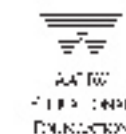


In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.



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 27 -
Meet the Candidates Night**
- Wednesday, November 3 -
Board Meeting**
- Saturday November 6 -
Leadership Training**
- Monday, November 8 -
Beyond the Glass Ceiling**
- Thursday December 9 -
Holiday Celebration Dinner**

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November 2004



November Program

"Beyond the Glass Ceiling"

Gender Equity in Government

Monday, November 8, 2004

20th Century Club, 595 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

5:30 pm registration and reception (cash bar)

6:30 pm program and dinner

December Program

Holiday Celebration

Presentations of Various Holiday Customs

December 9th

Frier's Table 6:00 Networking

6:30 Dinner

More information on page 3 - reservation on page



President's Message

Our **right!** Our **privilege!** Our **responsibility!** In 1917, forty women suffragists were imprisoned because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House. On this night of terror the guards grabbed, dragged, beat, choked, slammed, pinched and kicked these women because the women thought they should have the **right** to vote. Suffragists faced strong opposition. Susan Brownell Anthony was one of the first leaders of the campaign for women's rights. She helped organize the woman suffrage movement. One of the first public appeals for women's suffrage came in 1848 when two reformers, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton called a women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY where Stanton lived. Coincidentally the first annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award, "In Her Footsteps" will be awarded at our November 8 Branch meeting. The men and women at the convention adopted a Declaration of Sentiments that called for women to have equal rights in education, property rights, voting and other matters.

The Women's Suffrage Amendment was first introduced in Congress in 1878. It failed to pass, but was reintroduced in every session of Congress for the next 40 years. By late August 1920, the required number of states had ratified what became the 19th Amendment to our Constitution. The 19th amendment states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or

Deadline for the December issue is November 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 December issue.

abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Currently 54.2% of all registered voters are women. We can make a difference. We are fortunate to have the **privilege** of electing our officials. Some countries do not allow their citizens to vote. Do we use this privilege wisely? No, not at all times. Many excuses are made about not voting. There should be no excuses.

We have a **responsibility** to use this right and privilege. People complain about current administrations. Unless, we get out and vote, we have no right to complain. Our responsibility does not end here. The deadline has passed to register for this year's election, but we must encourage the registered voters, our neighbors, friends, coworkers and family members to vote. More than 10,000 new voters registered this year in Erie County. Let us be responsible and make sure they too vote on November 2, 2004.

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Holiday Meeting Reservation Form Due December 4, 2004

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest(s) _____

Dinner \$30.00 each. Choice: Salmon _____ Prime Rib _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch and sent to Marguerite Collesano, C/O Stanley J. Collesano 2430 North Forest Road, Suite 106 Getzville, N.Y. 14068

November Program Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dinner: \$35. Please make check payable to "Friends of Women's Rights National Park" and send to Gretchen Stringer, 9015 Cliffside Drive S, Clarence, New York 14031, by October 31, 2004.

Leadership Training Reservation Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Cost \$15.00 Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch Educational Accounts and Mail to: Diane Bishop 306 Deerhurst Park Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223
Reservations due October 27, 2004.

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: **Please send study group information to** Barbara Carier, 295 Lakewood Pkwy., Amherst, NY 14226, pahan: 839-0933 (h), 858-2884 (w), bcarier@adelphia.net (new address)

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

Group: **American Biographies**

When: *Tuesday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m.*

Where: Eggertsville Library
4622 Main St. (north of Harlem at Burroughs. Parking off Burroughs)

Topic: *Harriett Tubman: The Road to Freedom*
by Catherine Clinton

Discussion leader: Nancy Ryther
Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)



For January, read **Alexander Hamilton**
by Ron Chernow

No December Meeting

Group: **Bridge Biddies**

When: Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
454 Bernhardt Dr. (off Main St., between Kensington and Wehrle)

Topic: Casual bridge playing
Contact: Margaret Haas (839-3701)
Maggieb@peoplepc.com



Group: **Dinner by the Book Discussion Group Combined Meeting with Clueless Mystery Book Club**

When: Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Original Pancake House Restau
2975 Niagara Falls Blvd.,



West Amherst, 14228

Topic: *The Constant Gardener* by John LeCarre

Reviewer: Fran Witnauer

Contact: Fran Witnauer (837-5887 or 856-3150)

Mcar michael45@aol.com

Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church,
Main St. east of Youngs Rd.

Topic: **Public Diplomacy and US Foreign Policy**

Contact: Sue Grossman (837-8769)

Group: **Knitting Group**

When: Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 7-9 p.m.

Where: Clubhouse, 4100 Stonegate Ln.,
Williamsville,

behind Wehrle Golf Dome

Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)
ai kotler@earthlink.net

Project: **Afghan for Haven House**

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 the Newsletter for announcements
schwieg@adelphia.net



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Janet M. Fowler

Holiday Celebration

This year the AAUW Buffalo Branch begins the Holiday Season with a dinner meeting at Friar's Table at 301 Cleveland Dr. Cheektowaga, N.Y. Those attending will hear speakers share their knowledge about European, Indian, and Polish Christmas traditions. The committee welcomes participation from members who wish to share their special ethnic, family or cultural traditions at the on December 9th meeting. The entrée choices are Salmon or Prime Rib both costing \$30.00.

Reservations made out to AAUW Buffalo Branch, are due December 4th and should be sent to Marguerite Collesano, C/O Stanley J. Collesano 2430 North Forest Road, Suite 106 Getzville, N.Y

Diversity News- An Invitation

Since there are a number of areas in which the Diversity and Community Representative positions on the Board overlap, this year the positions have been combined into one appointed seat on the Board.

In order for our branch of AAUW to truly work in the interest of all women and girls in the Buffalo area, it is important to promote inclusion and focus on addressing those community problems that challenge us in the completion of our mission.

Diversity and Community Representation encompass areas of social justice such as gender equity, race relations, economic opportunity, quality education, and health care as well as overlap with many public policy and human rights issues.

It is important that we reconvene a Diversity Resource Team to develop a policy for Board approval, set goals and objectives, inform members of pressing community problems and urge participation in activities to solve the problems.

If you have an interest in diversity and community efforts, please contact me at 874-2797 extension 304 (w) or 688-0612 (h) so we can set a day and time for our first meeting.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Norine Borkowski

Hurry,

This is the last chance to register for an interesting and informative program. Deadline October 31st

November Program



“Beyond the Glass Ceiling”
Gender Equity in Government

A “Seneca Falls Dialogues” Event

presented by

The Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of Friends of the Women's Rights National Park and
Cosponsors:
Canadian Consulate General-Consulat General du Canada
AAUW Buffalo Branch, UB Gender Institute, Women's Tap Fund, YWCA

Featuring

Honorable Brigitta Dahl

**Former Speaker of the Swedish Parliament and
Delegate from Sweden to the United Nations**

and a panel of international women in government, role models for gender equity .

Monday, November 8, 2004

Twentieth Century Club, 595 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

5:30 p.m. registration and reception (cash bar)

6:30 p.m. program, followed by dinner

*There will be presentation of the first annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton,
"In Her Footsteps" Award.*

Reservation form on page 11

New Members

AAUW Buffalo Branch welcomes the following new members. We hope they will become active and glean much of which this organization has to offer.

Johanna Andritz
Mrs. Claudia Weiss
Mrs. Margaret J. Fischer
Mrs. Eloise Moran
Ms. Bonnie Butcheri
Mrs. Sandra L. Ihlefeld
Mrs..Sharron A. Doerr
Mrs. Meena R Rustgi
Johanna Andritz
Mrs. Claudia Weiss
Mrs. Margaret J. Fischer
Mrs. Eloise Moran
Ms. Bonnie Butcheri
Mrs. Sandra L. Ihlefeld
Mrs..Sharron A. Doerr
Mrs. Meena R Rustgi

debate on how the law, enacted in 1972, should be enforced. There is also a lack of clarity in guidance from the Office of Civil Rights pertaining to enforcement. The fight for correct enforcement of Title IX is not over. If you have thoughts or suggestions to help in planning the rescheduled Conference contact Cathy Weiss at 688-6181 or Judy Weidemann at 655-3649.

Dues reminder!!!

Please check the label on this newsletter if there are asterisks after your name, it indicates that we HAVE NOT RECEIVED your branch dues for 2004-5. If this is in error please contact Adrienne Kotler (ajkotler@earthlink.net 688-0740). Dues checks may also be sent to her at PO Box 46 Amherst, NY 14226-0046. Thank you very much.

Title IX Conference Rescheduled

The Title IX Conference scheduled for October 16, 2004, had to be canceled. The Conference registration was very disappointing. An extremely fine program had been planned. Two of the outstanding experts in the US on Women and Sport were scheduled to come. Workshops with local experts on gender, sport and education in general were prepared. The committee plans to go forward and the conference will be rescheduled.

Perhaps more education on Title IX and the threats to it are in order. There is still much

Public Policy Committee

The next meeting of the Public Policy Committee will take place on Monday, November 1, 2004, at Perkins Restaurant 8444 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY. Our main task will be to review the Title IX Conference plans and move to reschedule.

Call Cathy Weiss at 688-6181 or Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 for further information.

Condolences

The Buffalo Branch members extend their sympathy to Mickey Hice on the death of her mother, Jennie Brand.

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was a discussion on the question of whether women with 2-year degrees should be accepted for membership. It was suggested that each member fill out an individual survey and the branch submit one. An advisory vote will be held at the September Potluck Dinner.

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Holiday

Help: The Branch again be a sponsor for this event. Volunteers are needed the second week in December.

AAUW NYS Nomination Forms: Janet Fowler informed the board that if anyone was interested in nominating people to the NYS AAUW forms were available and the deadline is November 1st.

AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH, EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Book Sale Update:

Book Sale Update: More help is needed from all members of the branch. Receipts were requested for distribution when contributions are received.

Chamberlin Loans: 14 loans were approved for a total of \$34,200. Sandra Williams-Bush will now begin chairing this committee.

Chamberlin Treasurer's Report: Ingrid Wetherbee provided the reports. Three delinquent loans have been paid in full and donations totaling \$1,300 have been received.

Education Foundation Account: Leona Barback provided an update on the money market account and the CD for the Dorothy Payne fund. EF is waiting for the proceeds of the book sale. Ingrid Wetherbee requested the consideration of raising the amounts for loans.

Public Policy, Title IX Conference: there was a report on the progress on this event. The registration forms (short and long) are ready for distribution. Next meeting for this event is on September 7th. Sponsorship is up this year and the public relations effort is beginning. BOCES website will advertise the program as well as have the registration forms available. A pre-event party is scheduled for October 15th starting around 6-7 at Cathy Weiss' house to host the speakers and sponsors. Board attendance is requested.

Leadership Training (Board Training): Tamara Brown informed us that the date for the training will be Saturday, November 6th from 9-3 at the Child and Family Services offices at 844 Delaware. Board attendance is strongly urged and all other branch members are welcome.

Velma Cobb: Janet Fowler told us that 46 candidates were considered for the award. Five finalists have been selected.

Old Business:

Olga Lindberg Fund: A new committee was formed to look into the placement of the Olga Lindberg funds. Diane Bishop will be a consultant.

New Business:

Donation to United Way: Adrienne Kotler motioned that the Branch contribute \$500 to the United Way as a way of thanking them for providing meeting space over the past three years. It was requested that the donation be made to benefit women's initiatives funded through the United Way

Adjournment

Help Needed for the Book Sale

Let's All Whitewash the Fence Together

It is quite amazing to realize that proceeds from the Book Sale have gone from less than \$300 fifty years ago to over \$60,000 for the 2004 Sale. The tremendous financial growth also means that we need the help of every branch member to continue at this pace. The Book Sale has become a year round venture. Work is done on the Book Sale every single week.

More storage depots are needed. We are collecting so many books that we are likely to run out of storage space before the 2005 Sale. Members are needed to pick up books. The publicity we received before the last Sale has resulted in greater public awareness of the Book Sale and more books. If you are able to pick up books and store them in your home or take them to a depot, please let one of the chairmen know. Help is needed in gathering new books at the donor site. We also need help with our special sales at the Federal Building and at Rich Products.

There are many books already at the Waters Storage Facility in East Aurora. We would like to sort them long before the Sale. A plan could be a morning of sorting and then lunch at the charming new tearoom in the Old Roycroft Copper Shop.

Members are asked to begin saving plastic bags and paper bags in plastic for the Sale. Tons of these are needed.

Call one of the Book Sale Chairmen if you can help in any of these ways. We want the 2005 Sale to be as successful as the 2004 Sale. The chairs are: Mary Kellner 741-8127, Cathy Weiss 688-61181, and Judy Weidemann 655-3649. There is much work to be done!

Buffalo Branch Leadership Training

**Saturday,
November 6, 2004
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Fee \$15.00
(Includes Continental
Breakfast and Lunch)

Location:
Child & Family Services,
844 Delaware Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14209
(Parking on premises)

See reservation form on page 11

Deadline Wed., October 27, 2004



Sister -to- Sister

SUMMIT UPDATE

The organizing meeting for the 8th Sister to Sister Summit will be held on Oct. 14. A coalition of over 20 organizations led by Natasha Perkins of Preventionfocus are once again preparing a day of importance in the lives of girls in Western New York.

Sister to Sister Summits were introduced for the first time 8 years ago at the Association Convention in Anaheim Calif. AAUW's national membership felt that if we wanted more women to be educated, independent, and self-sufficient, we had to be concerned with issues and barriers that girls faced as they made their way through school. The by-laws of The Sister to Sister Summit of WNY state that this is an AAUW project and that at least three members of the board shall be AAUW members.

Due to the continuing support of Dr. Geraldine Bard and President Muriel Howard of Buffalo State College, we will once again hold the summit at the Student Union on Sat. March 16, 2005.

The main parts of the day are:

Discussion of issues effecting girls (body image, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, etc.)
Information about services available to girls through information tables and materials included

in their packets. Special activities that include a campus tour, Non-Traditional Career Fair to give girls some ideas about planning for their futures. Some fun! We usually have an ethnic dance group for entertainment and, of course, a raffle for prizes.

We are always looking for help as it takes many people to make the summit a success. You can help by volunteering on the day of the summit. We also need people to help on the Summit Committee in the following ways: Contacting people or organizations for special events, Contacting businesses for raffle prizes, Updating and collecting information about programs for girls which are placed in their "goodie bags", Helping to get volunteers for the day of the Summit, and so on. You will meet some very dedicated, interesting people and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are working for a good cause.

If you would like to help, please call me at 652 1230 or email me at gsoliver@worldnet.att.net

On behalf of the board of Sister to Sister I want to thank the branch again for its continuing support for this project which helps us to help girls

Sue Oliver, President of The Sister to Sister Connection of WNY.

AAUW – NEW BOOKS

New Books for Sale in October

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. Checks may be made out to the AAUW Educational Foundation.

Altman, John – *The Watchmen* \$3
Better Homes & Gardens – *Two Color Quilts* (2 books) \$7
Brown, Sandra – *White Hot* \$4
Cornwall, Patricia – *Trace* \$4
Dozois, Gardner – *Year's Best Science Fiction* \$4
Gerritsen, Tess – *Body Double* \$4
Haydon, Elizabeth – *Elegy for a Lost Star* \$4
Herbert, Brian – *The Battle of Corrin* (Dune) \$4
Hoag, Tami – *Kill the Messenger* \$4
Johansen, Iris – *Blind Alley* \$4
Lotz, Anne – *Why* \$2
Merck Manual – *Health & Aging* \$5
Meyer, Joyce – *In Pursuit of Peace* \$3
Moning, Karen – *The Immortal Highlander* \$3
Silverberg, Robert – *Between Worlds* \$4
Slaughter, Karen – *Indelible* \$4
Wick, Lori – *Every Storm* \$3

Correction for Roster

Mary Kellner's phone numbers is 741-8127 and the email of mkellner30@aol.com

Board Highlights

September 1, 2004

BRANCH BUSINESS:

Adrienne Kotler presented the treasurer's report. Adrienne also provided the Board with information from the AAUW Liability Policy insurer on Officer and Director Insurance, and Employee Dishonesty Coverage. She will provide additional information on the possible need for this additional coverage at the next meeting.

Public Policy Update: Judy Weidemann moved to ask the Branch if it was interested in continuing to co-sponsor the "Meet the Candidates Night" in conjunction with the YWCA. An update on the Emerging Leaders-Student Interns program was provided. The interns will be working on the Title IX event and will be available to assist with other Branch sponsored activities. The Branch will again be involved with the Kid's Voting project.

2004-2005 Program Update: Teresa Gessner presented the final draft agenda of the 2004-2005 Program Schedule.

Policy and Procedures Handbook: Stacy Johnson provided the Board an overview of the status of the Policy Handbook. The committee will continue the updating of the document.

New Business:

Travel Group: Trip is scheduled for October 30th.

Membership Requirements Dialogue: There

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