

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.

**This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo, NY on February 22, 2005
Moving? Please contact Freddie Cheek, 835-6945**



Education Accounts &
Charitable Projects AAUW
PO Box 311
Buffalo, NY 14201-0311

Return Service Requested

Upcoming Events

March 1: Board Meeting

March 8: International Women's Day

March 18: Mentor Mrogram Session

March 20: Public Policy Meeting

March 25: Sister to Sister

April 1: Tech Savy

***How will you support the
Book Sale this year?***



Buffalo Branch Newsletter

NYS District 1

Buffalo Branch Home Page
<http://aauw.buffalo.edu>
716-559-3037

March 2006

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

International Women's Day Celebration

Reception and Dinner

Samuel's Grande Manor

8750 Main Street, Clarence, NY - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

**In Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the
Founding of The United Nations**

Ms. M'ampela Mpela will speak on Women, Human Rights and the UN:
a Sixty-year Quest for Equality and Justice

Jonathan Powers, Head of War Kids Relief, will speak about the
efforts of his organization to help war orphans in Iraq.

Parwana Habibi, an exchange student from Afghanistan studying
this year at East Aurora High School will be introduced.

*You will enjoy our outstanding and knowledgeable speakers. The meeting is open to
the public and we encourage you to bring guests and friends.*

March Program information on page 3 reservation form on page 11

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Buffalo, NY
Permit No. 1078

President's Message



*I am only one; but still
I am one. I cannot do
everything, but still I can
do something;
I will not refuse to do the
something I can do.
-Helen Keller*

The concept of superwomen is not nouveau. During the 1980s, it was openly embraced that women could have it all. "It's an unforgiving concept," says working woman Anna Cheng Catalano. "We are led to believe that it's humanly possible to run a household like Mary Poppins and Martha Stewart, run a business like a *Fortune 100* CEO, and look like the cover of *Cosmopolitan* magazine all at the same time."

We within AAUW see superwomen everyday - fellow members who have for years handled everything with grace, completeness, and apparent ease. Take, for example, our booksale. It is the shining glory of our branch, the fundraiser that provides almost incomparable opportunities-- and it seems to be a breeze....

Deadline for the April issue is March 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.

Well, breeze gives me pause. I received a "balance" angel from my mother. That angel charges me to reconsider the *breeze* of the booksale. My angel tells me that there is strength in numbers and not shouldering the load by oneself. Other than the sheer benefit of dividing work, balance produces a chance for increased creativity, wisdom, fresh ideas, and more ownership. Don't fool yourself, women, my angel cautions; it's not reasonable --or necessary-- to have to "do it all."

In the December newsletter, I asked you to consider your answer to a future call for help. Now, the call. When I first joined the branch, I had no idea of the thousands of hours of work expended to make the booksale a week of success-- nor the relative fun that can be had before the sale.

(Continued on page 3)



BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER is published monthly as a bulletin of events for members and as an update on AAUW issues and programs.
President: Tamara Brown (649-9871)
Editors: B. Krist & J. Weidemann
Publisher: Joan Eschner (655-1322)

Send address changes to
Freddie Cheek
406 Maynard Drive
Amherst, NY 14226-2929

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

February 2006
Vol. CXVI No.3
Circulation 241

International Women's Day Dinner & Celebration

Name(s) _____

Telephone # _____

Cost: \$35/person (Checks may be made out to AAUW/Buffalo Branch EF)

Dinner Choices:

Chicken Marsala _____

Roasted Salmon _____

Pasta Primavera _____

Total enclosed _____

RESERVATIONS and CHECKS TO: Judy Weidemann (655-3649),
21 Nye Hill Road, East Aurora, New York, 14052 by March 1, 2006

TECH SAVVY! REGISTRATION

Please mail form with \$5 registration fee for each person by March 20 to:

AAUW Tech Savvy Attn.: T Brown
P.O. Box 311
Buffalo, NY 14201

Adult registration includes all activities, lite breakfast, lunch, conference materials, tote bag, and book.

Student registration fee includes registration, T-shirt, lite breakfast, lunch, conference materials, tote bag, book, and other gift items.

Student Adult Student Adult

Name _____ Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

e-mail Address _____ Phone _____

School & Grade (if student): _____

Special / Dietary Needs _____

Attention all Dinner by the Book Members!

Due to the great increase in membership to the Dinner by the Book group our current restaurant the Plaka is no longer adequate for the groups needs. Starting in March we will be meeting, after February, at My Tomato Pie situated in the North Town Plaza on Sheridan Drive. We will miss our great discussions in the intimate atmosphere with the friendly service at The Plaka, but are looking forward to our new and larger facilities where all members can eat together.

The Schedule for the remaining year is:

Date	Book	Author	Facilitator	Place
March 15	<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini	Lynne Tauriello	MY TOMATO PIE
April 26	<i>The Analyst</i>	John Katzenbach	Fran Witnauer	MY TOMATO PIE
May 17	<i>Annual Book Selection Session</i>		Marilyn Carmichael	MY TOMATO PIE
June 21	<i>Truman</i>	David Mc Cullough	Norma Millar	MY TOMATO PIE

Annual Awards Luncheon

This year's Annual Awards Luncheon and installation of officers will take place on Saturday, May 6 at the Center for Tomorrow on the UB campus. Be sure to reserve the date for this special AAUW event. Details and a reservation form will be in April's newsletter.

Members Inducted into Hall of Fame

Two members of the Buffalo Branch are being inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame on March 9th 2006. They are Suzanne Oliver, who is being recognized for her leadership of the AAUW Sister to Sister Program and Dr. Edna Meibohm Lindemann, a long time member of AAUW. Dr. Lindeman is the founder of the Burchfied-Penny Art Center and was honored by the branch in 1983 as the Woman of Achievement.

(Continued from page 2)

I am already so impressed by the number of members who already participate in the pre-sale and sale week's activities. Our goal this year is to increase that participation, to have approximately 2/3 of the membership sorting a couple of times *and* working two or three shifts. With these slight changes, those thousands of hours will be broken down into one-dozen-hour morsels that everywoman can swallow. More, the booksale will be shared and owned by all.

This month thousands of books will be delivered from storage to our new booksale site. Many of these books have already been sorted (thanks to many members). What's left to do? There are active jobs, sorting jobs, sit-down jobs, bring-a-friend jobs, even at-home jobs. But, honestly, the booksale needs more help. The branch needs *your* help-- whenever you can, as much as you can. For success, the booksale needs your talent, your ideas, and a dozen hours of your time.

I am grateful to you for what I know will be a fantastic response, and I look forward to seeing you *super* women on March 8... and wherever the books are!

Tamara

M'ampela Mpela from United Nations will Celebrate UN's 60th Anniversary with Branch

The AAUW Buffalo Branch will welcome M'ampela Mpela on March 8 for this very special International Women's Day celebration.

Ms. Mpela has more than twenty years experience with the United Nations. Much of her practice has been within the Department of Public Information. As a Radio Producer in the English Language Unit of the Radio Section, she monitors political developments of global importance. In her role, she frequently researches issues, including those concerning women. She has also participated in training programs for journalists for developing countries.

Ms. Mpela's background and experience will certainly bring rich perspectives to our celebration. Ms. Mpela was trained as a teacher and holds a degree in biology and chemistry. In the 1990s, she served as an electoral observer in both Cambodia and Mozambique. She is the mother of two children and is a grandmother.

Please join us on March 8 as we celebrate UN's 60th anniversary with M'ampela Mpela.

Tech Savvy! isn't Just for Kids

Join the Buffalo Branch on Saturday, April 1, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for ***Tech Savvy!*** Twenty-two student workshops have been planned to inspire 6th to 9th grade girls to consider careers involving science, math, and technology. However, there is plenty for adults to do.

Parents, teachers, and interested adults are invited to join a morning viewing of AAUW's video production *Tech Savvy: Educating Girls for the Computing Age* and subsequent discussion. There is time to mingle with other interested adults, college representatives, and other professionals. An afternoon panel discussion on preparing girls for college and careers in technology is planned for the afternoon; plan to learn and offer your thoughts.

All AAUW members will certainly enjoy our keynote speaker Dr. Sonya Summerour Clemmons of San Diego, California. Dr. Clemmons serves as councilor for the national board of AWIS, the Association for Women in Science. Additionally, she responds to questions in *Ask Dr. Clemmons*, an advisory column for women and minorities on *Science* magazine's online portal. Dr. Clemmons has celebrated many "firsts;" she is a bioengineer, entrepreneur, and director of business development for a biotech company. Dr. Clemmons will speak on the topic "Breaking

Through the Brick Wall:
Accomplishment Begins with You."

Our branch is pleased to have a day focused on the important discussion of equity in the technological arena. Adults and students equally benefit and contribute.

Please register before March 20 using the form enclosed in this newsletter.

Wanted! Table Chairs for Book Sale

What is your passion?

Art - Music - Foreign Languages -
History - Crafts - Cooking - Sports -
Religion - Travel - Communications

The Book Sale has a category for everybody's passion! We need you to volunteer to be responsible to organize a table.

Training provided.

Rewards are many!

Call Judy Clare @633-1294 or
e-mail clare273@cs.com

(Minutes continued from page 8)

printing an informational sheet with dues information and upcoming events.

Branch By-Laws: revisions have been finalized and will be sent via e-mail to Board members soon. There have been substantial changes which are more in line with the Association. A vote will be taken either in February or March. Some items have been moved from the by-laws so that membership approval of changes is not necessary.

First Mentor Program Session Focuses on Goals

Singing, helping children, and becoming the next Rachel Ray or Sandra Day O'Connor were among the aspirations of the four girls, ages 12 to 14, who participated in the first session of the Buffalo Branch's new mentoring program. The session was held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Ken-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services in Buffalo.

The session focused on goal setting and helping the girls to plan for their futures. Each girl worked on a "life map" with her mentor, which depicted where they currently were in life, what they thought they wanted to do in the future and how they might accomplish their dreams. For

example, one girl wanted to be a singer, so she made her map to resemble sheet music. Another girl depicted her future career as a bright light that she was constantly striving toward. The mentors also created their own life maps as a way to share their experiences with their mentees.

The program also included a "Just for Moms" session for the girls' mothers. Following an initial explanation of the mentoring program by Diane Silvestro, Cathy Brown, former pre-college counselor and University at Buffalo program director, spoke about "Getting Through the Maze: Pre-College Planning for Your Teen and Pre-teen."

The mentor program's second session will be held on Saturday, March 18, at Ken-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services. The session will focus on careers.

Education and Equity

Education and Equity Interest Group held its first meeting in February at Eggertsville Library. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 20th, 2006 at the Amherst Main Library at Audubon, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst NY 14228. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Community Room. We will continue our discussion on education and equity issues of concern and interest, as determined by those attending.

Stacey Johnson

Highlights from the December 7th, 2005 Board Meeting

Public Policy: Tamara Brown updated us on the March 8th dinner. Flyers will go out the week of January 9th. The committee is still awaiting the naming of the UN Speaker. The committee is also trying to secure a second speaker

Chamberlain/FFE Program: Sandra Williams Bush informed us that 14 applications were sent out and four applications were received. It is expected that interviews will be conducted during the last week of January.

Velma Cobb: Micky Hice was not in attendance. However, the deadline for applications is February 1, 2006.

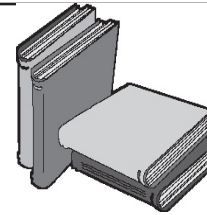
Booksale Update: Mary Kellner updated us that books will be picked up from the University of Buffalo and transferred to the St. Augustine Center. Next Friday, January 13th is a sorting date at the Waters in East Aurora. Contact Sylvia Volk with any large book pick-ups so that they can be taken directly to the St. Augustine Center. The Committee is still looking for this year's Book Sale site.

2005-2006 Programs: Susan Clements informed us that our Fall events attracted

400 people to attend them. These events included the Potluck Dinner, the Darwin Martin House Tour, the November Dinner, and Holiday luncheon. The following events are planned for the remainder of the year: January 14th, Joint & Bone Health; February 8th, a FREE UB Basketball game; February 11th, "From the Souls of Black Folk"; in March, Sister-to-Sister and International Women's Day Dinner; finally April 1st, Tech Savvy. Debra Switzer needed a partner for Tech Savvy and Marguerite Collesano volunteered to assist. The committee is looking for 30 presenters who have a background in science, technology, engineering, etc. to work with 15 girls from sixth to ninth grade. Diane Bishop still needs help for the January event. Susan Clements thanked everyone for their help since September with these events. Tamara Brown thanked Susan for organizing the December luncheon.

Membership Recruitment: Bev Schwiegerling has updated us on the Networking function on February 9th at J.P. Bullfeathers. A \$100 grant was received for membership recruitment. Snacks will be served with a cash bar. It was emphasized that Members-at-Large (MAL) should be encouraged to attend. Stacy Johnson suggested

(Continued on page 9)



ANNOUNCING BOOK SALE SITE

The annual Buffalo Branch Scholarship Book Sale May 31- June 4, 2006 will be held in the former DSW Shoe Warehouse building, 3232 Sheridan Dr, on the corner of N. Bailey in Amherst. The site is in wonderful condition and our customers will be quite spoiled this year.

We do not know at this time when we will begin working at the site. There will be a special mailing concerning the Book Sale so watch your mailboxes. It will outline the hours for sorting at the site and the various positions available for which you may volunteer.

We have been sorting books in East Aurora the second and fourth Fridays of the month. This is an ALERT that sorting has been canceled for Friday, March 10.

We thank you for all the responses to the Book Sale Survey. There were some great suggestions including changing the name to the Scholarship Book Sale.

Mary Kellner & Cathy Weiss
Co-Chairmen

Welcome New Members

Laura Barnum
102 Alumni Arena
Buffalo, NY 14260
H 645-3142

Carolyn Bova
5894 Fisk Road
Lockport NY
H 625 6146

Judith Clarke
103 Doncaster Road
Kenmore, NY 14217
H 877 1666

Nora DeVoe
6558 Milestrip Rd
Orchard Park, NY
14127
H 662 697

Elizabeth A. LoFaso
18 Frontenac Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216
Work: 447 6747

Susan Halpern
6070 Whitegate
Crossing
East Amherst, NY
14051
H 639 0266

Iris Alexander Mal
33 Linwood Avenue
Apt. #406
Buffalo, NY 14209
H 881-4249

Arlene Miles
100 Coniston Rd.
Amherst, NY 14226
H 833 1737

Jeanne Petersen
121 Mapleton Dr
Buffalo, NY 14221
H 633-7577

Jeanne Tribuzzi
821 Willardshire Rd
Orchard Park, NY
14127
H 652 1783

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

Diversity Book/Discussion Group

When: March 7, 6:15 p.m.

Where: Wegman's, Food Court, Sheridan Drive Near Evans (Dutch treat – no reservations needed)

Book: "Founding Mothers" by Cokie Roberts

Next: "She Stays" by Venice Khoury-Ghata

Contact: Sylvia P. Volk (881-1424)

Group: American Biographies

When: March 14, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Eggertsville Library,
4622 Main St. at
Burroughs, parking off

Burroughs

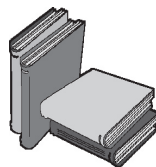
Book: "My Life so Far" by Jane Fonda.

Facilitator: TBA

Next: "Life of Andrew Jackson,"

By Robert Remini

Contact: Nancy Ryther (884-8324)



Group: Clueless Mystery Book Club

When: March 22, at 6 p.m.

Where: Plaka's

Book: "Slow Dollar"

By Margaret Mason

Facilitator: Shirley Havice

Next: Joint meeting with Dinner by the Book Group April - My Tomato Pie

To discuss "The Analyst" by

John Katzenback

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8769)



Group: Dinner by the Book

When: March 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Where: New Location My Tomato Pie,
Northtown Plaza, Sheridan Drive,
Tonawanda

Book: "The Kite Runner" by
Khaled Hosseini

Facilitator: Lynne Tauriello

Reserve: Fran Witnauer (837-5887)

Next: Joint meeting with Clueless
Mystery Book Club at Olympic
Restaurant, see above.

NOTE: *In the event of bad weather, please call My Tomato Pie and ask if the meeting has been cancelled.*

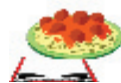
Group: Education and Equity

When: March 20, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Amherst Main Library at
Audubon,
350 John James Audubon Parkway,
Amherst

Topic: Education and equity issues

Contact: Stacey Johnson ((885-2486) or
Jhnsn@buffalo.edu



(Continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 6)

Group: Great Decisions Discussion Group

When: March 2, :30 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church,
Main Street, east of Youngs Road

Topic: "Dealing with Iran"

Contact: Suzanne Grossman (837-8729)

Group: The Green Thumbs (gardening)

Contact: Janet Fowler
(884-8698) or

Janalanf@aol.com



Group: Knitting Group

When: March 28, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Stonegate Clubhouse,
Wherle Drive, Williamsville

Contact: Adrienne Kotler (688-0740)

Thank You

Congratulations to the Membership Team and to Sylvia Volk for excellent programs in February! Members and guests enjoyed the membership networking event and the February performance *From the Souls of Black Folk*. A number of members and guests also enjoyed the wonderful array of activities at UB in celebration of National Women & Girls in Sports Day.

Tamara Brown

Diversity Committee

We would like to thank all of you and your friends, colleagues, and fellow workers, in addition to the members of Greater Buffalo who came to enjoy "From the Souls of Black Folk" co-presented with our branch and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library on Sat. February 11, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. This was an opportunity for the audience to not only enjoy a professional production by the Paul Robeson Theater, associated with the African Cultural Center of Buffalo, but to also learn something about our history that has affected all of us. In addition to those who came to this event, we would like to thank the local media for their support. We look forward in the future to other opportunities to co-present events in our community.

The Diversity Committee is also pleased to announce that at the February AAUW-Buffalo Branch board meeting the Diversity Book/Discussion Group has been officially accepted as a AAUW Buffalo Branch Study/Interest Group. Look for our current and future announcements in the Study/Interest Group section in this newsletter.

We encourage all members who have an interest in diversity and diversifying the membership of our local AAUW branch to join us. Please contact me at (716) 881-1424 and we look forward to seeing you at our future discussion groups.

Sylvia P. Volk