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



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



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## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday March 2, 5:15 p.m.  
Board Meeting - United Way Bldg.
- Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.  
International Women's Day  
Program & Dinner
- Friday, March 18, Transitions Conference
- Friday, March 18, - deadline for AAUW  
NYS convention and hotel  
registration! Convention April 15-17
- Saturday, April 9, - 10:30 Brunch at Park  
Lane - Topic: *Olmsted Parks*
- Saturday, May 7, - Annual Awards  
Luncheon



# Buffalo Branch Newsletter

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March 2005

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

## International Women's Day Celebration Reception and Dinner

Tuesday, March 8, 2005, 6:00 PM

Topic: *WOMEN AND FOREIGN POLICY*

### Samuel's Grande Manor

8750 Main Street, Clarence, New York  
6:00 PM

Our speakers include:

**Nancy McGlen, PhD and  
Meredith Reid Sarkees, PhD**  
Co-authors *Women and Foreign Policy*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Brunch Meeting**  
Topic:  
**The Olmsted  
Park System**

Speaker:  
**Deborah Ann  
Trimble**

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

Location: the Park  
Lane Restaurant

For more information on March and April Events see page 3. Reservations on page 11.

# President's Message

**F**ebruary and March in our Branch are probably our most concentrated efforts in diverse programs. February is National Black History Month and in March we celebrate International Women's Day. This year, we designated February as our Diversity month and our program was on the Native American Indian population. Not only do we celebrate International Women's Day in March, but we also hold our annual Sister-to-Sister Conference and Transitions Conference programs. Both of these focus on diversity issues, too.

While AAUW's diversity statement includes the common classes of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin and disability, it also should be noted that diversity reaches to education and cultural backgrounds as well. Diversity is more than just a numbers or visual game; it is an attitude. It is being open and willing to change. Being diverse means gaining different perspectives through coalition building and showing respect for the beliefs, practices and behaviors of others. Diversity is valuing the ways we are different and celebrating the ways we are the same.


Deadline for the April issue is March 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 April issue.

Diversity is also Social Justice. Social justice includes gender equity, race relations, democratic government, economic opportunity, intellectual freedom, quality education and health care, human rights in the USA and other countries, security for older Americans and inclusive public policies.

Our Branch's Diversity Committee has begun the efforts to increase awareness in branch leadership and membership in order to foster a greater acceptance and understanding throughout the Western New York Community. Let us open our eyes and minds to these issues and ensure our programs support this mission.

Be proud of your Branch and the AAUW mission. Promote both as often as you can.

Janet Fowler



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## Reservation Form

*International Women's Day*  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2005**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$35/person

Dinner Choices:

Chicken Samuel \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Linguine with pesto and Portobello mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations and checks to: Cathy Weiss (688-6181) 70 Fenec Lane,  
 East Amherst, NY 14051**

**Make Checks payable to AAUW, EF and mail by February 22, 2005**

## 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 1.**


## Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: **Please send study group information to Barbara Carrier, 295 Lakewood Pkwy, Amherst 14226, 839-0933 (h), 858-2884 (w), or bcarrier@adelphia.net**

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

Group: **Great Decisions** Discussion  
When: Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 1:30 pm  
Topic: **Putin's Second Term**  
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church,  
Main Street, east of Youngs Rd.  
Contact: Suzanne Grossman 837-8769


Group: **American Biographies**   
When: Tuesday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m.  
Topic: Read the second half of **Truman** by David McCullough (*Presidential Years*)  
Where: Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St.  
Facilitator: Sue Oliver  
For April read **John James Audubon, the Making of an American** by Richard Rhodes  
Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

Group: **Dinner by the Book** Discussion  
When: Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.  
Where: Plaka Restaurant,  
2904 Delaware Ave. in Kenmore 


Topic: **After Long Silence** by Helen Fremont  
Reviewer: Suzanne Grossman  
Reservations: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or 856-3150)  
[fwitnauer@buffaloplace.com](mailto:fwitnauer@buffaloplace.com)

Group: **Knitting Group**  
When: Tuesday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m.  
Where: Clubhouse, 4100 Stonegate Ln.,  
Williamsville, behind Wehrle Golf Dome

Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)  
[aikotler@earthlink.net](mailto:aikotler@earthlink.net)  
Project: Afghan for Haven House

Group: **Clueless Mystery Book Club**   
When: March 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Loughran's, Main St. near Harlem

Topic: **Cold Company** by Sue Henry  
Reviewer: Shirley Havice  
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) and watch Newsletter for announcements  
[schwieg@adelphia.net](mailto:schwieg@adelphia.net)

## March 8 International Women's Day Celebration to Feature Report from Sri Lanka

Drs. Meredith Reid Sarkees and Nancy McGlen will be speakers for the International Women's Day Celebration and Dinner on March 8, 2005. They are co-authors of *Women and Foreign Policy: The Insiders*.

Dr. Sarkees is a Fellow with the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership at St. Mary's College in Indiana. She is the author of two books including *Women and Foreign Policy: The Insiders*. She is also the author of numerous articles and book chapters on women in foreign policy, women and peace and the correlates of war. She has spent the last two years interviewing women foreign policy leaders in nations around the world. Dr. Sarkees has traveled to Sri Lanka three times in the last year including the month after the tsunami. We will hear a first hand report on the conditions in Sri Lanka after the tsunami.

Dr. Nancy E. McGlen is Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Niagara University. Dr. McGlen has written and spoken extensively on women in politics and the academic profession. She is the co-author of four books including, *Women, Politics and American Society*, 3rd ed. and *Women and Foreign Policy:*

*The Insiders*. In March 2002, she served as Chair for the first Niagara County Institute for Public Leadership, a YWCA program to train women for public leadership. Currently she serves on the Leadership Committee for the Niagara County Commission on the Status of Women and as a board member for the YWCA of Niagara County. She has been a speaker on women's issues for numerous clubs and organizations in the Buffalo/Niagara area.

## A Brunch Program About Buffalo's Historic Olmsted Park System

Among Buffalo's architectural treasures are six parks, seven circles and their connecting parkways masterfully designed by the world famous landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, whose well known works include the Central Park in New York City and The Mall in Washington D.C. Olmsted's designs for Buffalo's Park System were exhibited at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia where they were described as showing "the best planned city as to its streets, public places and grounds in the United States, if not the world." Currently this park system is on the National Register of Historic Places. Its maintenance and revitalization are in the custody of Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy in partnership with Erie County, the City of Buffalo, and the community.

On April 9th, at a brunch in the elegant Park

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Lane Restaurant located at one of the circles designed by Olmsted, Deborah Ann Trimble, Executive Director of Buffalo Olmsted Park Conservancy will give an illustrated talk about Buffalo's historic Olmsted Park System. Ms. Trimble has an MA in Arts Administration from the University of Buffalo and a BA in Journalism from Buffalo State College. In 1999 she assumed leadership of the Conservancy and proceeded to forge new partnerships and cooperative agreements for managing and maintaining Buffalo's Olmsted Parks for enjoyment of the community and for preservation of this proud heritage.

Join us for the program on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at Park Lane Restaurant, 33 Gates Circle, Buffalo, NY 14209. (Registration and networking – 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.; buffet brunch and program – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; more 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 to be received by Friday, April 1 (inquiries to [tgessner@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:tgessner@acsu.buffalo.edu) or 716-634-5053).

## Address Changes

Jayne Harnisch  
1235 Eggert Rd  
Amherst, NY 14226

Phyllis Kelly  
725 Renaissance Dr #OX-206  
Williamsville 14221-8036

## Volunteers Needed for the 2005 Jr. League Decorator Show House

AAUW Buffalo Branch has again this year signed up to participate as docents in the 2005 Jr. League Decorator Show House. We have requested as our 1st choice date Saturday, May 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. shift. The 2nd choice date is Saturday, May 21st, same shift. If you wish to be a volunteer on the AAUW shift, please advise Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or via email at [janalanf@aol.com](mailto:janalanf@aol.com). We have guaranteed 20 volunteers. 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.

Janet Fowler

### NOTICE:

AAUW Buffalo Branch, Inc. does NOT allow use of its membership roster for promotional purposes or mailings of any kind. Some members have expressed concern that our list is being used for these purposes. It is not. However, the National Association has on occasion made its list available for promotional purposes.

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will be able to send 5 – 6 delegates. Janet Fowler is requesting anyone interested in attending as a delegate contact her. All delegates will be reimbursed \$100 for expenses.

An ad for the convention is due March 15<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that last year's ad be repeated with the wording changed to "Sharing the Vision since 1890." The cost of the ad is \$100.

- **Velma Cobb Update:** Janet Fowler updated us that the awardees for the \$1,000 have been informed and they will be honored at the May luncheon. The winners are Katie Schwertz of Lancaster High School and Whitney Sperrazza of Mt. St. Mary's Academy. The runners up were: Kristen Bova, Sarah Uhlman, and Jennifer Wade.
- **Education Foundation:** Leona Barback let us know that she forwarded the \$25,000 check to the Education Foundation on December 29<sup>th</sup>. The check will be allocated as \$10,000 for the American Fellowship; \$10,000 for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund; and \$5,000 unrestricted.
- **Olga Lindberg Committee:** Janet Fowler said interviews are set-up for January 10<sup>th</sup> with the following organizations: Atlantic Capitol Management, Arbor Capitol, HSBC, and Smith Barney to manage the bequest.

## Slate of Officers for the Buffalo Branch

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the Buffalo Branch Board of Directors 2005-2007. All offices are two-year terms except for President, President Elect, Nominating Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee members, which are one-year terms.

President	Tamara Brown
Co-Presidents Elect	Mary Kellner Judy Malamas
First Vice President: Program	Susan Clements
Co-Third Vice-Presidents: Membership Retention	Michele Maddox Fredricka Cheek
LAF Vice-President	Barb Bohlen
Branch Treasurer	Adrienne Kotler
Loan Funds Treasurer	Ingrid Wetherbee
Education and Equity Chair	Anastasia Johnson
Nominating Committee Chair	Janet Fowler
Nominating Committee Members	Barb Engler Sue Grossman Jean Hubbard Janet Trinkwalder

Anyone else interested in these offices should immediately contact Linda Suchocki at 823-4154. Elections will be held at the Annual Achievement Award Luncheon on May 7, 2005.

## New Study Group Possibilities

Barbara Carrier [bcarrier@adelphia.net](mailto:bcarrier@adelphia.net)

As a result of last month's exploration of possible new study groups, some members have expressed interest in the following new groups:

- Downtowners Luncheon Group
- Language Group  
(Russian and French so far)
- Couples Gourmet
- Crafts
- Art Appreciation
- Music for Pleasure
- Creative Writing

Let me know if you are interested in any of these groups or others you may want. It's always fun to share interests with old or new friends. Serious or casual, interests and hobbies are better when they are shared!

## Hold the Date!

Our Annual Awards Luncheon and Elections Meeting will be on Saturday, May 7th. Please make a note that the location has been changed from that listed in the roster. We will be meeting at Shanghai Red's, the lovely new restaurant down on the waterfront (where Crawdaddy's used to be). Next month's newsletter will have details and registration forms.

## Highlights from January 5, 2005 Board Meeting:

- Janet Fowler updated us on the International Women's Day event. It is on target and Nancy McGlen is the guest speaker. The Title IX event has been postponed until next year. This is of some concern since postponement might impact on our intern assistance and Branch award.
- Beverly Schwiegerling requested the Board review the membership brochures and offer any changes. The Association membership dues will increase by \$2 for the next six years.
- New York State Awards: Janet Fowler informed us that the Association is dropping the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award. This will now only be presented at the State level. She further updated us on the criteria for this award as well as the Peacock Award and Emerging Leader Award. She requested suggestions for the Emerging Leadership Award. This must be a person who has been with the Branch less than three years. Further information can be found on the State website [aauw.nys.org](http://aauw.nys.org). It was suggested that we submit the Olga Lindberg Foundation process for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award.
- New York State Convention: Deadline for registration is March 18<sup>th</sup>. The convention will be held April 15-17 at the Turning Stone Resort near Utica, NY. It is anticipated that the Branch  
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## AAUW Transitions Conference Planned for Women Returning to School

Women comprise the majority of college students today, and students over the age of 40 are the fastest growing segment of the college population. However, many women face significant barriers to their educational success, often having to balance job and family responsibilities against their academic work. To show women and girls how to overcome the barriers to their educational goals, the Buffalo Branch of the American Association of University Women, in collaboration with several local women's organizations, businesses and educational institutions, is sponsoring WNY's third annual TRANSITIONS CONFERENCE for Women Returning to School, on Friday, March 18, 2005 from 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Bryant & Stratton College, 40 Hazelwood Drive, Amherst, NY. Co-sponsors include the AAUW Buffalo Branch, Bryant & Stratton College, Erie Community College, Everywoman Opportunity Center and Partners in Business.

TRANSITIONS is a half-day program featuring 15 Workshops. Participants may choose to attend whichever sessions they like. There is something for everything needed to succeed in college. The conference, which is aimed at students either

returning to college or those entering for the first time (any age welcome) costs \$10, which includes materials for all sessions, refreshments and lunch. Fee waivers are available. Workshop sessions include such topics as "I'm Not 22 Anymore" (the obstacles that older students face in going to college and how to cope with them), "Wonder Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore", (balancing family, work and school), "Succeeding on Campus" (includes the resources and aids available for success), "TAP, PELL and Beyond" (information on financial aid) and "Money Doesn't Grow on Trees" (paying for college and life's expenses). Many of the workshops will be "on-line" in a computer lab, providing hands on learning. In addition, representatives from the 16 accredited colleges and universities in Erie and Niagara counties have been invited to answer questions and provide information about their schools and degree programs offered

Offered are two additional workshops in which those attending will have the opportunity to take Myer's Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and have their results interpreted. These will be offered beginning at 8:45 a.m. The MBTI is a tool for helping to understand strengths and for aiding in making decisions about career choices, relationships and personal goals. For those interested, the deadline for TRANSITIONS registration is March 4. For more information, to request a brochure or to register, please call (716) 559-3037 or visit [www.aauw.buffalo.edu](http://www.aauw.buffalo.edu).

## Diversity Committee Update

The Diversity Committee had its first meeting of the year on January 31, 2005 at the Original Pancake House in Williamsville. Four members were in attendance and worked on developing a diversity policy draft statement. Once the policy is finalized, it will be forwarded to the Board for approval and then distributed to the general membership at the Annual Awards Luncheon in May.

Other discussion focused on the development of action plan goals, more energetic outreach for new members and advocacy for handicapped accessibility. In addition, it was decided that there needs to be more collaboration of the committee members and other standing committees, such as programming, public policy, nominating and strategic planning in order to ensure that diversity is always considered as an important factor before decisions are made.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 5:30 PM at Native American Community Services, 1005 Grant Street, Buffalo, New York 14207.

If you are interested in attending the meeting and are not on the committee membership list, please call Norine Borkowski at 688-0612.

New members are always welcome.

## AAUW Buffalo Branch LAF 2005 Fund Raiser

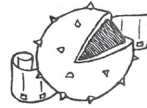
This year our Branch is participating in Kaufmann's Spring Fling - April 26, 2005, 6-10 PM at Kaufmann's Galleria Mall. The Spring Fling is a fund raising event open to Not-for-Profit Organizations. We are using this opportunity to raise money for LAF (AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund). For every ticket we sell at \$10, we get to keep the funds.

The \$10 ticket entitles the purchaser to a 25% off shopping pass that night, entry for many prizes including a \$1000 shopping spree, fashion shows, accessory workshops, and shoe truck show. Ticket holders will also be able to sample delicious cuisine and fine wines, and watch cooking demonstrations. There will be musical performances and home decorating and gardening presentations by experts. It will be a wonderful celebration of Spring!

Barb Bohlen, our Branch LAF VP, is chairing this program. For information and tickets, you may contact her at 683-1849 or [bohlen@ecc.edu](mailto:bohlen@ecc.edu). She is tracking sales and will report sales to Kaufmann's.

Barb is also looking for three volunteers to work short shifts during the event.

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



**Irene Dunne as  
Queen Victoria with  
Alec Guinness**

star in

***The Mudlark***

March 4th at the  
7:30 p.m. at Hoover Elementary  
Sheridan Drive  
(building on the left)  
Parking lot off Sheridan Between  
Colvin and Delaware

Individual tickets are \$5.00 at the door

## New Books for Sale in March

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](mailto:mkellner39@aol.com) (741-8127) or Cathy Weiss at [cmweiss@adelphi.net](mailto:cmweiss@adelphi.net) (688-6181). Checks may be made out to the *AAUW Educational Foundation*.

Austin, Lynn – *A Light to My Path* \$3  
Conlon, Edward – *Blue Blood* \$3  
Crichton, Michael – *State of Fear* \$4  
Eden, Doon – *Energy Medicine* \$4  
Fisher, David – *Liberty and Freedom* \$6  
Fontana, David – *Meditating With  
Mandalas* \$3  
Frank, Thomas – *What's the Matter With*

*Kansas?* \$2

George, Mike – *1001 Meditations* \$3  
Grisham, John – *The Broker* \$4  
Hastings, Max – *Armageddon* \$5  
Hillerman, Tony – *Skeleton Man* \$4  
Koontz, Dean – *Life Expectancy* \$4  
Langwiescke, William – *The Outlaw Sea* \$2  
Patterson, James – *Honeymoon* \$4  
Peterson, Tracie – *To Dream Anew* \$3  
Swindoll, Charles – *Getting Through the  
Tough Stuff* \$3  
Ritchie, Judy – *Great Paper Crafts* \$5

## Call for Help

**AAUW TRANSITIONS  
CONFERENCE**  
for women returning to College  
Friday, March 18, 2005 at  
Bryant & Stratton College  
40 Hazelwood Drive,  
Amherst, NY  
Time 9:15 AM to 2:00 PM

The committee is still looking for help with distribution of flyers, stuffing of tote bags, and assistance the day of the conference as workshop moderators, registration personnel, and classroom monitors.

Please contact Janet Fowler, Conference Chair, if you are able to help us out. Email [janalanf@aol.com](mailto:janalanf@aol.com) or telephone at 884-8698.