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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.



AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for AAUW women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 1 -
Old Chestnut Film Society
- Monday, October 4 -
Public Policy
- Wednesday, October 6 -
Board Meeting
- Saturday, October 16 -
Title IX Conference
- Wednesday, October 20 -
AAUW at the Opera
- Wednesday, October 27 -
Meet the Candidates Night
- Wednesday, November 3 -
Board Meeting
- Saturday, November 6 -
Leadership Training
- Monday, November 8 -
Beyond the Glass Ceiling

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Closing the Gap



Gender Equity in Education & Sport
Under Title IX

October Program

A Conference to Address Gender Equity in Education and Athletics

October 16, 2004

Erie Community College, City Campus

121 Ellicott Street

Buffalo, New York 14203

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

November Program

“Beyond the Glass Ceiling”

Monday, November 8, 2004

Twentieth Century Club, 595 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

6:00 pm registration and reception

6:30 pm program and dinner



President's Message

AAUW's NYS Public Policy statement says that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the larger community. AAUW actively works for equity in education for all women and girls. On October 16, 2004, AAUW is sponsoring a conference which will look at gender equity in education and athletics as guaranteed in the 1972 passage of Title IX of the Education Act. The Title IX section of the Education Act prohibits sexual discrimination in Federally Funded schools. AAUW supported the passage of this act in 1972. AAUW's involvement continued in 1077 when AAUW's Monitoring Title IX was introduced as an action guide to monitor schools and higher education institutions in their compliance with Title IX. In 1978, an AAUW Tests Report, *But We Will Persist*, reveals change without progress. *How Schools Short-change Girls*, a 1992 AAUW publication awakened the nation to the gender bias problem.

AAUW members must continue to work for equality in schools. More than thirty years have passed since the passage of Title IX. Many barriers to equality remain. Funding has been cut for Title IX programs. The Women's Educational Equity Act, the only federally funded program focusing on increasing opportunities for women and girls was given NO funding in the 2003 Federal Budget. Come to the Title IX Conference on October 16, 2004, to learn more about this issue. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Deadline for the November issue is October 10. Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail to jmeschner@att.net. Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the November issue.

On Saturday, November 6, 2004, the Buffalo Branch will hold a Leadership Training Conference. This conference is not only for current leaders in the branch. It is for any member interested in becoming involved in the leadership of the branch.

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

Janet M. Fowler

Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee will meet on Monday, October 4, 2004, at 5:30 at Chef's Restaurant, 291 Seneca Street near downtown Buffalo to finalize plans for the Title IX Conference. Call Cathy Weiss at 688-6181 or Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 for further information.



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Reservation for Opera or Opera and Dinner - October 20, 2004

Opera Only 8:00 pm

Rows Orchestra A-H or Loge 1-3 \$50.50 ---- Number of seats _____
 Orchestra I-W/Balcony A-H \$32.50 ---- Number of seats _____
 Orchestra S/ Balcony J-V \$14.50 ---- Number of seats _____

Dinner - \$26.00 - Number of people _____

Dinner & Opera

Total Opera _____ Total Dinner _____ Grand total _____

Dinner at 5:30 pm before the opera *Tosca* will be with Operabuffs of WNY at the **Sphere Restaurant**, across from Shea's. Reservations should be included with your ticket reservations.

Dinner is a choice of entrees: ___ Sphere Steak (NY Strip Steak); ___ Salmon; ___ Chicken Marsala; ___ Penne Pasta; ___ soup or ___ salad, and dessert and coffee or tea.

Please indicate your entree and your preference of soup or salad.

Name _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch and Mail to

Peggy Meinel, 96 Mafalda Drive, Buffalo, NY 14215

Deadline October 10, 2004

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

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

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

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

Group: **American Biographies**

When: Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Eggertsville Library

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

Topic: *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts

Discussion leader: Jean Sylvester

Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)

For November, read *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom.* by Catherine Clinton.

Group: **Bridge Biddies**

When: Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: 454 Bernhardt Dr. (off Main St., between Kensington and Wehrle)

Topic: **Casual bridge playing**

Contact: Margaret Haas (839-3701)

Maggieb@peoplepc.com

Group: **Clueless Mystery Book Club**

When: Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

Where: Loughran's Restaurant
4543 Main St., Snyder
(east of Harlem Rd.)

Topic: *No Graves As Yet* by Anne Perry

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)

Parking and entrance from rear lot

Group: **Dinner by the Book**

Discussion Group

When: Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Plaka Restaurant

Topic: *100 Years of Solitude*

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez



Reviewer: Marilyn Carmichael

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

Group: **Great Decisions**

When: Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Topic: **Middle Eastern Political Reform**

Contact: Sue Grossman (837-8769)

Group: **Knitting Group**

When: Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 7-9 p.m.

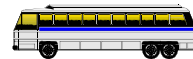
Where: Clubhouse, 4100 Stonegate Lane
Williamsville, behind Wehrle Golf
Dome

Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)

aikotler@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)

schwieg@adelphia.net

**Support a Study
Group**

TITLE IX CONFERENCE

Closing the Gap

Gender Equity in Education and Sport

AAUW Buffalo Branch, is proud to present a Conference on issues connected with Title IX, the legislation that calls for gender equity in education and sport. Even though that legislation was passed in 1972 there are still many gaps in opportunities for women in sports and in education generally.

Thanks to a fortunate connection with Dr. Donald Sabo, Director of the Center for Research on Physical Activity, Sport and Health at D'Youville College, the Buffalo Branch is able to hold this conference.

Nationally recognized speakers will keynote the day. Jocelyn Samuels is Vice President for Education and Employment at the National Women's Law Center. Deborah Slaner Larkin has been a long-time advocate for Title IX and served on the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports from 1994 to 2002. There are a number of other distinguished speakers and panelists.

You will find the registration form enclosed with this Newsletter. The conference is perfectly in tune with AAUW's Public Policy agenda. It is a rare opportunity for branch members to become better informed on a critical topic.

Kids Voting

AAUW, Buffalo Branch will again support **Kids Voting**. This is a worthwhile program. Students from Kindergarten to Voting Age partake in civics lessons pertaining to voting and then encourage their parents to vote on Election Day. The students have the opportunity to vote in the Kids Voting program as well.

We will man the Kids Voting booths at School 81 at 140 Tacoma Ave. in Buffalo on Election Day, November 2, 2004. Please call Judy Weidemann at 655-3649 if you are able to man a 3 hour shift.

New Members

Welcome to the following new Members who have joined the Buffalo Branch since the last publication of the Newsletter.

Deborah Q. Wilkinson
180 Cleveland Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222

Mary Fiore
128 Ashland Avenue,
Buffalo, NY 14222-2148

Barbara Rock
18 Sweetbay Lane
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dr. Donald Sabo
811 Four Rod Road
Alden, NY 14004

Call to All Members.... Buffalo Branch Leadership Training

Saturday, November 6, 2004
9:00 am- 3:30 p.m.

Are you a new member wanting to learn about the Branch? Did you join awhile ago and now want to get more involved? Are you a current board member interested in honing your skills and doing what you already do well just a little better? Are you ready to move our Branch to the next level?

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6, the date of the Buffalo Branch's leadership training event. This event is open to all members and will be held at Child & Family Services at 844 Delaware Avenue.

We are delighted to have Kristina Young of Kristina M. Young & Associates as the facilitator for this event. Kristina brings with her years of experience in corporate and not-for-profit roles as well as training in board governance and strategic planning.

The day will begin with an overview of the Buffalo Branch and the evolution of some of our most notable programs. We will then have an overview of board and committee responsibilities. Other topics are information on the Branch's tax exempt status, the fiduciary role of board members and ways to look at and present financial data. Look forward also to fun exercises and opportunities for team building.

The benefits will be immediate. The day promises to be interactive, engaging, and fun.

Long term benefits will be cohesive membership and a board more effectively prepared to deal with the increased breadth of our organization. Participants in the training will be more prepared to actively participate in AAUW board activities and other boards in the community.

A strong foundation, fresh ideas, and prudent administration in our branch are the direct result of individual leaders. We have a strong branch with great leaders, and we look forward to a bright future. Please consider investing your day with the Branch to help ensure that future.

Please see page 9 for the reservation form. The cost of this training is covered, in part, by the Branch. Your \$15 fee covers materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. *See advertisement on page 5.*

Change of Addresses

Jo Louise Baxter - 1450 Flagler Ave Unit 9,
Jacksonville, FL 32207-8572

Catherine Todaro Pietrzak - 345 Evans St,
Apt C, Williamsville, NY 14221-5654

Dr. Olga Karman - 302 Admirals Walk,
Buffalo 14202-4332

Mr. Rupert Brook - to
38190 S Mountain Site Dr.,
Tucson, AZ 85739-3017

Erin & Johnna Mauro - to 100 Woodward Ave,
Apt 1, Buffalo, 14214-2658

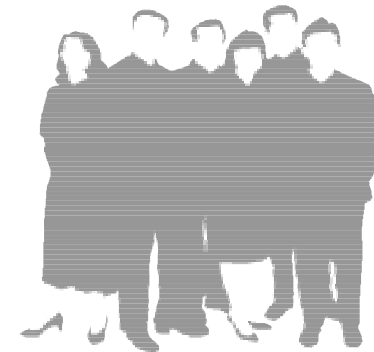
Meet the Candidates Night at the YWCA

AAUW Buffalo Branch will cosponsor with the YWCA and other organizations, an informational forum on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at the Downtown YWCA, 190 Franklin Street, Buffalo. There will be a Reception with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. Opening statements followed by questions to candidates will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public.

Erie County Candidates on the ballot in the General Election for U. S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, New York State Assembly and Senate, and judicial candidates have been invited. Potential elected officials will tell us their positions on issues of importance. This is an opportunity to ask questions before going to the polls on November 2, 2004.

This nonpartisan forum is a public service hosted by the YWCA to encourage the community to become informed citizens and get involved in the electoral process.



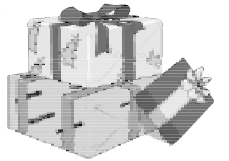
For more information, call Tara Vogel or Jeff Pironne at the YWCA, 852-6120.

Christmas Shopping in Grove City PA

Saturday, October 30, 2004

Join us for a day of shopping at Prime Outlets in Grove City, PA where over 140 of the country's best manufacturer's outlets are located. The cost is \$20 that includes the bus and driver's tip.

For more details please see the insert in the September newsletter or contact Beverly Schwiegerling at schwieg@adelphia.net or 652-7182. Registration is due by Saturday, October 9, 2004.



AAUW's Night at the Opera and Dinner at the Sphere *Tosca*

Presented by the
Stanislavsky Opera Company
Shea's Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, October 20, 2004
5:30 pm dinner and Opera 8:00 pm

Reserve your tickets early by calling
Peggy Meinel 834-2615
Or e-mailing at aurorapm1219@aol.com



November Program

**The Buffalo/Niagara Chapter and Cosponsors:
Canadian Consulate General-Consulat General du Canada
AAUW Buffalo Branch, UB Gender Institute, Women's Tap Fund, YWCA**

present

A "Seneca Falls Dialogues" Event

Featuring

A panel of international women in government, role models for gender equity,
on

"Beyond the Glass Ceiling"

Monday, November 8, 2004

Twentieth Century Club, 595 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

6:00 p.m. registration and reception

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

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

Old Chestnut Film Society 2004-2005 Film Series

Our Branch is co-sponsoring this year's HERSTORY film series offered by the Old Chestnut Film Society. The series start in October featuring MATA HARI - with Greta Garbo on Oct. 1.

Screenings are in the Community Room at Hoover Elementary School. Use the parking lot off Sheridan, between Colvin and Delaware (where the walkway is). Series Subscription to "HERSTORY" this year is \$28, with individual tickets \$5 for each of the 8 films offered by the Society.



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.

- B H & G- *Fast Scrapbooking* \$4
 Boom, Corrie Ten - *Life Lessons* (lg. print) \$4
 Briscoe, Jill - *Here I am Lord, Send Somebody Else* \$2
 Child, Lee - *The Enemy* \$4
 Coben, Harlan - *Just One Look* \$4
 Coulter, Catherine - *Blow Out* \$4
 Delinsky, Barbara - *The Summer I Dared* (& large print) \$4
 Evanovich, Janet - *Ten Big Ones* \$4
 Finley, James - *Christian Meditation* \$4
 Flays, Bobby - *Boy Gets Grill* \$4
 Grafton, Sue - *R is for Ricochet* \$4
 Grossman - *Designer Scrapbooks* \$4
 Hannah, Kristen - *The Things We Do For Love* \$3
 Henderson, Dee - *True Courage* \$4
 Jenkins, Jerry - *Silenced* \$3
 Koontz, Dean - *The Taking* \$4
 Oke's, Janete - *Women of the West* \$3
 Patterson, James - *Sam's Letters to Jennifer* \$4
 Piper, John - *The Passion of Jesus Christ* \$2
 Root, Leon - *Beautiful Bones Without Hormones* \$4
 Sanford, John - *Hidden Prey* \$4
 Scottoline, Lise - *Killer Smile* \$4
 Snelling, Lauraine - *Pearl* \$3
 Steel, Danielle - *Second Chance* \$3
 Strobel, Lee - *Experiencing the Passion of Jesus* \$2

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 9

Deadline Wed., October 27, 2004



Thank You Students of Mrs. Kania's Class

For many years the students of Mrs. Claudia Kania's class at PS 84 have, as part of their occupational training, collated, folded, and labeled our newsletters. This job teaches them responsibility and provides a purpose for their efforts. Last year as well as this, the AAUW Buffalo Branch provided a pizza party for the students at the end of the year to thank these young women and men for their service. On both occasions, I was privileged to be a part of the lunch, and, on both occasions, I was impressed with the student's politeness, helpfulness, and willingness to engage us in conversation.

The service these students provide AAUW Buffalo Branch is so important and greatly appreciated that I, as publisher, feel this 2-page tribute is due them.

On behalf of us all, I thank them and wish them good luck.

Joan Eschner



Betty Krist baked and served the brownies to the students and aids.

