighborhood, the grounds of the H.H. Richardson Complex, Niagara Square, and the Niagara Falls State Park, as well as New York's Central Park, the grounds of the U.S. Capitol and the White House, Yosemite National Park and famous parks and green spaces throughout North America. To learn more about the Conservancy, call 838-1249 or visit www.joinolmsted.org.

Speaker on Olmsted Parks Conservancy

Deborah Ann Trimble, Executive Director, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy will talk about Buffalo's historic Olmsted Park System. She has been the Executive Director of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy since March 1999. The Conservancy is a not-for-profit,

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Map to Shanghai Red's - on the Waterfront



Buffalo Branch Offers Condolences

We extend sincere sympathy to Lynn McClive, former Buffalo Branch President, whose husband of 58 years, Douglas, passed away March 11th.

Long time members will remember Doug sorting, selling, and buying at the Annual Booksale.

Doug was employed in graphics arts, advertising, public relations, and printing and was a member of the Buffalo Club of Printing House Craftsmen. In 1990 he was honored as "Craftsman of the Year".

A get-together for friends and family to remember Doug will be held at Greenfield Manor (5953 Broadway, Lancaster) on April 23 at 11:00 am. Memorials can be sent to the Greenfield's Benevolent Fund.

Volunteers Needed for the 2005 Jr. League Decorator Show House

AAUW Buffalo Branch to Participate as
Volunteers in the Decorator's Show House

AAUW Buffalo Branch has again this year signed up to participate as docents in the 2005 Jr. League Decorator Show House – The Century House at 100 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo. We are confirmed for volunteering on Saturday, May 21st, 9:30 AM to 1:45 PM. If you wish to be a work on the AAUW shift, please advise Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or via email at janalanf@aol.com. We have guaranteed 20 participants. Volunteers are able to tour the house free before or after their shift. If you are unable to volunteer on the Branch day, you may sign up for other shifts on other days as an individual volunteer. The Decorator Show House runs from April 30 through May 22. Contact Janet Fowler for other individual shift days and times.

Campus Outreach Giving Circle

The Evvie Currie Campus Outreach Giving Circle will close on March 31, 2005. This is an excellent way to support the Legal Advocacy Fund. All monies raised will be used for campus outreach programs in New York State. The money will stay in New York State. No administrative fees are deducted. Contributors are credited to the individual and

the branch. It's simple to contribute. Send a check to Susan Hearty indicating on the memo line that it is for the Giving Circle. There is no minimum. The results will be announced at the Convention.

Please help to make this circle a success. Think of the positive work that we can do on behalf of women and girls with this money. Any questions, please contact Susan Hearty at tresswann@yahoo.com

Every dollar is important!

Calling All Knitters

The Board of Directors has asked the knitting study group to make an afghan that could be auctioned at the Book Sale for the Legal Advocacy Fund. This is a large undertaking, but one that can be done if we all work together.

We need all knitters to help out by knitting at least one square - please try to come to the next meeting of the Knitting Group to be held on March 22nd at 7p.m. at the Clubhouse at Stonegate apartments. At that time we will talk about the project and you can select the square you would like to make. We will supply the yarn – you only have to supply the needles and your talent.

If you can't make this meeting and still want to help, please contact Adrienne Kotler at 688-0740 or via e-mail at aikotler@earthlink.net.

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membership-based parks organization that works within a legal public/private partnership with the City of Buffalo to oversee the city's parkland designed by America's greatest landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

May Program Annual Luncheon and Awards Meeting:

Saturday, May 7, 2005, 12 noon
(registration, networking at 11:30)

Shanghai Red's
(on the waterfront, site of the old
Crawdaddy's)

2 Templeton Terrace, Buffalo

Cost - \$24 per person

Menu – spring chicken with rice, salad,
rolls/butter, dessert and coffee or tea

Progress Update on the 2005 Educational Awards Committee

In January, the Board announced four new educational awards and scholarships and asked for members to help form the planning committee. Over the past two months, the new committees have been working diligently and have made great strides!

Applications will soon be available on our website for the AAUW Buffalo Branch "Catalysts for Change" Scholarship. Catalysts for Change is a highly competitive program to recognize the efforts of one high school student, one college student, and one adult/non-traditional student. Three scholarships of \$5000 will be awarded. The committee is in the final stages, having worked to develop thorough criteria and the application process. We look forward to recognizing winners at the June Booksale.

The Branch Educational Projects Grants committee has created four distinct areas in which projects will be funded: individual dissertations, not-for-profits and churches, leadership projects for high schools, and neighborhood enrichment projects. The committee has made efforts to identify ways to communicate the new grant programs throughout the area. The program will grant up to 7 awards ranging between \$500 and \$1500 to women and organizations whose work parallels the mission of AAUW. The first grants will be announced at the September potluck.

"College Bound" Awards focuses on 7th and 8th grade students within the city of Buffalo. Plans are underway for a competition allowing

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students to use many forms of expression-- such as art, webpages, essays, poems -- to show how students can achieve the ultimate goal of a college education. Elements from the entries will be used to create a Buffalo Branch publication for posting in local schools. The committee is seeking collaboration with the Buffalo Public Schools so that efforts reach as many students as possible. All entrants will receive a book sale gift certificate, and contest winners will receive savings bonds.

The Buffalo Branch Emergency Fund has been established for one-time, educational-related emergencies. The committee has created a plan to administer these small grants to students in a short time frame while completely ensuring integrity in the process. A total of \$500 of funding is provided for up to five awards which will be allocated on an as-needed basis. Funds not spent will be returned to general EF funds.

The Emergency Fund has an emergency!

The committee is seeking three volunteers to serve as reviewers for this newly established fund. These members will review emergency requests as they occur; therefore, time commitment is minimal. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call Tamara Brown at 649-9871.

Please look forward to area publicity announcing these awards throughout the community, and share these new programs with others as one of the many positive endeavors of the Branch.

And please remember.... We all know that it is only through the phenomenal success of the Booksale that the Branch can continue to support national and-- importantly-- local educational efforts. Please take every opportunity to help in Booksale efforts-- now and during the sale. All members efforts are needed to help the Branch reach greater heights.

Highlights from the February 2, 2005 Board Meeting:

Book Sale: Cathy Weiss and Judy Weidemann are currently looking at sites for the sale with Benderson. As soon as the site has been finalized, bookmarks announcing the event will be printed. The work continues at the Waters with regards to organizing the books. The Attica Stevens Memorial Library has books to donate to the cause. The Veteran's Administration Hospital will be the next venue to sell books on February 14th.

Chamberlin Loans Update: Sandra Williams Bush told us that three interviews will be conducted on February 5th of the five applications that were received. An additional interview will be held after February 28th. The fifth applicant did not qualify.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Janet Fowler updated us on the latest fundraising effort for the LAF. The Board enthusiastically agreed to sell tickets for the "Spring Fling" Event at Galleria Kaufmann's Department Store to be held April 26th from 6-10PM. Tickets are \$10 and will provide purchaser with a coupon for 25% discounts on purchases, food sampling and other entertainment. AAUW will keep all proceeds from the ticket sales. In addition, incentives for ticket sales include \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 for most attendees brought in by a charitable organization; most tickets sold.

Nominating Committee: Linda Suchocki presented us with the slate of candidates for the 2005 officers:
President: Tamara Brown

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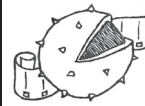
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President Elect: Mary Kellner and Judy Malamas
Vice President of Programs: Susan Clement
Co-Third Vice Presidents Membership Retention: Michele Maddox and Fredricka Cheek
LAF Chair: Barbara Bohlen
Treasurer: Adrienne Kotler
Loan Fund Treasurer: Ingrid Wetherbee
Education and Equity Chair: Stacey Johnson
Nominating Committee Chair: Janet Fowler
Nominating Committee: Barb Engler, Sue Grossman, Jean Hubbard, and Janet Trinkwalder

Emerging Leaders Award: Janet Fowler will be submitting the nomination of Diane Bishop for this award.

The
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THE BUFFALO BRANCH of the A.A.U.W. and
KEN-TON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Anne Bancroft stars in
The Miracle Worker



as
Annie Sullivan
with
Patty Duke

as
Helen Keller

April 8 in the Community room at Hoover
Elementary
Between Colvin and Delaware
\$5.00 at the door.

New Books for Sale in April

The following **new** books are currently available from the Book Sale Committee. If you would like a copy, email Mary Kellner at mkellner39@aol.com (741-8127). Checks may be made out to the *AAUW Educational Foundation*.

Bastianich, Lidia – *Lidia's Family Table* \$5
Baxter, Stephen – *Exultant* \$4
Demille, Nelson – *Nightfall* \$4
Donaldson, Stephen – *The Runes of the Earth* \$4
Fuller, Alexandra – *Scribbling the Cat* \$2
Hemingway, Karen – *Encyclopedia of Stitches* \$4
Henderson, Dee – *The Marriage Wish* \$4
Kaye, Marvin – *Fair Folk* \$4
Kingsbury, Karen – *One Tuesday Morning* \$4
Lescroat, John – *The Motive* \$4
Morgan, Robert – *Then Sings My Soul* \$4
Scicolone, Michele – *1000 Italian Recipes* \$5
Seidler, Franz – *Hitler's Secret Headquarters* \$4
Shirley, Craig – *Reagan's Revolution* \$4
Snelling, Lauraine – *Opal* \$3

