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Upcoming Events

March 31: Tech Savvy Reception

April 1: Tech Savvy

April 5: Board Meeting

April 10: Book Sorting begins
(see calendar on page 15)

April 28-30: AAUW NYS Convention

May 6: Achievement and Award
Luncheon

May 31 – June 4: Book Sale



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April 2006

Buffalo Branch Annual



Achievement and Award Luncheon

Saturday, May 6, 2006

Center for the Arts, SUNY/Buffalo- North Campus

Registration begins at 11:30AM, Lunch at Noon

***Please join us for presentation of the Annual Achievement
Award, announcement of Velma Cobb and Catalyst for
Change scholarship winners and celebration of our honorary
and long-time members.***



May Program information on page 3 reservation form on page 15

President's Message

Every month, I look forward to saying "HI" to everyone via this newsletter. Sometimes, I know exactly what I want to write next month, but I'm still working on what to write this month. (It doesn't matter, really. A quiet friend once told me that his view of life was that everyone was allotted a fixed number of words each day; he always tried to conserve his use. Me? Those who know me know that I've already used up my words for this lifetime and -- if reincarnated—I'm already "borrowing" words for at least four of my next nine lives.) So, each month, I look for inspiration—that "light bulb moment" -- and, tonight, it's here.

In fact, the inspiration is so apparent, I may need to write this letter by candlelight. You see, it's that time: One by one, every light bulb in my house is going out. I've been changing bulbs, climbing step stools every other day. After buying --and forgetting to buy-- four different types of bulbs, I've concluded that too many things are just too complicated... and I that I've forgotten to buy a fifth type. (Add those decorative outdoor bulbs to the list!)

The light bulb curse-- as I've come to call this periodic occurrence—doesn't just extend to the house... My car taillight needed replacement also! (I guess I can always buy stock in Sylvania!)

There is a message in my madness: It occurs


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

to me how brief the period between light and darkness. It's how-- in my short time in AAUW -- we've lost at least two or three branches in our district. It's the brief time that it takes to extinguish the importance on equity and the vigilance for opportunity. In almost the time it takes to flip one switch, one just might find a diluted Title IX, the ill effects of ending affirmative action, and many children left behind. Simply, we have to keep the lights burning.

It makes us encouraged to welcome such a large number of new members into our branch each month.

We have always taken the chance to shine brightly in AAUW and I hope April meets my expectations of a chance to do so. We will kick off April with a goal to inspire up to 300 girls, their parents, educators, and others in our community to see the light that exists for their lives.

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Registration form for Annual Achievement and Award Luncheon, Saturday May 6, 2006 Center for the Arts, SUNY/Buffalo- North Campus

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest (s) _____

Menu Selection _____

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to

AAUW Buffalo Branch Inc.

Deadline for reservations is April 21, 2006

Please furnish any dietary restrictions _____

Send reservation form and check to: Sharon Pilarski
23 Fairway Lane, Depew, NY 14043

AAUW Scholarship Book Sale Calendar

Pre-Sale: Beginning April 10th the Sorting Shifts will be:

Every Weekday: 9:00 to 1:00 1:00 to 5:00 5:00 to 8:00

Every Saturday: 9:00 to 12:00 12:00 to 3:00 [except April 15th & May 6th]

Book Sale: May 31st through June 4th

Wed. May 31st 8:30 to 1:00 12:45 to 5:00 4:45 to 8:15

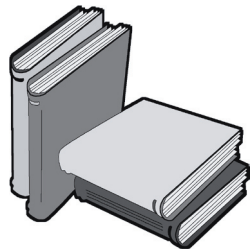
Thurs. June 1st 8:45 to 1:00 12:45 to 5:00 4:45 to 8:15

Fri. June 4th 8:45 to 1:00 12:45 to 6:00

Sat. June 5th 8:45 to 1:00 12:45 to 6:00

Sun. June 6th 11:45 to 3:00 2:45 to 6:00

Mon. June 7th 9:00 to 12:00



AAUW Scholarship Book Sale

Dear AAUW Member,

The Annual - and remarkable - Book Sale of the Buffalo Chapter of the American Association of University Women will take place from Wednesday, May 31 through Sunday, June 3, 2006. It will be in the same place as last year: 3248 Sheridan Drive.

As in the past, the Book Sale will require significant staffing resources and **we are counting on all AAUW members to plan to fill from three to six shifts.**

So, as you see, it is very important that we have your commitment to these specific jobs at specific times. Spacing your shifts evenly across the Book Sale calendar which, of course, includes Pre-Sale shifts as well as the shifts the week of the Book Sale itself, will avoid burn-out and make your experience more enjoyable. Bringing a friend, spouse or family member with you is also an alternative and can count as an additional shift for you.

Attached please find a shift sign-up form where you may indicate in the order of preference the shifts you wish to work... **Please return this form to the volunteer empowerment committee by March 24, 2006.** Shifts will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferences.

We'll have a Book Sale Kick-off cocktail party on Monday, April 17th at the site with everyone who wishes to gather more information and meet with new and present members. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. For reservations and time, call us.

Full speed ahead for another successful Book Sale!!!

Regards,

Mary Kellner, 741-8127
Judy Weidemann, 655-3647
Cathy Weiss, 688-6181
Gretchen Stringer, 633-8264
Book Sale Co-Chairs
Volunteer Empowerment Co-Chairs



See page 15 for Calendar.



Speakers from International Woman's Day Celebration. L to R Parwana Habibi, Jonathan Powers, and M'mpela Mpela

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Perhaps you will join us for breakfast and the morning viewing of AAUW's video, *Tech Savvy: Educating Girls for the Computer Age*. Or, perhaps, you will join the group for lunch and participate in the panel discussion. Dr. Sonya Summerour Clemmons of San Diego, our guest from the Association for Women in Science, and other panelists will discuss preparing girls for the future. Or, perhaps you will come for the whole day. Whatever the case, I hope to see you on Saturday, April 1, at D'Youville College... where some girls from Western New York will see the light to the Tech Savvy Road.

Tamara

Automatic Increase in Association Dues

During the 2003 AAUW Convention, delegates voted to increase branch member dues by \$2 **each** year for six years beginning July 1, 2004. For 2006-2007, our dues will be \$70 to reflect the \$2 increase in Association dues.

Branch and state dues are remaining the same, but Association dues are going from \$43 to \$45. The breakdown is: \$15 for Buffalo Branch dues, \$10 for NY State dues, and \$45 for Association dues. The membership committee hopes this will not be a burden for any of our members.

Buffalo Branch Annual

Achievement and Award Luncheon

Saturday, May 6, 2006

Registration begins at 11:30AM
Lunch at Noon

Please join us for presentation of the Annual Achievement Award, announcement of Velma Cobb and Catalyst for Change scholarship winners and celebration of our honorary and long-time members.

Luncheon menu- choice of:
Sliced Flank Steak w/Sauteed Red Onions
and Mushrooms
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
OR
Turkey Breast in Lemon Pepper Sauce
Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley
OR
Roasted Vegetables in Phyllo with
Red Pepper Cream Sauce
Rice Pilaf
Freshly Baked Rolls, Fruit Cup, Dessert
and Beverages included

Registration form on page 15

Notice of Changes in Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures

For the past couple of years a team of branch members (Joan Trinchera, Joan Eschner, Adrienne Kotler, Stacey Johnson and Betty Preble) have been working on developing a policies and procedures manual which would include job descriptions for all the elected and appointed positions within the branch in addition to guidelines to general branch and board responsibilities. In conjunction with that, they are proposing several amendments to the branch bylaws.

Bylaws changes, other than those mandated by the Association, must be approved by the branch membership. These proposed changes will be brought to the May luncheon/annual meeting for a vote. It should be noted that all these proposed changes have been approved by the NYS Bylaws Director. They fall into several general categories

- Some changes will change the operation of the branch –
 - o Lower the dues for “friends” of the branch
 - o Change education/equity and public policy positions from elected to appointed
 - o Eliminate the requirement for the nominating committee members to be on the board – the proposal is that they be represented there by the chair
 - o Remove the requirement that those nominating committee positions and that of the annual meeting coordinator be on the board

- o Add a board indemnification clause, per the “model” bylaws
- A change in membership eligibility was mandated by the Association. The changes related to this will not be voted on – they are included as informational only.
- There are several clauses which imply that they are branch rules when they are actually governed by the Association (life membership, convention representation, IFUW membership, procedures for forfeiture of branch status). The team recommends that these be removed or replaced by a simple statement referring to the Association bylaws.
- In the current bylaws there are specific officer duties laid out. These are to be moved to the new policies/procedures manual.
- There are several portions of the bylaws which do not reflect the actual current practices of the branch. These are corrected.

The new policies and procedures manual is a document maintained by the board – its approval by branch members is not required.

The full text of the current bylaws, those same bylaws with proposed changes and rationale spelled out, and a draft of the proposed new bylaws are available on the branch website (<http://aauw.buffalo.edu>). A copy of the new policies and procedures manual is also available there. If you do not have internet access, please contact Betty Preble (716/662-0608) to get a paper copy. We are trying to keep costs down by avoiding unnecessary printing and postage, but we do want to make sure that everyone has the information.

The Association-mandated bylaws changes are actually already in effect. If approved, the proposed changes will take effect on July 1, 2007, the beginning of the next AAUW branch year.

Welcome New Members

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N Tonawanda, NY 14120-1903
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Carolyn Dole
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Willamsville, New York 14221
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Kari Winter
Department of American Studies,
1010 Clemens Hall, SUNY at Buffalo,
Buffalo, NY 14260
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Woman of Achievement: Miriam Dow

Each year, the Buffalo branch honors a local example of achievement at the annual luncheon, and this year is no exception. Miriam Dow is the founder and executive director of WomenStories, an organization that endeavors to provide information on breast cancer and tells the individual stories of survivors.

A two-time breast cancer survivor, Ms. Dow has directed the organization for six years. She taught children with learning disabilities in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She also taught English at the Nichols School where she served as department chair. While teaching, she always shared with her students the belief that stories about the lives and actions of characters in literature teach us about ourselves. This formed the bridge between her life as a teacher and her life as a producer of a series of videos in which survivors tell their stories to educate and support breast cancer patients.

Ms. Dow holds a bachelor’s degree from Radcliffe College and a Masters in Education from Harvard’s Graduate School of Education.

AAUW New York State president Nancy Mion will join the branch in congratulating Miriam Dow and will install 2006-2007 officers at the annual meeting and celebration.

Highlights from the December 7th, 2005 Board Meeting

Mentoring Program: Kristen Bojanowski informed us that the first mentoring session will occur on February 11th and Kensington Housing Services. Four sessions will occur with the following topics: Goals, Careers, College and a final picnic. There will also be a program for the mothers. A speaker will come from Child & Family Services. Six girls have signed up and it is hoped that the girls will be mentored through out high school. Every year a new group of students will be accepted.

Emerging Leaders Vote: Four people were nominated for this award: Kristin Bojanowski, Susan Clements, Jean Hubbard and Sharon Pilarski. Kristin Bojanowski was the Board's selection.

Branch By-Laws: the Board posed questions to the committee and commented on corrections and possible inconsistencies. The by-law changes will be voted on in March.

2006 Scholarship Committee: Lyn McDonald updated us on the work of the Committee regarding the Olga Lindberg and Dorothy Payne funds. The Board reached the following consensus: the Payne fund will be used up in five years as presented by the committed for scholarships in the amount of \$5,000- \$2,500. The Olga Lindberg would be gender specific. The committee will further work on the Funds for Education grants are made available to men. Further work done by the committee included: centralizing the application process, creating a basic application, and better disseminating

information to schools.

Velma Cobb: The deadline for applications was February 1st. Mickey Hice told us that 28 applications were received. Many applications had missing information and the deadline for additional information was February 7th.

Learn about "Women and Work"

"Women and Work: Strategies for Leadership and Progress," is a forum to close out Women's History Month. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at Temple Beth Zion on Delaware Avenue in Buffalo.

The forum is free and open to the public. Call Becky Daniels at 852-4191, ext. 104, for questions and reservations.

The fall 2006 semester will mark Ruth Meyerowitz's 25th year at UB researching and educating students about women and work. In classes such as "History of Working Women," Meyerowitz, associate professor in the Department of American Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, uses speakers and recordings collected from local workers and activists to bring to life the struggles women face in the workplace.

Tech Savvy Reception

The Branch will welcome Dr. Sonya Summerour Clemmons and other Tech Savvy workshop leaders on Friday evening, March 31. Please call Tamara by March 27 at 649-9871 if you would like to attend the reception.

DIVERSITY

Erna Cunningham, AAUW-NYS Diversity Director

A FOND REMEMBRANCE

Betty Friedan 1921-2006

THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE, Betty Friedan's 1963 best-selling book, struck dramatic social changes for both sexes. Her death on February 4, her 85th birthday has caused reflections on "how it was." Is there more to life than making beds and caring for the family? For her radical questions, their neighbors shunned Ms. Friedan and her children.

Ms. Friedan was born Bettye Naomi Goldstein in Peoria, Illinois of Russian immigrants. She earned a summa cum laude bachelor's degree at Smith College in 1942. She accepted a fellowship for graduate work in psychology at the University of California at Berkeley. Moving on to Greenwich Village in New York City, she worked as a reporter for several publications and in 1947 married Carl Friedan and raised two sons and a daughter.

Her ideal society of men and women on an equal footing has taken 50 years to be accepted. Men as well as women are now eligible for childcare time at many companies. Nevertheless, the glass ceiling still exists for many women in the workplace both at universities and corporations.

Alvin Toffler stated Ms. Friedan "pulled the trigger on history." *THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE* is numbered 37 of 100 examples of the best journalism of the 20th century. Perhaps it is time to check it out once again.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The convention is coming!

NOW is the time to sign up for the AAUW NYS Convention! The resort is newly refurbished, the park is beautiful, and the programs are for everyone. You'll have a chance to meet with enthusiastic members from across the state and share your good ideas.

The convention will be held from April 28-30 at the Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa in Saratoga Springs. Registration forms are available on the AAUW NYS website at aauw-nys.org. Copies have also been sent to all branch presidents. For the entire hotel package, including all meals and snacks, the cost is \$295 for double occupancy, \$250 for triple occupancy, and \$430 for a single. Convention registration is only \$40. Send in your registration forms today!

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders: Please send study group information to Jan Barber, 139 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214-2311 or contact her at h (837-4558) or w (849-6500) or jbarber@btattys.com

Note: If you are interested in forming a new study group, please contact the study group coordinator

Group: ;Adlente! Diversity Book/Discussion Group
When: April 5, at 7:45p.m.
Where: Town Restaurant, Allen and Elmwood, Buffalo
No RSVP needed
Book: Poetry book, "She Says," by Venice Khoury-Ghata
Facilitator: Gunilla Theander Kester of the English faculty at Daemen College and instructor in classical guitar at Amherst Music School

HEADS UP: Tuesday, May 2, 6:15 p.m.:in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: *The Red Azalea* by Anchee Min (1994/1999), considered one of the most important writers of the 20th century, at Higher Grounds Coffee House, 3622 Sheridan Dr., corner of Millersport (in Newtrend Plaza)
For more information, call 881-1424 or Artisans-company@yahoo.com)



Group: American Biographies
When: April 14, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Eggertsville Library, 4622 Main St. at

Burroughs, parking off Burroughs
Book: . "Life of Andrew Jackson," By Robert Remini
Facilitator: Nancy Ryther
Next: "James Madison" By Garry Willis
Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)



Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club
When: April 26 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: Joint meeting with Dinner by the Book
Where: My Tomato Pie, Northtown Plaza, Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda
Book: "The Analyst" by John Katzenbach
Facilitator: Fran Witnauer
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)



Group: Dinner by the Book
When: April 26, at 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: Joint meeting with Clueless Mystery
Where: My Tomato Pie, Northtown Plaza, Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda
Book: "The Analyst" by John Katzenbach
Facilitator: Fran Witnauer
Reserve: Fran Witnauer (837-5887)

Group: Education and Equity
Contact: Stacey Johnson (885-2486 or Jhnsn@buffalo.edu) See page 10

Group: Great Decisions Discussion Group
When: April 6, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, east of Youngs Road
Topic: "The Energy Policy Conundrum"
Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8729)

Group: The Green Thumbs Gardening Group
When: April 13, 7 p.m.



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2006-2007 Slate of Officers

The Nominating committee presents the proposed slate for Officers to be elected at the Annual May Luncheon meeting for the 2006-2007 year as follows:

Co-Presidents – Mary Kellner and Judy Malamas

President Elect –

VP Membership Recruitment – Beverly Schweigerling

VP Education Foundation – Leona Barback

VP Legal Advocacy Fund – Sharon Pilarski

Recording Secretary – Karen Howard

Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Carier
Public Policy – will be a shared position with Karen Stephenson and Teresa Gessner.

Nominating Committee Chair – Tamara Brown

Nomination Committee Members – Diane Sina
Cherie St. Pierre
Marilyn Todd
Judy Clare

Note: We are still searching for a President Elect (or co-President Elects). Any suggestion for candidates is welcome.

Educational Foundation Buffalo Branch

Our annual book sale helps so many women, both locally and nationally. Locally, we give to Funds for Education to give grants and interest free loans; we give additional grants and loans to local recipients through Catalysts for Change, College Bound and Educational Projects and Grants.

In addition we help women through our national organization.

This year one of the recipients the Buffalo Branch is proud to sponsor is Tammy L. Butler-Phelps for a one year Community Action Grant called *Bridging the Gap Between Incarcerated Mothers and Their Daughters*. Ms. Butler-Phelps is living in Rochester, NY.

The AAUW web site states "In this project, incarcerated women discuss and implement effective strategies for parenting behind bars, aiming to improve communication and form a stronger bond with their daughters. The mothers will use the book *Proud Memory* to capture the essence of their daughters through writing, photographs, and drawings. When completed, the books will be given to the daughters."

We congratulate Ms Butler-Phelps and wish her well in this important ground breaking effort.

¡Adelante!

The Diversity Committee's ¡Adelante! Book/ Discussion Group met with our new member, Dr. Kari J. Winter, Associate Professor, American Studies Dept., University of Buffalo and author of *The Blind African Slave* (University of Wisconsin Press.) Dr. Winter was an excellent facilitator and made us aware of many aspects of considering "Our Founding Mothers" from the viewpoint of a researcher on American Studies. It was also encouraging to have two non-members joining us for this discussion.

We look forward to our April facilitator, Gunilla Theander Kester. She teaches English at Daemen College and Classical Guitar at the Amherst School of Music. She is also a poet and will lead us in a discussion of the ¡Adelante! April selection: *She Says* by Venus Khoury-Ghata (2003.) Vénus Khoury-Ghata is a Lebanese poet and novelist, resident in France since 1973, author of a dozen collections of poems and as many novels. NOTE: This is a book of poetry so listen up all you writers and poets (and friends) in the branch! Join us after the board meeting at the Towne Restaurant and say hello to Ms. Kester. Sylvia Volk, Chair, has asked Talking Leaves to order several copies for purchase.

HEADS UP: May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The Diversity committee is networking with several cultural organizations in the community to consider cosponsor of this series with our branch in 06-07. If you would like to become involved in this and with other diversity issues, including planning on how to involve our members in recognizing the diversity of our own branch membership, please contact Sylvia at 881-1424.

Sylvia Volk, Diversity Chair

University Scholar-in-Residence Award

We are proud to announce that our National Educational Foundation is soliciting applicants for its University Scholar-in-Residence Award.

The AAUW Educational Foundation invites letters of intent from colleges and universities in the United States to fund a female scholar to conduct a research project on issues related to gender equity in education and/or economic security for women and girls. Each year, the Foundation awards a single grant of \$100,000 for a two-year research project. Further details can be obtained by visiting http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/university_scholar_cfm.

If you know any scholar who might be interested let her know. We are trying to encourage local Western NY women to apply. Our book sale helps support these types of awards.

Education and Equity

We will continue our discussion and plans on this topic on Monday April 10th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Amherst Main Library, 350 Audubon Pkwy, Amherst NY 14228. (The library is located near the Amherst Senior Citizens Center and the Amherst Police Building). Please RSVP your interest in attending to Stacey Johnson 885-2486, or via e-mail to jhnsn@buffalo.edu.

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Where: Reinstein Memorial Library,
Harlem Road, Cheektowaga
Topic: "Waking up the Garden"
Contact: Janet Fowler (884-8698 or
Janalanf@aol.com)

Group: Knitting Group
When: April 25, 7-9 p.m.
Where: Higher Grounds, 3622 Sheridan Drive
Amherst
NOTE: Change in location for this meeting
only
Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)

A Green Thumb Contribution

"In gardens, beauty is a by-product. The main business is sex and death¹." We could start with a more elegant quote, but this one probably grabbed your attention! The Green Thumbs gardening group, from my point of view, is a wonderful time apart from all the pressures of life, much like gardening itself. We are blessed with the participation of Master Gardeners and modestly headed by Janet Fowler. With a nominal monetary contribution from each member, we are developing a wonderful printed resource collection of articles concerning each garden subject we study. And study we do!

At our February meeting, for example, we each researched an herb, which we presented to the group. The presentations reflected the researcher as much as the herb. One member

chose to explore the name of her herb in many languages, most discussed medicinal uses (and dangers), all reported on the earliest recorded uses as well as the cultivation and propagation.

We have ordered a plant, perennial Ivory Peach Bellflower – *Campanula persicifolia 'Alba'*, chosen by the group together, which we will grow in our own gardens and for which we will compare results based on growing factors. Of tremendous mutual benefit will be some exchange of perennials. Now back to sex and death. Certainly how to encourage reproduction, or to restrict it is of interest to all gardeners and environmentalists. Death is on our list for further study ... a vital step in the never exhausted potential of composting.

Contributed by Diane Bishop. The next meeting of the Green Thumbs Garden Group is Thursday, April 13, at 7 PM in the Reinstein Memorial Library on Harlem Road in Cheektowaga. Topic for discussion is "Waking up the Garden." For further information call Janet Fowler at 884-8698 or email her at janalanf@aol.com.

¹Quote from Sam Llewelyn, Welsh children's author and devoted gardener.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a day for all globally to pause and to consider the potential for the status of women. Special thanks to Cathy, Judy, and the Public Policy Committee for a truly inspirational program and three fitting examples for this very special celebration.

Tamara

TECH SAVVY!

Tapping into

Our Technological Future

*Girls Exploring Science, Engineering,
Math, and Technology*

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE
COLLEGE CENTER
BUFFALO

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:30	Registration Pickup T-Shirts & Breakfast (Students are invited to wear T-shirts.)
9:30	Welcome
10:00 - 12:00	Workshops
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Workshops
2:00 - 3:00	Profile of Success Keynote Address Door Prizes & Computer Raffle Turn in Evaluation Forms

PROFILE OF SUCCESS

The keynote address will be presented by
Sonya Summerour Clemmons, Ph.D., Vice President
of Business Development MediVas San Diego, California
Her Topic
*Breaking Down Walls, "Brick by Brick":
Accomplishment starts with YOU*

SPONSORSHIP & SUPPORT

*Funding for this conference was provided by the Educational Projects & Charitable Accounts, AAUW Buffalo Branch, Inc. from proceeds from the Branch's Annual Booksale.

Significant financial support for *Tech Savvy* was provided by the Praxair Foundation.

The Buffalo Branch is grateful for the support of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, State University of New York at Buffalo and their gift towards the reception for Dr. Clemmons and workshop presenters

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 Do You Knead a Career?
Knowledge of muscles & nerves is important in pain and stress relief. Learn a few techniques in this hands-on class.
Alysia Kosmider, Licensed Massage Therapist & Business Owner

Workshop 2 Loving Yourself Isn't a Random Decision!
Disease transmission rates are a public health-- and personal concern. This session explores the rates of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. The meaning behind statistics-- and healthy choices-- becomes clear through probability studies using jewelry beads. Students will leave with a hand made "love yourself" bracelet and an appreciation for the facts behind the numbers. Recommended for grades 8 and 9 only.
Sonya Summerour Clemmons, Ph.D., Bioengineering
(A community outreach specialist from AIDS Family Services will also be present at this workshop.)

Workshop 3 Where in the World Are Your Friends?
Build a database of your friends!
Nicole Hamm, Senior Consulting Manager, IBM

Workshop 4 Smart Teenagers Finish Rich
A lesson in investing your hard-earned dollars.
Aurora Hahn, Investment Advisor, HSBC Bank

Workshop 5 Law and Medicine?
Practicing law requires knowledge from many perspectives!
Janice Barber, J.D., Medical Malpractice Attorney representing physicians, Brown & Tarantino, LLC

Workshop 6 Nursing: The Caring Career
Students will participate in hands-on demonstration of events in the hospital.
Elaine Cusker, Assistant Dean, UB's School of Nursing

Workshop 7 Pharmacy Phun Dosage Forms
Pharmacists help their patients to better understand and use their medications. Have fun making dosage forms that pharmacists prepare to help patients.
Gayle A. Brazeau, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Alfred T. Reiman, R. Ph., Instructor, Pharmacy Practice School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, U.B.

Workshop 8 The Human Factor
How do you design a smart system?
Ann Bisantz, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering State University of New York at Buffalo

Workshop 9 Wherever You Are, There You Are
Use surveying techniques to map the room you're in.
Deborah Naybor, Entrepreneur and Professional Land Surveyor

STUDENT WORKSHOPS, continued

Workshop 10 mmm... mmm... eruption!
This session explores how different types of volcanoes can be formed from the same mantle-- and you eat the volcano at the end.
Tracy Gregg, Ph.D., Geology, Professor, SUNY Buffalo
Note: Uses M&MsTM candy! Possible Nut Allergy Alert

Workshop 11 Product in a Box
Start with a box. End with a new product. Learn about product development and engineering along the way!
Alliance Advisory Services

Workshop 12 And... the forecast for today is....
Use of forecasting models for weather prediction
David Zaff and Judy Levan, National Weather Service

Workshop 13 My Knee's Connected to My Teeth
Link between tooth decay and arthritis.
Sarah Gaffen, Immunologist/Molecular Biologist, UB Dental

Workshop 14 On Becoming a Millionaire:
The Chemistry of an Anticancer Drug
This workshop will introduce the methods chemists use to synthesize and discover new medicines.
Janet Morrow, Ph.D., Chemistry, Professor, University at Buffalo

Workshop 15 Unlocking the Mystery of Diabetes
Learn about diabetes and how the knowledge of combining diet, exercise, and medication help drug manufacturers help doctors to manage patient's disease progression.
Cheryl Neu, Pharmaceutical Sales Manager, Glaxo Smith Kline

Workshop 16 Beneficial Butterflies!
Learn basics about butterflies and plant science
Martha Yagle, Master Gardener, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Workshop 17 A Walk in the Wild Outdoors!
A lesson in wildlife zoology.... Follow an "otter" in its habitat and learn about the humane study of animals in the field. (Outdoors!)
Donna Fernandez, CEO, Buffalo Zoological Park

Workshop 18 What the Heart Tells Us!
Your heart may be more complicated than you know. Learn about the heart from a medical and bioengineering perspective!

Workshop 19 Robotics
A workshop on robotics and artificial intelligence.
Liana Lorigo, Ph.D.

Workshop 20 The Process of Innovation!
Engineering is a great way to make practical use of all your great ideas. Learn about design... and patents... in this fun workshop.
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THE COLLEGE CORNER EXPERIENCE!



What is college really like? What programs are offered at local colleges and universities? Students will find out by spending time during the day taking a "trip" through the *College Corner*. Students will receive a passport and will have time to "visit" colleges and learn about the colleges and their programs. College students and representatives will be available for this activity.

For each college "visited," students will earn a stamp on her passport. A "full" passport enters the student into the raffle for a...

free computer!



(Definitely newer than this clip art shows)

ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS, & INTERESTED ADULTS

(Adults do not have to accompany a student in order to participate.)

Morning

Video Viewing & Coffee Discussion
Tech Savvy: Educating Girls in the Computer Age
(Plus free-time to talk to colleges and gather other helpful information!)

Afternoon

Panel Discussion
*Preparing Your Child for Success in Careers In
Science, Engineering, Math and Technology*

Preparing our daughters for college and careers in technology is a multi-dimensional issue. Offering perspectives, advisement, and resources during this group discussion will be a variety of knowledgeable representatives:

Courses Needed to Prepare Your Child Now
High School Career Counselor

Involving My Teen in Extra-curricular Activities
Buffalo Prep

What are Companies Looking For?
Elizabeth Casciani, Vice President North American Operations, Praxair

How do I Plan for Costs?
Key Bank

Success Stories
Sonya S. Clemmons, Councilor,
Association for Women in Science